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Chapter 1281 A Miracle

He did not have much expectation. He just wished that his son could marry a chaste woman who knew how to respect herself.

His attitude was very firm and he did not mince his words. Qiu Chenxi was so embarrassed that she was ballooning in red.

Qiu Chenxi was so furious that she was clenching her fists so hard that her fingertips turned white.

She understood that Father Tian was shunning her for being ‘unchaste’.

Spat! This old man.

Although he came back from America, he was still a stick in the mud. Tian Dong grew up and stayed in America for more than twenty years. He might have had countless girlfriends and sexual partners during this period. Did Father Tian think of all these when he nitpicked on her?

Qiu Chenxi was never someone who liked to suffer any humiliation or loss. She did not care about her face anymore since Father Tian had put her in such a bad light. Anyway, she had already lost it. Since that was the case, the Tian family could forget about their face too. “Uncle Tian, your words are too ridiculous. It is already the 21st century and not uncommon for men and women to be in such romantic relationships. Don’t make it sound so ugly. Before you look down on others, you should reflect on your own situation. Didn’t Dongzi grow up in America? Most likely, he had more fun than kids like us who grew up in the home country. Sister Zhai Hua, what is your view on this?”

She was someone who knew how to have ‘fun’. Of course, she could accept all of Tian Dong’s past.

If it were others, especially Zhai Hua from the Zhai family, could she accept it?

Zhai Hua crossed her arms. She wanted to watch how Qiu Chenxi ignited herself on fire. “Qiu Chenxi is spot on regarding this matter. I dislike those people who are too loose. It applies to both men and women. It’s dirty and easy to contract diseases.”

“Dongzi, did you hear that?” Qiu Chenxi laughed. True enough, Zhai Hua was still the Zhai Hua in her memory. She did not want Tian Dong and Tian Dong could forget about marrying Zhai Hua. Without Zhai Hua, most likely, Tian Dong would not be able to find another woman who was better than her.

Tian Dong looked at Zhai Hua indulgently. “I heard that.”

Qiu Chenxi looked at Tian Dong confidently. “Since you have heard that, shouldn’t you also express something?” Zhai Hua had openly made it clear that it was impossible for her to be with Tian Dong. She had rejected him in front of his family. Unless Tian Dong was so wretched and liked to be given cold shoulders, as a man, he should flare up and completely fall out with Zhai Hua.

“Of course!” Tian Dong nodded. He took out a little red velvet box from the pocket in his shirt. When he opened it, there was an extremely dazzling diamond ring lying in it. “I know that you don’t like wearing accessories. You don’t favor silver or gold either. Since there is nothing that you yearn for, I bought the one that is in fashion now. I didn’t plan this today but the opportunity just came at the right time. Hua Hua, marry me. You said before that you wish to get married before your twenty-eighth birthday, neither earlier nor later. It will be Lunar New Year in a few months.”

Hua Hua would be over twenty-eight years old after the Lunar New Year.

There was a flash in Zhai Hua’s eyes, tears welling up in them. “When did I say this?”

It sounded familiar. She seemed to have said those words before.

“Five years old.” It was also from the age of five that he had always remembered that he had to wait until Zhai Hua was twenty-eight years old before proposing to her.

Zhai Hua sniffled, feeling touched. So, Dongzi was not just toying or playing hard-to-get with her. It was her babbling as a child that brought her such huge trouble, and as a result, she let her thoughts run wild.

Right from the beginning, it was due to her own doing when she was a child that someone only proposed to her today.

She was only five years old then. She knew nothing about marriage!

She had already forgotten what she had said, but Dongzi, this idiot, had remembered it for twenty-three years. In addition, he truly endured until she was almost twenty-eight years old before confessing his love for her.

All of a sudden, feelings of happiness, sweetness, bitterness, and remorse surrounded Zhai Hua tightly. She was both crying and laughing. She really felt like punching Tian Dong but she wanted to punch her five-year-old self more. Argh! Why did she pretend to be mature then? Why was her mouth so wretched?

Zhai Hua completely could not recall why her five-year-old self told Tian Dong that she could get married only when she was almost twenty-eight years old, and it could be neither later nor earlier. It had to be twenty-eight years old.

“Hua Hua, will you marry me?” Zhai Hua did not know why she had said such mindless things but Tian Dong understood in his heart.

It was just that Tian Dong did not intend to tell Zhai Hua at this moment. When they were married and lying on the same bed or when he was in a good mood, he would tell Zhai Hua the foolish thing that she did when she was just five years old.

“Tian Dong, are you serious?” Qiu Chenxi began to grit her teeth.

She had wracked her brains on how to compete with and win against Zhai Hua by snatching Tian Dong over. She would not only resolve her marriage but also marry a wealthy man then. In addition, she could also take revenge on Zhai Sheng for abandoning her and choosing to be with Qiao Nan a few years ago. It would be akin to killing two birds with one stone, and nothing else was better than that. She could take revenge on all of the Zhai family at the same time.

However, Tian Dong had already proposed to Zhai Hua with such a huge diamond ring before Qiu Chenxi could think of a solution. Undoubtedly, he couldn't possibly prepare this recently. Perhaps Tian Dong had long wished to marry Zhai Hua and he thus carried this ring by his side for a very long time.

When a man wanted to marry a woman, he even carried his wedding ring by his side and made preparations for so many years. Qiu Chenxi did not have any chances of succeeding in such a battle. On the contrary, she was defeated thoroughly. It was too ugly.

Even if Qiu Chenxi were to eventually think of a solution, Tian Dong and Zhai Hua might even have a child by then.

Qiu Chenxi's face turned extremely pale. Judging from the look of it, she would explode at any point and fight with Tian Dong.

Since the moment Qiu Chenxi appeared and pestered him, Tian Dong had been ignoring her. However, at this very moment, Tian Dong wanted to make himself clear to Qiu Chenxi that it was impossible between them. "Do you know when I bought this ring?"

"When?" Zhai Hua, who was sitting beside Tian Dong, was more curious than Qiu Chenxi about this. Her eyes were bright when she looked at Tian Dong.

Zhai Hua was famous in the quad of Ping Cheng for being a grown-up lady left on the shelves. She did not even have a boyfriend, let alone a marriage partner.

Many people made mean jokes and guesses on whether Zhai Hua would ever have the chance to wait for any man to propose to her in her entire life.

After some time, Zhai Hua also felt the same way.

However, someone suddenly told Zhai Hua today that she was not an 'old' lady that no one wanted. In fact, such an outstanding and exemplary man had been pondering for a long time on how to marry her. He even bought the proposal ring long ago, and she had been on his mind for so many years.

The old iron tree had blossomed! A miracle had occurred!

Chapter 1282 Proud for a Lifetime

"When I was eighteen years old, my dad gave me a sum of money. He allowed me to use them for whatever I wanted to develop myself in. He took it that it was for me to gain experience. I invested in shares and profited as I was quite lucky. Thereafter, I spent all the first sum of money that I earned on this ring."

Diamonds only came into fashion later on.

Tian Dong bought it earlier, during the 1990s.

At that time, very few people liked diamonds or speculated in the prices. Hence, it was not so costly then.

Despite the case, Tian Dong spent all the first sum of money that he earned in his lifetime only on a ring. It was not hard to imagine that Tian Dong had most likely bought the best, biggest, and most expensive ring in that shop then.

“You’ve been carrying this with you for ten years? You just bring them with you like that every day?” Ten years! Ten years!!

At the thought of this number, Zhai Hua could not control the corners of her lips from curling up. Hahaha! Who said that she was an ‘old’ lady left on the shelves or a tomboy that no man wanted? A man had begun to hit on her since she was five years old. As soon as he had reached adulthood, he bought her a proposal ring. It was all just because of an unintentional remark she made as a child that this man foolishly waited and proposed to her only she was almost twenty-eight years old.

No one loved her?

Crap. Which family’s partner could be compared to hers!!!

Who?

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Zhai Hua felt so proud that a tail almost grew out of her buttock and lifted into the sky.

This secret was not just a big surprise to Zhai Hua but also the Tian couple. They were shocked and truly unaware that their son had set his eyes on Zhai Hua right from the beginning.

It was so heart-wrenching for Auntie Tian. It was as if she had immersed herself in a pot of aged vinegar. She felt sour all over.

Why didn't this stubborn child tell her that he already had someone on his mind? She even had misgivings that he had been led astray by bad company and became 'crooked' when he was in America.

The most foolish thing was... Clearly, it was five years old but it had been delayed until twenty-eight years old. He had made her so anxious for a few years. This foolish child!

His only son's heart belonged to other family's young lady since he was five years old. As a mother, her heart broke into a thousand pieces and a powdery form that could not be pieced together anymore.

Father Tian looked at his son coldly. Similar to his wife, he stamped the word 'fool' on Tian Dong.

Who would take the words of a five-year-old for real? Furthermore, he had remembered it for twenty-three years, bought and carried a wedding proposal ring for ten years before taking it out to use.

Father Tian glanced coldly at the box that contained the ring. It was made of velvet. Did the velvet already come off?

Qiu Chenxi could not bear to look at Zhai Hua's proud and smug look. Most importantly, her battered heart could not take such a blow anymore. She stood up and staggered. "Sorry to disturb." She would never step into the Tian family's residence ever again.

That elder brother of the Tian family was not capable enough to rein his younger brother and the latter's family or make the younger brother listen to him. Why did he boast to her then? It was his fault that she was in such an embarrassing state now.

"Miss Qiu, take your time to leave. We still have a guest in our house. We will also be busy with an upcoming happy occasion. We won't be able to send you off." The jealous Auntie Tian was instantly revived at the sight of Qiu Chenxi. Her son was still hers. Nevertheless, Qiu Chenxi had finally given up her wishful thinking on them.

"Ha." Qiu Chenxi sneered. Without a word, she walked out of the Tian family's residence.

As soon as she stepped out of the place, she looked like she was in a trance under the dark and gloomy sky, distracted and stunned.

Not knowing the reason, those words that Shi Qing had said before rang in her ears: The persistence of a woman depended on the attitude of a man.

She had suffered a bad fall due to Zhai Sheng the first time. Now, she had suffered another fall due to Tian Dong. She had fallen so badly that her head was broken and bleeding and her bones broken.

A few years ago, Qiu Chenxi was still young. She refused to admit defeat and was not convinced by Shi Qing's words.

Now, Qiu Chenxi was older and more mature. She still refused to concede defeat and did not think that she was any less than a tomboy like Zhai Hua.

However, Tian Dong bought and carried a ring with him for ten years. Qiu Chenxi had no choice but to back out. She did not have the energy to continue competing with Zhai Hua anymore.

Which woman in the world did not wish to marry a man who would cherish and place her in his heart?

If Tian Dong had wavered slightly in his attitude toward Zhai Hua, Qiu Chenxi could still shamelessly and persistently attack this loophole. She would eventually win Tian Dong over one day.

Now...

Qiu Chenxi no longer harbored any of such thoughts.

After Qiu Chenxi left, she was unaware that Zhai Hua had such a good chat with the Tian family. Before the Zhai family found out about the situation, as Zhai Hua did not like to wear accessories normally, Qiao Nan had already noticed the bright and shiny diamond ring on her finger. "Pigeon egg?"

Although it was not that huge, it was much bigger than usual. "You are wearing it on this finger. Tian Dong proposed to you today?!"

Miao Jing jumped in shock. “Is it true? Is what Nan Nan said true? Didn’t you say that both of you are not even boyfriend and girlfriend? Dongzi has proposed to you. Does that mean both of you are getting married? Have you picked the dates?”

Happiness came too soon that she dared not believe it.

Hua Hua did not even have a boyfriend, yet she already had a fiancé?

Zhai Hua was in such a good mood that she very much wanted to sing a few songs loudly to express her emotions. Now that Qiao Nan and her biological mother had hit the nail on the spot, Zhai Hua felt so smug that she crossed her arms on her waist like a teapot. “Tian Dong, that lad, had wanted to marry me since he was five years old. He bought this ring and carried it with him for ten years. He endured until today before proposing to me. He looked so pitiful. It’s seldom that I am in a good mood. I thus accepted his proposal. Mom, uncle and auntie will be visiting us for a meal tomorrow. Be prepared to discuss the dates for Tian Dong and me to get married.”

Did you see that? Did you see that? Sister not only had a man but was also the one being loved secretly!

Qiao Nan never expected to hear such a big gossip. Obviously, there were other stories between Zhai Hua and Tian Dong that others were unaware of.

He had carried his marriage proposal ring for ten years. The feelings that Tian Dong had for Zhai Hua could make any woman in this world feel touched. Was this considered as simply crossing the realm of their platonic relationship after a seven-year-itch?

“Congratulations.” After carrying San Bao and placing her onto her lap, Qiao Nan grabbed San Bao’s hands and said, “San Bao, auntie has found you an uncle-in-law. Next time, remember to ask for a big red packet when you see your uncle-in-law.” Tian Dong had wanted to give the triplets red packets earlier. However, besides the full-month and hundred-day-old celebrations, Qiao Nan had declined gifts from Tian Dong.

However, Tian Dong was going to marry Zhai Hua soon. He had to give this red packet. Whether to give or not depended on how much Tian Dong valued the maternal family of Zhai Hua.

Chapter 1283 A Face Full of Saliva

“Uncle, uncle-in-law?” San Bao twisted her tongue. When she spoke the last word ‘law’, she spat on Qiao Nan’s face. Qiao Nan wiped her face. “San Bao, with you around, it will rain in our house.” Was she being filial and showing her respect with saliva?

“Yes, uncle-in-law. When your uncle-in-law and auntie are married, auntie will give birth to a younger brother or sister for you to play with.” To play with you!

All of a sudden, San Bao’s eyes lit up brightly.

San Bao could vaguely sense that she was the youngest one in the family now. Very soon, a child younger than her was going to appear and address her as the elder sister. How could San Bao not feel happy? Although she did not have much knowledge of this, she very much welcomed a child younger than her into the family.

“Right, San Bao is going to have a younger sister or brother soon.” Miao Jing was smiling happily like a flower. Her daughter was going to get married. Would her maternal grandchild be far away? “I have to break this good news to the old master and your dad as soon as they come home. Haha, our family’s lady is finally getting married!”

This was such exhilarating news worth spreading and celebrating!

Zhai Hua, who was initially quite happy, almost froze and pulled a long face when she heard her mother. It was as if she was left on the shelves and had finally found one Tian Dong, a white knight who was willing to rescue her. She snorted and said, “I won’t take issue with you. You are not aware of what happened. Qiu Chenxi eventually followed me to the Tian family’s residence. She, very fortunately, witnessed Tian Dong’s deep feelings for me and how he proposed.”

She did not care. Anyway, Tian Dong had been secretly in love with her for more than twenty years, and he had thought of marrying her for ten years.

She was not a woman without any charm. In fact, she was a woman with great charm!

Tian Dong’s feelings toward Zhai Hua were enough to make Zhai Hua feel proud for the rest of her life.

This evening, Qiao Nan received Zhai Sheng’s phone call. She then found out that her husband had done a lot in this matter.

At the beginning, Zhai Sheng did not see eye to eye with Tian Dong. Nevertheless, when Tian Dong did not appear for a long time this year, Zhai Sheng was the only one in the entire Zhai family who maintained his silence and thought most highly of Tian Dong. He felt that Tian Dong was not the type of person who liked to toy with other people's feelings.

The elder son of the Tian family was an ambitious one. However, the Zhai family left others a very deep impression of being fair and honest. The elder son of the Tian family felt that if his only nephew married the lady from the Zhai family, the Zhai family might not help the Tian family. On the contrary, if the Tian family were to commit any wrongdoing, the Zhai family would place justice above loyalty to one's family and be the first to punish them.

He dared not have such an in-law family.

On the contrary, the Shi family's character was entirely opposite to that of the Zhai family. He was very fond of the Shi family's character.

As such, when he found out that his younger brother favored Zhai Hua more, he secretly contacted Old Master Shi. He wanted to be the bridge between Tian Dong and Qiu Chenxi.

Qiao Nan heard about the subsequent matters that happened.

The elder son of the Tian family secretly stirred up problems for his younger brother's business and made his nephew busy. He also spurred his old, foolish, and sick father to insist on having the second son and wife take care of him. As a result, the couple also took ill.

This matter had been covered up very well. Tian Dong did not have any time to look for Zhai Hua at all. Unfortunately, Zhai Hua, who was not in the know, became angry at him. Occasionally, when Tian Dong was feeling very vexed, he felt very disheartened that Zhai Hua did not take any initiative to show concern for him.

The elder son of the Tian family wanted to create such a misunderstanding between Tian Dong and Zhai Hua. Both were at the age whereby they were young and strong-minded, and neither would give in. Once the two were spiting each other and neither took the initiative to relent, they would fall out no matter how close they had previously been.

At this juncture, Qiu Chenxi would appear to show concern and support for Tian Dong in a gentle and gracious way. If Tian Dong did not have a change of heart and get together with Qiu Chenxi after some time, the elder son of the Tian family expressed that he would address Tian Dong as the elder uncle instead.

No one needed to question why he was so certain about the effectiveness of this ploy. It was not because of other reasons. He had used this method a long ago. The first person that he tested this method's feasibility was not others but his only daughter.

Tian Tian had been doted upon since she was a child. When she was studying in college, she found herself a boyfriend and the two of them were very close. They had promised each other to get married as soon as they graduated, and they would marry no one else but each other. At that time, they were seen as a model couple in college.

However, the elder son of the Tian family was not satisfied with this college student. Besides having a good college degree, his family background was not spectacular at all. Furthermore, he already had a potential son-in-law in mind.

Unfortunately, the other party was fat and ugly and Tian Tian was not fond of him. As such, she was more determined to be together with her boyfriend.

Thereafter, the elder son of the Tian family used this method to separate Tian Tian and her boyfriend. He even successfully made Tian Tian marry the son-in-law that he wanted.

However, he was unaware that this marriage that he was smug about had, in fact, brought him many troubles.

Tian Tian was not stupid. In the early years, she was young and strong-tempered. As such, she had been temporarily deceived. Time gradually passed, and she had finally realized.

When the elder son of the Tian family used this method on Tian Dong again, Tian Tian completely figured this out.

It could be said that without Zhai Sheng's phone call and Tian Tian's reminder, perhaps the elder son of the Tian family would have succeeded in this ploy once again.

When Qiao Nan was communicating with Zhai Sheng, Tian Dong also made a call to Tian Tian to thank her. “Sister, thank you. If not for you, I nearly...” He never once thought that he would experience what his father had been through before.

Twenty years had passed. Seemingly, his grandfather’s and elder uncle’s temperaments and barbaric nature did not change at all. They were more selfish and scary than businessmen like him. They only thought of themselves and no one else. The so-called kinship was just tools that they used to climb up the social ladder.

Tian Dong also understood why the old master liked his elder son and not his second son so much.

It was not because of other reasons. His elder son had totally inherited his character and way of dealing with things and people. He was clearly another Old Master Tian. Who would not be fond of themselves?

“Don’t mention it.” On the phone, Tian Tian’s voice sounded a little cold but also pleased. She was pleased not because Tian Dong had averted his father’s ploy but because her father’s plan had failed and he was going to be down on luck. “You should understand my thoughts. Remember. Don’t let him have a good life. As long as his life is not good, I will take it that you are thanking me.”

Tian Tian was filled with hate. Her biological father was the person that she hated most in her entire life.

Given their relationship, no matter how much Tian Tian hated him, she could not do anything concrete to take revenge on her father.

However, if she did not do anything and continue to watch her father living a happy and satisfying life every day, she would be choked by the feelings of pain and torture every night. Her father sold other people to fulfill his own life and wishes.

Chapter 1284 Committed Too Much Sin

On what grounds?!

Fortunately, her father had allowed her second uncle and family to return from America.

Her second uncle and family could help her with things that she could not do. She just had to sit by one side and watch how unfortunate her father would become. “I heard grandpa mention this before. Both second uncle and you have strong tempers. You never allow anyone to bully you. Otherwise, second uncle would not be so determined to leave the home country for America with

second auntie and you twenty years ago. This time, all of you nearly suffered a huge loss. You should know what to do?”

“Yes.” Tian Dong did not disappoint Tian Tian at all. “Elder Uncle is too much this time.”

He knew that his elder uncle was not happy that he was together with Hua Hua and wanted him to break up with Hua Hua.

At first, he thought that his company encountered so many problems because other people or his opponents had deliberately created chaos. At most, his elder uncle just behaved like a passive onlooker and did not intervene or help, waiting for him to surrender and plead with him when he could not endure it further. He would then help him.

However, Tian Dong never expected that his elder uncle was actually the mastermind who made his company suffered such huge losses.

Plenty of businesses had been taken away from his company after confidential information was leaked. Tian Dong was so furious that he was clutching onto the phone receiver with so much might that cracks had appeared on its outer casing.

All of his company’s losses eventually went into his elder uncle’s pockets. His elder uncle filled his stomach by sucking other people’s blood like a mosquito. Tian Dong could not wait to slap this ‘big mosquito’ dead.

If it were in the past, Tian Dong might still persuade Tian Tian and ask her not to be against her biological father. After all, his elder uncle only had one daughter and vice versa.

However, at this point, Tian Dong did not wish to persuade Tian Tian anymore. He even hoped that Tian Tian could continue to hate his elder uncle.

Tian Dong was aware that she would definitely notify him if his elder uncle was taking any action against him and his family. Now, they had the same target and were guarding against the same individual. They hoped that this person would not have a good life.

“If he is too much, you can be worse than him.” Tian Tian laughed. There was a gust of sinister feel in her laugh. Tian Dong could not see it but he could sense it through the phone. “Your company

had been in a lot of trouble recently. All the money went into his pocket. Remember. A man will turn bad once he has money. It's much easier to catch his handle now."

For example, the one in her family was keeping the marriage intact while having affairs outside.

At the thought of the messy affairs of that wretched fat man, Tian Tian's expression turned menacing.

"Okay, I know." Tian Dong was momentarily surprised. "My company's money has just gone into his pocket. Is he so ill-disciplined to spend it immediately? Is he not afraid of arousing suspicion from my family?"

Tian Tian hummed gently. "He is used to having a smooth life all these years. Furthermore, the capital is his territory. All of you are new here. What is he afraid of? What can he be afraid of?" In front of his own people, her father was so bold that he dared to make a hole in the sky.

"Alright, I am clear about this." Tian Tian had told him so clearly about his elder uncle's situation. If Tian Dong still could not get it, Tian Tian would no longer be willing to task Tian Dong with this mission of dealing with her father. "That's all. Let's hang up."

"Okay, I will notify you when there is news. Similarly, if he is down on luck, remember to give me a heads-up so that I can watch the show from the beginning until the end." She would not want to miss any second of it.

After hanging up the phone, Tian Dong saw his parents, especially his father, looking solemn and serious. Their faces were so black.

Tian Shouxin sneered. "Brother is truly Dad's son. No wonder Dad is so biased toward him since young. I can completely understand." It was not enough to sacrifice him in the past. Now, they even wanted to sacrifice his son. They were too much!

Mother Tian was furious too. "At the mention of your brother, I can't breathe well. What is he? Dongzi even addresses him as elder uncle. How dare he do such shameless things to us? Did he think that we are like him—that we will not decline anyone, be it fragrant or smelly—that comes?"

Mother Tian had some knowledge of his brother-in-law's dirty deeds.

Mother Tian had rejoiced more than once that she had married Tian Shouxin and not Tian Shouyi many years ago. Otherwise, she would have been driven to grave long ago by such a husband.

When she first arrived in the capital, Mother Tian's first meeting with her sister-in-law was not at the old house of the Tian family but the hospital.

At first glance, Mother Tian thought that her father-in-law was unwell and her sister-in-law came to take care of him. When she wanted to call her sister-in-law, she did not expect the latter to make a turn at a corner into another building.

Not knowing the reason, Mother Tian followed her silently. She was surprised and shocked to discover that her sister-in-law went to the obstetrics and gynecology department. Her sister-in-law did not have to wait for her consultation. It was not because it was not crowded at the hospital that day. It was because she was the relative of a high-ranking government official. As such, she most likely pulled some of her strings.

As there were fewer people, Mother Tian happened to hear some of the conversations between the doctor and her sister-in-law.

Mother Tian did not feel good after listening to it.

Her sister-in-law was already of this age. Why would she contract such an illness? At the sound of it, she seemed to have been infected by someone.

Her sister-in-law had most likely endured and suffered too much wrong. She was in a panic. As soon as she saw Mother Tian's blow-stricken face when she came out, she burst into tears and expressed how aggrieved she felt.

Thereafter, she ignored all consequences and dragged Mother Tian to a café for a chat. She spilled out her resentment to Mother Tian. She was determined not to take the rap for that lousy man. "It will be good if he is like Shouxin. He... he is not human. He is already so old. Many of the girls are younger than Tian Tian... The most terrible thing is that... he is not afraid of death. As long as he fancies them, he dares to touch them no matter whether they are clean or not. That day, he probably had too much of a drink when he came back. I... I feel really disgusted!"

After knowing the circumstances of the matter, Mother Tian's first reaction was that she was not willing to acknowledge Tian Shouyi as her brother-in-law. What a good-for-nothing!

At that time, Mother Tian was fuming with anger. However, she did not expect that more annoying things were about to happen.

Facing the recent happenings, Mother Tian thought of her sister-in-law's expression when she chatted with her. At this very moment, she had the same thoughts as her. Why did such disgusting people exist in this world? Why wouldn't they go and die!

They were all mothers. Mother Tian's heart also ached for Tian Tian. "I remember Tian Tian is very sensible when she is a child. She is also very good-looking. She was so happy when Dongzi was born. She addressed him as younger brother every day and said that she wanted to help me bring Dongzi out to play. She's such a good lady. She had been harmed by her biological father. Tian Tian's life is so bitter."

That day, her sister-in-law not only told her about her own situation but also Tian Tian, her daughter's situation.

Chapter 1285 Everyone Hates Him

Her sister-in-law's hatred toward Tian Shouyi was not only because he had many affairs outside. Most importantly, he was so cold and heartless toward their only daughter.

It was no wonder that Tian Shouyi was fond of his son-in-law. The latter had the same temperament as him.

When they were newly married, Tian Tian was very unhappy and pulled a long face every day. She had agreed to marry to spite her lover and also out of the pressure from her biological father.

Initially, this son-in-law cared very much for Tian Tian. After all, Tian Tian was good-looking and had a good family background. The elders in the family liked Tian Tian very much and sang rare praises that he had finally done something good by marrying the right woman.

After some time, as the second generation of a government official, how would he spare so much thought and effort on Tian Tian? He simply continued to indulge in wine and pleasure outside. He was multiple times worse than when he was before marriage. There were many occasions where he had three women taking turns to sleep with him in one day.

Tian Tian was furious after she found out. She argued with him and suffered a fall during the brawl. As a result, she had a miscarriage when she was just two months pregnant.

Thereafter, Tian Tian suffered excessive bleeding. After the surgery, it was very unlikely that Tian Tian would become a mother in the future.

However, Tian Tian had a 'son'. According to sources, she not only had 'son' but also a few girls to pick from if she wanted daughters. Of course, these children were definitely her husband's biological children. At most, they did not come out from her womb.

The situation was already as such. Tian Tian wanted to have a divorce but Tian Shouyi refused to let her do so. He said the alliance between the two families would be gone upon a divorce. Furthermore, Tian Tian could not become pregnant anymore and could no longer have her own child. On the other hand, if she did not get a divorce, Tian Tian could have children, be it a son or a daughter. If she did not like the child, she could still exchange for another one.

Someone would support Tian Tian financially when she was old then.

She was already of this age and her health was not good. If she were to get a divorce, she would be able to get anything that she wished for. Her life could not possibly be better than it was before marriage?

Hence, she should be more abiding.

Anyway, Tian Tian could forget about returning to the Tian family if she were to get a divorce. He would not accept a divorced daughter such as Tian Tian and would not let her enter the house. It was not only so. After he knew that his daughter had thoughts of a divorce, Tian Shouyi even behaved like a good father-in-law by sounding his son-in-law out. He asked him not to keep a tight watch on his daughter's money and never let Tian Tian have too much money.

This was the only way. When Tian Tian did not have money and could not return to her maternal family, certainly, she would not dare to get a divorce.

He was most aware of his own daughter's situation. He had spent so much money on Tian Tian since she was a child. Tian Tian had never endured many hardships before, not when she was living with her maternal family, and all the more not in her in-law family. She was never short of money and did not know the pain of being poor.

Given this, he was certain that his daughter did not have the confidence to get a divorce with his son-in-law.

In fact, when she heard Tian Shouyi treating their only daughter in this way, Mother Tian was shaking with anger. She did not believe that there was such a father in this world.

Mother Tian just found out about the situation of Tian Shouyi's family. For the sake of bringing Tian Dong and Qiu Chenxi together, he had already laid his hands on Tian Shouxin and his family. Mother Tian did not even have a chance to remind her husband and son.

Besides the old master and himself, Tian Shouyi was heartless to everyone else. Hence, everyone around Tian Shouyi hated him to the core.

“Mom, don't be like this. Tian Tian knows what to do. She doesn't want elder uncle to lead such a good life. It has been so many years. This is definitely not the first time that elder uncle did this. He will not only do this to his own family. Most likely, he is corrupted. It may be quite hard for us to deal with him alone. The good thing is that we have the Zhai family.” Tian Dong took a deep breath. He felt ashamed to have such relatives. However, he would have returned to the home country for the sake of Hua Hua latest by last year even if the old master was not unwell.

Tian Shouxin was calm and not as affected as his wife. “Dongzi is right. He will be marrying Zhai Hua very soon. We are also sincere in becoming in-laws with the Zhai family. We don't have the intention to make use of them. However, my brother is too much. He should be prepared that we will take revenge on him.”

His family alone would not be able to compete with and win against his brother. However, with the Zhai family, it was a matter of time before his brother would lose miserably.

It was also because of this that his elder brother was so afraid of letting Dongzi marry Zhai Hua.

Could Tian Shouxin not understand his brother? Many years ago, his brother was afraid that he would go into politics and over-shine him. Hence, Tian Shouyi fawned on the old master and asked the latter to force Tian Shouxin into business.

Although they were biological brothers, it was not right for him to do that. No matter how close they were, he would cause enmity between them with such a din.

He said that he did not harbor any resentment toward Tian Shouyi. It was a pity that Tian Shouyi was guilt-conscious and did not believe him.

Tian Shouyi was afraid that Tian Shouxin would make use of the Zhai family's power and influence to go against him after the latter became in-laws with Chief Zhai. As such, Tian Shouyi wanted to arrange Dongzi's marriage before Tian Shouxin could do that. In this way, he would have wrecked Tian Shouxin's plan for revenge and also made use of Dongzi's future happiness to derive benefit for himself.

This was killing two birds with one stone. Similar to the past, Tian Shouyi had it all planned out to his favor.

This time, Tian Shouxin finally hated his elder brother to the core. His brother did not spare any mercy for his closest kin. He could not wait to exploit all the usefulness from his kin, hammer and shatter their bones and see if he could get some oil out of them.

Whose heart was not made of flesh?

Tian Shouyi was so heartless. Tian Shouxin was not willing to admit that such a person was his twin brother.

As for Old Master Tian, he was already so old and a great-grandfather, yet he continued to stir up troubles. Tian Shouxin knew that he did not need to do anything about his father, whose health wasn't good. Given the old master's character, he might even court his own death one day.

Tian Shouyi found out from Qiu Chenxi that his plan had failed. Tian Dong not only met Zhai Hua but they were also in marriage talks.

Tian Shouyi flared up on the spot. He made a call to Tian Shouxin and gave him an order. "Brother, if you still acknowledge me as your elder brother and dad as your father, no matter what method you use, only that lady from the Qiu family can be my niece-in-law. It cannot be Zhai Hua. Understand?!"

"So what if I do not acknowledge, so be it! As you wish!" Would he be afraid of severing kinship ties?

Tian Shouyi's round and plump face swelled in crimson. "Brother, what kind of attitude is this? Don't think that you can be on your own now that your wings have hardened. Let me tell you. It's not so easy to establish yourself in the capital! If not for my help, would Dongzi do so well in his business? He relies on my help entirely."

"Alright, cut your nonsense."

Chapter 1286 She Has a Good Temper

"I am well aware of whether you are helping or harming Dongzi. Besides, let me remind you. The central government is keeping a tight watch. Don't think that no one knows what you have done and that you can be free of all worries. Dongzi and I are not cowards that will take bullying from others!"

After saying his last sentence, Tian Shouxin simply hung up the phone.

This phone call was considered his last reminder to his elder brother out of kindness. Henceforth, they were no longer brothers. If Tian Shouyi were to cause any harm to Dongzi or him, he would retaliate and not show any mercy toward Tian Shouyi anymore.

At the thought that the money Tian Shouyi spent on wine and pleasure recently was all conned from his son, Tian Shouxin's eyes turned gloomy. He felt that he could not just be all talk and no action.

It was not going to be so easy to con his money. He would make Tian Shouyi repay him all his money the same way that Tian Shouyi conned his family.

"What a surprise, Qiao Nan!" Xu Shengnan visited the place of Qiao Nan's in-law as she had long wanted to see Qiao Nan. When she was there, she realized that her previous worries for Qiao Nan were all unfounded.

After all, Xu Shengnan had lived in the capital for a few years. As soon as she heard the area of Qiao Nan's residence, she sensed that this junior of hers was not a simple character. Only the rich and influential stayed in this area. Could her junior be the second generation of the government officials?

To her absolute surprise, Xu Shengnan's eyes turned into heart shapes when she saw a row of little ones when she arrived at the Zhai family's residence. "You gave birth to all three of them? Three, all three?!"

Chubby little faces, watery big eyes, red and tender little mouths and round and stout bodies. They even carried a tinge of milk fragrance.

When the triplets stared at her in this manner, Xu Shengnan felt her heart melt into a puddle of water. “You’re awful. Why don’t you tell me that you have three children? As a senior, I didn’t even prepare any present. What if the children remember this and dislike me in the future?”

Qiao Nan touched the three little ones lying on her lap. “If you really have such concern and worry, it’s easy to resolve them. It’s not as if you are visiting me only for once. Remember. You have to give us double the presents to make it up to them.” Double the presents for the three children. “Senior Xu, I’m afraid one month of your salary will be gone when that time comes.”

Xu Shengnan was staring at the three children. “If one month of salary is gone, so be it. I have colleagues in the office who are mothers too. I heard from them that children’s stuff is very costly. Junior, you’re so blessed. Isn’t there a national family planning policy? Why do you have two sons and one daughter? Are they triplets?”

The triplets were about the same height. One could not completely say that the three adorable faces looked alike. Nevertheless, there were many similarities among them.

“Yes, triplets.” Qiao Nan nodded proudly. “Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, call auntie.”

The triplets had been observing Xu Shengnan for a long time. They seemed to realize that their mother was on quite good terms with this auntie. After enduring for a while, the three children then addressed ‘auntie’.

“Aye!” This greeting from the triplets made Xu Shengnan’s heart flutter and bones crumble. “Come, Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, let auntie carry you.”

The triplets blinked their eyes and smiled at Xu Shengnan. At the sight of them smiling, Xu Shengnan thought that she could definitely get to carry the three soft and chubby babies. Who would have known that the triplets unanimously escaped to the side of their grandmother, while they continued to smile at Xu Shengnan.

“Crap! They are using the tactic of feinting? First, they smiled to make me let down my guard. When I was feeling happy, they escaped?” Xu Shengnan was dumbfounded. She felt that her intelligence had been challenged by these three one-year-old kids who did not even know how to

Speak properly yet. The way they walked was completely copied from Donald Duck. She had been harshly mangled by them.

Qiao Nan smiled, embarrassed. This was not the first time that she heard others commenting that the triplets were as cunning and slippery as eels. "Perhaps they inherited their father's genes?"

Anyway, she definitely did not behave like that when she was a child.

If she had that natural capability, would she have been so badly bullied by Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin?

"Their father?" What kind of person was that? The triplets were so capable just relying on his genes alone? Xu Shengnan expressed that this was completely beyond her imagination.

"My husband is a soldier." Since the triplets did not inherit the bravery and wit from her, it could only be from their father.

Xu Shengnan lifted the corners of her lips in shock. "You... are the wife of a military man?" You were just a twenty-two-year-old young military wife who was still in college. "What? Your man is too shameless. He has smeared the name of our soldiers. How can he bear to lay his vicious hands on you? He's poisoning the buds of our motherland. How old were you when he started hitting on you?"

That soldier ruffian could not simply kidnap Qiao Nan to collect the marriage certificate during their first meeting, just as she reached the legal age of marriage. Nothing so absurd would happen in this world.

Xu Shengnan sounded a little impolite. Fortunately, Miao Jing had a good temper. Otherwise, she would certainly flare up.

Thankfully, it was also because Miao Jing was on very good terms with Qiao Nan.

When she found out that Qiao Nan was her son's young girlfriend, Miao Jing's first reaction and thoughts were exactly the same as that of Xu Shengnan now. She was also disdainful that Zhai Sheng was so shameless.

Fortunately, Xu Shengnan very quickly remembered that this was the house of Qiao Nan's in-laws and not her maternal family. Hence, the auntie surrounded by the triplets now was most likely Qiao Nan's mother-in-law, who gave birth to the ruffian that she just spoke of.

Xu Shengnan looked embarrassed as she smiled at Miao Jing. "Auntie, I have always been very frank in my words. I am not as sensible as my junior. Please don't take issue with me. I don't mean any harm."

Miao Jing kissed the soft hair on the top of Er Bao's head. "It's okay. Certainly, this is the truth." These words carried some humor so that Xu Shengnan would not feel so nervous.

If her son had not played rogue and did something shameless, where would such beautiful and adorable grandchildren come from?

All those shameless means of her son were worth praises after having these three children.

Miao Jing was not angered and Xu Shengnan heaved a sigh of relief. She sat beside Qiao Nan and whispered to the latter. "Your mother-in-law seems quite polite and nice. She did not give me any black face although I spoke about her son in this manner."

Chapter 1287 Uncle-In-Law

"Yes, my mother-in-law is very good to me. It's as if she is my biological mother." Her mother-in-law treated her better than she treated Brother Zhai. Fortunately, both Brother Zhai and Sister Zhai Hua had never been displeased at her because of this matter. Similar to her mother-in-law, they also treated her very well. Xu Shengnan could tell that Qiao Nan was very serious and grateful when she said this. There was no sense of falseness or cover-up. Xu Shengnan felt very heartened. "Perhaps it is your greatest fortune to be able to marry into this kind of family."

She had always heard people saying that the mother and daughter-in-law's problem was an eternal and difficult one which even the saint could not resolve.

It was truly not easy to find a mother-in-law who treated her better than her own son. "Right, you have many wedding candies in your house. Is your family organizing a wedding banquet?"

"The triplet's auntie is getting married at the end of the year." Tian Dong was truly very effective. After he proposed, the two families sat down together and picked an auspicious date before the Lunar New Year for the marriage. This marriage had thus been settled. "I'll tell you something. Today is the day my sister-in-law and her husband will collect their wedding certificate."

She had heard that her father-in-law had never used his authority for personal gains or allowed his two children to get in through the back door. However, in this marriage, this was the first time that he sped up the matter for Sister Zhai Hua. He helped her settle the marriage report at the fastest speed.

Since the marriage report had been approved, Tian Dong could openly bring Sister Zhai Hua to collect the marriage certificate.

Speak of the devil. Zhai Hua and Tian Dong, who had just collected the wedding certificate, came back looking happy.

At the sight of the candies left in the bag in Tian Dong's hands, Miao Jing asked, "Didn't I ask you to distribute all the candies? Why are there leftovers?"

Tian Dong placed the excess candies on the table and explained. "Those that we brought earlier were not enough for distribution. We bought some at the last minute." That was the reason for the excess.

"Tian... CEO Tian?" At the sight of the proud and happy Tian Dong walking in, Xu Shengnan nearly bit her tongue in shock. She especially wanted to ask Qiao Nan if she did it on purpose.

"You're an employee of CEO Gao's company?" At one glance, Tian Dong recognized Xu Shengnan. "I remember that your surname is Xu. You are Miss Xu, right?" Tian Dong had some impression of Xu Shengnan because of her name. Clearly, she was a lady but her name was very unique. When Tian Dong heard that, the first thought that came to his mind was Zhai Hua.

As such, Tian Dong remembered who Xu Shengnan was when he saw her today.

Xu Shengnan was pleasantly surprised by the attention. Although CEO Tian was the one who initiated the collaboration with their company this time, CEO Tian's company was much bigger than theirs. The other party was such an established company whereas they were only a start-up that had just gone into a stable working mode.

CEO Gao's aim was to turn his company into a listed one by the end of next year.

Xu Shengnan put away her smitten behavior due to the triplets and straightened her shirt. “CEO Tian has a good memory. Yes, I am an employee of CEO Gao’s company.” She only suspected Qiao Nan for a fleeting moment.

Others might not know, but how could Xu Shengnan not know?

If not for the help of Qiao Nan, this junior, she would not have the opportunity to join CEO Gao’s company.

If her junior really wished to help CEO Tian clinch the project with their company, why would she require her help? She could simply look for CEO Gao and this business could be settled very quickly.

Qiao Nan blinked her eyes. She roughly guessed that Tian Dong’s and Gao Yan’s companies should be in some business relationship, and Tian Dong thus knew Xu Shengnan. “Senior, the candies that you are eating belong to them. This is the triplet’s auntie, Zhai Hua. This is the triplet’s fresh-from-the-oven uncle-in-law, Tian Dong.”

Xu Shengnan raised her brows and smiled. “I see. Congratulations, CEO Tian.” For finally getting married at such an ‘old’ age.

Speaking of marriage, Qiao Nan nudged Xu Shengnan. “Has Gao Yan’s matter been settled?” She had contacted Fang Fang and knew that her family had moved to the capital a few months ago. Fang Fang’s father had been deployed to the capital because of his job.

It had been so many years. Gao Yan had not managed to settle Fang Fang?

“Settle?” Xu Shengnan could not stop laughing. “CEO Gao can only boss us around. In front of our future lady boss, tsk, tsk, tsk... I can tell that our boss is definitely one that will dote on his wife in the future. Speaking of this matter, my boss wants to treat you to a meal and get your help to put in a few good words for him in front of the future lady boss. My boss said that our future lady boss is on very good terms with you. She doesn’t listen to anyone but you.”

It was no wonder that her boss looked at Qiao Nan in such a ‘different’ light. Initially, she even misunderstood before that her boss was hitting on her junior.

After so long, it was not that her boss had taken a liking to her junior. He wanted her help to settle his future wife. It was no wonder the boss listened so much to junior's words.

Tian Dong's company had suffered a huge loss due to Tian Shouyi. He was thinking of ways to secure long-term businesses to regain these losses. Amongst many, the projects in Gao Yan's company were those that Tian Dong thought most highly of at this moment.

Unfortunately, good things were always in demand. He was not the only one who knew that this project would work. Others who were adept at earning money would be aware too.

Gao Yan's company was good at technology. This technology was profitable and sustainable. Hence, Tian Dong thought highly of Gao Yan and felt that although Gao Yan's current company was a little small now, given enough time, Gao Yan would definitely grow and reach a level that was comparable to him.

Gao Yan's progress was a certainty. Tian Dong also wished to regain his losses and revert his company to the original state or for it to become better in the shortest time possible. However, he was in a more difficult situation than Gao Yan.

As such, Tian Dong felt that his projected targets could still be met as long as he could clinch the collaboration project with Gao Yan.

"Mom." They had collected the wedding certificate and Tian Dong could now openly address Miao Jing as mother. No matter how anxious Tian Dong was about the collaboration proposal with Gao Yan, he could not directly ask Qiao Nan about her relationship with Gao Yan in front of Xu Shengnan.

"Aye." Miao Jing was smiling like she had taken honey when she heard the greeting 'mom'. She saw Er Bao cover his little mouth, feeling very jealous. "Grandma!"

Wasn't that just a greeting of 'mom'? He knew how to shout 'grandma'.

"Aye, grandma's darlings." Miao Jing responded happily. "Remember. You can call him uncle-in-law in the future, okay?" This time, Tian Dong had become the Zhai family's son-in-law. This could not be changed and Hua Hua's case was finally closed.

“Uncle-in-law- law...” San Bao, who had not finished growing her baby teeth, enjoyed calling ‘uncle-in-law’ very much. Just as her grandmother taught her, she mouthed the word. As soon as the word ‘law’ came out, the rim of Miao Jing’s trousers seemed to have walked in the mist once. There was a layer of bright and dewy water beads on them.

Chapter 1288 ‘Watched Indifferently’

Miao Jing was all smiles. “My dearest granddaughter, it’s no wonder that your mom is afraid of you. You spat so much saliva from calling your uncle-in-law. Aren’t you thirsty?” If San Bao kept calling Tian Dong, she might create a man-made drizzle.

Tian Dong smiled at being called uncle-in-law. He held a cup of warm water in his hands and walked to stand beside San Bao. “Is San Bao thirsty? Let me give you some water.”

Er Bao blinked. He seemed to have discovered an interesting game. He walked wobbly toward Tian Dong. “Uncle...”

Tian Dong shut his eyes at the saliva that Er Bao inevitably spat on him.

“Gegege!” Er Bao hugged his stomach as he broke into laughter, looking funny. It turned out that he was doing it on purpose and he was teasing the new uncle-in-law.

San Bao ran away from Tian Dong who was right in front of her and stopped in front of Qiao Nan. She hugged Qiao Nan’s calf. “Mama, thirsty, drink, water.” She knew that if she was thirsty, she had to look for her mother.

Qiao Nan carried her daughter and placed her on her lap. The auntie would bring the warm water for her to feed San Bao.

San Bao sat happily on Qiao Nan’s lap. She kicked her legs from time to time, slurping the water.

Er Bao, who was done teasing Tian Dong, left his victim and leaned against Qiao Nan, looking at her longingly.

Qiao Nan was left with no other choice. She turned to Er Bao after she fed San Bao with water. “Er Bao, are you thirsty? Do you want to drink some water?”

Er Bao nodded honestly. Therefore, Qiao Nan took another cup of water and fed Er Bao.

The triplets liked to join in the fun. Without waiting for Da Bao to say that he wanted to drink water, the auntie came out with the third cup of warm water. As expected, being the eldest brother, Da Bao waited until Er Bao had finished drinking the water before he ran to lean against his mama and drank the water obediently, not moving or fidgeting about.

Xu Shengnan just happened to drop by the Zhai family's residence. Now that Tian Dong visited the Zhai family as well, the atmosphere at the Zhai family's residence seemed to have changed.

Qiao Nan finally understood what was going on after Xu Shengnan left. "Does brother-in-law want to work with Gao Yan's company?" Qiao Nan raised her eyebrows. It was no wonder that her senior had that expression just now. "Is there competition?"

In general, when bigger companies worked with smaller companies, it was the smaller companies that took the initiative to approach the bigger companies, while the latter would consider whether to work with them.

However, Gao Yan's company had a new technology and it turned the tables. All the bigger companies approached Gao Yan one after another with contracts and deals. It was up to Gao Yan to decide who he wanted to work with.

"That's right. I used to think that this technology will not be available in our country for the time being. Although it is slightly expensive, we could only purchase the patent from overseas. However, if the new technology in our country is just as good as the technology from overseas, there is no need for us to reject what is near at hand and seek what is far away or to waste money to purchase the technology from overseas. There is no need to spend our money overseas."

Tian Dong was very straightforward.

As long as there were opportunities in the country, his top priority was to work with people in the country.

Firstly, if anything cropped up, it was easier to communicate and sort it out.

Secondly, since the foreigners held the patent to the technology, they would offer a higher price. They would need to invest a lot of money into it right from the start. When people did business, the main objective was to make profits. There was no such thing as a free lunch. Since they paid a high

price to bring in the technology, they would charge a significant price when it was introduced to the market. They had to earn the money by selling it to the consumers.

He had finally come back to his hometown and his wife came from an illustrious family. Tian Dong was more than willing to contribute to the country and to help the people. He did not harbor hopes of improving the economy with his own efforts, but at the very least, he should contribute and bring convenience to their people.

Therefore, no matter what, Gao Yan's company was Tian Dong's top priority.

Previously, the project had come to a standstill. Tian Dong was aware of the attractive conditions that other companies offered Gao Yan.

But Tian Dong did not follow suit to make a better offer like his competitors. If so, he would have to increase the price when he introduced the technology to the market so as to make sure that he would make profits.

If he did that, it would be going against his original intention.

"Sister-in-law, how well do you know Gao Yan? Is he someone who is after benefits?" Gao Yan was very young. He must have a lot of aspirations. He must have dreamed of becoming successful. Tian Dong was uncertain if Gao Yan had the same thinking and goals as him.

If Gao Yan was after material gains, his company would not stand a chance to work with him.

"Well, I can't say for sure. Will you believe me if I say that I am not very close to him? Our interaction with each other is limited to my high school classmate. I am not too sure what business your company is dealing with. The only thing that I can help you with is to ask Gao Yan out on behalf of you so that you can have more time to talk and discuss with Gao Yan privately." Qiao Nan did not want to give false hopes. This project would bring about huge investments and profits, and she would not interfere with it.

Although Tian Dong did not expect such an answer from Qiao Nan, Tian Dong knew his limits and he did not make further requests.

It was already good enough if he was able to have a private chat with Gao Yan, and he would have to thank Qiao Nan for it.

Right now, no one was given the chance to talk to Gao Yan in private. They were two or three competitors who would be present when he spoke with Gao Yan. Everyone tried to leave a good impression on him and would give in and make better offers when they learned that their competitors had made a more attractive offer than them.

If he was able to talk to Gao Yan in private, he would be able to avoid such circumstances and no one would disturb them.

Qiao Nan smiled widely at how enthusiastic Tian Dong was at the cooperation with Gao Yan. Fang Fang was blessed to know such a childhood sweetheart.

Gao Yan was very capable. All the bigger companies kept making offers and wanted very much to work with him. They could not wait to clinch the deal as soon as possible, fearing that other people would get the deal before them. It was no wonder that after her senior joined the company, she had the intention of saving up the money within three years for the first installment of her house in the capital!

If the project worked out, her senior would receive a huge sum for her year-end bonus.

If Gao Yan was generous and gave his employers an additional red packet, the amount of money would be very significant. As someone who did not earn any money and had to spend her husband's money, Qiao Nan could not help but be envious of Xu Shengnan for joining such a good company.

She would have lots of money!

The Zhai family kept silent while Tian Dong discussed the project with Qiao Nan. They did not give any comment.

Chapter 1289 Backed Qiao Nan Up

They did not stop Tian Dong from making things difficult for Qiao Nan or asking Qiao Nan to help Tian Dong, their future son-in-law, to clinch the deal. The elders in the Zhai family were very democratic.

Since Tian Dong agreed with her, Qiao Nan wasted no time and she made a phone call to Gao Yan that night.

Actually, as soon as Xu Shengnan left the Zhai family's residence, she had made a phone call to Gao Yan and told him about the situation. Gao Yan had expected that Qiao Nan would call him. "I am okay with your idea, but can you do me a favor?"

Qiao Nan patted San Bao, who was asleep, so that she could sleep soundly. She stood up and walked to the window. "What do you want me to help you with? Senior Gao, you must be joking. I have to think of my good friend's best interests. I will not 'betray' her." If Gao Yan wanted to marry Fang Fang, he had to woo her by himself. She would not interfere or force Fang Fang into it.

Finding a husband was different from choosing a major. For her, even a broken clock was right twice a day. She was lucky to find such a good man like Brother Zhai.

Qiao Nan could not vouch that Gao Yan was a good man. Therefore, she refused to be embroiled into it.

Gao Yan smiled, feeling assured. "Fang Fang has warned me about it long ago. Now that you have stated your stand, I will no longer harbor any hopes. Don't worry. I won't ask you to do anything that is too overboard. Furthermore, if you really agreed to help me woo Fang Fang, she would not misunderstand that you betrayed her. Instead, she would give me a lashing, thinking that I forced you into it. I know Fang Fang better than you."

Actually, he was quite unhappy at hearing this answer, but at the same time, he was glad that Fang Fang had such a good friend.

Ever since he started his own business, he was used to the deception and plotting between his business competitors. Let alone friends, one would even betray one's relatives.

Qiao Nan had only been Fang Fang's classmate and roommate for three years. Gao Yan knew that it was rare that she was so nice to Fang Fang and could remain objective. "I heard from Fang Fang that you know how to make your own clothes?"

"And?" Qiao Nan knew what he was driving at. Before she graduated from high school, she made six cotton flax Morita style dresses for her roommates. It was nothing fancy, but it gave off a comfortable and warm feeling. Fang Fang and the rest of them were delighted to have one dress each.

They had been through puberty and would not outgrow the dresses.

The six of them agreed that after they graduated, they would have a gathering by themselves and go on a graduation trip together. All of them would wear the dress during the trip.

Since all of them were on the same page and they were on the topic, Gao Yan did not beat about the bush. "I want to prepare a gift for Fang Fang. She will not accept any expensive gifts and she does not like the clothes that are sold in the market. Therefore... you should understand." He was flustered that his girlfriend was so difficult to please.

"Okay." It was an easy feat to make a dress. "When would you meet my brother-in-law?"

"It is up to you. I have been very sincere. But please let me know beforehand. When we meet, can you ask your brother-in-law to pass me the dress?"

"I have to hand it to you. Deal."

Qiao Nan went to Zhai Hua's room after hanging up the phone and told her about her conversation with Gao Yan.

Zhai Hua could feel Tian Dong's sincerity and therefore decided to invest her feelings into the relationship. She was especially glad that she could lend Tian Dong a helping hand. Qiao Nan had yet to return to her room and she could not wait to share the good news with Tian Dong.

"Alright. Sure, I understand. I have to thank sister-in-law. Also, tell her to let me know the materials that she needs for the dress. I will get someone to buy them. If she feels that it is more convenient for her to purchase them by herself, she can do so and I will pass the money to her." Tian Dong relaxed. He never expected that when the project had come to a standstill, it was because of Qiao Nan, the person who had the lowest position in the Zhai family, that made him see hope in the project.

Zhai Hua snorted. "The materials will not cost much. What's important is you must remember that Nan Nan is very capable. In the future, your family must not look down on her. Otherwise, don't blame me for having a bad temper."

Previously, when Uncle Tian and Auntie Tian came to their house to discuss the marriage, she felt that they were distant and very polite to Nan Nan.

Zhai Hua was unhappy that her future father-in-law and mother-in-law did not respect the feelings of the person that she valued.

Thankfully, she had changed under Qiao Nan's influence and her temper was not as nasty as before. Although she did not do anything that would make things difficult for them, she would not forget how they treated Qiao Nan.

It was because of Qiao Nan's and Zhai Sheng's wedding that Tian Shouxin and his wife were able to go to the Zhai family's residence more than a year ago.

Zhai Hua was unhappy that they were being distant to Qiao Nan. They behaved as if after Zhai Hua married Tian Dong and the two families became in-laws, Qiao Nan would take advantage of the Tian family.

With Elder Lin around, there was no need for Nan Nan to take advantage of the Tian family.

What a joke!

Thankfully, Tian Shouxin and his wife were not too obvious. To Qiao Nan, it might be that they were particularly affectionate to Zhai Hua and the Zhai family, and that was why it seemed as if she was being treated differently.

Compared to other people who were proud and arrogant, Tian Shouxin and his wife were considered as cultured.

Tian Dong had a bitter smile on his face. He had no other choice that his wife favored his sister-in-law more than him. He was flustered. "Don't worry. Qiao Nan might not want me to repay the debts, but I will definitely remember the help that she rendered me. Regardless of whether the project is successful or not, without her, I will not have a chance to talk to Gao Yan and try to persuade him. I have to thank her and you. I know that if not for you, Qiao Nan would not agree to help me."

It was because of Zhai Hua that Qiao Nan was acquainted with the Tian family. To Qiao Nan, the Tian family did not have much influence.

"It's good that you understand. I will end the call." Zhai Hua felt much better after the call. Look, the Tian family had to rely on Nan Nan to do their businesses.

It was better not to burn the bridges.

Otherwise, the Tian family would not have such luck and chance next time.

Tian Dong hung up the phone and Tian Shouxin looked at him, feeling shocked. But he did not openly display that he was surprised. “Did Qiao Nan really know the boss of that company? Do they have dealings with each other?” Tian Shouxin seldom went to the company, but Tian Dong would always tell him about what was going on at the company.

“Didn’t you say that she comes from a very normal family? How could she have known the boss of the company?” Mother Tian found it just as unbelievable that Zhai Hua’s sister-in-law’s social circle and the people within her social circle were successful people. She did not bask in the Zhai family’s glory at all.

Tian Dong smiled lightly. “Mom, you should have heard of a Chinese saying that one should not bully the young now that they are poor. You should know how formidable Zhai Sheng is. Given his judgment, he would definitely pick a good wife.”

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“You are prejudiced. That’s why you can’t look at the situation objectively.” Thankfully, Zhai Sheng was not around that day. However, Hua Hua had reminded him if Zhai Sheng was around next time and his parents continued to be distant toward Qiao Nan, treating her like a guest rather than their family, Zhai Sheng would say harsher words and deal with them more seriously than her.

Tian Dong was put in a difficult position because of that.

His parents did not know Qiao Nan and they had zero contact with her.

It was too much to ask of his parents to treat Qiao Nan as their niece on their second encounter. Compared to other people, his parents had been treating Qiao Nan fairly well.

However, as long as it was related to Qiao Nan, the Zhai family would have a very high expectation to the extent that it was ridiculous and unreasonable.

Tian Shouxin could tell that his son was in a difficult position. He felt bitter and expressed his displeasure. “Fine! Now that you have a wife, you totally forgot about your mother. I understand.

Since the Zhai family places such high importance on Qiao Nan, I am sure after you married Zhai Hua, they will treat you in the same manner as well. To outsiders, Zhai Sheng's behavior is too brutal, but if we are one family in the future, their behavior could be seen as acceptable."

At the very least, he believed that after his son married Zhai Hua, the Zhai family would be equally protective of his son, just like how they defended Qiao Nan.

In that case, he would stand to gain from it.

Very few people were able to treat their daughter-in-law and son-in-law as their sons and daughters.

"Dongzi, I can conclude two points from this situation. Firstly, the Zhai family will defend their own, provided that you have been recognized and affirmed by them. Secondly, I believe that Qiao Nan must have made a lot of contributions to the Zhai family for them to treat her so well."

Qiao Nan had already set an example. If Tian Dong did not perform as well, he would not be able to match up to Qiao Nan.

If Tian Dong was not mentally prepared, he might be under a lot of pressure in the future.

Although it was their son who married a wife, since their in-laws were influential people like the Zhai family, there were many other issues and concerns that they needed to be aware of.

Mother Tian curled the corners of her lips unhappily, but she remained silent.

There was nothing that she could say.

She had overheard the conversation on the phone just now. She felt that she had been polite to Qiao Nan, but she did not expect that her son had to rely on Qiao Nan to get his business deals.

She must not look down on Qiao Nan just because of her humble background. No matter what, she was the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family and she had given birth to three babies for the Zhai family.

Qiao Nan had secured her foothold in the Zhai family. In the future, they would be relatives, and it was better for them to be closer to each other.

Qiao Nan knew that time was money, especially for Tian Dong who was a businessman. Time was precious. It was particularly important to act faster than the competitors and pick the right time to market their products.

Thankfully, she was still very familiar with how to make clothes. She took into consideration Fang Fang's preferences and made an improvised cheongsam for her. She would be able to wear it in normal circumstances and she would not appear to be out of place.

It was relatively easy to tailor the clothes to be worn during the spring, summer, and autumn. As for winter clothing, they were thicker and the material was not as soft and easy to handle. Fang Fang could wear the cheongsam and put on a thicker jacket to keep herself warm. If there was a heater, she could take off the outer jacket and she would look pretty with the improvised cheongsam.

Since Gao Yan had stated that he wanted a dress for Fang Fang, Qiao Nan spent a day making the dress when she had some free time. She washed it, ironed it, and folded it, wrapping it nicely with paper and handed it to Tian Dong. "Future brother-in-law, let me remind you. You must keep a tight watch on the dress. If anything goes wrong with the dress, today's meeting might be called off and I won't be able to help you in the future."

Tian Dong said jokingly, "Don't worry. Even if anything happens, I will make sure that the dress is intact. No matter what, this is your hard work."

Zhai Hua had told Tian Dong everything about Gao Yan and the reason why Gao Yan was so polite to Qiao Nan, as well as whom the dress was meant for.

It was easy to buy a dress. However, the difficult part was that Qiao Nan had to design and make the dress by herself.

Qiao Nan was not a professional. Luckily, she had some experience and she agreed to help him. Otherwise, such a request could be seen as a way to reject his request to speak with him in private.

"It's good that you know." Zhai Hua nodded approvingly. "After the triplets joined our family, they are the only ones to enjoy such privileges. You are the only one to be able to make such a request. If it was someone else, they would have been sent away by us." It was rare that the Tian family

needed Qiao Nan's help. Zhai Hua made use of this opportunity for the Tian family to owe Qiao Nan a debt of gratitude.

To her, there was no way that Qiao Nan would need to seek help from the Tian family. However, it was good that the Tian family needed Qiao Nan's help. In that way, they would no longer look down on her in the future.

Tian Dong had a bitter smile on his face. Zhai Hua was so bent on making sure that the Tian family owed Qiao Nan a favor. But at the same time, he was envious that Zhai Hua was so protective of Qiao Nan.

Time revealed a person's heart. He believed that Zhai Hua would be able to feel his sincerity.

Qiao Nan was nice to Hua Hua, so Hua Hua treated her just as well. In the future, he would be spending the rest of his life with Hua Hua. There would be a day Hua Hua would put him as her priority and treat him far better than Qiao Nan.

In terms of a romantic relationship, not only women, but men were also equally jealous and childish.

Tian Dong brought with him the dress that Qiao Nan made and had a long talk with Gao Yan. It was far longer than the one hour that Gao Yan had allocated for the meeting. To Gao Yan, the time spent was worth it. He did not feel that he was wasting his time.

Tian Dong, who spent more than twenty years overseas, had his own way of thinking and insight. One could not gain this insight and experience by charging forward fearlessly and spending all their efforts to excel in their career.

After learning about Tian Dong's aspirations, Gao Yan, who had his own ambitions, could not agree more with him. Previously, he lacked the opportunity and suitable partners to work with him, and that was why he did not go into much collaboration with other companies.

It was hard to find a friend who shared the same ambitions and purposes with him. Therefore, they had a very good time chatting with each other.

They spent the whole afternoon talking about different topics and shared their experiences, but there was little mention of the cooperation between the two companies. It was only when they received

messages from their mothers urging them to go back home for dinner did they end the talk and parted ways.

For Gao Yan, he had gained a lot from the talk. He learned about Tian Dong's ambitions and he had with him a dress to give his childhood sweetheart.

As soon as he got into the car, Gao Yan made a phone call to Fang Fang. "Hello, Fang Fang, it's me."