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Chapter 1901: You Wish

"It's the New Year, what rubbish are you saying!" Han Dongping said at the side.

Lin Live frowned. "What did I say?"

"You said you have no more regrets. How inauspicious is that!" Han Dongping said unhappily.

"Then you definitely want me to have regrets, is that it?" Lin Liye smiled mockingly. "I don't mean anything else. I just hope that the two brothers are always well so I don't have anything to worry about. Yet you insist on misinterpreting it. You can't wait for something to happen to me, is that it?"

"Don't spout rubbish!" Han Dongping got so angry that his face reddened slightly. "Why would I think so! I never hoped that you would not live well!"

"Hmph!" Lin Live scoffed and did not bother with him again.

Auntie Sun was about to start folding dumplings. Shen Nuo went to help, so Lin Live left Han Dongping behind and went over too.

This was the Han Family's tradition. The dumplings made every Chinese New Year were folded by everyone together.

There were all kinds of it, with all kinds of fillings.

When Shen Nuo was young, she would even pull pranks and add mustard to the dumplings.

She would only pick one dumpling to put it in and later see who would be the one eating it.

This was not to say that they still had to do the work themselves or whatever, just that it was a kind of tradition.

On Chinese New Year's Eve, the whole family would gather around the table and chat as they folded dumplings.

Up until now, when Shen Nuo and Lin Liye were almost at the age of becoming grandmothers, they would still get excited on this day and pull pranks like little girls would do.

Lin Live was originally a very mature person, but after being sisters-in-law with Shen Nuo for a long time, she got influenced by her as well, so her character gradually loosened up.

This time, it was Lin Liye's turn to come up with an idea and stuffed one dumpling with a spicy strip.

The spicy strip was one that she saw online previously. It seemed to be very popular and many people enjoyed it.

How would Lin Live have tried this before, though? She only brought some back out of curiosity.

She saw that that brand of spicy strips made all kinds of shapes, like that in flower patterns, and they had all kinds of names for it.

Lin Live thought that they were different flavors, so she bought every kind of it. Unknowingly, she ended up buying one whole box of it.

When the box came, she did not even have time to eat it, so today, she brought the whole box over to let everyone have a taste of it.

Yet everyone realized that the taste was still decent, just that it was too salty and oily and not as delicious as it was rumored to be.

Hence, Lin Live chose some to stuff into the dumplings.

Old Mrs. Han laughed so hard and said, "I still remember last year, Ah Nuo stuffed canned pineapple inside. Who knew it would actually turn out to be quite nice to eat? It tasted a little like pineapple sweet and sour pork. This year, you wrapped the spicy strip in it. We're really on track to eating a dark dumpling every year."

"But it might not necessarily taste bad. Who knows, it might just taste good," Lin Liye said, smiling.

Han Xijin came over to join in the fun and said, "Yo, which is the one that's stuffed with the spicy strip? Make a mark for me, lest I 'strike lottery' later on."

"You wish," Shen Nuo said with a smile.

Han Xijin then joined in the fun and folded a normal dumpling.

As the one he folded was way too ugly, and one could tell that he folded it with one look, the whole dumpling was a very obvious mark by itself.

So Shen Nuo did not allow him to wrap special flavors into it.

Han Dongping would not do that kind of thing. He stared at them seated around the dining table from afar and scoffed. "How old are they to still be so immature!"

After saying that, he saw that Han Zhuofeng was about to go and join them, and he called to him, "Zhuofeng, come with me."

Han Zhuofeng looked at the joyful dining room, and then looked at Han Dongping's sullen face. He instantly felt that one side was bright while the other was dark.

In the end, he still sighed and went with Han Dongping.

Chapter 1902: The Problem is Huge!

When both of them reached the backyard, Han Zhuofeng could not help but say, "Dad, what's the matter? Why are you being so secretive? It's so cold outside now and you still want to talk outside."

Han Zhuofeng opened his mouth to talk. The wind was filling his mouth as it blew. It was really chilling him to death.

Most importantly, he did not put on a coat, because Han Dongping did not say previously that they were going outside to talk.

Han Dongping said, "You persuade your mom to come home to stay. It's not becoming of her to stay outside for so long! Will it sound nice if word goes out?"

Han Zhuofeng laughed and said, "You don't think you're in the wrong, and you don't miss my mom. You're just afraid that if word goes out, it would not sound nice and would thus make you lose face? If that's the case, then I won't let my mom go back. She won't be happy even if she goes back to stay. She's staying together with me and Big Brother now, and it feels very comfortable every day."

"Your big brother will get married sooner or later. Will she still stay together with you all then?" Han Dongping said in a low voice. "You're not young anymore, why are you still so immature!"

"My mom has already chosen a villa for Big Brother," Han Zhuofeng said. "She is even more considerate than you. She won't want to disturb Big Brother's married life with his wife. When the time comes, she will let Big Brother and Elder Sister-in-law move in to live in the villa."

As for Lin Liye's plans to buy another villa beside Han Zhuoling's villa so that they could all be neighbors, Han Zhuofeng did not mention it.

Because Lin Liye did not plan to include Han Dongping from start to end.

If Han Dongping learned about this, he would surely blow his top.

Just like how Han Dongping could see through Han Dongping's thinking, Han Zhuofeng could see through him as well.

Han Dongping did have feelings for Lin Live and wanted to live peacefully with her, but he could not let go of his pride.

Han Zhuofeng then said, "Dad, if you want to patch up with Mom, then change your attitude. Think about why Mom moved out. You try your best to coax her to go back home. If Mom doesn't want to go home, Big Brother and I won't persuade her to go back. We will prioritize her feelings first. If she wants to go back of her own accord, we will not stop her either. Similarly, the most important thing is whether she feels comfortable or not."

"I won't help you to force Mom into doing something she doesn't want to do and make her feel unhappy," Han Zhuofeng said.

"You!" Han Dongping felt like he was about to burst from anger.

He actually could not even control his youngest son anymore.

Han Zhuofeng did not care about how angry Han Dongping was anymore and turned to go back into the house.

Han Dongping pursed his lips and took a deep breath before exhaling heavily and going back into the house.

At the Lu Corporation.

Lu Qiyuan's face was sullen. He stared at the company's year-end financial statement.

"CEO, is there a problem?" asked his assistant, Jiang Yujie, who stood in front of the office desk.

Lu Qiyuan shook his head with a sullen face and did not say a word.

A problem?

The problem was huge!

In the past year, the company had been struggling to maintain a state where it can barely survive.

But in the year-end financial statement, it was indicated that the company had incurred severe losses.

Although he had been hospitalized for quite a while, Lu Qiyuan was still very clear on the company's situation.

There was a problem in here.

But it was the holidays now. Even if Lu Qiyuan wanted to engage a professional specialist to come and inspect, he could only wait until after the New Year.

If he were to really check, it would be a huge project.

He could not rush it.

Even if it was not the holidays now and he really found someone to come, they would need a long time to check and inspect it.

Lu Qiyuan put down the document. He looked up and saw Jiang Yujie standing prettily before him.

That gentle look was tinged with a hint of timidness under his gaze.

It was like a hybrid of Xia Qingwei and Xia Qingyang when they were young.

She had Xia Qingwei's gentleness and Xia Qingyang's timidness that made her look like a little white rabbit.

Chapter 1903: Little Innocent Lily

Basically, Lu Qiyuan just liked the type of people who were like little white rabbits. Timid little innocent lilies who especially needed to rely on him.

Lu Qiyuan stared at Jiang Yujie's youthful and fresh look. Looking at that youthful and beautiful face every day put him in a good mood, as if he too became a little younger.

It made the stress he felt from work a little less difficult to endure.

Lu Qiyuan's heart skipped a beat as he asked, "Why haven't you left? The company has already started the leave period from today, right?"

Jiang Yujie gave a gentle smile and blushed as she said, "I looked at your schedule yesterday and knew that you will be working overtime at the office today. As your assistant, how can I be on leave? So I came over."

"There's nothing much left. Let's go." Lu Qiyuan stood up.

Jiang Yujie asked, "You're planning to leave as well?"

"Yeah. Today is Chinese New Year's Eve, I can't keep staying in the office." Lu Qiyuan smiled and said, "Where's your house? I'll send you back."

Jiang Yujie was flattered by the sudden offer and quickly waved him off. "How can I trouble you for this? I can just take the train back home."

"It's fine, I don't have anything on anyway." Lu Qiyuan lifted his wrist to check the time.

He was wearing a renowned luxury brand watch on his wrist, and it was a limited edition one.

Even at his age, Lu Qiyuan still maintained his looks quite well. On top of donning exquisite brands from head to toe, he still had some of his charm in him.

His act of lifting his hand brought with it the charm of a mature man, and it could very likely captivate some young girls.

Jiang Yujie left the office together with Lu Qiyuan and hesitated before saying, "It's New Year's Eve today. You have to go back home early too, right?"

"It's fine. I can just go back before the reunion dinner starts." At the mention of home, Lu Qiyuan's voice sounded very tired.

Jiang Yujie fell silent. She did not feel it was appropriate to talk about it further.

After entering the lift, Lu Qiyuan sighed. "It's out of responsibility. Otherwise, I really don't want to go back to that home. After going back, we will just keep quarreling. It's a festive New Year, but I would rather spend it alone."

After Lu Qiyuan said that, he smiled awkwardly and said, "My apologies, I told you all these unhappy things. Do you usually live with your parents? I saw your profile before, so I remember your family lives in B City."

"They are in B City, but for greater convenience in getting to work, I rented an apartment near the company, so I only go back home during the holidays," Jiang Yujie said.

"This can save quite a lot of time. Then should I send you back to your parents' house?" Lu Qiyuan said. "Don't reject me, I definitely have to send you back. You didn't need to work overtime today, yet you specifically came to keep me company. I have to be responsible for you too."

Lu Qiyuan's words were so ambiguous that it made Jiang Yujie blush. "Then I will have to trouble you to send me back to my rented apartment first. I bought some New Year goodies to bring back home. Because I came to work today, I left my things at home for now. I was intending to come back first."

"Alright."

Lu Qiyuan sent Jiang Yujie to her rented apartment. Of course, Jiang Yujie would not feel good making Lu Qiyuan wait for her downstairs, so she invited him to go upstairs together with her.

Jiang Yujie's apartment was not big. It was a small, one-room apartment, which was very suitable for her living alone.

"I didn't co-rent with anyone because I feel like this would reduce a lot of trouble, though the rent is pricier. But the cost is still within my acceptable range," Jiang Yujie explained. "My parents wanted to pay the rent for me at first, but I didn't agree to it. I am already so big, I can manage on my own. I don't want to live off my parents even at this age."

Lu Qiyuan did not hide his admiration for her, which fixed intensely on Jiang Yujie. "I didn't understand you enough in the past. Girls like you are really quite rare nowadays."

Chapter 1904: Don't Go Too Far

Jiang Yujie blushed a little and went to take out the New Year goodies that she had already prepared.

"Pass them to me." Lu Qiyuan stretched out his hand as he said that.

Jiang Yujie quickly shook her head. "How can I ask you to do that?"

"There's nothing wrong with that. I am a grown man right here, how can I let a lady carry such heavy things?" Without letting her say anything, Lu Qiyuan went to grab it. His gaze flickered, and his hand fell right onto Jiang Yujie's hand.

Her hand was like those of young ladies, smooth and silky, which was quite different from Xia Qingyang's.

He did not even want to touch Xia Qingyang now.

No matter how well Xia Qingyang maintained her looks, she had aged too.

It was still different from Jiang Yujie's collagen-filled face with its bouncy and firm skin.

Jiang Yujie's face flushed red. Lu Qiyuan also let go quickly. "I'm sorry."

Jiang Yujie shook her head while still blushing. Lu Qiyuan then took the things over and sent her to her parents' house.

When the neighbors of her parents saw Jiang Yujie getting off from such an expensive car, they all got a shock.

Jiang Yujie quite enjoyed such gazes too and took her things to go upstairs.

Only then did Lu Qiyuan leave and drive back home.

The moment he entered, he heard Xia Qingyang ask unhappily, "Why did you come back so late? I called your office number, but you weren't there anymore. By right, you should have reached home two hours ago."

Lu Qiyuan's money was not in her hands yet. Xia Qingyang did not want Lu Qiyuan to go and find some mistress outside and snatch something that should be hers away from her.

When he heard Xia Qingyang say that, Lu Qiyuan's face immediately darkened. "Are you checking on my whereabouts now?"

"Lu Qiyuan, did you really do something to let me down? If you have a clear conscience, why do you need to be afraid?" Xia Qingyang narrowed her eyes. She had an increasingly strong feeling that Lu Qiyuan seemed a little different, as if he looked more youthful and spirited.

"Am I being scared now? I am just annoyed that you are checking on my whereabouts! You are already so old. You didn't check when you're young, so why are you up to this now!" Lu Qiyuan said angrily.

"Lu Qiyuan!" Xia Qingyang suddenly stepped forward and suddenly paused. She sniffed quite a bit before saying, "You have the scent of women's perfume on you!"

"Most of our company's female staff use perfume. I will get it on me wherever I go. Don't you smell it usually?" Lu Qiyuan said angrily.

"But the company's employees are on leave today, so where did the female employees' smell come from! Did you even go to the company today? Or did you go fooling outside on the pretext of going to the company?"

Lu Qiyuan pointed at Xia Qingyang angrily. "You're getting more and more ridiculous! I didn't want to stoop to your level all this while, so don't go too far!"

"Why do you keep avoiding my question? Are you feeling guilty?" Xia Qingyang did not let Lu Qiyuan off.

Lu Qiyuan was so furious that he was on the verge of raising his hand to slap her. "It's New Year's Eve today, we still have reunion dinner to eat. If you don't even want to let me spend a good New Year and don't want to have a proper reunion dinner, you can continue making a ruckus! Xia Qingyang, ever since I married you, for so many years, I have never done anything untoward to you. I even cast Lu Man aside because of you and Lu Qi, to the point that she doesn't even acknowledge me as her dad anymore. Han Zhuoli is such a fine son-in-law, yet I can't even get any pride from that. That's all because of you!"

He wanted desperately to latch on to Han Zhuoli.

But who was Han Zhuoli?

He definitely won't let him do as he wished!

He could have been able to get some pride from it and become in-laws with the Han Family.

But Xia Qingyang ruined such a good opportunity of his!

"You are short-sighted and made me suffer together with you as well! Xia Qingyang, ever since I married you, the Lu Corporation has never developed any further! And even now, the situation at home is getting worse and worse. I won't haggle with you over these things, so you should stop making a fuss out of nothing with me here!" Lu Qiyuan shouted angrily.

Chapter 1905: You Were a Mistress Yourself

"You're pushing all the blame on me now?" Xia Qingyang screamed in a sharp voice. "You know very well how you treated Lu Man yourself. If Lu Man does not want to acknowledge you, you can only blame yourself. What has that got to do with me?!"

She did constantly badmouth Lu Man, but if Lu Qiyuan really doted on his daughter, whatever she said would have been useless!

Now that Lu Man was powerful and amazing, Lu Qiyuan wanted to use his identity as her biological father to get some pride for himself. Lu Man refused to entertain him, and even Han Zhuoli was dealing with him both openly and secretly.

All these were the results of his own doing!

"If you still want to live well together with me, just behave well and honestly. If you don't want to live properly with me anymore, we can just get a divorce!" Lu Qiyuan said harshly.

Xia Qingyang had become even more paranoid and kept cornering him. She had become even more disgusting and distasteful, and her temper had not toned down after all this while.

He was already stressed enough usually from having to resolve the issues with the company, yet when he came home, there was no one who would treat him gently and nicely.

Furthermore, because of the financial statement, some of the suspicions he had in his heart landed on Xia Qingyang.

All along, he had held the company firmly in his grasp.

Even if the company's profits did not look good, he was still able to manage it to the point where he knew how well the company could maintain itself and would roughly be able to estimate the profits and losses of the company.

It would definitely not be like the result seen in the financial statement.

The only time where he was not able to get a firm hold of the company was during the period when he was hospitalized after suffering a stroke.

After getting discharged, he rested at home for a very long time.

During that period of time, the company was left out of his control.

When he went back again, he always felt that something was amiss.

Up until today.

How could Lu Qiyuan not suspect Xia Qingyang?

He even suspected Lu Qi.

Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi had always been in cahoots together.

When he was sick and hospitalized, the only people who could have pulled tricks in the company were the mother and daughter pair.

Even so, Lu Qiyuan knew that while they might have had that boldness, they might not have the brains to do that. There must definitely be someone more professional helping them.

As for who it was, Lu Qiyuan also had his guesses.

Even if the two of them wanted to find someone, they would want to find someone close to them, someone they could trust. They still had the brains to think of this.

Recently, Lu Qi and He Zhengbai's relationship seemed to be a little better than before.

So Lu Qiyuan could not help but suspect He Zhengbai.

And even the He family behind him!

He Zhengbai majored in directing. It was impossible for him to play with things regarding the business field.

There were some things he really could not think too much about, or else the more he thought about it, the scarier it would be.

Lu Qiyuan hoped that he was the one being paranoid.

But he knew very well in his heart that he was definitely not being paranoid.

He hoped that it would be some internal problem within the company and not because of Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi, the two people closest to him, who ganged up with outsiders to scheme against him.

"You even want to divorce me?" Xia Qingyang just exploded outright. "That's impossible! Lu Qiyuan, tell me honestly, did you get a mistress outside?!"

Lu Qiyuan laughed sarcastically and said without thinking, "You are a mistress yourself, yet you're afraid that I have a mistress outside now?"

Xia Qingyang's face suddenly turned pale for a moment. She never expected that Lu Qiyuan would actually say that!

"It's been so many years, yet you actually said that about me." Xia Qingyang could not help but shake her head. "Do you still keep Xia Qingwei in your heart? You regret it now, don't you?"

"You're really unreasonable!" Lu Qiyuan exploded with rage. "First you talked about some non-existent woman, then you dragged in Xia Qingwei. Why don't you reflect on your own behavior? Don't tell me your gentleness in the past was all an act? Now you're screaming at me every day at home?"

Chapter 1906: Don't Tell Me You Want to Spend It Alone?

"Xia Qingyang, let me tell you this. I won't have trouble finding another wife. With you out of the way, I can still find someone else. If you still want to be Mrs. Lu, stop behaving like a shrew, or else we will get a divorce! Even if I live alone, it's still better than providing for a shrew like you!"

"If I keep a dog, at least it will wag its tail at me when I come back home. You are spending my money, yet you still provoke me and make me angry every day at home. Then what's the point of me providing for you?" Lu Qiyuan said brusquely.

"You're comparing me to a dog?" Xia Qingyang was so furious that her eyes turned bloodshot.

Lu Qiyuan even wanted to say, you're even worse than a dog.

"Think about it on your own!" Lu Qiyuan gave his ultimatum and said, "If you continue doing this, we can just divorce! If you don't want a divorce, then behave yourself!"

After Lu Qiyuan said that, he turned and walked out.

"Where are you going?" Xia Qingyang asked as she chased after him.

Lu Qiyuan stopped at the door and turned to give Xia Qingyang a vexed and disgusted look. "If you don't want to live life peacefully together, then you don't have to. I am already very tired from work every day. I want to relax when I come home, yet you still give me all this nonsense every day. I really don't know why you've become like this now. Is it because the people and factors that can threaten your position are gone, that's why you became so insolent and crazy? You can even ignore my feelings for you?"

"Now, whenever I see you, my mood turns sour and I lose my appetite. It was a fine New Year's Eve, a day for a reunion, yet you made it so horrible!" Lu Qiyuan clenched his teeth and said, "As for this reunion dinner, I might as well go without eating it!"

Why should he eat it?

Take a look at who he was eating with.

It was with Xia Qingyang, Lu Qi, and He Zhengbai!

Those three people were exactly the people he suspected of hollowing out his company!

What good would there be to have this meal together with people who were plotting against him!

Did he not find it depressing enough?

Lu Qiyuan opened the door and left. Xia Qingyang could not even stop him.

"It's the Chinese New Year, don't tell me you want to spend it alone?" Xia Qingyang shouted, standing at the door.

She was too embarrassed to go out and shout, lest people in the vicinity saw, which would be even more embarrassing.

Lu Qiyuan did not even turn back and just drove off.

Spend it alone?

Hah, spending it alone would still be better than suffering from anger looking at that old face of hers!

Xia Qingyang closed the door and called Lu Qi. "Qi Qi, your dad has someone on the side!"

Lu Qi frowned. "Mom, you saw it?"

"No, but I have a feeling, he definitely has someone. I have been his wife for decades. If anything changed in him, I would know. I even smelled the scent of women's perfume on him just now!" Xia Qingyang said.

"Mom, just because of this, you said Dad has a woman on the side. That's too..." Ridiculous!

Even Lu Qi felt resigned and even a little annoyed.

She thought to herself that Xia Qingyang had already sold Lu Qiyuan out cleanly and colluded with the He family to steal Lu Qiyuan's money.

Yet she would actually care if Lu Qiyuan had a mistress outside?

"Mom, today is a festive day, just don't quarrel with Dad anymore!" Lu Qi felt frustrated. "I am about to go back now. We'll talk again when I'm back. Stop quarreling with Dad anymore. Don't you feel tired quarreling every day?"

"And if you really care so much about him and don't want him to find a mistress outside, then all the more you should behave nicely, right? If you keep quarreling every day to the point that he doesn't want to go home, he will really find a mistress outside because of you and find another home," Lu Qi said.

Chapter 1907: Another Home

Xia Qingyang suddenly felt guilty and had an ominous feeling.

Lu Qi did not know that and said, "Weren't you pretty good at pacifying him in the past? You could make him happy and coax him until he's muddled to the point that he can even abandon his biological daughter Lu Man. You already pacified him for most of your life, why can't you persist with it now?"

Xia Qingyang pursed her lips.

She'd already pretended for most of her life, but that was not her personality at all.

She pretended for decades, which was really insufferable.

Seeing that her status was more secured now, she had to have a bit more freedom.

She wanted to be herself. She did not want to tire herself out.

"Your dad has already left," Xia Qingyang said.

"What do you mean?" Lu Qi almost stuttered. "Today is Chinese New Year's Eve! What do you mean he left?"

"We just had a quarrel. I don't know where he went. I... I tried to stop him, but I couldn't."

"You—" Lu Qi deliberately scared her. "Aren't you afraid that if you do this, you will really push him into another woman's embrace? The young ladies outside nowadays will stop at nothing for money!"

Wouldn't Xia Qingyang know that best?

That was what she did when she was young, or else how did she become Mrs. Lu?

"I—" But Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi did not know that, even though Lu Qi just said that in passing, it became prophetic.

Lu Qiyuan drove to another villa.

This property was one he'd bought secretly. Xia Qingyang did not know about it at all.

Every since Xia Qingyang increasingly stopped hiding her original temper until she just could not be bothered to hide it and directly revealed how much of a shrew she was, Lu Qiyuan had started to get more and more tired and disgusted of her and did not want to stay at home.

He might as well buy a villa outside and use the excuse of work to not return home sometimes in order to relax at another villa on his own.

When he entered, all the decorations in the villa, as well as the daily necessities and food, were all prepared, and there was even a helper around.

It was evident that Lu Qiyuan had really not been here for only one or two days. He completely treated this like his other home.

As it was the New Year, the helper decided to knock off early to go back home for the New Year.

In the end, she saw that Lu Qiyuan actually came over and was very shocked.

"Sir, you're eating here today?" Auntie Lin asked.

Lu Qiyuan nodded. "Is there anything at home?"

"There is. I'll prepare it for you right now," Auntie Lin immediately said.

Lu Qiyuan nodded. "After you're done, you can go back earlier."

"Yes." Auntie Lin hurried to the kitchen to get busy.

After around an hour, she laid out a table full of dishes.

She thought to herself that rich people were pitiful too. It was Chinese New Year and yet he was alone.

Auntie Lin felt that if she cooked fewer dishes, it might seem a little too cold and empty.

Anyway, Lu Qiyuan was rich and did not mind, so Auntie Lin prepared a table full of dishes.

It was Chinese New Year. Even though he was the only one there, at least it would be a pleasant sight for him.

Auntie Lin left after she was done preparing.

Lu Qiyuan was alone, so he took out a few bottles of whiskey and turned on the television, so that there would be some sound in the house. He then started to drink and eat.

When he was a little drunk, Lu Qiyuan's lips curved up into a mocking smile.

He had two wives and two daughters. Yet in the end, his ex-wife and eldest daughter both treated him like their enemy.

And now, his current wife and second daughter were thinking of ways to scheme against him.

They were just one step away from wanting his life when he was sick!

Lu Qiyuan drank and drank. Jiang Yujie's innocent and gentle face appeared in his mind. He then took up his phone and called Jiang Yujie.

Chapter 1908: She Had to Do This

Jiang Yujie's family were all eating together. It was very lively.

Her grandfather and grandmother were no longer around, but her father's younger brothers would always bring their families to visit their home on New Year's Eve.

The dining table was filled with the sounds of men drinking and chatting.

Jiang Yujie did not hear her phone ring, but she felt it vibrate, so she walked to the balcony.

When she looked, she saw it was actually from Lu Qiyuan's phone.

Jiang Yujie's eyes flashed and she picked it up. "CEO?"

"Xiao Jie." Lu Qiyuan's drunken tone was evident as he said, "I can call you that, right?"

"CEO, did you have too much to drink?" Jiang Yujie asked.

Unlike the noise on this side, Lu Qiyuan's side was very quiet.

"I am alone here. The table is filled with dishes, but there's no one at home. Your side sounds really lively. There's a lot of people there, right?" Lu Qiyuan said desolately.

"CEO, why are you alone? Where's Madam and Missy?" Jiang Yujie asked.

Separated by the phone, Lu Qiyuan naturally could not see the scheming look in her eyes.

"They... They only want to scheme for my assets and my company. I—" Lu Qiyuan laughed bitterly. "It's New Year now, yet I don't even have someone who truly cares for me to be by my side. I don't want to be with those people who want to scheme against me at all. It's New Year and yet I still have to make myself more upset. They schemed against me. How are they still my kin?"

"CEO, you're drunk," Jiang Yujie said. "Where... are you now?"

"That villa ... " Lu Qiyuan said.

Jiang Yujie knew about that villa because she did much of the paperwork for that for Lu Qiyuan.

"I'm sorry, I'm disturbing you, right? It's New Year's Eve now, sorry about this. Looks like I'm really drunk." Lu Qiyuan laughed bitterly again. "I still told you all this nonsense. Have a good New Year. I'm fine. I'll hang up first."

Jiang Yujie brought down her phone. She thought about it and went to put on her coat, took her bag, and said to her parents, "Dad, Mom, I have something on last minute at the company. I have to go over now."

"That company of yours is too much. It's Chinese New Year Eve, the holidays have already started, yet they still want you to go and work?" Mrs. Jiang complained.

"I have no choice. I am a newcomer to begin with, so most of the work falls on me. And when I first went to the company to work back then, I didn't know anything. It's rare that the Boss was accepting of me. So whenever there is any work, I would try my best to finish it without complaints."

"You guys eat first, I will try my best to come back earlier," Jiang Yujie said to the relatives seated at the table.

"It's not safe to call a cab now at night. Let us know when you finish work so your dad can go and fetch you," Mrs. Jiang said.

"There's no need. You all drank quite a lot already. I'll see how it goes. If I really can't finish, I will just sleep in the office," Jiang Yujie said.

When Jiang Yujie left, Mrs. Jiang shook her head. "This child, she is too busy."

"It's hard on her," a few uncles and aunties said.

Jiang Yujie called a cab. As it was New Year's Eve, many drivers were not on the streets anymore. They were all celebrating at home.

She could only add quite a lot of tips before getting a cab.

She put down the address of Lu Qiyuan's villa.

There were very few cars on the road, so she reached Lu Qiyuan's villa very quickly.

Jiang Yujie got off the car and reached the entrance to the door. She took a deep breath. She knew what it meant when she came here.

But she had to do this.

Jiang Yujie did not hesitate anymore and pressed the doorbell.

Lu Qiyuan only drank until he was tipsy. It was at the perfect level of drunkenness where he was not too drunk.

He was not completely drunk, so he went to the door and saw Jiang Yujie standing outside the door from the intercom screen.

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Lu Qiyuan suddenly felt a wave of excitement. He opened the door and saw Jiang Yujie standing there shyly, looking evidently concerned about him.

"CEO, when I heard you were spending the New Year here alone, I felt..." Jiang Yujie was too embarrassed to say she thought he was pitiful, so she said, "Anyway, I wanted to come and see you."

Lu Qiyuan grabbed Jiang Yujie's wrist and pulled her in. "Xiao Jie."

His breath, which reeked of alcohol, blew on Jiang Yujie's face. "Do you know what it means for you to come here to my place? I am drunk now, but I am still clear-headed. Still, I'm the only one here, and I'm a man."

Jiang Yujie's gaze flickered, and she stared at him nervously.

Lu Qiyuan did not live in vain for so many years. He knew when he could make a move.

Jiang Yujie's little rabbit-like look made her seem like she had not been through it.

Lu Qiyuan got even more excited. He lowered his head and kissed her.

After 12 pm, at the family home, the dumplings were put to boil in the pot. They were cooked not long after and were laid out plate by plate.

"This year's extra 'ingredient' dumpling is stuffed with a spicy strip. Let's see who's the lucky one who can get to eat it," Old Mrs. Han said with a laugh.

"Wow, who thought of that idea!" Han Zhuofeng asked. It was stuffed with a spicy strip. Thinking about it was scary enough.

"What a coincidence. It's your mom," Old Mrs. Han answered, still laughing.

Han Zhuofeng really did not expect that. Even his mom had become so mischievous now!

It was evident that Lin Liye's life was really very carefree now.

In the past, when she was with Han Dongping, although she was gentle and magnanimous, she would definitely not have thought of such an idea.

Han Dongping would say this was not being mature.

This kind of thing was mostly done by Shen Nuo.

But now, Lin Live also became so lively.

Lu Man smiled really happily and just stuffed one whole dumpling into her mouth.

Yet the moment she ate it, her expression froze.

Han Zhuofeng burst out laughing. "It can't be that your luck is so good that you got it on your first bite?"

Lu Man swallowed the dumpling with difficulty. It was really like what Han Zhuofeng said. She got it on the first bite.

"I didn't expect it either. I thought the chances of it was so small, so my luck couldn't be so good." Lu Man did not know whether to cry or laugh when she said that. "I wonder if the lottery booth is open on the first day of Chinese New Year. I think I can go and buy some."

"Hahahaha, how does it taste like?" Old Mrs. Han asked curiously.

"Erm... it's not too bad." Lu Man tasted it carefully in her mouth. "The spicy strip isn't as salty as before since it's been cooked. It's probably partially absorbed by the dumpling skin. But it's not exactly delicious."

"The only dumpling with the spicy strip had been eaten by you. The spicy strip looks red and fiery, so I wish you have a red and fiery year ahead this year," Lin Liye said, smiling.

"Many thanks, Auntie," Lu Man quickly said.

After they ate a few more dumplings, Lu Man's phone rang.

Usually, people did not send text messages or made calls to wish someone a happy new year.

Especially for young people. In this era where people used chatting software, most people would just mindlessly mass-forward the new year well-wishes messages they received from other people to their own chat groups.

This kind of mission-completing style of wishing people a happy new year was very meaningless.

When Lu Man received such messages, she would just ignore them and not reply.

And the people who would send such things happened to be those people whom she did not contact often.

As for the people she contacted often, even if she only said a simple "Happy New Year," it would be enough to show her sincerity.

Lu Man also sent her New Year well-wishes to Zheng Yuan and the girls, as well as to Sun Yiwu, Ji Cheng, Lu Dongliu, who always took care of her, and to other people whom she had worked with before and got along quite well with.

Chapter 1910: About to Give Birth

The messages were very simple.

Uncle Sun, Happy New Year.

Older Brother Ji, Happy New Year.

Like this.

One look and people could tell that she typed it word by word and did not mass send it.

Lu Man took out her phone to look, and the screen displayed the words, "Dad Wang."

Usually, in such times, Wang Juhuai would not contact her.

Lu Man's heart immediately raised.

She thought that it could very likely be related to Xia Qingwei.

Lu Man quickly answered the call. "Dad, did something happen to Mom?"

"Your mom looks like she's about to give birth. I'm bringing her to the hospital now." Wang Juhuai sounded very anxious over the phone as well.

This was only a few days away from her estimated date of childbirth, so it was quite normal.

Usually, when it was near the estimated due date, she would have to stay in the hospital already.

Public hospitals were short on hospital beds, so they did not offer this option.

But Xia Qingwei was set to give birth at Chu Tian Hospital, so they had long reserved a hospital bed for her.

It was just that Xia Qingwei's estimated due date coincidentally fell on the New Year period, so Xia Qingwei did not want to spend her New Year in the hospital.

There would be no choice when giving birth, but as for the rest of the time, Xia Qingwei wanted to stay at home.

When she was really about to give birth, she could then go to the hospital.

Yet she did not expect that right after 12 midnight, right on the first day of the Chinese New Year, she would be going into labor.

Wang Juhuai also panicked.

He felt lost and did not know what to do.

It was Xia Qingwei who was experienced and told Wang Juhuai, "Silly you, quickly, tell Wei Zhong to prepare the car. Tell Auntie Liang to call the hospital and let them know we're going over right now."

The nearer it was to Xia Qingwei's estimated due date, the more worried Wang Juhuai became, so he'd asked Auntie Liang if she could stay over during the New Year period this year.

He would triple her salary for this whole month.

Of course, she could still go back to have some reunion dinner.

They could not possibly really make her spend the New Year without going back home at all just because of Xia Qingwei.

Auntie Liang naturally agreed and came back after having her reunion dinner.

They really did not expect that Xia Qingwei would go into labor at this moment.

"Auntie Liang is experienced. She will prepare the things I need postpartum. The hospital will also prepare as well." The period before Xia Qingwei experienced labor pain was longer now, so she still had the strength and patience to tell Wang Juhuai all these things so that he would not be so nervous.

Wang Juhuai finally calmed down a little and rushed to find Wei Zhong. "Wei Zhong! Wei Zhong!"

"Sir!" Wei Zhong immediately appeared.

Luckily, because it was New Year's Eve and everyone slept a little later, Wei Zhong had just finished eating dumplings and was waiting for the food to digest. When he heard Wang Juhuai's call, he immediately came over.

"Qingwei is about to give birth, quickly prepare the car!" Wang Juhuai said urgently.

Wei Zhong also got a shock and nodded immediately. "Okay!"

Luckily, Wei Zhong had more experience than Wang Juhuai.

Wei Zhong's wife passed away from cancer a few years ago. He did not find another woman and just remained single like this, and he did not wish to remarry either.

His children had all settled down and started their own families and careers in America, so he did not have any worries as well.

Hence, he could very readily follow Wang Juhuai back home now and still remain his butler.

Wang Juhuai and Wei Zhong were more like family to each other.

Wei Zhong took care of his wife from pregnancy to delivery, so he was much calmer than Wang Juhuai now and went to get the car ready.

When he came out, he even told Auntie Liang on the way, "Auntie Liang, Madam is about to give birth!"

Even though Wang Juhuai was panicking now, he had thankfully arranged everything properly beforehand. When it came to the time when she was really going to give birth, everyone was very clear on what they were supposed to do.

Without needing for Wang Juhuai and Wei Zhong to say anything more, Auntie Liang immediately called the hospital.

After ending the call, she started packing some things that Xia Qingwei would need to use.