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Chapter 851: Like Tiger and Wolves

Xu Yan screamed in shock, and her voice echoed throughout the apartment. Dong Xuebing could hear her from the bedroom.

“Xiao Dong, come here!”

“What is it, Sister Xu?”

“Come and see this!”

“Err... What about your colleague?”

“Old Zhou had left. Come here now.”

Dong Xuebing walked out of the bedroom and went to the bathroom.

Xu Yan was touching her face in front of the mirror. She could not believe what she saw. She touched her eyelashes and pinched her tummy lightly. The coat she was wearing was thrown onto the washing machine.

Dong Xuebing blushed when he saw Xu Yan wrapped in a towel again. She is hot....

Xu Yan saw Dong Xuebing and asked. “Xiao Dong, what is going on?”

Dong Xuebing knew he had gone overboard with REVERSE this time. He cleared his throat before he answered her. “Your body condition is different, and the treatment effect is better.”

“But this is ridiculous.” Xu Yan exclaimed. “I don’t look like I am in my forties. I look like I am in my thirties.”

“Err.... Aren't that great?”

“Of course, but....”

“You seldom put on makeup. Makeup can also achieve this effect.”

Xu Yan smiled. “No wonder Old Zhou could not recognize me when I opened the door. I thought he was joking with me. I can understand why he has that weird expression on his face. I almost did not recognize myself in the mirror. I look more than one to two years younger. How can makeup achieve this result? My pigment spot and wrinkles are gone. The scar on my leg and my tummy fats are all gone!”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “If you think this is too much, I can massage you again to let you return to the previous state.”

“You dare?!” Xu Yan laughed. “I might look younger, but I am not stupid.”

Dong Xuebing replied. “I’m glad you like it. My effort is not wasted.”

Xu Yan smiled. "How am I going to work on Monday? The guards might not let me walk past the State Security's main gate."

"That's for sure." Dong Xuebing joked. "You must give them time to accept your new looks. Haha...."

"Thank you." Xu Yan held Dong Xuebing's hand and squeezed it lightly. "I thought your treatment might be effective, but I did not expect it to be so effective. I look more than ten years younger." She pulled his hand to her lips and kissed the back of it. "You are my lucky star. Sigh.... It would be great if you were my son."

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Don't mention it."

"Oh, is this effect permanent? Will I return to my previous state?"

"No, but you must maintain yourself with beauty products. If not, you will start to age in a few years."

"Ok. I will keep up with the trend and start using beauty products."

"I think all the single guys at your workplace will go after you when you go to work on Monday. Haha...."

Xu Yan laughed. "How dare you laugh at me, Huh?" Haha.... No matter how I look, I am still in my forties. This will not change, and I don't have plans to remarry."

Forties?!

Xu Yan should be in her thirties.

Xu Yan's body and appearance had returned to her thirties. REVERSE is not a beauty treatment. It reverses the time and condition of a specific target. She did not know her current body condition, and Dong Xuebing could not tell her the truth.

Xu Yan let go of Dong Xuebing's hand and looked at the mirror again. She smiled and touched her face. Looks matter a lot to women, and Sister Xu's breasts and butt had become firmer. Her tummy fats and wrinkles were gone. How can she not be happy with this result? Dong Xuebing watched the joy on her face and felt happy for her.

Ring... ring... ring.... The phone rang.

Xu Yan went out to answer. She looked at the caller display and asked. "Xiao Dong, is this number from the City Party Committee family quarters? Is it calling from your house?"

Dong Xuebing went over and looked at the number. "Huh? It's from my apartment."

"Answer it." Xu Yan laughed. "You had told your wife that you are in a male Leader's house."

Dong Xuebing felt embarrassed as he answered the phone. "Hello."

Qu Yunxuan asked gently. "Xiao Bing, has your phone died?"

“Yes. The battery has been flat since afternoon, and I did not bring my charger.”

“I saw this number from Huilan’s phone when you called her this afternoon. So, I called back. I just want to tell you that your Mum is sleeping now and she has calmed down slightly. Huilan and I discussed and felt you can return home tomorrow.”

“Are you sure?”

“We must settle this problem and can’t avoid it.”

“I.... I am afraid Mum would be angry again when she sees me.”

“She should be fine after tonight. I think it is not so serious.”

“Alright. I will listen to you all.”

“Ok. Remember to say nice things to Sister Luan tomorrow.”

“I know. Thank you. I am sorry to you and Huilan.”

“Don’t say that. It takes two hands to clap. We are all at fault.”

Dong Xuebing sighed after hanging up. Since he was young, Aunt Xuan had always put him in the first place.

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. “Is everything at home alright?”

Dong Xuebing rubbed his nose. “I don’t know. But my family asked me to go home tomorrow.”

Xu Yan nodded and laughed. “If things do not work out tomorrow, come back to my place. You can always come here if you got no place to go. This will always be your home.”

“Sure. I will look for you again when I get kicked out of my house.”

Xu Yan laughed. “You make your house sound like hell. You must have done lots of bad deeds.”

Dong Xuebing kept quiet and felt guilty conscious.

“Why are you sweating?” Xu Yan was amused. “Alright. I shall not ask you anymore. But as someone experienced, I have some advice for you. Cherish whatever you have.”

“Yes. I will remember it.”

“Good.”

“It’s already after 8 pm. What time do you normally sleep? Around this time?”

Xu Yan looked at her watch. “I am in a good mood today, and I don’t think I can sleep before 11 pm. How is your body condition now? It’s been a while since we sparred. How about we go for a few rounds?”

Dong Xuebing replied politely. “I am not your match in close combat. I had not undergone proper training, unlike you.”

“Don’t be modest. Are you game?”

“Alright. I will train with you.”

“That’s more like it. Wait. I will change.”

Ten minutes later.

The study room with a tatami mat.

Dong Xuebing’s clothes were washed, and he wore Xu Yan’s clothes. Xu Yan had changed into a white tracksuit and her hair pinned up.

Dong Xuebing praised Xu Yan. “I am no match for your overwhelming aura.”

Xu Yan laughed. “Stop fooling around and show me your true powers. I know about your fighting capabilities better than anyone else. Don’t go easy on me.”

“Alright. I will go all out.”

“Yes. Come at me!”

Xu Yan’s aura immediately changed. She was like an unsheathed sword, and she moved fast. She reached out for Dong Xuebing’s collar with one hand, and he dodged. But when Dong Xuebing avoided her grab, he tripped and lost his balance. She immediately stepped forward and pressed on his back with her knee. She twisted his arm and pinned him down on the floor.

Dong Xuebing shouted in pain. “Surrender! I surrender!”

Dong Xuebing was no match to Xu Yan if he did not use BACK or STOP. She was trained in State Security.

Xu Yan pinned Dong Xuebing down and laughed. “Can you be serious?”

Dong Xuebing was speechless. “I had tried my best, and you are better than me. Oh, how come you are so strong and fast now?”

Xu Yan thought for a while. “You are right. I can feel I am stronger and faster now.”

Dong Xuebing immediately understood what had happened. REVERSE had made Sister Xu younger by ten years. Her stamina, strength, and reflexes were different now.

“Again.” Xu Yan felt good.

Dong Xuebing stood up and continued to spar with her.

One match....

Three matches....

Five matches....

Dong Xuebing was defeated in all matches.

Dong Xuebing could exchange some blows with Xu Yan in the past, but she was different now. She was as strong as a tigress, and her moves were ruthless and explosive.

A few moments later.

Dong Xuebing was pinned to the ground with an armlock by Xu Yan.

“Let’s stop.” Dong Xuebing was aching all over.

Xu Yan’s arm reached for Dong Xuebing’s neck from his back and used a headlock move on him. His head was pulled up and pressed against her ample chest. “Do you admit defeat?”

Dong Xuebing’s face was red. “Yes.... You win....”

Xu Yan was sweating, and she released her hold on Dong Xuebing’s neck. “I am covered in sweat. I am getting old. Look at you. You are not even sweating. You must be holding back on me.”

Dong Xuebing grumbled in his heart. How can I use my full strength on you?

Chapter 852: Sleeping together

It’s time to sleep.

Dong Xuebing was washing his face in the bathroom. He saw Sister Xu’s toothbrush but did not use it. He massaged his aching arms and legs and sighed slowly as he walked out of the bathroom. Sigh.... Sister Xu has good grappling skills, and she got better as she became younger by ten years. He decided not to spar with her again.

Living room.

Xu Yan washed up earlier and laid out the blanket on the sofa.

Dong Xuebing walked over quickly. “Stop.... I can do it myself. Please go and sleep.”

Xu Yan waved her hand. “You will sleep in my room. That’s it.”

“How can I let you sleep in the living room?” Dong Xuebing refused. “I had bothered you by coming here. How can I sleep in the room while you sleep on the sofa?”

Xu Yan laughed. “Just do as I say.”

“No.” Dong Xuebing refused. “I had made you sleep on the sofa previously. But that was because I was drunk and did not know.”

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. “You are a kid, and I can’t let you sleep here.”

“What kid? I am a grown-up, and you are my elder. I must put you before me.”

They argued and refused to give in to each other. In the end, Dong Xuebing grabbed the blanket and pillow from the sofa and entered the bedroom. He threw it on the bed and said. “You have to sleep here tonight. If you insist, I will not come over in the future.” He will not allow Xu Yan to sleep in the living room.

Xu Yan smiled wearily. “You should have suffered some injuries after our sparring session earlier. It will be uncomfortable for you to sleep on the sofa.”

“It’s fine. I am strong.”

“No. You must listen to me. Give me the blanket.”

“No. I will leave if you insist.”

They argued for a while, and Xu Yan said. “Alright. We will sleep here together. This is a double bed, and we are not fat. There should be enough space for us.”

Dong Xuebing was stunned. “No.... I cannot do this!”

Xu Yan laughed. “Are you disgusted by this idea? I don’t snore.”

“Ah.... I don’t mean that. I mean, it’s not right....” Dong Xuebing blushed.

Xu Yan sat on the bed and said. “If you think this is not right, I will sleep outside. Haha....”

“Wait....”

“I will not agree if I am a young lady. But I am already in my forties. I don’t mind. Just shut up and sleep.”

“But....”

Xu Yan had changed into a long-sleeve pj's earlier. She ignored Dong Xuebing and got under the blanket. She closed her eyes, and he had no choice. He saw her sleeping near the edge of the bed. The bed was big, and he got on the other side slowly. He tried to sleep further away from her and closed the table lamp.

“Good night, Sister Xu.”

“Good night to you too. Sweet dreams.”

The room was silent, and Dong Xuebing could hear the wind howling outside.

Dong Xuebing has many flaws, and his biggest weakness is beautiful women. His heart was beating fast, and he could not sleep. Sleeping with a beautiful woman was killing him. Sister Xu treats him like her family. What if he goes crazy in the middle of the night? She was in her forties, and it was morally incorrect to do anything with her. He had to control himself. However, her body had returned to her thirties, and she was about the same age as Xie Huilan and Qu Yunxuan. He can resist temptations at work but not in his personal life.

I must control myself....

I can resist this....

Control your thoughts....

Dong Xuebing closed his eyes and forced himself to sleep.

It was torture for Dong Xuebing. He could smell Sister Xu’s body scent, and he was going crazy. Sigh.... If I knew this would happen, I would let her sleep on the sofa.

One hour....

Two hours....

Dong Xuebing finally fell asleep after a long time.

Dong Xuebing had a dream, and many women appeared in this dream. Xie Huilan, Qu Yunxuan, Yu Meixia, Geng Yuehua, Xu Yan, were all naked and seducing him.

Suddenly, Dong Xuebing woke up.

He opened his eyes and saw the moon outside of the window. He didn't know the time and felt something soft in his arms. He looked down and saw long, flowing hair. It smelled nice, and he knew this person was a woman. He was shocked to find himself hugging Sister Xu from her back. His left hand had slipped into her pajama, cupping her bare breast. He looked at the blanket and realized he had snuggled under her blanket when he was asleep. This feeling was different from this afternoon. He was massaging her through a towel earlier, and nothing is covering her now.

Oh shit!

What is happening?

Dong Xuebing's body stiffens, and he dares not to move. He tried to maintain the same position to avoid waking Xu Yan.

Dong Xuebing could not see Xu Yan's expression, but she seemed to be sleeping.

Dong Xuebing was scared. If Xu Yan had found out what he had done, he would be dead.

Lucky....

Dong Xuebing was glad he woke up in the middle of the night. He tried to pull his hand out gently, and Xu Yan moved.

"Did you have a nightmare?" Xu Yan asked.

Dong Xuebing's hand on her breast trembled and gasped. "Ah?!"

Xu Yan did not say anything and seemed to be sleeping again.

Chapter 853: Under the blanket

The ambiance in the room changed.

Dong Xuebing froze when Xu Yan spoke. He lay there like a statue and didn't even dare to lift one finger.

Sister Xu was awake!

Maybe she was awake all this while!

Dong Xuebing could feel the warmth of Xu Yan's breast in his hand, and he did not know what to do. What should I do now? Should I pull back my hand? She asked me if I had a nightmare. Does she know this was unintentional? Should I lie to her? He changed his mind about lying to her as she could easily see through his lies. He will only make a fool of himself.

I'm finished.

I had offended Sister Xu this time.

Dong Xuebing was seldom in such an awkward situation. Should he pull back his hand or leave it there? He decided to pretend to sleep and see Xu Yan's reaction.

One minute passed....

Five minutes passed....

Dong Xuebing was surprised. Xu Yan did not say anything again, and she seemed asleep as if nothing had happened.

Did I fool her?

Impossible. It's not so simple.

Dong Xuebing did not let his guards down or move. He just continued to hug her silently.

The more you want to sleep, the harder it is, and the more you want to stay awake, the faster you fall asleep.

Dong Xuebing was like this. He lay on the bed and quickly fell asleep.

Next morning.

It's been a while since Dong Xuebing had a good sleep. He opened his eyes slowly and yawned. He felt something soft in his arms and hugged it subconsciously. Suddenly, he opened his eyes wide and looked at Xu Yan, who was in his arms. His chin was resting on her shoulders, and his face was buried in her hair. He was inhaling her body scent, and his hand was still inside her pajama, cupping her breast. He must have grabbed her breast hard from the creases on her pajamas.

Dong Xuebing immediately remembered what had happened in the middle of the night.

Damn! Why didn't I pull out my hand before I fell asleep?

Dong Xuebing saw Xu Yan was still sleeping and tried to pull his hand out. But his wrist was stuck between the buttons of her pajamas.

"Huh?" This sudden movement caused Xu Yan to stir.

Dong Xuebing did not dare to move. He stopped moving his hand and placed it on her chest again to prevent her from waking up.

Xu Yan yawned. She woke up.

Dong Xuebing quickly shut his eyes to pretend he was sleeping. It was too late for him to pull out his hand now.

A few seconds later, Xu Yan turned toward Dong Xuebing and slapped his butt lightly. "You had touched me the whole night. It's time to wake up."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. Why are you bringing this up? I should pretend to be dead.

Xu Yan pushed Dong Xuebing. "You are bold to take advantage of me! Haha.... Do you do this with your wife?"

Dong Xuebing stopped pretending. "No."

Xu Yan laughed. "Take your hand out. How long more do you want to touch?"

Dong Xuebing quickly pulled out his hand. His hand was stuck between the buttons, but he got it out after a few tries. He had cupped and squeezed her breast all night, and her scent lingered on his hand. He saw Xu Yan looking at him and said apologetically. "Sister Xu, yesterday.... I had a dream

last night, and I don't know how.... I am sorry. Please forgive me.... I.... I don't know what to say.... It was unintentional."

Xu Yan laughed. "It's fine. I know you did not do that on purpose."

Dong Xuebing scratched his head. "Please continue sleeping. I will prepare breakfast."

"No need." Xu Yan looked at the clock. "It's only 8 am. We don't need to work today. Just lie here with me for a while."

"Ok."

The bedroom became silent again.

Dong Xuebing had snuggled under Xu Yan's blanket last night, which was not big enough for them. They had to sleep closely. He felt he should not share the blanket with her now. He lifted his blanket quietly and tried to get under it.

"What are you doing?" Xu Yan asked.

Dong Xuebing replied nervously. "Nothing.... I... I am returning to my blanket."

Xu Yan giggled. "Just lie here if you want."

"Erm.... I'm afraid that's not right."

"It's fine." Xu Yan replied. "I had not slept with my son since my divorce. I enjoy the feeling of you cuddling with me."

Dong Xuebing replied awkwardly. "What cuddle? I was dreaming last night and...."

Xu Yan patted Dong Xuebing's hand under the blanket. "Your father had passed away early, and it is normal for you to get attracted to women at my age. There's nothing to be embarrassed about. Haha.... I don't mind you touching me. I am twenty years older than you, and you are still a baby in my eyes. Do you think I will mind?"

Dong Xuebing could not say anything. Sigh.... My image in front of Sister Xu was destroyed.

Xu Yan did not let go of Dong Xuebing's hand after patting it. She held his hand gently and played with his fingers.

Dong Xuebing blushed and tried to change the topic. "Oh, Sister Xu. I wanted to ask you why are you not considering remarriage after becoming young and pretty again?" Geng Yuehua is Hebei Province's prettiest Party Secretary, Xie Huilan is Hebei Province's prettiest City Mayor, and Qu Yunxuan is the prettiest TV anchor. Xu Yan has become the prettiest Bureau Chief in Fen Zhou City.

Xu Yan smiled and shook her head. "I don't have such plans now."

Dong Xuebing continued asking. "Are you not interested in anyone now?"

"Yes, but the main reason is I am not thinking of remarriage." Xu Yan replied. "I am used to being alone after all these years."

"But... being alone is...."

“Stop talking about me. How about you? How’s life after marriage?”

“Huh? Not bad, I think. My wife’s temper is a bit....”

Xu Yan laughed. “People change after marriage. Your wife is older and holds a higher position than you. It’s normal she has a stronger character than you.”

Dong Xuebing smiled wearily. “She treats me well but is quite overbearing sometimes, and I must listen to her.” He did not tell these things to anyone, including his mother, Qu Yunxuan and Xie Huilan. However, he felt comfortable telling Xu Yan everything. This had nothing to do with age. She had taken care of him since he joined the government service.

Xu Yan squeezed Dong Xuebing’s hand lightly. “Be content with what you have. If your wife is weaker than you, holds a lower rank than you, relies on you, and is indecisive, you will not be interested in her. This might be an extreme example, but it’s the same.”

Dong Xuebing thought for a while. Xu Yan was right. He shudders at the thought of Xie Huilan having a weak character and relying on him.

Dong Xuebing laughed. “You are good at consoling others.”

Xu Yan laughed. “That’s because I had gone through a lot. Take it easy.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. “I will treat her better when I go back.”

Xu Yan replied. “That’s life. You got to give and take and understand each other.”

“Thanks for your advice.”

“Stop flattering me. Haha....”

Dong Xuebing felt comfortable after chatting with Xu Yan for a while. He felt less embarrassed for touching her. Sigh.... Look at Sister Xu. She’s forgiving and willing to comfort him after his actions.

It was almost 9 am.

Dong Xuebing said. “It’s getting late. Let me prepare breakfast.”

“I will do it.” Xu Yan laughed. “I don’t mean to say this, but you got to practice cooking more.”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “Then let me assist, and I can learn at the same time.”

Xu Yan patted Dong Xuebing’s leg. “Alright. Let’s get up.”

Another accident happened.

Dong Xuebing was lying in bed beside Sister Xu and had cupped her breast since last night. He was still having an erection now, and she had patted on his d*ck.

Dong Xuebing’s legs jerked, and his face turned green. It was not due to pain. It was due to embarrassment.

Xu Yan felt it and looked at Dong Xuebing before laughing.

Dong Xuebing was afraid she might misunderstand and tried explaining. "I just woke up, and... this is a natural reaction."

"You had been awake for almost an hour." Xu Yan laughed.

Chapter 854: That small hand

Xu Yan's apartment.

Bedroom.

Xu Yan did not get out of bed. Instead, she lied down. Dong Xuebing clamped his legs together and did not know what to say. He was afraid she might ask him if he was interested in her. How was he going to reply? If he says yes, she will beat him to death. But if he says no, he hugs and touches her the whole night. She had a child, and how could she not know what was going on?

Xu Yan laughed and said. "Xiao Dong."

Dong Xuebing looked at her nervously. "Huh? What is it?"

Xu Yan looked at him with a smile. "Did your wife don't let you touch her at home?"

"Huh? No...." Dong Xuebing stuttered. "She... she is... a bit conservative. Sigh.... Why am I telling you this?"

"Only one position?"

"Ah... please stop asking."

"Haha... what's there to hide between us?"

"Err.... Yes...."

Xu Yan looked at him. "These things will affect a couple's relationship. You should know what these things mean."

Dong Xuebing blushed. "I know. Err.... I will take note of it."

Xu Tan shook her head and joked. "I am telling you the truth. Sigh.... You are different from what I thought you were. I thought you were a righteous man but I looked at you. You were kicked out of your house for having a mistress, and you have an erection after cuddling with me at night. I don't know what to say about you. Are you thinking of these things all the time? Am I right to scold you?"

Dong Xuebing looked down. "Yes."

Xu Yan pointed at him. "You ah.... Hahaha...."

"Please stop talking about this. I am sorry." Dong Xuebing felt ashamed.

Xu Yan kept quiet for a few seconds, and Dong Xuebing quickly said. "I will get up now."

"Wait! Lie down." Xu Yan held Dong Xuebing's hand and looked at him. "You had been away from home for more than one week, right?"

"Yes. I had a mission from the higher-ups."

"In the end, you got a kick out of your house when you returned. I am afraid your wife will not allow you to touch her these few days. No wonder you react." Xu Yan said as if it was a casual topic. "Young men at your age are bursting with energy."

Dong Xuebing could not stand it anymore. "Sister, can we talk about something else?"

Xu Yan said. "Stop it. You don't need to hide anything from me. Just lie there and pull the blanket away."

Dong Xuebing was stunned. "Why?"

Xu Yan nonchalantly said. "Do you think I will harm you? Just lie there."

Dong Xuebing nodded and lay on the bed, looking at Xu Yan.

Xu Yan sat up and brushed her hair back. She glanced at Dong Xuebing and lifted the blanket. A budding tent was exposed. His underwear was wet from the rain and had been washed by her. He was not wearing underwear under his pants, and it was apparent. He quickly closes together and wonders what she is going to do.

The next moment, Dong Xuebing's eyes almost popped out.

Xu Yan started unbuttoning Dong Xuebing's shirt.

Dong Xuebing was shocked. "What are you doing?"

"Just stay still." Xu Yan took off Dong Xuebing's shirt and giggled. "Wow.... You are quite muscular."

"Sister Xu...."

Dong Xuebing was stunned when Xu Yan reached under his pants.

Xu Yan's hand started moving, and her other hand stroked his chest.

"Sister Xu...." Dong Xuebing gasped. "Stop... we can't do this."

Xu Yan replied casually. "It's not good for your health to hold it back. Don't move and lie there. Since you are having a hard time holding it back, let me help you. It's fine."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "No.... I cannot let you do this."

"I say yes means yes." Xu Yan smiled. "You are a brat, and I am not interested in you."

"I don't mean that. Ah.... This doesn't seem right. I.... Ah.... Please slow down...."

Xu Yan slowed down her hand movements slightly. "Is this speed alright?"

"Yes.... Huh? No... I mean, Sister Xu, you don't need to do this."

"I had started, and I got to finish it. It hurts for me to see you holding back. Alright. Remember to let me know when you are about to release."

"You don't need... ah...."

Xu Yan's hand did not stop. Her small hands were gentle and agile. Her other hand would tickle his chest once in a while, making him crazy. Qu Yunxuan had done this for him, but it felt different. After all, he was her first and only man, unlike Sister Xu. She knew all the sensitive spots of a man. Dong Xuebing did not stop Xu Yan anymore. He drew in a deep breath and reached out to touch her butt.

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Don't do that."

Dong Xuebing quickly pulls back his hand from her butt. "Sorry.... I couldn't help it."

Xu Yan replied. "It's fine. Just stand still and stop moving."

Only you can touch me, and you don't allow me to touch you?! But Dong Xuebing was not mad. He had taken advantage of her by letting her do this. She might not even do this for him if he had not revived her youth. He knew she was a conservative woman and had never heard of her dating anyone all these years. Yes. Sister Xu sees him as a child, and he should be a child now.

About twenty minutes later.

Xu Yan had started to sweat, and she smelled nice. She had been making the same movements, and it was tiring.

Dong Xuebing had reached his limit. He clenched his teeth. "Sister Xu...."

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Are you at your limit?"

"Almost."

Xu Yan's right hand started to move faster, and he wiped the sweat on his forehead. "Good boy.... Don't try to hold it back anymore."

Dong Xuebing groaned, and his body went limp after a few seconds.

Chapter 855: Come and find me again

Xu Yan's apartment.

It was chilly after rain during winter, and the windows were frozen.

But Xu Yan's bedroom was hot for Dong Xuebing, who had just been released.

Xu Yan's hand slowed down. "Done?"

"Yes." Dong Xuebing replied embarrassedly. "Sister Xu, I...."

Xu Yan pulled out her hand from his pants. "Don't say anything, and get up. Take off your pants."

"Ok." Dong Xuebing sat up and pulled down his pants after a short hesitation.

Xu Yan grabbed some tissues from the bedside table and wiped her hand. After that, she gave a few pieces of tissues to Dong Xuebing. He took it and wiped himself under the blanket. He was afraid she might see it and could not stand this ambiance.

Xu Yan saw his actions and laughed. She slapped Dong Xuebing's leg. "Alright. Get up."

Dong Xuebing nodded but did not move. He was not wearing anything under the blanket and was shy even after what Xu Yan did. He was embarrassed to be naked in front of her. She seemed to know what he was thinking and walked to the balcony to get his clothes. His clothes were dried after one night.

After wearing his clothes, Dong Xuebing went out to brush his teeth.

When Dong Xuebing finished washing up, Xu Yan was done with breakfast.

Dong Xuebing said anxiously. "Why did you cook breakfast? I said I will assist you."

"I don't need your help. Haha...." Xu Yan waved her hand. "Sit and eat while it's hot. Try this egg soup."

Dong Xuebing sat down and drank the soup. "Delicious."

Xu Yan peeled a salted duck egg and gave it to Dong Xuebing. "Eat more. Here."

Dong Xuebing's face turned red when he saw Xu Yan's hand. "Thank you."

"Don't mention it."

Dong Xuebing had never felt so uncomfortable during a meal. However, his body was relaxed and satisfied. Who would not be satisfied after getting a hand job by a beautiful woman? After breakfast, he felt he should say something. "Sister Xu, earlier I was.... I don't want you to think that I had given you the beauty treatment because I want.... I just wanted to repay you. Without you, I would not have a smooth career in government service. So, you...."

Xu Yan looked at Dong Xuebing. "Did you think I had done that because of what you did?"

Dong Xuebing thought like this, but he did not say it.

Xu Yan laughed. "I said many times. It has nothing to do with your massage treatments. I just wanted to help you because you had a hard time."

"But...."

"No buts. Go and do the dishes. My wrist is aching."

"Ok. I will wash the dishes."

Dong Xuebing went into the kitchen to do the dishes.

When Dong Xuebing was done, he saw Xu Yan had changed.

Xu Yan was wearing a bright dress, light blue hair clip, beige stockings, and a pair of white heels.

Dong Xuebing was stunned. "You are beautiful."

Xu Yan smiled. "I should not be wearing such colors at my age. But after I regained my youth, I think it's quite suitable. I bought this dress ten years ago and did not throw it away. Haha.... I did not expect to wear it again."

Dong Xuebing praised. "It suits you. If you wear this outfit to work tomorrow, everyone will be shocked and will not recognize you."

"You are exaggerating."

"It's true. I would think you are in your twenties if I didn't know you."

Xu Yan waved her hand. "Stop your flattery."

"I am not flattering you. If you don't believe me, you can try it tomorrow." Dong Xuebing laughed. "But I think you should wear clothes that will make you look older. You will shock everyone with your sudden changes."

Xu Yan was amused. "Do you talk to your wife like this at home?"

"No."

"Don't think I don't know. I had met Xie Huilan once before. She is beautiful."

Dong Xuebing replied. "How can she be compared to you?"

"Alright... alright...." Xu Yan laughed. "Come over and watch the news with me. Oh, what time are you going home?"

"Huh? Should be around 10 am."

"Ok. Leave after the news."

They sat on the sofa in front of the TV.

Dong Xuebing secretly glanced at Xu Yan's legs and wanted to stroke her. But he controlled himself, as he knew she would never allow it. He was unsure about his relationship with her now. After what happened this morning, they are no longer elders, juniors, friends, or former Leaders and subordinates. He felt their relationship had exceeded normal relationships and had become ambiguous.

After a while.

The news ended.

Dong Xuebing said. "Sister Xu, I am going back."

"Ok. Go back and have a nice talk with your mother." Xu Yan took out a box of health supplements from under the coffee table. "Here, give this to your mother and say it's from you."

"No.... I can't accept this."

"This is a gift from others, and I don't like to eat supplements. Take it."

Dong Xuebing accepted the gift. "Thank you."

Xu Yan patted Dong Xuebing's hand and gave him a few hundred RMB. "You don't need to be so polite in front of me. Here, take this money and take a taxi back."

Dong Xuebing kept the money. "Ok."

Xu Yan walked Dong Xuebing to the door, and she looked at him in his eyes before she opened the door. "If you are kicked out of your house again, come and find me. This is also your house. I

enjoyed your company. Oh, if you quarreled with your wife again and could not satisfy your urges, you can come here too. I can use my hand to help you. Haha....”

Dong Xuebing’s face turned red immediately. “Ah....”

“Don’t be embarrassed.” Xu Yan smiled and pushed him out of the door lightly.
“Everyone has biological needs. Bye.”

Chapter 856: Home

Fen Zhou City Party Committee Family Quarters.

The taxi stopped at the entrance, and Dong Xuebing got out of the taxi. He carried the health supplement in his arms and looked at the building. He clenched his teeth and went up the stairs slowly. He got to face the music, and after Sister Xu’s consolation, he felt better.

Alright.

I will face any punishment as what I did was wrong.

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath before pressing the doorbell.

Ding dong... ding dong.... The door opened, and Xie Huilan appeared.

“You are back.” Xie Huilan said.

“Yes.” Dong Xuebing looked inside the apartment and asked softly. “Where is Mum?”

“She is in the room.” Xie Huilan opened the door to let Dong Xuebing come in.

“Hehe... did you miss me?”

“How can I don’t miss you?” Dong Xuebing rolled his eyes. “But I miss my Mum more. Huilan, is Mum still angry with me?”

“What do you think?” Xie Huilan pointed towards the bedroom.

Qu Yunxuan walked out of the kitchen. “Xiao Bing?”

Dong Xuebing replied. “Aunt Xuan, are you cooking lunch?”

Qu Yunxuan nodded and asked. “It was raining yesterday. Did you get caught in the rain? Come over and let me see.”

Dong Xuebing waved his arms. “I am fine.”

Qu Yunxuan examined Dong Xuebing and stroked his arms lovingly.

Xie Huilan narrowed his eyes. “Yunxuan, you are spoiling him.”

Qu Yunxuan looked at Xie Huilan. “I am speechless about you. How can you be so uncaring about him? What if he falls sick?”

Xie Huilan laughed. “He is an adult, and it’s not bad for him to experience such sufferings.”

Qu Yunxuan disagreed with Xie Huilan. "How can you be so heartless? I cannot allow him to suffer."

Xie Huilan laughed. "Trust me. I am more concerned about him. It's only the way I show my concern is different."

Dong Xuebing saw Xie Huilan and Qu Yunxuan were about to quarrel and quickly stepped in. "Ah, Huilan, Yunxuan, can you two don't quarrel? Please help me please my mother first."

Xie Huilan smiled. "We are not arguing."

Qu Yunxuan added. "We are chatting. When did we quarrel?"

Fine.... I am the bad guy now.

Dong Xuebing looked at them. "I... I will see Mum now. You two can carry on."

"Go." Qu Yunxuan pointed toward the bedroom and said softly. "Sister Luan is inside. You must watch what you say and give in to her."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "I know."

Xie Huilan reminded Dong Xuebing. "You must lower your position."

"Yes. I am going in now." Dong Xuebing knocked on the door and entered the room.

Bedroom.

Luan Xiaoping was carrying Little Qianqian on the bed with her back facing the door. Dong Xuebing could not see her expression and was nervous. "Mum."

Luan Xiaoping did not move or look at him.

Dong Xuebing walked over with a smile and put down the health supplement. "Mum, I know you are angry with me. I am sorry. I bought some health supplements for you. You must take care of your health."

Luan Xiaoping scolded. "I think you are trying to kill me."

Dong Xuebing panicked. "What are you saying? How can I be trying to kill you?"

"Get out. Did I allow you to come back?"

"Mum, I'm sorry. Please forgive me."

"Get out! I don't have a son like you."

Little Qianqian woke up from her nap and started crying.

Luan Xiaoping hugged Little Qianqian in her arms. "Oh... stop crying.... My precious granddaughter."

Little Qianqian seemed to understand her and started to calm down.

Dong Xuebing was surprised. Mum had scolded him for having a child with Aunt Xuan. But now, she is very concerned with Little Qianqian. He patted his mother's arm lightly. "Mum, look at your granddaughter. She wants you to forgive me."

Luan Xiaoping continued to cuddle Little Qianqian and ignored Dong Xuebing. “My precious girl.... Stop crying.”

“Mum.”

“Don’t talk to me.”

“My daughter is here. Can you don’t embarrass me?”

“You don’t want to embarrass yourself?! Then why did you do such these?! Huh?!”

Luan Xiaoping got mad again.

Dong Xuebing wiped the sweat on his forehead. “I made a mistake, but it had happened. Give me a chance to turn over a new leaf. Furthermore, how can you have such a cute granddaughter if I was not with Aunt Xuan? Right?”

Luan Xiaoping kept quiet.

Dong Xuebing pinched Little Qianqian’s cheeks. “Qianqian, say something for your Dad. Help me plead with your Granny.”

Luan Xiaoping pushed Dong Xuebing’s hand away. “Stop it! How can you pinch her so hard?”

Dong Xuebing argued. “I did not use any strength. Here, give me Qianqian. Let me try to cheer her up.”

Luan Xiaoping gave Dong Xuebing a stare. “Do you know how to take care of children? You only know how to get into fights.”

“Let me carry her if you don’t believe. She will stop crying when I carry her.” Dong Xuebing boasted.

Luan Xiaoping scolded. “Get lost. You will drop her.”

Dong Xuebing was speechless. His mother refused to let go of Qianqian and liked her very much.

After a while, Xie Huilan entered the room. “Mum, Haha.... Lunch is ready.”

Luan Xiaoping’s attitude towards Xie Huilan was different from Dong Xuebing’s. She nodded. “Alright. Let’s have lunch together with Yunxuan.” She kissed Little Qianqian’s forehead. “Let’s go and have lunch.”

Xie Huilan smiled and said to Dong Xuebing. “Look at Mum. She had been carrying my goddaughter since yesterday.”

Luan Xiaoping looked apologetically at Xie Huilan and held her hand. “Huilan, I.... Sigh.... My son had failed you.” To her, Xie Huilan was her daughter-in-law, but she had been carrying Yunxuan’s daughter. She was afraid Huilan might be angry.

Xie Huilan waved her hand. “Don’t say this. Yunxuan and I had talked about this. Qianqian is my goddaughter.”

Luan Xiaoping continued. “Don’t worry. I will not let brat off lightly.”

Qu Yunxuan took out the food from the kitchen. “Sister Luan, why is Qianqian crying?”

Luan Xiaoping glanced at Dong Xuebing. "Her father made her cry."

Dong Xuebing grumbled in his heart. You are the one who shouted and woke her. How come it's my fault now?

Qu Yunxuan quickly carried her daughter, but she did not stop.

Xie Huilan smiled and reached out. "Here, let me try."

Qu Yunxuan passed Qianqian to Xie Huilan carefully. "Be careful."

Xie Huilan smiled and carried Qianqian. She looked into her eyes and rocked her gently. "Smile.... Smile for Godma.... Haha...."

Little Qianqian looked at Xie Huilan and stopped crying. She made some baby talk and started to play with her clothes.

Xie Huilan smiled and teased Little Qianqian with her fingers.

Luan Xiaoping and Dong Xuebing were surprised to see Qianqian close to Xie Huilan.

Qu Yunxuan smiled. "Look.... My daughter is closer to her godmother than me."

Xie Huilan stroked Qianqian's head and explained. "Haha.... It's because you all are too concerned for this little fellow. Babies understand our facial expressions, and she will stop crying when I smile at her.

Luan Xiaoping nodded. "That's true. Here, let me carry her."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "Mum, I think you are spoiling her. It's not good for her upbringing."

Luan Xiaoping gave Dong Xuebing a stare. "What do you know?! Who was the one who brought you up? You don't know anything."

Dong Xuebing surrendered. "Yes, you are right. I am wrong."

Everyone sat at the dining table.

Luan Xiaoping should sit at the head of the table, but she insisted on carrying Little Qianqian while having lunch. She would not relent even when Qu Yunxuan and Xie Huilan talked to her.

Everyone was speechless.

During lunch, Dong Xuebing poured three glasses of Baijiu and raised his glass. "Mum, Huilan, and Yunxuan. This is a toast to you all. I know I am wrong, and I don't dare to ask you all to forgive me. But I must drink these."

Dong Xuebing finished the glass of Baijiu and felt his stomach hurt.

Luan Xiaoping turned to Huilan and Yunxuan. "Stop him. Don't let him drink anymore. Bring the glasses over."

Dong Xuebing refused and finished the second glass.

Luan Xiaoping got mad. "I said to stop drinking! It's all in the past. No matter what you do, you are still my son. Why would I disown you?"

“Mum....” Dong Xuebing’s eyes turned red.

Chapter 857: Xie Huilan is pregnant.

Dong Xuebing finally got to carry his daughter when Luan Xiaoping went to the bathroom. It’s been a while since he carried her.

“Did you miss Dad? Huh?”

“Ooh... aah... aah....”

“Oh, you miss me? Good girl....”

“Aah... ya... ya....”

“Let Daddy play with you for a while.”

Dong Xuebing went into the bedroom and placed Little Qianqian on the bed. He lay on the bed with her and played with her. Little Qianqian was excited and kept trying to grab his fingers. She was only a few months only and only knew how to flip herself. In a few months, she would be crawling about. She looked so cute and pretty. She would grow up to be a beautiful woman like Aunt Xuan.

A few minutes later, Luan Xiaoping entered the room.

Luan Xiaoping got mad when she saw Dong Xuebing playing with Little Qianqian. “What are you doing?! How can you let her flip and turn like this? What if she falls off the bed?”

Dong Xuebing replied. “She will not fall. I am watching her.”

“What do you know?” Luan Xiaoping scolded. “Give her back.”

Dong Xuebing protested. “Mum, you are taking away my privileges as her father.”

Luan Xiaoping ignored Dong Xuebing and carried her granddaughter. “I have something to say to you all. Call Yunxuan and Huilan in.”

“What?”

“It’s something important.”

“Oh, I will call them now.”

Dong Xuebing walked out of the bedroom and waved to Xie Huilan and Qu Yunxuan. “Mum wants to speak to us.”

Inside the bedroom.

Luan Xiaoping sat on a chair with Little Qianqian in her arms. Dong Xuebing, Aunt Xuan, and Sister Xie sat on the bed in front of her.

Xie Huilan smiled. “Mum, what do you want to say?”

Qu Yunxuan added. “Yes, Sister Luan. What is it about?”

Luan Xiaoping looked at them and stood up. She bowed deeply. “My son had failed you two, and I must apologize. I had failed to teach Xiao Bing properly. Sorry.” None of them expected her to apologize suddenly.

Qu Yunxuan quickly helps Luan Xiaoping up. "Stop, Sister Luan."

"Mum...." Xie Huilan went over to help her. "Please get up. You are making us feel bad."

Luan Xiaoping's eyes were red. "You two had treated Xiao Bing well, and he had made such a big mistake. I am grateful to you two. I am not siding with my son, but things have already happened. The problem will not be solved even if I beat him to death. I don't care about your five-year agreement. I want you two to know that both of you are my daughter-in-law. I will treat you two as my daughters. Yunxuan, stop calling me Sister Luan. Call me Mum."

Qu Yunxuan nodded. "Mum."

"Good." Luan Xiaoping replied. "I will seek forgiveness from your parents a few days later. I will accept any scolding or punishment from them."

Dong Xuebing interrupted. "Mum, this is my fault. How can I let you take responsibility for what I did?"

Luan Xiaoping gave Dong Xuebing a stare. "You are my son, and I am responsible for your actions. I am saying this to you again. Huilan and Yunxuan have done a lot for you, and you must never let them down. If you ever let them down again, I... I will disown you!"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Yes, I understand."

Luan Xiaoping nodded and hugged Little Qianqian. "Yunxuan, Qianqian is my granddaughter, and I will not allow you to put her in the care of a nanny. I don't trust a stranger to look after her when you are at work. I will look after her for you. I will stay here for now. If things don't work out in the future, I will bring her to the neighboring City and let her live with me there. Of course, you can fetch her back anytime you want. I can help you all take care of her until kindergarten. What do you think?"

Qu Yunxuan smiled. "To be honest, I was worried when I hired a nanny. After all, she is a stranger. I am assured if you are taking care of Qianqian."

Luan Xiaoping smiled. "It's settled then."

Qu Yunxuan continued. "I am afraid it might be too tiring for you."

"No, it's not. Haha.... I will not be tiring." Luan Xiaoping kissed Little Qianqian's forehead. "Look at this little fellow. I love her too much. I can help you all care for her when I can still walk. All of you are busy with your work." She stroked Little Qianqian's head. "This fellow will live with her grandmother in the future."

Xie Huilan laughed. "Look at Mum. She is overjoyed. Haha...."

Luan Xiaoping looked at Xie Huilan. "Huilan, I...."

Dong Xuebing also felt terrible. Xie Huilan is his official wife, but the whole family revolves around Little Qianqian. This is unfair to her. Even Qu Yunxuan felt bad towards Xie Huilan, and she held her hand.

Xie Huilan thought nothing about it. “Why are you all looking at me like this? Haha....” She touched her face. “Is there something on my face?”

Dong Xuebing said. “Huilan....”

Dong Xuebing had been curious why Xie Huilan was not upset when Qu Yunxuan brought Little Qianqian home yesterday. Instead, she seemed to enjoy their company. She behaved too graciously and still accompanied Yunxuan to buy groceries and diapers. This was too weird.

Everyone looked at Xie Huilan and wondered why she was so forgiving. She should be upset about how Dong Xuebing and his mother treated Qu Yunxuan.

Suddenly, Dong Xuebing felt Xie Huilan might be hiding something from them.

From Dong Xuebing’s understanding of Xie Huilan, he knew things were not so simple.

“You all are making me uneasy.” Xie Huilan laughed and sat on the chair. “Haha.... Qianqian is my daughter too, and even if Mum cannot help us look after her, I will find time to take care of her. She is so cute.”

Dong Xuebing gained a newfound respect for Xie Huilan. He reached into his pocket for a cigarette subconsciously. He was about to light it when the three women shouted at him.

Mum: “Don’t smoke!”

Qu Yunxuan: “There’s a baby here!”

Xie Huilan: “Smoke on the balcony!”

Dong Xuebing quickly put back his cigarette. “Sorry.... I forgot.”

After shouting at Dong Xuebing, Qu Yunxuan looked at Xie Huilan in surprise. She did not expect Xie Huilan to be so concerned for Little Qianqian.

Xie Huilan looked at them and smiled. “Alright. I am going to make an announcement.”

Dong Xuebing asked. “What is it?” He was afraid of any announcement now. “Err.... What is it regarding? Is it good or bad?”

Xie Huilan glanced at Dong Xuebing. “It is good for me, but I don’t know about you.”

Luan Xiaoping asked anxiously. “Hurry and tell us.” She also noticed Xie Huilan behaving differently these two days.

Xie Huilan had always been calm, and she did not reply. She walked to her handbag on the sofa and took a piece of paper from it. It looked like a medical report, and she placed it on the table. “My period was supposed to be on the day Dong Xuebing went outstation. But it was late for almost a week, and I went for a medical checkup yesterday. The result....”

Dong Xuebing was shocked. “What’s the result?”

Luan Xiaoping was overjoyed. “Stupid! What do you think is the result?! She must be pregnant!”

Qu Yunxuan was also shocked and quickly looked at the medical report. “She’s pregnant! Huilan! You are going to be a mother! Congratulations!”

Dong Xuebing shouted in joy. “Let me see!”

Luan Xiaoping looked at the medical report and gave it to Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing burst out laughing after reading the report. He is going to be a father again! No wonder Huilan behaved differently.

“How many months?” Dong Xuebing asked.

Xie Huilan replied. “What do you think? How long have we been married?”

“Slightly more than a month.”

“Oh, it will take a while to see your tummy.”

Luan Xiaoping was also overjoyed. She held Xie Huilan’s hand. “Good! We must celebrate. Hurry, call your parents. Have you told them?”

Xie Huilan laughed. “Not yet. It’s New Year soon, and we will have a few days off. I planned to return home with Xiao Bing and tell my parents.”

Qu Yunxuan reminded. “You must be careful these few months. I will not leave tonight. We can have a good chat. Haha.... There are many things to watch out for during pregnancy.”

Xie Huilan looked at Qu Yunxuan. “Thank you.”

Qu Yunxuan replied gently. “When Xiao Bing’s plane crashed, I stayed at your place for a month. You had taken care of me during that period, and it’s my turn now.”

Chapter 858: Happiness

When Dong Xuebing’s mother and Qu Yunxuan were feeding Little Qianqian, Dong Xuebing dragged Xie Huilan into the room. He hugged her and kissed her.

Xie Huilan giggled and wiped her face. “Why are you so passionate? I cannot stand it. Haha....”

Dong Xuebing was in a good mood. “How can you hide such an important thing from me?”

“I had wanted to tell you, but you were kicked out by Mum when you returned. How can I tell you?”

“I know you well. Even if I am not kicked out of the house, you will tease me for a few days before telling me.”

“What’s wrong? Huh? Do you still want our child?” Xie Huilan looked at Dong Xuebing and laughed. “You dote Little Qianqian so much, and you will not dote on my child in the future.”

Dong Xuebing argued. “You dare not to give birth?!”

“Haha.... Try me.”

“Ah.... Please stop joking about this.”

Xie Huilan laughed and touched her tummy. “This is my son. I care about him more than you.”

"You are always trying to scare me." Dong Xuebing was not mad, and he kissed Xie Huilan's forehead. "How do you know you are carrying a son?"

"How do I know? I am only one month pregnant, and even the doctors can't tell."

"Then why do you keep calling our baby son?"

"I prefer to have a son. Sons are closer to their mothers. Haha...."

"Alright. A son is fine. Don't be upset when you find out it's a daughter. We are Civil Servants, and we should not discriminate against our child's gender."

Xie Huilan laughed. "You dare to preach about government policies in front of me?! When I hear my family talk about government policies, you are not even born."

Dong Xuebing grumbled. "Stop using your age to suppress me. Who knows if our child will be closer to me in the future?"

Xie Huilan sat on the bed and crossed her legs. "Fine. Wait and see."

Dong Xuebing squatted on the floor and held Xie Huilan's waist. He kissed her tummy and said. "My good son.... Come out early. Daddy can't wait to meet you."

Xie Huilan stroked Dong Xuebing's hair. "Xiao Bing, I am feeling a bit thirsty."

"Stay here." Dong Xuebing quickly got up. "I will bring a glass of water. Do you want fruits?"

"No need. A glass of water is fine."

"Alright. Wait here."

Dong Xuebing immediately poured a glass of water for her.

"Thank you." Xie Huilan took a sip. "My husband is so nice to me today."

"You are our family's treasure now, and I must take care of you. Tell me what you need, and I will do it for you."

"Haha.... Come closer. I will reward you."

Dong Xuebing moved closer. "Yes... yes...."

Xie Huilan kissed Dong Xuebing on his lips. "Hmm.... So sweet."

Dong Xuebing cheered. "Again.... Kiss me again."

Xie Huilan giggled and kissed Dong Xuebing again. "Enough?"

Dong Xuebing could tell Xie Huilan was in a good mood after finding out she was pregnant. She would never kiss him like this in the past. He was overjoyed after he knew about her pregnancy and had been smiling since lunch. He understood why Xie Huilan hoped to have a son. She had grown up in a traditional family, and the family values sons over daughters. She was the oldest third generation of the Xie Family, and her family would groom her son in the future. If she had a

daughter, she would not go far in the government service unless she was as capable as Xie Huilan. Women have disadvantages in the government, and this cannot be changed soon.

Both cuddled and chatted for a while.

After Xie Huilan was pregnant, she became gentler.

Dong Xuebing said. "Huilan, I noticed you had changed after you were pregnant. It's great. You must continue to be gentle like this in the future."

Xie Huilan glanced at him. "Are you saying I am not gentle towards you in the past?"

Dong Xuebing lied. "Gentle.... You are always gentle."

Xie Huilan rubbed her tummy. "You are right. I noticed I had changed after I became pregnant. I had to rub my tummy before I slept, and I would smile whenever I thought of my son. Haha.... You will not understand this feeling. Oh, my tummy will show up in a few months, and it will be hard for me to concentrate at work. I got to finish whatever I can do now."

"You must take care of yourself and cannot exert yourself."

"I know what to do. Haha...."

"Save it. You have always pushed yourself to your limits when you are at work. You are carrying a baby, and you must watch out."

Xie Huilan was a different person today. "Ok. Haha.... I will listen to my Little Husband."

Dong Xuebing felt good. "That's right. Come over and let me kiss your tummy. I want to let my son feel my love."

It was a happy afternoon.

Luan Xiaoping prepared dinner alone and refused to let Qu Yunxuan and Xie Huilan help. She chased them out of the kitchen. She made a pot of chicken soup and several dishes. The soup and the rest of the dishes were nutritious. This meal was specially prepared for them.

Dong Xuebing grumbled. "Mum, I asked you to cook shredded pork with garlic sauce. Why did you cook only vegetables? The chicken in the soup is overcooked." He is not a picky eater, but he does not like to eat vegetables only.

Luan Xiaoping replied nonchalantly. "Huilan is pregnant and cannot take spicy food. Yunxuan is still breastfeeding, and she also cannot eat spicy food. Who is going to eat it if I cook that?"

"I can eat it." Dong Xuebing argued.

Luan Xiaoping retorted. "Huilan and Yunxuan have the top priority in our house. You can don't eat if you don't like it."

Xie Huilan and Qu Yunxuan laughed.

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "Fine. I had no place in this house now."

Chapter 859: The Deputy Secretary of the Commission for Discipline Inspection Committee

Dong Xuebing woke up on his living room sofa and saw his mother preparing breakfast with Little Qianqian in her arms. They must have woken up around 6 am. Xie Huilan and Qu Yunxuan had slept in the other bedroom last night, and their bedroom door was opened. He could hear Aunt Xuan and Sister Xie chatting in the bathroom. They seemed to be talking about the things to note when pregnant. He was glad they were getting along. What's most important is for everyone in the family to get along.

Dong Xuebing got up. "Mum, what are we eating for breakfast?"

"Congee. Go and wash up. It will be ready soon." Luan Xiaoping answered from the kitchen.

Dong Xuebing shouted towards the bathroom. "Huillan, Yunxuan, you two are early today. Are you all done?"

Xie Huilan smiled. "You woke up late. Go and brush your teeth. Hehe...."

"Xiao Bing, come here." Qu Yunxuan stuck her head out of the bathroom. "We are done with our makeup. You can wash your face."

Dong Xuebing nodded and entered the bathroom.

Breakfast.

Luan Xiaoping stroked her granddaughter's head. "Yunxuan, let's go to your TV station's lodging later. I will stay at your place to help you look after Qianqian these few days. Once she gets used to me, I will bring her to the neighboring city. I am afraid she might not get used to milk powder."

Qu Yunxuan smiled. "No problem. Your house is not far from here. I can go over to store my milk every night if she is not used to it."

"It will be too tiring for you."

"This is for my daughter, and it is not tired."

"Sigh.... I would be glad if Xiao Bing is half as responsible as you."

Dong Xuebing argued. "Mum, stop talking bad about me. I treat my daughter well."

Qu Yunxuan laughed. "You brat.... Your top responsibility is to take care of Huilan. You will soon be a father of two kids, and you will be busy."

Luan Xiaoping agreed. "That's right. You don't need to worry about Little Qianqian. Yunxuan and I will take care of her. You just look after Huilan and treat her well. If I know you neglected her, I would disown you. Do you hear me?!"

Everyone laughed when they heard Luan Xiaoping's threat.

Dong Xuebing replied. "Don't worry. I will treat her like a queen for the next ten months."

Xie Huilan glanced at Dong Xuebing and smiled. "Stop boasting. We shall see who will be taking care of who. Haha...."

Luan Xiaoping said. "Huilan, call me if he did not take care of you. I will teach him a lesson."

Xie Huilan giggled. "Yes." She noticed Dong Xuebing looked unhappy and smiled at him. "But I must admit that Xiao Bing is good at taking care of others. He had been cooking since we married and treated me well."

Dong Xuebing pushed out his chest proudly. "That's right."

Before 9 am.

Feng Zhou City Party Committee Building.

Dong Xuebing did not drive to work and took a lift in Xie Huilan's Land Rover. He did not want to be separated from her. He kept stroking her tummy in the car and refused to let her go.

"Alright." Xie Huilan replied. "I need to go."

Dong Xuebing pushed his face forward. "Give me a kiss first."

Xie Huilan pointed in front. "Your Commission for Discipline Inspection colleagues are watching. Let's talk about this when we get home, ok?"

"Kiss me before you go."

"Stop fooling around and get to work."

Dong Xuebing knew it was wrong to show affection to Xie Huilan at their workplace. After all, she is the Deputy City Mayor, and he is a Deputy Division Chief Leader. They got to take care of their image in front of other staff members. He rubbed her tummy one last time before getting out of the car. He waved goodbye as she left for the City Government Building's parking lots.

The City Commission for Discipline Inspection building.

"Director."

"Director Dong."

"Good morning, Director Dong."

Many things have happened since Dong Xuebing started work at the City Commission for Discipline Inspection. He had crashed his car into his deputy's, his wife turned out to be the City Deputy Mayor, and he gave 2000 ml of blood to Nan Shan District Party Secretary to save her life. That's why everyone is looking at him weirdly. He had only been transferred to this department for a few days and was involved in many things. This was rare in a particular department like the Commission for Discipline Inspection.

Inspection First Office.

Director's Office.

Dong Xuebing had mixed feelings after returning to his office. He looked around and felt he had been away for too long. He lit a cigarette and started puffing. He could not smoke at home because a pregnant woman and a baby lived with him.

Knock... knock....

Dong Xuebing looked up. "Come in."

The door opened, and Luo Haiting entered. She was wearing a long sleeves top and long pants. It was nearing the end of the year, and it was too cold for her to wear dresses.

“Director.” Luo Haiting smiled. “I’m here to update you about the work.”

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. “Sit, Sister Luo. How is everyone doing?”

Luo Haiting laughed. “You are handling Zhang Huo’s case, and all rest are minor cases. There’s nothing much to worry about. These were the work files when you were not around. Please take a look.”

“Alright. I will look at them.” Dong Xuebing briefly glanced through the documents.

“These few documents need your signature.” Luo Haiting passed a few more documents to Dong Xuebing.

It took Dong Xuebing an hour to settle this administrative work, and his hand was aching from signing. All government agencies, including the Commission for Discipline Inspection, were very busy at the end of the year. Of course, it is not the peak yet. The peak is during the few days before Lunar New Year. After two years in the government service, he had become afraid of Lunar New Year. He would be working without breaks during that period.

After all the work was completed, Luo Haiting said. “Director, you were away for many days, and I had made some decisions without consulting you. Should I tell you the details?”

Dong Xuebing smiled and waved his hand. “I don’t need to worry with you around. You can decide about those minor issues. When I am not around in the future, you will take charge of the Inspection First Office. Tell those who are unhappy with this decision to talk to me.”

Luo Haiting was touched. “Thank you, Director.”

Dong Xuebing pointed at the door. “The door is closed. You don’t need to be so polite in front of me.”

Luo Haiting poured a glass of hot water for Dong Xuebing and placed it on his desk. “Xuebing, Liu Hanqing had returned to work four days ago.”

“Oh, has he finished his sick leave?”

“Yes.”

“How is he doing now?”

Luo Haiting laughed. “After you taught him a lesson, he stayed in his office every day and had not interfered with the Inspection First Office’s work.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. This Liu Hanqing finally knows his place. “Is there anything else in the unit?”

Luo Haiting thought for a while and said. “The biggest case recently is Nan Shan District’s Deputy District Mayor Zhang Huo and District Party Secretary Geng Yuehua corruption case. You had completed the investigation and found out Zhang Huo’s son framed Secretary Geng. Zhang Huo was charged with bribery and corruption, and Secretary Geng’s case fell under the legal system. It was transferred to the Public Security Bureau and Prosecution Office.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. His first mission in the City Commission for Discipline Inspection was completed when he needed results to command respect.

“Anything else?” Dong Xuebing took out a cigarette.

Luo Haiting quickly picked up the lighter on the desk to light it.

Dong Xuebing quickly stopped her. “I will do it myself.” He stopped seeing Luo Haiting as his subordinate and treated her like his friend. He trusts others easily, especially pretty women.

Luo Haiting smiled and helped to light his cigarette. “Nothing much had happened these few days, except the Inspection Bureau had charged a few Deputy Section Chiefs for minor offenses. Oh, our City Commission for Discipline Inspection’s No. 3, Deputy Secretary Zhan Guiping, still had not reported for work.”

Dong Xuebing was surprised. “Deputy Secretary Zhan?”

Dong Xuebing had met the City Commission for Discipline Inspection’s No. 1, He Shuien, and No. 2, Xiao Bin. He still had not met the other Deputy Secretary. He had started work for a few days, but he was often away for investigation. He had not thought much about it. “What happened to Secretary Zhan?”

Luo Haiting paused for a few seconds and said. “I heard he had taken a long leave. I had only met Secretary Zhan once when I was transferred here, and he was on leave the next day. I heard his daughter was injured during the earthquake, and he brought her to other hospitals for treatment.”

Dong Xuebing was new, and his only connection to the City Government was Xie Huilan. Fen Zhou City ICBC branch President, City Power Company’s General Manager Liu Chenlong, and Xu Yan are in departments outside the City Government. They could not assist him much. He is in the Commission for Discipline Inspection, and even Xie Huilan could not do anything to help him. The City Commission for Discipline Inspection Secretary is the City’s Party Committee Member and holds more power than Xie Huilan. He got to rely on himself, and he had been looking around for connections. He Shuien and Xiao Bin had treated him coldly and showed no signs of trying to pull him into their factions. He can only look for another path. Zhan Guiping might be a good choice.

Earthquake....

His daughter was injured....

Zhan Guiping....

Dong Xuebing suddenly remembered. “Is Zhan Rourou Secretary Zhan’s daughter?”

Translator’s notes: Zhan Rourou was the nurse who pushed Dong Xuebing around the hospital before it collapsed.

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Dong Xuebing’s office.

“Zhan Rourou?” Luo Haiting thought for a while. “I think that’s her name.”

“That’s right.” Dong Xuebing smiled to himself. “I had forgotten about her.”

Luo Haiting blinked and asked. "Xuebing, you know Deputy Secretary Zhan's daughter?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Yes. She was my nurse when Nan Shan District Second Hospital collapsed. We had met a few times."

It was more than meeting a few times.

Zhan Rourou had left a deep impression on Dong Xuebing. She was his nurse when he was warded, and she had a cheerful personality. During his hospital stay, she mentioned her father was working in Fen Zhou City Commission for Discipline Inspection. He thought her father was an ordinary staff until he heard the Deputy Secretary's surname was Zhan. No wonder she was not afraid of him, as her father was a high-ranking officer. When the hospital collapsed, he rushed into the hospital to rescue her. He threw her out of the hospital seconds before the building crashed. After climbing out of the rumbles, he had forgotten about her and had not heard from her. She must have been injured severely as a piece of concrete had fallen onto her back.

Dong Xuebing sighed. "How is Secretary Zhan's daughter doing now? Is her life in danger?"

"No." Luo Haiting replied. "But I heard she could not walk again."

Dong Xuebing's face changed. "She is paralyzed?!"

Luo Haiting nodded. "His daughter is around twenty years old. Sigh.... She should be enjoying her youth, but...."

"Which hospital are they at now?"

"I don't know. I think they had gone to Beijing."

"Beijing?"

"Yes. The best doctors are there, and she might recover if she undergoes treatment there."

"It would be difficult if she had broken her spine and legs."

"That's right, and it will be costly too. Secretary Zhan's family is not wealthy, and the City Commission for Discipline Inspection Committee wanted to organize a donation drive to raise funds for her treatment. But Secretary Zhan rejected, and he sold an apartment in Fen Zhou City for her treatment." Luo Haiting has a child, and she felt deeply for Zhan Guiping.

Dong Xuebing hesitated for a second and said. "Give me Secretary Zhan's phone number."

Luo Haiting nodded. "Ok. I will give it to you later."

"No need. You can send his number to my phone."

"Alright. I will ask around for his number."

"Thank you."

Dong Xuebing did not only want to establish a relationship with Zhan Guiping now. Zhan Rourou had taken care of him, and he did not want anything to happen to her. He will try his best to help her. He might not be able to help everyone in the world, but he will do his best for the people around him.

10 am.

Luo Haiting sent Dong Xuebing a message.

Dong Xuebing saved the number and called Zhan Guiping after some hesitation.

Ring... ring... ring.... The phone rang for a while, and no one answered. Dong Xuebing tried calling again, and it was answered on his second try.

“Hello.” A middle-aged man answered with a deep voice. He sounded tired. “Who is this?”

Dong Xuebing greeted Zhan Guiping politely. “Hello, Secretary Zhan.”

Zhan Ruiping frowned. “You are....” His background was very noisy.

“I am Fen Zhou City Inspection First Office’s Dong Xuebing.” Dong Xuebing replied.

Zhan Guiping paused for a second. “Oh, Director Dong. I wanted to meet you to thank you for saving my daughter at the Second Hospital during the earthquake. Thank you. I heard about what happened. She might have died if you had not risked your life to save her. My family and I are grateful for what you did. We are sorry that you were almost buried alive under the hospital.”

Dong Xuebing quickly replied. “Don’t mention it. Anyone else would do the same thing in that situation.”

Zhan Guiping asked. “Do you have something for me?”

Dong Xuebing replied. “No. I just wanted to ask about Rourou’s condition. After I was discharged from the hospital, I was sent to the Party School for training and did not have the chance to visit her.”

Zhan Guiping sighed. “Not good.”

“I heard Zhan Rourou might not be able to walk....”

“Yes. She had injured her spine, and her leg had suffered a comminuted fracture. During the earthquake, Nan Shan District lacked the medical equipment to treat her, and the hospitals were full. The roads were also blocked, and her treatment was delayed. Although she had surgery, the hospital said she could never walk or even stand again. She.... Sigh.... She might have to use a wheelchair for the rest of her life.”

Dong Xuebing frowned. “Is there no hope of recovering?”

Zhan Guiping replied. “The hospital said it was impossible, but I will not give up.”

A middle-aged woman shouted suddenly. “Old Zhan, come here. The doctor is calling us.”

Zhan Guiping said to Dong Xuebing. “Xiao Dong, I had brought Rourou to a hospital in Beijing to see the doctors here. Alright, I got to go.”

“Secretary Zhan, don’t hang up first. I know some people in Beijing hospitals. Just call me if you need any help. I will do my best to help Rourou. This is my phone number, and you can call me anytime.” Dong Xuebing knew Beijing’s hospital system well. Although Zhan Guiping is the No. 3 of the City Commission for Discipline Inspection, it will not help him to meet the specialist in the hospitals. He might not even get an appointment in some hospitals.

“Thank you. I will be fine.” Zhan Guiping did not take Dong Xuebing’s words seriously. Maybe he thought Dong Xuebing was not that influential.

Dong Xuebing did not say anything.