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Chapter 181 I don't regret it!

Tan Jing could only shift the anger of Tan Song and Chen Yi to Tan Rou.

She had secretly threatened the Wei family and contacted Chief Wang in Chen Yi's name. Since she had done these things, there was no reason to hide them.

She could only continue to play dumb. Although her methods were different from the gentle and obedient daughter they had in mind, as a daughter, she had to stand up for her parents. It was understandable that she had done something wrong in a moment of confusion.

Tan Jing tried her best to pretend to be pitiful and kept provoking the disgust that they had for Tan Rou in both Tan Song and Chen Yi's hearts. "Ever since Tan Rou returned to the Tao family, she has been badmouthing you in front of me. It's as if the Tao family is the best place, and she has suffered a great grievance in our family."

Tan Jing started to cry, and every word she said was about the reputation that Tan Song and Chen Yi cared about the most. "Last time at the entrance of that stupid restaurant, Tan Rou accused mom of not treating her well and that dad didn't care about her. You heard it with your own ears, mom! But... Tan Rou went even further in school!"

"What did she say?" Tan Song frowned.

Tan Jing's heart was filled with joy. She knew that Tan Song cared about this the most. As long as he also thought that Tan Rou deserved to die, then what she did was barely anything.

Tan Jing cried even harder, but her words were particularly clear despite her choking. "They were heartless words. I don't even want to repeat them, but she said... She said that you abused her, that your character is bad, and that you're usually cold and heartless at home. She even said that people like us will eventually lose all our family property in this generation. She doesn't care about it at all and would rather be a child of an ordinary family than stay in the Tan family."

All these words hit on the parts that Tan Song cares about most. These were things that Tan Song didn't want to hear. Tan Jing deliberately added some 'shocking' flavors to it since there was no way to verify it as there were no surveillance cameras there.

As expected, Tan Song was furious. He slammed his palm on the tea table and roared, "This ingrate! How dare she say those things? Did she eat a bear's heart and a leopard's gall?"

Chen Yi was shocked. She clutched her heart and advised, "Hubby! Don't be mad! It's not the first time she's been like this. Didn't I tell you last time? She also made a scene with me in front of the restaurant!"

Tan Jing sneered in her heart. This was different from the last time. Last time, she and Chen Yi suffered a loss. They could only come home and complain about it to Tan Song.

At first, Tan Song didn't care about it at all. Later, he felt that he had lost face and went to the Tao family. In the end, he was rebuked by Tan Rou with a few words, and the matter was left unsettled.

However, this time, the words that came out of Tan Jing's mouth were completely aimed at Tan Song's reputation, which he cared about the most. What he hated most was how the others criticised him behind his back and said that he would not be able to protect his family's wealth.

This is how the human heart works. If it hadn't hit them where it hurt the most and where they were most concerned, none of it would have been taken to heart.

It was even more so for Tan Song. He didn't care what kind of grievances someone had or what the cause was. He only cared about his reputation.

Tan Jing continued adding oil to the fire. "There are some things that I really want to pretend I didn't hear when she said it. "After all, my father taught me that people from wealthy families should not be as uneducated and devoid of substance as those from poor families!"

Tan Song looked pissed, and he snorted coldly, "Well, you still remember them! Then why did you do those things after that?"

Tan Jing bit her lips in grievance and refused to say anything, putting on a good show.

Chen Yi sighed, "Your father is asking you about it! Just tell him! You have been so obedient before this; how did you come up with this idea?"

Tan Jing couldn't bear it anymore and said, "But, Tan Rou is too much! She said that our family has no manners in front of the entire class! She even said that it was because you didn't teach me well?! You should know that most students in my class come from wealthy families. There are even some parents of the other students working with their fathers. If this news were to be spread across schools, what would they think? Isn't this tarnishing the Tan family and affecting dad's business?"

Tan Jing looked at Tan Song and Chen Yi's expressions, which became more and more depressed as she spoke, especially that of Tan Song, who looked like he was about to kill someone. She was relieved. Finally, she was able to fool them!

Tan Jing sobbed. "So, I took advantage of the exam and thought of this idea to teach Tan Rou a lesson. Her grades were already bad since she didn't even finish her studies abroad. What right does she have to say that our family upbringing is bad? I was the one who went to find Wei Ling to help me. I was also the one who found Director Wang on mom's phone and asked him to delete the surveillance footage. It's all my fault. You can punish me, but I don't regret it! I won't allow Tan Rou to insult our family!"

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When Tan Jing was done, it was as if all her grievances had exploded. She burst into tears. It was as real as it could be. She spoke with all her heart, and every word she said was for the sake of the Tan family.

Although she admitted her mistake, Tan Song and Chen Yi could not blame her for it. It was clearly Tan Rou who provoked her first. Beating her up and kicking her out of school was already considered a light punishment. What mistake has Tan Jing made? Tan Rou, that ingrate, deserved it.

Chen Yi hugged Tan Jing. "Don't cry, Jingjing. You did the right thing. You were kind enough to help your family vent their anger. It's been hard on you."

Tan Jing sat beside Chen Yi and acted like a good girl. "Mom, I was actually very scared. I thought about it for a few days before I came up with this idea, but Tan Rou still escaped from it. Was it because I'm useless?"

Chen Yi cursed hatefully, "That cheap hussy has the most wicked ideas!" What nonsense! I don't know how she managed to fool the principal!"

Chen Yi turned to look at Tan Song, "Hubby, is the principal purposely being biased toward Tan Rou? Didn't we donate the building for free? Hearing him speak so righteously, he is probably asking for more. We donated the building so that our daughter could stand up straight in school. If he doesn't protect Jingjing in matters like his, then we might as well throw the money away!"

"No....." Tan Song was really angry, and his face was livid. "That idiot of a man was only recently transferred here. He wasn't here when we donated the building. Maybe he's really taking the opportunity to remind us to give him some benefits. However, I heard that he was from the military and was an upright person. Well, I don't believe it! How can anyone in society actually be righteous?! If he doesn't accept it, it just means that we haven't given enough. If he gets too greedy, then we can only change the person in that position to someone more sensible!"

Chen Yi raised her eyebrows. "Hubby, you're saying that we should do something and send one of our own to that position?"

"There's no need for it." Tan Song sneered. "Those who dare to look down on me and the Tan family will no longer have to be in that position! He had the wrong idea. If he were more sensible, it wouldn't be difficult for me to donate two more buildings. However, he didn't do as we expected and even protected Tan Rou. What kind of money could the Tao family donate to him? What an idiot!"

Tan Jing sobbed and added, "Today, the principal deliberately scolded Director Wang in the office. He said that he would not accept any special requests and would not care about the buildings. The principal even said that Director Wang had lost his heart and was blinded by fame and fortune."

Chen Yi couldn't believe it. "He said that in front of your students? He's really good at acting!"

Tan Song scolded disdainfully, "I am most annoyed by these beasts dressed in human clothes. They pretend to be cultured people and boast about their noble character every day. In fact, they are the dirtiest in private. I work and run my business, which is why I deserve the wealth that comes with it. People in the world should be divided into different levels. I spend the money that I've earned to get these special privileges. What right does he have to pretend to be noble?"

Tan Song was usually well-dressed and refined. However, at this point, he was cursing as well. It could be seen that he was really angry. He would usually put on a good facade of an educated and wealthy man, but he couldn't hide his true self when his emotions were heightened.

Chen Yi also sneered, "Haven't we seen enough of these kinds of people? They're all sour grapes. Once they see what they get from us, they'll change their attitude faster than anyone else. Isn't that bitch Tan Rou the same? In the past, she cried and cried and refused to leave our house. Now that she really can't gain anything, she's acting like she doesn't care. I'm irritated just looking at her! I don't know where she learned that from!"

Tan Jing nodded in agreement. "Tan Rou has changed so much recently that I don't seem to know her anymore. I thought that although we had some misunderstandings, we were still destined to be friends, but she went too far and became worse. I don't want to forgive her anymore!"

Tan Jing took the opportunity to express her stance.

In this way, she no longer needed to act cautiously in the future. Instead, she could openly express her dislike for Tan Rou and urge Chen Yi and Tan Song to deal with Tan Rou.

After all, her attitude had changed because she wanted to protect the Tan family. They would not doubt the change in her personality. Instead, they would think that she was sensible.

Chen Yi coaxed Tan Jing and patted her back. "It's okay, we won't forgive her either. Don't worry, Mom and Dad are here for you! We won't let Tan Rou continue to be so arrogant. You can continue being the little princess of our family. Don't tire yourself out by thinking so much."

Tan Jing nodded obediently. She was secretly happy. She did not expect that she would be able to resolve Tan Song and Chen Yi's anger so easily. It was fortunate that she was such a smart girl.

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However, Tan Song looked at Tan Jing thoughtfully and said, "It's good that you were still able to plan something like this. You are a brave girl, even if your means are still immature and unsuccessful. Don't listen to your mother. With me raising you, it's naturally not a problem for you to be a little princess, but the children of the Tan family are not allowed to be useless. You must learn to fight for what you want, even if it means resorting to unscrupulous means, understand?"

Chen Yi didn't think there was anything wrong with educating the child this way. She nodded. "That's right. You have to remember that you're nobler than them. We have the right to make a scene. Don't be afraid of anything. Money can do everything. As long as you have money, you can do anything. Take this opportunity as a practice run. As long as it's for the honor of the Tan family, you can do whatever you want."

Tan Jing felt a little guilty under Tan Song's gaze. Perhaps it was the inheritance in her blood, or an intuition of the same kind, but Tan Jing felt that Tan Song could see through her.

This was the first time that Tan Song had told her so much and taught her how to do things.

In Tan Jing's heart, her feelings for Tan Song and Chen Yi were a little complicated. In addition to being close to her biological parents, she was trying to please them. She wanted to stabilize her position in the Tan family and get some money and authority from them.

Although Tan Jing also felt that the two were cold and selfish, and she was inexplicably a little afraid of Tan Song, it was probably because they were indeed a blood-related family. She did not have much sincerity herself. She just wanted to curry favor with these two people and make sure that she would not be abandoned by them.

The longing for the life of a rich family in her heart led to Tan Jing also having a faint worship of Tan Song.

From Tan Jing's perspective, even the coldness and selfishness in Tan Song's eyes became the confidence of a rich man. It didn't matter if he wasn't particularly fond of her when she was his daughter. Perhaps this was how one could become rich. What was the use of being gentle and kind like the couple from the Tao family? It was no surprise that they were poor!

Therefore, Tan Jing felt that Tan Song's words were definitely right. In one way, she had also figured out what Tan Song cared about the most and used it to stimulate him. It worked every time.

At the same time, the reputation that Tan Song cared about the most was also the most important to her. As long as Tan Song ran the Tan family well, she would always be the young lady of the Tan family. So what if there was no love in the family? She should be the same as Tan Song, selfish and heartless. She would fight for what she wanted through unscrupulous means. This was the secret to success!

Tan Jing's thoughts were originally wrong. Her yearning for wealth and fame had clouded her mind. After being educated by Tan Song and Chen Yi, she yielded to the wrong path.

The principal had just advised them on the phone that they should pay more attention to her education, and that parents should set an example.

Tan Song and Chen Yi did educate her and set an example, but they were rotten to the core. What positive energy could they teach Tan Jing?

Their decadence of living a wealthy life had long eroded their souls, and they were still smug about the Tan family's glory, not knowing that the prosperity of a family was hidden in the family's education.

The saying "one cannot be rich for more than three generations" was well reflected in the Tan family. Unfortunately, the Tan family would probably be destroyed before it could be passed on to Tan Jing.

The three of them still did not know that danger was quietly approaching. They still did not know the immensity of heaven and earth and self-proclaimed themselves as wealthy families, thinking that they had the strength to control everything.

Tan Song stood up and said, "I will check on that principal again. Now that Director Wang has left, we don't have anyone working for us in school. We have to think of another way."

Tan Jing also thought of Director Wang and asked, "Dad, what should we do about Director Wang and Wei Ling?"

Tan Song frowned and asked, "What do you mean? Why do you care about two useless people? You're still too young. You're not good at using people, and you're not ruthless enough. This is why you didn't get it done!"

Tan Jing felt a little wrong. Her plan was flawless, but who knew that Tan Rou would be able to pull out that surveillance footage? She did not want to care about Director Wang and Wei Ling anymore, but she felt a little uncomfortable.

However, after listening to Tan Song's words, that little bit of discomfort disappeared completely. That's right, they were just useless people. Why were they so unlucky? It had nothing to do with her!

Chapter 184 A superficial mother-daughter relationship

Tan Rou nodded obediently. "Dad, I understand. I'll do as you say!"

Tan Song nodded solemnly and returned to his usual well-mannered self. He probably felt that he had lost his self-control just now and put on an act, saying, "You must have wasted so much time on planning this. Did it affect your studies? How did you do in your exams?"

Tan Jing's heart trembled, and she quickly replied, "I did pretty well. I won't embarrass the Tan family!"

Only then did Tan Song feel satisfied. "That's good. The Tan family can't be worse than others. If that's the case, what would it look like? If you don't have enough money, ask your mother for it. Work hard and don't cause me any trouble."

Tan Jing nodded and agreed. "I know. I won't do it again."

Tan Song tidied up his suit and went to study and work without looking back.

He usually stayed at home in the study room and went to the office. He rarely ate at home. If the principal had not called him today, he would not have talked so much with his wife and daughter.

Unfortunately, Tan Song was the kind of person who wasn't born with any talent. Even if he looked very dedicated and busy, it was just an illusion. He did not have any achievements in his career and had been depending on the wealth that his father left behind. As time passed, he became more and more inferior, and he was unwilling to admit it. His inferiority complex made him conceited.

As soon as Tan Song left, the atmosphere in the living room finally relaxed a little.

Chen Yi and Tan Song had been married for many years, but they had long since become strangers who shared the same bed and had different dreams. For her, this husband was also very strange. They just took what they needed from each other.

Chen Yi was also a daughter of a rich family. When she married into the Tan family, she took a fancy to the past two generations of the Tan family, who had some skills, and thought that Tan's song was also promising.

Although she was a little disappointed with Tan Song later, the good thing was that the elders left a lot of family property, and the company had a good foundation. As long as Tan Song did not lose his mind and mess around, they could still enjoy endless glory and wealth. Chen Yi was unconcerned about Tan Song and felt at ease as the madam from a wealthy family.

Chen Yi consoled Tan Jing, "Your father is doing this for your own good. He doesn't care much about the family's affairs, and he's a little tough with his words. Don't be afraid."

Tan Jing forced a smile. "He's my father. Why would I be afraid of him? Both of you are the most important people to me, and I want to be your good daughter forever."

Tan Jing still had some lingering fears. This time, it was too risky. If she had not just had an idea and found an excuse to fool them, her parents might have abandoned her because she had caused trouble and was not as obedient as they had imagined. Then, all her efforts would have been in vain.

Tan Jing quickly acted coquettishly toward Chen Yi. "Mom, you won't blame me for this, right? I'm really not a bad child; I was too impatient."

Of course, Chen Yi would not really be angry with Tan Jing. Plus, Tan Jing had given a clear explanation of why she did such things. It was fine as long as Tan Song didn't think that Chen Yi didn't do a good job.

Chen Yi, as long as Tan Song did not have any opinions about her, was not willing to delve into what Tan Jing was thinking.

As long as Tan Jing was obedient and did not disobey her like Tan Rou, she was willing to be a loving mother. She would give Tan Jing the money that she deserved and occasionally show her concern. It was no different from raising a pet.

Chen Yi hugged Tan Jing. "Of course! I know that you're not a bad child. You're different from that little traitor, Tan Rou. You're delicate and smart. We don't have to worry about your studies. Our daughter should be like you, unlike Tan Rou, who's rebellious. I've never liked her before. It's no surprise that she isn't my daughter."

Tan Jing was relieved. Everything she had done was to protect her identity as the Tan family's daughter and to crush Tan Rou. She could not be careless in the future. If she did not destroy Tan Rou this time, there would be other chances in the future. If the Tan family was disappointed in her, that would be bad.

Tan Jing lay in Chen Yi's arms and acted coquettishly, making Chen Yi laugh. She returned to the shallow mother-daughter relationship and no longer complained.

Tan Jing seemed to have thought of something and felt that this was the perfect time to do so. She pretended to ask casually, "Mom, I remember dad working with a foreign hospital previously. There was a doctor called Peter. Is Dad still in contact with him?"

Chen Yi thought for a moment but didn't think of anyone. "I don't know. Why are you asking about this? Are you feeling sick?"

Tan Jing shook his head. "It's not me... It's just the grandfather of a classmate of mine, and his health isn't very good. I was hoping to help him find a good doctor."

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Chen Yi didn't care much and gave a casual reply, "Since he's just a classmate of yours, there's no need to go through so much trouble. That's your father's job. I don't really ask much about it."

"Mum!" Tan Jing bit her lip and pleaded, "Please help me ask dad!"

Chen Yi was still unwilling. There was no benefit to it, so she was too lazy to care about it. "That's enough. His grandfather is sick now. Their family will naturally think of a way. You don't have to worry about it. You're just too kind."

Tan Jing saw that Chen Yi had rejected her time and time again, and even her coquettishness did not work. That's when she started to panic.

Ever since she heard that Lu Qing's grandfather was sick, she has thought of using this to gain Lu Qing's favor. This was also the way for her to gain attention from the Lu family.

By then, not only would she be able to be with Lu Qing, but the Lu family and the Tan family would also be her supporters. One in the business world, one in the military, and one in the political world. Wouldn't her position be stable then?

Therefore, Tan Jing had been looking for information for a long time and finally found the famous doctor, Dr. Peter, who was overseas. Usually, no one would be able to invite him, but fortunately, Tan Jing found out that her father, Tan Song, used to have business dealings with the hospital where Dr. Peter was working at. If they could invite him over, wouldn't that make them look good? She would also be able to curry favors with Lu Qing.

However, Chen Yi wouldn't go through so much trouble if there were no benefits for her. She was never a kind-hearted woman. Tan Jing also wasn't that important in her heart, which was why it was useless to plead.

Tan Jing thought hard about it and an idea popped into her mind. "Mom, it's not a random classmate. Do you know whose grandfather is sick?"

Chen Yi was puzzled. "Who? Are they rich? Why are you so concerned?"

Tan Jing laughed. "It's not just money. It's Lu Qing."

Chen Yi frowned and pondered for a moment, "Lu Qing? This name was a little familiar... The Lu family from the capital? You know their child?"

She was surprised.

Tan Jing saw that there was hope and quickly explained, "He's in our class and is my classmate. We're quite close, and he was quite sad when he heard that his grandfather was sick."

Chen Yi still didn't believe it. "The Lu family is not ordinary. If the old master is sick, their family must have spent a lot of money to treat him. Do they still need our help to find a doctor?"

Tan Jing smiled slyly. "Mom, you don't know how stubborn that old master Lu is. He doesn't want to be treated by any random doctors and is now receiving conservative treatment at the city's military-affiliated hospital. Also, although Dr. Peter is famous overseas, he rarely comes to our country, and not many people know about him. It's just a coincidence that our family has a connection with the hospital he's at."

Chen Yi was deep in thought but still hesitated. "But, in this case... If we can help them, we would definitely be heavily rewarded, but if we don't, we will have to bear the responsibility. We don't have to take risks. The Lu family is not easy to deal with. Soldiers are very stubborn."

Tan Jing gently leaned against Chen Yi's side and analyzed it for her slowly, "Mom, I'm doing this for the sake of our family. I did something wrong, but I also want to make up for it. Think about it, how can there be so many good things that can be obtained without taking risks? I've done my research, and Dr. Peter has never failed. As long as we can cure old master Lu, we'll have a connection to the Lu family, and he'll treat us as his lifesavers!"

Tan Jing peeked at Chen Yi's expression and was tempted, "By then, dad will also feel that you've done a great favor and found a good partner for the Tan family. With the Lu family's help, his business will definitely be smooth sailing, and that's all because he has a good wife like you!"

Chen Yi thought for a long time and was still tempted by Tan Jing's words.

That's right! If they could really cure the old master of the Lu family, that would be a great help. The Lu family was powerful and ten times better than the Tan family. When the time comes, if there are any difficulties in business and the government cannot approve them, it should be very easy for the Lu family to say a few words and make things convenient for the Tan family.

'Tan Song will be grateful to me by then and won't feel that I'm supporting myself in vain.'

Chen Yi smiled and looked at Tan Jing. "No wonder your father took the time to teach you a thing or two before this. I didn't see it before. Not only are you smart academically, but you also have a talent in this area. You are indeed suitable to take over your father's business."

Tan Jing was overjoyed. Did Chen Yi mean to pass the Tan family's property to her? She was their daughter and would be married off in the future. Tan Jing had never thought about this problem before.

However, she still pretended to be shy and cleverly gave all the credit to Chen Yi. She praised Chen Yi instead. "Mom, I was just making a suggestion. You are the one who made it happen instead. When the time comes, dad will definitely thank you for it."

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Chen Yi was convinced. She nodded and agreed. "Fine, I'll find a chance to talk to your dad about this."

Tan Jing was also happy as well. This wasn't a big deal; it was just a small matter as long as Chen Yi could persuade Tan Song to find a doctor and cure Old Master Lu.

This would then give her more confidence to date Lu Qing.

She would be married off sooner or later. Even if the Tan family wouldn't be giving her their fortunes, they would definitely hand it over to their son-in-law to manage. In addition to the Lu family's background, wouldn't she be able to get whatever she wanted?

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Tan Jing's plan was perfect, and this caused him to forget about the plan that had failed that afternoon temporarily.

Tan Rou's cheating incident had come to an end.

The next day, there was still a whole day of exams, and Tan Rou arrived at the exam hall early as usual.

On the third day, because of yesterday's incident, the students couldn't hide their excitement when they saw Tan Rou. They quickly ran over and started gossiping with her. "Tan Rou! Did you hear? Wei Ling is getting expelled!"

Someone watching by the side quickly sneered, "Oh my God! Once she gets expelled from our school, there will be no other school that will accept her. I thought she came from a rich family. Why didn't her family use their connections?"

Someone quickly retorted, "Wasn't Director Wang's condition tragic enough? The principal is handling it personally. Now that things have gotten so out of hand, how are they supposed to use their connections now? Plus, her family isn't that well off. Haven't you seen how she's been sucking up to Tan Jing? Well, I guess now even the Tan family has abandoned her."

Tan Rou didn't expect the punishment to be announced so quickly, and she was still confused, "How did you guys know? I didn't see the announcement."

One of them smugged as they informed Tan Rou about it. "There are no secrets in this circle. Our family can be considered close to the Wei family. We heard that Wei Ling's father went to the Tan family last night, but no one answered him. Wei Ling's mother almost passed out from crying."

Tan Rou didn't know how she should be feeling. Wei Ling had been placed in such a position because she deserved it. It wasn't surprising that the Tan family abandoned the Wei family. Those who depended on others should be prepared to be abandoned.

Tan Rou was not a saint and would have any compassion for Wei Ling, but she couldn't help but sigh. Wei Ling had almost abandoned the dark side and wanted to jump to the other side. She was a smart girl and knew what she was supposed to do.

Unfortunately, her family was the one who dragged her down this time.

Tan Rou didn't say another word. When the students saw Tan Rou wasn't interested, they left for a few minutes.

Tan Rou had successfully finished her exam. There was still a lot of time left, so she sat in her seat in a daze.

After the incident, Tan Rou didn't think there was a need to pretend any longer. She only wanted to give Tan Jing a hard slap in the face when the results get released.

Many students thought Tan Rou was not in the mood to take the exam after being wronged, so she quickly finished the questions. Little did they know that there were major differences between people, and all of the questions were a piece of cake for Tan Rou.

After the exams, school ended earlier than usual. The school gave the students a break in advance, allowing them to go home to rest and recuperate. Classes resumed the next day figure rushed over as Tan Rou left the classroom.

Tan Rou would not as cautious when she was in school. After all, she was surrounded by ordinary students. Tan Rou was startled by the people who suddenly appeared. She subconsciously took a step back and put on a defensive posture.

Then, she took a closer look and saw that Wei Ling had become much more haggard.

Wei Ling was in a sorry state. Her hair was dishevelled, and her face was covered in tears. She rushed over to Tan Rou and was about to kneel.

Wei Ling burst into tears. "Tan Rou! I was wrong! I really know I'm wrong! Please plead for me!"

Tan Rou frowned and stopped Wei Ling from kneeling. "What are you doing? Don't be like this!"

Wei Ling burst into tears. "Tan Rou! I'm sorry! I made a mistake! Please have mercy on me. I'm begging you!!"

The students heard the commotion and gathered around, whispering to each other as they looked at Wei Ling's miserable state.

Wei Ling's usual arrogance from how she thought she had the best support was gone. She no longer cared about her reputation and did not care about how others would ridicule her.

She cried and grabbed Tan Rou tightly. "Tan Rou, you're a magnanimous person. Please forgive me. Could you please beg the principal to forgive me?! He would listen! I can't be expelled from school. My dad said that the Tan family doesn't care about us anymore. He would disown me as well. He wants to send me abroad to some godforsaken place, so I can live and die alone. I can't do that, Tan Rou! Please save me!"

Tan Rou felt helpless. She pulled Wei Ling from the ground. "Don't be like this. Let's talk things out first. If you really want my help, you shouldn't have threatened me to help you in front of everyone in school. You were the one who did it, and there's nothing I can do to save you now. But I'm willing to listen to what plans you may have. Why don't we talk someplace else?"

Wei Ling sobbed and looked at Tan Rou helplessly as if she was looking at her only saviour. She quickly nodded her head after hearing what Tan Rou suggested.

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Tan Rou pulled onto Wei Ling, who was weeping and walked away from the crowd.

The students at the entrance were still unwilling to leave. Wei Ling's tragic state just now had given everyone a shock. Initially, they just wanted to watch her as if she was a clown now that the school had expelled her. Her family could spend money on her student register in another school.

Although being expelled from this school meant that there would be an additional strain on her resume, and no good school would be willing to take him in, there was still hope for her to go to an ordinary school. Wei Ling came from a good family, and it wouldn't be difficult for her to attend another school.

However, they didn't expect Wei Ling to end up in such a miserable state. She was going to be sent abroad and left to live on her own. What exactly happened to the Wei family?

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Although Wei Ling had always been Tan Jing's little follower, she was more arrogant and thought she was one level higher than the others.

She was a typical snob who judged others. Therefore, there were a lot of students who didn't like her. Now that they saw how miserable she looked, they had no idea if they should be happy or sad. However, no matter what, Wei Ling was done for this time.

Tan Rou didn't take Wei Ling too far away. Wei Ling was emotional and didn't seem to have rested well. Her legs were sore and weak as she walked as if she had lost his soul.

Tan Rou found a milk tea shop near the school. There weren't many people inside, and it looked quiet. Seeing Wei Ling's appearance, she couldn't say anything. Tan Rou didn't ask much and brought Wei Ling in, picking a seat by the corner.

As soon as she sat on the chair, Wei Ling began to cry. Her tears rolled down her face as if they had been set free. Her back was bent into a pitiful arc, and she trembled slightly.

Tan Rou looked at Wei Ling helplessly. She sighed and advised, "Stop crying. If you continue to cry like this, your body will collapse. It's too harmful to your health."

Wei Ling laughed sarcastically as she cried, "I was the one that set you up, and yet you still care about me, but the person I was willing to sacrifice for doesn't even care about me anymore. Just let me cry. I don't want to live anymore. I'll cry to death!"

Tan Rou didn't think Wei Ling would give up on herself like this. This was different from the arrogant and slightly clever girl that Tan Rou knew.

Hearing Wei Ling's words, Tan Rou, asked curiously, "You have such deep feelings for Tan Jing? You're willing to give up everything to help her?"

Wei Ling gave Tan Rou a strange look. "Tan Jing? Hmph! Who does she think she is? Just because she's the newly found daughter of the Tan family, which they doted on, she pretends to be high and mighty daily. I'm just cooperating with her to flatter her. I won't lose anything by saying good things and smiling obsequiously, so why not? Flattery is flattery, but who would be sincere? Only a fool would be willing to help her!"

Tan Rou raised her eyebrows. She didn't expect a lackey like Wei Ling to be so clear-headed and frank. She did not hide her snobbishness and was clear on why she had tried to flatter Tan Jing.

Tan Rou felt that such a person was straightforward enough and asked with a smile, "Then, why did you help her frame me? You should have known that she wouldn't care about your life."

Wei Ling also laughed. She wiped off the tears on her face and said, "That's right. Of course, I knew long ago that she wouldn't care about me, but my parents don't. Even now, they still think the Tan family can't abandon us. What's the point of me realising it from the beginning?! If they give me the order, I still have to do it regardless of everything."

Only then did Tan Rou understand that the person that Wei Ling was referring to in regards to being willing to sacrifice everything that she had was her parents. No matter how smart and shrewd she was, she couldn't refuse her parents' arrangements. Even if she knew it might be a fire pit, she had no choice but to jump into it.

In the end, Wei Ling was implicated by her parents, who clung to power.

Tan Rou sighed. "Then, what do you want me to do? "

Wei Ling stared at Tan Rou anxiously. "Can you help me plead for mercy? You're the victim, so the principal won't say anything if you can forgive me!"

Tan Rou laughed. Wei Ling had indeed thought about it thoroughly and knew that only Tan Rou could solve the problem now.

Indeed, as long as she was willing to forgive her and plead with the principal, the principal would not make things difficult for Wei Ling. She would, at most, be punished and wouldn't be expelled.

But why?

Tan Rou immediately refused. "I'm not a saint. No matter your reason, you're the one who framed me. You want me to forgive you and plead for you? Don't you think too highly of me?"

Tan Rou didn't want to beat around the bush with Wei Ling. She was willing to chat with Wei Ling because she didn't want to make a fool of herself at the school gate and affect others. It didn't mean that the two of them could easily reconcile.

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Tan Rou looked at Wei Ling coldly. "I sympathize with your current situation, but I can only say that you deserve it. From the moment you helped the evildoer, we were destined to be enemies. I will not help you."

Wei Ling's face turned red, but she knew that she was too embarrassed to ask for Tan Rou's forgiveness. However, she had no other choice.

"Tan Rou, I really don't want to be your enemy," she pleaded. "But, I have no other choice. You don't know how painful it is to be a child of such a family."

Wei Ling began to cry again. "Due to how useless they are, they would have to rely on the families that are more powerful. They would follow behind those wealthy businessmen and wait to be given a chance. So, since I was born, I was destined to be the same as them. They fawned over Tan Song, so I had to curry favor with Tan Jing. Why should I be Tan Jing's servant? I had no choice!!"

Wei Ling felt suffocated at the thought of her parents' fawning faces. She had complained about it before, but it had become what she hated the most.

Wei Ling hung her head low in shame. "I'm really sorry. I almost ruined your reputation. I really did reject her! I didn't want to do it! But, Tan Jing actually found my parents to pressure me. Now, I'm finished. The Wei family was abandoned by the Tan family, and my parents want to disown me as well. They felt that I was useless and didn't want me to stay here to embarrass myself. They wanted to send me away so that they could continue pleasing the Tan family."

Wei Ling smiled bitterly. "As soon as I leave, Tan Jing will be completely innocent in this incident. No one knows that she's the mastermind behind this."

Tan Rou nodded her head. "Compared to ruining Tan Jing's reputation, sacrificing you is indeed the best choice."

"But I'm not convinced!" Wei Ling raised her head, his eyes filled with tears of unwillingness. "Why must I be sacrificed?! I want to finish my studies and find a good job. I want to be able to support myself. I don't want to live for them anymore! I don't want to be an accessory anymore!"

Tan Rou looked at Wei Ling and sighed. "If you had thought this way earlier, you wouldn't be here today. You just said that I don't understand the feeling of living in such a family. You're wrong, I understand it better than anyone else. I understand the unwillingness to be ignored, the need to please others, and the cold-blooded selfishness in their bones."

Tan Rou smiled. "It's precisely how I understand how you feel which makes me hate them. All of you think that I'm fighting Tan Jing because I don't want to leave the Tan family. You're all wrong. I'm not afraid to tell you that I want to destroy the Tan family and Tan Jing. I want to shatter their hypocritical mask of superiority!"

Wei Ling looked at Tan Rou's confident and proud face in a daze. Only then did she understand that Tan Rou was indeed different. Perhaps it was because Tan Rou had understood the truth before she did.

Wei Ling took a deep breath. "That's why I have to be thick-skinned and beg you to give me a way out. I won't ask you to help me for nothing. You want to destroy the Tan family as well as Tan Jing, right? Even if you're very powerful, it's always dangerous to be alone. This incident is a good example. You can't be a prophet. What if she really succeeds in the future?"

Wei Ling gathered his courage and looked straight into Tan Rou's cold eyes. "I'm willing to trade with you. I've been by Tan Jing's side for so long and I know her down to her core. I also know many of her schemes that she hasn't had time to act on. I know that you might not be afraid of them but this is the only thing that I can offer. I want to help you!"

Tan Rou didn't say anything. She only looked at Wei Ling carefully, as if she wanted to see through Wei Ling's skin and see her heart.

Wei Ling's body trembled slightly. She suppressed her panic and allowed Tan Rou to stare at her. This wasn't a fair deal, but it was the last thing that Wei Ling could offer in this deal.

In the end, Tan Rou still shook her head. "I don't need it. When I was in the Tan family, you were very close to me. Then, by now, you must have told Tan Jing a lot about me, right? It doesn't matter anymore. Just like you said, I'm not afraid of Tan Jing's tricks and I'm not interested in them either. Your offer doesn't interest me."

Wei Ling closed her eyes in pain and lowered her head in disappointment. "I know that you despise me for being a fence-sitter, that I'm two-faced and not a good person. Sometimes, I look down on myself too."

Chapter 189 I'll help you

Tan Rou really didn't care about what Wei Ling said. Even though Tan Rou had nothing from the beginning, she was never afraid of Tan Jing. She countered every move and completely shattered Tan Jing's conspiracy.

Moreover, Wei Ling's evaluation of herself was accurate. She was a two-faced fence-sitter, and Tan Rou didn't need such a person by her side.

If anything were to happen, Wei Ling would probably be the first to betray her. Tan Rou didn't have the time to guard against her every day.

Wei Ling still wanted to fight for it. "Tan Rou, please don't misunderstand. I don't want to be dependent on you or rely on you. I know you're not someone like that. Perhaps you'll even think that I'm a burden but I don't want to be that kind of person anymore. I've had enough of being a fence-sitter. I want to be an upright person! Only for once! If you help me, I'll give you something in return. I won't bother you anymore!"

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Tan Rou was a little impatient and didn't want to talk to Wei Ling about this anymore. No matter how much Wei Ling talked about it, Tan Rou couldn't forget how Wei Ling had framed her at the exam hall.

She didn't want to be a saint who repay evil with good. It was good enough for them to bear the consequences of their own actions.

However, Wei Ling's words just now made Tan Rou feel something different. She looked at Wei Ling with an inquisitive gaze.

Wei Ling lowered his head, her entire being dispirited. She said weakly, "I know you might not help me so just treat this as doing a good deed and be my listener. It's been a long time since someone was willing to listen to my talk. Tan Rou, did you know? I'm actually very envious of you."

Wei Ling raised his head and looked at Tan Rou with her red eyes. "You've changed, really. I can't believe how much you've changed. You've completely broken away from your ignorance. You've learned to resist and fight. You've seen through their dirty tricks and can even take revenge on them. I might not be able to do it in this lifetime."

At this moment, Wei Ling threw away her prejudice and obsession and sincerely wished Tan Rou well. "I'm so sorry that I can't be friends with you. You're really great. You didn't turn out like me and I'm sure you'll have a bright future ahead."

Seeing Wei Ling like this, Tan Rou didn't know why, but compared to her hysteria just now, the current Wei Ling made her heart ache a little.

Wei Ling was just like her in her previous life. She gradually sank into her family's vanity. Even though life was hard, she was unwilling to give up. She desperately pursued for the superficial glory and wealth, but it was too late when she finally saw through everything.

To be in hell without knowing it. Then, there will be others that appear just to tell you that there were many levels to hell.

Tan Rou suddenly couldn't bear it. It wasn't because of Wei Ling's words that she suddenly wanted to forgive her, but because the memories of both her lives overlapped. Looking at Wei Ling's expression now was like looking at her disheartened self in her previous life.

She had experienced the same regret and grief of not being able to fight back after a sudden enlightenment.

If this continued, it may really be over for Wei Ling.

Although Wei Ling was in the wrong, she didn't deserve to die. Even if she didn't commit suicide but because she understood all these now, she might live the rest of her life in pain and unwillingness.

Tan Rou thought about it and decided to follow her heart. She would treat it as a good deed. No one was willing to help her in the past, and now, for her, she would be able to make it up by helping Wei Ling.

"I'll help you talk to the principal," Tan Rou finally said. "You'll definitely be punished but I don't think that they will expel you. I don't know if it will work but I'll put forth the ugly truth first. I will only try my best."

Wei Ling didn't expect that Tan Rou would agree to her request when she didn't even agree to it in the beginning when she was begging Tan Rou.

Wei Ling was surprised and stunned. "Why? How did you...?"

Tan Rou shrugged her shoulders. "Don't misunderstand me. I haven't forgiven you and I don't need you to help me with anything in the future. It's just that I think... Since you've thought it through and want to live an upright life, then live a good life. Just don't let me down in the future."

Tan Rou looked at Wei Ling seriously. "Your life is your own, not someone else's subordinate. You don't need to please anyone. As long as you can understand this, I didn't listen to everything that you said today in vain. I hope you can keep your word. I don't want to help Wei Ling from the past but I'm willing to help you."

Wei Ling burst into tears and she didn't know what to say. She covered her face and thanked her over and over again. "Thank you, Tan Rou! Thank you! I will!"

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After Tan Rou and Wei Ling came to an agreement, the two separated.

Before she left, Wei Ling was so touched that she gently tugged Tan Rou's arm and said reluctantly, "Tan Rou, I'm really too guilty that you're doing this for me. I really don't have the face to stand in front of you. Thank you, you saved me."

Tan Rou shook her head. "It's still the same. Only you can save yourself. It's your repentance that touched me. As the saying goes, a prodigal son can not be exchanged for gold after he returns. It's not too late for you to realize it now. My opponent has always been Tan Jing. There's no need to sacrifice you."

Wei Ling's eyes were filled with tears, but she smiled as if a heavy burden had been lifted off her shoulders. "Don't worry, I've really thought it through. Even if my parents don't want to acknowledge me anymore, I won't turn back. Let the Tan family go to hell!"

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Tan Rou nodded. "Take care of yourself. As for the rest, I won't be saying much about it."

Wei Ling still felt a little crushed. "Tan Rou, if... I mean, if I didn't do those, would you be willing to be friends with me? Those that are sincere?"

Tan Rou frowned slightly and didn't speak.

Wei Ling smiled bitterly. "For someone like me, I have never had a true friend. I know that you may not like me, but I really think that you will be a great best friend. You and Tan Jing should not be opponents. She is too low-level. You are so much better than her."

Tan Rou smiled faintly. "Sincerity is exchanged with sincerity. If you want to have friends, you would have to work on it. We weren't friends in the past, and we probably won't be in the future. We just have to mind our own business."

Wei Ling raised his head and looked at Tan Rou. "Regardless of whether you acknowledge me or not, I've already treated you as a friend. Don't worry, I won't ask you to help me with anything else. On the contrary, no matter what happens in the future, I'll remember your kindness today and I'll repay it!"

Tan Rou felt a little helpless and didn't want to argue with Wei Ling anymore. She quickly bidded goodbye. "Go home and rest while you wait for the announcement. I'll try my best to help you get back to school."

Wei Ling nodded and turned to leave.

Tan Rou sighed. She was still too soft-hearted and had accidentally gotten herself involved in another issue. It was to help the person who had harmed her.

But, the human heart was made of muscle and blood. If she were to be heartless and selfish, then she would be no different from the Tan family.

Tan Rou didn't hesitate any longer and quickly went home before it got dark.

The next morning, the school was in an uproar.

Most students thought that they might still be dreaming. As soon as they entered the school gate, they saw the red ranking of the mock exam posted next to the blackboard.

Tan Rou had gotten first place in the school with full marks!

The students were all stunned. In their lifetime, the god of Exam Hall A has finally appeared. It was Tan Rou!!!

The teachers in their school were efficient. After the first paper, they immediately started marking it.

When the teachers met last night, they excitedly shared the results of the student who got first place. In the end, they had all received incredible news. The student whom they were all referring to was actually Tan Rou!

The teachers were dumbfounded on the spot and stood rooted to the ground in disbelief. They looked at each other and took out the test papers that they were responsible for. They thought that Tan Rou was only slightly better in one subject which was why she could score full marks. They only wanted to inform the other teachers so that they would not underestimate Tan Rou. Everyone had a subject that they excelled in.

Who would've thought that Tan Rou was unbiased? She had gotten full marks for every subject!

All the teachers turned their focus over to the last teacher who was making the papers. The teacher shivered and quickly found Tan Rou's paper among the hundreds and thousands papers.

The teachers gathered together and watched the last teacher correct Tan Rou's paper. No one dared to make a sound, and they could even hear each other's heartbeats.

The marking teacher wiped the sweat from his forehead and said in a daze, "It's all correct! She got full marks..."

Another teacher was in disbelief. "Where's the essay? It's one thing for her to get all of these science subjects correct, but the liberal arts answers are subjectives. How can she get all of them correct?"

The teacher gulped. "I've tried looking for it, and I can't find any mistakes at all. It's even better than the model essay! I can't even deduct a single mark from her paper!"

Everyone fell silent. Some teachers mumbled in disbelief, "It's a lie... Is this something a human can do?"

However, no matter how hard they tried to ignore it, the score was right there. They looked at the test paper several times to make sure that there was no mistake. They could only log Tan Rou's results into the computer with a nervous and ecstatic mood.

All of this was too shocking. In order to check the results, several teachers stayed in the school until late at night. However, they didn't care about the time and quickly called the principal to report the good news.

There was a genius born in their school!