

Physician Wife 2021

Chapter 2021: Hopes on My Shoulders

“So, do you want to seek justice for the Shi family and Lan Weisong?”

Shi Maowen was furious, but he did not dare to refute the president’s question. He could only explain with a forced smile. “President, this is Lan Weisong’s responsibility. That’s an indisputable fact. But I will definitely investigate the entire case and clear the Wu family’s name. I promise I’ll handle this matter well! I definitely won’t let this have a lasting effect on society. I won’t let Governor Wu, a good official dedicated to serving the country and its people, suffer any injustice! President, please believe me! I’ll definitely handle this matter well.”

The president looked at Shi Maowen, his expression still indifferent. He said, “I hope I won’t have to see the Shi family using their power to silence others ever again. That family will step on their own friends in their climb toward ultimate power.”

“You won’t. Don’t worry, President. This is really just a very unfortunate accident. Even though Lan Weisong is part of the Shi family, his actions don’t speak for them. But I know that no matter how much I explain things to you now, it’ll be useless. So, I ask that you and your colleagues just watch me. I’ll definitely handle this matter well. I’ll give the Wu family and the public a good explanation.”

“Then you can go and handle this matter as well as you claim you will. You don’t have to stay for the rest of the meeting.”

“Yes.” Shi Maowen bowed to the president and his other colleagues again before leaving with a solemn face.

He walked out of the executive hall and got into his car. Only then did he take out his secret phone and dial Lan Weisong’s number.

Lan Weisong was still in the meeting room of the administrative department. He was at a loss for words. When he saw Shi Maowen’s phone call, he left the meeting room, looking as if he had seen his savior. He walked into an empty office, immediately locked the door, and picked up the phone.

“Fourth Young Master, you called at just the right time. Save me! Save me!” Lan Weisong was very afraid. His voice trembled as he spoke.

He did not understand how he had been so sure of victory just a moment ago. The tables had turned on him so quickly.

Only the Shi family could keep this matter under wraps, and even then, it would not be easy. He was afraid that the Shi family would not help him, and he was even more afraid that the Shi family would kick him out.

Therefore, at this moment, Lan Weisong shifted his targets to the Nangong family.

“Nangong Nuannuan is a crazy b*tch! She doesn’t consider the Shi family human at all. Everything was going to plan, and I was very sure I would be able to capture Wu Jingzhong and Xu Binren in one fell

swoop. Once I did, the Shi family would have the final say in Sea District. However, when my people went to investigate the Wu family and find the evidence, Nangong Nuannuan got in the way. Not only did she capture Zhou Wei, but she also hacked me and threatened me to release Wu Jingzhong within a day.

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"I've already done so much. I carry the Shi family's and your hopes for me on my shoulders. It wasn't easy for me to capture Wu Jingzhong, so why should I release him?"

"Nangong Nuannuan has really gone too far. After threatening me yesterday afternoon, she called me an hour ago and threatened me a second time. I see that she really thinks of our Shi family as sub-human! I think the Shi and Nangong families are of equal caliber. How can I be threatened by a tiny whippet of a girl?"

Chapter 2022: That Arrogant Woman

"So, I threatened her in return, telling her not to get the Nangong family involved in a war for the sake of the minor Wu family. I even tried to befriend her, telling her that if she let this go, not only would the Shi family forget about everything, but we would even take care of the Wu family in the future, allowing them to remain the wealthiest family in Sea District.

"But Nangong Nuannuan doesn't respect the Shi family name at all. I was extending an olive branch to her, and she didn't accept my goodwill. Even when I humbled the Shi family name, she still acted all high and mighty. Fourth Young Master, she doesn't respect you or the Shi family at all! Fourth Young Master, as the saying goes, blood is thicker than water. My brother-in-law is your cousin, so I'm a member of the Shi family, right? Please save me! Take care of that arrogant woman for me!"

"Shut up!" Shi Maowen's words were spat through gritted teeth.

"Shi family? You think you're a member of the Shi family? Family members should bring glory to the family name. What have you done? Besides disaster, what have you brought?"

"I know I shouldn't have been so hasty. When Wu Zongxu said that he had a video, I should have believed him. I should have spoken to you earlier and waited for your instructions. Fourth Young Master, I know I was wrong! I won't do it ever again. Please save me! If you don't save me, I'm really done for! You don't understand. Nangong Nuannuan is simply too powerful. Not only did she get Wu Zongxu's video, but she even had someone secretly record me. Then, she got someone to hack into the Sea District's administrative department's network. Now, my video has been seen by all the district's department heads. Now they all think that I did what Wu Jingzhong and Xu Binren did. I can't defend myself!"

Shi Maowen was angered by Lan Weisong's words and laughed.

"Now you find out that Nangong Nuannuan is powerful? Two months ago, the Shi family called you, a key cultivation target, to Emperor District for an emergency meeting. What were you doing when they told you not to provoke the Nangong family or Nangong Nuannuan?"

"I..." Lan Weisong's mood darkened. He said dejectedly, "I knew I couldn't provoke the Nangong family, but I thought Nangong Nuannuan was just a young miss the Nangong family recently adopted. I thought that even though her name is Nangong Nuannuan, the Nangong family was just a family to her. How could the Nangong family fall out with the Shi family for the sake of a mere granddaughter? Besides, I didn't offend her! She was the aggressive one! She doesn't respect our Shi family. Even when I mentioned the Shi family, she didn't show any sign of backing down. I... I really didn't expect her to not hesitate to pit the Nangong family against the Shi family for the sake of the minor and unrelated Wu family. Who could have guessed that she would pit her own family against such a powerful force just to help some outsiders?"

"Lan Weisong, let me ask you this. When you came to meet the Shi family for a meeting, I told you not to provoke the Nangong family and Nangong Nuannuan. I also said something else. Do you still remember what it was?" Shi Maowen suppressed the anger in his heart and asked.

"You repeated the warning to not provoke Nangong Nuannuan." As Lan Weisong answered the question, the sweat on his back instantly dried.

He was scared sh*tless.

Having been given the opportunity to become a lieutenant governor, he, Lan Weisong, was definitely not a stupid person.

Shi Maowen had specifically asked him to recall this additional sentence, so he now was very sure that Nangong Nuannuan was not an ordinary person at all. She was an existence that even the Shi family feared.

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Chapter 2023: Are You Happy Now?

"So you still remember. If you remember, why did you still provoke Nangong Nuannuan? Why did you act on your own terms when she threatened you? Do you know that you didn't just harm yourself, but the Shi family too? Today, the president and vice presidents of Sea District watched the same video that the department heads of Sea District watched. The entire executive hall's internet was hacked, and all the LEDs screens we had projected a video about you. The president flew into a rage and chased me out of the conference room. Are you happy now?"

The Shi family had repeatedly instructed their various family members and cronies not to get into any conflicts with the Nangong family, and especially not with Nangong Nuannuan. The heads of the Shi family also said that the Shi family frequently went up against the Nangong family to test the waters. After testing the waters, they learned that the Nangong family had a deep foundation. They would still need some time if they wanted to take the Nangong family down a peg. Because of this, the Shi family and their cronies were not allowed to provoke the Nangong family for a while. The heads had warned everyone not to go up against the Nangong family and Nangong Nuannuan. If they did, the Shi family would not save them no matter how bad the situation got.

The meeting only took place a while ago, and Lan Weisong had already made such a stupid mistake.

Most importantly, if Lan Weisong had not done anything to Wu Jingzhong, the Shi family could have still won them over. Even though the Wu family was close to the 12th official, they were not the sole deciders of the election. Even if they were close to the 12th official, the most he would lose was a vote from them.

With Lan Weisong and the Shi family's reputation, he could have gotten one-third of the votes, no matter what happened.

However, after that video was broadcast today, the Shi family's reputation was plummeting. It was likely that no one would vote for him to enter office in the vast Sea District region ever again.

As he thought about this, Shi Maowen wished badly that Lan Weisong was a dead pig!

When Lan Weisong heard that the president and everyone in the executive hall had seen the video, his legs went weak and he fell to the ground.

An icy chill instantly swept through his limbs and bones. His hand, which was holding his phone, could not stop trembling.

"We can't provoke Nangong Nuannuan. I-is that because of Chi Yang?" Lan Weisong asked in despair, "I-if we expose Chi Yang's involvement with the executive hall... Will it be easier to deal with him then?"

"Idiot! You dare to touch Chi Yang?! Most of the country's high-ranking officers are from the Eagle Special Forces. If you dare to touch him, I guarantee that you'll die before you see another piece of meat!"

"Then..."

Realizing that Lan Weisong was still unable to truly understand the gravity of his mistake... Shi Maowen said with a pained expression, "I told you not to offend Nangong Nuannuan! Don't offend Nangong Nuannuan! 'Don't offend Nangong Nuannuan,' I said!!! You don't understand, do you? Even now, you're still talking about the Nangong family and Chi Yang. Don't you understand what I told you? I told you not to offend Nangong Nuannuan!"

Lan Weisong asked, "...She's just a little girl who's not even 18 years old yet. What can she do?"

"Hmph!" Shi Maowen sneered. "You've already been reduced to this state by her. Don't you understand what she's capable of now? She's a super hacker! Even the Shi family has to be extremely cautious of her! She founded Tianheng Holdings when she was 12 years old and became the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group at the same age. Even the Shi family can't afford to offend her! And everything I've told you so far is just a taster of what she's capable of. Even the Shi family can't contend with her. How powerful do you think she is?"

Chapter 2024: The Apple of His Eye

It was over!

It was over for him!

Lan Weisong burst into tears. "Fourth Young Master, why didn't you say so earlier? If you had said so earlier, I wouldn't have treated her like an ordinary girl. I didn't take her words seriously at all!"

"You've already confirmed that you remember the Shi family warning you about her at that Emperor District meeting. You even remember me warning you about her. I told you to listen to everything I say. Are those words just farts in the air to you?"

"Fourth Young Master, Fourth Young Master, I was wrong! Please save me! I'll definitely listen to you the next time. I won't dare to make this same mistake ever again!"

"Next time? Do you think there'll be a next time? Lan Weisong, did you not hear what I just said to you? You've ruined my Shi family, so I hope you're now more aware of what you can and can't say when your time comes. Otherwise... Don't forget that you still have a seven-year-old son to live for."

Lan Weisong loved his son more than anything in the world. He was the apple of his eye.

The Shi family could often bring people in power to their knees because they could sense these people's weaknesses.

The moment Shi Maowen said those words of warning, Lan Weisong knew that his son would soon be an orphan.

If he dared to say anything unfavorable to the Shi family when he was captured, his son might not even be able to have a normal childhood without him.

However, if he could shoulder all this responsibility and stop things in their tracks now, not only would his son grow up and have a good childhood, but he would even be given an important position by the Shi family.

His son was the apple of his eye. He could not bear to see his son be forced to grow up early. Anyway, it was of no benefit to him to drag the Shi family down with him. He was the instigator of this entire situation. If he cut him off from the Shi family, they would not be held responsible anymore.

Lan Weisong said bitterly, "Fourth Young Master, don't worry. My loyalty to the Shi family can be seen by both the heavens and the earth. If I do this... I hope Fourth Young Master and the Shi family will treat my son well."

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"Don't worry about that. Isn't your father the best example you need?"

Lan Weisong wanted to laugh, but he cried instead.

Even though he was a very bad man, he was good to his family. Just like his father had been. His father had been so elated when he became a disciple of Old Master Shi in the past. When Old Master Shi's plot was exposed, his father took on all the blame to protect the Shi family.

In order to protect Lan Weisong and his mother, his father took on all the responsibility. In the end, the Shi family groomed him into an outstanding person and made him an official.

Lan Weisong thought that his family was just unlucky. After all, he had made some wrong choices. By the time he got his son back, Shi Maowen would probably already be President. The entirety of Camino would probably be under the Shi family's control. His son should be able to live well and make a name for himself in that environment, right?

"The president has handed this matter over to me. Lan Weisong, in order to keep the Shi family name out of this, you know that I have to be strict."

"Yeah. I understand."

When Lan Weisong heard Shi Maowen's words, his eyes closed in despair. He did not know how his throat worked to say those words.

Right now, Lan Weisong felt extremely regretful. He regretted not taking the Shi family's words to heart when they summoned them back to their own home to warn him.

When the Shi family and Shi Maowen greeted him back then, it just so happened that it was around the time that they had personally overturned Nangong Ze's case.

Chapter 2025: Previously on His Side

Therefore, Lan Weisong thought that the Nangong family still had the upper hand on the Shi family and had beaten them in this battle. That was why the Shi family had specially summoned everyone back to meet in person.

He had only briefly reminded himself not to get into a conflict with the Nangong family. He spent the rest of his time and energy on colluding with the Shi family and their powerful and influential side branches. He did not take their warning to heart at all.

Therefore, when he came up against Nangong Nuannuan, he deliberately ignored the fact that she was a member of the Nangong family. He thought that she would never put her family in danger over the mere Wu family. He thought his status was powerful enough. Once the Shi family found out that Nangong Nuannuan had interfered with his plans, they would definitely help him, and if the Shi family got involved, the Nangong family would naturally weigh the pros and cons of getting involved themselves.

He thought that he had an airtight plan. He did not bother with treating Nangong Nuannuan well. He thought she would be satisfied with the bare minimum. Who could have guessed that the Shi family was not afraid of the Nangong family, but Nangong Nuannuan? After all, the Shi family and the Nangong family were still a little lacking when compared to each other. However, if they were considered as evenly matched, if the Nangong family had, Nangong Nuannuan, the chairman of Tianheng Holdings and the Imperial Phoenix Group, the Nangong family had a tiger with wings on their side. With her involvement, the Shi family could not afford to provoke the Nangong family.

Lan Weisong was foolish and did not take the Shi family's words to heart. He was foolish enough to go up against Nangong Nuannuan. He thought that Nangong Nuannuan would not allow the Nangong family and the Shi family to fight each other for the sake of the mere Wu family. Who could have

guessed that she was not afraid of the Shi family at all? She was from a super wealthy family and also a super hacker!

No wonder Chi Yang was so arrogant!

Thinking about how he was competing with the sun and the moon as a grain of rice at the moment, he wanted to jump off the building and end it all.

However, he knew that he could not do that. He still wanted to save his life to do one last thing for the Shi family: allow Shi Maowen to make a comeback, so the public would not be angry with the Shi family over this.

The knocking on the door had been going on for a long time. Lan Weisong took out the card that he had spoken to Shi Maowen on the phone about, broke it, and threw it into the office's bathroom. He flushed it down before opening the door.

The heads of Sea District's various departments surrounded the entrance of the office. Those who were on good terms with Wu Jingzhong and Xu Binren especially looked at Lan Weisong like he was their enemy.

Wu Jingzhong's friends were mostly idiots who followed routines and would never take a single cent more no matter how high their positions were. They were headstrong and did not know how to be flexible. Witnessing this obvious injustice now, they were naturally filled with anger.

There were another group of people there too. They were Xu Binren's friends. Xu Binren was actually the one who started this, while Lan Weisong had only been .playing along. These people who were close to Xu Binren had gotten a lot of things from him. But now that Wu Jingzhong was about to be released and Xu Binren was not, they hated Lan Weisong for ruining everything. They wished they could tear him to shreds.

"Comrade Lan Weisong, now we suspect that you're related to the sub-contracting case in Wangcheng Area and the murder of Wu Zongxu. Please follow us to the Ministry of Justice."

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The people who were now showing him their documents were a few people from the Ministry of Justice that he was familiar with. These people were distantly related to the Shi family. Previously, they had been on his side, preparing to close the case. Who could have guessed that the tables would turn so drastically after that conference?

Chapter 2026: A Fight Between Immortals

They had no choice but to go through the motions first and capture him while listening to the Shi family's plan.

Lan Weisong felt like a rat crossing a busy street.

A moment ago, he had been talking to his subordinates at a meeting, telling them to be fair and honest and to not ruin their bright future for a little bit of profit.

He had just finished saying that when he was arrested.

He was probably going to be in the headline of all the newspapers tomorrow, was he not?

Shi Maowen angrily hung up the phone and dialed Nangong Nuannuan's phone number. He stared at her number for a long time before he finally could no longer hold back the anger in his heart. He called her.

At the moment, the Wu family was still in awe of Nangong Nuannuan's coolness. When her phone rang, they saw from the projector that the caller was Shi Maowen. They could not help but feel anxious again.

They were afraid that the Shi family would choose to vent their frustrations on the Nangong family because of Nangong Nuannuan's actions. That would result in a fight between immortals.

That was not something what they wanted to see.

However, when Nangong Nuannuan saw the caller ID, she pursed her lips with interest. She connected to video call and accepted the call.

"Officer Shi, you're probably very busy right now, right? How are you free enough to give me a call?"

When Shi Maowen realized that he was on video call, he immediately put away the anger on his face and put on an emotionless and unreadable expression instead.

Nangong Nuannuan felt pleased at his expression. She liked the way that the Shi family hated her so much and wanted her dead, yet could not kill her.

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"Miss Nangong, are you in Sea District now?" Shi Maowen asked.

"Yes, I'm traveling around Sea District right now. Is there a problem?"

"I was wondering what relationship the Wu family and Miss Nangong have..."

"We're friends." Nangong Nuannuan's answer was very simple.

"Miss Nangong should know that Lan Weisong is a member of the Shi family, right?"

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"I'm vaguely aware of that. He seems to be a relative of yours?"

"Lan Weisong is my cousin's brother-in-law."

"Oh, that's a pretty close relative, then. But compared to the five people from before, that relationship is still a little distant." Officer Shi did not pity those five people at all. Lan Weisong was courting death, so there was even less of a blood connection now.

Not only was Shi Maowen angry at those words, but even the Wu family members were left speechless. They could tell that not only had this young lady messed with Lan Weisong but other members of the Shi family not too long ago too. The Shi family had lost five people a while ago, and the case was still fresh. Was this girl actually the one responsible?

Elder Wu looked at Nangong Nuannuan with a deeper gaze than usual.

Back at that Jiang District auction, when he was faced with some trouble, Nangong Nuannuan had been able to escape from the explosion with him and his family. He had been certain that this young lady was no ordinary person, and now, his instincts were confirmed.

Nangong Nuannuan was not afraid of a fight between the Shi family and the Nangong family because she was completely confident that the Shi family would never initiate such a fight with the Nangong family.

Shi Maowen was angered nearly to death by Nangong Nuannuan's words. He stared at her calm face for a long time and finally could not hold back the anger in his heart any longer. He said, "I'm afraid that Miss Nangong has had a misunderstanding about my Shi family."

Nangong Nuannuan smiled. "Oh? And what misunderstanding do you think I have about your Shi family, Officer Shi?"

Chapter 2027: Tearing off Feathers

"The Shi family didn't get this far overnight. My Shi family has gone through several generations and over a hundred years of hard work to earn the reputation, power, and money we have today. It was not easy, so we cherish these shiny feathers of ours very much. Every feather on our bodies has been carefully nurtured. Miss Nangong, don't you think it's a little too much for you to casually tear off our feathers and think we wouldn't care?"

"Miss Nangong, you can ask anyone about how my Shi family conducts itself. If it weren't for the fact that you're the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group and Tianheng Holdings... when you attacked five of our family members, we would've made sure no holds were barred against you when we fought back.

"Miss Nangong, we respect you and want to befriend you. That's why we always give you a lot of respect whenever we meet you. We do the same for your Nangong family too. But you should know that there's a limit to a person's patience. We can tolerate Miss Nangong disrespecting our Shi family once or twice, but we're no doormats. We can't keep giving in forever. Miss Nangong, you probably understand that we feel like our best defense right now is to attack. Even if we'll be greatly hurt in the process, it's better than being walked all over like this. Even a rabbit bites when cornered, what more for the beast that is our Shi family?"

"Miss Nangong's bad habit of tearing off people's feathers whenever she's bored can't continue. For now, the Shi family can continue to give in, but we won't give you a third chance. I hope Miss Nangong can back out now and leave herself with some dignity."

Shi Maowen's words made Elder Wu and the other members of the Wu family widen their eyes. They all looked at Nangong Nuannuan in shock.

At the Jiang District auction, they all found out that Nangong Nuannuan had some extraordinary skills. They also knew that she was the chairman of Tianheng Holdings and that she was the daughter of Duke Eton of Luntan. Her name was listed in Luntan's royal genealogy. They even knew that Duke Eton was only able to become the richest person in Luntan because of Nangong Nuannuan.

However, they did not expect that Nangong Nuannuan, who was already such a boss, was also the chairman of the Imperial Phoenix Group.

Even though Tianheng Holdings was a powerful international financial group that was ranked internally as one of the top 50 groups, the Imperial Phoenix Group was a giant that was ranked in the world's top three!

How could Nuannuan be the chairman of such a corporation?

The members of the Wu family, especially Wu Pingting and Wu Zongyang, were extremely excited at the news.

Nangong Nuannuan had already been their idol. Now they looked at her like they were looking at a god.

This was too awesome for words!

If not for the fact that he was going to take over the Wu group in the future, Wu Zongyang would have wanted to work for his idol in the Imperial Phoenix Group.

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He would have worked for free!

Nangong Nuannuan looked at Shi Maowen, not taking his warning to heart. She smiled and asked, "Officer Shi, are you trying to teach me how to manners?"

Shi Maowen had been very polite from the beginning to the end of the call. Even if he was threatening her, he would still do it politely. However, when he saw Nangong Nuan's smile, he wished he could shoot her.

Why was she smiling so brightly? She simply did not respect the Shi family at all!

However, even though his heart was angry, his mouth...

Chapter 2028: I Am Not Like You

It was difficult for Shi Maowen to say anything—especially since he had just spotted Chi Yang in the video behind Nangong Nuannuan. Shi Maowen felt as if he had a knife to his neck. This was simply too much!

"I would never dare to. I'm just expressing my thoughts. My Shi family sincerely wants to be on good terms with Miss Nangong, but you keep throwing our goodwill back in our faces time and time again. Isn't that a little unfair? Even if you're friends with the Wu family and you want Wu Jingzhong released, you know how to contact the Shi family. If Lan Weisong refuses to listen to you, you could always call our family directly and ask us to release him—we can easily handle him. As the saying goes, if you have a problem with a dog, talk to its owner. Shouldn't Miss Nangong have approached me as Lan Weisong's superior as basic courtesy if she had a problem with him?"

Nangong Nuannuan was still beaming. She had no intention of letting the Shi family down easy. She asked, "I gave Lan Weisong two chances to contact the Shi family. Did he not call you guys himself?"

Shi Maowen, "..."

Lan Weisong was an idiot for not mentioning such an important point when he was on the phone with Shi Maowen just now!

"Officer Shi, this is me trying to preserve the Shi family's honor. Yesterday, when I exposed Lan Weisong as the mastermind of this case, I told him to release Wu Jingzhong today. An hour ago, when he was holding a meeting to criticize Wu Jingzhong and Xu Binren, I called him again and told him that he still had an hour left. I told him to release Wu Jingzhong immediately and to call you if he could not make up his mind. He even tried to warn me against allowing the Nangong family to go up against the Shi family for the Wu family's sake. I figured that he would call you to inform you of the situation. But even after all this has happened, he still didn't bring it up with you?"

Shi Maowen, "..."

He was so angry at Nangong Nuannuan and Lan Weisong that he was speechless.

"Since he didn't report back to you, this has nothing to do with me, right? After all, he was the one to underestimate me. He didn't even give you a basic report of the situation. You can't ask me to report everything about your family back to you, right?"

Shi Maowen, "..."

"Officer Shi, just now you said that the Shi family's reputation, power, and wealth were earned through the hard work of many generations for over a hundred years, so you cherished all your feathers greatly. If so, you should have better management over your feathers. Don't let them get in the way of others.

"I'm not like you. Both Tianheng Holdings and the Imperial Phoenix Group only required five years to be developed to their current scale. Compared to how fast the Shi family developed themselves, I could be considered a genius. Therefore, I'm not at all afraid of your Shi family, and I won't let myself be wronged by them. I must protect my friends. Your Shi family has no right to come over and disrespect me, yet you still did, so you can't possibly blame me for ruffling a few feathers, right?"

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The Wu family could not imagine the psychological state of Shi Maowen at the moment. All they could do themselves was listen speechlessly.

The Shi family knew of Nangong Nuannuan's capabilities. However, they were after all still a first-class noble family in Emperor District. They had spoken about how the efforts of several generations over a hundred years had led them to their current status.

Chapter 2029: A Satisfactory Explanation

Nuannuan had responded to that by saying that it had only taken her 5 years to get to a place superior to the Shi family's. That had been infuriating enough... before she praised herself as a genius in front of Shi Maowen.

The Wu family could sense Shi Maowen's heart spewing blood right now.

“Officer Shi, I think highly of your Shi family because I think you’re all very courageous. If anyone provokes you, you guys gather up all your forces to go up against them. None of you are afraid of getting your hands dirty and going all out. Coincidentally, I’m also like that. If anyone dares to provoke me, I’ll use all my strength to retaliate. In any case, my business empire was built very easily. Even if it is destroyed, considering that I’m not even 18 years old yet, I have a dozen more five-year periods that I could use to build many new business empires.”

Shi Maowen, “...”

The Wu family, “...”

“So, Officer Shi, it’s not that I’m unjustly ruffling your feathers and damaging your reputation. It’s just that your actions are a little beyond your status and have started affecting me. But I really do want to maintain a good relationship with the Shi family, so I’m willing to be considerate. In fact, I still have some videos of those people from the Sea District Ministry of Justice which I didn’t show the president. I’ve already done my best to preserve the Shi family’s honor. And if you don’t appreciate that, I can just as easily show that video to everyone. If that happens, it’ll be clear that the Shi family did not only interfere with the executive hall, but the Ministry of Justice too. Once that news spreads, the consequences will be beyond both of us’ control. Officer Shi, would you like me to continue preserving your and the Shi family’s honor?”

Shi Maowen was furious. However, even as he fumed, he knew that the Shi family was powerless against someone like Nangong Nuannuan.

Lan Weisong’s capture had lost the Shi family a very important member. This was already very scary. Initially, he had wanted to personally call out some people from the Ministry of Justice to ensure the Shi family was portrayed positively in the news. At least then, the public would continue to support the Shi family. However, if Nangong Nuannuan’s videos were leaked, the Shi family would have no say in what might happen next. If their scandal was exposed, Shi Maowen could wave his ambition of presidency goodbye.

“Yes please,” Shi Maowen answered without hesitation. He was forced to accept Nangong Nuannuan’s ‘deal’.

“Okay. Since Officer Shi has asked, I will oblige. But I hope Officer Shi will remember my good faith and avoid getting too desperate. In this day and age, harsh words aren’t something people easily let go of. We’re in an era of peace—fighting and killing are outdated now. If there’s anything you want to say, let’s just talk it out, okay?”

Shi Maowen clenched his jaw so hard that it hurt.

He now knew that Nangong Nuannuan was not only formidable in terms of martial prowess, but also in influence and speech. She had a sharp tongue!

“In that case, thank you, Miss Nangong, for giving the Shi family this consideration. I will take over Lan Weisong’s case and provide you with a satisfactory explanation.”

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“Hey, hey, hey! You can’t just say that! I’m being considerate of you and the Shi family, so I hope the Shi family can return this favor for me the next time I encounter a conflict. As for this case, I think the person you’ll want to speak to isn’t me, but the president. How could you take on such an important case solo? You must take this to the president, Governor Wu, the Wu family, and the thousands of people in Sea District who support Governor Wu. I won’t join in on the fun.”

Chapter 2030: We Are So Grateful

“Officer Shi, is there anything else you’d like to discuss? If there isn’t, I’ll hang up now.”

Shi Maowen felt that if he continued to talk to Nangong Nuannuan, he would soon explode and have to hang up himself, so he nodded begrudgingly and responded, “Goodbye, Miss Nangong.”

Nangong Nuannuan was in a good mood. She smiled as if she was on the phone with her best friend, nodded, and replied, “Okay, bye!”

She hung up.

“Hahahahaha!!!”

When Wu Pingting saw Nangong Nuannuan hang up the phone, she could no longer contain herself. She laughed so hard that she was floored.

Elder Wu, Wu Jingcheng, and Wu Jingmin were still shocked by Nangong Nuannuan’s words. They were shaking their heads in disbelief.

The Shi family, the most arrogant of the four first-class families, would put up with so much threatening from her.

It was no wonder that she was not at all afraid of offending the Shi family.

After all, the Shi family were no different from a grandson to her.

“Nuannuan, you’re simply amazing! Oh, I admire you so much!”

Upon saying this, Wu Pingting pounced over, wanting to give Nangong Nuannuan a loving bear hug and a kiss.

However, as she landed in front of Nangong Nuannuan, she had to immediately stop herself. This was because Chi Yang had stepped in Wu Pingting’s way to pull his wife into an embrace. He looked at her with an expression of indescribable possessiveness.

“Nuannuan, thank you so much for your help! If it weren’t for you, our Wu family wouldn’t have been able to overcome this difficult hurdle. Thank you!”

Elder Wu did not know how else he could express his gratitude to Nangong Nuannuan. He gave her a 90-degree bow.

Wu Jingcheng and Wu Jingmin did the same.

Wu Pingting and Wu Zongyang also quickly thanked Nangong Nuannuan again.

“You don’t have to be like this. How many times have you thanked me already?”

“No matter how many times we thank you, it still isn’t enough to show how grateful we are to you. Nuannuan, we’re extremely appreciative. If it weren’t for you, our Wu family would really have been done for. Okay, I won’t keep thanking you. Just know that since you’ve saved us from doom, if ever you need anything in the future, don’t hesitate to come to us. We’ll definitely do everything we can to help, even if that means giving up everything we have. Right, Grandpa?”

“Right, right! Pingting is right! Nuannuan, not only did you save our Wu family and our reputation, but you also saved Pingting and Jingzhong. You even prescribed some medicine to treat our Zongyang. Our Wu family has nothing but gratitude for you. We’re still standing because of you. Whatever you may need in the future, we will do everything we can to give it to you.”

Few people would be ever grateful enough to offer someone everything they owned. They would usually just say that they would fight to do their best to help someone, though it was difficult to know if these people would truly keep to their word if things really came to that.

Nuannuan believed that the Wu family were not such people. Even though the Wu family’s best efforts would barely be able to make a dent if she really were met with difficulties, she truly believed that they sincerely wanted to repay their gratitude. They were not ingrates.

Nangong Nuannuan smiled and responded, “Aren’t we friends? I’m Elder Wu’s friend, and Pingting and I will be classmates soon. And my Senior Sister’s fiancé’s brother is my fiancé, Big Brother Chi Yang. My relationship with the Wu family runs very deep.”

Looking at the time, Nangong Nuannuan then said, “Come on. let’s head to the administrative office to pick someone up.”

Elder Wu was stunned. “Things have just started to take a turn. It might take a while for him to be released, right?”