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Chapter 1131 Qiao Nan's Spring

As the only elder present on the occasion, Miao Jing took the seat of the host.

Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan were husband and wife. Of course, they had to sit together. As such, Zhai Hua had no choice but to sit opposite them. The amazing thing was that Tian Dong took the seat beside Zhai Hua on his own accord.

At this sight, outsiders who did not know the situation would believe that Miao Jing was very blessed. On Saturdays, both daughter and son-in-law came to dine with and keep Miao Jing company.

The straightforward Zhai Hua gave Tian Dong an unhappy glare when she saw him sitting a tad too close to her. "You're so big and I'm not petite either. Move your chair away a little. Otherwise, I'm afraid that I will knock onto your arms when I take dishes with my chopsticks later. That won't be good."

After hearing Zhai Hua's words, Tian Dong did not move away. Instead, to everyone's surprise, he picked up some food with his chopsticks for Zhai Hua. "I will help you take the dishes. You won't knock into me then. It's too cumbersome to move the chair. Auntie Miao, don't you agree?"

"Ah?" Miao Jing, whose name had suddenly been mentioned, was stunned. She went along with Tian Dong. "This will depend on what you think. If you feel that it is troublesome, it is. If you feel that it is not troublesome, it is not then."

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Besides Tian Dong and Miao Jing, who were conversing, there was only silence from the remaining three people present.

Zhai Hua nearly spat out her rice. Her mother was tongue-twisting. Wasn't it just moving a chair? She made it sound so complicated as if she was attempting an Olympics question.

"Auntie is right." Seemingly oblivious to the awkward reactions of the Zhai Sheng trio, Tian Dong even curried favor with Miao Jing. He then continued to fill Zhai Hua's bowl with dishes. "You have a huge appetite. Eat more."

Tian Dong took food for Zhai Hua twice. Honestly, this action was a little too intimate.

Undoubtedly, Tian Dong did this to convey one thing to the Zhai family: He liked Zhai Hua. He wanted not only to woo Zhai Hua but also to marry her. He was serious. Today, he was formally informing the Zhai family about this.

At the same time, he also hoped that the Zhai family could stop organizing matchmaking sessions for Zhai Hua.

That was right. Tian Dong behaved in this way today because he heard that Zhai Hua had wanted to go on blind dates and the Zhai family had agreed. They even deliberately spread this news so that relatives and friends could help look out for Zhai Hua.

Tian Dong had never paid heed to Wei De. However, if someone were to really introduce people to Zhai Hua, those men who were going to attend the blind dates might be comparable to him.

Wei De was an accident. Although he was a thing of the past, regardless of how smart Tian Dong was, he had no choice but to utilize some tactic when facing the straightforward Zhai Hua, which was to declare himself as the owner!

Qiao Nan nudged Zhai Sheng with her arms. What was happening between Sister Zhai Hua and Tian Dong?

She had thought that the two were just childhood friends who had not seen each other for more than twenty years. Although Brother Zhai had mentioned their anecdote when they were children, they were still very young at that time. That was just a joke and no one would take a child's babble for real.

However, at the sight of Tian Dong's behavior today, Qiao Nan felt that although others did not take it for real, it did not mean that the two parties concerned did not take it to heart completely.

At the very least, she felt that Tian Dong was quite serious.

Tian Dong was a man of few words but his actions said otherwise.

Obviously, the feelings that he had for Sister Zhai Hua did not happen in just one or two days.

Zhai Sheng pinched Qiao Nan's hands, hinting to her not to mess around at this juncture and affect his assessment.

As she did not receive an answer from Zhai Sheng, Qiao Nan pursed her lips unhappily. After the meal, she informed the family that she had another commitment and left the house thereafter.

Although today was a good day as she was married officially, she had not forgotten that she had to complete her social practice.

After six months of perseverance, Qiao Nan's standard of English had gradually improved due to constant interaction with overseas tourists.

Qiao Nan learned not only the accent of American English but also that of British English.

Perhaps Qiao Nan was quite gifted in this area. Under her perseverance and diligence, she had improved tremendously. As a result, when she received the tourists this year, they would always praise Qiao Nan and ask her if she had ever studied or lived abroad for a few years.

As she gained experience in interacting with the tourists, Qiao Nan improved the standard of her speech. She was also able to freely communicate with foreigners without feeling awkward.

After attaining such distinct results and the school-based first-prize scholarship, Qiao Nan's interest in social practice grew. Her enthusiasm had also swelled tremendously.

Under the influence of a positive cycle, the result was Qiao Nan's graceful attitude, good looks, sweet voice, and awesome English.

In short, Qiao Nan was getting the hang of this social practice. She was very young but she was adapting in the department like a duck to water, and she received much affirmation and help from many seniors and leaders.

The classmates in the same cohort of Qiao Nan all felt that Qiao Nan's academic performance was good. She was also a famous figure in the school. However, in terms of interpersonal relationships, they felt that Qiao Nan was quite pitiful because everyone ignored her, and vice versa. Regardless of how glorious she was now, it would cease to exist eventually.

When Qiao Nan could not endure it further, she might develop an illness or depression under such circumstances. No one could tell for sure.

The top students of famous schools becoming a lunatic eventually—this kind of news was not inexistent.

Qiao Nan was in a lot of limelight now, but perhaps the next person being reported in the news would be Qiao Nan.

These people believed that besides studies, Qiao Nan was definitely lacking in other spiritual aspects, that she actually felt extremely lonely at heart.

Never would they have imagined that Qiao Nan did not suffer from any depression. On the contrary, Qiao Nan was extremely happy. She felt that her current life was more wonderful than ever. She was much happier.

It was as if she had survived the winter in her life, and after much difficulty, welcomed the bright and beautiful sun in spring. Flowers were blossoming continuously, and there was so much beauty that one could not take them all in!

As such, although today was the big day of her marriage, Qiao Nan did not give up her remaining half day of social practice. She diligently reported for work.

Each time Zhai Sheng faced the Qiao Nan who was busier than him, he felt quite helpless.

The military wife of his family was indeed different from that of others.

“Zhai Hua, recently, I received a piece of the latest information. I have placed it in the study room. You can read it yourself.” Qiao Nan went for her social practice. Besides Qiao Nan, no one else had left.

Zhai Sheng, who had just completed his mission, did not need to do anything. What he needed most now was to have a good sleep to replenish his energy.

However, when he saw Tian Dong and the latter’s actions at the dining table, Zhai Sheng had to perk up to deal with Tian Dong, lest another family’s wolf take Zhai Hua away when he was not paying attention.

Chapter 1132 Given a Harsh Beating

Regardless of how foolish or unladylike Zhai Hua was, she was also a woman from the Zhai family and his elder sister who was born a year before him.

Zhai Hua could sense that the atmosphere was a little strange. Although she was normally at odds with Zhai Sheng, she gave Zhai Sheng a lot of face in front of outsiders. “Okay, I’ll go and take a look.”

Miao Jing was rubbing her forehead. “As I get older, I don’t have as much energy as before. I feel tired easily after a meal. Zhai Sheng, I will leave you to host Dongzi. I will go and take a nap. Nan Nan has said before that taking afternoon naps are good for health.”

Miao Jing could tell that her son wanted to have a good chat with Tian Dong.

It was just nice. Miao Jing was also thinking of ways to understand what kind of person Tian Dong was.

Both her son and daughter-in-law had a good sense of judgment in character. Earlier on, they had kicked out Wei De, this scum. Now, she would let her son assess properly whether Tian Dong was a potential candidate who was reliable and worthy of Zhai Hua.

After sorting out her thoughts, Miao Jing decisively delegated this task of ‘checking out the son-in-law’ to Zhai Sheng.

The women of the Zhai family left. Even the auntie who had followed the Zhai family to the capital was also holding a basket, expressing that she wished to go out for a walk and conveniently buy groceries for dinner.

Next, there was silence in the house of the Zhai family. Only Zhai Sheng and Tian Dong remained behind for a face-to-face confrontation.

At this moment, both Zhai Sheng and Tian Dong had become the most patient hunters. As the host, Zhai Sheng refused to speak. Tian Dong also maintained his silence. The two grown-up men were at a stalemate with each other without uttering a word.

After half an hour, Tian Dong sighed. At the same time, the arch of Zhai Sheng's eyebrows moved.

Zhai Sheng could tell that Tian Dong's patience had not run out. If the matter was not pertaining to Zhai Hua, given Tian Dong's character, even if he had spoken, he might not even be willing to go straight to the main topic after chatting the whole day.

So as to speak, for Zhai Hua's sake, Tian Dong broke the silence ahead and weakened his position?

"What? You have been living in America for such a long time. Don't tell me your judgment and thinking have never been influenced by capitalism?" Zhai Sheng spoke coldly.

Tian Dong was not angry despite Zhai Sheng's sarcasm. That was because he knew that the man who was speaking to him now was his future brother-in-law. He could not offend him. "You don't need to test me. I came back specially to marry Zhai Hua."

He only had one objective: Zhai Hua.

As for the Zhai family's opinion of him, he could only say that the Zhai family's status and position made them too sensitive. They were suffering from paranoia!

Zhai Sheng sneered. "Will you be able to marry just by talking? Let's not talk about whether Zhai Hua is willing to marry you. If your relationship with Zhai Hua is successful, do you know what kind of choice you will have to make?"

There was a flash in Tian Dong's eyes. "I know. After I came back this time, I don't intend to leave." This was where the Tian family came from. Naturally, they had to move back to China.

Upon hearing the Tian family's decision, unfortunately, Zhai Sheng did not buy that. "It's not strange to come back either. The country is progressing better than overseas now."

Facing the nitpicking by Zhai Sheng, Tian Dong's expression changed slightly but he still endured it. "I won't leave the country again. You are in the capital now as well. If you let Zhai Hua marry me, you have nothing to worry about." If Zhai Hua were to suffer any grievance at the Tian family, the Zhai family would definitely receive first-hand news at the slightest ruffle in the wind. They would then run to the Tian family to settle scores with him.

Furthermore, why would he let Zhai Hua down since he had decided to marry her?

Zhai Sheng was putting on airs now. He completely displayed the style of a ruffian soldier. He refused to admit that he had received a benefit. "I don't believe that revenge is a dish best served cold. My usual style is to simply nip the bud of the fire as soon as I see a flame appearing." Was it meaningful to go knocking on the door when one had already been bullied? Would the fact of Zhai Hua being bullied change?

Tian Dong's eyes turned a little gloomy. The corners of his lips pursed. "If you're really so capable, why did Wei De exist?"

Zhai Sheng smirked. "That is our family's business. Wei De alone is not to be blamed for this. Zhai Hua is not smart enough." Zhai Sheng was not willing to say that Zhai Hua was stupid in front of Tian Dong.

They were biological siblings. If he really said that Zhai Hua was stupid, then what was he considered as?

Zhai Sheng would not make this kind of low-grade mistake.

"Zhai Hua is considered smart. However, she lacked a little experience in this area." The lady that he fancied had been mocked by others. Tian Dong was quite unhappy, although the person who mocked her was her only biological younger brother.

Zhai Sheng's heart wavered slightly. However, his expression did not reveal this at all. "Yes, in this aspect, she not only lacked a little experience, but she was also completely inexperienced. No choice. As her younger brother, I have to worry more and help her assess more accurately. Tian Dong, do you think you can pass this test?"

"Why not?" Tian Dong questioned back.

He wished to marry the only lady in the Zhai family. Of course, Tian Dong was long prepared that the Zhai family would make things difficult for him.

He did not expect that Zhai Sheng, and not Old Master Zhai or Chief Zhai, would be the first one to make things difficult for him. He was Zhai Hua's younger brother but they did not seem that close when they were children.

Although the person who made things difficult for him was different from whom he had thought, Tian Dong did not feel that he needed to change anything about himself. He would perform accordingly.

Zhai Sheng relaxed his brows and glanced sideways at Tian Dong. "I heard that Wei De had been given a beating. He is in quite dire straits?"

Zhai Sheng heard of Wei De chasing Zhai Hua to the capital.

When he was in Ping Cheng previously, it was not convenient for him to do anything overboard to Wei De for the sake of the Zhai family's reputation.

Now, they were in the capital. No one knew who Wei De was. No matter how much he wanted to deal with Wei De, he was not as restricted as to when he was in Ping Cheng.

However, before Zhai Sheng could take any action, Wei De was already almost handicapped. When Zhai Sheng received this news, all the plans he had in mind fell through and turned useless.

There was only one explanation as to why Zhai Sheng would discuss this topic with Tian Dong. He suspected that the people who bashed Wei De up were related to Tian Dong.

“Whether he is really that miserable will depend on whether he continues to stay in the capital.” Tian Dong was not satisfied with this outcome at all.

If murder was not illegal, Tian Dong knew that he would not just get a few people to deal with Wei De. That would be too easy on him.

Since he could not kill anyone, Tian Dong could only think of ways to teach Wei De a lesson. He hoped that Wei De would leave the capital, this land of ‘trouble’, as soon as possible due to fear.

Without Zhai Hua by his side and the backing of the Zhai family’s reputation, Wei De’s company could not continue with its business at all.

Wei De spent a long time building his wealth. He then spent the shortest time reverting to his previous state of being penniless.

Wei De had been extremely generous to people in his hometown, especially after he became a boss and made it rich.

Chapter 1133 Heartless

Wei De had not only built a new house in his hometown but also often gave his parents money. Otherwise, given the miserable state that Wei De was in, it was already a problem for him to remain in Ping Cheng, so how could he have followed the Zhai family to the capital?

The money that Wei De was spending now was all those that he had given to his parents earlier. He took back all the money that he had given.

Of course, at such a stage, the relationship between Wei De and Zhai Hua could not be covered up anymore.

In the beginning, Wei De was not willing to talk about it. He requested money from his family and told them that he needed money to relieve his cash flow issues, that his hands were tight as he ran into some inconveniences in his business recently.

At that time, Wei De’s mother scolded him very angrily. “Didn’t you say that the chief’s daughter knows many people? Other people are daughters-in-law. She is also a daughter-in-law. Why is she such a failure? If you encounter any problems in your business, shouldn’t she get her maternal

family to help you? If you are short of money, you can get it from your wife. If she doesn't have money, many people will be willing to lend her as long as she opens her mouth to ask for it, no? If she is petty to you and refuses to borrow money, you can also use her name to borrow money from her friends since you also know them. Son, don't be so rigid. You have to know how to adapt to different situations.”

Would Wei De not think of these means that his mother was teaching him?

If Zhai Hua did not break up with him... If no one knew that he had fallen out with Zhai Hua...

His mother did not need to teach him. Wei De would have daringly used Zhai Hua's name to borrow money long ago. He would borrow as much money as he wished to without any hesitation, let alone getting others to help him in his business.

Since he was borrowing money for the business on the account of Zhai Hua's face, Zhai Hua would have to repay the gratitude in the future.

As for the money earned, that would be Wei De's credit alone. It did not have anything to do with Zhai Hua.

Wei De had such guts and brains. The problem was that most of the prominent people in Ping Cheng had already heard of him breaking up with Zhai Hua.

Wei De was shameless to refuse to admit that he had broken up with Zhai Hua. However, others might not be willing to play dumb with Wei De. Without the 'care' from the Zhai family, they were not willing to give Wei De so much convenience.

In short, after Zhai Hua left him, Wei De faced many obstructions in Ping Cheng.

Since the money had gone into the pocket of Wei De's mother, it belonged to her.

The mother-son pair's character of 'only in but not out' was very similar.

With Zhai Hua, this 'daughter-in-law', around, Mother Wei was not willing to fork out the family's money. She wanted Wei De to look for Zhai Hua if he were to face any problems. As the daughter-in-law of the Wei family, Zhai Hua should and had to do something for the Wei family.

Knowing his biological mother's character and also after being given so many cold shoulders, Wei De could not endure it any longer. He told his mother about the situation, angering the latter badly. "Oh, my goodness. There is such a woman in the world. She is too shameless. She dated with you for so long and her reputation has already been damaged. If she has some shame, she will only marry you. If this was in the past, you could sue her for being a rogue. Are all the chiefs' daughters so shameless?"

To Wei De's mother, Zhai Hua and her son had been dating for a long time. As such, Zhai Hua was already her son's woman and she was not qualified to be with others.

She did not expect that Zhai Hua would break up so decisively without any feelings of reluctance before the two even got married. She even left her son such that he had to endure hardships in Ping Cheng. She was simply a scum amongst women.

"She is so shameless. The Zhai family did not react? Does the Zhai family like to trample on their own faces?" Zhai Hua's reputation had already been ruined. Shouldn't the Zhai family think of ways to marry Zhai Hua to Wei De as soon as possible? Would they still agree to let Zhai Hua break up with her son?

Wei De was very disheartened. "Mom, your way of thinking is too backward. It is not common in the current society anymore. Zhai Hua and I... We have been together for a long time but Zhai Hua is still not my woman. Even if she is really mine, most likely, the Zhai family will not mind either. There are also many cases of divorce nowadays. If I don't find ways to make Zhai Hua turn back her heart, I won't have anything to do with Zhai Hua anymore. I also won't be associated with the Zhai family anymore in the future."

At the mention of this situation, Wei De's voice turned hoarse. His tone carried a deep gust of grief. "Mom, you know the current society too. It's not easy to survive. When I was in the army, no one looked up to me. I was still a junior soldier after so many years in the army. After some time, the army will definitely make me retire. Now, I wish to do business. It is not enough to have money. I need to have connections too. Furthermore, I don't even have any money now. Mom, it's difficult to survive. It's even more difficult to survive well."

What wrong did he do?

He just wanted to have a better life. He did not want to have a life without any accomplishment. He wanted his own career. In that case, when his children grew up and mentioned their father, they could proudly introduce him to their friends.

Yes, he had organized a banquet and married a wife in his hometown but they had not collected the wedding certificate. As such, their marriage was not considered legal.

From the perspective of the law, if he were to marry Zhai Hua, it would be his first marriage.

Besides this, his only demerit was having Wei Wei, this son.

Having a son to carry the family's name had always been the traditional thinking of Chinese.

Wei Wei was a son. Given his age, Wei De felt that he deserved to have a child even if it was a daughter.

If the wife in his hometown did not exist, at his age, would Zhai Hua be able to give him a child?

She could not!

Zhai Hua could not do that. He had already thought of a solution to this difficult problem. He did not make things difficult for Zhai Hua because of this matter.

It was fine that other people did not understand his pain and good intent. Who would have expected Zhai Hua to be so willful? She did not understand his feelings for her at all.

With Wei Wei, at the very least, the Wei family would not pressurize Zhai Hua anymore regardless of how the Zhai family made things difficult for him or how late Zhai Hua married him. The Wei family would not ask Zhai Hua to bear him a son as soon as possible.

Wei Wei's existence was a little awkward for Zhai Hua.

However, if Zhai Hua could think from another perspective, she had something to gain from Wei Wei's existence too.

If Zhai Hua was really worried that he would pay less attention to or did not love their children enough, at most, he would send Wei Wei back to his hometown again. His parents could take care of Wei Wei then.

In this way, he would be able to focus wholeheartedly on Zhai Hua and his children, no?

Clearly, it was a problem that was quite easy to resolve. However, he did not understand why Zhai Hua had to make a mountain out of a molehill.

Could it be that his many years of relationship with Zhai Hua could not be compared to the uneasiness that Zhai Hua felt toward Wei Wei's existence?

Zhai Hua was too selfish.

He had given up the wife at home and also Wei Wei. He did not want anything except Zhai Hua, yet Zhai Hua still abandoned him heartlessly.

Chapter 1134 Like a Nightmare

Zhai Hua had let down their relationship badly!

“Ah Wei, don't cry. Mom feels extremely upset when seeing you cry. Do you want to be with Zhai Hua very badly?” When her son's voice changed, Wei De's mother could not bring herself to be harsh. “If you still wish to be together with that woman, I will support you even though I dislike her. I did not use the money that you gave to me previously at all. I saved them. Tomorrow morning, I will get your dad to make a trip to the city to transfer all the money to you. Don't be anxious. A stubborn woman would eventually succumb to a persistent man. You succeeded in the past. You will definitely be able to do so now.”

She did not really believe that the world had changed so quickly.

Zhai Hua was a 'second-hand good' who had dated another man for a few years. Would someone be willing to take over?

Certainly, Zhai Hua was not Ah De's woman yet. However, how many people would believe these words?

When the time came whereby no one wanted to be with Zhai Hua, she would wait and see if those people in the Zhai family could still be so persistent. She did not believe that they would rather let Zhai Hua be left on the shelves instead of letting Ah De marry Zhai Hua.

Once Zhai Hua entered the Wei family, she would take her time settling scores with Zhai Hua the same way that Zhai Hua made things difficult for Ah De.

Wei De's mother disliked and looked down badly on Zhai Hua, this daughter-in-law. She was determined to have her way.

"Mom, don't worry. I won't give up so easily." If he were to have a clean break with Zhai Hua and watch another man marry her, his entire life would be over.

He could not return to the army and he could not continue in his business either. Wei De had given much thought to his life. He had always known that after leaving Zhai Hua, he only had two options, which was to return to his hometown to be a farmer or to remain in Ping Cheng to do manual jobs.

Even if he could not become an army officer or a boss, Wei De also did not wish to become a coolie.

He did not wish to bow his head to destiny. He had to continue to target Zhai Hua, make Zhai Hua agree to be with him again, and marry him.

Wei De heard that the entire Zhai family had moved to the capital because Zhai Yaohui had been deployed to the capital.

Wei De was both happy and anxious.

He was happy that the status of the Zhai family was higher now that Zhai Yaohui had been deployed to the capital.

Naturally, the better the situation of the Zhai family, he would receive more help after he became the son-in-law of the family.

He was anxious and on fire because the qualities of the Zhai family was too good. Yes, Zhai Hua was not young anymore. She was not gentle and also a tomboy. In addition, she had dated a man for a few years.

Although he heard his mother shun Zhai Hua so much over the phone, Wei De was well aware that given the qualities of the Zhai family, many people were willing to be their son-in-law. This was despite the fact that Zhai Hua had broken up decisively with someone after one romantic relationship. Even if Zhai Hua was married and divorced, people would still be willing to marry and protect her like she was a precious gem and treasure.

If he was late in going to Beijing to woo Zhai Hua, perhaps this woman who should have been his wife would really become another man's wife tomorrow.

Once he received the money that his family had sent him, with a strong desire to succeed, Wei De took the train to the capital without further consideration.

After he arrived in the capital, Wei De could not get used to many things there. His heart ached so much that he wanted to return to Ping Cheng.

He did not expect that the cost of living in the capital was so high.

He could not bear to pay the price of staying in the hotel even for one night.

This was going to be a long battle. He only rented an inn with a space that was only enough for him to turn his body, but the rent was already shockingly expensive. The same commodity in Ping Cheng was also more expensive in the capital. He was burning banknotes with every meal that he took outside.

Initially, Wei De still believed that he would certainly be able to woo Zhai Hua back before he finished spending the sum of money given to him by his mother.

Now, Wei De was not so confident.

In the past, Zhai Hua was so easy to appease. Zhai Hua would be so happy when Wei De gave her gifts that cost only a few yuan.

This time, Wei De dared not woo Zhai Hua with such perfunctory means. He was thinking of giving her some flowers or accessories.

When he found out more, he realized that he could not afford them.

Any gift that he had his eyes on simply cost more than one month of this rent.

One month of his rent would be gone after buying a few bouquets of flowers.

Not to mention that Wei De was also a living being. He had to eat and drink. When miscellaneous added up, Wei De's expenditure alone was not small. He had no jobs either. There were only expenses and no earnings.

Despite having been a big boss before, Wei De had to count his pennies and tighten his belt when he arrived in the capital.

Wei De felt that he was miserable enough to be in such dire straits. To his surprise, he saw with his own eyes that Zhai Hua really dated some messy and wild man outside despite having just broken up with him. She was being unfaithful. A few days later, he was covered by a gunny sack and beaten up harshly.

Wei De had been a soldier. As such, he was also good at fighting.

However, he was outnumbered by fighting experts. Otherwise, Wei De would not be in such a miserable state.

When he was being beaten up, Wei De cleverly curled and shrank his body to cover up all his important body parts.

Fortunately, the other party only intended to teach him a lesson. They targeted the body parts which would cause him pain but avoided all the important body organs. The other party did not intend to take his life.

After the beating, Wei De was discovered and sent to the hospital by a passerby. He lay in the hospital for two days.

When he was in the hospital, Wei De was in great physical pain. When the doctor said that he was fine and could be discharged, Wei De felt his heart ache as soon as they calculated his medical fees.

The money that he could use to live in his hometown for a year was gone within a month in the capital!

Looking at the money in his pocket, which was getting less and less, and failing to talk to Zhai Hua, Wei De was dealt a great blow. He was in utter despair.

He did not manage to make Zhai Hua come back to him in Ping Cheng. Now, it was even more difficult to woo Zhai Hua back in the capital.

Looking at the prosperous capital, Wei De felt very bleak in his heart. He kept feeling that his life should not be like that.

Clearly, he had covered up many things well. Zhai Hua had never suspected him after being with him for so long. The people in the hometown had never betrayed him either.

According to his plan, Zhai Hua would definitely not know that he had organized a banquet and married a wife in his hometown before. She would not find out the truth that Wei Wei was, in fact, his son and not his nephew.

As such, as long as Zhai Hua's heart was with him, the Zhai family would eventually agree to let him marry Zhai Hua regardless of whether they liked him.

After he became the Zhai family's son-in-law, his progress in the army would definitely become better and better. Gradually, he would become a senior officer in the army.

Everyone in the hometown would feel proud of him. He would also raise Wei Wei and be husband and wife with Zhai Hua for life. He was destined to take an extraordinary path. He should be from the upper social class!

Why was there such a huge gap between reality and his ambition?

Why did he feel that his imagination should be the reality and everything that he was facing now was like a nightmare?

Chapter 1135 Can You Help Me?

Wei De wrecked his brains but he could not figure out when and what happened exactly that caused everything to go off the original track.

Wei De, who could not find the answer, was slouching badly. Looking at his back view, he seemed to be fifty years old although he was just thirty.

He did not get to meet Zhai Hua and he had injuries all over his body. He did not have money either. Could he persist? Would the day of his victory arrive? Would a day come whereby everything that he had previously dreamed for came true?

Facing so many problems, Wei De could not give himself a definite answer.

Zhai Hua did not even know about Wei De's encounter. She only knew that after she listened to Zhai Sheng's words and left that day, Tian Dong came to her house to ask her out for a movie and meal again the following day.

It was also from that time onward that Wei De disappeared in the same and sudden way that he appeared.

After confirming that Wei De did not appear again, Zhai Hua could completely let the matter go. She naively thought that Wei De should face reality even if he could not sort out his thoughts. He had given up on those ludicrous plans in his mind and returned to Ping Cheng or his hometown to lead an honest life with his foster sister. After all, they had to raise Wei Wei, this son.

When he was in Ping Cheng, given Wei De's behavior, he had wanted to nurture his own son into an elite.

Now, Wei De could not rely on the Zhai family anymore. He should devote his entire heart on raising Wei Wei, this child.

When Wei Wei was successful, Wei De would enjoy happiness sooner or later.

"Tian Dong, you keep coming to our house. What do you mean by this?" She had put aside Wei De's matter but Tian Dong's appearance gave her a headache. She was thinking. Why was Tian Dong not done yet?

“Didn’t you address me as Dongzi last time?” Tian Dong did not give a direct answer.

Zhai Hua rolled her eyes. “When I am in a good mood, I’ll call you Dongzi. Now, I am not happy, so I will call you Tian Dong as I wished. Also, don’t divert from the topic. What are you trying to do? Let me tell you. You are a man and I am a woman. We are already of this age. I am serious about finding a marriage partner. If you don’t wish to get married, don’t treat me like a shield. If it doesn’t work, you can find another one. Your family is so wealthy. It’s not difficult for you to find someone to put up an act with you.”

Basically, he should stop wasting her precious time that could have been allocated to getting married and having a child. He was to be blamed that she had not attended any other blind dates, besides him, for two months since she arrived in the capital.

“We are of the same age. I am also very serious about finding a marriage partner who I can marry and have a child with. You’re not my shield. Since everyone has the same thoughts, isn’t it just nice? We can implement it together.” Tian Dong’s face was very fair. Only his pair of jet-black eyes was shockingly black.

“Are... are you serious? What has it got to do with me?” Zhai Hua said uneasily. She even turned her face away to avoid that strange look in Tian Dong’s eyes.

Tian Dong smiled. He was not anxious to force Zhai Hua. If Zhai Hua had not just said that she wanted to draw a clear line, Tian Dong would not have expressed anything.

Zhai Hua had a very impatient character. Sometimes, she would do the opposite if one were to corner her too much.

Tian Dong had a lot of patience to dawdle with Zhai Hua.

When Zhai Hua was really anxious and could not afford to dawdle anymore, it was even more convenient. She could simply agree to marry him directly.

Of course, if Zhai Hua had some thoughts, Tian Dong would have to speed up his leisurely pace. He had to add on a few more firewood to the warm water that he was boiling the frog in so that the water would boil.

Zhai Hua felt that Tian Dong was acting strangely. Hence, she did not want to chat with him anymore.

Old Master Zhai had probably done something recently. In the past, she used to be as busy as Zhai Sheng. She was always in the army during the four seasons of the year. However, now, she had been ordered by her superiors to rest, nourish her health, and settle her lifetime happiness at the same time.

She felt really bored staying at home. She also felt awkward shopping with Tian Dong. She had no choice. Zhai Hua simply brought Tian Dong along to find Qiao Nan.

She was thinking that if Qiao Nan was around, she would not be alone with Tian Dong. She would not feel so uncomfortable then.

Today was the weekend. The class schedule for this semester was the same as the previous one. Qiao Nan was lucky that her classes were all scheduled on the weekdays. She could continue to be the volunteer guide during the two days on the weekends.

After knowing that Qiao Nan was involved in such activities, Zhai Hua had wanted to come and take a look. It was a good chance today.

Initially, everything was fine. Zhai Hua was enraged the moment she arrived. "Hello, who are you? Quickly let go of your hand."

Just as she arrived at the entrance of the Palace Museum, Zhai Hua saw with her own eyes a young lady and Qiao Nan were engaged in a tug war.

Qiao Nan looked very unhappy and even requested the other party to let go of her hands. However, the other party refused to do so. The two had unfriendly expressions on their faces and looked like they were in an argument.

Qiao Nan was her sister-in-law. Without a word, Zhai Hua's sixth sense told her that the young lady was insensible and bullying Qiao Nan, who was an honest and down-to-earth person.

When Yu Xiaoxiao heard the yell, she loosened her grip on Qiao Nan's hands immediately, looking very guilty.

As Yu Xiaoxiao let go of her too suddenly, and since Qiao Nan was not in good spirits today initially, Qiao Nan lost her footing. Under the forces of inertia, Qiao Nan staggered and her whole body fell backward. Yu Xiaoxiao turned pale with fright.

She only wanted Qiao Nan's help. She did not want to harm Qiao Nan. If Qiao Nan really had a fall, the more she would not receive Qiao Nan's help.

Fortunately, Zhai Hua was very agile. She held on to Qiao Nan swiftly. "Who is she? Is she bullying you? Don't be so good-tempered in the future. If someone bullies you, just shout for help. Young ladies nowadays are so 'capable'. They can go overboard in broad daylight in front of so many people. Where is the quality?"

If she had not come over to take a look, Qiao Nan definitely would have fallen, and it would be a very bad fall.

"Young lady, why are you behaving in this way?!" The people in the management office heard a commotion and came out to take a look. When the other party saw Yu Xiaoxiao and Qiao Nan, he was angered. "I have already told you very clearly that I am not lacking in any manpower at the moment. Even if we are, you do not qualify."

At first, when he heard that the other party was Qiao Nan's classmate and a student of Peking University, he felt quite happy.

It was all volunteer work and thus, the more the merrier. They gave similar treatment and tested the English speaking ability of this classmate.

Six months ago, Qiao Nan performed so well in the test although she had just arrived in the capital. Although this was also a student of the foreign language faculty in Peking University, to his surprise, this young lady could not speak English well.

There were no examinations here. They did not need writing but speech ability.

They had given her a chance but she was not suitable. Of course, they could not let her stay. Who would have known that it was not over yet?

“I, I...” Yu Xiaoxiao’s face swelled in red. She was in tears and obviously feeling very awkward and embarrassed. However, she really did not wish to give up. She had used half a semester to find out why Qiao Nan had attained such high scores in social practice.

Chapter 1136 Feeling Unwell

After finding out how Qiao Nan did it, she also wanted to work hard and give it a try. She did not expect that it would be so difficult.

Since Yu Xiaoxiao was able to get the scholarship, her results must be fairly good as well.

The problem was all the English lessons in school were assessment-based. It did not require one to be fluent in English. But if she had to converse in English, she would not be able to.

As a volunteer guide who showed foreign guests around, one needed to be fluent in English. It had nothing to do with one’s English writing skills.

Furthermore, in the nine years of compulsory education, three years of high school, and more than half a year of university life, there was no need for Yu Xiaoxiao to converse in English.

Yu Xiaoxiao was too tense and nervous and did badly in her test. She performed worse than her usual standard in high school.

One could only be selected through one’s ability. Given Yu Xiaoxiao’s performance, they could not accept her and told her nicely that she could try out at other places.

Yu Xiaoxiao followed Qiao Nan and found out about her social practice as a volunteer guide at the Palace Museum. If she knew where to find social practice activities that she could participate in, there was no need for her to ask for Qiao Nan’s help.

Therefore, Yu Xiaoxiao did not want to give up right then. She hoped the other party would give her another chance.

In the end, she came looking for Qiao Nan, hoping that Qiao Nan would put in a good word for her, giving her another chance. She was too nervous and therefore did not perform well previously.

Qiao Nan did not feel very well and she did not get along with Yu Xiaoxiao.

When Yu Xiaoxiao came looking for her, she could tell that she had not given up yet and had found ways to follow her all the way here.

For that alone, Qiao Nan had the right to be angry with Yu Xiaoxiao.

Qiao Nan was already very gracious for not taking issue with Yu Xiaoxiao. There was no way that she would put in a good word for her.

That was why they ended up in a tussle when Zhai Hua reached the Palace Museum.

“This classmate over here, you’d better go back. You are not suitable for this job. You are from Peking University. You should be able to tell that we are very busy now. I believe you don’t want things to turn sour or for me to make a call to your school, right?”

The personnel at the office turned serious. It was nothing embarrassing that the student could not help them as she did not have the ability.

However, if she continued to make a din, it would not look good on them and would affect their work.

Things would turn awkward if the volunteer ended up as a troublemaker.

“No, I don’t mean that. I harbor no evil intentions. I just feel that this job is very meaningful and I want to help out in my own way. If not, can I be a general Chinese volunteer guide?” A thought came to Yu Xiaoxiao’s mind. She might not be fluent in English, but she was fluent in Chinese.

The other party was amused. “Everyone knows how to speak Mandarin. Even if this job is voluntary, it has high requirements. Firstly, you have to know everything about the Palace Museum. You have to memorize all the facts by heart. Secondly, if you want to be a Chinese guide, can your Mandarin meet the standard?”

It was true that as compared to speaking fluent English, the Chinese people would be more fluent in Chinese.

However, they would have higher requirements for Chinese volunteer guides.

The office did not have high requirements for Qiao Nan. They only asked that she be fluent in her English and that she must have no problem in normal conversation.

As for whether she used proper grammar and vocabulary, they could not judge as well since they themselves were not native English speakers. It was alright as long as the foreign visitors could understand Qiao Nan.

Of course, Qiao Nan became more and more fluent in conversing in English after multiple training sessions. It was a surprise to them to receive positive feedback from foreign visitors.

Yu Xiaoxiao was smart. She knew that since she could not be an English volunteer guide, she could be a Chinese guide.

But at the same time, she was foolish. Every citizen in China knew how to speak Mandarin.

Qiao Nan and Yu Xiaoxiao were not the only students who came to the Palace Museum to be volunteer guides. For people applying to be the Chinese volunteer guide, the competition was harsh since there were many applicants. The office would have a set of stringent requirements.

In short, Yu Xiaoxiao could not make it for the English volunteer guide, and she failed to meet the requirements for the Chinese guide as well.

The reason was that they required the Chinese guides to speak standard Chinese, especially in the Beijing accent.

People from other provinces would not be able to speak as well as people from Beijing.

What a joke!

Yu Xiaoxiao almost teared up at the other party's words.

Yu Xiaoxiao was not fluent in English. As for Mandarin, she had no problem in conversing, but she was not certain how she would rank if she sat for a test. After all, she had never gone through a test on conversational Chinese.

Yu Xiaoxiao sniffed. She bowed to the personnel from the office. "I am really sorry. I have not gotten the facts right and have brought so much trouble for you. But if I am able to meet the mark to be an English or Chinese guide, will I be given a chance if I come again in the second half of the year?"

Yu Xiaoxiao did not continue to make a din. She calmed down and made a rational decision. It was a marked contrast to her previous behavior, and it was a more acceptable behavior of a student.

The personnel from the office paused momentarily at the change and nodded. "Sure. As long as you can meet the requirements, we will welcome youngsters like you."

Although they were volunteer guides, they still needed to fulfill some requirements.

Once the volunteers fulfilled the requirements, they were willing to take in as many volunteers as possible.

Yu Xiaoxiao breathed a sigh of relief at the reply.

She was only in her first year. There were three more years before she would graduate. No matter what, she had to strive to get a scholarship for her second and third years. She still had time to work on her English. She still had a total of four months, including two months of summer break to improve her English and Mandarin conversational skills.

Yu Xiaoxiao calmed down after sorting out her thoughts. "Qiao Nan, I am really sorry. I have disturbed you and created so much trouble for you. I am sorry and thank you."

She followed Qiao Nan to find out about this opportunity.

It was indeed dishonorable of her, but she did not feel that she was in the wrong.

It was Qiao Nan who did not render help to her classmates. In fact, Qiao Nan should have taken the initiative to help her after knowing about her situation.

Since Qiao Nan refused to help her, she could not be blamed for following Qiao Nan all the way here.

After making her apology, Yu Xiaoxiao no longer felt guilty or sorry.

Yu Xiaoxiao walked away, thinking of ways to work on her weaknesses.

Even though Yu Xiaoxiao had left, Qiao Nan still seemed to look unwell. Cold sweat broke out on her forehead. “Xiao Qiao, you seemed to be very pale. Are you unwell?”

Chapter 1137 It Had Been a Long Time Since She Had Menses

“I know that you are responsible, but youngsters should take care of their health as well. Today’s work has been done. You can go back two hours earlier.” The personnel from the office could tell that Qiao Nan seemed unwell and in pain.

They had known each other for more than half a year.

However, the personnel from the office liked that Qiao Nan was hardworking and not talkative. Furthermore, she was from Peking University.

Qiao Nan was welcomed by everyone at the Palace Museum. They treated Qiao Nan as their junior.

Now that she seemed to be unwell, they were very concerned for Qiao Nan. “Are you related to Xiao Qiao?”

“I am her relative.” Zhai Hua was about to say that she was Qiao Nan’s sister-in-law, but she remembered that Qiao Nan was still very young and it might be unsuitable to say that. She then changed her mind. “I am her sister.”

“Okay, please send Xiao Qiao home. Xiao Qiao doesn’t look very well. In fact, you should send her to the hospital.” Xiao Qiao fell ill while she was working as a volunteer guide at the Palace Museum.

If anything went wrong, they had to bear responsibility.

“Don’t worry. I will.” Zhai Hua had the intention of doing that even before the personnel brought it up.

She had known Qiao Nan since a long time ago. Like the Zhai family, Qiao Nan did not fall ill easily. She was very healthy.

Before she married Zhai Sheng, Qiao Nan would not fall sick easily. She had only been married to Zhai Sheng for a few months and she was sick. Zhai Hua could not help but be worried.

“Qiao Nan, are you unwell? Dongzi, Qiao Nan may not be able to walk a long distance. Drive the car over here. Let’s send her to the hospital.” Luckily, Dongzi was with her and he could help her send Qiao Nan to the hospital.

Tian Dong and Zhai Hua supported Qiao Nan to find a seat. Tian Dong then left to drive the car.

Qiao Nan breathed a sigh of relief after taking a seat. “There is no need to go to the hospital. There is nothing wrong with me. Perhaps I felt dizzy because Yu Xiaoxiao kept pestering me. Now that I’ve taken a breather, I feel much better.” She only felt a moment of discomfort.

The weather had turned better. It was impossible for her to suffer from heatstroke.

“Could it be that I am anemic?” Many women suffered from anemia. It was common for them to have dizzy spells.

Zhai Hua thought otherwise. “You can’t make the diagnosis that you are anemic. Let’s go to the hospital to do a checkup. I trust the doctors. Don’t put up a strong front. I have known you for so long. You rarely looked so pale. You must see the doctor if you are unwell!”

Zhai Hua held on to Qiao Nan, stopping her from moving about.

Zhai Hua did not take the passenger seat. Instead, she sat at the back seat with Qiao Nan. She made Qiao Nan rest her head on her shoulder so that Qiao Nan could feel more comfortable.

Qiao Nan sat up after a short while. “This won’t do. My stomach feels unsettled and I feel like throwing up in this position.”

“Are you suffering from motion sickness?” Zhai Hua looked anxious. She was looking for a plastic bag for Qiao Nan. The car belonged to Tian Dong. It would not be good to dirty his car. Zhai Hua understood basic courtesy.

Tian Dong did not really mind. Seeing that Zhai Hua was so worried about Qiao Nan, he made use of this chance to leave a good impression on Zhai Hua. “Don’t be anxious. It’s alright. Qiao Nan, if you are unwell, don’t hold it in. It doesn’t matter if you throw up in the car. At most, I will send it for washing.”

True enough, Zhai Hua seemed to see Tian Dong in a different light after he said that. She seemed not as put off by him.

“I am fine.” Qiao Nan looked pale, patting her chest. “I feel much better after I sit upright. Can we roll down the windows? It is very stuffy inside the car.”

Zhai Hua had a reluctant smile. “You should know the air quality in the capital. If you roll down the windows, it would be terrible.”

At Zhai Hua’s advice, Qiao Nan had no other choice but to give up on rolling down the windows.

Qiao Nan knew that there was a serious haze in the capital!

She had better not roll down the windows for her health’s sake.

It was crowded at the hospital during the weekend. Some of the departments were still on break.

Zhai Hua and Tian Dong helped Qiao Nan to the hospital. Zhai Hua accompanied Qiao Nan while Tian Dong dealt with the registrations.

“Qiao Nan, I feel that something must be wrong with you. You seemed to be sapped of all strength. Are you running a fever?” Qiao Nan seemed very weak. Zhai Hua touched her forehead to check her temperature. She eased slightly after she checked that Qiao Nan was not running a fever.

“I have no idea.” Qiao Nan shook her head. “You should know that as a woman, we have to go through a few...”

Qiao Nan had yet to finish her sentence when she turned silent all of a sudden.

Speaking of her menses, something dawned on Qiao Nan.

Previously, she was worried sick after she ended up drunk and was intimate with Zhai Sheng for the first time. But thankfully, she had her menses after half a month.

Thereafter, she held the wedding banquet with Zhai Sheng in January and moved into the Zhai family’s residence. They had a normal married life for several days before Zhai Sheng left for work.

Then, Qiao Nan went back to school and worked hard to catch up on her studies. She tried hard to make up for all the time lost during the winter break when she had her wedding.

There had been too many things going on that Qiao Nan forgot about something important. She had not had her menses for two consecutive months...

“What’s wrong?” Seeing that Qiao Nan was silent, Zhai Hua probed.

Qiao Nan blushed slightly. “Sister Zhai Hua, I don’t think there is anything wrong with me. There is no need to see the doctor. Can you accompany me to the supermarket?” She wondered if the supermarket or the pharmacy had pregnancy kits in this day and age.

Qiao Nan felt awkward with Tian Dong around. It was alright if Zhai Hua was the only one with her.

Qiao Nan felt that there was no need for her to go to other departments to do the checkup. She would know what was wrong with her if she went directly to the gynecology department.

“No. Don’t be willful. I am here with you and you have to listen to me. If not, I will make a call home and my mom will ask the chauffeur to send her to the hospital and make sure that you see the doctor. She will only leave after she hears the doctor’s diagnosis.” Zhai Hua wanted to roll her eyes

at Qiao Nan. It was true that no one was perfect. Qiao Nan, who was good in all aspects, behaved like a three-year-old kid who was afraid of seeing the doctor. Could it be that she was scared of taking injections?

Qiao Nan could tell that Zhai Hua was determined and would not change her mind. She took a deep breath and leaned closer to whisper to her.

Zhai Hua was dumbfounded. "Are you certain?"

"If I am certain, I would not go to the hospital with you. But I have not had my menses for two months." Qiao Nan felt a mixture of shock and surprise. Her hands could not help but tremble.

Chapter 1138 Which of Them Is 'Sister-In-Law'?

In this life, she had nutritious food and her constitution was good. Her menses were never late. Besides, she did not eat cold stuff and she did not suffer from menstrual pains.

Other than being pregnant, Qiao Nan could not think of any reasons to explain the fact that she did not have her menses for two months.

"Wait for me." Zhai Hua trembled slightly. "I-I will make a registration for you. But no one will accompany you if I am gone."

"I am an adult. I don't need company." Qiao Nan did not know whether to laugh or be angry with her. "I promise I will not move about when you make the registration."

"Make sure that other people don't crowd around you. This is the hospital. The children are insensible and they would run around. They might knock into people accidentally. You must stay clear of them." Zhai Hua, who was careless, turned to be very meticulous after she learned that she might be an auntie soon.

Qiao Nan relaxed. "Sure, I will protect myself." It was no wonder that she had been feeling odd recently. She thought that she had caught a cold because of the change in weather.

She had indeed missed her menses for two months. Qiao Nan placed her hands lightly on her tummy. She had a tender look in her eyes.

The child came right after her marriage. She was finally going to be a mother.

Qiao Nan turned teary from thinking of Zhai Sheng's promise that they would only have one child. She would definitely give all her love to her child.

Tian Dong came back after registration. "Qiao Nan, where is Zhai Hua?"

"She went to register for another appointment."

"Do you know what is wrong with you?" Tian Dong had made an appointment for the respiratory department. He passed the appointment number to Qiao Nan. At times, it was difficult to ascertain the illness that one was suffering from. It was alright to make a few appointments.

Qiao Nan smiled. "Sort of."

"Qiao Nan, I have registered for an appointment. There are a lot of people waiting in line." Zhai Hua wiped her perspiration. She was feeling very anxious. She was worried that the doctor would knock off after attending to all the patients who were waiting in front of them.

Zhai Hua was perplexed. Could it be that there were so many pregnant ladies and it would take so long to see a doctor?

In fact, Zhai Hua did not know that it was considered lucky to have more than ten people waiting in line. At times, one came in the morning and could only see the doctor in the afternoon.

"Which department did you register for?" Tian Dong knitted his brows. "Is it convenient to tell me?"

"So what if I let you know? Will you be able to help us jump the queue?" Qiao Nan was unwell. She was worried that something might be wrong with her unborn nephew or niece.

Tian Dong smiled. Zhai Hua was still as impatient as before. "If you don't mind, I know of a doctor in the private hospital. If it is okay with you, you can go there to have a checkup. It should take a shorter time." The private hospital was different from a public hospital.

“Are you serious? Can we see the doctor right away? If not, let’s take it that I did not say anything.” Zhai Hua was elated, but then she calmed down the next instant.

She knew that doctors at a private hospital had equally good skills.

Although patients could not be reimbursed for going to the private hospital and the medical fees were higher, there were still many people who were willing to go to a private hospital as long as the doctors were skilled.

“You can see a doctor right away. I will contact my friend now. But you have yet to tell me which department Qiao Nan should go to.” Tian Dong smiled. If they could not see a doctor right away, he would not make this suggestion and embarrass himself in front of Zhai Hua.

Zhai Hua looked at Tian Dong in surprise. “Didn’t you just come back from overseas? Why is it that you have the means? Nevertheless, contact the doctor. Qiao Nan needs to see the gynecology doctor.”

It was Tian Dong’s turn to be surprised.

Qiao Nan had just turned twenty-one years old after the Lunar New Year. Tian Dong knew that this was the legal age to marry in China.

He did not expect that as a Peking University student, Qiao Nan had such a strong determination. While her peers were still students, she had the courage to be a mother. This was a matter of courage and responsibility. “Okay, I will make the arrangement.”

Tian Dong made the phone call and registered for an appointment.

Tian Dong knew that Qiao Nan married Zhai Sheng not long ago. They had also collected the marriage certificate more than a month ago. Qiao Nan’s child was considered a legitimate child. Tian Dong made it clear to his friend that he had a friend who wanted to go for pregnancy tests and to make an appointment for them. They must not be kept waiting.

The friend could not help but laugh at Tian Dong upon learning the tests that his friend wanted to be done. “Didn’t you just come back from overseas not long ago? And a lady is already pregnant with your child in such a short time? It seems that you are serious. Have you set your mind to be a dad?”

If he did not want the child, he would not ask to go through the tests. After ascertaining that the lady was truly pregnant, they could arrange for the abortion surgery directly.

“Stop kidding.” Tian Dong warned his friend. “The patient is the sister-in-law of my friend. You must make sure you do a good job later. Don’t be careless.”

The other party stopped making fun of Tian Dong. “Your friend? Is your friend by the surname of Zhai?” The friend went for overseas study in America as well. His major was medicine. He was older than Tian Dong and was already in his thirties.

As Tian Dong had a high IQ and learned fast, he was able to be in the same batch as him and had the chance to be acquainted with him. “Bring the patient here. We will talk later.”

He had known Tian Dong for many years. While he was enjoying life in America, having flings with foreign women among all the Chinese overseas students, Tian Dong was the only person who seemed to be immune to temptations. He was able to behave gentlemanly and focused on his studies.

He would never be able to do that.

The foreigners were not averse to one-night stands. Both were willing parties and no one was forced into it.

Foreign ladies had great figures and were open-minded and passionate. It was too good to be missed.

Back when they had beers at the pubs, many beauties were interested to have a one-night stand with Tian Dong, but Tian Dong would always leave by himself. Those ladies who were rejected by Tian Dong ended up being with his friends who went to the pubs with him.

It was only after a long while that he realized that Tian Dong was conservative and he already had someone in mind.

Why Tian Dong was not involved in one-night stands and had strict discipline was all because of the Chinese woman that he had in mind.

As they grew closer to Tian Dong, those friends who got along with him pried the information from him and knew that the lady that he had in mind had the surname of Zhai.

It was rare that Tian Dong was willing to bring the lady to the hospital today. His friend who was a doctor knew that he finally had the chance to meet the legendary woman that Tian Dong was interested in.

Tian Dong was very popular and attractive at school. The lady must be a great beauty with a good figure and gentle temperament to be able to capture Tian Dong's heart and for him to behave himself overseas.

The doctor imagined Zhai Hua to be a perfect lady. He fixed his gaze on Qiao Nan as soon as Tian Dong brought his friends with him to the hospital.

Chapter 1139 Congratulations on Your Pregnancy

Beautiful. She was indeed beautiful. She had sparkling clear eyes. One glance and he could tell she was a well-bred and charismatic beauty.

He had seen many beautiful women, but this was the first time that he saw someone who was so special that he could not disregard her. He loved her eyes from the moment he saw her.

From his years of experience, she was not considered to be a voluptuous woman.

But after he came back to China, he had seen many flat-chested women. The lady right in front of him had a slim waist and a curvaceous figure.

The only problem was that the lady seemed to be pretty young.

Could this be the reason why Dongzi did not bring up this lady to them in the past?

This was a May-December romance. It was no wonder that Dongzi felt embarrassed to talk about it.

Doctor Wei finally felt satisfied after sizing up Qiao Nan. He then turned to rest his gaze on Zhai Hua. "Hello, the doctor and the nurse are waiting for you. You can go for the pregnancy test with the help of the nurse."

Zhai Hua flushed red in anger, widening her eyes in fury. “What are you talking about? It is my sister-in-law who is taking the pregnancy test.” She was single. If news spread, she could not go for blind dates anymore. No one would want to get to know her.

The doctor had bad judgment. He could not even tell who the pregnant lady was. Zhai Hua stared at Tian Dong unhappily. “You should know how precious Qiao Nan’s unborn child is. Are you sure this hospital is trustworthy? If anything happens, there is no need for me to do anything. Zhai Sheng will make sure that you pay for it.” If she had known it would be like this, she would have insisted on queuing. Perhaps it would already have been their turn.

Tian Dong sighed. “Don’t be angry. Doctor Wei is just joking with you. Back in America, Doctor Wei is very humorous. Many girls like him. He did not get rid of his bad habits. Don’t take issue with him.”

After putting in a good word for Doctor Wei, Tian Dong shot angry stares at him.

If Zhai Hua was pregnant, he might not be able to stop himself from killing someone.

“I-is your surname Zhai?” The doctor deduced from their conversation that he seemed to have recognized the wrong person.

He thought that the lady that Tian Dong liked since a young age was a gentle and ladylike beauty. But the lady beside the sweet beauty was as tall as a man. She looked strong and athletic and her complexion was tanned.

“Yes, Zhai is my surname. Is anything wrong?” Zhai Hua was extremely displeased with the look of shock on Doctor Wei’s face. “Alright, can we see the doctor now? I am in a hurry!”

She wanted to know as soon as possible if she was going to be an auntie, but the doctor was taking his time!

Next time, it would be better to go to the public hospital. The doctors at the private hospitals had the habit of chatting with his patients.

“Sure.” Doctor Wei curled the corners of his lips. It was no wonder that Tian Dong had no interest in the overseas beauties. It turned out that he preferred those strong and athletic women. “Young girl, let me assist you.”

Doctor Wei had no interest in Zhai Hua. He preferred women like Qiao Nan.

“Young girl?!” Zhai Hua slapped Doctor Wei’s hands away from Qiao Nan. “Tian Dong, are you sure he is a doctor?” No matter how she looked at it, apart from the doctor’s white robe that he was wearing, he seemed like a ruffian who was lusting after women.

If this doctor was to examine Qiao Nan, she would bring Qiao Nan home immediately.

“Doctor Wei, has the patient who is here to take pregnancy tests arrived?” Without waiting for Tian Dong to tell Doctor Wei to keep a check on himself, the nurse came to look for the doctor. She seemed to be in a hurry.

There were a lot of patients at the private hospital. Many of them were here to see the obstetricians. Of course, many were here for abortions as well.

Many other patients were waiting for their turns. Since the nurses and doctors had been told to do a check for Qiao Nan first, they were anxious as they had been waiting for some time.

“Hello, I am here to do pregnancy tests.” Qiao Nan felt that everything seemed to be in disorder today.

Particularly when she discovered by accident that she might be pregnant and was going to be a mother.

“How are you, nurse? We are here for the tests.” Zhai Hua disregarded Tian Dong and Doctor Wei. She supported Qiao Nan as she walked toward the nurse. The nurse might be in a hurry, but as the auntie, she was even more anxious.

“Okay, come with me right now.” The nurse was glad that the patient was here. She did not lose her patience as the lady was recommended by Doctor Wei.

Apart from Qiao Nan and Zhai Hua who had not been to the hospital, everyone at the hospital knew that the Wei family was one of the stakeholders of the private hospital. Doctor Wei could be considered as one of the bosses.

Since the friend of the boss was here to do a pregnancy test, even if they had to waste time waiting for the patient, they still had to do it without losing their temper. They did not wish to lose their jobs.

The obstetrician was a female doctor with a good complexion, looking to be in her forties. After asking about Qiao Nan's condition, she was quite certain that Qiao Nan was pregnant. "Do you want to keep the baby?"

"Yes."

"Yes, of course!" Compared to Qiao Nan who was calm, Zhai Hua seemed to be very agitated.

The female doctor did not mind at all. She was glad that they wanted to keep the child. "Pregnant ladies have to control their emotions. Fluctuations in mood will not be good for the baby. People who take care of the pregnant ladies have to be extra careful as well. Don't scream or shout. This is not good for prenatal education and will affect the health of the mother and the baby. If you have decided on keeping the baby, let's do an ultrasound scan for a detailed check."

Since Doctor Wei arranged for them to skip the queue, Tian Dong had already paid for all the tests that would be done. Zhai Hua only needed to collect the receipts and help Qiao Nan around to do the tests.

"The baby is ten weeks old." The female doctor looked at all the reports and was surprised. "It has been more than two months. You only found out about it now?"

"Yes, I have been too busy recently. I didn't notice that I did not have menses." Qiao Nan was embarrassed.

The female doctor did not seem displeased. "It's alright. You seem to be quite young. This is your first time as a mother. You do not have any experience, so it is normal to be clueless. You are in good health. After all, you are young and have a good constitution. But you have been too tired recently. Pregnant ladies should have more rest. I will not prescribe any medicine for you. It is better to take more tonics. It may be good to have some tonics, but don't overdo it. If the baby is too big, it will be very challenging for the mother when she goes into labor."

Perhaps it was due to Doctor Wei, not only did the female doctor give Qiao Nan a lot of advice on what to do and take note, but she also gave her some brochures for her to read up on.

After seeing the doctor, Zhai Hua assisted Qiao Nan to leave the room. There was a baffled look on her face.

Tian Dong waited patiently outside the room. He walked toward them when he saw them. “Are you pregnant?”

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Zhai Hua’s face seemed to be distorted. She wanted to smile but she was too nervous and emotional to smile. “Yes, she is pregnant!” She was going to be an auntie!

There was a look of envy in Tian Dong’s eyes. Zhai Sheng was so much younger than Zhai Hua and him, but he was going to be a father. As for him...

Looking at Zhai Hua who was still overjoyed over Zhai Sheng’s and Qiao Nan’s child, Tian Dong sighed. He felt that much still remained to be done.

Miao Jing heard the sounds outside the house and looked up, breaking into a smile. “Hey, what brings the three of you here?” Hua Hua went out on a date with Dongzi. Could it be that they had a date at the place where Nan Nan had her social practice?

Miao Jing had no idea that her guess was spot on today.

“Nan Nan, are you feeling unwell?” Miao Jing looked concerned the next instant. She noticed that Zhai Hua lent her support to Qiao Nan as she walked into the house. She had a big shock and was worried. “What’s wrong? Where do you feel uncomfortable? Let’s go to the hospital right away.” Why would she fall sick for no reason?

Zhai Hua took her time to help Qiao Nan take a seat. Once she sat down on the sofa, she shouted at the top of her lungs. “Auntie, please bring a cup of...” Zhai Hua was reminded of the female doctor’s words. She quickly lowered her voice. “Auntie, please bring a cup of warm water and a plate of fruits for Qiao Nan. Remember. The fruits have to be fresh. In the future, Qiao Nan will have all the fresh fruits and ingredients at home. I can have the rest that are not as fresh.”

Qiao Nan was pregnant. She had to eat more nutritious food. Even if she did not have good food, she must at least have it fresh and clean!

“Alright.” The auntie nodded. She prepared a plate of fruits for Qiao Nan according to Zhai Hua’s instructions.

Everyone did not know of Qiao Nan’s condition, except for the auntie.

The auntie was responsible for throwing the rubbish at home.

There were only a few women in the Zhai family.

The auntie noticed that Qiao Nan did not seem to have bought sanitary pads or used them in the past two months.

The auntie had children of her own. She knew that a woman must have been pregnant in this condition.

“Nan Nan, have some water.” Zhai Hua waited on Qiao Nan. Miao Jing did not notice that anything was amiss. “Nan Nan, where do you feel unwell?”

Zhai Hua jumped up and pursed the corners of her lips. She took out an ultrasound picture from the bag. “Mom, let me show you something!”

“What is this?” Miao Jing had a look of confusion on her face as she looked at the picture in her daughter’s hands. “What is this? This doesn’t seem to have any bones.”

Miao Jing rarely visited the hospital. Back when she was pregnant, the hospital did not have this technology. She could not tell what the picture was.

Zhai Hua sniffed and pointed at the picture. “Mom, this is your grandchild, my nephew or niece! I went with Qiao Nan to see the obstetrician today. The doctor said that Qiao Nan is two months pregnant. In less than eight months, I will be an auntie and you will be a grandma!”

The small form would grow hands, legs, noses, and eyes. When the babies were born, they would wail and cry. In another year, they would become sweet little babies who would address her as their auntie!

“M-my grandchild?” Miao Jing was shocked. She snatched the picture from Zhai Hua and stared at it intently. “M-my grandchild?” Miao Jing repeated in disbelief.

“Yes, your grandchild. They are in Qiao Nan’s tummy now. Zhai Sheng is going to be a father. I will be an auntie and you will be a grandma!” Zhai Hua kept nodding. This was the first time that she saw her nephew and niece. Even though they were still very small, she was very emotional when seeing them.

“Hahaha, I am going to be a grandma. I am going to be a grandma!” Miao Jing was as elated as Zhai Hua. “Hurry and give Zhai Sheng a call. Tell him this piece of good news. He is finally going to be a father. There will be children in the Zhai family again!”

“What children are you talking about?” Old Master Zhai, who came back from outside, heard part of their conversation.

“Old master, Qiao Nan is two months pregnant. You are going to be great-grandfather!” Zhai Hua was very happy to share the great news with her family.

Bam! Old Master Zhai’s beloved teapot slipped out of his hands, dropping onto the floor, smashing into pieces. “I-I am going to be a great-grandfather. You must not play a joke on me!”

“It is the truth. Take a look at this for yourself.” Zhai Hua snatched the first ‘photo’ that her nephew and niece took from her mother and showed it to Old Master Zhai. “Look. I am telling the truth!”

“This black dot is my great-grandchild?”

“Yes. In less than eight months, you will be able to hold the baby in your arms!”

Old Master Zhai felt a wave of darkness and he fainted from being overly excited.

“Old master?” Thankfully, Tian Dong had quick reflexes. He supported Old Master Zhai and pinched at his philtrum. Old Master Zhai regained his consciousness and howled loudly. “I am going to be a great-grandfather!!!”

Old Master Zhai was elated but he had given Qiao Nan a good scare.

“Don’t worry. Old Master Zhai is in good health. Don’t be worried.” Miao Jing was scared stiff by Old Master Zhai as well. Therefore, she could understand that Qiao Nan must be worried.

Miao Jing could not help but be anxious at the thought of her unborn grandchild. “It’s alright. Everything is alright.” She must not frighten her grandchild.

“Old master, Madam Zhai, congratulations.” The auntie smiled. It turned out that Qiao Nan was indeed pregnant. Qiao Nan brought fortune to them. The Zhai family had everything except for young children.

The auntie who was all smiles did not know that Qiao Nan was really a lucky girl. When Qiao Nan found out how lucky she was many months later, she had a big shock herself as well. She was grateful to be bestowed with such a great fortune.

“Hua Hua, you mentioned that you went with Nan Nan to the hospital. What did the doctor say? Is Nan Nan alright?” Miao Jing caressed Qiao Nan’s face tenderly. “Does she need more tonics? Nan Nan is quite skinny.”

“The doctor said that she has to take more tonics. But we must not overdo it. If not, it will be difficult when she goes into labor in the future.” Zhai Hua repeated everything that the doctor told her.

Zhai Yaohui came back right then. He also heard the great news that he was going to be a grandfather.

“We must have a good meal today to celebrate. Dongzi, stay for dinner.” Miao Jing, who was going to be a grandmother, was all smiles. She was in high spirits, and she extended a warm invitation to Tian Dong.

Tian Dong would not stand on ceremony. “Sure. I will impose on you today.” He agreed right away as if he had been waiting for the invitation.