

Physician Wife 81

Chapter 81: Tianheng Holdings Is Not Clean

Zhong Nuannuan raised her eyebrows as she listened to Chi Yang speak in such a serious tone. When she finally had the chance to talk, she said, "He seems like a pleasant man to me. The way he speaks is very gentlemanly too."

"Tianheng Holdings is an overseas group. They registered at Y Country, and their capital is huge. Having been established just a mere five years ago, it took them little to no time before they dominated Europe and Asia. However, their main client is Camino. Tianheng Holdings may look fine from the surface, but all their core members are very mysterious. The most mysterious person is their chairman. The general manager, Aiden, was only elected last year. From what I can gather, their previous president might have been a professional manager that they hired. Aiden is one of the core members.

Someone from Emperor District had investigated Aiden before. However, this person's capabilities are too great, so not much information on him was found. One thing's for sure though, and it's that he's not someone normal. Plus, when they came into Camino, they set up seventeen large stores and immediately dominated Camino's first-tier state cities. They have so much money that they are not afraid of losing out. That's why I'm suspecting that this is a gang-related organization from abroad."

Zhong Nuannuan, "...!!!"

She said, "Don't you think that the chairman of Tianheng Holdings is someone who has a unique insight? After analyzing the market, they confidently invested while making sure that they would gain a profit. This kind of person seems to have a genuine temperament." Zhong Nuannuan was just trying to defend herself.

"A majority of those who own enterprises are businesspeople. Who would invest so much money in something that won't give them a profit? It doesn't matter if they have a lot of capital. They won't act recklessly even if there was a project that can earn them a big profit. At the end of the day, a country's money comes from its taxpayers.

Since ancient times, those who dared to recklessly invest so much money were definitely not honest businesspeople. These kinds of people are speculators or people who want to quickly launder their money. After all, they can easily make more money, so they're not afraid of losing any. With this in mind, your point earlier is not valid. This Tianheng Holdings must be a gang-related organization from abroad. They just want to make themselves look innocent by investing so much money at one go."

"..." Zhong Nuannuan had nothing to say.

However, she was not using her company to launder money. She simply had too much money and did not know how to spend it, so she decided to invest instead.

"Then Brother Chi Yang... Would you try to eliminate these groups?" Zhong Nuannuan's voice became as soft as an elf's.

When Chi Yang heard Zhong Nuannuan call him Brother Chi Yang, it sounded like music to his ears. When Zhong Qianqian did the same, she sounded like a witch.

He liked her addressing him like this.

“Can you call me Brother Chi Yang from now on?”

“Alright, Brother Chi Yang.”

As he listened to her gentle voice, goosebumps appeared on his arms. Chi Yang’s smile became brighter.

“Brother Chi Yang, you haven’t answered me yet. Will you eliminate those groups?”

“They are legal enterprises. As long as they don’t create trouble for the country, why would we? The country can tax them for their existence and drive domestic demand at the same time. No matter what, Tianheng Holdings is an important enterprise to Camino.”

After listening to Brother Chi Yang, Zhong Nuannuan was relieved. Plus, Chi Yang did not forget to go back to the main subject.

“No matter what, Tianheng being an overseas gang-related organization is a fact. Aiden is not a good person since he’s Tianheng Holdings’ vice-chairman. No matter how much Zhong Qianqian tries to get close to him, you are not allowed to go near him.”

Chapter 82: Write A Draft

Even though it was an order, Zhong Nuannuan could sense that he was jealous.

Actually, he had only said so many things about Tianheng Holdings to make his point that Aiden was a bad man and that she should not get close to him, right?

After understanding what Chi Yang’s words meant, Zhong Nuannuan replied, “Don’t worry, I have a fiancée. Why would I want to get close to him? Even if I have to, it’s because of our family relations. Don’t worry, Brother Chi Yang. I’ll just let Zhong Qianqian do whatever she wants. It’s none of my business. Aside from you, I won’t fall in love with any other man.”

Aside from you, I won’t fall in love with any other man...

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Chi Yang felt that his heart was going to explode. This sentence took over his whole world, and it was the only thing that brought him joy.

The two of them talked on the phone for two hours. They did not take any breaks in between.

After hanging up the phone, Zhong Nuannuan felt strange.

Was that really the same man who would end a conversation after just saying two sentences?

He was making fast progress.

At the same time, this man whom Zhong Nuannuan had just been praising could not wipe off the huge grin on his face. He took the remote control and turned off the air conditioner in his office.

After just five sentences into the phone conversation, he had already started to sweat.

While he was initially nervous, he soon began enjoying talking to her over the phone. He was pleased with his own progress.

After two whole hours of talking, he hung up the phone and found that he had stopped sweating.

“Chen Ke.”

The guard outside the door stepped in after hearing the director-general call him.

“Director-general.”

“Take two days off for the weekend.”

“Ah?” Chen Ke was confused.

Chi Yang took out two sheets of A4 paper from his desk. Words filled the two pages of documents.

Chen Ke looked at them and understood immediately. He smiled and showed off his pearly whites.

“Director-general, any progress?”

“I talked to my partner for two hours,” Chi Yang bragged.

“Director-general, you’re amazing. I couldn’t even talk to my wife for that long when I first started talking to her.”

“Alright, go home and accompany your wife this weekend.”

“Thank you, director-general! Congratulations, director-general!”

Chen Ke was ecstatic after getting two days of holiday. All he had done was give the director-general some stupid ideas, but who knew that they worked! After congratulating the director-general, he gleefully went back to his post.

Chi Yang looked at the two sheets of paper on his desk. He could not stop smiling.

He had started to miss his wife in the afternoon, so when Ning Wenhao told him that he had already delivered the new phone, Chi Yang wanted to call his wife.

However, he remembered that they had problems expressing their feelings for each other. He was also unhappy that he was unable to express his longing for her.

Song Qing was single, so Chi Yang did not ask him for advice. However, he knew that the guard on duty, Chen Ke, had just gotten married last year. Plus, that man was able to coax his wife well. That was why he had gone to Chen Ke for ideas prior to the call.

Despite being young, he could not catch up to Chen Ke’s EQ.

After listening to his troubles, Chen Ke gave him three words, “Write a draft!”

Even though they said that you did not have to draft a lie, but every time Chi Yang and Zhong Nuannuan talked, he would struggle to get the right words out. That was why he had to write a draft.

Chapter 83: Compensate Your EQ With IQ

It was just like giving a speech. Even though the words seemed to flow well, but it was only because he had memorized the contents after drafting an outline.

If you were to run out of things to say, you could just move on to the next topic. As long as you had an outline, the transition would be smooth and flawless. If you were to run out of words to say for the second time, then you could move on to the third topic.

Chi Yang looked at the forty-eight topics he had listed out. Those topics allowed him to spend two hours and three minutes talking to Zhong Nuannuan. This broke his record of the longest phone conversation he ever had with someone.

In order to ensure more quality phone calls with his wife in the future, Chi Yang began to seriously analyze the phone conversation he just had with Zhong Nuannuan.

Even though his EQ was not high, he could compensate for that with his IQ.

After analyzing his data, he found out what sort of topics his wife was interested in and which were the ones that they had in common.

Then, he started drafting the outline for their next phonecall. He listed down some topics that his wife would not be interested in but were ones that they needed to talk about.

In order to make everything seem natural, Chi Yang added some sentence connectors. He also thought of ways to combine his talking points so that he could say them more smoothly. He did not want his wife to think that they were in a meeting.

Of course, Zhong Nuannuan had no idea that Chi Yang was doing all this for her sake. She only thought that it was sweet of him to entertain her on the phone for so long and was impressed with his progress.

She leaned against her bed with a book in her hands. She was so distracted after the phone call that she could not even finish reading a page.

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At this moment, Zhong Qianqian was extremely anxious and irascible. She was smashing everything in her sight that was not valuable onto the floor.

She had called Aiden at four in the afternoon, but it was already ten o'clock at night and he had yet to call her. He had not even taken the time to reply to her message.

Zhong Qianqian was terrified.

Did Aiden think that they were not compatible anymore?

Or...

Did Zhong Nuannuan talk bad about her in front of Aiden before her mother had the chance to go over and eavesdrop on their conversation?

It would not be a surprise if Zhong Nuannuan hated her because of what had happened with Chi Yang. She must have talked bad about her in front of Aiden!

How could she believe that Zhong Nuannuan would put in some good words for her?

Her mother had heard Zhong Nuannuan telling Aiden that Zhong Qianqian did not have a fiancé, so he was free to go after her. Perhaps Aiden had intended to be with Zhong Nuannuan, but upon discovering that she was already married to Chi Yang, he decided to go for Zhong Qianqian instead.

She was so stupid!

The more she thought about it, the more she felt that it was likely to have happened. Zhong Qianqian went to look for Jiang Shuwan and told her about this matter.

Upon hearing Zhong Qianqian's speculation, she felt that it was possible too. She was so angry that she could almost spray venom out of her eyes.

"Call him with Auntie Zhao's phone. We'll see if he picks up."

Zhong Qianqian felt that this was a good idea. She anxiously followed Jiang Shuwan to Auntie Zhao's room.

When she was holding the phone, Zhong Qianqian was hesitant. "Mom, what should I do if he picks up immediately after I call him? What should I say? If he picks up, I... I'd be so upset that I could die."

Looking at her daughter's sad face, Jiang Shuwan felt horrible as well.

"Qianqian, you have to know that Aiden is not a normal person. He's a million times better than Chi Yang. His social status is well-regarded not only in Camino, but also around the world."

Chapter 84: The Survival Guide of the Rich and Powerful Lady

"You need to have a strong heart if you want to be with someone like him. You can't fall for him, but you also have to give everything you have. In order to be with someone like Aiden, do you think it's enough for him to have feelings for you? Even if the two of you are exclusively dating, his family and the women surrounding him will be your obstacles.

That's why I told you that you have to be circuitous when you speak and do something. You need to know how to be secretive and reserved. If you want to be with a man as excellent as Aiden, from this day on, you need to control your emotions. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

Zhong Qianqian bit her lip. "Okay."

"Even if he answers this call, you have to remain calm. I can tell that he has feelings for you, so it's not just in your head. That's why even if Zhong Nuannuan really did talk bad about you in front of him, you still need to remain confident! You have to make him think that Zhong Nuannuan is a scheming woman so that he will get close to you while also distancing himself from that woman. Do you understand?"

"Yeah, I understand. Mom, I will definitely win over Aiden's heart." Zhong Qianqian was confident.

"Alright, call him. Put him on speaker so that I can listen to what he says and analyze his words for you."

"Okay."

Zhong Qianqian took a deep breath. She used Auntie Zhao's phone to call Aiden.

After one ring, someone picked up the phone.

At that moment, Zhong Qianqian's face turned white.

In the next second, her face turned even paler after hearing the voice on the other end of the phone.

"Hello. Who's this?"

A woman's sweet-sounding voice spoke from the other end of the phone. Even though there was a lot of noise from the other end, Zhong Qianqian could still tell that the voice belonged to a young and beautiful woman.

Zhong Qianqian's eyes immediately turned red. She bit her lip, feeling very wronged.

Even though she had always acted evil in front of Zhong Nuanuan, she was very much a coward when faced with other people.

What more if she was dealing with someone like Aiden who had a social status that was eighty times of hers. She knew that the women around him would not be too bad either. Zhong Qianqian did not dare to say anything even though the other party kept repeating the word 'hello'.

She felt ashamed and resentful, like she had just caught someone in the act of adultery. At the same time, she also felt like she was the one who was being caught in the act.

Jiang Shuwan noticed that her daughter was not talking. She took her own phone out and wrote a few words on it. 'Get him on the phone. He's not married yet, what are you afraid of?'

"Hello? Who is this? I'm hanging up if you're not going to talk."

The other party was getting frustrated after not hearing a reply.

"I'm sorry. I-I must have called the wrong number." Zhong Qianqian's confidence wavered after hearing the sweet voice of this mysterious woman. She felt that she could not continue this anymore. She was ready to hang up.

Eventually, the other party asked, "Are you looking for Brother Aiden?"

Zhong Qianqian, "..."

Brother Aiden! It seemed like this woman had an intimate relationship with Aiden.

Zhong Qianqian forced out a smile that looked uglier than her usual crying face. "Oh, this is Aiden's phone? I thought I had called the wrong number."

"Who are you? How did you get his number? Why are you looking for him?"

Chapter 85: The Woman With Aiden

Zhong Qianqian was ashamed. She did not know how to handle the situation on hand, especially with the woman's aloof behavior.

"I..." Zhong Qianqian did not know what to say. At that moment, her mind was blank. Her heart was being sliced into pieces by this woman.

Jiang Shuwan could not watch her daughter act like this for a second more, so she snatched the phone from Zhong Qianqian's hand and said into it, "Who are you then? Are you his wife? If not, why are you picking up Aiden's phone? Why do you need to ask about Aiden's friends? What does it matter to you if we're looking for him? Even if you're his wife, it's none of your business. I am Aiden's senior. Are you going to ask me how I met Aiden too, miss? Miss, please hand Aiden's phone over to him right this instant. I have something to say to him."

Jiang Shuwan was coming in hot. She even managed to scare off the other party. When the unknown woman on the other end of the call was faced with Jiang Shuwan's questions, she could not come up with a response. Instead, the sound of music from a nightclub could be heard.

After a while, someone spoke into the phone. It was Aiden. "Hello, who's this?"

When she heard Aiden's voice, Zhong Qianqian snatched back the phone immediately. Her face was red as she called out shyly, "Aiden, good evening."

Aiden's soft voice sounded from the other end of the phone, "It's Qianqian! Good evening. Wait, it's too noisy here. I'm going outside so that I can talk to you better."

"Alright." Zhong Qianqian felt like her heart was about to leap out of her mouth.

Aiden had called her Qianqian just now and not Miss Qianqian!

"Qianqian, why are you looking for me?"

"Oh, I just wanted to tell you that the banquet this weekend is on Sunday at twelve noon. It'll be held at my house. The address is at Left Bank Town on Long Rich Road. You can just tell the property management that you're attending the banquet of the Zhong Family."

"Alright. I'll definitely see you there. Would you be my date on that day?"

Zhong Qianqian was so happy that she almost jumped up. She suppressed the joy in her heart and replied politely, "Of course."

"Aiden, are you not done yet? They're calling you now!"

The sweet voice from earlier appeared again. When Zhong Qianqian heard this, she felt as if someone had just stuffed feces into her heart that was full of joy just a second ago. She could not describe how she was feeling at the moment.

"Who's the girl who picked up your phone for you?"

"She's just a friend. Please don't misunderstand," Aiden explained.

She was just a friend. Just a friend!

He even asked her to not misunderstand.

Jiang Shuwan furiously typed out another message on her phone for Zhong Qianqian to read. 'See, I told you! She's just a fly that has nothing to do with him at all. You didn't have to be scared.'

Zhong Qianqian could finally feel relieved. She was happy once more.

“Okay, I won’t misunderstand. Ah, right, I called you twice this afternoon. Did you see my missed calls?”

“Hm? Did you call me? I didn’t get any of your calls.”

Zhong Qianqian, “...!”

“Aiden!” The sweet voice sounded once again.

“I’ll see you this weekend. My friends are waiting for me.”

Even though Zhong Qianqian wanted to find out what was going on and why he had not seen her calls, Aiden said that he needed to end the phone call.

However, she did receive some sort of explanation from Aiden, so she was still quite pleased about that.

“Alright, goodbye.”

“Bye, Qianqian.”

Aiden was a gentleman, so he did not hang up first. Zhong Qianqian waited for two seconds and saw that the other party was still waiting for her, so she moved her thumb to press the red button on the screen.

However, right as she was about to hang up, the sweet voice from before said, “Just now you said that I’m your...”

Chapter 86: Your Ex-Girlfriend

Zhong Qianqian’s heart skipped a beat. She wanted to continue listening to Aiden’s conversation with that girl, but she had already pressed the red button.

Instantly, her mood plummeted down into the depths of a cliff.

“Mom, what relationship does that woman have with Aiden?”

Jiang Shuwan was resentful toward Zhong Qianqian for failing to meet her expectations. “It doesn’t matter what relationship they have. As long as you know that they’re not husband and wife then it’s fine. Qianqian, I told you, Aiden is an excellent man. It’s normal for him to have a lot of flies hovering around him. If one fly buzzing next to your ear is enough for you to act this way, then you should just give up on Aiden.”

“No, I’m not giving up! Zhong Nuannuan found herself such a good man. I can’t lose to her! The man I find must be better than hers!”

When she recalled the 7.5 million Yuan gown, Zhong Qianqian felt envious and jealous. In addition to that, she had a weight on her heart.

If Zhong Nuannuan had not snatched Chi Yang away, she would not have needed to flirt with Aiden now.

Zhong Qianqian calmed herself down. Even though Aiden was a decent man, he was still a foreigner. Plus, he was also a playboy. He was nothing compared to a responsible soldier like Chi Yang.

When she thought about constantly having to swat away flies if she chose to be with Aiden, Zhong Qianqian felt aggrieved.

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Compared to Zhong Qianqian's moodiness, Aiden was having the time of his life.

"Hahaha. Zhong Qianqian must be so mad at me. That Jiang Shuwan is such a weirdo. Who does she think she is? She even dared to say that she's your senior. Pah! How shameless!"

A beauty who was dressed provocatively was sitting next to Aiden. Her features looked oriental, but her features were deep. Her curly brown hair was resting seductively in front of her chest and waist. Her cleavage was deep, and her breasts were perky. She looked like a fairy from the dark realm with her tight, black leather jacket, leather shorts, and metal accessories. However, her outfit could not hide her nobleness.

The two of them drank alcohol while moving their bodies to the upbeat music. It was a scene that captivated everyone else in the club.

The woman took out her phone and called the phone number that she had memorized.

When the other party picked up the phone, the woman's smile got brighter.

"Hello, big boss!"

Zhong Nuannuan looked at the location displayed on her phone and lifted her eyebrows. The corner of her lips curled upward. "Why are you in Camino?"

"You're living here now so why should I stay in Sab? Big boss, I've decided to live in Camino! This way, we can see each other every day!"

"If both of you have left, what about big brother?"

"Don't worry. Actually, it was big brother who asked me to come here. He wanted to ask Luna to come to accompany you as well, but Luna did not want to let big brother die from exhaustion in Sab. That's why I came here first."

No matter which lifetime Zhong Nuannuan was in, she would always have buddies who would be willing to die for her.

Thankfully, they did not know that she had died in her previous life.

Zhong Nuannuan smiled. Her eyes were glistening with warmth.

"Right, Selina, I've found your family."

It was quiet for two seconds before Selina answered with a voice that clearly showed her lack of interest, "Oh? Who are they?"

"The Gu family from Emperor District."

"What the hell is that?"

“The family is one of the rich and famous in Emperor District.”

“The rich and famous? I’ve only heard of the Four Dominant Families. I’ve never heard of any others.”

“...”

“Then who am I to the Gu family?”

“You’re the grandniece of Gu family’s current master.”

“Tch tch, I’m just a side character.”

“According to the information I got, your mother married into the second richest family in Emperor District, the Huang Family, nineteen years ago.”

Chapter 87: Respect

“A few years after that, your mother supported her maternal family and helped the Gu family in Jiang District to become one of the richest and most famous families in Emperor District. Eighteen years ago, your mother gave birth to your brother with a different man. Sixteen years ago, she gave birth to your sister. Five years ago, the entire Gu family moved to Emperor District.”

“What brother and sister?”

“She married another man right after abandoning you and your father. We don’t need this kind of mother and family.”

Selina was just like Zhong Nuannuan in her previous life. They both had family crises. Even though Selina did not die because of her family, she did lose her spark for life. She was completely and utterly destroyed by the Gu Family.

Although Zhong Nuannuan was well aware that her buddies were all longing for a family in this lifetime, Zhong Nuannuan still played along with Selina’s stubborn mouth and spoke badly of her family.

There is no disappointment without hope.

Or rather, if one did not have high hopes, they would not be hurt as deeply when they were disappointed.

“Big boss, I heard about your situation from Aiden. You must be very sad.”

After their big boss saved them from danger, she had promised them a normal life. She promised them familial love too.

She remembered how beautiful her big boss’s eyes were at that moment.

“There’s nothing to be sad about. Selina, we’ve experienced a lot of sh*t, but that only makes us stronger than the average person. In this world, nothing can drag us down. Even though we all long for familial love, we can’t force it upon ourselves.

We have this precious friendship with one another, and we've built magnificent businesses. Not a lot of people can have what we have. Don't you think that we're each other's family after experiencing so many things together?

There are schemes and destruction in families too, but we're still able to be there for one another. We can trust each other. It's good if we can all experience that kind of family love, but even if we can't, it's nothing to be sad about. It's their biggest loss to have left us, don't you think so?"

Selina said, "Big boss, I respect you so much! Aiden told me that not only is your stepmother enjoying your mother's inheritance, but she had also abandoned you when you were three. Now, she is pretending to be your mother and wants Zhong Qianqian to replace you. When I heard that, I almost went to the Zhong family house to kill both her and Zhong Qianqian.

You had wanted so badly to go back to your home. You had been longing for your family. I was so afraid that you would get upset because of how things turned out. But now, I'm relieved after hearing your inspiring words. Big boss, you really are someone who's able to lead us out of our misery!"

Selina was praising Zhong Nuannuan so much that Zhong Nuannuan felt like she had grown a pair of wings and was soaring through the sky.

Listening to Selina's voice that was slowly getting more and more cheerful, Zhong Nuannuan smiled.

Even though Selina was three years older than her, she had always acted as her little fan around her. They shared the same preferences, habits, and even tastebuds.

That was why when Zhong Nuannuan was feeling down over her family matters, Selina felt the same way.

In this life, she wanted to set a good example for Selina right from the start. She believed that when Selina meets the weirdos from her maternal family, she would not be as miserable as she was in her past life.

"Right, big boss. I heard Aiden say that you have a fiancée?"

"Why? Do you want to make fun of me too? Yeah, my fiancée is a soldier. My dream is to be able to get into a medical school."

Chapter 88: I Want to Go to School Too

Zhong Nuannuan wanted to laugh when she remembered Aiden's expression. He looked as if he had seen a ghost. She thought that her dream was divine.

"Big boss, I think it's an amazing choice! Really! You're skilled in acupuncture and you know how to make medicine too. If you master surgery as well, you'll definitely be the best in the medical field in Camino! You're helping the dying and healing the injured. It's such a noble job! And you said that my brother-in-law is a soldier? The two of you are a match made in heaven!"

Zhong Nuannuan smiled. "Yeah, I think so too."

Selina was on loudspeaker. The people around her shivered at Zhong Nuannuan's answer.

Damn, when did their big boss become so sappy?

"Big boss, you really love my brother-in-law, right?" Selina asked the question that Aiden had not dared to ask.

After all, the word 'love' was previously a taboo for them.

"Yeah." Zhong Nuannuan nodded. She agreed openly.

"Then... what about big brother?"

Selina and Aiden perked up their ears as they waited for Zhong Nuannuan's answer.

After two seconds of silence on the other end of the phone, she said, "You know, I'm just like you all. I see him only as my big brother."

"But... you know how big brother feels."

"That's why you shouldn't tell him about my engagement."

"But he'll know sooner or later."

"I'll already be married when he finds out. I'll tell him the truth then. It's better to just get it over with than to prolong the agony."

How cruel!

Their big boss was still their big boss. She was always like this. She never did a sloppy job.

If she had made up her mind, she would not reconsider even if she were to run into a wall. If she had refused to do something, she would never cave in or comply no matter how much someone put their hearts into it.

"Alright, let's not talk about me anymore. Selina, what do you plan to do now that you're staying here permanently? Will you be working at Tianheng Holdings?"

Aiden's eyes glistened. He looked at Selina expectantly.

"Who would want to go to that kind of place? I'm just twenty. I haven't even been to university yet!"

"Pfft..." Aiden scoffed.

"Which university are you going to?"

"Jia Yong, of course! Aren't you in Jia Yong too, big boss? I'm going to accompany you in Jia Yong!"

"I'm going to the medical university in Emperor District."

"It's fine. I'll move elsewhere then. I'll open a premium private hospital in Emperor District. When you graduate, you'll be the CEO of that hospital!"

Zhong Nuannuan facepalmed herself.

“Selina, we’re aristocrats!”

When she got back to the Zhong family, the word she heard the most was ‘aristocrat’.

After living in the Zhong family for half a year, Zhong Nuannuan felt that she did not know what was the meaning of aristocracy anymore.

“I am an aristocrat! When I become the king of the world, no one will dare to say that I’m not a f*cking aristocrat.”

Zhong Nuannuan was amused by Selina’s words.

In her eyes, aristocracy meant nothing. The most important thing was money.

When she thought about how Chi Yang had defined them as speculators, Zhong Nuannuan simply held in her frustration.

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“Sir!”

“Come in.”

Qu Mingyi smiled when he saw that the person walking in was Zhong Kuijun. “Old man Zhong, you’ve come to visit me in the afternoon? Could it be that you’re asking me out for lunch?”

Zhong Kuijun chuckled. “Chief of staff Qu, you got it right! I am here to ask you out for lunch. Let’s go. I’ll treat you to stir-fried dishes in the canteen.”

Chief of staff Qu laughed out loud. “Then, I’ll order at least three dishes.”

“Alright. We can get one meat and vegetable dish as well as a soup.”

Chapter 89: Chi Yang’s Identity

Qu Mingyi laughed and pointed at Zhong Kuijun. “Your wife is one of the shareholders of Jiang Group. Why are you so stingy?”

Zhong Kuijun laughed as well. The air around them was harmonious.

In the military base, everyone was well acquainted with one another. However, the new commander in chief was an exception.

Chief of staff Qu was a smart old fox. He could get along with anybody. However, he was upright and plainspoken. If one were to offend him, he would still put on a cheerful facade but would harbor evil intentions toward whoever it was who had triggered him. He would then destroy that person when they had their back turned toward him.

In front of Qu Mingyi, Zhong Kuijun pretended to be an upright and plainspoken person as well. He wanted to show his devotion to his job.

Despite having Jiang Group's support, he would still do his job cautiously. Even though he had not contributed a lot to the army, no one had information that could be used against him.

That was why Qu Mingyi was good to him.

Qu Mingyi's rank was also much higher than Zhong Kuijun's. Needless to say, there was a huge gap when it came to their salaries. There was no need for Zhong Kuijun to treat Qu Mingyi to a fancy meal. A simple one would show that he was not a sycophant.

Looking at the three dishes on the table, Qu Mingyi was speechless, but he felt pleasant at the same time.

"Old man Zhong, what do you need me for?"

Zhong Kuijun looked around. When he was sure that no one was eavesdropping, he asked frankly, "Chief of staff Qu, I have to get to the bottom of something."

"Oh? What is it?"

"Chi Yang... What's his background like?"

After noticing Qu Mingyi's startled expression, Zhong Kuijun added, "Chi Yang is steadfast, smart, hardworking, and brave. I have been a soldier for my whole life, but I can't compete with him. However, as great as he is, he's only 26. Chief of staff Qu, I've been a soldier for so long, but I've never seen a 26-year-old captain. Please tell me what's his background."

Qu Mingyi was eating, but when he heard what Zhong Kuijun asked, he placed down his chopsticks.

"Old man Zhong, there are some matters that you should not poke your nose into. You're an experienced leader in the military base. Don't you know about this basic rule?"

"Of course I do! That's why I didn't mention anything when he had suddenly appeared and replaced me as captain. I believe that the organization has its own plans. He's indeed stronger than me in a lot of areas, but..."

Zhong Kuijun wanted to say something. but stopped himself. When he made sure that Qu Mingyi was not going to say anything, he continued, "Chi Yang's marriage report was approved by you and the commander in chief. If that's the case, then you should know that his partner is my youngest daughter, Zhong Nuannuan, right?"

Qu Mingyi smiled and said, "Of course. Whenever Chi Yang meets me, he would talk about his partner. What's the phrase for this again? Right, 'feeding dog food'. (T/N: When a couple acts all lovey-dovey in front of their single friends.) Whenever that kid comes to me for something, he would stuff a handful of dog food into my mouth. My mouth would then taste bitter for the whole day."

Zhong Kuijun laughed. "Chi Yang and Nuannuan have a good relationship between them. As a father, I'm glad that they're so close to each other."

Then, Zhong Kuijun made a turn in the conversation. “However, Chi Yang is too good for my Nuannuan. As a father, I’m a little scared.”

Chapter 90: Being Sexy Is Not Being Flirty

“Oh? What’s wrong?”

After a moment’s hesitation, Zhong Kuijun said, “We’re having a banquet at our house on Sunday.”

“Yeah, I heard that it’s Nuannuan’s welcome dinner. The commander in chief and I will be attending.”

“Yesterday, Chi Yang asked Ning Wenhao to deliver a gown for Nuannuan. He also gifted her a pair of shoes and a cell phone.”

“Hahaha, you’ve also been fed dog food too, father-in-law?”

“No way! When I saw the gown and phone, I was happy for Nuannuan. However, my wife and eldest daughter’s faces changed.”

“Oh? Why is that?”

“When Nuannuan and my oldest daughter went back to their rooms, my wife told me that the three of them had gone to Tianheng Holdings to buy gowns. In the end, I found out that Chi Yang had personally asked the CEO cum head designer of Venia to custom-make a gown for Nuannuan. Do you know how much the gown he gifted Nuannuan cost?”

“A few millions?” Qu Mingyi knew his stuff. He had heard of this brand.

“7.5 million!”

“So...”

“That’s why I’m scared! Chief of staff Qu, you know that my wife’s brother is the chairman of Cloud Group. Both of them have a close relationship with one another, so my wife has a lot of shared in Cloud Group. Even then, my wife does not dare to buy such an expensive gown.

Chi Yang is just a captain. His salary and bonus should just amount to about 450 thousand Yuan, right? Even after taking his accomplishments into account, he would not have more than 700 thousand. Where did he get all this money to splurge on a 7.5 million Yuan gown? This is not a house but a piece of clothing!

It feels like a cat is scratching my heart. I’m scared that Chi Yang is doing some illegal business on the side. Chief of staff, don’t think that I’m overthinking this matter. My Nuannuan had been kidnapped by human traffickers when she was three. She only came back to us when she was 17. I treasure my daughter a lot.

Now that Nuannuan’s in love with Chi Yang, I’m worried that Chi Yang may have an attitude problem...”

“Hahaha!”

After listening to Zhong Kuijun, Qu Mingyi laughed.

“Old man Zhong, you’re overthinking! I know what Chi Yang is like. It’s without a doubt that he obtains his money the right way. A person like him would never be involved in anything illegal. You don’t have to worry about this.

Not only is Chi Yang your future son-in-law, but he’s also your comrade. Even though you’re in different branches of the military, he’s still your superior. If he was able to get to his current rank at 26, it just shows that the country and military base trust him enough to hand him this much responsibility. As his father-in-law, you should just trust him like how the military base trusts him.”

“He’s my son-in-law, so of course I trust him. But he’s marrying my daughter and I don’t have the slightest idea about his background. He didn’t even tell me even after I asked him. Does he not care about his father-in-law?”

“To be honest, I don’t know about Chi Yang’s background either. In this entire military base, the commander in chief is the only one who knows about Chi Yang’s background. Why don’t you go and ask the commander in chief instead?”

Zhong Kuijun, “...”

After their meal, Zhong Kuijun returned empty-handed.

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In the blink of an eye, the day of the banquet was here.

Zhong Nuannuan got up at six in the morning as usual. After washing up, she drank a glass of warm water and went for a jog.