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Chapter 1011 Drastic Measures

During such business meetings, notwithstanding whether Wei De eventually did anything to these ladies, they saw with their own eyes how Wei De used every opportunity to take advantage of the ladies. Wei De would touch the ladies at inappropriate places, not sparing any.

If Zhai Hua did not like Wei De, they would not even be willing to bother about Wei De. He was the kind of person who was incapable and could only rely on women to climb to the top.

However, everyone was aware of Zhai Hua's temperament.

Unless Zhai Hua sorted out her thoughts on her own, Zhai Hua might think that they were sowing discord if they were to tell her the truth!

When one was in love, their IQ would be zero. Zhai Hua had always been famous in their social circle for being strong-bodied but simple-minded.

The initial plan of Zhai Hua's buddies was to help Zhai Hua keep a watch on Wei De.

Regardless of how cunning Wei De was, they could also help Zhai Hua nip him in the bud. They were not worried at all that Wei De would play any tricks.

However, this group of young lads never expected that they had gotten to know Wei De too late. Wei De had already used all of his tricks on Zhai Hua long before they knew him.

When they heard the news, everyone was thinking about how to deal with Wei De. That one phone call from Zhai Hua was akin to rain that came just in time. It made everyone know what they needed to do next.

One by one, all those businesses that involved Wei De along failed.

The agreements that were already signed were now void. The businesses that were in discussion became unsuitable and those potential projects simply became 'disconnected.'

Wei De basically did not have financial liquidity in his company. He relied on the help from this group of Zhai Hua's buddies.

Once Zhai Hua had spoken out, one by one, these people withdrew their funds. They did not even let Wei De have a chance to conceal or fake the accounts.

All his businesses were unsuccessful and his funds were withdrawn fully.

Could a company that had neither money nor business still be called a company?

Instantly, the authorities came to check on Wei De's accounts and then gave him a deadline.

If the funds were not accounted for within seven days, Wei De would have to declare bankrupt then.

One thing happened after another. Wei De did not even have the time to react or minimize the impact.

He was still considering how to salvage his relationship with Zhai Hua. However, the company was already in a chaotic state, facing the situation of disintegration.

When the employees of the company heard that the situation was so terrible, all of them were scared out of their wits. They requested from Wei De their salary for November and expressed that they would take it that they had provided free labor for Wei De for the first half of December. Wei De did not need to pay them for that period.

He could lose neither the woman nor the money.

His western suit was as wrinkled as pickles. The green and purple bruises and scars on his face were like the colors painted on a clown's face. His hair was messy and he looked dejected.

Facing such a boss, these employees refused to stay despite the good words and persuasion of Wei De. They insisted that Wei De pay them the salary for November.

"Stop making noise. How is it possible that the company doesn't have money? It's not that you don't know those friends of mine. As long as I make a phone call, they will get someone to send the

money over.” Wei De gripped and loosened his tie in a disheveled manner. This time, he wished to kill someone more than Zhai Hua.

“Boss, don’t lie to us anymore. We heard them very clearly. Those friends of yours, who are big bosses, are not your friends. They are the lady boss’ friends. Boss, you have broken up with the lady boss, right?”

It was not as if the people in the company did not have ears and eyes.

In fact, the employees had seen the so-called friends, the big bosses mentioned by Wei De.

However, each time, Wei De would always bow to these youngsters humbly, treat, and fawn on them as if they were his ancestors.

“It’s bustling here?” The person who had been running the errand for Zhai Sheng had a mocking look on his face while he carried in that huge box from Zhai Hua. “You’re Wei De, right? These things... I am not sure if you will remember them if I don’t bring them up. However, it doesn’t matter anymore. That’s the temperament of the Zhai family. They don’t like to owe anyone anything. Regardless of how valuable your gifts are, they will definitely return them to you if they should. Of course, they will definitely ask you back for what you have owed them too.”

After leaving behind these few extremely cold words, that man lifted the box in his hands. When he turned it, all the items in the box fell noisily all over the entrance of the company like it was raining.

As for the clothing that Wei De had given to Zhai Hua, they had been cut and destroyed by Zhai Hua.

After humiliating Wei De badly in front of everyone by exhibiting the gifts from Wei De to Zhai Hua, that man even took money out from his pocket. “It’s not convenient to return the clothing, so they had to be cut and destroyed. The Zhai family doesn’t have the habit of owing people money. Fortunately, the total cost of these few pieces of clothing is not more than two hundred yuan. They’ve returned them to you.”

After dumping two pieces of cash that were as red as Wei De’s eyes, that man waved his sleeves gently and left without taking anything away. Nothing there belonged to him anyway.

When Wei De's employees saw clearly his gifts to Zhai Hua, all of them were stupefied. "Boss earned so much money and he gave the lady boss these things?"

"The lady boss was so easily taken in. I heard that gifts from high school students are even better than these."

"No wonder they are breaking up!"

"What I want to say most is that, true enough, this company no longer has money!!!"

If not for the fact that he was poor, would the boss need to be so stingy and give the lady boss things that were not even acceptable to students?

One had to know that they owed it to the former lady boss to bring in all the businesses of this company.

"I want to quit. I don't want the salary for this month anymore. Quickly pay us our salary for last month. If you don't, we will sue you!"

"Right, sue you!"

At this moment, the situation at Wei De's company was becoming more and more chaotic. It was so chaotic that Wei De simply could not control it.

All the processes in the company were managed by the relevant personnel recruited by Zhai Hua's friends to help Wei De.

Of course, Wei De knew that such a situation was disadvantageous to him. However, if he were to hire someone else, wouldn't he need to spend money?

Moreover, he had established neither his foothold nor interpersonal network. As such, he had to rely on these rich lads.

In the initial period, he had to learn and gain more experience from these people.

When he had the capability to control the whole operations of the company, he would then find a way to kick away those people who were not on his side.

Wei De knew in his heart that the reason these people had been helping him and even hired professionals to help him work was that they were helping Zhai Hua keep a watch on him.

In name, the company belonged to him. In actual fact, those people treated his company and money as Zhai Hua's belonging.

Wei De was able to keep his equanimity. He was very devious and could tolerate anger well.

However, never did he predict that Zhai Hua and his relationship would be over before he could even establish a footing. Hence, he did not even have any time to realize all his plans and schemes.

Chapter 1012 What a Huge Brag

Everything happened all of a sudden. Wei De was caught off guard. He was at a loss of what to do.

Those people had not only withdrawn their funds but also recalled the people whom they had recruited earlier.

Given his current capability, Wei De could not control the chaotic situation that he was facing now.

Wei De had already received a harsh beating from Zhai Hua and Zhai Sheng earlier. Every bone and muscle of his body was in extreme pain. In the end, the employees were so furious that they pressed Wei De to the ground and mercilessly gave him another round of beating. Wei De even fainted eventually.

When Wei De could finally open his swollen eyes, albeit with much difficulty and barely opening them in a slit, he found himself surrounded by four miserable white walls and he was having a bad headache. Had he been hospitalized?

It was true that everyone kicks a man who is down.

He and Zhai Hua were not over yet, but these people could not wait to trample on him who was down on luck.

Just wait and see. When he reconciled with and married Zhai Hua, he would use the Zhai family's power to retaliate against whoever made things difficult for him today!

"Sir." The auntie whom Wei De had hired to look after Wei Wei was sitting by his side, looking awkward. "Sir, you are awake. D-do you want some water?"

Wei De gave a long sigh. He closed his eyes and nodded weakly.

After the auntie fed Wei De a mouthful of water, she was thinking of how to get away. "Sir, Wei Wei is sleeping. Should I wake him up?"

"!" Wei De gave a glare and revealed a murderous look in his eyes. Nevertheless, this murderous aura disappeared very soon after.

A woman was a woman, while his son was his son.

Zhai Hua was very important to him but so was his son.

When he said that he did not want Wei Wei anymore, he was faking his stand in front of the Zhai family in order to plead for Zhai Hua to turn back her heart. It was impossible for him to give up on this son.

However, the situation had turned out as such. Certainly, Wei Wei would not be able to remain in Ping Cheng anymore.

Wei De was afraid that Zhai Hua would be unwilling to meet or bother about him again if he were to bring up Wei Wei's name again, not to mention to allow this child to appear in front of her. "I will give you a contact number. Call this number. You don't need to tell the person about my situation. You just need to tell the person that I have been too busy with my business recently and am not in Ping Cheng now, and ask them to fetch Wei Wei back."

"Oh, sure." The auntie was aware that her only duty was to take good care of Wei Wei when she was hired.

If the child were to be sent away, she should be able to leave then?

When she received the contact number, the auntie paid out of her own pocket and dialed the number. She repeated Wei De's words accordingly.

After Mother Wei listened to the phone call, she agreed readily without suspecting. She took it that Wei De was really busy. "Fine, send the child to the train station tomorrow. I will go and fetch him."

"Okay." The auntie heaved a sigh of relief.

After hanging up the phone at home, Mother Wei lost her temper. "Ah De is a man. He needs to support the entire family and earn money. He needs to support us. Zhai Hua is just a woman. Why is she so insensible? Why doesn't she know her limits? As a woman, first, she should serve her man. Second, she should take good care of him and his child. As for the rest of the matters, she can leave it to Ah De to handle. Outrageous! If she becomes my daughter-in-law next time, I will definitely take her in hand properly and make her understand what a woman's duty is. If she is not able to change her temper, she can forget about calling me mom!"

Her son was very capable now. He could earn so much money.

Now, in the village, which family's house was better than hers? Whose clothing, food, and daily necessities were better than hers?

Touching the big and heavy gold bracelet on her wrist, Mother Wei looked so smug that she was about to fly. "Given my family's Ah De's current qualities, if it is in the olden times, he would be considered a magnate who should have a few wives. At this point in time, he will be able to get any women that he wants. Pretty and young ones will come to him as long as he waves his hands. It's just that our family's Ah De is too honest and virtuous. He has never shunned her. She also has to know where she stands. She was not being appreciative at all!"

Zhai Hua was almost thirty years old and she still refused to marry Wei De. She was so proud. Mother Wei could not wait to rush to Zhai Hua and give her a few tight slaps on the face.

Juniors who were insensible deserved a beating!

When Father Wei heard Mother Wei's words, he was so furious. Bam—!! He smashed his bowl on the table and it shattered into pieces. "Your son is so capable now that you hate other people's daughter so much. Fine, make a phone call now and ask your son to break up with her. Thereafter, get your son to do according to what you said—find a young, pretty, and well-educated one. Won't that do?"

When Father Wei flared up, Mother Wei's voice softened. "What do you mean by this? I'm going to keep my mouth shut. People from our Wei family are honest and virtuous. I... I was just lamenting a little. I didn't do anything either."

"Humph. You just know how to talk." Father Wei snorted with disdain. Regardless of how pleasant the words were, everything that his son had now was owed to that 'daughter-in-law who had countless faults' from his wife's mouth.

Would their son be able to establish himself in Ping Cheng without that family's daughter?

"She is not even married to our family yet and you are already protecting her. You... What do you mean by this?" Mother Wei was not willing to admit that her own son was not good enough and had to rely on a woman. Her son was the capable one. It was that woman who was too insensible.

That woman should pass all the power in her hands to her son.

It had always been the case where a man should take care of external matters while his wife took care of domestic affairs. That should be the right way.

"What else could I mean? Is Ah De not my son? Believe it or not, as long as you say any of what you said just now to the other family's daughter, she will turn against our family. Both of us know how capable our son is. Do you dare to say that he will be able to find someone better than her? However, if the chief's daughter leaves Ah De, her family can easily introduce her to someone who is much better than Ah De."

In the eyes of the parents, their own children would always be the most outstanding ones in the world.

Father Wei did not like to talk but it did not mean that he did not have brains.

His wife had been bragging too much, so much so that she had taken her words of bragging as the truth.

It was not that the other family's daughter could not leave Ah De. If Ah De were to leave her, he would be reduced to nothing.

Mother Wei was panting heavily in anger but she did not refute Father Wei's words. "Why are you so fierce? I am just saying this at home." Of course, she would not be so stupid as to say this in front of that lady.

That lady's biological father was the great chief while her whole family was farmers.

Nevertheless, after Ah De married that woman, that woman also had to address her as 'mom' abidingly and respectfully although she was a farmer. She had to be filial to her!

"You can't say that even at home. What if someone hears it and mouths it to that lady? Also, you let your tongue slip now. When you really meet that lady, what if you can't help it and say this to her? You'll see how your son will deal with you if you wreck this marriage."

Chapter 1013 Not Persuading

Regarding this matter, it was certainly true that the other family's daughter had been shortchanged.

Ah De was his son. Of course, he was on his own son's side.

His grandson already existed and he could not forgo his grandson.

Aside from that, he would certainly properly take in hand his own wife so that that lady's life would not be as bad. This was also considered a form of compensation for her.

Father Wei was melancholic as he took a smoke of his dry-cured tobacco. "I am guessing that Ah De asked you to bring our grandson back as a precautionary measure. I have said before. This matter is not handled honestly. We have gone overboard in bullying others. Also, the people in the city are very smart. I am afraid that all of you have been too optimistic and your plan will fail in the end."

Father Wei had always disapproved of sending his grandson to Ping Cheng.

Of course, he hoped that his only grandchild could become as successful as the latter's father.

The problem was that that lady or other people might discover the relationship between his son and grandson. If that were to happen, his son would really lose this good marriage.

Father Wei's words made sense. No matter how bad Mother Wei's temper was, she could only bow her head and relent at this moment. "You're right. I will not talk about this in the future in case other people spread the words around. Who will fetch Wei Wei? You or me?"

When that chief's daughter really became her daughter-in-law, she would order her to take care of Wei Wei then.

At most, she just had to wait for it to happen in one or two years' time. With Ah De around, no one would be able to shortchange her grandson.

"I'll go." Father Wei stood up immediately. "It's not the spring season now. There shouldn't be many people buying the tickets. I will go now." After all, it would be a long journey. Father Wei hoped to fetch his grandson home as soon as possible, whether it was because he missed him or to prevent his grandson's existence from affecting his son's good marriage.

"Okay." Mother Wei copied down a contact number and passed it to Father Wei, in case Father Wei became lost and could not fetch their grandson when he arrived in Ping Cheng.

Father Wei took an overnight train to Ping Cheng and managed to fetch his grandson at half past eight in the morning.

When he saw that a helper and not his son had brought his grandson to him, Father Wei enquired. The auntie acted according to Wei De's instructions. She only told him that Wei De was extremely busy with work and discussions of business deals.

After he confirmed umpteen times that Wei De was doing fine and there was no problem with his relationship with Zhai Hua, he then left with Wei Wei.

Never did the auntie and Wei De expect that, Wei Wei, who had already learned how to talk, would tell Father Wei on the train that Wei De was hospitalized as he had been beaten up by someone.

Father Wei then realized that his son was in some trouble. That was why he had contacted them to fetch his grandson home.

Father Wei could not help much in other areas. Since his son did not want him to know about this, Father Wei pretended that he did not know. He even instructed his grandson not to mention this in front of the latter's grandmother.

When Wei De had settled his problem and decided on his marriage with the chief's daughter, Father Wei believed that everything would be fine and there would be clear skies after a storm.

"Nan Nan, you have applied for leave to come back. Is there really no issue?" The night Qiao Nan returned to Ping Cheng, naturally, she went back to stay in the small courtyard near Ping Cheng High School with Qiao Dongliang.

"Yes, the principal has approved the leave." Qiao Nan dared not tell Qiao Dongliang that the principal had approved her leave completely because he was giving the Zhai family face, and not because he had complete trust in her.

True enough, Qiao Dongliang felt more at ease when he heard that she had the principal's approval. "Nan Nan, don't blame Dad for being too strict on you. Even if the Zhai family doesn't look down on us, other people are not so nice with their words. Now, you can only strive to perform well in college and let everyone know that you are capable and compatible with Zhai Sheng."

Qiao Nan smiled. "Dad, how will I not understand your good intention? If one is carefree, they should not care too much about others' opinions. The problem is that the status of the Zhai family is different. If I can do better, of course I will, regardless of whether it is for the sake of the Zhai family or myself. Dad, I know. I am not angry."

Qiao Dongliang felt very comforted that his daughter was so sensible and obedient. "That's true. You've been very obedient and sensible since you're a child. If it's your sister..."

At the mention of Qiao Zijin, Qiao Dongliang's face turned pale.

Initially, Miao Jing intended to ask Qiao Nan to stay at the house of the Zhai family but Qiao Dongliang did not agree. Once Qiao Dongliang expressed his stand, Qiao Nan very obediently followed Qiao Dongliang as he stood up. They then returned to the small courtyard together.

Qiao Nan was already engaged with Zhai Sheng. Even if she were to stay at the house of the Zhai family, other people could not gossip either, not to mention that Miao Jing and Zhai Yaohui had already looked for Dongliang when they came back from the capital. The trio had jointly discussed and selected a date next year to organize a banquet for the two children so that they could collect their marriage certificate thereafter.

As such, Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng would become an official couple then.

They had already come to such a stage. Qiao Dongliang was hanging on and felt that it was best for Qiao Nan not to stay at the house of the Zhai family for the time being.

If Qiao Nan did not listen to him, Qiao Dongliang might feel disappointed but he would not think that Qiao Nan was in the wrong. The problem was that if the same situation occurred with Qiao Zijin... Clearly, Qiao Zijin was older than Qiao Nan by two years but she completely did not have Qiao Nan's sensibility and dignity. This was what Qiao Dongliang was most angry about.

Qiao Nan was pouring some water when she paused. "Sister and Mom are back?"

"Otherwise, why do you think I insist that you don't stay in the quad?" Qiao Dongliang was feeling angry too. "Your sister... I really can't manage her. If your mom wants to spoil her, so be it. She will ruin your sister's entire life. Your mom will come to regret this!"

Previously, when Qiao Dongliang divorced Ding Jiayi, it was considered that he left the marriage without anything. He left everything in the family's possession, including the small courtyard in the quad, to Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin.

Miao Jing liked Qiao Nan very much. Old Master Zhai was also full of praise for Qiao Nan.

As Qiao Nan's biological father, Qiao Dongliang was overjoyed that everyone in his future in-law family liked his daughter.

He could not agree to let his daughter stay overnight at the house of the Zhai family. Nevertheless, they had a house in the quad too. If they were to stay near each other, it was convenient to have dinner and chat for a longer time before returning home.

However, as Ding Jiayi had returned to Ping Cheng and stayed in the small courtyard of the Qiao family, Qiao Dongliang was thus reluctant to step into the house.

Since he had already given it to Ding Jiayi, he would not go back on his words.

As such, Qiao Dongliang simply gave all the keys of the small courtyard to Ding Jiayi. He did not leave behind any of them. He did not leave himself a choice at all.

“What happened to my sister?” Upon hearing this, Qiao Nan felt that his father’s anger seemed to be directed at Qiao Zijin.

“She is dating.”

“Oh...” She knew about this matter. Brother Zhai had mentioned it to her before.

“She is together with that man by the surname of Chen!” This was what Qiao Dongliang could not accept most.

In the past, this young lad appeared out of nowhere at his house and said that he knew Nan Nan.

Within such a short time span, that man by the surname of Chen was already together with Zijin. Qiao Dongliang did not feel happy about it. “That man by the surname of Chen doesn’t seem like a good guy. Your sister insists to be with him. She will definitely suffer badly in the future.”

At the sight of that indignant look of Qiao Dongliang, Qiao Nan did not open her mouth to persuade Qiao Dongliang.

Chapter 1014 Can She Not Fancy Him?

In her previous life, Qiao Zijin was the famous wife of the police commissioner in Ping Cheng. Qiao Nan was not clear about how Qiao Zijin’s life was after the latter’s marriage with Chen Jun.

Qiao Nan only knew that Qiao Zijin had never shortchanged herself in terms of dressing or accessories. She took food and things from her maternal family and even got away with a house from Qiao Nan.

When the two of them got married, Qiao Zijin wore a complete set of gold jewelry, not any piece less.

Following the increasing popularity of platinum and diamonds, Qiao Zijin also went home with a bright and shiny diamond ring that was not small in size.

Later on, there was mosaic gold in the market. Whenever there was a new product, Qiao Zijin never shortchanged herself because of money. She would buy herself everything that was newly launched.

Under the circumstance whereby she did not lack any materialistic needs, Qiao Zijin still went looking for messy wild men and was caught red-handed by the Chen family.

From a certain perspective, it was not just the Chen family who had bullied Qiao Zijin. Qiao Zijin did not show them any face either. Neither was kind or pushovers.

It was the pot calling the kettle back. It was hard to say who was bullying who.

“Nan Nan, I remember that when that lad by the surname of Chen initially came to our house, he was looking for you. Do you have any impression of this person?” He just had to settle his younger daughter’s marriage properly. Thereafter, he did not need to worry about the rest of his younger daughter’s life anymore.

The marriage of his younger daughter had been settled. Unfortunately, his elder daughter, who was most disobedient and poor in her studies, was creating troubles for him every now and then. Qiao Dongliang felt very weary.

Qiao Nan was drinking her water when she said, “Dad, if I tell you that Chen Jun expressed a liking for me, wooed me when I was in junior high school, and even wrote me love letters, will you believe me?”

“...” Qiao Dongliang was stunned. He did not react after some time. “Nan Nan, is that true?”

“He came to my school and my classroom before. When I was in my third year of junior high school, my studies were heavy but I would often receive his letters. I don’t have any feelings toward Chen Jun. Furthermore, how can dating be more important than my studies? In the end, I returned him all those letters that he sent me. However, Dad, if you have any doubts, you can go to Ping Cheng High School and ask them about it. I believe that the people in the reception office should have a little impression of this situation of mine.”

How could it just be a little impression?

Since Qiao Nan became the top scorer of the middle school examination and college entrance examination, both Ping Cheng High School and Ping Cheng Junior High School treated Qiao Nan as their live ambassador. They made everyone know that Qiao Nan graduated from their junior and senior high school respectively.

If one were to enquire the reception office about other students’ matters, especially students who had graduated from the school for at least a few years, they certainly would not have any recollection.

However, if the party concerned was Qiao Nan, the other party would be able to give a clear response then.

In actual fact, the disciplinary rules of Ping Cheng Junior High School were quite strict. It was not just Qiao Nan’s cohort. The teachers in the reception office had been working for so many years. That was the first time that they encountered a student who had so much mail.

“However, Dad, let’s get the unpleasantness out of the way. I am telling you because you asked me today. If other people enquire, I will definitely not bring this matter up. About four to five years have passed and I have also returned the letters to him. Even if someone can prove that I often received letters during that period, I can’t prove that those were love letters from Chen Jun. I have not been on good terms with sister since we were a child. My sister will definitely not believe any words of mine. Most likely, Chen Jun will not admit it either.”

Her father might ask Qiao Zijin or confront Chen Jun about this matter.

If her father received denials and turned back to question her, she would definitely not take responsibility for it.

“I know.” Qiao Dongliang nodded. “You’re my daughter. Do I not know you? I don’t trust others but I trust you. Let me ask you something again. When Chen Jun wooed you, you were still in junior... junior high school. Does your sister know?”

Nan Nan had never been someone who would brag without a basis. If Nan Nan said that this had happened, it must have happened.

Nan Nan even dared to tell him to verify this matter with the reception office of Ping Cheng Junior High School. That was enough to prove that Nan Nan had always received Chen Jun’s letters during that period of time.

As for whether those were love letters from Chen Jun, Qiao Dongliang was not concerned at all.

Nan Nan was only in her third year of junior high school studies then. Doing well in her studies and achieving good grades for her middle school examination was most important.

No matter what, Chen Jun was already a college student, yet he picked such a time to write to Nan Nan frequently. Regardless of how he saw it, Chen Jun seemed to be harboring ill intentions.

Everyone was man. Which men would write to young girls without an apparent reason?

Qiao Nan leaned on the sofa. “Dad, you’re asking me a difficult question. It’s not like you don’t know sister’s temperament. She never tells me about her matters. However, Dad, you should remember one thing. Sister’s first meeting with Chen Jun was when he visited us to look for me. Dad, tell me, is it possible that sister did not see through Chen Jun’s mind at that time?”

Chen Jun had already come knocking on their door. Was there a need to be more specific on that?

Damn, who would have so much spare time to pay a visit to a junior whom he was completely unrelated to on the first day of Lunar New Year? That was amusing.

However, Qiao Nan did not tell Qiao Dongliang about the transaction between Chen Jun and Wang Yang, in case it caused too much psychological burden on Qiao Dongliang.

Qiao Dongliang’s expression turned sullen. “This is outrageous. Outrageous!”

Regardless of Chen Jun's intention when he visited them, Qiao Nan was the one that he was looking for. If Zijin had some shame, she should have maintained a distance with Chen Jun.

Fortunately, Nan Nan had Zhai Sheng. What if Nan Nan had been foolish and accepted Chen Jun's advances? Wouldn't Zijin's behavior be akin to double-crossing her own sister? That would be too shameless!

"..." Qiao Dongliang wanted very much to discipline Qiao Zijin. He felt that Qiao Zijin's behavior this time was really too much. "It is not as if Chen Jun is the only man left in the whole world!"

When she knew that Chen Jun visited them because of her own sister, Zijin even went flanking herself in front of him!

Qiao Nan gave a yawn. "Dad, don't be angry. Of course, Chen Jun is not the only man in the whole world. The problem is that Chen Jun's father used to be the deputy commissioner of Ping Cheng's police headquarters, but he was demoted later on. I am not sure what mistake he had committed. However, he is still a government official regardless of his current role. It is not difficult to find a man but it is not so easy to find one that has better qualities than Chen Jun. Dad, you don't need to worry about sister. She is very smart."

Qiao Nan's blunt words were like a hammer that hit Qiao Dongliang's head. "Your sister is with Chen Jun not because she likes him?"

"My goodness, Dad, if sister is willing to be with Chen Jun, naturally, she likes him. Chen Jun is the second generation of government officials. It is a part of Chen Jun's identity. Given this important status, sister likes Chen Jun even more."

Chapter 1015 You Look Down On Me

"..." Qiao Dongliang could not understand what Qiao Nan meant. "Does your sister like Chen Jun or his family background?"

"Chen Jun is good-looking and he is a student from a famous university. My sister likes his looks while his family background is the reason why she would continue with this relationship and to be a couple with him." It was because of the Chen family background that Qiao Zijin was able to accept Chen Jun and be with him.

“Did your sister accept Chen Jun and be his girlfriend because of his family background?” Qiao Dongliang finally understood, but he felt bitterly disappointed.

Since when did love between two people become based on material gains?

Qiao Nan stood up. “Dad, it’s late. I will wash up and go to sleep. Don’t think too much. Sister has grown up. Regardless of whether it is right or wrong, she has the ability to take responsibility for her own life. I am not trying to upset you. But unless she has sorted out her thoughts, she will not listen to what you say even if you come up with a hundred and eight reasons why she and Chen Jun are not suitable. Instead, she will be annoyed with you and will blame you for ruining her happiness.”

After she said that, Qiao Nan left, not willing to persuade her father further.

Qiao Zijin was her father’s biological daughter. He could never bring himself to ignore her. However, she had given up on her and was thus able to make objective comments of her closest relative.

She was once killed by her two closest relatives. Now that she had another chance to live, she would never allow herself to be ruined by the two of them.

Qiao Nan bathed to her heart’s content, not caring about the amount of water that she used. She went back to her room after the shower, hugged her blanket that smelled nice, and slept soundly.

Qiao Dongliang sat alone in the living room for more than an hour, deep in his thoughts.

Even though Qiao Nan had made things very clear, Qiao Dongliang sighed and made a call to Qiao Zijin’s dormitory as soon as he woke up the next day. “Hello, I am Qiao Zijin’s father. Yes. Thank you, classmate.”

After a while, Qiao Zijin came to answer the phone. “Dad, what’s the matter? Oh, yeah, Nan Nan is not at home. You don’t have to worry about anything. Dad, is anything the matter?”

This was not the first time that Qiao Dongliang called Qiao Zijin. Even though he had not been calling her frequently, Qiao Zijin was not surprised that Qiao Dongliang would call her.

“Zijin, you are still young and in school. I feel that it is better to call off what you told me previously.”

“Dad, what do you mean by this? Nan Nan can be engaged while I am not allowed to introduce my boyfriend to you and Mom? Why? Is it because Nan Nan is engaged to Zhai Sheng, while my boyfriend is not as good as Zhai Sheng, so you look down on him?” Qiao Zijin was unhappy.

Qiao Nan was lucky to be engaged to Zhai Sheng.

She always thought that Zhai Sheng was merely toying with Qiao Nan and was not serious about her.

By the time Zhai Sheng grew tired of Qiao Nan, she would be cheated of her feelings and would have lost her chastity to Zhai Sheng. By then, Qiao Nan must be feeling miserable and it would be time for her to take her revenge.

Unfortunately, she heard the news this summer break that Qiao Nan was engaged to Zhai Sheng. She was so angry that she almost fainted.

Qiao Zijin knew all along that Chen Jun was willing to be her boyfriend and took the initiative to meet her parents was highly due to Qiao Nan’s relationship with Zhai Sheng.

Since Qiao Zijin was left with no other choice and there was no better man than Chen Jun, she agreed to be his girlfriend.

“This is not about whether I look down on him or not!” Qiao Dongliang could not help but raise his voice. Back when he told Nan Nan that Zhai Sheng was unsuitable for her, she might be upset, but she would not talk to him using such an attitude. “You should know about the Zhai family. The situation is different and one has to deal with it differently. It has nothing to do with their social status. Besides, let me ask you. Do you know that Chen Jun used to pursue Nan Nan in the past?”

“...” Qiao Zijin was shocked. She did not expect that Qiao Dongliang would ask such a question.

“Why did you keep quiet?” Qiao Dongliang frowned, widening his eyes in shock. “Did you know about it?!”

“It doesn’t matter if I know about it or not. What’s important is that Chen Jun is my boyfriend now and he will be your son-in-law in the future. This is what you need to know!”

Chen Jun told her that his father almost became the police commissioner of Ping Cheng police headquarters.

He was not too far off now either. At the very least, he was the chief of the police station.

Chen Jun said that once the Chen family and the Zhai family were related by marriage, even if the Zhai family was not willing to help them, it would be a huge help to the Chen family to make use of their reputation to their advantage. Chen Jun’s father would be able to transfer back to Ping Cheng police headquarters in no time.

Everyone in the quad would look up to Zhai Sheng.

Although Qiao Zijin did not dream of a day where Zhai Sheng would take a fancy to her, it was already a dream come true for her to know someone like Chen Jun.

Qiao Zijin was glad that she had a boyfriend like Chen Jun. However, Qiao Nan was engaged to Zhai Sheng that she knew was beyond her reach. On top of that, if Qiao Nan was not engaged to Zhai Sheng, Chen Jun might not be willing to be her boyfriend.

She was older and prettier than Qiao Nan. She was also smarter than her. However, Qiao Nan was doing better than her in all aspects. She could not take it lying down.

Qiao Zijin could not understand why things turned out to be this way.

Qiao Zijin felt much better after venting her pent-up frustration at Qiao Dongliang. She was about to tell Qiao Dongliang to think of ways for her to be closer to Qiao Nan, and for the Zhai family to be on good terms with the Chen family when she heard the dial tone from the other side of the phone. “How dare you hang up on me!”

Qiao Zijin stomped her foot angrily and made a call to Ding Jiayi. “Mom, Dad called me just now and growled at me to break up with Chen Jun. He even hung the phone on me. What did he mean by that? How dare he lose his temper at me?”

“...” Ding Jiayi was silent. “Qiao Nan came back yesterday because of what happened to Zhai Hua. I have seen her.” Qiao Zijin was doing her diploma studies. Since Ding Jiayi was back in Ping Cheng, she would stay at the Qiao family’s residence.

Qiao Dongliang forbade Ding Jiayi from staying or even entering the house that the elderly couple gave to Qiao Nan.

Ding Jiayi could do nothing about it as they were already divorced.

But she felt better knowing that Qiao Dongliang remained single like her. Qiao Dongliang did not have another woman with him. That was why she did not make things difficult for Qiao Dongliang.

Chapter 1016 Think of Ways for Them to Get Back Together

Yesterday, there was a huge fuss at the Zhai family’s residence. Many neighbors went there to watch the show. Ding Jiayi hid in a corner to check out what was happening.

Ding Jiayi was jealous that Qiao Dongliang seemed like one of the members of the Zhai family, being allowed entry to the house.

Old Qiao was Qiao Nan’s father while she was her mother.

She was in-laws with the Zhai family. Why was it that the Zhai family did not pay her a visit now that she was back in Ping Cheng?

Ding Jiayi was even more jealous at the sight of Qiao Nan.

People could change a lot during a short time.

Furthermore, it had been years since Ding Jiayi last saw Qiao Nan.

Back then, Qiao Nan was thin and scrawny like a monkey, afraid of saying no to others. Right now, she was elegant and quick-witted. She looked like a piece of sculpted jade, gentle but dazzling. Ding Jiayi was not the least bit proud of her. In fact, she felt a piercing pain in her heart.

Since a young age, Zijin was smarter and prettier than that wretched girl. She was better than her in every aspect.

Why was it that the wretched girl led a better life than Zijin and had everything that should have belonged to Zijin?

Ding Jiayi almost suspected that Qiao Nan had sought help from some master to exchange her fortune with Zijin, taking away everything that should have belonged to Qiao Zijin.

The more outstanding Qiao Nan was, the more upset Ding Jiayi was.

Back when she had a divorce and even before she had a divorce, Ding Jiayi was only focused on Qiao Zijin, believing that she would have a better prospect than Qiao Nan.

When they ended up in a divorce, she agreed right away when Qiao Dongliang said that after the divorce, Qiao Nan would stay with him while Qiao Zijin would stay with her.

Ding Jiayi had to make sure that the daughter who had a brighter future would stay with her. Zijin had to be closer to her.

If Qiao Nan fell below Qiao Dongliang's expectation in the future, they would still have Qiao Zijin to depend on.

Once a couple, always a couple.

By that time, she would persuade Qiao Zijin to provide for Old Qiao. Their family of three would lead a happy and blessed life.

Qiao Zijin had to be more outstanding than Qiao Nan and had to lead a better life than Qiao Nan to prove that she was right all along. It was Qiao Dongliang who was not as farsighted as her.

However, if Qiao Nan did better than Qiao Zijin, it would mean that Ding Jiayi was biased toward Qiao Zijin and it was foolish of her to look down on Qiao Nan.

Because of this, regardless of whether Qiao Nan was her biological daughter or not, she did not wish the best of her.

“I am sure the final exam is not over yet. Why is she in Ping Cheng?” It was no wonder that her father asked her whether Chen Jun used to pursue Qiao Nan.

She, Chen Jun, and Qiao Nan were the only people who knew about this.

If Qiao Nan did not tell her father, he would not question her about it.

Such a shameless person!

Now that she had Zhai Sheng, she still wanted to meddle in her relationship with Chen Jun. She must be unsatisfied with what she had. Although Qiao Nan did not like Chen Jun, she wanted to stop Chen Jun from dating her. She must have instigated her father to come between Chen Jun and her.

Wishful thinking!

She would never let Qiao Nan get her way!

“It seems that something had happened to Zhai Hua.” Ding Jiayi had a bad reputation in the quad. In order to maintain her livelihood, she would start work early in the morning and return home late at night. She tried to avoid running into her old neighbors.

She knew that everyone who met her would mock her for mistaking the fish eyes for the pearls. She had missed out on Qiao Nan, who was the real treasure.

They would want to know whether Ding Jiayi felt regretful now that Qiao Nan was the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family. They would be interested to know if the Zhai family had invited Ding Jiayi to their house for a meal or a cup of tea.

It was because of this that Ding Jiayi could not stand seeing Qiao Nan doing well. She hoped that something terrible would happen to Qiao Nan and the Zhai family would break off the engagement.

Ding Jiayi hid from everyone and stayed in a corner to watch the scandal that was unfolding at the Zhai family's residence. She was worried that she would be spotted by Qiao Dongliang.

The Zhai family did not cause a huge commotion when they settled the issue with Wei De.

Therefore, Ding Jiayi did not really know what exactly happened. "It seems that Zhai Hua has broken up with the useless boyfriend."

"Break up!? How is it possible?" Qiao Zijin was shocked. "I thought that Zhai Hua likes the man very much. Despite the strong objection from everyone in the Zhai family, she did not break up with the man."

Chen Jun also told her that as long as the man was married to Zhai Hua and became the son-in-law of the Zhai family, he might be able to help them in the future.

Qiao Zijin was thrilled when she learned that apart from placing high hopes on Qiao Nan, Chen Jun also had other plans in mind.

Qiao Zijin was devastated upon knowing that they had yet to make use of Wei De to help them and he was already out of the picture.

"Qiao Nan seemed to be the reason why they broke up with each other." Ding Jiayi had a sullen expression. Why did it seem that Qiao Nan had a part to play in everything? She was such a busybody.

Since Qiao Nan had time to worry about others and did not pay attention to her studies, why was it that she did so well in her exams? Did she cheat?

"It is Qiao Nan again." Qiao Zijin kicked the dustbin angrily. She had no way to vent her frustrations. "She is leading a good life now, yet she wants to make sure that others suffer and drive them to the corner. She is so evil!"

The Zhai family must be foolish and Zhai Hua must be stupid to do according to what Qiao Nan said.

If the Zhai family was so obedient, they should listen to her and help her out.

Crap! Why was it that Qiao Nan had such good luck?

Ding Jiayi sighed. “Why do you bother yourself with this? We only need to make sure that we lead a good life. It is Qiao Nan’s business that she is such a busybody. It doesn’t matter that they have broken up. There is still the possibility of reconciling. Qiao Nan must be too smug to interfere in Zhai Hua’s marriage. Let’s wait and see. If Zhai Hua is still with the man, they will be the first to dislike Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan will not have a good time in the Zhai family’s residence.”

In China, people would persuade a couple to make peace rather than to break up.

Outsiders should not interfere with the matters between the couples. They must be asking for trouble.

Qiao Nan might be doing good now, but she would have to bear the consequences for her actions in the future.

Qiao Zijin pranced around fretfully, massaging her forehead. “Mom, do you have any way to make sure that Zhai Hua reconciles with the man?”

“No.” Ding Jiayi was very honest. “Why do they have to reconcile?”

“Mom, the man is useful to me.”

Chapter 1017 Create Trouble for Her

“I can stand to gain if he is the son-in-law of the Zhai family. If he breaks up with Zhai Hua, all my past efforts will go down the drain.” Qiao Zijin stood on the same side as Chen Jun. “Mom, if not, can you have a talk with Qiao Nan?”

Since Qiao Nan had the ability to persuade Zhai Hua to break up with Wei De, she must have a way for them to reconcile.

“No, I will not go. I will never give in to the wretched girl!” Ding Jiayi was displeased. She was the mother while Qiao Nan was her daughter.

Qiao Nan should be the one who asked a favor from her, not the other way round.

“Mom, just take it that you are helping me.” She would rather her mother ask a favor from Qiao Nan than for her to give in to Qiao Nan.

Qiao Zijin had strong self-esteem. She could not bring herself to do that. “Mom, please... Don’t you always hope that I will marry a good man and I will lead a good life in the future? This is an easy task for you. Besides, you are not giving in to her. You are Qiao Nan’s mother. You don’t have to give in to her. Instead, she has to be filial to you. You are the elder, while she is the junior.”

Ding Jiayi could not say no to Qiao Zijin’s request. “You are right. I am her mom. I raised her up and provided for her. Even though your dad has divorced me, she still has the obligation to provide for me. We have been apart for so long. She may have forgotten that I am her mother, only knowing that Miao Jing is her mother-in-law!”

Ding Jiayi became emboldened. “You can rest assured that I will look for her in the afternoon and get her to give me an explanation. Unless she can be like Nezha[1] who carved his flesh to return to his mother, she will be indebted to me forever as I am her mother. She has to obey me.”

“Mom, you are the best. Thank you.” Qiao Zijin hung up the phone happily after getting a satisfactory answer from her mother. She had a sinister smile on her face.

Qiao Nan wanted to make use of her father to make her break up with Chen Jun so that she would not marry a good man and have her happiness.

She would make use of her mother to create a din for Qiao Nan, making life difficult for her!

Qiao Zijin knew very well that her mother had a sharp tongue and she would use harsh and crude words on Qiao Nan.

Qiao Zijin always felt that Qiao Nan seemed to be doing much better and had a mind of her own was because she and her mother provoked Qiao Dongliang and he moved out with Qiao Nan.

Otherwise, Qiao Nan would still be staying with them and she would be greeted with scolding by her mother every single morning.

Under such an environment, Qiao Nan would definitely have low self-esteem.

In short, it was a good idea for her mother to annoy Qiao Nan and upset her.

Of course, it would be to her delight if her mother was successful in making Qiao Nan agreed to work on making Zhai Hua reconcile with Wei De.

Qiao Zijin understood what Ding Jiayi meant on the phone when she said that she would look for Qiao Nan in the afternoon.

Qiao Dongliang would be at work in the afternoon. In other words, Qiao Nan was the only person at home.

Since there was no one to help Qiao Nan, she had no way to go against Ding Jiayi and she had to obey her.

Qiao Nan did not know that Qiao Zijin had mistaken her due to the phone call that Qiao Dongliang made. Qiao Zijin thought that it was her idea for Qiao Dongliang to break up her with Chen Jun. As a result, Qiao Zijin wanted to make use of Ding Jiayi to cook up trouble for Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan had barely settled Zhai Hua's and Wei De's problems yesterday. She was not in a hurry to go to the Zhai family's residence to check on them. Instead, she stayed at home, feeling reassured.

Qiao Nan thought to herself. Wei De held the wedding banquet with a woman in the countryside and they had Wei Wei. Zhai Hua had already agreed to break up with Wei De. Unless she was muddleheaded, she would not reconcile with him.

Furthermore, before she left yesterday, she had made it very clear to Zhai Hua.

Wei De was bent on playing with words and taking advantage of the loopholes.

However, everyone in the countryside who had been to their wedding banquet knew about their relationship.

According to the marriage laws in China, they were considered married.

If Zhai Hua refused to realize her errors and insisted on being with Wei De, it would mean that Wei De had an affair and Zhai Hua was the third party—the type of woman that she despised the most.

Zhai Hua used to look down on Qi Minlan and detested her. If she insisted on being with Wei De, she would be like Qi Minlan. She could direct all her negative emotions that she had toward Qi Minlan to herself.

Qiao Nan was certain that given these facts, there was no way that Wei De could be up to any tricks in front of Zhai Hua.

Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing could not keep worrying about Zhai Hua. There would be a day when she had to be responsible for her own actions. Qiao Nan felt that she should take a step back for Zhai Hua to sort out her thoughts.

Right then, Qiao Nan heard a knock on the door. “Who is it?”

“It’s me!”

Qiao Nan drooped her lips. She could hardly recognize this voice anymore. Why would her mother be here?

“Open the door for me right now!” Ding Jiayi had no patience for Qiao Nan. After announcing her arrival, she felt like kicking at the door since no one opened the door for her.

However, the house did not belong to Qiao Dongliang or Qiao Nan. She was worried that the school would want her to compensate for any damages to the house. Ding Jiayi stopped herself and smacked the door with her hands. “Open the door! Did you hear me? Did your teacher teach you to shut your mother outside?”

She had not seen Ding Jiayi for years, yet she still had a sharp tongue. Qiao Nan rubbed her forehead. She should have kept quiet in the first place.

Her mother seemed to have known that she was at home and chose to look for her when her father was not around.

Qiao Nan had no other choice but to open the door to let Ding Jiayi in.

As soon as the door was opened, Ding Jiayi strode in as if it was her house. She saw the red apples in the living room as she stepped into the house. It smelled nice. She took one and bit into it without even asking. “Your dad and you seem to be leading a good life while your sister and I have a hard time making ends meet. Bring me a bag. Since both of you have lots to eat, I will bring all the apples with me.”

The apples looked fresh. If she kept them well, they would still be very fresh when Zijin was back from school. She could save some for her.

Qiao Nan narrowed her eyes. “We have run out of bags.”

“I don’t believe it!” Ding Jiayi glared at Qiao Nan like a ferocious tiger. “Now that you are leading a good life, there should be more good food at home. Since I gave birth to you, you should share the good food with me. Old Qiao is your dad, while I am your mom. Take all the good food out now!”

Chapter 1018 Go Ahead to Deceive Yourself

Ding Jiayi knew that given the miserly amount of Qiao Dongliang’s pay, he would not buy apples and good food. It must be from the Zhai family.

Since she gave birth to her, she should have her share of good food as well. Qiao Dongliang had his share of good food. It was her turn now.

Qiao Nan refused to budge from her seat. “There is no bag at home.”

“Are you refusing to bring it for me? Let me warn you. You’d better do it before I lose my temper. Right now, you can choose to give me as much as you like. When I am angry, I will take all the food at home!” Ding Jiayi could not wait to give Qiao Nan a few slaps to her face.

In the past, she hated the younger daughter. She felt that the latter ruined her happiness.

People used to say that keeping a proper distance from others would be a way to maintain a good relationship with them. However, despite not seeing the younger daughter for years, she did not feel the least happy to see her. Instead, she found her to be even more annoying and irritating.

Qiao Nan's expression changed. Her lips quivered. "I have nothing to give you!"

Ding Jiayi sneered. She stood up suddenly as if she was getting ready to ransack the house. If she did not do anything, the wretched girl might think that she was a paper tiger.

Ding Jiayi behaved like a robber who was about to rob her place. Qiao Nan clenched her fist. "I advise you not to do that. Although I stay at this house, it does not belong to me or my dad. My father does not own the house. It is illegal for you to ransack the house and to trespass private property. You should know that the principal of Ping Cheng High School dislikes you. If you take everything from the house, I will definitely tell Dad of your deeds when he is back."

Ding Jiayi halted because of Qiao Nan's words.

Qiao Nan took a deep breath. "Furthermore, you and my dad have divorced. Sister stays with you while I stay with Dad. I am still your daughter, but Dad and you are no longer one family. Even if you are my mom, everything that I have does not belong to you. You do not have the right to do what you have in mind. If you dare to take anything from the house, Dad will report you to the police. By then, you will have to return everything and have to make compensation as well. If you don't mind that at all, you can go ahead and ransack the house."

Qiao Nan loosened her fist. "Mom, you have to bear this in mind. The four of us are no longer one family. We have gone our separate ways. Whatever that belong to Dad and I do not belong to you and sister. If you take anything from Dad and me, it is not merely taking things or stealing from us. You are robbing us."

When they were one family, for instance, when she was in her junior high school and her mother took the money from her scholarship—although she reported to the police—her mother said that it was a misunderstanding and she was keeping the money for her. In the end, the case was closed and classified as a misunderstanding between family members.

But right now, the situation was completely different.

Her parents had a divorce. Whatever her father owned was no longer the shared properties between the couple. Her mother had no right to take them nor did she have any ownership over them.

“What if I insist on taking them?” Ding Jiayi gritted her teeth. One of them was her husband, while the other was her younger daughter. Why was it against the law to take their belongings from them?!

“I have already told you of the consequences if you take them.” Qiao Nan remained seated. She looked calmly at Ding Jiayi, not intending to stop her at all.

Ding Jiayi sneered. “You are indeed a college student. You are smart and you intend to use your wits to send your mom behind bars!”

Qiao Nan smiled coldly at Ding Jiayi. “I have to thank my parents for educating me.” If she did not do well in life, she would have wasted the second chance at life that God had given her.

No one could guarantee that Qiao Zijin would not suffer from uremia in this life. No one could tell for sure that Qiao Zijin would be rich and have the time to wait for a suitable kidney in this life.

The most important thing was that Qiao Zijin had already stated clearly that if the donor of the kidney was related by blood, the possibility of rejection would be lower.

If Qiao Zijin suffered from uremia, she would want to survive and she would want her kidney!

Qiao Nan was obviously digging at Ding Jiayi. “Are you blaming me that I did not treat you well enough?”

Ding Jiayi behaved as if she could not believe that Qiao Nan was without a conscience.

Qiao Nan had figured out that Ding Jiayi was simply a heartless and cold-blooded person. Apart from the fact that Ding Jiayi gave birth to her, she no longer felt any sense of attachment to her. She felt relieved now that she no longer needed to feel burdened. “You should know Dad’s temper. Why do you think he divorced you back then?”

She might not have the right to judge if her mother treated her well, but there were other people who could have made the judgment.

“That was because of you...” who sowed discord!

Back when she had yet to marry Qiao Dongliang and still stayed with her parents, she had a harder time than Qiao Nan. She had to do all the household chores and her parents deprived her of the chance to study or to make her mark. They treated her as a free nanny and servant.

When Qiao Nan was at the Qiao family’s residence, she was fed and dressed. She did not need to do as many household chores as she did when she was young.

Back then, she needed to feed the pigs, goats, and chickens. Qiao Nan did not need to do any of those.

At the very least, Qiao Nan could wear the hand-me-downs from Qiao Zijin, while she had to make do with the torn clothes taken from her relatives.

Compared with her, Qiao Nan had a much better life.

She disliked Qiao Nan as she did not know how to count her blessings!

“Go ahead to deceive yourself. But don’t think that Dad is a fool. He will not be swayed by a child’s words to decide on a divorce. Mom, perhaps Dad has been too good to you, and therefore, you are cunning and yet simple-minded. Bear this in mind. When a man files for divorce, it will never be due to the children.”

Ding Jiayi was shocked at how mature Qiao Nan was. “What do you mean? Are you saying that back then, your dad divorced me because he was seeing another woman?”

“Is that only what you can think of?” Qiao Nan sneered. “I may be young, but I have a mind of my own. The reason why a man takes a wife is to have a family, to have children, and for his wife to take care of him. In short, when a man marries a woman, it is so that he can lead a better life. Mom, look at what you have done all these years, and think about the few years before and after your divorce. When do you think Dad is the happiest?”

Couples divorced for many reasons. It might not be due to a third party. If the two of them could not bear living with each other, it would be the driving factor behind the divorce as well.

No man in the world would like to live the rest of his life with a woman who spent all the savings at home behind his back, watched helplessly as he died and could only cry and make a din when he was in a car accident, and created troubles such that he could not lead a peaceful life.

Chapter 1019 I Would Support Her to Break Up Instead of to Reconcile

If the husband or wife was out to court disaster, their partner would not be able to take it.

“You are the reason why Dad divorced you. What you have done makes it impossible for Dad to live the rest of his life with you. You might push the responsibility to me, but I am not foolish. I will not take responsibility for your divorce.” She would not play along with her mother. There was nothing that her mother could do with her.

Ding Jiayi ground her teeth. “You have become more and more daring these past few years!”

“There’s nothing that you can do about it,” Qiao Nan replied faintly. “Would you like to watch television?” If watching television would shut her mother up, it was good to watch the television for entertainment.

Qiao Nan believed that her mother would leave by the time her father was back.

Ding Jiayi lifted her lips unhappily. “I heard that Zhai Hua has broken up with her boyfriend?”

“Yes.”

“Are you a fool? We should not meddle with the affairs between couples. Furthermore, the common practice in China is to persuade couples to stay together instead of divorce. I heard that the man has been with Zhai Hua for a long time. He must have deep feelings for her. Zhai Hua will be your sister in the future. You have to help her. Given the Zhai family’s background, there is no need for Zhai Hua to marry a man from an influential family. You have succeeded in being with Zhai Sheng. The man comes from a similar family background as you. You should lend him a helping hand.”

Qiao Nan turned to give Ding Jiayi a questioning look. “The reason why you avoided Dad and came looking for me is for me to think of ways for Zhai Hua to reconcile with Wei De? Did Wei De give you money to help him?”

“No!” Ding Jiayi quickly denied. “I didn’t receive a single penny from him. I don’t even know who the person is. If you didn’t mention it, I wouldn’t even know his name. You must not take my goodwill for ill intent. It is obvious that Zhai Hua likes the man. If not, she would not be with him for so many years. You should put in some good words for the man in front of the Zhai family and help Zhai Hua be with the man that she likes. After you marry Zhai Sheng, Zhai Hua will definitely thank you for this. I am saying this for your own good.”

Money?

She did not get a single cent!

To Ding Jiayi, who only had eyes for money, it was indeed torturous to tolerate Qiao Nan’s indifference and aloofness.

However, Qiao Zijin had said that if Wei De got back together with Zhai Hua, it would be beneficial to her.

If it was beneficial to Qiao Zijin, it meant that Ding Jiayi would be able to enjoy the benefits as well. This was why she was working hard for her own future.

Given her understanding of Ding Jiayi, Qiao Nan knew that she was not doing this for her interests. However, she believed that her mother did not receive any money from Wei De.

She heard that Wei De’s company was doing badly and he had been bashed by people. He was still in the hospital right now.

“You may not know, but if not for me, they would not break up at all. Let’s not talk about how deep Sister Zhai Hua’s feelings for Wei De were. Sister Zhai Hua is a sentimental person. Although the Zhai family did not like that she was with Wei De, she insisted on being with him. In the end, it was because of me that she agreed to break up with him yesterday.”

She had put in so much effort for Sister Zhai Hua to break up with Wei De.

How could she help them reconcile?

“You...” Ding Jiayi glared at her. “Do you think that you are that capable? No one was capable of breaking them up, yet you challenged yourself to do such a thankless task. Are you stupid? As the saying goes, one would rather tear down ten temples than to break up a couple. What you did is sinful. You should right the wrong before you suffer retribution.”

“I may be nice to you, so you refuse to listen to me. Let me warn you. It will not be long before Zhai Hua calms down and could not bear to break up with Wei De. By then, she will lose her temper at you.” She had already known that Qiao Nan was unlikable. She must be out of her mind to do things that harmed others without benefiting herself.

Qiao Nan tidied her hair. “If I am so unlucky and Sister Zhai Hua comes to make trouble for me, won’t you and Qiao Zijin be glad to see that? You don’t have to worry about this.”

Qiao Nan looked up suddenly. “Something is not right. You don’t know Wei De and he didn’t give you any money. Why would you bother yourself about this? Did Qiao Zijin call you on the phone?”

Qiao Zijin was the only person in the Qiao family who was able to order her mother around.

Ding Jiayi turned green. “It doesn’t matter. In short, are you going to think of ways to help Zhai Hua reconcile with Wei De?”

She was not here to seek Qiao Nan’s advice. She was here to give orders.

“Impossible.” Qiao Nan shook her head, refusing to do what she said. “Since I am the one who broke them up, even if Sister Zhai Hua loses her temper at me in the future, it is my business. I won’t help them reconcile. If Wei De looks for Sister Zhai Hua and she turns softhearted, I will definitely do something so that Sister Zhai Hua loses all hopes in him.”

Wei De was very cunning to be acquainted with her mother and Qiao Zijin.

Since this was the case, all the more she must not be lenient with Wei De. There was no way that he could be part of the Zhai family.

Qiao Nan was a woman. She knew what a woman really cared about.

Wei De had made such a huge and unforgivable mistake. Qiao Nan knew what she could do so that Zhai Hua would never reconcile with Wei De.

Qiao Nan had made up her mind. She had to make sure that Zhai Hua lose all hopes on Wei De. There was no one who could change her mind.

Ding Jiayi smacked the table in anger. "Since I am your mom, you have to listen to me."

"I will not."

Ding Jiayi was furious that Qiao Nan was so obstinate, refusing to listen to her. "I must teach you a lesson today. Otherwise, you won't know who went through hell to give birth to you!"

Spare the rod and spoil the child. She had been too lenient with Qiao Nan. That was why she dared to be impudent and disregard her words!

Qiao Nan did not expect that Ding Jiayi would pounce at her as she refused to listen to her. Seeing that Ding Jiayi was about to hit her, Qiao Nan darted to a side.

"You, wretched girl! How dare you run from me!" Ding Jiayi's eyes turned red in anger. She treated her like how she used to punish her when she was young. She pulled at Qiao Nan's long hair that almost reached her waist and jerked them toward herself. She fanned out her callused hand and spanked Qiao Nan hard on the back. "I have the right to teach you a lesson. Do you think that you can disregard me after not staying with me for years? I have been treating you nicely, yet you refused to listen to me and help me with a small task. Had I known that you are such a horrible girl, I should have thrown you away after giving birth to you! No, I should not have given birth to you in the first place!"

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Qiao Nan was in so much pain that she was in tears. She lowered her head and stepped on Ding Jiayi with all her might.

Once Ding Jiayi felt the pain, she loosened her grip on Qiao Nan's hand. Qiao Nan immediately moved away. "I didn't beg you to give birth to me! Are you sure you gave birth to me and not picked me up from the streets? You regretted having a daughter like me but I have never wanted to admit that I have a mom like you. You think of me and want my help only when something

happens. When your life is good, you can't wait to kick me away. To me, you giving birth to me is a great mistake!"

Qiao Nan had never hated herself for being Ding Jiayi's biological daughter as much as today.

Even when she was knocked down by a car in her previous life after Ding Jiayi pushed her to the road, she only felt bitterly disappointed then. She was thinking that she had repaid her life to her mother. As such, she could be freed thereafter.

Although she and Ding Jiayi were mother and daughter, they did not have any kinship feelings for each other. So be it. She did not care anymore.

However, besides giving birth to her, Ding Jiayi refused to give her anything. On the contrary, she was so greedy that she wanted to control her life over two lifetimes. She wanted to take everything from her and simply exploit her until she was reduced to nothing. She would then disdainfully and hatefully look at her and dump her away as if she was trash. On what grounds could Ding Jiayi do that?!

"I am a wretched girl. Yes, I don't gain your favor. I am the greatest mistake in your life. Please don't look for or talk to me then. Don't you have a capable, promising, pretty, and smart elder daughter? You can look for her if something happens. You just have to hug and protect your favorite daughter. Won't that do?"

She was not envious of Qiao Zijin for receiving all of Ding Jiayi's motherly love at all. Regardless of how close they were and how much Ding Jiayi doted on Qiao Zijin, her brows would not arch a little.

However, why? After much difficulty, she was finally having a peaceful and tranquil life. Why did Ding Jiayi always have to appear and destroy it? Why did she have to bring her endless suffering and humiliation?

The corners of Ding Jiayi's eyes were red and she was smiling grimly. "Yes, I like your sister. I dote on your sister. Wretched girl, are you fit to talk about or compare yourself with your sister? You are not as good-looking as her. You are not as smart or as blessed as your sister. A person like you doesn't have any good fortune at all. Yet, you have the shame to continue with your studies? Listen to me carefully. You are not fit to attend college. You are not fit to have a man. You are not fit to receive happiness. All these belong to your sister!!"

Only her favorite daughter could have all these.

Qiao Nan could not be compared to Zijin in any way. She did not resemble Ding Jiayi in terms of looks and character. In addition, others treated her a hundred—no, a thousand times better than they would Ding Jiayi when the latter was young. How could she possibly like such a daughter?

She watched helplessly as the happy life that Qiao Zijin had once looked forward to gradually became that of Qiao Nan.

At the sight that Qiao Nan was now more dazzling than Qiao Zijin, that she received top-notch grades and the liking of both her teachers and classmates, and even met, dated, and going to marry a man with such a high status, Ding Jiayi could not wait to destroy everything that Qiao Nan had.

The more glorious Qiao Nan was, the more Ding Jiayi seemed to have seen her younger self, the one who was dull and always quietly standing aside like a shadow as she watched her parents dote on her younger brother. They squandered the treatment, love, and protection that she yearned so much for on her younger brother as if he was a precious treasure.

Under Qiao Nan's glory, Qiao Zijin felt increasingly unfair and dissatisfied. At the sight of this, Ding Jiayi seemed to have seen her younger self who felt indignant that her parents wanted to sell her so that they could have money for her younger brother to get a wife.

That should not be the case.

Why was it that all the good things and people in the world belong to the younger child in the family? Why couldn't they belong to the elder child?

Wasn't China the country that was most particular about rules and regulations? Didn't they say that the elder one should be the one inheriting everything during the ancient times?

Even the emperor's throne—didn't they say that it should be passed down to the elder and not the younger one?

Since someone had given all that supposedly belonged to her to someone else, she could only rely on herself to snatch it all back.

Her life could only be as such. However, she must help Zijin watch after and guard everything that belonged to the latter. She could not let them be robbed by Qiao Nan, even if it was just a little of it.

“Qiao Nan, to me, you should not exist in this family. Zijin should be the only child of your dad and me. Besides Zhai Sheng, she should be the most outstanding and promising child in the quad. She should be the top scorer in the middle school examination and college entrance examination. She should also be the one getting engaged with Zhai Sheng. You should not have appeared. You should not have shamelessly robbed everything from your sister!”

It was as if Ding Jiayi had been possessed by her past. She constantly intertwined her past with Qiao Zijin’s experience.

In her mind, Qiao Nan had robbed everything that she had now from Qiao Zijin.

If she had not given birth to Qiao Nan, Qiao Zijin would be the only child and daughter in the family.

Zhai Sheng liked a lady from the Qiao family. As long as Qiao Nan was gone, he would definitely fancy Qiao Zijin, not to mention that Qiao Zijin was so much more outstanding than Qiao Nan. There was no reason that Zhai Sheng would not like Qiao Zijin.

Without Qiao Nan, Qiao Zijin would be Zhai Sheng’s fiancée. Qiao Dongliang would not have left the army either. At this point in time, he would definitely have become a battalion commander.

With the Zhai family as his in-laws, it was also a sure bet that Qiao Dongliang would be promoted to regiment commander eventually.

That was right. Qiao Nan’s birth was a mistake that should not have existed.

Ding Jiayi looked at Qiao Nan coldly. “I gave you this life. I dislike you and you are not willing to acknowledge me as your mother either. If you let Zhai Sheng marry Zijin, you don’t need to address me as your mom anymore in the future. I also don’t need you to give me money or support me. Don’t glare at me. Everything that you have is robbed from Zijin. I am asking you to do this so that you can return everything to its rightful owner, lest you commit too many sins.”

Ding Jiayi used Zhai Sheng as a condition to propose the transaction of severing the mother-daughter ties with Qiao Nan.

“Hahahaha...” Qiao Nan thought that the ‘unfit theory’ that she heard from Ding Jiayi earlier was already absurd. She did not expect to hear more nonsensical and shameless words thereafter.

Qiao Nan was crying and laughing at the same time. She was laughing so hard that she was holding her tummy as she shouted in pain. “Hahaha, so funny! It’s too funny! It’s so funny that my waist is going to break!”

When her face was full of tears of laughter and eyes so dry that there were no more tears, Qiao Nan then straightened her waist. “I know. You always think that I owe you a life and I should obey whatever you say.”

“I have already given you a solution that will solve the problem forever. There is only one chance. I hope you can cherish it.”

If Wei De and Zhai Hua’s marriage could benefit Zijin, she might as well let Zijin marry Zhai Sheng and enter the Zhai family directly.