

## RTAMM 1341

### Chapter 1341 Luxury Goods

At that time, in order to fight for his own happiness and also to avoid angering his elders, Tian Dong clearly told his elder uncle, Tian Shouyi, that Shi Peng's only daughter, Shi Qing, was a very good friend of Qiao Nan. Putting Shi Qing aside, Shi Peng also treated Qiao Nan like his best buddy's daughter.

As such, if he were to marry Hua Hua according to his wish, the Tian family could still build a good relationship with the Shi family.

However, at that time, Tian Shouyi insisted on his own opinion. He felt that the brother-in-law of a daughter's good friend would not be as close as one's own nephew-in-law. Qiao Nan was only a good friend of Shi Peng's daughter whereas Qiu Chenxi was Shi Peng's biological niece.

It was obvious who was closer in terms of kinship.

If Dongzi were to insist on marrying Zhai Hua, he would lure in the muddleheaded Zhai family who only knew how to take the side of reason without considering kinships. In addition, it was very likely that Shi Peng would be offended. When that time came, the Tian family would be detested and shunned by both the Zhai family and the Shi family. That would be terrible then.

A marriage that could initially benefit the Tian family would come up empty-handed instead.

As a result, Tian Shouxin and Tian Shouyi argued many times over this. Tian Shouyi was the elder one and Old Master Tian was biased toward him. In the end, Tian Shouyi used the old master to pressurize Tian Shouxin, saying that all these were the old master's intentions. 'Brother, don't tell me you feel that your wings have hardened and you are not going to take the old master's words seriously?'

When Tian Shouyi said such things, Tian Shouxin and Tian Shouyi could no longer continue with the discussion.

Tian Shouxin wanted to chat with the old master and asked him if he truly had such intention. However, the old master was unwell and Tian Shouyi also declined Tian Shouxin's request.

When Tian Shouyi was finally willing to let Tian Shouxin visit the old master, Tian Shouxin could not find the energy to ask the old master if that was the case. This was because he knew that although the old master did not have such intention initially, Tian Shouyi would have planted such thoughts in him after communicating with him.

What was there to talk about then?!

Now, his son insisted and had married lady that he loved most, and he had become in-laws with Chief Zhai.

Look?

Look!

The Shi family was so good to them. All of Shi Peng's departments had close working relationships with Dongzi's company. However, Shi Peng had never used any excuse to hinder Dongzi.

The old master of the Shi family seemed a little unhappy that Dongzi had married Zhai Hua. However, the head of the family now was Shi Peng. Shi Peng relied on his own capability to rise in the ranks. In front of Old Master Shi, he did not need to feel guilty at all. He could completely insist on his own views in a bold and righteous manner.

The Tian family's business was getting better and smoother. In the face of this, Tian Shouxin would even wake up from his dreams smiling, feeling proud that he had made the right decision by insisting on allowing his son to marry Zhai Hua and become in-laws with the Zhai family.

A relative like Qiao Nan did not become the only burden of the Tian family. Instead, the career of the Tian family established greater heights because of her. This was also considered a situation of benefiting from an unexpected course of events.

As expected, after Zhai Hua was pregnant, besides their daughter-in-law, the Tian Shouxin couple was most fond of Qiao Nan among all the juniors. As for their son, they would quietly dote on him in their hearts.

"Nan Nan, come here and take a look. These are the clothes that I asked my friend from abroad to buy. I heard that it's this year's latest fashion. Take a look and see if you like them. If there is anything that you like very much, tell auntie. Auntie will get someone to buy you more of the same

kind next time. Right, besides clothes, they say that young ladies like you like these bottles and jars of stuff. Come and have a look together.”

As soon as Mother Tian saw Qiao Nan coming back, she greeted her warmly and insisted that Qiao Nan sit beside her. As soon as she showed the items, Qiao Nan could see a pile of luxury goods that she had only heard of but not touched before in her previous life.

Qiao Nan took a rough glance at these items. Even the Qiao Zijin in the previous life who was married to Chen Jun could not buy so many of such items to her heart's content. It was as if they were fallen from the sky and did not require any money.

Qiao Nan gave a weak smile. In two lifetimes, she did not have much knowledge of these items. “Auntie, you're too polite. Actually, I don't know much about all these.” Qiao Nan was telling the truth. Others might not know but Zhai Hua knew it best. There was nothing on Qiao Nan's washbasin except for a huge bottle of moisturizer.

Furthermore, that was because the weather in the capital was too dry. In comparison, Ping Cheng was more humid. In Ping Cheng, Qiao Nan did not even apply any moisturizer.

“Haha, this child. You are too simple. You're really very different from the ladies overseas. Auntie likes young ladies like you. Down-to-earth and practical.” Having stayed in America for decades, Mother Tian still could not change some of her thinking.

Mother Tian did not like to make up. However, in her social circle, she had to do some research on all these to save face. Otherwise, if she appeared ignorant when her husband's business partners enquired, her husband and son, and not her, would be the ones losing face.

Nevertheless, besides necessary occasions, Mother Tian did not like to apply such products on her face. On the contrary, she felt more comfortable and refreshing with a bare face.

This was one of the reasons for Qiu Chenxi's failure to receive the affirmation of the Tian Shouxin couple.

She had thought that the Tian Shouxin couple had lived in America in decades and their thinking certainly must be different from that of the local elders. They would be more open-minded to many things.

One had to know that in overseas countries, it was considered a basic courtesy for a woman to apply makeup before going out. Clearly, she was expressing her respect to the Tian family by applying makeup.

It was a pity that Qiu Chenxi had not done enough 'homework'. She had not researched thoroughly enough in the art of makeup.

There were many viewpoints on applying makeup. When one was meeting the elders, they certainly could not apply a makeup that was too over-the-top and coquettish. Instead, she should apply light make up to create a natural and rosy look to appear more mature and gracious. This would be more acceptable to mothers.

As expected, putting aside the family situation of the Qiao family, a lady like Qiao Nan could easily win Mother Tian's heart. Other than family background, a young lady like Qiao Nan was an ideal daughter-in-law in Mother Tian's mind.

Gentle and soft in her words, quiet temperament, presentable, and crisp-looking—she had the demeanor of a decent lady from a humble family.

As for her own daughter-in-law...

Initially, when her son married a daughter-in-law, Mother Tian had a feeling that she had another son instead of half a daughter!

Hence, Mother Tian unleashed all the motherly love in her heart on Qiao Nan.

Chapter 1342 Setting the Fashion Trend

Mother Tian did not live in vain in America for more than twenty years.

Compared to typical folks, it was much easier for her to get hold of such good quality products. Therefore, she had brought all the good stuff that she had just gotten to the Zhai family for Qiao Nan.

At this moment, Mother Tian also realized the merit of having a daughter-in-law like Zhai Hua.

Given her actions, if it were another daughter-in-law, the daughter-in-law would definitely complain to her son and cause him to flare up at her. Zhai Hua was different. Zhai Hua would feel happier if her mother-in-law were to give all these good stuff to Qiao Nan instead of her.

In short, she felt happy giving it, her daughter-in-law was happy, her son had no worries, and everyone was happy. It was a great happiness for all.

What could be happier than such a way of giving?

Mother Tian seemed as though she wanted to doll up her own daughter. Qiao Nan could barely endure the drowning affection and enthusiasm from Mother Tian. As time passed, the Tian family treated Qiao Nan better and better. They were so good to Qiao Nan that she almost thought that she was not given birth by Ding Jiayi but was an illegitimate daughter of the Tian family who was left wandering outside.

She could only say that half the clothes in her almost-full wardrobe were given by Mother Tian.

Now, besides clothes, Mother Tian even took care of all the women's cosmetic and skincare products.

At one glance, Qiao Nan could tell that there was a pile of cosmetics, skincare, and makeup products. There were brands that she was aware of and more brands that she was unaware of.

Qiao Nan felt that she might need to take some time to enroll in a makeup course if she were to use all these products.

Pinching her fingers, Qiao Nan almost could not estimate how much money had been spent on these items.

After thinking, Miao Jing accepted them on behalf of Qiao Nan. "Nan Nan, I think Auntie Fen is right. You are spending more time on your internship now. Although you are only in your third year of college studies, you have already obtained all your credits, right? You have even passed your graduation thesis with flying colors. Hence, you're just waiting for graduation. I remember that your master has given you many assignments. It may not look good on you if you keep going out with a bare face in the future. Auntie Fen is very thoughtful to have prepared all these items for you beforehand. Otherwise, I would have to chase you out to buy some of them."

There was no choice. The few women in the family did not have much interest in these items.

Qiao Nan married well but she had always been very frugal. In addition, she was only a student. Hence, her attire was even more ordinary than that of typical college students. Besides the car that fetched Qiao Nan to and fro the school, no one could tell that Qiao Nan was already married and married to such a wealthy family. They could not find a single clue on Qiao Nan to suggest that.

After Miao Jing's advice, Qiao Nan felt more serious. "This is a real problem. Auntie Fen, thank you then."

Qiao Nan was aware that the Tian family did not lack money. At this juncture, Hu Fen might not be willing to take the money from Qiao Nan even if the latter wanted to pay her.

Zhai Hua lifted her hands. "What's with the thanks? Everyone is family. Nan Nan, remember to tell me if you find those items useful. I will get more for you next time. A woman has to start maintaining her youth when she is young. It is a good time for you to start doing that now."

Qiao Nan smirked. "You are also a woman—a pregnant one. Of course, you can't touch these items now. But after you give birth to the baby in your womb, do you want to research this together with me?"

Qiao Nan was not looking down on Zhai Hua but she was too clear of Zhai Hua's character. She only knew how to speak of others but not do it herself.

Zhai Hua was so lazy in this aspect, yet she still had the shame to persuade her to use more of these items.

Zhai Hua smiled, embarrassed. "Hahaha, I am pregnant now. As to what happens after giving birth, let's talk about it after eight months." She was pregnant and becoming a mother soon. Zhai Hua was so happy and contented that she almost lost her sense of direction.

Thereafter, Zhai Hua told Qiao Nan some 'insider information'. "No matter how many things my mother-in-law gives you, just accept them. I think you don't know that Uncle Shi is managing that area recently? Because you have one percent of the shares in the company, although it is not a lot, Dongzi received many conveniences because of it. These items, regardless of the number of items, just take them."

This was not considered without returning any favor.

Zhai Hua was very satisfied with her in-law family in one point. After benefiting from Qiao Nan, they had the conscience to remember it. They did not forget Qiao Nan when they had good things and sent them over to her.

Zhai Hua was aware that given Qiao Nan's character, she could not bear to buy this pile of items. Putting aside the clothes, the facial products would cost at least ten thousand yuan. After Qiao Nan married into the Zhai family, when did she ever spend a huge sum of money besides her college tuition fees?

Even the money from Qiao Nan's scholarship prize could already offset a portion of the college tuition fees.

Zhai Hua spent a great deal of time in the army camp. Unlike typical women, even after she bought a lot of good clothes, she still felt that they were not as comfortable as her camouflaged soldier uniform.

As for Qiao Nan, she was dressed even more simply. In summer, she wore a big cotton T-shirt, jeans, and occasionally dresses. In winter, she wore a thick and heavy cotton shirt. Even the down jackets were bought for her by Miao Jing.

Despite that, Qiao Nan could carry off a unique look when she wore faded and washed-out jeans. It did not look like worn-out jeans. Instead, it seemed as though she had deliberately worn it that way, making the jeans look different and unique.

In addition, Qiao Nan had long and slender legs.

Once, when Zhai Hua and Qiao Nan were shopping outside, they were stopped by a young and fashionable young lady. That lady held onto Qiao Nan's hands and insisted on asking, "Beauty, this pair of jeans must be in the latest fashion. Where did you buy them? I have not seen this in the capital before. Did you buy it in Hong Kong or overseas? Tell me. I will get one too."

When she encountered that, Zhai Hua was so shocked that her eyeballs almost popped out.

It was a pair of faded and washed-out jeans but someone could hold onto them and ask where they bought it from? Was this amazing? Amazing!

Later on, Qiao Nan told Zhai Hua that there was something called ‘stonewashed jeans’ in this world, and people deliberately made them that way. Once again, Qiao Nan had enhanced Zhai Hua’s knowledge of the upcoming fashion trend. “Let’s not talk about stonewashed jeans. Believe it or not, people will deliberately make some holes in the jeans.” This was the famous ripped jeans.

In short, Qiao Nan did not spend much money. She wore one pair of jeans for many years until they were faded and washed-out, with some D.I.Y. mending and sewing. Her family shunned her for being too frugal to wear such ‘torn’ jeans, yet Qiao Nan used her own ability to prove to the Zhai family that people who wore luxury goods also had to chase after her to ask where she bought her clothes from.

Although the elders did not understand what the youngsters considered as fashionable, Qiao Nan’s way of dressing had gained the favor of her peers such that they were keen to emulate.

#### Chapter 1343 A Pile of Luxury Goods

Fortunately, Qiao Nan was only a student and she was faring well. Facing a daughter-in-law who did not like dolling up and was not obsessed with shopping, Miao Jing was pleased but her heart also ached for Qiao Nan. Was the child really similar to the fake lad in her family such that she purely disliked buying too many clothes, or was she intentionally saving money for the family?

If it was the former reason, she could certainly correct that with some nurturing. If it was the latter reason, she should also be able to change that if she were to put in more effort.

As soon as Miao Jing had such thoughts, news of Qiao Nan’s pregnancy immediately followed.

Miao Jing did not mind buying Qiao Nan a lot of maternity clothes. She further did not mind that they would only be worn for ten months. However, when Qiao Nan was in the early stage of her pregnancy, she almost fainted and had to be sent to the hospital. The Zhai family was very anxious and afraid that Qiao Nan would be tired out, and this would harm the children in her womb.

If it was possible, Miao Jing could not wait to request leave of absence for Qiao Nan such that Qiao Nan could cast everything, including studies and social practice, aside.

After dragging so for long, the triplets already knew how to run around. As the mother, Qiao Nan could hardly squeeze out any time and when she did, it was barely enough for her three children. As such, she did not have time to go shopping at all.

Due to Qiao Nan’s behavior, she had become a model daughter-in-law of the quad in the military area of the capital.



Zhai Sheng was a soldier and he was very seldom at home. Which elder would want their daughter-in-law to doll up prettily, dress up coquettishly, and go out when their son was not around? Did she want to their son's behavior of seldom being at home?

Look at the young daughter-in-law of the Zhai family. She was very young but mature in her behavior. Besides going to school, she was always home to take care of the children. They had never seen her going out. She was also dressed very simply. Even elders like them who disliked extravagance felt that this child was a little over the top. She should actually dote on herself more.

She had to take care of studies and children, was enrolled in a good school like Peking University, and even brought home scholarship-prizes all the time.

This was such a good child. If one were to say that she was involved in some hanky-panky stuff when Zhai Sheng was not at home, they would never believe it. If they were to find a daughter-in-law, they had to find someone like the daughter-in-law of the Zhai family, who behaved with such propriety.

However, to Qiao Nan, who was engrossed in her books and oblivious to such trivial externalities, these 'legendary rumors' were all superficial clouds. She did not listen to any of it.

After Zhai Hua told her the information, she did not feel so guilty to accept the gifts from the Tian family. Hu Fen also knew her limits and would not go overboard in her gifts. Hence, it was still acceptable to Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan did not want to be wasteful. As such, heeding Miao Jing's advice, when she was available, she would begin to research the load of cosmetic products given to her by the Tian family.

Regarding makeup, although Qiao Nan felt that she did not have time to participate in a special interest class, she could buy some books and self-learn.

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

Furthermore, the Qiao Zijin in her previous life loved all these things. After buying a load of them, she would occasionally re-package the skincare products that she disliked. Thereafter, she would bring them to Qiao Nan in a huge and beautiful basket of them and said that she specially bought them for Qiao Nan and hoped that Qiao Nan could maintain her youth and make herself look pretty.

Ding Jiayi then used this situation as an excuse to boldly exploit Qiao Nan to subsidize Qiao Zijin's expenses without any feelings of guilt. She felt that Qiao Nan had no reason to resist and retaliate.

Qiao Nan cast all these 'former happenings' aside. She thought that she had left all these past life happenings behind after being reborn for so many years. Unexpectedly, all these past sufferings would appear each time she encountered a similar situation.

Judging by that, she had taken all these past issues more seriously than she had thought. She had been very aggrieved.

"Junior Qiao."

"Senior Xu? Why did you come to school today? I heard that your company is very tied up recently?" Qiao Nan was pleasantly surprised when she saw Xu Shengnan in school again. It was not any less than those who met their favorite celebrities in the streets. "I heard that your company is very busy and the employees have been working overtime. Senior Xu, congratulations. It seems that you can almost make your down-payment for a house in the capital this year."

Xu Shengnan was glowing happily. As a country bumpkin who came to the capital from the countryside, she was going to own a house in the capital after working for less than three years. That was definitely a matter that would bring glory to her ancestors in her hometown.

Her mother had just made a call to her a few days ago. All the villagers in her hometown said that even raising ten sons could not compare to one successful daughter from the Xu family. Be it raising a son or a daughter, most importantly, the child had to be as smart and capable as the daughter of the Xu family to be able to work and stay in the capital.

Although Xu Shengnan seldom returned home nowadays and she could only stay home for a short period of time, she had become the most successful one in her hometown.

Sigh! This time, when she returned to her hometown, all those aunties came knocking on her door. She could barely tolerate their affectionate behavior.

For her peers, it was just the beginning where they had to go through the pain and suffering, whereas she had already been through most of it. At the thought of this, Xu Shengnan could not help feeling grateful to Qiao Nan. She had also mentioned Qiao Nan to her parents before. Even her

closest kin could not help commenting that this junior of hers was simply the greatest benefactor of her life.

Although she was also grateful to her senior cum current boss, without Qiao Nan, she might never have encountered this opportunity in her entire life. Xu Shengnan was clear of the restrictions that she faced in her course of study. A company like that of Gao Yan seldom recruited employees of her kind. The recruitment headcount was much lesser than other companies; it was half the usual headcount or even less.

After missing this opportune time, she would have no fate with Senior Gao Yan's company no matter how capable she was. It would just be a passing.

Fortunately, due to Junior Qiao, this benefactor, she met the right company and the right boss at the right time. That ushered in the spring in her life and the peak in her career.

“The school specially invited me. The school contacted my boss and he delegated it to me.” At this very moment, it was not enough to use ‘proud and glowing’ to describe Xu Shengnan. “You are aware too. When our company collaborated with the Tian company, it immediately progressed to the next level and successfully passed the start-up stage. All the projects and businesses of the company went on track and became reputable. The school contacted my boss, requesting for a few interns.”

Xu Shengnan did not graduate with honors.

However, today, Xu Shengnan did not feel that she was doing worse than schoolmates who had received honors.

#### Chapter 1344 Bootlicking

She was back to school again. Xu Shengnan felt as light-headed as a feather; she was almost floating.

Qiao Nan raised her eyebrow. “I see. Alright, I won't hold you back then?” If that was truly the case, after confirming the number of internship vacancies, Senior Xu still had to discuss with the department head in the school to confirm the details.

Xu Shengnan came back to the school to handle official matters. Of course, Qiao Nan could not waste her time. Furthermore, Qiao Nan had to attend lessons.

“What’s the hurry?” Xu Shengnan hooked her hands around Qiao Nan’s neck. “I have just received a call from the department head who will be discussing with me that something cropped up at his end. His elderly father-in-law had a fall and was hospitalized. He said he will be two hours late. Fortunately, my boss gave me half a day to resolve this issue. I’ve not been here for more than a year and I quite miss it. Let’s go. I will attend the class with you.”

Her boss had approved the leave. Wouldn’t she let herself down if she did not make full use of the time?

The moment Xu Shengnan and Qiao Nan stepped into the classroom, they became the center of attention of all the students inside.

The students in the school heard a lot that Xu Shengnan was doing well. It was not because of other reasons. They wished to become Xu Shengnan’s colleague. Gao Yan’s company was becoming increasingly famous in the capital. It gave employees a high salary, good benefits, and even became partners with major enterprises such as the Tian Corporation.

Gao Yan’s company was certainly very high-profile now.

In addition, many people were certain and could not dismiss the notion that Xu Shengnan could enter Gao Yan’s company all because of Qiao Nan. Without Qiao Nan being the middleman to introduce Xu Shengnan to Gao Yan’s company, how could Xu Shengnan be so lucky to know that Gao Yan was such a promising boss?

Now, it was even harder to get into Gao Yan’s company.

If they had Qiao Nan’s protection and care, like Senior Xu, they would be able to enhance their chances of getting into the company.

Due to this psychology, Qiao Nan was surrounded by many people nowadays. It was even more than when she was looking out for suitable juniors to take over her vice president position upon her fourth year of college studies.

As such, Qiao Nan had rejoiced more than once that she was only in the school during classes as she had to take care of the triplets. Besides attending classes, she completed the rest of her learning in her in-law’s house.

Otherwise, with so many people surrounding her, she could forget about quieting down to complete her studies.

Today, the two 'main leads' of the rumors were together. It was hard for others not to pay attention to them.

"Senior, is anyone sitting here?" Very quickly, a brave soul walked toward Xu Shengnan and eyed the seat beside her. "Senior Xu, you have already graduated. Why did you return to school today? Is there any matter?"

Xu Shengnan was initially stunned. She then replied, "There is no one sitting here." After she said that, she gave a professional and gentle smile. "It's rare for me to have some time today. Hence, I came back to take a look and also find people to reminisce."

"Oh, I see." That male classmate expressed disbelief. Senior Gao Yan's company had so many projects and businesses recently. Everyone in the company was crazily clocking overtime. Of course, the more they worked overtime, the more money they earned. The effort and reward were corresponding. At this moment, why would Senior Xu have so much spare time to take a stroll in the school?

Of course, Xu Shengnan knew that no one would believe her. However, it was up to them to believe it or not. It did not bother her.

When Xu Shengnan was thinking about another reason to brush off this male junior if he were to pester her again, a shocking and stunning matter happened.

That student lifted his head, his line of sight hopping over Xu Shengnan's head and falling on Qiao Nan. "Classmate Qiao, this is a book that is new in the library. I have read it and the content is good. I know you love to read and can lend this to you first. There is limited quantity and all of them are on loan now."

Shoo! Having said that, that book shuffled past Xu Shengnan's eyes and stopped only when it was pushed to Qiao Nan.

The book was certainly very new. It must have arrived in the library of Peking University from abroad no more than three days.

After encoding the serial number and opening it for borrowing, the books were loaned out in no time.

If one did not receive news beforehand or someone had not granted any convenience, it was very difficult to get hold of such a good book immediately. Therefore, this student must have some means in the school.

Xu Shengnan, who had thought that she was the target of the other party, was in a state of confusion and daze. So as to speak, she had been overconfident. That junior did not even bother about her.

There was a flash of disdain in that student's eyes. It was as if he knew what Xu Shengnan was thinking.

At most, Senior Xu had found a better job. Would Senior Xu be able to help him get into this company and become her colleague?

Forget it!

Who in the school was unaware that Senior Xu had such a good job because she knew Qiao Nan and received the latter's help? If he did not look for Qiao Nan, the main party, and looked for Senior Xu instead, wasn't this considered putting the cart before the horse? He was not so stupid.

In the presence of a spacious and wide path, who would be willing to use the strength of a bull to go through a windy and narrow path?

Qiao Nan, who was writing furiously, quietly sighed at the sight of this book.

As expected, this was not the first time that Qiao Nan had encountered such matters. However, she felt very helpless all the time. Even if she were to talk her head off, no one believed that she did not render much help to Xu Shengnan for getting into Gao Yan's company. She did not help much. It was Xu Shengnan's own good fortune. Of course, unless one's luck was comparable to Xu Shengnan, she could not help them either.

She had spoken the truth umpteen times but no one believed her. Hence, Qiao Nan felt helpless.

“Thank you, classmate. I have finished reading this book during my second year of studies. Actually, the third volume is already out. The book in my hands now is the third volume. You can check it out if you are interested. However, the second volume is badly out of stock. It should be the same for the third volume when it is out.” Qiao Nan closed the book in her hand and revealed the cover.

In fact, without the help of the Zhai family and her godfather, similar to these students, Qiao Nan could only come into contact with volume one of the book even though volume three had already been published. She would not even be aware that the second volume had been out of stock for a long time.

Sometimes, it was not enough to work hard in studies. With enough capability, at such times, Qiao Nan could advance faster than others by not just one step but ten or even twenty steps.

“Goodness! You managed to get it?”

#### Chapter 1345 Someone Stopped the Bicycle

Xu Shengnan’s eyes widened upon discovering the book that Qiao Nan was reading. “Volume three has already been published? When did that happen? Why didn’t I hear of it? I am only aware that the second volume is out of stock. I have surfed the entire internet and took great pains before successfully ordering the second volume. However, the other party told me that it will most likely reach me in about two months’ time.” As to the price that she paid for the book, Xu Shengnan was not even willing to bring it up.

Damn! It was just a book. Must it be so expensive?!

However, Xu Shengnan felt depressed that while she spent a bomb and took great pains to reserve volume two of the book to only receive it in two months’ time, her junior was already starting to read the third volume of it. This was unexpected.

If it was in the past, certainly, Xu Shengnan would not understand why Qiao Nan had the third volume in her hands while others did not even have the second volume. However, ever since she visited Qiao Nan at the house of the latter’s in-law, Xu Shengnan was not stupid and could figure out some matters.

Who would have expected that the young lady before her, who looked young and tender as a scallion, was not only married but a mother of three? Most importantly, she was married to a prominent figure that one could only see on the television occasionally.

At the thought that she had become friends with such a character, Xu Shengnan still felt a little dizzy.

She used to feel that she might not even have the chance to meet a prominent figure in the commercial world given her luck. However, it was a fact that she was already associated with some of the prominent figures in the industry. True enough, government officials and enterprises were closely associated.

“Yes, I got it through someone’s help.” This book was certainly very popular. Fortunately, she had many seniors. When it was published in March, her senior had already reserved one book for her. Thereafter, he used the fastest speed to mail it to her.

It was also owing to these seniors that Qiao Nan’s knowledge and horizons did not lose out to that of overseas students although she had not gone abroad to study.

Besides this, Qiao Nan even extended her habit of reading overseas used books. Every year, there were many graduates from every faculty. In overseas countries, they had a good practice in this area. Some textbooks were really expensive and one would be foolish to sell these textbooks cheaply like trash. Instead, they would classify and handle them as second-hand books.

Qiao Nan was embarrassed to request her senior to do that. Hence, she sought the favor of Tian Dong’s friend in America to ship various batches of books to China.

Qiao Nan had saved a lot of money on the books. However, the costs of overseas shipping and import taxes were much higher than the purchase price of the books.

However, Qiao Nan had no choice as she really needed these books. The costs would not be any less even if one were to buy new books. Unfortunately, the books were only on sale overseas and not locally. It was the exact situation for the third volume in Qiao Nan’s hands currently.

If the book in her hands was not so badly out of stock, she could not even get the first volume, let alone the second volume. Regardless, Qiao Nan’s heart ached at the money spent to buy new books.

One had to know. The money spent on such a book was enough to sustain two months’ of living expenses for a typical family in China.



“Junior Qiao, what about your second volume?” Xu Shengnan swirled her eyes and looked at Qiao Nan in a yearning manner. “Is it convenient to lend it to me? Don’t worry. I promise you that I won’t damage it. I will return it to you in its original condition.”

Qiao Nan pointed the tip of her pen. “Haven’t you already ordered it?”

“Ordering is a separate matter. I will borrow your book to read it first. This book is expensive but there is a reason for it. The book that I ordered cannot be refunded. I will definitely read it again when I receive it. After reading volume one, I am very anxious and interested in the content of volume two.”

“Sure, you know my situation. I’m too busy. Why don’t you come to school and get it from me? Let me know beforehand so that I can bring it with me. Otherwise, come to my house to get it.” Qiao Nan was not petty; she was willing to lend a book that she had finished reading to others.

Xu Shengnan’s eyes lit up. “Sure, I will go to your house to get it. Just nice...” I missed the three little darlings in your house.

Qiao Nan and Xu Shengnan chatted enthusiastically. That male student who wanted to lend the first volume to Qiao Nan earlier took back the book silently, looking depressed and gloomy.

The book in his hands did not have anything to show at all in front of Qiao Nan.

The student was very clear how expensive this book was. He cherished the first volume so much and thought that he was doing Qiao Nan a favor by lending it to her. Who would have expected that she had already finished reading the second volume and were reading the third volume? Unfortunately, the second and third volumes were still a great distance from him.

He knew that Qiao Nan was very formidable but he did not know that Qiao Nan was more formidable than he had imagined. What volume two or three? Obviously, money alone was not enough for someone to get a hold on these books. Qiao Nan herself had a very strong capability.

In front of Qiao Nan, that male student was too embarrassed to ask Xu Shengnan who Qiao Nan exactly was.

One must know that he had never heard from anyone that Qiao Nan had a prominent background although they had been classmates for three years. If he did not remember correctly, Qiao Nan was

only an ordinary lady who came from Ping Cheng. Her father was an ordinary salaried worker and her mother was a housewife without a job.

Given such family members, despite wracking his brains, he could not figure out how Qiao Nan had the capability to achieve things that others could not.

Having been given constant blows, the male student sensibly took back his book without the need for Qiao Nan to speak further.

Xu Shengnan only attended one lesson with Qiao Nan before she received a message that the department head had arrived. Xu Shengnan carried her documents to the department head's office to discuss official matters.

Without her 'buddy' disturbing her, after attending her morning classes, Qiao Nan tidied up her books and notes and put them away in her schoolbag. She then held her bicycle that was parked by the roadside and started to ride to the exit of the school. Unexpectedly, after peddling a couple of times, someone stood in her way and held onto the basket in front of the bicycle.

Qiao Nan stepped on the brake with all her might and was thrown forward a little. "This classmate, you..."

Qiao Nan had wanted to ask whether this person knew how to walk properly. Who would collide into the front of the bicycle in this manner? She did not believe that she and her bicycle were so small that they were not visible to others.

If this person was faking an accident to claim compensation, that would be ludicrous. How much compensation could a bicycle owner provide? At most, the rider would suffer a graze and a minor head concussion at most. In short, obviously, this person bumped into her bicycle deliberately. She just did not know what this person was thinking to have used such a drastic method.

Before Qiao Nan could scold, she was stunned when she saw the other party's face clearly. "Lü Yan?"

#### Chapter 1346 Found Something against You

There was a sinister aura shrouding Lü Yan. It was as if she was carrying a dark cloud weather system everywhere she went. As long as she appeared, the bright sky would turn gloomy and shadow her. Lü Yan sneered. "That's rare. There is a saying that great men have short memories. I

had thought that Vice President Qiao had long forgotten about the existence of a pitiful classmate like me. Why do I feel so honored to hear Vice President Qiao call my name?”

She said that she felt honored, but the look in Lü Yan’s eyes upon staring at Qiao Nan was filled with sinister curses and resentment.

In this lifetime, she regretted most about entering Peking University and becoming classmates with Qiao Nan. This had caused her to lose a good future that should rightfully belong to her after studying in a top tier key university. She was in such a bad state now, being neither here nor there. Even when she returned to her hometown, her parents did not seem to like her as much as before.

Why? Everyone was certain that she could not become successful in life, that she could no longer earn big bucks?

It seemed that heaven had eyes now. Those who had done bad deeds could escape for once but not all the time. Qiao Nan, this wretched thing. She had finally gotten a handle of her. “Qiao Nan, do you want to chat with me in front of so many people or find a quiet place for the two of us to chat? On the account that we are classmates, I will give you an option. Qiao Nan, it’s not that I want to chide you. Do you know what a guilty conscience is? You’re just a college student, yet you used so many luxury products. Do you think that everyone is blind except you?!”

“Hey, what are you going to talk about? Let me listen too?” Tang Jiayun’s eyes lit up. She had said... Lü Yan dared to appear in front of Qiao Nan today. Certainly, she was in for a good show. After approaching Qiao Nan, she smelled something different. “Qiao Nan, when did you start to use perfume?” She smelled really nice. From the smell of it, one could tell that it was not cheap.

As if one Lü Yan was not enough, Tang Jiayun had also joined in. Qiao Nan was having a bad headache. “First, Lü Yan, there’s nothing for me to chat with you about. I remember you. Take it that I have a good memory. Second, Classmate Tang, sorry, I don’t have the habit of using perfume.” With the triplets by her side, she did not intend to apply perfume for the rest of her life.

“If there is no other matter, can I trouble you to make way? I am rushing to go home.”

Lü Yan gave a grim and sinister smile. “Since you didn’t do bad deeds, you should not feel guilty. Why are you so anxious to escape? You are taking my courtesy for granted. I will say everything in front of everyone then? Qiao Nan, don’t regret it. Once I say it, you will not be able to sustain your image of a pure and innocent lady in the school.”

Speaking of this pure and innocent image, Lü Yan especially felt like vomiting blood.

Qiao Nan had this image not because of other people but Lü Yan. When they were in the first year of college studies, Lü Yan accused Qiao Nan that the latter made use of her identity as a Peking University student and shamelessly became the kept woman of an old man who drove a Land Rover. In the end, the school verified that that old man was, in fact, Qiao Nan's elder.

Qiao Nan kept a very low-profile in the school, behaving like a bookworm. She was pretty and good at her studies. However, she had never made use of these qualities to befriend other male students. She did not have many scandals too, let alone becoming a kept woman.

Didn't Qiao Nan's behavior reflect that of a classic, goody-two-shoes lady?

Although this was termed as goody-two-shoes in junior and senior high school, this kind of lady would seem a little dull in college. However, Qiao Nan's beauty could not be contained. No one shunned Qiao Nan for being a dead fish because of her inflexible life that was akin to that of a nun. Instead, they labeled her as a pure and innocent lady because of the kept woman scandal initiated by Lü Yan.

Pure and innocent lady—as pure as jade!

If Qiao Nan was like a pure and innocent lady who gave others feelings of nobility and innocence, in the recent three years, the lifeless Lü Yan was behaving like a rat in the drain that always seemed shady.

Regarding this, anyone could imagine how much hate Lü Yan had in her heart.

Today, she had finally gotten something against Qiao Nan. Lü Yan could not wait to hold a loudspeaker and announce to the entire school to let everyone know how wretched the true Qiao Nan was after tearing down the layer of mask.

“Qiao Nan, are you still going to pretend? When we were in the first year of our studies, I don't know what means you used to let the professors in the school help you lie and prove that that old man is your elder. However, you can't hide it anymore. If I didn't remember wrongly, you even applied for work and study in your first year. May I ask? A college student who has to rely on working part-time to earn a living allowance, why would she have the money to buy so many luxury skincare products? The products that you apply on your face, a bottle of it is not cheap. It costs almost half a month of ordinary folks' salary, right?”

“If you use one set of such products for your face, it will cost two to three months of ordinary folks’ salary. Qiao Nan, aren’t you going to explain how you became so wealthy?” At the end of her speech, Lü Yan’s eyes were red with jealousy!

“Goodness...” When those nearby heard that the products applied on Qiao Nan’s face would cost two to three months of the salary of typical folks, those with humble family backgrounds could not help gasping in cold air.

If the products applied on the face were to cost two to three months of salary, besides applying things on the face, what were the family members going to eat and drink? Were they still going to live on?

Lü Yan revealed her teeth and smiled smugly. “Qiao Nan, you still say that you’re not a kept woman!” Besides being a kept woman, who could bear to spend so much money on Qiao Nan, buying these costly luxury skincare products?

Qiao Nan gritted her teeth. She had not applied the items given to her by Auntie Fen for more than a week but had been ‘caught red-handed’ by Lü Yan. Lü Yan even made use of this to blow the matter up. “Lü Yan, you have wide knowledge. If I didn’t remember wrongly, the product that I apply on my face is not available for sale in the local market yet. How did you know so clearly and understand so well about it? I have never brought it to school. How can you tell?”

“I...” Lü Yan’s expression changed. “I can tell from the smell. This brand of skincare products is effective, and most importantly, it has a light fragrance that can last as long as a perfume.” As it was not on sale in the local market, she had thought that she made a mistake when she first caught a faint smell of it on Qiao Nan. She had believed that the fragrance did not come from Qiao Nan but herself.

However, after a couple of times and a few consecutive days, Lü Yan was certain that she did not make a mistake. Qiao Nan had the smell of that brand of skincare products on her.

“Besides me, where else did you smell it from?” Qiao Nan asked without any reservation.

#### Chapter 1347 Met a ‘Warrior’

If this was the first time one smelled such fragrance, one would never know what it was. Although one might be very sensitive to smells, like Tang Jiayun, one would only think that she had put on perfume. One would not be so certain that the fragrance was from skincare products.

Tang Jiayun knew a lot about skincare products. She felt that she must have more knowledge in this area than Lü Yan and Yu Xiaoxiao. She thought that it was the smell of a perfume, but Lü Yan said that the fragrance was from a skincare product. How could it be? “By the way, Lü Yan, since when did you do research on this? How do you know that the fragrance is from a skincare product and not from a perfume?”

How could it be that Lü Yan knew more than her?

No way!

Tang Jiayun could not even figure it out, let alone the crowd who surrounded them.

But they understood one fact: The product that Qiao Nan used was very expensive. It was seldom seen and could not be found in the country. However, it was odd that Tang Jiayun, who loved to doll herself up and seemed to be rich, had no idea what the product was while Lü Yan, who seemed to be having a hard time, knew about it. This seemed more unusual to them.

“I...” Lü Yan could not offer any explanation. She could not tell them that she tutored children from rich families and she had connections with rich people.

It was a coincidence that the mother of her student happened to be using the same set of skincare products recently. When the mother bought the skincare products, the salesperson gave her a complimentary sample set and the father gave it to her secretly.

Lü Yan could not bear to use it, but she loved the fragrance and would bring it out to take a sniff from time to time. It was indeed good stuff. Although Lü Yan kept taking it out to take a sniff, the fragrance still remained very strong.

Lü Yan was very familiar with the fragrance of the particular skincare products and she could smell and identify it right away.

Lü Yan never told others in the school that she gave private tuition. She was not sure as well whether it was normal for the father or mother of her student to give samples of high-end skincare products to the tuition teacher.

She heard that the skincare products were very expensive. The price of the sample was not cheap either. It was similar to the price of a full set of skincare products that could be found in the country.

Since it was very expensive, Lü Yan did not dare to tell other people about it.

Qiao Nan simply made an intelligent guess and she was spot on. Lü Yan stuttered and could not manage to give a coherent reply. Qiao Nan curled the corners of her lips. “I don’t have a guilty conscience, but someone is playing the trick of a thief crying ‘stop thief!’. Alright, it’s fine that you can’t be bothered with your studies because you put your concentration on keeping tabs on other people. However, I don’t have the time to bicker with you.”

“I won’t probe further since you can’t answer my question. Since you want to know about my skincare products, fine, I will tell you. You should have known that the skincare products that I am using are quite expensive, and you want to know where it is from. I don’t have the money to buy the products. They were given to me by my sister’s mother-in-law.”

She knew what Lü Yan was up to. Lü Yan was trying to say that she was just a college student, so where would she have the money to buy luxury products? It must have been given to her by other people.

It turned out that Lü Yan still had not given up on the kept woman scandal from more than two years ago. She was determined to find evidence to prove that her thread back then was telling the truth and that she did not tell lies.

It seemed that she still harbored evil intentions.

Qiao Nan glanced askance at Lü Yan, who was at a loss for words. She rang the bell on the bicycle. “Lü Yan, you have taken up nearly half an hour of my time. I have to go back home for my meal. Can you stand aside?”

Lü Yan was hoping that Qiao Nan had no explanation as to why she used expensive skincare products. She could then prove that Qiao Nan was indeed a kept woman and that she was not lying back then. However, Qiao Nan could not be bothered to explain. Instead, she asked Lü Yan the reason why she knew so much about skincare products.

Seeing that Lü Yan was at a loss for words, Qiao Nan then explained that it was true that she was poor and could not afford the expensive skincare products. But she had rich relatives and they were willing to buy expensive products for her.

It was given to her by her sister's mother-in-law. There was no way that the mother-in-law wanted to be her sugar daddy.

One might be foolish, but one should not go overboard.

Lü Yan broke out in cold sweats. "I don't believe it. The mother-in-law of your sister? How can there be such good people? If she had money, why didn't she give it to your sister but you?" She refused to believe that people would give such expensive skincare products as gifts.

Qiao Nan laughed in anger. "You don't understand the rich people and their lives. You may not give it as a present, but it doesn't mean that other people won't give it to someone as a gift. Besides, the mother-in-law of my sister is very rich, and she is definitely not stingy with my sister. The problem is that my sister is two months pregnant. Do you understand?"

"What's going on?" Xu Shengnan treated the department head to a meal at the stir-fried stall in the canteen. She was about to go back to the office when she saw a crowd on her way out. Initially, she wanted to make a detour as she had no intention of checking what was going on.

But she squeezed into the crowd when she heard Qiao Nan's voice. "Junior Qiao, why are you still in school? Aren't you worried that your family would be anxious and they might be waiting for you to have a meal together?" Qiao Nan's three children were still very young and were very attached to their mother. "What's with the crowd? Are all of you not hungry or is there money on the floor?"

Xu Shengnan finally squeezed into the crowd. "Junior Qiao, what's wrong? Did someone make trouble for you?" The only person who would find trouble with Qiao Nan must be the female student who stood in front of Qiao Nan's bicycle. "Who is this? Are you looking for trouble?"

There was a bewildered and interested look on Xu Shengnan's face. "I thought that no one will find trouble with Junior Qiao in the school now. This junior over here, you are indeed a 'warrior'."

During the lesson, there was a male student who tried to suck up to Qiao Nan by lending her his hard-to-come by studying materials. It was odd that there would be someone who was out to create trouble for Qiao Nan.

The student must be out of her mind.



Could it be that the junior had no intention of staying in the capital and therefore was not worried about offending Qiao Nan?

“Senior Xu, this is what happened.” There was a glitter in Tang Jiayun’s eyes. She told Xu Shengnan what happened. Actually, she was interested to know the mother-in-law of Qiao Nan’s sister. Although her daughter-in-law was pregnant, she must be very rich to give the expensive skincare products to other people.

Tang Jiayun was confused. Qiao Nan must be lying to them when she said that she came from a humble family when she joined the college in the first year.

Her acquaintance with Senior Gao could be considered as a coincidence.

However, Qiao Nan must have rich relatives to have received expensive skincare products from them.

#### Chapter 1348 Bluff and Bluster

Had she accidentally missed out on her biggest support in this life?

Xu Shengnan’s expression darkened. “Junior Qiao, I understand that you like to keep a low-profile, but this is akin to giving people who are jealous of you a chance to badmouth you. All of you might know that the company that I work in clinched a big deal recently, but you may not know that the company that works with us belongs to Junior Qiao’s brother-in-law.”

To other people, they would not give the luxury products as gifts.

But to people in Qiao Nan’s social circle, it was just a small gift to them.

“...”

“...”

The crowd was shocked and they turned silent.

Qiao Nan might be close to Gao Yan, but they were simply friends. Gao Yan might earn a lot of money, but he would not share it with Qiao Nan.

However, if the boss of a big company was Qiao Nan's brother-in-law, things would be different. Qiao Nan would stand to benefit if her brother-in-law's company was doing well.

This might be the reason why Senior Gao was so nice to Qiao Nan.

It was no wonder that Senior Gao accepted Xu Shengnan as his employee since it was Qiao Nan who made the recommendation. He even provided funds for the new English club yearly. Perhaps, it was due to Qiao Nan that Senior Gao was able to work with the big company and make huge progress.

It turned out that instead of being the middleman who introduced the two companies to each other, Qiao Nan played a crucial role in their collaboration.

Xu Shengnan knew that one might misunderstand the complex relationship between the different parties, but she did not go on to explain. Even if her boss knew about it, he would not blame her. No matter what, it was indeed true that her boss had to depend on Qiao Nan to woo his wife.

Besides, what she said was mostly the truth!

Since Xu Shengnan had spoken up for Qiao Nan, it was easier for her to sort out the misunderstanding.

Right then, Qiao Nan felt a flash of light. It might be her illusion but the light seemed to be directed at her.

Qiao Nan knitted her eyebrows and she was reminded of something.

Previously, when Zhai Sheng was back, he mentioned something to her. Although he was in the army camp and she did not stay in contact with him, he was jealous that a student confessed his love to her. Her mother-in-law did not even know about it, but Zhai Sheng, who was in the army camp, found out about it. He also knew the details of how the student confessed his love to her. It was as if he was there on that day.

The only explanation was that someone took photos of what happened and passed the photos to Zhai Sheng.

“Senior Xu, can you do me a favor?” Qiao Nan had to take preventive measures against the flash of light among the crowd.

“What is it?” Xu Shengnan leaned toward Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan whispered to Xu Shengnan and she nodded. “You must be Lü Yan. I feel that you should focus on your studies instead of being consumed with hatching plots and affecting the school’s reputation. I spent four years in Peking University. I have seen all types of people, but this is the first time I met someone like you. Let me warn you. Stop making trouble for Junior Qiao in the future. Junior Qiao, I will go back to the office. Let’s meet again another time.”

Everyone knew that Xu Shengnan was very busy.

Xu Shengnan also told them an important piece of news. It turned out that Qiao Nan was an influential figure as well. She was the type of boss who was hiding behind the scene. Since Xu Shengnan said that she was leaving, everyone spread out so that she could make her way out.

Qiao Nan got onto her bicycle after Xu Shengnan left and looked at Lü Yan. “Lü Yan, I don’t know why you kept making trouble for me. If you can give me a reasonable explanation today, I might help you when you face trouble in the future. Do you have anything to tell me?”

She had some doubts about Lü Yan. She had been keeping a low profile for two years, but she appeared right in front of her and made trouble again. She could not help but suspect her.

Although she was still in school and could not help Zhai Sheng, she did not wish to become his burden and a hindrance to him.

Lü Yan looked guilty. “I don’t understand what you are talking about. I simply find you an eyesore. I hate it that you act nice and kind. We are classmates. Even if there is any misunderstanding, you should not be overbearing and aggressive. You should know how I spent the past three years in school. Qiao Nan, don’t you feel guilty at the state that I am in right now?”

Since a young age, there was no one around her who would argue a point to death like Qiao Nan.

Although she insisted on staying in the school, no one was willing to talk to her, and she was not given a chance to participate in the activities organized by the school.

When she was in her junior high school and high school, she was a role model for the students. The teachers would choose her to participate in activities and she would have the support of her classmates. She was the brightest star in school.

Ever since she came to Peking University, she was no longer the brightest star. She became the smelly stone that was left in the drain. Nobody would ask her to join any activities and everyone avoided her.

All these were due to Qiao Nan. She had been targeting Qiao Nan, hoping to turn the tables and be stronger than Qiao Nan. There was nothing wrong with doing that. “Qiao Nan, given what you have done to me, it is justifiable that I do this to you! You owe me and you caused me to be in this state. Everything that I did was to prove that I did not lie when I was in my first year. I did not malign you. I am innocent while you are guilty!”

Qiao Nan felt like lashing out at Lü Yan. “Won’t I feel guilty? Since you dare to pose this question, no matter what I do in this life, with you around, I will never feel guilty.”

“Hahaha...”

Many people laughed as they understood what Qiao Nan was talking about.

Lü Yan turned red from being mocked by Qiao Nan. Her eyes were full of hatred and resentment. They seemed like poisonous ulcers that oozed pus. “Qiao Nan, don’t be too smug. I will wait to see your downfall!” She might not be able to do anything to Qiao Nan, but many people were more capable than Qiao Nan.

She could not do anything to Qiao Nan, but other people could help her make Qiao Nan suffer.

Qiao Nan would lead a life a hundred times worse than hers very soon! By then, she would be smiling whereas Qiao Nan cried in despair.

Chapter 1349 Keep Them for Yourself

“Did someone really hire you to deal with Qiao Nan?” Tang Jiayun widened her eyes in shock as she stared at Lü Yan. “What have you gotten from them?” She found it odd that Lü Yan knew the skincare products that she was unaware of and knew them in detail.

Lü Yan had yet to answer Tang Jiayun when there was a cry of pain coming from the crowd. “Senior Xu, please be lighter. My arm is breaking. You are hurting me! I can sue you!”

Xu Shengnan sneered. “Sue me? Don’t worry. Someone will sue you for violating the right of publicity. You should think about how you should deal with this lawsuit.” With that, Xu Shengnan took the camera that the student hung on his neck. “You had better give us an explanation regarding this.”

The student reddened and his voice was louder than Xu Shengnan’s. “I am from the journalism faculty. There is a students’ paper in the school. As a news reporter, I have the right to report the truth and let the audience learn about the truth. Every citizen has the right to know the truth. You cannot violate our legal rights!”

“And so you can violate my legal rights?” Qiao Nan walked toward the male student with a cold expression on her face. “Do you know that I can sue you based on your actions and the chance of winning the lawsuit is higher than ninety percent?”

Qiao Nan was being modest when she said that there was a ninety percent chance that she could win the lawsuit.

Even if the male student was the person who took the photo of the student who confessed his love to her and passed it to Peng Yu, Peng Yu merely spent some money to get the student to help him. If anything happened to the student, Peng Yu or the Peng family would not help him.

If things reached that state and the male student revealed that it was Peng Yu who instructed him to take the photos, given Peng Yu’s position and the Peng family’s social status, instead of having a lighter sentence, the student would receive a harsher punishment as he had offended the Peng family.

Qiao Nan was perplexed. Given Peng Yu’s status and position, since he had resorted to doing this and spent the money, why did he not hire a professional private investigator? Why did he hire an amateur who was easily caught by Xu Shengnan?

“Did you take my photos other than today? After taking my photos, you did not use them for the school papers but gave it to someone else instead. Am I right?”

The student kept looking around. He did not dare to look Qiao Nan in the eye. "I don't know what you are talking about. I don't know about the previous time or this time. I took the photos for the school papers. I did not give them to someone else. Don't malign me. If you have the capability, go ahead and sue me." He did not believe that a few photos would land him in court.

Anyway, the person who hired him gave him a lot of money, and he did not use the money to do anything overboard. He merely gave the photos to the person who hired him. If he lost the lawsuit, he would not be given a harsh sentence.

Nothing comes for free. By then, he would demand that the person who hired him to fork out the money that he was punished to pay by the court.

The male student did not know who Qiao Nan was. Therefore, he was the least worried at her warning and he did not fear for his future.

The person who hired him said that if he did a good job and found out more about Qiao Nan's dirty secrets, he would give him a large sum of money after everything was over, and he would give him a high-paying job after he graduated.

He did not know when the assignment would be completed, but he was very glad of the arrangement.

The person who hired him promised to give him a job and money, while Qiao Nan merely gave him a warning. He could not possibly take Qiao Nan's words seriously.

Qiao Nan rubbed her forehead. All of them were students in the same school and they could be considered as fellow classmates. Whether it was Lü Yan or the male student in front of her, both were still young and it was inevitable that they would be insensible and make mistakes.

If it was other situations, Qiao Nan would forgive them as long as it was within her means. But she could not do so today.

This not only concerned her. In fact, she was targeted as she was Zhai Sheng's wife. Therefore, all the more she could not let them off easily. Although nothing happened, they could make it as if it was real. There were so many people who were targeting her. She had no idea what Peng Yu was capable of next time.

Although Zhai Sheng did not fall for the trick this time, if this happened often, Zhai Sheng might be affected and there was no guarantee that he would not fall for the trap. Zhai Sheng did not believe his words this time, but he was affected and sustained injuries in the drill. If Peng Yu was successful next time, what happened might be worse than a few injuries.

“Since you don’t feel that you are in the wrong, then tell me your name, your faculty, and which year you are in.” Since it concerned the Zhai family and she could not resolve it by herself, Qiao Nan would not be so foolish to try to handle it by herself. Instead of resorting to trickery, it was better to be fair and square.

This would serve as a warning to the other students as well so that they knew that they must not commit such foolish and fatal mistakes without finding out what was going on.

Did they really think that they did not need to be responsible for whatever they had said?

Weren’t they ashamed that they were college students but behaved foolishly? The teachers must be exasperated that the college students knew nothing about the law.

“W-what do you want?” Qiao Nan seemed to be very serious. The male student who was certain that nothing would happen to him could not help but have a guilty conscience. “Why do I have to tell you? Do you want to take revenge on me? At the very least, you are well-known in school. I merely took a few photos of you. Is there a need to be so alarmed and uptight about it? You are so narrow-minded to take issue with me. If you dislike it, I won’t do that next time, okay?”

Qiao Nan smirked. “Do you think I will be so foolish to believe your words? Even if you refuse to tell me, I have my way to find out. The outcome will be the same. There is no way that this could be easily settled. When we get to court, I hope that you will still be able to wear a smile like today.”

The stupid was fearless.

The male student panicked. “You are merely threatening me. Senior Xu, all of us are from the same school. Is it good that the situation is so ugly? As the saying goes, it is better not to burn the bridges. Senior Xu, aren’t you going to dissuade Qiao Nan? You should know that we might run into each other in the future. It is not good to be so heartless. I am not one to be easily bullied.”

If he and Qiao Nan crossed paths in the future, he would not be lenient with her like today.

Xu Shengnan rolled her eyes at the male student's threat. "How dare you say this at this juncture? You must be a 'warrior'. I really have to hand it to you. You should keep those words for yourself."

#### Chapter 1350 Offended Someone

"Junior Qiao, there is no need to ask him. I know who he is. He is indeed from the journalism faculty. He is his third year like you. He is from the capital. His dad is a deputy editor in the news agency."

Xu Shengnan knew all the details about the male student.

Xu Shengnan knew that with this information, there was no way the student could run away. Qiao Nan would have a way to find out everything about him, including his family and ancestors.

"Alright." Now that Qiao Nan knew who the student was, she took the camera from Xu Shengnan. She flipped open the lid to reveal the film and took out the film so that it would be exposed and the photos would be useless.

Qiao Nan was especially thankful that it was in the early 2000s and everyone used cameras with film. In ten years, people took photos with cell phones, and the photos were of high quality and of high definition. Once they had access to the internet, they would be able to send the photos to all over the world. Even if she wanted to delete the photos from the phone, she could not do anything as it was already sent through the network.

After exposing the film, Qiao Nan returned the camera to the other party politely. "This is your private property. I will not invite trouble for myself. Now that everyone is present, you must keep it well. If it is spoiled in the future, you cannot blame it on me. As for the photos that were taken today, I shall see you in court."

Qiao Nan had no wish to waste her time on him anymore.

Everyone could tell that Qiao Nan seemed very serious about suing the student. She was not threatening him.

Many of them did not have their meals but crowded around to talk about Qiao Nan who made a mountain out of a molehill. It was simply a few photos. Did she have to go to this extent?



But then again, the student from the journalism faculty must be out of his mind.

Most of the students could not wait to suck up to Qiao Nan. Who would be so foolish to offend her at this time? It seemed that this was not the first time that he took photos of her secretly. Why did he choose to offend Qiao Nan out of so many other people? Qiao Nan had powerful relatives and a strong backing.

He was courting death.

Xu Shengnan gave the male student a sympathetic look. “Junior, you have invited huge trouble for your family. Since we are alumnus, let me remind you. You have better inform your parents so that they will not be caught off-guard when trouble knocks on their door.”

Xu Shengnan was not foolish. Although Qiao Nan did not reveal much, she could make the connections.

This was not the first time that the male student took photos of Qiao Nan secretly, and he used the photos for other purposes. Qiao Nan’s in-laws held a high position in the government. Xu Shengnan could not help but think of the possible conspiracy. They were just ordinary citizens. They could not afford to be embroiled into the power struggle between the higher-ups.

The male student was too audacious and daring to provoke Qiao Nan. He was courting death indeed.

After advising the male student, Xu Shengnan had to go back to work. There was half an hour left before she needed to get back to work in the afternoon. Her boss only allowed her to take the morning off. If she could not get back to the office within half an hour, her boss would take it that she had taken leave for the entire day. In that case, she would be shortchanged.

Xu Shengnan bade farewell to Qiao Nan and left, not casting another glance at the student from the journalism faculty.

The student felt guilty and scared, but at the same time, he did not believe that this would happen to him. “Hmmp, one was better at bluffing than the other. Fine, go ahead and sue me. I will be waiting. I shall see how you are going to sue me and what you can do to me!” The student adjusted his collar that Xu Shengnan grabbed previously. He put on a false front, pretending that he was calm. After showing that he was in control, he took his camera and left.

He was not in a hurry to make a phone call to his parents. He was hired by someone else to take the photos.

Now that this had happened, the person who hired him had to take responsibility for it and settle it for him. Otherwise, how could he work for him again without any worry?

Peng Yu did not expect that the student would be caught easily. Zhai Sheng did not even do anything, and he was caught by Qiao Nan. “Didn’t you say that you wouldn’t be caught?”

He thought that a professional private investigator would be much easier to get caught than a student who was from Peking University. Everyone was watching the fun while the student would hide within the crowd and take photos. This might make it more difficult for him to be discovered by other people.

Peng Yu was upset that the student only managed to take the photos for the first time. He had yet to complete his second task and he was caught red-handed by Qiao Nan. There was no way to feign ignorance.

The male student felt wronged. “If it was Qiao Nan alone, there was no way that she could catch me. I did not expect that Xu Shengnan would return to school today. Qiao Nan pretended to attract my attention while Xu Shengnan made use of the chance to look for me. I didn’t even have the time to hide.”

Without Xu Shengnan, Qiao Nan would not be able to catch him!

“Hehe...” Peng Yu sneered. He did not care about the details. He only knew that the student was useless. He spent so much money on him but he did not prove his worth. He must be blind to give a huge sum of money to a useless man like him.

“You have to help me. I work under your orders. I offended Qiao Nan in order to help you. I only learned today that the big boss of the well-known Tian Corporation is Qiao Nan’s brother-in-law. She wanted to sue me. I know that you can make sure that I will be fine. Can you find me a lawyer so that I can discuss the lawsuit with him? I did not do any evil deeds. Although I have violated the laws, it will not be very serious, no?”

Although he tried to comfort himself, Qiao Nan and Xu Shengnan had a somber expression on their faces. It did not seem like the lawsuit could be settled easily.

“This is the biggest joke that I have heard this year. Alright, you can have the money.” He was no longer of any use to him. Peng Yu could not possibly waste any more time and money on him. He hung up the phone on him. He took out the card from the cell phone and flushed it down the toilet bowl.

The other party would not give up even though Peng Yu hung the phone on him. He dialed the number again but it could not get through.

The person who paid him handsomely to work for him had no wish to remain in touch with him. If the male student did not realize that something was amiss, it would be a wonder that he could make it to Peking University. However, since he made it to Peking University based on his own efforts, his expression changed and he knew that something was wrong.

He was reminded of Xu Shengnan’s words to him. His hands shook as he made a phone call to his father.

His father’s expression darkened as his son told him what had happened.

This was the capital. There were all kinds of big shots and powerful people who kept a low profile. If they provoked one or two powerful people, they would be defenseless against them. It took him great pains and a lot of hardships to become the deputy editor of the news agency.

The deputy editor felt like vomiting blood when he heard that his career that he had worked hard for so many years might be ruined by his son.