

Physician Wife 1851

Chapter 1851: Zhou Ruxue

Old Master Shi agreed to Grandma Pei's request.

"Let's go."

Grandma Pei had always wanted to restore her and Chi Yuansheng's sibling-like relationship. When she heard Old Master Shi's words, she immediately stood up with a bright smile on her face.

"Mother, feel free to go, but I won't. Father will only cause me trouble." Zhou Ruxue also stood up, but she did not plan to follow Grandma Pei out.

Zhou Ruxue was Chi Yang's mother. Back then, she had not cared about Old Master Chi's objections and had insisted on marrying Pei Jitong after Chi Zehao died in battle.

Their marriage made Old Master Chi furious. He immediately cut off all ties with the Pei family and from then on, no longer considered Zhou Ruxue to be his daughter-in-law.

Initially, she was very displeased by this. However, when she thought about Old Master Chi's trembling appearance, she knew that he did not have many years left to live. After Old Master Chi died, Chi Yang would be left in charge.

Chi Yang was the leader of the Eagle Special Forces. In this country, where even the president had to have a good relationship with the Special Forces, Chi Yang was someone very important.

Therefore, only after Zhou Ruxue took the title of Chi Yang's biological mother and promised that after Old Master Chi died, she would lead the Pei family to prosperity and get them to be a family like the Nangong family... did Grandma Pei turn a blind eye and allow Zhou Ruxue to interact with her son. Even though Old Master Chi had severed his relationship with her, she did not stop Zhou Ruxue from becoming the daughter-in-law of the Pei family in the end.

Pei Jitong stood up in a gentlemanly manner and reached out to hold Zhou Ruxue's hand. He said gently, "Old Master probably doesn't want to see us. I'll accompany you for a walk."

"Okay." Zhou Ruxue smiled gently.

Pei Jitong was an elegant and peerless young master. He was a man as gentle as jade. He was completely different from an iron-blooded soldier like Chi Zehao.

Chi Zehao was cold, aloof, and unsmiling. He expressed no emotions at all. On the other hand, Pei Jitong was gentle, considerate, modest, and polite. Even though they had been together for more than ten years, he was always sincere in his actions and took good care of her.

Zhou Ruxue really regretted marrying Chi Zehao back then. It was only because she had taken a fancy to his family background. If she had met Pei Jitong earlier in life, she would definitely not have married Chi Zehao, even if she was threatened with being beaten to death.

As she snuggled into Pei Jitong's arms, Zhou Ruxue felt that this was the happiest thing life had to offer.

Old Master Shi brought Madam Pei, whose name was Lan Huifang, out to the main villa's gate. They saw a limited edition Maybach slowly drive into the villa area, so they hurriedly went up to greet the people inside.

The cars of the ordinary guests had already been parked at the parking area outside. Only someone with Old Master Chi's status had the right to park their car on the lawn outside the villa.

The car stopped, and the maids immediately went up to open the doors on both sides of the car.

From the passenger seat, Chi Yang opened the car door himself and got out.

Old Master Shi saw Old Master Chi and Chi Yang get out of the car. He was smiling as he welcomed them, but the next moment, when he saw Nangong Nuannuan get out of the car, his smile instantly froze.

Ever since the incident with his granddaughter, Shi Yalin, the Shi family had been very wary of Nangong Nuannuan.

After all, this woman who was secretly a world-class mercenary was not a good person.

When he saw her slender figure coming out of the car with a smile on her face, Old Master Shi felt as if a thorn had pierced his throat.

After all, the Shi family had suffered a great loss at her hands.

When he thought about his granddaughter, who was inside the house behind him, Old Master Shi could not smile at all.

Chapter 1852: Sneer at Her

As soon as Old Master Chi got out of the car, he saw the person he least wanted to see—Madam Pei, also known as Lan Huifang. In an instant, his face, which previously had on an amicable expression, fell. However, remembering that the Shi family and the Pei family were in-laws, he did not say anything.

Silence.

Old Master Shi calmed down the turmoil in his heart. Only then did he force a smile and greet Old Master Chi. "The old marshal has finally graced our Shi family with his presence!"

Old Master Chi took a look at the Shi family's huge manor-style villa, which was much wider than the Nangong family's. He could not help but laugh. "If this is considered an honor, then you must think our family home is the size of a country."

"Hahaha, the old marshal has got to be kidding! I said that because your granddaughter-in-law is truly a very capable person. Whatever one learns, one becomes. Whatever one does, one also becomes. Compared to your granddaughter-in-law being the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group, one of the world's top three super corporations, my Shi family is nothing. If I had such a powerful granddaughter or granddaughter-in-law, I would think I was dreaming."

Hearing Old Master Shi praise his granddaughter-in-law, Old Master Chi felt a little better. When he saw Nuannuan get out of the car and stand hand-in-hand with Chi Yang, his mood instantly improved.

The past was over.

Although his son had not met a good woman, at least his grandson had.

Seeing that everyone was looking at him and Nuannuan, as their junior, Chi Yang still needed to greet them.

Thus, he nodded slightly at Old Master Shi and greeted him, "Grandpa Shi."

Nuannuan also obediently greeted him. "Hello, Grandpa Shi."

"Hahahaha, hello, hello! Chairman Nangong, although today's banquet is to celebrate my granddaughter's success, she is, after all, only in second place. Chairman Nangong won first place, so I want to congratulate you."

Nangong Nuannuan smiled. "Thank you."

When Grandma Pei saw Nangong Nuannuan, her expression turned ugly.

She had always wanted to marry her granddaughter, Shi Yalin, to Chi Yang. However, she did not expect Chi Yang to get engaged to Nangong Nuannuan before he even got together with Shi Yalin.

Therefore, even if her brother was here to congratulate Nangong Nuannuan, she could not help but want to sneer at her.

However, before she could say anything, she heard Old Master Shi say that Nangong Nuannuan was the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Corporation.

She thought she had heard him wrongly. Just as she was about to ask, she heard Old Master Shi say that Nangong Nuannuan was chairman of the world's top three super corporations.

Old Master Shi also respectfully addressed her as the chairman of the board.

Therefore, even if she did not want to believe it, Grandma Pei, also known as Lan Huifang, had no choice but to believe. Not only was Nangong Nuannuan the daughter of the Nangong family, but she was also the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Corporation, one of the world's top three super corporations.

"Big Brother, is this Chi Yang's fiancée, Nuannuan?"

Lan Huifang's face, which had gone sour when she first saw Nangong Nuannuan, immediately warmed when she heard about her identity.

She did want to marry her granddaughter, Shi Yalin, to Chi Yang. However, her granddaughter was now saying that she did not want to marry Chi Yang anymore. This time, not only was Chi Yang not cooperating, but neither was Shi Yalin! Grandma Pei could not marry him herself, right?

Now that she knew that Nangong Nuannuan was the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group, Lan Huifang felt that as long as she could ease relations with her big brother, the Imperial Phoenix Group could eventually come under her control.

Chapter 1853: Am I So Easily Tricked?

After all, according to their family tree, she was technically Chi Yang's great-aunt. If Nangong Nuannuan wanted to be with Chi Yang, how could she not listen to her great-aunt-in-law's words? Even if she did not listen, she still had a daughter-in-law who was Chi Yang's mother-in-law. She was Nangong Nuannuan's real mother-in-law.

However, no matter how much Lan Huifang glared at Nangong Nuannuan, Old Master Chi did not pay her any attention.

Grandfather Chi looked at Shi Gen and said, "Then, shall head inside?"

Shi Gen was stunned for a moment before he chuckled and said, "Alright, alright. Old Marshal, please go ahead."

"Chi Yang, you came at just the right time. I have something to tell you. Can I tell you now?"

The person who had just come up to them, Lu Guangsheng, was the chief commander of the south-eastern division of the military base. He was also the husband of Grandfather Shi's third daughter, Shi Qingran.

Although the Shi family had connections to the military base, someone close to the Shi family, their son-in-law, was the commander-in-chief of a different division.

Originally, the Shi family and Lu Guangsheng wanted to return to the Emperor District military base or the northern division of the military base to be the commander-in-chief or chief of staff. However, Leng Jinpeng had suddenly appeared and blocked his way to Emperor District.

All of this had been arranged by Old Master Chi.

This was because Leng Jinpeng was Old Master Chi's favorite disciple. He was also the commander-in-chief of the Eagle Special Forces. Even though his body had just recovered and he could not return to his former peak, he had much more experience than Lu Guangsheng.

Lu Guangsheng knew that if he wanted to become commander of Emperor District or the northern division, Old Master Chi had to agree to it. Now that Old Master Chi and his father-in-law had left, he needed to make good use of the time to build a good rapport with Chi Yang. That way, he would be able to aim for a transfer.

As soon as Chi Yang walked in, he was interrupted. He was a little angry. He glanced at his wife, about to reject Lu Guangsheng's request. However, Nangong Nuannuan smiled and said, "Big Brother Chi Yang, if you have something to do, then go ahead. The Shi family is quite friendly. I'll walk around outside by myself in the meanwhile."

After saying that, she dug her nails into Chi Yang's palm.

Feeling the numbness and itchiness in his palm, his gaze instantly deepened.

"Then wait for me for a while. If you're hungry and want to eat some snacks, I'll bring some over immediately," Chi Yang said to Nangong Nuannuan.

"Yes, okay. You Don't have to worry about me."

Although he knew that his Nuannuan's character meant she would be just fine, Chi Yang still could not be at ease.

When Lu Guangsheng saw this, he could not help but chuckle and say, "This is the Shi family home, not some bandit's den. What's there to worry about? With you around, Miss Nangong can't have any fun."

Nangong Nuannuan and Chi Yang both glanced at Lu Guangsheng at the same time. Their indifferent auras made him instantly feel like a fool.

He smiled awkwardly and darted his eyes around, waiting for Chi Yang to finish with Nuannuan.

"The grandma of the Pei family is not a good person. She might try something after hearing about your identity just now, so she can get something for the Pei family. Her daughter-in-law is Zhou Ruxue. If she uses her identity as her daughter-in-law to pressure you, don't give them face, okay?"

Seeing how Big Brother Chi Yang was afraid she would be hoodwinked, Nuannuan burst out laughing. She blinked twice and asked in return, "Do I seem like someone who can be so easily tricked?"

Chi Yang could not help but pinch her cheeks, which were bouncy and smooth. "I'm just worried about you."

Nuannuan's heart was full of warmth.

"Don't worry. I won't be tricked by them."

After all, she knew Big Brother Chi Yang's family and their allies. She had always used her connections to keep herself safe.

Chapter 1854: Do I Not Have a Say?

Any other family... was not worth discussing.

As expected, Chi Yang was quickly whisked away by Lu Guangsheng. After Nuannuan used her superpowers to check on Shi Yalin's location, she planned to go meet her.

Shi Yalin was in the villa's Deputy Hall. Nuannuan initially planned to enter through the east gate, but as she was heading there, she was stopped by Lan Huifang and Zhou Ruxue.

"Nuannuan."

Zhou Ruxue was holding up Lan Huifang as the two of them walked up to Nuannuan with smiles on their faces.

This felt completely different from the last time she met Zhou Ruxue, when she had given Nuannuan a few million yuan with a request to leave Chi Yang. This time, Zhou Ruxue looked at Nangong Nuannuan and smiled as gently as a spring breeze, the warm smile reflecting in her eyes.

It had to be admitted that Zhou Ruxue was really beautiful. Chi Yang had inherited both the Chi family's good genes and his mother's good looks.

However, Big Brother Chi Yang's handsome face was so pleasing to Nuannuan's eyes, so why did she not like Zhou Ruxue's smiling face?

Nuannuan looked at Zhou Ruxue, who was smiling at her lovingly as if she had never thrown dirty money at her before. She smiled and replied politely, "Madam Pei, Young Madam Pei."

Zhou Ruxue wanted to introduce Madam Pei to Nuannuan, but when she saw that Nuannuan not only knew who she was, but had addressed her as such, the smile on Zhou Ruxue's face faded a little.

"Look at your face, child. Are you still thinking about the grudge from long ago?"

After saying that, Zhou Ruxue let go of Lan Huifang's hand and walked toward Nuannuan. She reached out to hold Nuannuan's hand, but Nuannuan dodged it.

Zhou Ruxue smiled helplessly. "That was my mom's fault. Sigh, you know that Chi Yang has been separated from me since he was young. He always thought I had something to do with his father's death. Nuannuan, you're young and promising. You definitely wouldn't be so short-sighted, right? Think about it. Chi Yang's father sacrificed himself on the battlefield. I was still young then. Did I have to die with his father to be considered a good wife? Or do you think I should have stayed a widow for the rest of my life to be considered a good mother and good daughter-in-law of the Chi family? I merely married the young master of the Pei family after his father sacrificed himself. After that, Chi Yang no longer acknowledged me as his mother. That really hurt me."

Seeing that Nangong Nuannuan was not saying anything, Zhou Ruxue thought that she was listening. Thus, she continued. "All these years, under Old Master's pressure, I wasn't able to get close to Chi Yang. He also hated me because of my new husband. But no matter what, he's still my flesh-and-blood son. What mother in this world wouldn't love her child?"

"Nuannuan, I'm really sorry about what happened last time. You know that Yalin is my aunt's daughter. Not only is she the daughter of the Shi family, but she's also the cousin of the Pei family. She has always liked Chi Yang, and I've always wanted to do my best to find him a suitable girl. So I thought about introducing Yalin to him.

"Who would have been able to guess that before I could say anything to Chi Yang, he would announce his engagement? Even though I know his marriage was recognized by the military base, I'm still his biological mother. Do I not have a say in his life?"

Chapter 1855: Young and Naive

"Because I didn't know you well, the last time we met, I did not really like you. But after what happened that day, I saw that you and Chi Yang were not just marrying for family ties. Your relationship is a very special one. That day, both my son and the old master slapped me in the face. I was wrong. I deserved it. Nuannuan, can you forgive me?"

"Of course. It's nothing. Young Madam Pei, you don't have to take the past to heart."

After Zhou Ruxue finished speaking, Nuannuan nodded her head and forgave her seemingly without a second thought.

At first, Zhou Ruxue thought she would have to waste a lot of saliva to get Nangong Nuannuan to let go of her prejudices against her. Who could have guessed that Nangong Nuannuan would agree to her request so easily? This surprised her a lot.

She was very happy.

As long as Nangong Nuannuan acknowledged her as her mother, she would be able to bring the Pei family more riches. Although her husband, Pei Jitong, never complained that she could not bear any more children, Zhou Ruxue still felt like she owed the Pei family.

Even after so many years had passed since she married into the Pei family, Old Master Chi still had not died yet. Chi Yang also did not want to repair their relationship. In addition to that, her mother's power was worth nothing in Emperor District, so Zhou Ruxue had always felt that she owed the Pei family more.

Now that she knew that her daughter-in-law could bring considerable benefits to the Pei family, her mood improved. She smiled and said to Nangong Nuannuan, "Child, why are you calling me Young Madam Pei? I'm Chi Yang's mother, and you're Chi Yang's fiancée. Shouldn't you call me Mom?"

Nangong Nuannuan looked at Zhou Ruxue, who was acting like a loving mother right now. Nuannuan did not disagree with the crux of her argument—a widow did not need to mourn forever. Zhou Ruxue was not wrong for choosing her own happiness after Chi Yang's father sacrificed himself.

However, Grandma Pei of the Pei family, Lan Huifang, was basically Grandfather Chi's sister. Although they were not related by blood, he had always treated her like his younger sister.

Then, his daughter-in-law insisted on marrying his nephew after his son died. What kind of behavior was that?

Furthermore, Nangong Nuannuan felt that there was more to this matter.

Both Grandfather Chi and Big Brother Chi Yang were open-minded people. They would never sever ties with the Pei family over a small matter. Big Brother Chi Yang did not even acknowledge his mother as his own anymore.

Nangong Nuannuan looked at the woman in front of her and smiled. "Young Madam Pei, yes, I am Big Brother Chi Yang's fiancée. But are you sure that you're Big Brother Chi Yang's mother?"

Zhou Ruxue's expression changed drastically. She turned pale and roared. "What do you mean? If I'm not Chi Yang's mother, then who is?"

Nangong Nuannuan sneered. "If you're his mother, then why doesn't he acknowledge you? I've never seen him contact you, nor have I heard him call you 'mother'. He doesn't even call you 'mother', so why should I? Could it be that Young Madam Pei wants to take advantage of me because I seem young and naive?"

Zhou Ruxue, "..."

"Excuse me."

After saying that, Nangong Nuannuan ignored Lan Huifang and walked past the two women in front of her.

Zhou Ruxue was still in shock. She only regained her senses after Lan Huifang scolded her.

“Look at you! The son you gave birth to is completely ignoring you. Even your daughter-in-law doesn’t respect you. What did our Pei family do to have someone like you join us?”

Chapter 1856: She Is Not a Pawn

“Our Jitong is, after all, the chairman of the Pei Group. You took over as mistress, and our Jitong divorced his wife. We hoped you would be able to fulfill your promise to us as soon as possible, but it looks like we won’t be getting our wish. For over ten years, you’ve just been a parasite to the Pei family. Besides completely severing our relationship with the Chi family, what else have you done? Now, I discover that your future daughter-in-law is the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group. The Imperial Phoenix Group, for God’s sake! Even if they only help us out a little bit, it will still be a huge boon to us. But you couldn’t even persuade a young girl who has yet to marry Chi Yang into helping us out. Why are you still part of our family?”

Zhou Ruxue’s expression had just recovered a little from Nuannuan’s retorts, but after hearing Grandma Pei’s words, her face turned pale again.

“Mom...”

“Don’t call me Mom. You’re not my daughter-in-law! I don’t have a daughter-in-law like you who only brings shame to the Pei family!”

“Mom!”

Pei Jitong’s voice suddenly came from behind.

Zhou Ruxue turned around to look at her husband. He was backlit by a faint golden light, and he looked to her eyes like he was descending from the heavens.

Pei Jitong walked to the flustered Zhou Ruxue’s side and stretched out his hand to pull her into his embrace. He then said to Lan Huifang, “Mom, why are you doing this? Since Ruxue married into the Pei family, she has treated my children as her own and loved them all dearly. She has raised them all well. Just that alone proves how much she has done for our Pei family.”

“Jitong!” Zhou Ruxue almost died of gratitude when she heard her husband’s gentle words. She looked at him with an expression of appreciation.

Pei Jitong did not look back at Zhou Ruxue. Instead, he patted her shoulder lightly, silently telling her to stay strong.

“Mom, Ruxue is my wife. She is not a pawn of yours. If the Pei family needs money and power, I, the Chairman of the Pei Group, should be the one to earn it for us. I cannot force my wife to work toward giving the Pei family a successful future.

“Mom, I have told you many times not to drag Ruxue into Chi family matters. She already stands in an awkward position with them. If you ask her to talk to them, things might backfire.

“That child, Chi Yang, was still young when this all happened. His grandfather had brainwashed him into hating Ruxue. Right now, we need to work on repairing their relationship, not making things worse. Chi Yang has yet to accept Ruxue himself, so how can you expect his fiancée to be on Ruxue’s side? She hasn’t even married him yet. Also, since she is the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group, do you think

she's easily manipulated? If you force Ruxue to try to make nice like this, all the parties involved will definitely end up angry."

Grandma Pei now had an embarrassed expression on her face. She no longer had the arrogant and bossy attitude she was exuding in front of Zhou Ruxue earlier.

"Look at you. I only said a few words about her, and you jumped eight feet high to her defense. You're picking your wife over your own mother?!"

Pei Jitong put a gentle smile on. He did not let go of Zhou Ruxue, whom he was holding with his right hand, as his left hand wrapped around Grandma Pei.

"Look at yourself. You're already so old, yet you're as jealous as a toddler in a playground right now. If Ruxue and I were the kind of people to forget about Mom after getting married, would we be standing here chatting like this right now? You know the answer to that, right? Look, Mom, we're all family. Let's not curse one another out."

Chapter 1857: Like a Doting Father

When Zhou Ruxue heard her husband's words, her heart melted into a puddle and her eyes turned red.

Now, her crying was not because she had been wronged, but because she was touched.

She felt like she had married the best man in the entire world.

Grandma Pei was convinced by Pei Jitong's words. She said helplessly with some heartache, "It was because I was worried and felt sorry for you that I..."

"Mom!"

After being called out by Pei Jitong, Grandma Pei immediately shut her mouth. She still looked a little resentful, though.

"Alright, alright. You two go ahead. I'll think of how I can talk to my brother."

After saying that, Grandma Pei turned around and left.

Zhou Ruxue was left flustered by her words. After she left, she looked at Pei Jitong and asked, "Jitong, what did Mom mean by what she said just now?"

Pei Jitong smiled and replied, "Nothing. Don't think too much about it. It's not like you haven't met Mom before. She just wants the Pei family to do well, and she's just trying to provoke you."

Zhou Ruxue looked at Pei Jitong's handsome face. Even though more than ten years had passed since their marriage, he was still the same man he had been years ago. He was handsome, refined, and gentle. It was as if time had not left any traces on his face at all.

When she married Pei Jitong, Old Master Chi had already stopped associating with the Pei family because of Grandma Pei, and he had also stopped helping the Pei family out. Her and Pei Jitong's marriage had only triggered Old Master Chi's verbal confirmation that the two families were done with.

After she married Pei Jitong, many people said that she was stupid for wanting to be the young mistress of a second-rate wealthy family rather than staying with the Chi family as a widow. They said that the Chi family would give her a nicer life than the Pei family. They also said that Pei Jitong was with her and had left his first wife because he wanted to use her for her connections. After all, she was Chi Yang's biological mother. Chi Yang could not sever ties with his own biological mother, right?

However, over the last ten-plus years, Pei Jitong had proved these people wrong time and time again with every action of his.

He was a perfect husband, pampering Zhou Ruxue like a doting father. Even though Grandma Pei had made things difficult for her over the years, Pei Jitong always stood by her side and backed her up.

Even though Zhou Ruxue initially suspected that Pei Jitong's intentions were not pure, during these seventeen years, he had never once mentioned to her that he wanted her to help the Pei family out.

He had only ever loved her, cared about her, and doted on her.

When faced with a man like this, Zhou Ruxue felt like even if her heart was stone-cold, it would have thawed in his presence.

She held onto this lovely man's hand and looked at the faint blue-black circles under his eyes. Her heart ached.

"Jitong, I am your wife. Even though I used to be the daughter-in-law of the Chi family and Chi Zehao's woman, you should know that he is no longer in my heart. You're the only one I keep in there. I only love you. I'd be willing to give my life for you. All these years, you've taken care of me and loved me. You've never asked me for anything, and I've never helped you in any way. Seeing you so worn out, my heart aches. Jitong, tell me, what's happened to the Pei family? Why have you been coming back home so late these past few days? What do you need me to do for you?"

Looking at his concerned wife, Pei Jitong put on a gentle smile that Zhou Ru Xue could not resist. "Why are you overthinking? I've already told you that everything's fine."

Chapter 1858: Responsible for Being a Beautiful Flower

"And I'm not the only one who's been coming back late these past few days. It's been 17 years. Don't tell me that my coming back late a few times is cause for concern? Don't overthink it. It's really fine."

"Jitong! Do you still see me as your wife?" Zhou Ruxue looked at the stubborn man in front of her with heartache and sadness. Her heart was filled with anxiety.

"Of course!" Pei Jitong could not help but laugh out loud. "I spoiled you so much that you aren't even aware about the minor problems I have to deal with."

"Jitong!"

Zhou Ruxue was so anxious that she was pacing and fidgeting around, but Pei Jitong still refused to say anything. He pulled her to one side and said, "Look, over there are the pastries you like so much. You didn't eat much in the morning, so let's have some now."

"Jitong, you still haven't told me what's wrong yet!"

"There's nothing to tell. It's men's matters. You've been watching those dramas and their advertisements all day, right? Isn't there a saying in one of them that goes, 'I'm responsible for earning to support my family, and you're responsible for being a beautiful flower'? Women should lead stress-free lives. Why bother yourself with men's issues? Do you think your husband is so helpless?"

"Pfft... you even memorized that commercials?"

"That series you were watching was stuffed full of that commercial. I was working next to you, so it was hard to forget."

"I always tell you to go to the study to work. It's your fault for always sitting on the sofa to accompany me, wasting your time and hurting your efficiency."

"If I can't accompany my own wife, who will? In life, one does not only need to build a career but a good life too. And you're my entire life."

After watching Pei Jitong and Zhou Ruxue leave, Pei Jicheng walked out from behind a tree nearby. Grandma Pei, who had said she wanted to talk to her brother earlier, followed him out too.

Pei Jicheng could not help but chuckle. "Mom, I reckon that you passed all your EQ down to my brother and not a single point went to me. Look at how Big Brother just coaxed Sister-in-law. He's like a seventeen or eighteen-year-old girl who's just fallen in love."

Grandma Pei sneered beside him. "I think it's not just EQ, but IQ too."

Pei Jicheng felt his scalp go numb when he saw Grandma Pei's fierce expression.

"Mom, okay, okay, I know. I'll definitely handle this matter well."

Grandma Pei slapped his arm a few times in disappointment. "You, you, you! If you were half as smart as your big brother, would our Pei family have to worry about becoming a first-class wealthy family?"

"Hey, Mom, what are you doing? I'm already more than 40 years old. How can you still hit me?"

"You're complaining about me hitting you? I really want to beat you to death! You married a crook and lived with her for 20 years. You're really pissing me off!"

"Weren't you the one who first took a liking to Leng Jinjie and said that the Leng family would definitely prosper because of Leng Jinpeng? Now you're blaming me for a mistake you've made. Who knew at the time that Leng Jinjie was just an orphan the Leng family adopted? The Leng family is crazy, too. They aren't even related, but they gave her shares as soon as they took her in. How could I have known that she was such a high and mighty young lady? In the end, she wasn't even worth a cent."

"I asked you to divorce her, but you still haven't yet. What are you waiting for?"

"It's not that I don't want to divorce her. She's a shrew, I want to keep my property, no matter what. She's been married to me for 20 years and even gave birth to a son for me. If I really divorce her, wouldn't I suffer a great loss?"

Chapter 1859: It Would Not Be Her Business

“Forget it. Let’s take it slow. I’ll transfer the family’s property first if I can. I’ve also made a deal with Jiayang. As long as he’s willing to help me, I’ll still acknowledge him as my son. I’ll divorce her and split the property after I’ve transferred everything I can.”

When Grandma Pei heard that the Pei family’s property was going to be divided and given to the daughter of a miner, she was extremely furious. Her face was covered in hatred.

“If you can’t get a divorce publically, can’t you do it in secret? The Leng family has already severed all ties with her. Look at her crying and throwing tantrums all the time. Even Leng Qirui, the current head of the family, ignores her. She has no backing. Can’t you think of a way to mess with her? Do you really have to give away the Pei family’s property?”

Pei Jicheng’s eyes widened.

Leng Jinjie had been married to him for more than 20 years. Their son was already 21 years old. Although he was reluctant to give her much money, he had never considered harming her.

However, her mother’s words suddenly made him want to kill Leng Jinjie.

He...

“In any case, you shouldn’t have let me know that you gave the Pei family’s assets to such a crook. You might not be able to bank on the Pei Group helping you out in the future anymore.”

“Mom...!!!”

Grandma Pei had already left.

It would not be easy for her to make amends to her brother today. She would have to get him used to her presence first.

After Grandma Pei left, Pei Jicheng was too stunned to move for a while. However, eventually, he left too.

However, they did not know that in the building behind them leading up to the villa was someone who had been watching them.

Yes, she had seen everything.

Nangong Nuannuan could not hear them through the wall, but she knew how to read lips. Therefore, she knew everything that the Pei family had discussed.

She had never understood why Zhou Ruxue seemed to have no feelings for Chi Zehao, despite his greatness. Now that she had witnessed Pei Jitong at work, Zhou Ruxue’s husband of 17 years who acted like a lovesick high schooler in front of her, she understood.

In her previous life, she thought that Big Brother Chi Yang was a serious man who did not know how to smile, had no sense of style, and maintained a cold temperament all the time. Even when he was in bed with her, his body was as hard as steel. He triggered her flight or fight response. She had not been in love with him back then.

Chi Zehao was Chi Yang's father. He used to have the same high position as Chi Yang as the commander-in-chief of the Eagle Special Forces. If such a man did not truly love a woman to his very core, then he would have seemed simply cold and aloof to her, right?

Just like the Chi Yang she thought she knew in her previous life.

Back then, she and Big Brother Chi Yang were not that friendly. He did not know how to show his interest. Thus, even if he loved her so much he would have given up his life for her, he would have still looked stony and expressionless.

That would also explain why Zhou Ruxue loved Pei Jitong so much. In exchange for Pei Jitong and for the Pei family, she was alright with disregarding Old Master Chi and her son's feelings.

However, the Pei family chewed people up, leaving not even a morsel of bone marrow behind. They were not a suitable home for a silly and sentimental person like Zhou Ruxue.

Without even thinking about it, one day, when Zhou Ruxue could not gain anything from the Chi family, she would face a tragic end.

Zhou Ruxue's decisions meant that one day, she would have to face her tragic end.

However, whether the Pei family or Zhou Ruxue was involved, as long as Big Brother Chi Yang did not interfere, neither would she. It would not be her business.

Chapter 1860: Why Don't You Give Us a Song?

One's life depended on the choices one made. The decisions one made would determine the life one led. Zhou Ruxue did not care about the Chi family and had insisted on choosing Pei Jitong. Regardless of whether her future was going to be sweet or bitter, she would have to stand by the choices she made.

Nangong Nuannuan turned around and left. She walked from the deputy building at the East Gate to the Villa District and went straight to Deputy Hall, where Shi Yalin was.

In Deputy Hall, Shi Yalin seemed like a princess by the way she was being adored by socialites and various young masters. A socialite was playing the piano. The beautiful music of the piano was like a gentle stream flowing through the hall. Shi Yalin smiled and looked at Nuannuan. The socialites and young masters also looked at her.

The socialite was indeed good at playing the piano, as long as Nuannuan did not compare her to the master pianists she had heard before.

Once the song was finished, the socialite withdrew her hands from the keys. Everyone in the hall applauded and cheered for her.

The socialite was beautiful. She slowly stood up and nodded at everyone. She did not seem to be uncomfortable or shy at all from the warm applause of the crowd. Her every move brimmed with the demeanor of a lady from a noble family.

"As expected of the young miss of the Xiao family. She plays the piano so beautifully. Even some so-called piano masters would struggle to fight her."

A young master from a noble family heavily praised her. His eyes were filled with unconcealed interest.

However, the young miss of the Xiao family only smiled slightly. She did not even glance at the young master speaking to her. She simply said to the crowd, "Sze Lingyun, my family's Jingyan often says that you are multi-talented, but I've never been witness to that myself. Today is Miss Shi's celebratory banquet, but you haven't prepared any gifts for her. Why don't you give us all a song too?"

The Xiao family's young miss was smiling, but it could not cover up her aggressiveness.

Everyone stepped aside, revealing the girl named Sze Lingyun from within the crowd.

She was very beautiful.

Her beauty was different from Nangong Nuannuan's extremely aggressive beauty, Selena's wild and sensual beauty, and Bai Liyue's cold and indifferent beauty. This girl's beauty gave people a very warm feeling.

Her eyes curved gently, and the corners of her lips had a cute curve that she had been naturally blessed with. She made people feel like they could not help but want to get close to her.

The girl had been called out by Miss Xiao. Her warm eyes contained a trace of anger. Everyone seemed to know that this young lady might not be a daughter of a prestigious family, and they all looked at her with disdain.

Shi Yalin looked at the girl called Sze Lingyun with interest and called out, "Miss Shii?"

Sze Lingyun walked toward the piano platform. She walked with her head held high and her chest puffed out. She did not seem to cower in the slightest, despite the disdainful gazes from so many socialites and young masters. However, just as she was about to walk onto the stage, she tripped over her dress as she had been holding her head up too high and puffing out her chest too much.

Her dress's hem was quite thin. After recovering, she took a big step forward. Although no one noticed anything wrong, Nangong Nuannuan had clearly heard a soft tearing sound just now.

Shi Yalin had obviously noticed it as well. The corners of her lips curled up into a mocking smile.

Sze Lingyun walked onto the stage and smiled. She then said, "Miss Shi, I'm very sorry. I'm not some socialite from a wealthy family. I came to your banquet today because my boyfriend invited me at the last minute. I initially wanted to prepare a congratulatory gift for you, but..."