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Chapter 1021 Take Revenge on Your Precious Darling

When that time came, Zijin would be the daughter-in-law of the chief and all the good things in the Zhai family would belong to Zijin.

Ding Jiayi completely did not consider the Zhai family's wishes or whether they were willing to agree to this. This was because she felt that this was something that Qiao Nan was responsible for.

Qiao Nan's task was to let Qiao Zijin take back everything that 'originally belonged to the latter'. In addition, she should solve the adverse issues that resulted from her robbing of Qiao Zijin. This was what Qiao Nan owed Qiao Zijin. As such, Qiao Nan had to pay them back to Qiao Zijin completely.

"Don't worry. Once this matter is settled, I won't ever plead or look for you again no matter what happens to Zijin or me in the future. I won't talk about how we are related anymore. After this matter, we will no longer have anything to do with each other. I will take it that you have paid back your life to me."

She was not someone that unreasonable. On the account that they were mother and daughter, she was willing to provide Qiao Nan with a route of retreat.

After the matter, they would no longer owe each other. They could treat each other as strangers when they met. They could leave without even nodding at each other then.

Qiao Nan took a deep breath. "Right, I owe you one life." That was because she had asked her father many times. She was definitely given birth by Ding Jiayi.

When she heard Qiao Nan admit that she owed her a life, Ding Jiayi's expression changed for the better. "At least, you still have some conscience."

"However, I have already repaid you the life that I owed you." Qiao Nan straightened her back and lifted her chin high. When she said this, she looked bold and righteous.

She was extremely thankful for that push of Ding Jiayi that caused her death under the wheels of a car in her previous life.

Otherwise, facing such a shameless demand of Ding Jiayi, she actually felt her legs wobbled a little when she rejected Ding Jiayi.

After giving birth, the child would owe his parents a life?

If that was the case, Ding Jiayi, this mother, was so precious. As Ding Jiayi's daughter, her life was really as wretched as a weed. "I only owe you a life and I have returned it to you. You have said so much, but I am sorry. I still can't agree to your request. When you give me a second life, I will consider what you have said today then."

"Returned it to me? When did you return it to me? Do you want to shirk your debt?" Ding Jiayi was not pleased. Qiao Nan was lying with her eyes open. Not to mention that she owed her a life, she had brought up Qiao Nan for more than ten years, but Qiao Nan had never supported her, this biological mother.

"Leave."

"Leave? Do you have any right to drive me away? If you do not do what I have instructed you to, Qiao Nan, I won't let you have a good life. Don't corner me. Certainly, the Zhai family will not be willing to accept a difficult in-law like me. Of course, if you know what is good for you, I can also become an in-law that the Zhai family will be satisfied with." The only difference was that Zijin had to be the one who married Zhai Sheng!

Qiao Nan held on to her forehead. "I won't stop you in whatever you want to do. However, during these few years, not only my courage but also my temper has grown. You wish to destroy my happiness and fulfill Qiao Zijin's wish? An eye for an eye. Will Qiao Zijin be afraid of having such a difficult sister-in-law like me when she finds a marriage partner in the future? Behaving like a shrew, right? I don't know how to in the past, but as long as I think back on the things that you have done and learn from there, I will eventually learn how to be one. It is true that parents are their children's teachers. I really have to thank you for setting such a good example for me over the years."

Qiao Nan was also becoming vicious.

Since Ding Jiayi wanted to make a scene to ruin her happiness, she would use the same method on Ding Jiayi's most beloved Qiao Zijin. Qiao Zijin would not be able to marry a good man in her life either.

Her entire life had been destroyed by these two women. Could she still allow them to ruin her second life?

Because they were related by blood, she had never taken this step or the initiative to make use of her connections with the Zhai family or the Zhu family and let Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin disappear from her life.

However, this did not mean that Qiao Nan would not retaliate if Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin were to attack her.

Qiao Nan was clear that she had been too weak and soft on these two women.

However, in this life, she was determined to die in glory rather than live in dishonor.

Since they did not want her to have a good life, everyone could forget about having a good life.

In this life, whoever wanted her life, she must drag that person to the grave with her, even if she were to lose her life!

At the sight of the murderous look in Qiao Nan's eyes that was akin to that of a ferocious beast, Ding Jiayi, who had always behaved unreasonably in front of Qiao Nan, actually turned cowardly. "You... What do you want? Why are you looking at me in that way? Don't tell me you want to kill me?"

Qiao Nan took a deep breath. Using her hands in place of a comb, she combed her long hair.

A wisp of hair could be seen in between her fingers. Clearly, this had been pulled off by Ding Jiayi earlier.

At the sight of the hair, Qiao Nan laughed. "Someone wants me dead. I have thoughts of killing the other party. Is there a problem with that? If the mother is not kind, what filial piety is there to talk about? However, Mom, you have to remember. No matter what you do to me, on the account that

you have given birth to me, I promise that I won't take revenge on you. I feel that my sister is quite suitable to take on this role. Take it that she is repaying her debts for her mother."

Ding Jiayi trembled badly. "You're such a heartless creature. Zijin is your biological sister. How dare you!"

"Dare?" Qiao Nan was amused. Her smile made Ding Jiayi have goose bumps all over. "Why don't we give it a try?" Qiao Nan raised the hair in her hands. "No hurry. I will let you find out. You have been bullying me and I have never retaliated. That's the problem. I don't wish to endure anymore. You keep saying that I am not fit to. In actual fact, I am more fit and capable than anyone to do all these!"

After giving birth to Qiao Nan, it was not that Ding Jiayi had not beaten, scolded, or starved Qiao Nan. All of those were things of the past.

The problem was that she had never seen such an expression from her younger daughter no matter how much she ill-treated the latter in the past.

Ding Jiayi did not read novels. She was not aware that the current Qiao Nan, who looked gloomy and was full of sinister smiles, with her teeth shining like white rays of light, was exuding an aura that could be described as a beastly and evil demon.

"I..." Ding Jiayi was shocked. She simply stammered and even bit her own tongue. "I... I don't mean that. I... Right, I must have watched too many television shows recently. I was actually talking about the dialogs from a television drama. We are in a society governed by law now. I am not fit to take your life even if I have given birth to you. Don't we always see it in the news? A biological mother who beats her own child to death has to be imprisoned. Your father is a soldier. I certainly have to abide by the laws. Think about it. Even the Zhai family and the Zhu family that you know don't do anything that is against the law."

When Qiao Nan was truly vicious, Ding Jiayi could only concede defeat.

Ding Jiayi was alone while Qiao Nan had the Zhai family and the Zhu family as her backings. Even the Lee family was very good to Qiao Nan.

Dutch courage.

It was also because she had been enraged by the younger daughter whom she had always controlled and disregarded that Ding Jiayi fell into a murderous rage and spouted such harsh words.

Chapter 1022 Why Did You Drink?

When it came to implementation, Ding Jiayi would only dare to do that to Qiao Nan if she and Qiao Zijin had been forced to desperate ends and after she had downed more than ten bottles of alcohol.

On the contrary, Qiao Nan had many people on her side.

If anything were to happen to Qiao Zijin and her, although China was governed by law, most likely, Qiao Nan would not be investigated. Qiao Zijin and her life would have been lost in vain then.

“Is that so?” Qiao Nan’s lips trembled a little. She exchanged the grief that was hidden deep beneath her eyes with a murderous aura. “It’s such a pity. After I attended college, I was studying hard and did not have any time to watch television shows. What I have told you earlier is not an actor’s scripts. I am serious.”

“What do you want?!” Ding Jiayi was both angry and anxious. “Zhai Sheng is a soldier. If you dare to do anything rash, will the Zhai family still want you? Don’t make yourself lose out in the end.” The important thing was to not cause Zijin any harm!

“As to what I will do... the decision lies with you.” Qiao Nan placed that wisp of hair on the coffee table. “If you want the situation to become more severe, you can continue to stay here and be an eyesore. Otherwise, quickly scam!”

She was not going to hide or avoid it anymore.

She was already twenty years old and had reached adulthood. She should be hardhearted and protect herself in her own ways.

“If I leave now, you won’t touch a strand of your sister’s hair?” Ding Jiayi did not feel at ease.

Qiao Nan smirked. “I have already said. What you did to me, I will do the same to your precious daughter.” Qiao Nan glanced at the wisp of hair on the coffee table then touched her aching back as well as the face that had been given a few slaps by Ding Jiayi.

“You can’t...” Ding Jiayi was feeling scared and nervous now.

“If you don’t leave in one minute... I heard that it was a popular practice to shave half of one’s hair in the 1960s and 1970s. Qiao Zijin is so pretty and outstanding. I believe she will be more outstanding and remarkable with such a hairstyle.”

Ding Jiayi clutched onto her clothing nervously. This wretched girl was really going to take action on Zijin. She was not going to let it go. “I’m the one who hit you. I’m also the one who pulled your hair. You can target me if you want to do anything!”

“You still have thirty seconds.”

If Ding Jiayi was not her biological mother, she would definitely do that.

However, heaven had to give them such a relationship. She could not do anything to her biological mother. Nevertheless, if she did anything to her biological sister, her name would not be as bad and she would be charged with a lighter sentence.

“I... I promise that I won’t be fierce to you or scold you anymore. I... I will pray to you like you are Buddha. Will that do?”

“Fifteen seconds.”

“Please!”

“Ten seconds.”

“You...”

“Nine, eight, seven...”

At the sound of a shuffle, Ding Jiayi, whose face was as white as a sheet, ran and stumbled toward the exit with wobbly legs. She was so afraid that she would hear Qiao Nan’s demon-like voice counting to ‘one’.

Shaved hair?

If Zijin really had such a hairstyle, she would not want to continue with her studies then!

Upon hearing the sound of the door closing after Ding Jiayi's departure, Qiao Nan let out a long sigh of exasperation. She then smiled blankly. "No wonder there are so many baddies in the world. It feels great to be a baddie. After all, it feels better to bully others than to be bullied."

After smiling, Qiao Nan started to feel hate. She dared not hate heaven. She could only hate her life.

She really could not understand why she would have a mother like Ding Jiayi.

Ding Jiayi actually said earlier that she had to give up her happiness in order to pay her back the life. This was just because she had given birth to her!!!

If she had a choice, Qiao Nan really did not want to waste her energy on Qiao Zijin. She wanted more to take revenge on Ding Jiayi for all the unfair treatment that she had suffered.

However, Qiao Nan was aware of something. Even if she shaved Ding Jiayi's head, Ding Jiayi would neither feel sad nor shameful. On the contrary, on the next day, she would announce to everyone with a bald head that her own younger daughter was the one who shaved her head.

The difference was that if she were to touch a strand of Qiao Zijin's hair and make Qiao Zijin cry, Ding Jiayi would feel her heart bleed, as if it had been pierced by a knife.

Since that was the case, she was more willing to waste her energy on Qiao Zijin and make Ding Jiayi feel the pinch.

"Nan Nan? After receiving Qiao Dongliang's phone call, informing him that he would be working overtime, Zhai Sheng drove to the small courtyard. He had knocked on the door of the entrance a few times but there had been no response.

Certainly, Qiao Nan had not gone back to school. In addition, there was no response when he knocked on the door. Zhai Sheng looked around, took off his gloves, and did something that he was familiar with—professional wall climbing!

After entering the small courtyard, Zhai Sheng discovered that the door inside was opened. Most importantly, Zhai Sheng could faintly smell a tinge of alcohol in the air.

His father-in-law was working overtime and would not be home tonight. That was the reason he asked Zhai Sheng to make a trip to fetch Nan Nan to the house of the Zhai family. Why was there a smell of alcohol in the house?

Nan Nan did not have the habit of drinking.

Zhai Sheng walked inside. After he went in, the smell of alcohol in the air became stronger.

He could hear some movement in the house. Next, he heard the sound of the glass bottles knocking into each other. A bottle of wine then rolled and bumped onto the side of his shoe.

Zhai Sheng knitted his brows. He picked up the bottle and placed it upright in case someone were to trip on it. “Nan Nan?”

He saw Qiao Nan slumping pitifully on the coffee table. There was a cloudy look in her eyes and her cheeks were reddish. There was a flash of worry in Zhai Sheng’s eyes. “Nan Nan, what happened to you? Why did you drink?”

After knowing Nan Nan for so long, this was the first time that Nan Nan drank in front of him.

“Wine?” Qiao Nan stammered. Her eyes looked distracted as she raised her hands clumsily. “Right. My... my wine. My wine.”

Although Qiao Zijin had decided to be harsh on Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin, she had been tortured by these two women for two lifetimes. She really could not describe the pain and bitterness in her heart.

Qiao Dongliang had the habit of drinking a little. In addition, he was a nice person. Even if he did not have relatives, he had some friends and neighbors in the quad who would visit them occasionally.

Due to that, Qiao Nan was able to find those bottles of wine.

Qiao Nan did not have the habit of drinking. First, it was a luxury item to Qiao Nan. She dared not even fall sick, let alone spend a big sum of money to become drunk under the influence of alcohol. Second, she always felt that alcohol tasted bitter. Even if it was grape wine, she could not stand that slightly bitter taste of it.

However, regardless of how bitter the wine tasted, it could not be compared to the bitterness in her heart.

Qiao Nan was thinking if she could subdue the bitterness in her heart with the bitter taste of the wine.

Without her knowing, Qiao Nan had finished more than one bottle of white wine and beer.

“Why did you drink?” After taking away the bottle that was half-filled with wine from Qiao Nan’s hands, Zhai Sheng’s face turned sullen. He quickly checked on Qiao Nan.

In the eyes of everyone, Qiao Nan was an obedient child. She did not engage in puppy love and did not smoke or drink.

For people who did not know how to drink, it was possible that one might need to be sent to the hospital due to acute alcohol poisoning after consuming a bottle of white spirit, let alone a few bottles of alcohol.

Chapter 1023 Find a Man and Get Married

Although Qiao Nan’s eyes looked a little lost, they were quite clear and the white of her eyes was not murky. Her heartbeat and breathing were also normal.

Besides looking like a child who was throwing tantrums after stealing and consuming the adults’ wine, Qiao Nan seemed normal.

“W-why did I drink?” Qiao Nan had difficulty holding on to her neck. Her bright and shiny eyes were wide open. However, she could not find the source of the voice despite searching for a long time. “Bitter. I feel bitter at heart!”

She still seemed to be able to hear the earlier words of Ding Jiayi by her ears.

She was not fit to study?

She was not fit to get married?

She was not fit to be happy?

On what grounds?!

At the thought of these, Qiao Nan cried and threw a fit. She even slammed the table. “I want to study. I want to get married. I want happiness. I... I will find a man and sleep with him. I will get married tomorrow!”

At that instant, Zhai Sheng’s face turned completely black. It was like an old pot that was many decades old. His tone was cold and chilly. “You are going to find a man and sleep with him?”

Qiao Nan, who did not have any sense of consciousness, was behaving like a baby. She even nodded deliberately and expressed with her words and actions. “Sleep. Find... find a man and sleep with him. Then, get married!”

To Qiao Nan, who was very conservative, only a married couple could sleep together. On the other hand, of course, those who had slept together must get married!

On what basis was she not allowed to do that? She wanted to live happily ever after!

“Sleep, sleep!” The more she thought about it, the more she felt that this should be the case. Qiao Nan propped her hand on the coffee table and wanted to get up. After a few tries, her hands were not listening to her and she did not succeed in doing so. She could not even stand up to ‘look for a man’.

At this moment, Zhai Sheng's face was extremely black. It was as though black ink was going to drip out of it.

As an 'old man' who was over twenty years old, he had the chance to hug the young lady that he loved many times. In order to give Qiao Nan a perfect wedding and a happy life experience, he was insistent on refraining himself. As a result, he almost suffered internal injuries.

In the blink of an eye, the young lady that he had raised up was actually going to find another man. He was going to send the meat to someone else's mouth for them to devour!

One could just imagine how Zhai Sheng felt at this juncture.

Zhai Sheng could not help thinking. Was it because he had behaved too gentlemanly, like Liu Xiahui, previously? As a result, Qiao Nan would conceive the thought of being unfaithful to her husband. "You want to find a man and sleep with him? I will fulfill your wish!"

No matter what, he must not allow her to do such an unfaithful thing.

Zhai Sheng was so angry that he felt like killing someone. He was so cold and aloof, like a demon. Any normal person would feel afraid at the sight of him. They would not dare to go near him.

Even Qiao Nan, who was so drunk and had lost her sanity, shivered. She could feel an unknowing gush of coldness.

When Zhai Sheng angrily held Qiao Nan tightly and pressed their bodies together, his 'little brother' raised its head in a high-spirited manner and expressed how murderous he felt. Qiao Nan, who was in his arms, started to cry again. "Let... let go. No... I am not looking for you to sleep with. Zhai... Brother Zhai..."

During the past second, Zhai Sheng even had the idea of punishing Qiao Nan on the bed so that she could not find another man outside.

Following that, the young lady was crying and rejecting his advances in a soft and tender manner. She even cried out his name. Zhai Sheng's whole body softened, except for one part that was still hard. "What exactly is happening?"

What had happened to let the conservative Nan Nan say that she would casually find any man, sleep with him, and then get married?

Zhai Sheng's heart ached for Qiao Nan. He wanted to get to the bottom of the matter. However, Zhai Sheng had overlooked one situation: never to chat with a drunken person.

Qiao Nan, who was thoroughly immersed in her own world, did not answer Zhai Sheng's questions. On one hand, she said she wanted to find a man and get married. On the other hand, she was pushing Zhai Sheng, saying that she wanted to find her Brother Zhai. She was making a fuss.

Qiao Nan's current behavior was completely different from the always quiet and sensible Qiao Nan in Zhai Sheng's impression. Nevertheless, he liked her even more. "Don't make a fuss. You're not allowed to find a man. Brother Zhai is here."

Zhai Sheng grabbed Qiao Nan's hands that were dancing around and placed them on his face. "Feel it yourself."

At this moment, Zhai Sheng had already given up on the possibility that Qiao Nan was able to 'see' his presence.

After hearing Zhai Sheng's words, Qiao Nan tried her best to see as she opened her eyes wide and stared. Her tiny hands started to feel around Zhai Sheng's face. "Zhai... Brother Zhai?"

"Yes."

"Sleep!" And get married thereafter!

Facing the extremely domineering Qiao Nan, who seemed to have been possessed by a bandit, Zhai Sheng narrowed his eyes. "Do you really want to sleep?"

"Sleep. Then... then, get, get married!"

"Fine." Zhai Sheng carried Qiao Nan swiftly at once and entered her room.

Qiao Nan, whose tummy had been poked, was wearing an ugly expression. She patted Zhai Sheng's back weakly. "Let... let me down..." Before she could finish her words, she had been placed on the bed by Zhai Sheng.

Basically, Qiao Nan's mind was in a state of intermittent lapses.

As she lay comfortably on her bed and smelled the familiar scent of her room, Qiao Nan's tiny face nudged the pillow. She had completely forgotten the outrageous and daring thing that she had just done.

However, this time, Zhai Sheng was not prepared to let Qiao Nan, this little white rabbit, escape.

Qiao Nan was the one who lit the fire. Most importantly, what Qiao Nan said while she was drunk today pierced Zhai Sheng's nerves directly.

At this moment, the windows in Qiao Nan's bedroom were not opened and the curtains were not drawn as well. In addition, when Zhai Sheng entered the room, he had switched off the lights. As such, the whole room looked so dark and dim.

However, there was a little moonlight. It was sufficient for Zhai Sheng to get himself used to the dim rays of light in the room in the shortest time possible. He was staring at Qiao Nan, who was on the bed.

In the quiet and still house, the sound of buttons being cracked open could be heard from time to time. When the hook of the belt was loosened, the distinct sound of the metal crinkling gave rise to feelings of arousal.

"Hot..." Qiao Nan, who was lying on the bed, frowned. Her tiny hands were continuously pushing and rejecting the person on top of her. "Heavy... so heavy." Qiao Nan felt that a huge mountain seemed to be on top of her, almost forcing the oxygen out of her lungs.

"Don't move." When Zhai Sheng, who was 'burning with fire' spoke, it felt scorching.

It was December and the weather had turned cooler. In stark contrast with the weather, Zhai Sheng felt himself burning all over. "Nan Nan, you have to be fully responsible for what you have said."

As to why Nan Nan suddenly drank and muttered that she wanted to find a man to sleep with, he was not anxious. He would be able to find out eventually.

As a 'carnivore' that had been 'starved' for a few years, he was not a true man if he did not open his mouth to devour the white rabbit that was already sent to his mouth.

Zhai Shen took off his clothes at lightning speed. He did not spend more than a minute. He took off Qiao Nan's clothes at a quicker pace.

Qiao Nan, who felt so soft and weak all over, had no strength at all. She allowed Zhai Sheng to take off everything on her. It was as if she had just been born into this world.

"Mmph..." After her lips were covered, Qiao Nan resisted by kicking. For a moment, her two hands were grabbing aimlessly in the air.

Chapter 1024 Good Morning, Chief

In the past, Zhai Sheng took into account that Qiao Nan was still a student. He thus could not bear to lay his hands on Qiao Nan. Today, Qiao Nan was going to be 'unfaithful' soon. Zhai Sheng was no longer going to show her any mercy.

Qiao Nan, who was completely drunk and disorientated, felt that she had been dragged by a wolf into a wolf's den.

This wolf was starving so badly that he wanted to devour her completely. It was tearing and biting her body, causing her pain from tip to toe.

In her dreams, Qiao Nan felt that she was a big piece of fatty meat—or rather, a fish that had been placed in a pot of hot oil. She was flipping and being jabbed at again and again.

However, shouldn't a fish be fried?

Thereafter...

There was no thereafter. Qiao Nan completely lost consciousness.

The next morning, before Qiao Nan could open her eyes after sleeping to her heart's content, she felt as if her head was tearing apart. It was so painful that she almost cried.

In her two lifetimes, this was the first time that she found out how it felt to have a hangover.

The few birds outside the house were already beginning to chirp from time to time. The rooster reared by the neighbor was also constantly crowing cock-a-doodle-doo.

Qiao Nan gasped a breath of cold air. "Why am I lying on the bed?"

She had little recollection of what had happened before she was drunk. As to how she climbed into the bed after she was drunk, she did not have any impression at all.

Besides having a headache, the other reaction of a hangover was to feel extremely thirsty.

Qiao Nan gritted her teeth as she sat up on the bed. She exclaimed and then fell back into her bed weakly. Damn, she had only been drinking. Was she having excessive side effects from the hangover?

The two delicate brows of Qiao Nan furrowed. She was wearing a look of agony on her face.

It was because when Qiao Nan sat up, besides feeling soft and weak in her four limbs, she discovered that her whole body was aching badly.

When she had a cold previously, she also had such symptoms. However, in normal circumstances, she would only pain in the muscles of her upper body. Why was the pain more obvious at the parts below her waist this time?

"What are you trying to do?"

There was some movement beside Qiao Nan. Next, she heard someone dressing up.

"Thirsty." Qiao Nan followed her heart and shouted that she was thirsty. Thereafter, she had a fright. Why was there a man in her bedroom?!

Qiao Nan lowered her head. Besides having a man in her bedroom, the most horrifying thing was that she was naked and not wearing any clothes. There were also tiny red dots on her fair and tender skin. At the sight of that, Qiao Nan's eyes nearly popped out.

"Drink some water." A cup of warm water was brought before Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan lifted her head as her body trembled slightly. She followed the hands as she looked toward the face of the owner.

For the sake of helping her get a cup of drink, besides wearing a pair of shorts, that man only wrapped his upper body loosely with a piece of clothing although it was wintertime.

Looking at the muscular and well-defined eight-pack abs, the alluring V line abs that led to the waist, and the cold and sharp eyes, Qiao Nan swallowed her drink with some difficulty. "Good morning, chief!"

Zhai Sheng knitted his brows. "Pretending to be drunk?" After thinking, he held on to Qiao Nan and allowed her to finish the water. "You know that you have gotten yourself into trouble. Feeling scared now?"

Qiao Nan felt like she was dreaming as she grabbed Zhai Sheng's hands and finished the warm water. Her muddled brains seemed to have sobered a little. "Brother Zhai, why are you here? Yesterday, did we?" She had lost her senses after drinking!!

At the thought of this possibility, Qiao Nan was in shock and trepidation.

Her virginity of two lifetimes was gone just like that?

"If it's not me, do you really wish to find another man?" As he thought of this, Zhai Sheng's satiated expression turned sullen instantly. "Should you give me an explanation for yesterday's situation? Why did you get yourself drunk without an apparent reason? You even made a fuss and said that you wanted to find a man and get married."

"..." Qiao Nan's expression was as blank as her mind.

In the end, Qiao Nan quietly peeped at the upper body of Zhai Sheng, where the front robes were opened, revealing his stomach and V line abs. "Brother Zhai, it's already winter time. Why don't you wear your clothes first? As for what happened yesterday, I will tell you later. Clearly, I have

already sorted out my thoughts long ago. I didn't expect myself to behave like that after being aggravated yesterday."

Other people got themselves drunk due to love, whereas she...

After confirming that Qiao Nan had calmed down, Zhai Sheng did not make things difficult for Qiao Nan. He dressed up and went out to wait for Qiao Nan to give him an explanation.

Once Zhai Sheng left, Qiao Nan quickly removed the blanket as she wanted to put on her clothes.

When she saw the dark red and muddy stains on the bedsheet, Qiao Nan's brains nearly crashed.

She gritted her teeth as she put her shivering and wobbly legs on the ground. Qiao Nan was already perspiring on the forehead although it was a simple act of wearing her clothes.

"Speak." Zhai Sheng was already sitting down and waiting outside. "Nan Nan, if I did not come yesterday, what would you do?" This was the question that Zhai Sheng cared most about.

Qiao Nan wore a grim expression on her face. "Nothing would happen. Brother Zhai, you're being overly jealous. I vaguely remember that I drank a lot of wine yesterday. Although I may become a little insane under the influence of alcohol, I believe that I will not have the strength to do anything that I want to. If you didn't come, most probably, I would lie on the sofa and sleep for one night. I would catch a cold when I woke up this morning then."

Qiao Nan had not forgotten that Zhai Sheng said that she wanted to 'find a man and get married' a while ago.

She could not remember what fuss she had created, but she still remembered that she had been emotionally affected by Ding Jiayi.

Those words that she said when she was drunk must have been directed at those mean words of Ding Jiayi.

Zhai Sheng stubbornly reached out his hands to Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan breathed in and walked in small steps to Zhai Sheng. She then placed her hands in those of his.

Zhai Sheng pulled Qiao Nan to the seat by his side.

Looking at Zhai Sheng's attitude, Qiao Nan heaved a sigh of relief. So, Brother Zhai had accepted her explanation?

"Who came to look for you yesterday?"

"My mom."

"!" Zhai Sheng pulled a long face. His eyes looked cold. He really felt that Ding Jiayi was very annoying.

If other people had dared to treat Qiao Nan in this way, Zhai Sheng would have dealt with them using a hundred kinds of means. Unfortunately, Ding Jiayi was Qiao Nan's biological mother, and they had lived together for more than ten years.

When he found out that Ding Jiayi had come to look for Qiao Nan, without asking, he could guess that Ding Jiayi would not have said any good words. "Since you already know what kind of person she is and what kind of character she has, why do you have to feel angry at her?"

"I am upset. Why did she give birth to me instead of picking me up from the streets? Her words were too hurtful." Qiao Nan leaned in Zhai Sheng's arms. She seemed listless as that 'unfit theory' of Ding Jiayi was still lingering in her mind.

"She said I am not as pretty or smart as Qiao Zijin, and I cannot be compared to Qiao Zijin in all ways. Therefore, I am not fit to be happy. I was born to be a slave to her and Qiao Zijin."

Towards the end of her speech, Qiao Nan was sneering continuously.

Chapter 1025 Give Birth If You Are Pregnant

Although Ding Jiayi did not say the last sentence, Qiao Nan knew that she definitely had such thoughts. In her previous life, Ding Jiayi also behaved in that way.

She was furious. After destroying her previous life, these two people also wanted to ruin her second life!

“Brother Zhai, do me a favor. Help me get someone.” Qiao Nan sat up with strength.

Zhai Sheng was hugging on to Qiao Nan tightly. “You want to find someone to teach your mom a lesson?”

“No.” Qiao Nan shook her head. “I understand my mom’s temper too well. If I dare to touch a strand of her hair, she will make so much noise that the whole Ping Cheng will know about it. The Zhai family cannot afford to lose this face.”

“So, you wish to deal with Qiao Zijin?” Zhai Sheng was able to decipher Qiao Nan’s intention very quickly.

Qiao Nan picked up the wisp of hair from the coffee table. “It’s still here. It seems like I did not make the wrong decision. Heaven has left it behind to remind me of what I have said yesterday.”

“This hair?” Zhai Sheng could tell that the hair belonged to Qiao Nan. His heart ached as he grabbed it in his hands. His tone was sullen and harsh. “Ding Jiayi did this?”

“Yes.” Qiao Nan did not help Ding Jiayi cover it up as well. “I warned her yesterday. From yesterday onward, whatever she does to me, I will repay it multiple times on Qiao Zijin. Yesterday, she pulled my hair and even hit me. So, I have to walk the talk. If it’s not convenient for you, I will get someone else. That may be better.”

Since she had spoken out, Qiao Nan had to find a way to carry out her threat.

Qiao Nan was clear that if her heart were to soften and she did not carry out her words, Ding Jiayi would become even more daring and fearless in the future. Ding Jiayi would have no restraint then.

“I understand what you mean. I will find someone to handle this.” Zhai Sheng took on the job.

Since Ding Jiayi was courting death, naturally, he was willing to take action to teach Qiao Zijin a lesson and warn Ding Jiayi.

“Check on Qiao Zijin’s situation as well. Yesterday, my mom came and said a lot of ugly words. She even requested me to help Sister Zhai Hua and Wei De reconcile. My mom can’t even take care of a small territory like her own family. It is impossible for her to be involved in Sister Zhai Hua and Wei De’s matter. There is only one person in this world who can make my mom listen to her...”

“Qiao Zijin.”

“Yes.” Only Qiao Zijin had such capability and skills.

“I will handle this matter.” Zhai Sheng’s eyes were looking increasingly dangerous. The crux of the problem was with Qiao Zijin. Hence, when he found someone to teach Qiao Zijin a lesson, he could ‘top up’ more.

After knowing the circumstances of the matter, Zhai Sheng’s eyes looked more at ease when he faced Qiao Nan. “You can only do this once. There should not be a next time.”

Qiao Nan smiled grimly. “Definitely.”

All this while, she had been quite silly. Nevertheless, she was also doing her best not to commit foolish things.

Next, Qiao Nan revealed a smile that was uglier than a cry. “Brother Zhai, last night, the two of us... really did it?”

“Yes.” Zhai Sheng had no sense of guilt at all. He boldly and righteously admitted his shameless act.

Qiao Nan tugged the corners of her lips. She almost failed to smile. “We are not married yet...”

She had not reached the legal age of marriage.

“There are only two more months.” That was not too long away.

“...Brother Zhai, after doing that kind of thing, I may become pregnant!” Given that wet piece of thing on the bed, Qiao Nan dared to bet that Zhai Sheng did not bring any condom yesterday. They also did not take any other precautionary measures.

Upon hearing Qiao Nan’s words, Zhai Sheng even deliberately placed his hands on Qiao Nan’s little tummy. “If you are pregnant, just give birth to the baby.” It was just nice. His old master had been nagging for a few years, wishing for a great-grandchild.

“After you have given birth, you can continue to study. We can leave the child to the old master and my parents.”

Zhai Sheng had already thought about who to take care of the child after he was born.

Qiao Nan’s body stiffened. She almost could not speak. Her first man was willing to bear the responsibility. Of course, nothing was better than this.

Given the Zhai family’s situation and Brother Zhai’s current status, they could afford to raise ten kids, let alone one.

However, no matter how Qiao Nan thought about it, she felt strange as if something was not quite right. “But I am still studying?”

She came back from the capital this time to resolve Sister Zhai Hua and Wei De’s matter. Why did she lose her virginity instead?

“I have said. You can continue to study. My family will not stop you from doing so. They will support you. Of course, if father-in-law has the time and he is willing to, he can also help bring up the child.” Four elderly should be able to fix a child, right?

At the sight that Zhai Sheng was sounding increasingly serious as he spoke, and his eyes were sparkling as if she really had a child in her tummy, Qiao Nan flung her head. “Actually, there is no need for all the trouble. Didn’t they say that there is a medicine that can be taken?”

She was still very young. There was no need to have a child.

“That kind of medicine is not good for health. Listen to me. After the Lunar New Year, we will collect the marriage certificate and throw a wedding banquet. If you really become pregnant this time, we will give birth to the child. No matter what happens, I will settle them for you.” Zhai Sheng rejected Qiao Nan’s suggestion immediately.

“...” She could not out talk Zhai Sheng. She also felt that progress from here felt strange. Perhaps Qiao Nan had not fully sobered up from her hangover. She covered her face. “I feel so embarrassed to face anyone.”

She had ‘saved’ Sister Zhai Hua but she seemed to have ‘lost’ herself. “Right. Why did you come yesterday?”

Even if she was drunk, she would not create too much commotion. At most, she would only make a fuss in her own house and not affect other people. “After Sister Zhai Hua and Wei De’s matter has been settled completely, you can go anywhere?”

“Are you feeling regretful?” Zhai Sheng pulled a long face. He seemed to be expressing ‘how dare you try admitting’.

“No,” Qiao Nan said against her conscience.

Despite knowing that Qiao Nan did not speak from her heart, Zhai Sheng did not take issue with her. He continued to hug Qiao Nan and said, “This time, Zhai Hua will never look back. Although Zhai Hua seems down-spirited, most likely, she will be better in a few days’ time. Before I came, I received father-in-law’s phone call. He had to work overtime yesterday and could not come home. He is afraid that it is unsafe for you to be home alone. He wanted me to fetch you to my house and let you stay overnight and also to keep Zhai Hua company.”

Qiao Dongliang actually kept a very close watch on his daughter.

He could not go home but he was worried that Qiao Nan would be home alone. He was not willing to let Zhai Sheng ‘bully’ Qiao Nan either.

Hence, Qiao Dongliang made a compromise. He allowed Zhai Sheng to bring Qiao Nan back to the house of the Zhai family to keep Zhai Hua company.

In that case, in front of so many family members, Zhai Sheng would not have the chance even if he harbored 'bad' thoughts.

Qiao Dongliang had been taking so many precautionary measures but he did not expect that Qiao Nan would commit such a foolish act. He had fed the fragrant meat right into Zhai Sheng's mouth.

He did not manage to succeed in what he had wanted to prevent. Zhai Sheng simply entered his house openly and conquered his daughter.

Even a wise man sometimes makes a mistake.

After hearing Zhai Sheng's response, Qiao Nan's whirling mind turned even blanker. She did not know how she should react.

So, her father was the one who let Brother Zhai, this big and wild wolf, in.

Chapter 1026 Biased Toward the Younger One

"Go to my house?" Nan Nan was already his woman. In that case, it was imperative that they collect the marriage certificate and throw a wedding banquet early next year. He had to get a concrete solution to this as soon as possible before he could feel at ease.

Just as Nan Nan said, what if Nan Nan was already pregnant with his child?

"Can I not go?" At this moment, Qiao Nan only wanted to dig a hole and bury herself in it.

Her first time—such an important first time—actually occurred in such a muddleheaded way due to Ding Jiayi's aggravation.

"Cannot." Having said that, Zhai Sheng carried Qiao Nan in a domineering way and placed her into his own car. After he closed all the windows in the small courtyard, he drove his car and brought his wife home.

Miao Jing had been on pins and needles as she stared continuously at the entrance of her own house.

Zhai Yaohui was quite helpless at Miao Jing's reaction. "Whatever will come will come. Even if you continue staring and hurt your eyes, they will not arrive earlier."

"The problem is that Zhai Sheng did not come back for the whole night. Tell me, where was he sleeping at?!"

Miao Jing's eyes were shining brightly. She was both excited and embarrassed.

The corners of Zhai Yaohui's mouth twitched. "Isn't that what you have wished for? You have been talking about having a grandchild."

"Right, I want to carry a great-grandchild!" Old Master Zhai added with a loud and booming voice. "Anyway, our family is not the type that refuses to bear the responsibility. Didn't we say that we will be throwing a wedding banquet early next year? It is not a problem to go into the bridal chamber one or two months earlier."

Both Old Master Zhai and Zhai Yaohui were men. Could they not know what his son (grandson) was thinking?

Everyone was once young. His son (grandson) could not wait to hang the other family's lady on his waist belt or hold and dote on her in his arms all the time.

It was a rare occasion that his father-in-law was not around and even instructed him to take care of Qiao Nan.

In actual fact, if his son (grandson) could come back, Zhai Yaohui and Old Master Zhai would feel odder. They hoped that their (grandson) had not become handicapped after enduring for too long.

"Should we be apologetic about this? Will in-law be unhappy about this?" Miao Jing was so happy that flowers were blooming in her heart but she had to pretend that she was worried. She was afraid that if she was too smug, there would be hiccups in Qiao Nan and her son's wedding.

Wasn't there a saying that one should not rejoice too early as extreme joy might turn to sorrow?

As such, Miao Jing would rather keep a low profile before the matter had succeeded.

“He will certainly feel unhappy!” Zhai Hua, who looked listless, sang the opposing tune and expressed that Zhai Sheng was going to be in trouble. “Uncle Qiao is quite good to Qiao Nan. He is different from Ding Jiayi. I have realized this previously when I visited the Qiao family. Uncle Qiao keeps a tight watch on Zhai Sheng. That’s also right. After the Lunar New Year, Qiao Nan will only be twenty-one years old, while Zhai Sheng is almost twenty-six years old.”

She had just broken up with a heartless creature who was full of lies while her own younger brother was going to marry a wife happily over the Lunar New Year. She was so miserable, yet Zhai Sheng was so fortunate. Zhai Hua felt depressed.

She was even older than Zhai Sheng by one year!!

At the thought that she was going to be twenty-seven years old and even older in name, Zhai Hua felt both angry and annoyed.

She had always been falling behind in love affairs in the quad. Time had passed but why had her life become worse? She was finally in a romantic relationship, yet she met such a swindler.

Two days had passed. At the mention of Wei De’s name, Zhai Hua still felt hate in her heart!

“If he feels unhappy, so be it.” Old Master Zhai was not worried for his grandson at all. “At most, we will let in-law vent his anger. Zhai Sheng is thick-skinned and tough. There will not be a problem even if he suffers a few punches. Since he wants to marry a wife, what’s wrong with suffering a little?”

He recalled that, many years ago, when he married his wife, he had been chased around the hill by a few of her uncles.

“After a beating, you get a wife. Such a bargain is quite rare in this world.” To Old Master Zhai, Zhai Sheng had received a huge bargain. It was too worth it. Too worth it!

Most importantly, after the successful marriage between his grandson and granddaughter-in-law, would his great-grandchild be far away?

His grandson in exchange for his great-grandchild—it was totally worth it!

Zhai Hua was so angry that she rolled her eyes continuously. Nevertheless, she felt better thereafter.

She had always felt that her parents and grandfather valued Zhai Sheng more. They felt that she could not take on the responsibility of the Zhai family in the future as she was a lady.

Now, it seemed that Zhai Sheng was only that worthy to her parents and grandfather.

No matter how important Zhai Sheng was, he could not be compared to that possible little piece of flesh in Qiao Nan's womb as well as Qiao Nan.

Since everyone was not being doted on or valued, Zhai Hua felt more balanced at heart. After all, Zhai Sheng was the one who personally found Qiao Nan, who had taken away all the love and care from him.

As such, Zhai Hua felt more pleased.

“They are coming! Coming!” Miao Jing's sharp ears heard the sound of the car driving back. “Hua Hua, Nan Nan is still young and shy. Please don't bully her later. If you wreck the good matter between Zhai Sheng and Nan Nan, I won't spare you!”

They were going to have a grandchild soon. Son or daughter—all of them definitely had to move aside.

“So biased,” Zhai Hua said without any hesitation. However, when she said it this time, she did not sound as indignant as before. She did not really think that her seniors were biased toward Zhai Sheng and disliked her.

“Of course I am biased. I show favoritism toward the younger one. When you find and bring home a good and decent man and give birth to a maternal grandchild for me, I will be biased toward that grandchild. As long as they are younger, they will be my precious darling.” Miao Jing could tell the change in her daughter.

Her daughter's tone was peaceful and she seemed to be pouting with her eyes when she spoke about favoritism. There were no negative feelings. When she found out, Miao Jing was overjoyed.

It was no wonder Zhai Yaohui told her before that Nan Nan would bring good fortune to Zhai Sheng.

In her view, Nan Nan not only brought good fortune to Zhai Sheng but also the entire Zhai family!

Zhai Hua gave a snort. She threw the pillow in her arms aside and slumped on the sofa. Her mother's earlier words were too piercing to her heart. Who did not know that she had just broken up with Wei De?

After so many years, she only agreed to be with one Wei De. However, Wei De turned out to be such a lousy thing.

At the thought that she was not young anymore, even Zhai Hua herself began to worry. When would she be married and give birth to a maternal grandson for her parents to play with?

True enough, when they saw the car arriving, Miao Jing cast Zhai Hua a few glances and asked her not to chat anymore.

Qiao Nan was a lady. As the father-in-law and grandfather, Zhai Yaohui and Old Master Zhai would definitely not tease Qiao Nan on this. In the whole family, only Zhai Hua could talk to Qiao Nan on this without any restraint.

When the Zhai family of four saw that Qiao Nan's legs not only trembled but wobbled a little when she alighted from the car, Miao Jing's face turned red, Zhai Yaohui's face turned black and Old Master Zhai smiled. Only Zhai Hua's expression was a little lewd.

After Qiao Nan entered the house, her face reddened at the sight that all members of the Zhai family were present. She had a feeling and illusion that the whole world knew the bad thing that she and Zhai Sheng had done yesterday.

"Nan Nan, have you eaten?"

Chapter 1027 Mistook the Bright Pearl for Fish Eye

Miao Jing was showing concern for Qiao Nan like gentle breeze and drizzle.

Before Qiao Nan could utter a word, her stomach grumbled a few times and replied to Miao Jing's question on her behalf.

"You must be starving." When Miao Jing was facing Qiao Nan, she was smiling. However, when she turned her head, she shot Zhai Sheng a glare of warning. She seemed to be reprimanding Zhai Sheng for being too much. He should not 'bully' Qiao Nan without allowing her to rest.

If he had bullied Nan Nan too much and made her run away, what should they do?

"Auntie, those dumplings that you made earlier, is there still some in the fridge? Quickly prepare a bowl of them for Nan Nan to eat."

"Aye." The auntie had long treated Qiao Nan as part of the Zhai family and one of her masters. In fact, that portion of dumplings was specially set aside for Qiao Nan.

She was aware that Zhai Sheng went out to fetch Qiao Nan yesterday. The Zhai family members waited until seven o'clock in the evening, but Zhai Sheng had not brought Qiao Nan home. As such, the auntie had already set aside dinner for Qiao Nan, afraid that they would come back later.

"Thank you, auntie." Qiao Nan's head felt stiff as she endured the few pairs of eyes that seemed to be looking at her. She took up the bowl of freshly cooked dumplings and started eating them.

In actual fact, Qiao Nan was really feeling hungry.

Ding Jiayi came in the afternoon. After Ding Jiayi left, Qiao Nan was so angry that she had been drinking. She did not even take her dinner.

Besides skipping a meal, she had been forced to 'exercise' with Zhai Sheng for a long time. As one could imagine, Qiao Nan was exhausted and her muscles were aching all over.

In addition, she did not take her breakfast. At the sight of the bowl of dumplings, both of Qiao Nan's eyes were popping.

The more Qiao Nan behaved this way, the more Miao Jing glared at Zhai Sheng. ‘Look at how you had starved Nan Nan. Clearly, you are so much older than Nan Nan. Don’t you know how to take care of people?’

When she married Zhai Yaohui, although Zhai Yaohui was quiet and had a tough and unyielding appearance, he was very meticulous.

In comparison, Miao Jing suddenly felt that she had not taught her son well. At least, she was worse than her mother-in-law who had already passed on. Both of them had to teach a son. However, this son of hers was too lousy.

It was not only Miao Jing. Even the two ‘old’ men of the Zhai family gave Zhai Sheng negative scores.

At the sight of this, Zhai Hua, who was initially in a bad mood, felt amused. She kicked Zhai Sheng with her leg.

From now onward, Qiao Nan would become the family’s favorite. When Qiao Nan really had children, both Qiao Nan and the children would be the bosses.

Zhai Sheng ignored Zhai Hua. He accepted the looks of blame from his elders and became the scapegoat for Qiao Dongliang, his father-in-law.

As Qiao Nan was in college and often not at home, besides the fruits that the Zhai family insisted to give to Qiao Dongliang, the fridge in the Qiao family was totally empty.

You can’t make bricks without straws.

Even if Zhai Sheng did not wish to starve Qiao Nan, he could not simply cook only white rice for her.

Qiao Dongliang was aware that there was nothing at home but he did not want to trouble Qiao Nan to go marketing and cook herself. He thus allowed Qiao Nan to go to the Zhai family to get a ‘free’ meal.

Zhai Sheng expressed that, from last night onward, Nan Nan had been stamped with his chop from tip to toe and in and out. She was truly his wife now.

Zhai Sheng, who had gotten himself a wife, was in an excellent mood. This was just a small issue. He did not mind taking the blame for his father-in-law whose daughter had just been kidnapped.

Finally, when Qiao Nan felt that she was about fifty to sixty percent full, Miao Jing asked gently, "Nan Nan, did you rest well last night? Do you want to take a nap in Sister Zhai Hua's room?"

Fortunately, Qiao Nan had already finished eating her dumplings. Otherwise, she would definitely spit them out when she heard Miao Jing's words.

Even if the deed had already been exposed, Qiao Nan really did not wish to mention what happened last night. Who knows...

"Hahaha, my goodness, this is so funny. Qiao Nan, come and stay at my house. With you around, my broken heart will definitely heal faster." When she saw Qiao Nan's extremely red face and that smoke was almost rising from the top of her head, Zhai Hua held her tummy and laughed out loud.

She discovered that her life was actually quite good when she saw someone being more miserable than her.

Qiao Nan was both angry and annoyed. She rolled her eyes at Zhai Hua to complain that Zhai Hua had no conscience.

Zhai Hua patted her chest and laughed. "Don't be angry. You will be married to Zhai Sheng in two months' time. You will have to call me sister. Now, just take it that you are pleasing your seniors and elders."

When she said this, Zhai Hua did not feel bad at all.

At the sight that Zhai Hua's mood became better because of Qiao Nan's arrival, the Zhai family was happy. They felt even more satisfied with this daughter-in-law (granddaughter-in-law).

In the future, Zhai Sheng would definitely be the one heading the family. As Zhai Sheng's wife, if Qiao Nan did not have the capability to help Zhai Sheng manage the domestic affairs of the Zhai family or if she were to add on to his woes, that would be terrible.

At this juncture, Qiao Nan had been doing very well.

It was not just the Zhai family who valued Qiao Nan. The elders in the Zhai family were all aware that Zhu Chengqi also liked Qiao Nan very much and treated her like his goddaughter.

The Lee family also had interactions with the Qiao family.

The Lee family had such connections with the Qiao family all because of Qiao Nan.

Otherwise, even though Qiao Dongliang's deceased father had saved Elder Lee's life and had a strong friendship with the latter, the relationship between the two families had already been thoroughly ruined by the unreasonable, shrewish, and 'short-term thinking' Ding Jiayi.

In addition, Lin Yuankang, the famous and prominent figure of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was Qiao Nan's master. He doted on Qiao Nan so much.

Old Master Zhai had received news recently. Although Lin Yuankang did not personally go to the capital, he had already informed his former subordinates and disciples in the capital to find time to guide Qiao Nan so that she could widen her horizons and learn gradually.

Was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a place for people to learn?

Was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a place that would casually allow a college student to go in?

Even if Qiao Nan had entered it, she could not do anything. She could only hear with her pair of eyes and listen with her pair of ears.

Nevertheless, as long as Qiao Nan was smart and quick-witted enough, she would be able to pick up skills and gain experience. These were knowledge that an average person could pick up only after going through a lifetime of obstacles.

Old Master Zhai was aware that Lin Yuankang wanted to make Qiao Nan a female diplomat in The Ministry of Foreign Affairs!

Half a year ago, when Zhai Sheng was engaged with Qiao Nan, many people said that Qiao Nan was very lucky. Some said sarcastically that great happiness had befallen the Qiao family as they were able to find such a good marriage.

In one leap, Qiao Nan, a pitiful child who did not receive any love from her biological mother, became the chief's daughter-in-law. She had designated cars to fetch her everywhere. Wasn't that akin to the Cinderella in television shows?

Old Master Zhai had never taken these words too seriously. Since he was willing to acknowledge Qiao Nan as his granddaughter-in-law, naturally, he did not mind the Qiao family's situation.

Old Master Zhai did not bother but this did not mean that he did not understand the situation.

Given Qiao Nan's current qualities, not to mention the Zhai family, even those few families in the capital would be willing to nod and accept Qiao Nan as a new member of their family.

Chapter 1028 May-December Romance Is Not So Easy

Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan were engaged. However, it was not true that Qiao Nan had married into a better family than her own. Instead, the pair was extremely compatible.

To put it bluntly, Old Master Zhai looked down on those people who felt that Qiao Nan would gain more in this marriage. This was because they had mistaken the bright pearl for fish eye.

These people could not even differentiate between the good and the bad. As such, they were definitely very muddleheaded in their own conduct and behavior.

Old Master Zhai was still very influential in the Zhai family. Qiao Nan was already in Miao Jing's favor and Zhai Yaohui had also gradually approved of Qiao Nan. Everyone believed that given the Qiao family's situation, Qiao Nan would not be able to rely on her maternal family after the marriage. As such, Qiao Nan's life in the Zhai family would definitely be filled with difficulties. She had to tread on her toes and would be a very miserable daughter-in-law.

Nevertheless, the actual situation was the exact opposite of these people's thoughts.

“Nan Nan, you have not taken your exams, right?” Miao Jing was a woman and a meticulous one. Furthermore, she liked Qiao Nan. Naturally, she would spare more consideration for Qiao Nan.

“Yes, my exams will be held next month.”

“You must be having your revision at this point in time then.” Miao Jing was shocked. “You have applied for leave to come back?” The situation that day was too chaotic. Finally, Hua Hua was willing to break up with Wei De. Miao Jing almost fainted from joy.

Within one day, her daughter not only fell out of love but also discovered that her lover had been a swindler all along. He had never been true to her.

Miao Jing was afraid that Zhai Hua would have thoughts of suicide. She had thus been keeping Zhai Hua company these few days and did not have time to think about Qiao Nan’s situation.

“Yes, I have applied for ten days of leave.” The principal had given his approval.

Zhai Hua sat up straight and looked at Qiao Nan gratefully. “You have done a lot for me. Although you have just entered college, given your character, your grades definitely did not drop. Don’t worry. I am really fine now. I won’t do anything foolish again. You should go back. Your studies are also very important.”

She was blind to have known such a man. She not only caused her mother to cry but also the old master and her father to be angry. Even Qiao Nan had to spend so much time and effort to take care of her in many ways.

At the thought that she was almost thirty years old but everyone in the family, regardless of their age, cared and protected her, Zhai Hua felt that she was quite useless. At the same time, she understood one thing: Many people loved her and were by her side. She should become more resilient.

She had only fallen out of love. It was not a big deal.

Furthermore, Qiao Nan had also said that discovering Wei De’s true colors before marriage was not a sorrowful matter. Instead, it was something that was worth celebrating.

She had made so many people worried and Qiao Nan sacrificed so much for her. Zhai Hua was too embarrassed to continue in her decadent ways. “Qiao Nan, go back to school. I have really sorted out my thoughts this time. If I bother about that person again, I am a pig!”

“Hua Hua is right. Nan Nan, go back to school. The rest of us are here for Hua Hua.” Miao Jing nodded continuously.

Old Master Zhai snorted. “What’s there to worry about? That piece of shit. Whoever feels sad for him is a pig!”

To Old Master Zhai, when Zhai Hua was willing to beat and chase Wei De out of the house that day, he had wanted very much to put up and light up a string of loud firecrackers at his doorstep to announce his happiness. It could be considered ridding his family of bad luck as well.

The members of the Zhai family were all agreeable for Qiao Nan to return to school. The only one who did not feel too good about this was Zhai Sheng.

Zhai Sheng had just had a taste of meat. He had been yearning for it.

After much difficulty, he had finally kidnapped Qiao Nan back to his home. Zhai Sheng was thinking of how to let Qiao Nan sleep in his own room tonight so that they could get used to marriage life earlier.

They had already discussed the issue of having children. As Zhai Sheng thought about his age, it was not considered too early to have children at this point in time.

Zhai Sheng was not certain if he had ‘planted his seeds’ yesterday. Nevertheless, he could continue to work on it tonight.

When Miao Jing spoke, naturally, some of Zhai Sheng’s ploys were ruined.

Zhai Sheng did not respond despite listening to the conversation for a long time. Zhai Hua secretly peeped at Zhai Sheng and vaguely felt that Zhai Sheng’s face seemed a little pale.

All of a sudden, no one was talking in the spacious living room of the house of the Zhai family. It was so quiet that people were not used to it.

After about three minutes, Zhai Sheng spoke, “Nan Nan, are you ready to go back today or tomorrow? I will buy the flight tickets for you.”

“Why don’t we get the flight ticket for tonight?” Zhai Hua was already in the mood to joke about herself. Without the need for Zhai Hua to say, Qiao Nan was certain that Zhai Hua was fine.

It had been quite difficult to apply for this period of long leave. The sooner she returned to the school, the sooner she could revise for her studies.

“Okay.” Within three breaths of time, Zhai Sheng replied calmly, “I will help you buy the tickets.” Having said that, Zhai Sheng took off with his long legs.

Qiao Nan felt a little unsettled. Was Brother Zhai angry?

Qiao Nan had guessed a little why Zhai Sheng brought her back to the house of the Zhai family.

Moreover, although one had not eaten pork, they would have seen a pig running away.

In her previous life, when Qiao Zijin was close to Chen Jun, she did not come home for a few days. She said that she was staying at the house of ‘a good friend’. They were so sticky to each other. Sometimes, Qiao Nan might not even see Qiao Zijin in the house of the Qiao family for a week.

When Qiao Zijin was not staying in her ‘good friend’s’ house anymore, after just a few days, her mother expressed furiously that Qiao Zijin was pregnant with Chen Jun’s child. She asked Qiao Nan to scam so that Qiao Zijin could take her place.

Regarding this, Qiao Nan was in a dilemma.

In her previous life, her marriage did not even arrive at the point of her death.

In this life, heaven loved her so much. She had not fully grown up but already had a husband. His whole family was also pining for the time when a child would be in her womb.

In the face of such extreme lives, Qiao Nan felt very helpless.

Miao Jing sat beside Qiao Nan and touched the latter's hair. "Don't think too much or give yourself too much pressure. Well, Zhai Sheng is the one who wants a May-December romance. He shouldn't just enjoy the benefits of it. How could May-December romance be so easy?"

Zhai Sheng had chosen a 'young' wife. He should have been mentally prepared for such things, no?

Clearly, Qiao Nan was the younger one but she was fully equipped psychologically to take on the role of a military wife. On the contrary, her son was the more 'sticky' one. The roles of the two of them were a little reversed.

"Right, that's correct. Is May-December romance so easy?!" Zhai Hua was so amused. She was troubled about having no man. Zhai Sheng had a wife but he was even more troubled. This was so funny.

Qiao Nan's face turned red. She did not know whether to laugh or cry when she looked at both Miao Jing and Zhai Hua. This was truly an unreliable pair of mother and daughter.

May-December romance?

Were these two people really Brother Zhai's biological mother and sister?

At this moment, the other two men in the Zhai family did not utter any word. It was also not convenient for them to do so.

Nevertheless, they wholeheartedly agreed with Miao Jing's words. Since Zhai Sheng had made his choice of path, he had to persist even if he were to sustain blisters all over his feet.

Chapter 1029 Untitled

Zhai Sheng should know very well that Qiao Nan was still young and she was still in school.

Both of them had a secret relationship for years.

Qiao Nan had hidden it very well for the past four years. Nobody noticed that they were in a relationship. They hid it very well. It was as if they were performing a secret service.

On the one hand, it suggested that the two of them were smart to be able to hide it from everyone.

On the other hand, it proved that Qiao Nan could handle hardships. Zhai Sheng had to stay in the camp every day, but she did not lose her temper or throw tantrums. Instead, she studied hard at school and had excellent results.

If not for the fact that they were lovey-dovey when they were with each other, Old Master Zhai and Zhai Yaohui would have suspected that they were not in a serious relationship.

“Okay, say no more.” Miao Jing noticed that Qiao Nan blushed a bright red. “By February next year, Nan Nan, the fresh flower, will belong to us.” At the thought of this, Miao Jing could not help but smile widely. She was as thrilled as Zhai Hua.

Since they had already decided, by the time Zhai Sheng came back, he had bought the plane ticket that was scheduled for four o’clock this afternoon. “Don’t wait until the evening to go back. It’s better to return to the capital earlier so that you can have a good rest. Otherwise, you will be too tired for lessons tomorrow.”

“Brother Zhai, thank you.” Qiao Nan was moved and happy when she saw the departure time on the ticket.

She wanted to spend more time with Zhai Sheng, so she said that she would leave in the evening.

After Qiao Nan studied in college, she and Zhai Sheng seemed to be like the legendary separated lovers, the cowherd and the weaving maid[1]. Zhai Sheng hardly had time to go back to Ping Cheng, while Qiao Nan had to study at the capital.

When Qiao Nan was on her summer and winter breaks, Zhai Sheng might have to carry out missions.

Now that they finally could spend time with each other, Qiao Nan had to go back to school as early as possible. Qiao Nan felt sorry about it. But she could only try to spend more time with Zhai Sheng on the premise that she would be able to make it back to the capital for her lessons tomorrow.

To her surprise, Zhai Sheng bought her the plane ticket that was due to depart in the afternoon.

Although Zhai Sheng did not say anything, he wrapped his arms around Qiao Nan's waist. The gaze in his eyes told her that he did not want gratitude from her.

Qiao Nan might be able to escape from him for the time being, but she could not do so forever.

By February next year, nobody would be able to stop him from loving his wife.

Whatever that was meant to happen today...

Would have to be paid back eventually.

On the day that he was legally married, he would take back everything that was owed to him!

Qiao Nan straightened her back. She could feel a shaft of coldness and she shivered uncontrollably.

"Alright, we can still have lunch together." Old Master Zhai was pleased that his grandson was disciplined. He was, after all, raised by him. He was similar to him in terms of his personality.

"Zhai Sheng, have you made a phone call to Uncle Qiao? He worked overtime last night. He should be able to go home earlier today." Qiao Nan was his precious daughter. Qiao Nan's flight was at four o'clock in the afternoon, and she had to be there at the airport at half past three. They had to let Qiao Dongliang know before she got on the plane that his daughter would go back to school today.

Zhai Yaohui would not exceed what he should do and meddle in other people's affairs.

Zhai Sheng sounded displeased. "I have made a call to my father-in-law's factory on my way back. He said that he will reach around half past eleven."

"Okay." Miao Jing nodded. "Auntie, did you buy enough ingredients today? Please prepare a sumptuous lunch." Everyone was present except Qiao Dongliang. The two families could have their lunch together once he reached.

“Madam, you can rest assured that there are enough ingredients. There are quite a lot of dishes to prepare. I will prepare them right now.” The auntie replied smilingly. She put on the apron and went to the kitchen to prepare the dishes.

Qiao Dongliang knew that his daughter was going back to school. If he took into account the two days that she spent on traveling, she was back for a total of three days.

On the first day, the father and daughter spent most of the time at the Zhai family’s residence. By the time they went back home, they were too tired to talk after dinner.

The next day, Qiao Dongliang did not expect that he would have to work overtime. The Lunar New Year was not here yet, but the factory that he worked at had to settle the account for one of their clients.

He could finally go back home earlier on the third day, but his daughter had to go back to school.

Qiao Dongliang might be reluctant, but he could not stop Qiao Nan from going back to school. Furthermore, it was his wish for Qiao Nan to study in college.

Qiao Nan was not only a college student, but she was also a student of Peking University!

He would break the legs of those people who stopped Qiao Nan from going to school. If Ding Jiayi dared to make trouble, he would not be lenient with her!

Because of this, Qiao Dongliang would not stop Qiao Nan from going back to school.

“Nan Nan, you must study hard at school. I can cope by myself at home. You don’t have to worry about me. You can spend the Lunar New Year with me after your exam.”

Qiao Dongliang felt forlorn that the Zhai family wanted to discuss the marriage between the two children.

Perhaps this would be the last Lunar New Year that he could spend with his younger daughter.

Qiao Nan sensed that Qiao Dongliang was reluctant to part with her. She forced a smile. “Dad, don’t overwork yourself and you must remember to have your meals. You must take care of yourself. Dad, I will take care of you in the future.” After she graduated from college—even if they could not stay in the same house—she would find ways for her father to stay near her.

However, the Zhai family was around. Qiao Nan kept this thought to herself.

If she wanted to provide for her father, she must do it based on her own efforts. She must not rely on the Zhai family.

After all, he was her father. She had an obligation to take care of him. It was unreasonable to ask the Zhai family to help her.

After she left, Qiao Dongliang would be alone. Qiao Nan opened her mouth, wanting to ask her father if he thought of getting another wife after his divorce years ago.

However, Qiao Nan could not bring herself to ask the question and she boarded the plane.

The flight was scheduled to depart at four o’clock in the afternoon. The flight departed on time. It was not even eight o’clock when Qiao Nan reached the Lin family’s residence.

The sky was dark. If not for the streetlights, it would be difficult to tell the way.

Qiao Nan made three phone calls immediately after she reached. She made a phone call each to the Zhai family, the Qiao family, and to her master.

Then, Qiao Nan boiled water to wash her face and feet before she went to sleep.

Qiao Nan had applied for ten days of leave, but she canceled the leave and went back to school on the fourth day.

Although it was the principal who approved the leave, Qiao Nan’s teacher was unhappy that she took such a long period of leave.

But the teacher was slightly appeased that Qiao Nan canceled the leave and returned to school after settling everything at home. “That’s good. You did not spend too much time away. Here are the revision materials for the past three days. Take them and study them. Don’t do this in the future.”

Chapter 1030 Being Taught a Harsh Lesson

“Thank you, teacher!” Qiao Nan was very surprised. She did not expect that her teacher who disapproved of her taking long leave would help her keep a copy of the revision materials for other subjects. It was a pleasant surprise.

“You should thank the principal.” The teacher did not take credit for it. The principal gave the instructions that if other teachers distributed revision materials to the students while Qiao Nan was away, the teacher must take an extra copy of the revision materials from them. If not for the principal’s instructions, no teacher would go to the trouble to do that.

“I have to thank the principal and you.” Qiao Nan shook her head. She was honey-mouthed.

The teacher relaxed. “Alright, you may not have lessons today, but you should read these materials. Don’t fall behind in your studies.”

“I will!” Qiao Nan took the revision materials and found a seat in the library, poring over the materials.

Qiao Nan put all her attention on the materials.

Since she no longer had to worry about Zhai Hua, she was totally focused on her studies. She put the matter of what happened at Ping Cheng for the past three days aside.

Unlike her who was able to concentrate on her studies, other people might not be able to do that.

On the day that Qiao Nan returned to the capital, Qiao Zijin had classes in the day, and went shopping and singing karaoke with her classmates in the evening. She seemed slightly tipsy, swaying as she walked. There was a dazed look and a silly smile on her face as she walked back to her dormitory.

“My dormitory is in that building.”

“Mine is at this building.”

“Then, goodbye.” Qiao Zijin gave a silly smile and walked back to her dormitory.

It was December now. The days were short and it was very dark at night.

The streetlights at school were dim. Under normal circumstances, it would suffice. However, Qiao Zijin was half drunk and she could hardly make out the road an arm’s length away.

But Qiao Zijin had taken this path for more than a year. She could make her way back even without looking at the path. She was the least worried.

When she reached the corner, a man came out behind a big tree directly opposite the dormitory building. The man put a sack over Qiao Zijin’s head and gave her a few punches.

Qiao Zijin felt pain all over her body. She wanted to shout for help, but she was too drunk. She could only moan in pain.

After giving Qiao Zijin a lesson, the man gave her a blow behind her neck and she fainted right then.

There were the sounds of someone using the scissors. It was not long before Qiao Zijin’s roommates came running down the stairs.

The man heard the sound of footsteps and left right away.

“Where is she?”

“Is the text message that you received telling the truth?”

“It is. I have yet to delete the text message. If you don’t believe me, you can take a look. Did it say that Qiao Zijin is drunk and she has collapsed at the entrance of the dormitory building and we are to fetch her?”

“Yes, but where is she?”

“Look, is that her on the floor?”

The three young ladies wore thick and long down coats to fetch Qiao Zijin. They were females and they still had to carry their drunk roommate back to the dormitory. It was impossible for them to do it by themselves. Therefore, the three of them came down together to fetch Qiao Zijin.

“Let’s take a look.”

“She...”

The three roommates were scared and taken aback when they saw the condition that Qiao Zijin was in. They hurried to help her back to the dormitory.

They had to wait until Qiao Zijin woke up tomorrow to ask her what exactly had happened to her.

It was early in the morning. Qiao Zijin had already woken up. She did not pass out due to too much alcohol, she was knocked out by the punches.

She woke up to see herself in her own dormitory. She did not sense that anything was wrong. She felt thirsty and was in urgent need of the restroom. She yawned as she changed and walked toward the restroom.

Three minutes later, a piercing scream was heard in the dormitory!

“Mom, I don’t care, I-I am already in this situation. What should I do? I am too ashamed to face others at school. I am very polite in school, and I have not offended anyone. Why would someone do this to me?”

Qiao Zijin was on the phone. She had cried until her voice was hoarse.

When she was in the restroom today, she saw in the mirror that her long hair was cut to uneven lengths; some strands were short while some were long. She looked like a madwoman. Qiao Zijin refused to believe that the freak she saw in the mirror was herself.

Later, she heard from her roommates that she was in this state when she collapsed, drunk, in front of the dormitory building. This reminded Qiao Zijin that she did not collapse by the roadside as she was drunk. Instead, she was beaten by someone.

“Mom, those people are too much. Not only did they cut my hair, but they even punched me. I was punched on the back, so I couldn’t see for myself. But my classmates said that my back had bruises!” Who had such deep animosity with her that they punched her and was so cruel to cut her hair?

If she found out the identity of that person, she would definitely get Chen Jun to make the person suffer a fate worse than her!

Ding Jiayi’s heart thumped at Qiao Zijin’s words.

Ding Jiayi covered the mouthpiece. She was worried that Qiao Zijin would notice her irregular heartbeat. “A-are you sure you didn’t provoke anyone in school?”

Her hair was cut and her back was being punched?!

“Of course not!” Qiao Zijin did not sound honest.

Qiao Zijin was not a friendly person. She had friends who got along well with her, and there were classmates who found her to be an eyesore.

However, she merely gave them disdainful stares or made digging remarks at them. She would not dare to do anything that was overboard.

These people did not need to go to the extent of punching and humiliating her.

Qiao Zijin cried until her eyes were swollen, but she had no suspects in mind.

“Mom, I am going crazy.” After she took her diploma studies, she was all the more concerned about her appearance. She almost had an emotional breakdown at the thought of her crazy hairstyle.

“Right now, I have to use a headscarf to cover my hair. I am worried that everyone will know about this. Mom, c-can I drop out of school or change to another school?”

Those classmates who were at loggerheads with Qiao Zijin learned of the news and came to check out her hairstyle. They mocked her for doing too many evil deeds and that someone had decided to give her a lesson.

“Zijin, don’t be willful.” Ding Jiayi knew that Qiao Zijin was in great distress. She cried and moaned and her voice had turned hoarse. Ding Jiayi’s heart ached for her daughter. “Did you tell your teacher about this so that the teacher can help you with it? If the student in the school did this to you, the teacher has to find out who the bad apple is so that the person will not continue to bully others.”

“Do you still take me for an elementary student? Tell the teacher? What’s the use of telling the teacher?” I had told them, but the teachers and the school could not find out anything!” Qiao Zijin was vexed at the mention of this.