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Chapter 1481

: You Can Cry Today

“Nan Nan, take Da Bao out first. Since Da Bao’s already awake, get him changed. The other children will be awake soon.” Zhai Yaohui let go of Old Master Zhai’s limp hand that was already cold. “It’s such a coincidence that the two old men went together. Now, we’ll have to discuss how we’re going to organize their funerals. Actually, it might be good that they left together. When they were together, they always liked to quarrel with each other, but their relationship was still incredibly close.”

Now that they had gone together, they would at least have a companion and not be too lonely. They would no longer have to worry that the path that the two old men might take ‘below’ would be too arduous.

Da Bao did not want to leave, but he dared not go against his grandfather’s wishes. He really wanted to run over and pull his great-grandfather out of bed. He wanted his great-grandfather to wake up and bring him along to shadowboxing. It was already five in the morning. It was time for shadowboxing!

Qiao Nan wiped away her tears. “Okay, Dad.”

Qiao Nan’s throat was hoarse and her eyes were stinging. They were so painful that she could not even utter a word. She knew that such a day would come eventually. She had just never expected that it would come so quickly. Her master alone was not enough. Old Master Zhai had to follow him too. These two men had been their country’s powerful figures. Now, they even had to make a big fuss of their leaving...

As Qiao Nan dressed Da Bao, Da Bao was especially obedient and did not insist on wearing his own clothes as usual. After Da Bao was dressed, he looked at Er Bao and San Bao who were about to wake up and sniffled. “Mom, are master grandpa and great-grandpa really gone?”

“You heard it?”

“Yes, Dad said so.” Because it had been said by his father, Da Bao knew that it had to be true. His father would never joke about such a matter. “Mom, why are master grandpa and great-grandpa

gone? If they're gone and I miss them in the future, what will I do? If Er Bao and San Bao find out about this when they wake up, they'll definitely cry. I won't be able to comfort them."

As he said that, the matured Da Bao could no longer control his tears. "Master grandpa was the best at coaxing San Bao. San Bao listened to whatever master grandpa had to say. Great-grandpa was the best and could make Er Bao listen to him. Mom, what will I do? Without master grandpa and great-grandpa, I won't be able to take good care of Er Bao and San Bao. Do you think master grandpa and great-grandpa will be disappointed with me? I don't want them to leave. I want them to stay here by our side forever."

As intelligent as Da Bao was, he was still only a seven-year-old child who did not understand the inevitability of death.

He knew how happy everyone was when they were all together. Why were master grandpa and great-grandpa suddenly gone? Wasn't great-grandpa sleeping in his own home? Wasn't master grandpa next door? He was still there. What did they mean by 'gone'?

"Be a good boy and don't cry, Da Bao. Once you cry, Mom will feel like crying too. Master grandpa and great-grandpa... They were old and had white hair, right? That means they had lived for a very long time. Your great grandfather had your grandfather, and your grandfather had your father. Then, your father and I had you three. It's been a long journey and great-grandpa was tired too. It's been very hard on him, so he wanted to take a good rest. Your great-grandmother left early, so you three have never met her. Neither have I."

Qiao Nan felt a lump in her throat. "But your great-grandpa and great-grandma are a couple, just like grandma and grandpa, and Mom and Dad. Great-grandma had been alone for a long time and great-grandpa was afraid that she would be too lonely. He said that he'd been with us for decades, so he wanted to spend some time with great-grandma. Master grandpa felt the same way. Master grandpa toiled his whole life and wanted to get a good rest." But this 'rest' was one that would never end.

"Can't great-grandma wait for a little longer? Won't it be better if we all accompanied great-grandma together? If master grandpa was tired, then he should just take a nap and sleep. Every time I'm tired, I rest for a while, go to sleep, and I wake up in good spirits the next day. So when will master grandpa and great-grandpa wake up from their rest and not feel tired anymore?" Da Bao asked stubbornly.

Qiao Nan could not help but bury her face in Da Bao's shoulder, crying silently. She said with a muffled voice, "Mom doesn't know if Da Bao's idea will work. I don't know if they will agree with

it. How about this? Let's let great-grandpa accompany great-grandma for a bit, and let master grandpa meet his family. When they've had their reunion, we'll think of a way to discuss it with great-grandpa and master grandpa to see if they can come back again."

It was only September and his clothes were still not thick. Da Bao could feel that the clothes on his shoulders had been completely soaked through.

Da Bao extended his little tender hands and embraced Qiao Nan's shoulder. "Mom, don't be upset. I won't ask anymore. If master grandpa and great-grandpa want to rest, Er Bao, San Bao, and I won't disturb them. When they wake up, I'll help you take care of them and explain it to them."

Qiao Nan wiped away the tears from the corners of her eyes before looking up to face Da Bao. "You're such a good kid, Da Bao. You're Mom's best helper. You don't know it, but great-grandpa and master grandpa think that Da Bao is such a great elder brother. They know that Da Bao will help Mom take care of Er Bao, San Bao, and Xiao Bao before they wake up. That's why they were able to leave so peacefully."

Da Bao shed tears once again. Actually, he already knew that master grandpa and his great-grandfather would never wake from their rest this time. In the future, on their birthday next year, and the following year, he would never see these two men who loved and adored him anymore. "Mom, I'm the big brother. I must be a role model for my brother and sister. I won't cry. But can I cry today?" Actually, it was because he could not hold it back any longer.

"Yes." Qiao Nan sniffed. "Today, you can cry, Da Bao. But try to cry softly and control it. Great-grandpa and master grandpa are so fond of the three of you. If they realize that they've made you cry, they'll be upset. Let's let them leave peacefully, shall we?"

"If great-grandpa and master grandpa like us so much, then why did they leave? If they feel uneasy, will they come back if I cry?" So often, children choose to cry as a solution. But Da Bao had never done so. But he had seen other children use it, and sometimes, it was quite effective.

In the past, Da Bao would never care to use such a method. It was just too childish.

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However, if crying could bring the two old grandpas who had loved and doted on them back today, Da Bao said that he would cry louder and shed more tears than anyone else. As long as master grandpa and great-grandpa could return together...

Qiao Nan laughed bitterly. "If it was possible, Mom hopes that they could return as well and never leave. However, do you remember that I brought you to your godfather's house before? At that time, your godfather's grandpa passed away as well. Godfather was so upset but his grandpa couldn't return. Da Bao, if you think this way, how would Er Bao and San Bao think? You have to help me persuade them, right?"

Having received negative answers from Qiao Nan previously, Da Bao no longer demanded a solution from Qiao Nan on what he could do to keep the two old people.

That was because he knew that he couldn't keep these two old men any longer. He had asked so many questions previously as he was unwilling to believe so.

The mother-and-son pair chatted for a while. It was time for Er Bao and San Bao to wake up according to their biological clocks.

San Bao rubbed her eyes and shouted, "Mom, I'm waking up." Qiao Nan took out Er Bao and San Bao's clothes and handed them over to the children.

Er Bao changed into his clothes quickly. He saw that Da Bao looked unhappy. "Da Bao, what's wrong with you? Was it because you couldn't wake up this morning? Don't worry. We can take an afternoon nap later."

Da Bao rubbed his lips and walked to Er Bao. "I'll tell you something. However, you have to promise me a condition first."

"What's the matter?"

"When you cry later, control yourself a little. Don't scare San Bao and Xiao Bao." Da Bao knew very clearly how influential Er Bao could be.

"Cry? Why should I cry? I rarely cry after I reached the age of five." Er Bao was not willing to take this lying down. He wasn't as good as Da Bao, but this didn't mean that he was a crying scaredy-cat.

Da Bao lowered his voice. "Master grandpa and great-grandpa have passed away, just like our class' Jin Shasha's grandpa. We won't be able to see them in the future." Jin Shasha's grandpa's death was

the first to make Da Bao have a real impression of death. It also made Er Bao and San Bao understand that death would separate families.

“Nonsense. Master grandpa and great-grandpa even celebrated our birthday with us yesterday. How could they have died like Jin Shasha’s grandpa? You’re lying to me. I don’t believe it. I’m going to find great-grandpa and master grandpa.” Er Bao became angry and pushed Da Bao away. He even ran until his slippers fell. He rushed downstairs to Old Master Zhai’s room and called, “Great-grandpa.”

Not too long later, Da Bao, who was standing at the stairs, heard Er Bao’s loud cries. He never stopped calling ‘great-grandpa’.

“Mom?” San Bao, who finished washing her face, was shocked. “Why is Er Bao crying?”

“Yes, why is Er Bao crying?” Xiao Bao, who also woke up, sat on the bed and asked softly, “Did someone bully Brother Er Bao?”

This time around, Qiao Nan didn’t reply. After helping Xiao Bao put on his clothes, she led the three children downstairs.

The triplets understood the meaning of death. Only Xiao Bao wasn’t particularly clear about it. As the follower of these brothers and sister, Xiao Bao saw that Da Bao, who was the strongest among the triplets, was about to cry. He opened his mouth wide and cried louder than anyone else.

“I’m going to master grandpa’s. Who wants to follow along?” Qiao Nan changed her clothes and wore a piece of black cloth on her arm. She looked haggard.

Da Bao looked at Er Bao. “Er Bao, you can choose. Do you want to stay at great-grandpa’s with San Bao or go to master grandpa’s?”

Er Bao cried until his snot was going to fall off. “Can’t we be at both places?” He knew that once someone died, they would be sent to the crematorium. Once the fire burned, only ashes would remain and he could no longer see great-grandpa and master grandpa in the future. Today was the last chance. Er Bao didn’t want to miss either of them.

“There will be such a time. However, the two of them can’t be placed together now.”

“Then, you can stay with great-grandpa with Xiao Bao. I’ll find master grandpa with San Bao.”

“Sure.”

The little brothers cried while discussing and didn’t need the help of the adults next to them. After making a decision, Er Bao ran over to hold San Bao’s hand. San Bao was held by Er Bao in one hand and her mom in the other. Only then did she feel safe.

Walking toward the familiar Lin family’s house, it was the first time that Er Bao and San Bao felt afraid of master grandpa’s house, which was also their second home. Master grandpa passed away here.

“You’re here.” Seeing that Qiao Nan, Er Bao, and San Bao had arrived, the auntie’s eyes shone. However, she really couldn’t smile. “When Uncle Lin was still alive, he loved you and the three children. Uncle Lin would definitely be happy to know that you’re here to send him off.”

She had never seen such a good relationship develop between people who weren’t related by blood. Uncle Lin had obviously treated Qiao Nan as his biological granddaughter and the three children as his biological great-grandchildren. “As it was too early, he didn’t make it in time. The lawyer Uncle Lin hired when he was still alive should arrive in half an hour’s time.”

“Lawyer?” Qiao Nan didn’t understand and looked at her. “Why did master hire a lawyer?”

The auntie shook her head and didn’t say much to Qiao Nan. At this point in time, Qiao Nan was only sad about Elder Lin’s passing and didn’t think about anything else. The auntie could really feel that the feelings between Qiao Nan and Elder Lin were real and mutual.

Elder Lin had treated Qiao Nan as his biological granddaughter. Qiao Nan had treated Elder Lin much more sincerely than an average biological granddaughter would.

“Take a seat. Uncle Lin has already worn his clothes. There’s only me in this house. As he left, you would also know that there’s not much I could do and help with. Thankfully, Zhai Sheng came earlier. However, the elder in your home....” The auntie choked a sob. She didn’t understand how the two old grandpas seemed to have a date with each other. They were still well yesterday and looked energetic. At least, the elder in the Zhai family didn’t have any symptoms.

Everyone who saw the old elder in the Zhai family would say that with his spirits, it wasn't an issue for him to live for another five or six years. Who knew that...

Qiao Nan didn't answer and touched San Bao's braids in understanding.

Indeed, the two old men had agreed beforehand. Both of them doted on the triplets too much. They felt it in their hearts earlier that they were not able to make it soon. However, they held on to that last breath and insisted on celebrating the triplets' birthday this year. Only then were they willing to spit out that last breath and close their eyes.

Chapter 1483: Not Certain Enough

These three children were so blessed. How could they have two old people who loved them so dearly?

Controlling death?

There were only a few people on earth who delayed their death with their mental strength and will alone. If she had known, she would have wanted her master to be free earlier. There was no reason for her master to be in such agony just to allow the three children to have a nice birthday. "What kind of illness did my master have? Why is he so skinny?"

The sight of Lin Yuankang lying in the coffin, with almost half of his shroud empty pierced through Qiao Nan's heart.

"Late-stage stomach cancer. The doctor said that it was really not easy for Uncle Lin to have persisted until today. Initially, the doctor had diagnosed Uncle Lin with a critical illness, meaning that Uncle Lin could not hold on for long. But Uncle Lin exceeded the doctor's expectations by a whole month."

Zhai Sheng had arranged many things for Lin Yuankang personally.

Unlike Old Master Zhai, Old Lin knew early on that he was about to pass on. He was pressing on solely for the three children. And as such, he had asked the caretaker auntie to prepare all the things that he knew he would need once he passed on.

In this way, once Zhai Sheng appeared, he only had to take what was already there and helped Old Lin put on his shroud.

On the other hand, Old Master Zhai gave no prior signs and suddenly passed on. When Tian Dong awoke, he immediately went out to buy the things that would be needed for the funeral without hesitation. Along the way, Tian Dong also informed his parents of Old Master Zhai's passing.

The Tian parents were taken aback and rushed down to the Zhai family house to help out.

Be it Old Master Zhai or Old Lin, the passing of these two veteran revolutionaries was bound to evoke a huge reaction in the central committee, let alone their own families. Together with their neighbors, the central committee quickly sent cadres to the Lin family and the Zhai family to attend the funeral of these two veteran revolutionaries, who had made great contributions to China's development.

On the three children's birthday the previous day, both Old Master Zhai and Old Lin had sensed each other's situation, so before they both 'left', they had left behind instructions, which was to place their urns side by side so that they would have company.

To lie alone with no company was such a cold and boring thing to do.

With the two urns together, the wave after waves of people coming to commemorate the two elderly would pay their respects to one, and then the other. The four children stood two at each side. On Old Master Zhai's side, just Miao Jing alone could make everyone cry. On Old Lin's side, Qiao Nan remained silent, but everyone who saw her could feel a deep sense of sorrow.

Very quickly, Deng Wenchang, who had received the news, came. Or rather, a few representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs arrived.

Lin Yuankang was the most senior in the early days of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It could be said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had been founded by Old Lin himself.

In the face of the death of their founder, it was impossible for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs not to react. Amongst them, He Yi was the most sorrowful. Unlike Qiao Nan, he could not apply for leave to stand guard by Old Lin's urn and send Old Lin on his final journey.

So the best thing he could do to repay his master was to secure the position that his master had handed over to him. When the time was right, he believed that his junior, Qiao Nan, whom his master had taken a liking to, would be capable and powerful enough to take over.

It was just that when He Yi arrived at the Zhai family's house along with Deng Wenchang and another companion and bowed to pay their respects to the two deceased parties, Deng Wenchang's expression changed. He had always known that his father and Peng Yu were hiding something from him. He also knew that the Qiao family and He Yi's master seemed to be rather close.

Initially, he had thought that He Yi was being kind to Qiao Nan because she lived next door to Old Lin.

But just now, Deng Wenchang suddenly realized that Qiao Nan had become Old Lin's disciple long ago. And because of such a relationship, Old Lin chose to purchase this house next door to Qiao Nan to live close to her, even though he already had countless other properties in the capital.

Qiao Nan had such a close relationship with Old Lin. No wonder He Yi always looked at Qiao Nan in a different light, and Qiao Nan always had opportunities that he never had. Qiao Nan was his equal, but how could He Yi treat him and Qiao Nan equally?

Everyone knew that the only reason He Yi could ascend to his position was that his master, Old Lin, had intervened and supported him. So this could also be an inheritance.

The leaders in the central committee all respected Old Lin. After all, the people that Old Lin brought up were all capable and had never lost. They were perfectly strong and sensible. As such, who could be better to be the next minister of foreign affairs if not someone cultivated by Old Lin himself?

But he thought back to his father always reminding him that it was not over and the victor was not decided yet. At that, Deng Wenchang let out a self-mocking smile.

It was not decided yet?

Not certain enough?

Just based on Qiao Nan's capabilities and her relationship with Old Lin, could there really be a 'not certain enough'? Not unless the sun rose from the west and set in the east!

At this point, the deeply saddened Qiao Nan was in no state of mind to care about how Deng Wenchang was looking at her. Now, Deng Wenchang acted as though he were in the office and looked at Qiao Nan like she was a fighting rooster, but Qiao Nan would not respond.

Looking at the photo of his master on the altar, He Yi wiped his eyes. “Little junior, take care of your own health. I’m sure that master would want that for you. So for him to go peacefully, you and the three children must be well.”

For He Yi, Old Lin had not left suddenly. Old Lin had hidden his illness from Qiao Nan, but He Yi had known about it. He had prepared himself, but he had not expected the day to come so suddenly.

Knowing that the doctor had given Old Lin a death sentence, he had seen Old Lin survive past the doctor’s expected death date by over twenty days. He Yi felt that Old Lin might even live through this year.

Who knew...

“Thank you, senior. I know.” Qiao Nan’s voice was hoarse as though she had contracted a bad cold. She could hardly speak.

At this time, the lawyer that the caretaker auntie had mentioned, Shan Shan, arrived. Although she was late, she had still made it. “I’m so sorry. There was a massive jam on the road that I took. By the way, which of you is Qiao Nan? Before he passed on, Mr. Lin left a letter for me to pass to Qiao Nan.”

“That would be me,” the kneeling Qiao Nan replied.

“Hello, I’m the lawyer that Mr. Lin found before he passed on. There were some matters he entrusted to me. When would be a good time to announce Mr. Lin’s will?”

Chapter 1484: The Last Thing She Could Do

The lawyer looked as if she valued Qiao Nan’s opinion a lot. It was as though if she said a point in time, she would agree unconditionally and everything would be subjected to her wishes.

“Let’s wait for a while.” Qiao Nan only received the letter and wasn’t in a rush to read the contents of Elder Lin’s will. She didn’t expect her master to actually leave a will. Qiao Nan knew that there would be a lot of people sending these two old men off today and really didn’t have the time.

Qiao Nan’s stomach growled at twelve in the afternoon. She was too hungry. Only then did she take a half-an-hour break.

Qiao Nan used the time she was having her meal to read the letter Elder Lin left for her first.

This was an extremely short letter and there were only a few sentences on it. “What are you crying for? A good-for-nothing. You can just cry a little. Remember. I accepted quite a number of disciples in this lifetime, but the triplets are the only ones who get my approval. Help me teach them well. Otherwise, I’ll starve you in the future.”

When Elder Lin was still alive, he often joked to Qiao Nan that he was really a ‘failure’ in life. He didn’t even have any close relatives by his side. Those who stayed approached him only for his status and net worth.

He didn’t care for such relatives.

It was just that as a traditional Chinese man, he couldn’t help but worry that if he passed away someday, would he be in such a pitiful state that there wouldn’t be anyone mourning him? If that was really the case, he wouldn’t have any face left to see his old friends and the familiar faces in heaven.

Jokes aside, the letter Elder Lin left behind showed more clearly how much he valued and loved Qiao Nan. Mourning? It was fine to shed a few tears so that people knew that he wasn’t a failure when he was alive. There wasn’t a need for anything more. After all, there was a profession called mourning in this world.

“Hello, Ms. Qiao. Do you have the time now to listen to the will Mr. Lin left behind?” The lawyer had been waiting for Qiao Nan. She would rather not waste her time and delay reading Elder Lin’s will.

Those who came to pay their respects in the mourning hall today were big shots. Even the main contact for Elder Lin’s will was the old elder’s daughter-in-law. As long as anyone he met today took a shot at her, she could definitely be played to her death.

In the face of such a strong and powerful formation, the lawyer didn't dare to harbor any thoughts.

After reading Elder Lin's thoughts, Qiao Nan was forced by Zhai Hua to take a few mouthfuls of porridge. If it wasn't for the sake of leading those four children, Qiao Nan wouldn't have taken even these few mouthfuls of porridge. In the end, she choked and swallowed it down. "Tell me. What did my master leave behind? Are there any words left for me?"

The lawyer took out documents from her briefcase and placed them in front of Qiao Nan one by one. "Ms. Qiao, please take a look. These are the legal assets Elder Lin owned when he was still alive. This is a summary sheet. If you don't have any issues, I hope that you can sign on it. I'll handle all the procedures for you to inherit Elder Lin's inheritance and try not to cause you any trouble. You can be busy with Elder Lin's funeral wholeheartedly."

Thinking of the contents in that summary sheet, the lawyer couldn't help but swallow her saliva. She felt 'greedy' at the sight of the contents and numbers on the summary sheet.

If finding a master could earn her so much wealth and let her turn into a billionaire overnight, all the godfathers, etc. would have been eliminated as they wouldn't be useful to her.

"My master handed all of these over to me? Did you make a mistake?" Qiao Nan wasn't stunned by the wealth that seemed to have fallen from the sky. She just didn't dare to believe that her master would make such a will.

"It's true. This will is definitely legitimate. Elder Lin was accompanied by a doctor when he came over to our law firm to make a will. The doctor can vouch that Elder Lin had a clear mind and wasn't manipulated by anyone when he was making this will. This will is definitely legally-binding," the lawyer said agitatedly. Their law firm had quite a good reputation thus far.

If the law firm's reputation got damaged because of this small doubt, how would they make a living in the future?

"Don't be agitated. I'm not suspecting that this will is fake..." She just didn't understand why her master left everything behind for her alone. Most importantly, this will was as short and simple as the letter he had left behind. Her name was the only one which appeared in the will. The triplets weren't even mentioned.

She initially thought that if her master had left behind a will, the benefactors would be the triplets instead.

Looking at the astronomical figures left by Elder Lin for herself, Qiao Nan immediately got the lawyer to do another thing.

The lawyer was very surprised. “Madam Qiao, are you sure you want to do this? You have to understand that ten million yuan is not a small sum.” Even if ten million yuan wasn’t considered a huge sum in the will Elder Lin left behind, it was still a significant amount to an average person. However, Qiao Nan wanted to use the ten million yuan to do charity, supporting and taking care of those lonely elderly who didn’t have any relatives by their sides.

Qiao Nan nodded and was very sure. “Yes. This is what I mean. I hope you can help get this done as soon as possible.”

How could Qiao Nan not have understood why the lawyer was so shocked? Until 2015, the monthly salary of an average person ranged from 3,000 to 5,000 yuan. Using 5,000 yuan as an example, even if there was only inflow and no outflow, the annual salary would only be 60,000 yuan.

Ten million yuan. This was the amount of money a worker with an average monthly salary of 5,000 yuan couldn’t earn in a lifetime unless they had a working life span of 167 years!

Furthermore, it wasn’t 2015 yet. It was only 2008. It will take 167 years to earn ten million yuan for the wages that would rise seven years later. As for 2008, it will take more than two hundred years for a working adult to earn that amount of money.

One had to know that such a figure was something Qiao Nan didn’t even dare to imagine in her previous life.

She was already satisfied that she could afford the down payment of a house in Ping Cheng, a second-tier or third-tier city, with the money she saved. However, she didn’t even feel anything in her heart now that she had donated ten million yuan to charity. “I hope that the elderly who don’t have anyone to lean on in society would receive more care and attention. They had worked hard for the construction and development of the country. We shouldn’t let them be lonely and poor in old age.”

The reason why Qiao Nan did so was certainly because of Elder Lin.

Chapter 1485: We Are Still Around

“Okay.” Qiao Nan had made this decision seriously and the lawyer was unable to continue to persuade her. “How about this? I’ll draft up an entrustment contract regarding the ten million yuan before coming back to find you. Madam Qiao, with your current situation, I will make a suggestion. Whether you listen to it will be up to you. Once Old Lin’s things are in your possession, you can find a party to manage your money for you. As for the ten million yuan, you can also set up a foundation that will only be used to help the lonely elderly.”

A lawyer like him did not have such a wide scope. In Madam Qiao’s situation, it would be best to find a professional to manage it for her.

Qiao Nan rubbed her forehead. “Thank you for your suggestion. I’ll consider it carefully.” She was not too sure about things concerning this aspect. Perhaps it would be better to ask people like Dongzi or Gao Yan. “Then, I’ll trouble you with the rest. Thank you.”

“You’re welcome.” The lawyer smiled humbly. It was not as though she was doing it for free. Even though the work was easy, she had gotten quite a hefty compensation from Old Lin. Usually, such inheritance cases were quite tricky to handle. After all, anyone would be moved by such a huge sum of money.

Madam Qiao and Old Lin had no blood relations at all, but Old Lin still chose to leave such a huge fortune to Mdm Qiao alone. From what he knew, Old Lin’s close blood relatives had all passed on early in his life, but there were still a few distant relatives.

If Old Lin’s will did not exist, then of course, such an enormous fortune would be distributed to all those distant relatives. But now that this will existed, there was no way any Lins could hope of getting even a dime from Old Lin.

Now, Qiao Nan could possibly become his biggest employer who would pay his wages. The lawyer had to treat Qiao Nan nicely. “Madam Qiao, I won’t disturb you any further.” Thinking about those big shots outside whom she would usually only see on television from time to time, the lawyer was a little empty inside.

To say the least, Madam Qiao was quite an impressive character. At such a young age, and as a female, she was already quite a famous diplomat within China.

“I’ll send you off.”

“That won’t be necessary, Madam Qiao. Please don’t mind me and go ahead with what you have to tend to.” This Madam Qiao had everything she wanted: respect, money, and power. Most importantly, she was paid by the government. She had not met such an impressive lady in a long time.

After the lawyer left, Qiao Nan’s expression worsened. She did not rejoice at the thought of such a windfall. Qiao Nan was really very surprised by this will. She thought that even if Old Lin were to leave anything behind, it would be for her three children, not her.

In reality, Old Lin had left everything to her. In his will, the three children were not even mentioned a single time.

How could Qiao Nan not be mournful at the passing of such an old man who cared for her so deeply?

When Qiao Nan reemerged, she heard some noises coming from the door of the Zhai family’s house. The noises made her head hurt. “What’s going on outside? Who’s making all that noise?”

“No one really. Just some people who have nothing better to do.” Zhai Hua poured a cup of water for Qiao Nan. “Do you want to rest for a while?” Qiao Nan was practically running the show alone on Old Lin’s side. As for Er Bao and San Bao, they could not help much other than helping return the bows.

In just one night, two old men who had been so important to the Zhai family had left. Even Zhai Hua was exhausted, both physically and mentally.

“No need.” Qiao Nan shook her head. “Master knew many people and was close to many people too. I can’t step away. But as for the four children, find some time for them to rest. They’re still young and can’t bear such a heavy burden. With the old master and my master gone, the four of them are very hurt too. I’m more worried about their conditions.”

Looking at the four depressed children, Qiao Nan was heartbroken. “You three and Xiao Bao, it’s still early. Go ahead and take a nap for a bit.”

“No, I want to accompany master grandpa,” San Bao said stubbornly. She knew that after today, she would never get to see master grandpa in person anymore. When she missed master grandpa, she would only get to see his picture. Even though she knew that within that long, rectangular box lay the lifeless Lin Yuankang, San Bao was not only not afraid, but she was even more determined to kneel there.

Qiao Nan sighed. “I understand how you feel, but it’s just that there will still be four more hours later in the afternoon, and we probably won’t get to rest so early on tonight. If you don’t sleep a while now, how will you accompany great-grandpa and master grandpa later in the afternoon and tonight? Tomorrow, we’ll have to send master grandpa and great-grandpa on their final journeys. Listen to Mom and be a good girl. Da Bao?”

Da Bao sniffled and knowingly pulled Xiao Bao up before walking in front of Er Bao and San Bao, beckoning them to follow him.

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Xiao Bao naively followed Da Bao. Whatever Da Bao did, he would follow. Only when Da Bao carried him onto the bed did Xiao Bao ask between sobs, “Brother Da Bao, will Xiao Bao never get to see great-grandpa again?” After hearing people say so much, Xiao Bao finally understood that great-grandpa was lying in that rectangular box and would never appear in front of him anymore to play with him.

“Yes.” Da Bao helped Xiao Bao remove his shoes. “Don’t be sad, Xiao Bao. Great-grandpa and master grandpa are gone, but it’s okay. Er Bao, San Bao, and I are still here. The three of us will be with you. We’ll grow up together. There are still many good people who will be by your side and not leave.” At least, they would not leave Xiao Bao for the time being.

“Okay.” Xiao Bao nodded, finally feeling a little relief. When the blanket covered Xiao Bao, he could not help but fall asleep in an instant.

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Er Bao and San Bao were older than Xiao Bao and did not need Da Bao to take care of them like he did Xiao Bao. They obediently climbed onto the bed and lay down. Er Bao could not help but say, “Da Bao, I’m really sad.”

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“Me too,” San Bao said quietly. She knew that Xiao Bao had already fallen asleep.

Da Bao sighed. “It’s not just you guys. I’m sad too. Mom’s even sadder. Mom’s already having a hard time. We have to be obedient and not add on to her worries, okay?”

“Okay,” San Bao replied stiffly and pulled the blanket over her head. Er Bao could not calm his own emotions, but San Bao and Xiao Bao were already asleep, so he could not say anything and could only shut his eyes.

Chapter 1486: I Haven’t Given Up Yet

Da Bao took care of himself after taking care of the three small ones. He covered himself with the blanket and soon fell asleep.

It was the first time the triplets had encountered something like that. Not only were the four children frightened, but they were also tired. They had previously insisted that they didn’t want to sleep. However, after they lay on the bed, they fell asleep and even snored within three seconds. Zhai Hua opened the door to take a look. After confirming that the three children were sleeping well, she slowly closed the door again.

The four children had fallen asleep. However, the situation downstairs in the Zhai family wasn’t good. If not for the soldiers standing guard in the military and political compounds, the people at the door would have long rushed in, squeezed into the Zhai family’s house, and smashed Elder Lin’s urns.

On what basis should the urns of someone from the Lin family be placed in the Zhai family? It wasn’t as if everyone from the Lin family had died. One should know that there were plenty of people in the Lin family. Elder Lin’s funeral should be managed by them, his relatives. Who was that daughter-in-law from the Zhai family? She actually dared to manage Elder Lin’s funeral on behalf of them.

Everyone understood in their hearts what Qiao Nan was up to. Wasn’t she going after the things in Elder Lin’s hands?

How shameless!

Elder Lin had passed away. Everything he owned should become the property of the Lin family. What business was it of that person surnamed Qiao? Even if she was going crazy from being poor, she shouldn't have reached out and snatched the money away from someone else's pocket. If Qiao Nan really dared to do that, the people surnamed Lin would definitely not let this matter past. They would pursue it to the end and make sure that Qiao Nan spat out whatever she had eaten!

It was a pity that the people from the Lin family had small hearts and were firm enough. The problem was that the people from the Lin family were not Elder Lin, and Elder Lin wasn't a soldier, yet he was able to stay in this quad. If the other people in the Lin family had the same ability as Elder Lin, how would they have eyed Elder Lin's things? Or, before Elder Lin passed away, after knowing that Elder Lin was seriously ill, they should have used all means to let Elder Lin recuperate by their sides, prevented Elder Lin to make any contact with the lawyer, or used some methods to force Elder Lin to leave all the inheritance to them in the will.

As such, the people from the Lin family were barking like dogs in the courtyard. They were kicking up such a big fuss that people thought that they had rabies and were afraid.

Coincidentally, the lawyer who had brought over Elder Lin's will and announced it to Qiao Nan hadn't left yet. It wasn't that she didn't want to leave. It was that the people from the Lin family came at such a right timing that she was trapped in the courtyard and couldn't head out.

Upon hearing the clamor of the Lin family, the lawyer found it funny. Perhaps Elder Lin had deliberately made a trip to their law firm a year ago and had cleverly brought along a doctor who could prove that he was sober because Elder Lin had expected that after his passing, the people from the Lin family would display such disappointing behavior.

The superficiality of human relationships. The people from the Lin family were really good-for-nothings.

No wonder Elder Lin would rather leave behind everything to his disciple than to leave a penny to anyone surnamed Lin. With Elder Lin's will around, no matter how these people kicked up a fuss, they would just be disgracing themselves and wouldn't be getting any benefits at all.

The lawyer couldn't be bothered to say anything. They were just clowns. If they could come up with any tricks in the quad, she would write her name upside down.

Upon seeing this situation, the lawyer had no other choice but to ask others if there was another way out of the quad. The front entrance was blocking everyone's way. It was difficult for anyone to enter, let alone leave.

After knowing that the lawyer was put in a difficult spot, someone from the Zhai family sent someone out to lead the way for her. The lawyer successfully left and returned to work in her law firm.

Of course, the people from the Lin family wouldn't give up so easily. However, since they couldn't enter by the main gate, they had no choice but to crowd around the gate and lash out. This caused the others in the quad to be somewhat disturbed.

After hearing about the situation, Peng Yu smiled. "Should we take action since it's rare to encounter such an opportunity? So many people want to tap on Elder Lin, but nobody could be compared to the Zhai family, who has enjoyed exceptional advantages. After Elder Lin's passing, seeing all the benefits that the Zhai family will gain, I think a number of people will be green with envy."

There were a few people who had the same mindset as those from the Lin family. They couldn't bear for Elder Lin to leave those things behind. Who asked Elder Lin not to have any children? What was different was that the people from the Lin family were surnamed Lin and shared the same ancestor as Elder Lin. Regardless of how shallow their blood relationship was, it was a good reason for them to wage a war.

If it were others, even if they didn't share the same ancestor but had a good enough relationship with Elder Lin, they wouldn't be able to be greedy for his things.

If these two groups of people teamed up to deal with the Zhai family, Peng Yu could imagine that that scene would be delightful.

"How do you want to take action?" His son had always been suppressed by Zhai Sheng for seven to eight years now. Perhaps he hadn't given up yet, but as the father, his wild ambition wasn't as vigorous as before. Father Peng said, "Peng Yu, when are you getting married? Can some things be decided already? She can't possibly keep wasting time on you."

Upon mentioning his son's marriage, Father Peng had a headache. Two years ago, Deng Wenchang wasn't married yet either. Both families had a single, older male left. Father Peng didn't feel as complicated back then. After all, his son wasn't the only one. The problem was that this year, the

Deng family's son seemed to be preparing to get married. When Father Peng looked at his son again, he started to feel complicated in his heart.

At the mention of marriage, Peng Yu frowned in irritation. "What's the rush for? Men can get married at a later time. They have the ability to impregnate a woman even at the age of fifty. It isn't convenient for a woman to conceive after the age of forty. You have a son. What are you worried about?"

Peng Yu rejected marriage so much because of a previous joke.

Peng Yu really had the desire to compete with Zhai Sheng. The Qiao Nan Zhai Sheng married gave birth to three children: two sons and a daughter. This made many people with military and political backgrounds envious. Everyone was complaining that they gave birth to too few children as they could only give birth to one.

Who weren't lacking sons and daughters? However, the country had made such a regulation. Nobody could work against the country.

Giving birth to so many children in one go like Qiao Nan solved the problem of the number of children one could have and wouldn't affect someone's status in the military and political realm.

As such, the triplets Qiao Nan gave birth to were still being talked about by the people in this circle as they were envious.

Chapter 1487: What Zhai Sheng Didn't Want

Seven years ago, after knowing that Zhai Sheng suddenly became the father of three children and everyone was praising him for his good fortune, it was unknown if Peng Yu was being spiteful as he casually said that it was either he didn't get married in the future, or if he did, her wife should not be worse off than Qiao Nan. The number of children his wife gave birth to couldn't be fewer than Qiao Nan's as well.

These words were easier said than done. Those who had a family history of multiple births didn't compare to Qiao Nan in terms of educational qualifications, capabilities, and job. On the other hand, if they were similar to Qiao Nan in these aspects or even surpassed her, it was only that their families usually gave birth to only one child.

Aside from Qiao Nan, it was one thousand times more difficult to find someone else who was a combination of the two.

When he was in the army, he usually competed with Zhai Sheng on wits and strength. Peng Yu didn't find a suitable marriage partner and thus, wasn't married even today, let alone being a father.

On the other hand, Zhai Sheng, whom he saw as his competitor, was not only a father but his triplets were already seven years old this year and attending primary school. Peng Yu himself wasn't anxious. However, Father Peng and Mother Peng were anxious to be grandparents.

Father Peng sighed. "That's true. However, are you really going to get married only at the age of fifty? Furthermore, how do you feel about Qiu Chenxi? Don't forget that she's already thirty-one this year. Even if you can wait, she can't. You should also give her a clear answer if you want to marry her or not. You can't possibly drag until she's forty or fifty years old, where she would have completely lost the qualifications to be a mother, then give her a depressing answer, right?"

After all, they were considered to have formed an alliance. Qiu Chenxi was capable as well. Basically, she had obtained a number of things from Old Master Shi.

From this point alone, it could be said that Qiu Chenxi was not bad. If she really married into the Peng family, she could more or less help his son out. Moreover, his son was getting older every day.

In the end, Father Peng didn't expect that this woman would get together with her son. Father Peng initially didn't accept a woman like Qiu Chenxi either. There were so many good women in the capital. Why should they consider Qiu Chenxi?

However, his son had a strange temper. The other women became scared upon seeing him and got married before they could become his son's girlfriend. For so many years, Qiu Chenxi seemed to be the only one who had kept by his son's side and didn't break up with him because he was staying in the army for a prolonged period of time.

Father Peng, who had long wanted grandchildren, had no choice but to forcibly accept Qiu Chenxi as a candidate for his daughter-in-law.

"Her?" Peng Yu smiled sarcastically. "Dad, I'm not surprised that she could deceive Old Master Shi, that foolish old man. That's because he wasn't very smart even when he was young. At the very most, he was just more fortunate. I didn't expect her to have fooled you though. Regardless of who I marry, I can't possibly marry her."

Based on his dad's attitude, it showed that Qiu Chenxi had put on a successful disguise as she could even fool his dad, who was a sly old fox.

"What do you mean?"

"What do I mean? Dad, Qiu Chenxi isn't lacking men. As long as she's willing to, she could become the mother of a few children. The number of children she had before definitely wouldn't be less than Qiao Nan." He had stayed in the army for a prolonged period of time. However, this didn't mean that he didn't know anything and wasn't clear what kind of person Qiu Chenxi was.

"Moreover, I have never acknowledged that she's my girlfriend. From the start to the end, we are just business partners. She just casually threw a few smoke bombs. Based on the fact there aren't many people around me, you really think that she became my target? What a joke. I'm picky as well, alright?"

Anyone who was casually pulled off the streets would be better and cleaner than Qiu Chenxi.

Father Peng was confused. "Qiu Chenxi likes to mess around?" The number definitely wouldn't be less than Qiao Nan? Did this mean that Qiu Chenxi was pregnant before and not only once? It was highly possible that not even one of them belonged to the Peng family.

Peng Yu smiled. "Qiu Chenxi is a woman with wild ambitions and someone who couldn't stand loneliness at night. Not to mention anything else, based on the fact that she was someone Zhai Sheng no longer wanted, did you think I would have picked her up? I don't collect trash. You don't have to understand certain things. However, since we're mentioning this today, I'll just add in a few words. Dad, Qiu Chenxi leads a pretty exciting life. The number of men she had is more than the number of women I had. If she wanted to be the mother of my child, she had to be at least cleaner."

Forget it that she couldn't compete with Zhai Sheng's wife in any aspect. If she was dirtier than Qiao Nan, why would he want such a woman?

Peng Yu didn't care what others said. However, he had to make it clear to his birth father. "Dad, I'm not related to Qiu Chenxi at all. We don't even share an ambiguous relationship. In the future, regardless of what she says, as long as she mentions me being involved with her, you can pretend not to hear anything. She can't get married to Zhai Sheng and is thus hitting the idea on me. She could only choose me if she didn't want to admit defeat and wanted to prove this to Zhai Sheng."

Not a lot of people dared to compete with Zhai Sheng now. He was one of them. He was also the one who did so most obviously and was the most powerful candidate.

He had intermittently created a lot of trouble for Zhai Sheng for the past seven years. Zhai Sheng got promoted quickly, but his speed wasn't any slower either. He still had just a little bit more to go before getting to the same rank as Zhai Sheng.

Qiu Chenxi had done her calculations and targeted him.

It was a pity that even if he went blind, it was impossible for him to want a woman like Qiu Chenxi. Before marriage, he could fool around however he liked. However, he couldn't accept a woman who fooled around before marriage. He liked to be strict with others and lenient toward himself.

It was impossible for a woman who failed his requirements to be the mother of his future child.

Father Peng was really angry this time around. He had been cheated by Qiu Chenxi.

His son was away from home all year round. During the holidays, Qiu Chenxi always went to their house. She said that Peng Yu wasn't free, so she was offering filial piety to them on behalf of him. They had thought that their son had accepted Qiu Chenxi and both of them were in a romantic relationship. He didn't expect that these words were of Qiu Chenxi alone from the start to the end, and Peng Yu didn't mean this at all.

If it wasn't that he was in a hurry to be a grandpa, he wouldn't have minded who the woman was as long as his son was willing to get married and settle down with her. Otherwise, Father Peng's temper was the same as Peng Yu. After all, they were father-and-son.

How was Father Peng willing to let his own son pick up the woman Zhai Sheng didn't want? Furthermore, Qiu Chenxi was alone.

Chapter 1488: Absolutely Not

Peng Yu wanted to compete with Zhai Sheng in everything. Of course, women were no exception. Forget about not being able to find someone better than Qiao Nan, but picking up something that Zhai Sheng did not want?

Father Peng had repeatedly lowered his standard, but he ended up with Qiu Chenxi. Father Peng fumed with anger. "You stupid boy! Why didn't you say so earlier? If you were any later, your mom would have brought Qiu Chenxi out to see the world. The only thing she won't say outright will be that she's your partner." In the past, that was a hint, but now that he was of age, they had to be explicit because they both wanted their son to get married and have children as soon as possible.

"Hehe. This goes to show that Qiu Chenxi's methods are superior." Even though Peng Yu was laughing, his expression was icy cold, and so was his tone. Qiu Chenxi's deception was almost flawless, and she had almost succeeded.

He thought about how he had to bid Qiu Chenxi's will when they decided to collaborate, but Qiu Chenxi did not return the favor. On the contrary, Qiu Chenxi took advantage of their collaboration and almost finished his entire family. Peng Yu's gaze was ice cold.

Based on Qiu Chenxi's actions, he almost wondered whether the person that Qiu Chenxi was in love with was actually still Zhai Sheng. She might have volunteered to stay by his side as a spy!

"Dad, Qiu Chenxi always thinks about others, but she's of no use to us practically. I guess such a playing piece is no longer of any use to us. Let's just give it up." Qiu Chenxi was not only useless but could also bite back. Leaving such a playing piece around was a catastrophe waiting to happen. How could Peng Yu let Qiu Chenxi continue making trouble and increasing his burden?

Father Peng said without hesitation, "Fine. I will explain clearly to our auntie at home. If Qiu Chenxi were to turn up in the future, she will not be allowed into our house." Qiu Chenxi would not even be able to take a single step into their house in the future.

Youngsters nowadays were so daring to even lie to their elders, not only to the Shi family but even to the Peng family. Really too audacious. The Peng family would never accept such a person as a collaborator, much less as a daughter-in-law. Whoever collaborated with Qiu Chenxi would find himself being made use of by her.

When dealing with outsiders, her IQ immediately dropped in the negatives.

The more he thought about it, the worse he felt. "Let's not talk about her anymore. And aren't you the cause of this all? That such a youngster successfully lied to your mom and me? Fine. After so many years of suppressing your anger, it's time for you to recognize the truth. If you want to find someone who is better than Qiao Nan in every aspect and can't even lose in terms of children, that's

practically impossible. Just find someone who's similar but better than Qiao Nan in some regards. That will be good enough."

If Peng Yu had been willing to find such a woman in the first place, would he have fallen in the hands of a woman like Qiu Chenxi?

Peng Yu knew that he was furious because of Qiu Chenxi. But this time, Peng Yu did not refuse. He felt that it was time for him to seriously settle down and get married. "Fine. Why don't you and Mom help me look for one? As long as she's okay, I'll get married." It was not easy to find someone who was better than Qiao Nan in every aspect, but it would be much easier to find someone who was much better than Qiao Nan in only some aspects.

"Deal. So we'll find you such a lady. But will you suddenly stand us up once we find such a lady?"

"No." If he still did not marry, by the time he had a son, Zhai Sheng's sons would already be bringing home a girlfriend. He was probably used to comparing with Zhai Sheng. The mention of having kids in the future naturally made him compare his children with Zhai Sheng's children.

As soon as Peng Yu finished his sentence, the Peng family immediately released news that they were picking a daughter-in-law the next day.

The Peng family's background was not bad to say the least, but all those young ladies had all married because of Peng Yu. Peng Yu might want to get married, but he had never seen his blind date. Could the young ladies really be assured of their marriage? Besides, Peng Yu often stayed out and did not return home. It was not easy for the two of them to establish a relationship, but he would not even reply to messages for two weeks or even a month, much less physical meetings.

No matter how good Peng Yu's background was, with such an attitude, there was not a single young lady who was willing to devote herself to Peng Yu. Of course, they would choose not to follow Peng Yu, but instead, find a suitable person to marry while they were still young. There was no reason to hang themselves on a tree that they had not even seen before.

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But this time, as soon the Peng family released the news, there were several girls who were moved. In comparison to the past, the Peng family made it clear that this time, they wanted a young, obedient, and educated young lady.

The more explicit the requirements made by the Peng family were, the more young ladies tried to compare themselves to see if they fit the criteria and stood a chance in fighting for a place in the Peng family.

Now that two old people had passed away in the Zhai family, the Peng family obviously wanted to fight until the end with the Zhai family. Since the Zhai family was organizing a funeral, the Peng family would organize a wedding. The contrast was obvious.

While Peng Yu was going on blind dates, he was still concerned about Old Lin.

Unknowingly, the news that Old Lin had left his entire fortune to Qiao Nan had leaked, evoking strong responses from the Lins. Those people scolded Qiao Nan in all sorts of ways, each one even worse than the previous one.

Upon hearing those words, Qiao Dongliang was in deep sorrow. “Nan Nan, you weren’t even hankering after any of those things when you acknowledged Old Lin as your master. Old Lin was so kind to you, and now that you’re married to Zhai Sheng, why don’t you just return Old Lin’s things to them?” It could not be good to have such a ruckus every day.

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If they were to anger the Zhai family and pull them into this mess, what would happen if the Zhai family turned against Nan Nan?

And what Qiao Dongliang was most worried about was whether the four children in the house would be affected by such a rowdy situation and be traumatized by it, affecting their future.

No matter what, money could never be more important than family. Besides, he did not think that Qiao Nan lacked money.

“No.” Qiao Nan refused. “All these were left to me by master. No matter what master means by that, I will never give away whatever he left to me. This was his last arrangement. I won’t disappoint him.” No matter what other people said about this, she would never back down on this matter.

“All these people have never even been good to master in their whole lives. They’d only done things that hurt and disappointed master, even repeatedly asking for money from him. They’d always mocked master for being alone in his old age, saying that they’d still be the ones claiming his body after he died. It was just a matter of when master’s possessions would become theirs. Master was so angry that he almost went to the hospital. The money that master gave me can be used for anyone but those Lins. They won’t even get a dime.”

Qiao Nan knew all the bad deeds of the Lin family like the back of her hand.

Chapter 1489: Stopping the Funeral

When her master left, he’d rather leave all his wealth to an ‘outsider’ and not mention a word to anyone from the Lin family. This was enough to explain Elder Lin’s attitude when he was still alive. How could Qiao Nan bear to go against his wishes and do things that would make him unhappy? “Dad, don’t interfere in this matter. It’s definitely not because of money.”

“However, this is so unpleasant. They have been kicking up a fuss for a long time. We should send Elder Lin off for the last time tomorrow. With the Lin family creating trouble, what shall we do if we carry the coffin to the cemetery tomorrow?” He was afraid that his coffin couldn’t be carried out and he couldn’t enter the crematorium. After autumn, the mornings and evenings were cool. However, the temperature during the day was still high.

If this continued to drag on, even if Elder Lin and Old Master Zhai were in ice coffins, their corpses couldn’t always lie in the ice coffins, right?

“Don’t worry. Brother Zhai has already arranged everything. If the Lin family wants to play rouge, they should see where they are at first. Not to mention master, did they think they could cause trouble to Old Master Zhai’s funeral? Grandpa said that I’ll plan my master’s funeral from the start to the end with him. This is called saving resources and times for the country.”

The two elderly who had passed away had made great contributions to the construction and development of the country. Planning two funerals meant that the central leaders had to be separated and participate in both funerals.

Out of respect for their wishes when they were alive, who would dare object to their funerals being held together? One had to understand that the words of the deceased were great. No one could determine otherwise.

“What about the other people in the Zhai family?” Qiao Dongliang sighed. Nan Nan was still so stubborn. “Would your parents-in-law be upset?”

“No. They support my decision fully and don’t object to this.”

The Zhai family didn’t have any opinions. Who was Qiao Dongliang to give opinions then? He knew that Elder Lin treated his daughter well. Upon knowing that he had passed away, Qiao Dongliang was upset as well. He knew that there was one less person in the world who doted on Qiao Nan.

Upon thinking about his own negligence in duty, Qiao Dongliang was very worried. After Elder Lin passed away, if he did something that didn’t meet the mark, Qiao Nan would have to suffer because of him then. It could be said that Elder Lin’s existence had made up for his shortcomings. “Nan Nan, burn more joss paper for Elder Lin. When Elder Lin was alive, he loved the three children. Remember to bring them to visit him more often in the future.”

“...”

This time around, Qiao Nan didn’t say anything because even if Qiao Dongliang didn’t say this, she would have done so.

The day Elder Lin’s and Old Master Zhai’s coffins headed out to the cemetery, indeed, the Lin family had not given up. They wanted to force Qiao Nan to concede. “Don’t even think of leaving. This is the business of the Lin family. Every family should handle their own funerals. Hand over our old master. You don’t have to interfere with this!” As long as they had taken over Elder Lin’s funeral, they would have enough reason to inherit all the wealth Elder Lin left behind.

Everyone’s eyes started to glow when they thought of how wealthy Elder Lin was.

They suddenly realized that Elder Lin's death was pretty good!

When Elder Lin was still alive, regardless of who from the Lin family required anything and no matter how much they begged, Elder Lin was never willing to help them solve their problems.

Now that Elder Lin was dead, if they wanted his money, Elder Lin couldn't stop them from getting rich!

"What is going on?" As Qiao Nan expected, on the day Elder Lin's and Old Master Zhai's coffins were heading to the cemetery, the leaders from the central authority had sent men down to participate in the funeral. The old revolutionaries whom Old Master Zhai and Elder Lin knew when they were still alive or their heirs had also rushed down to the Zhai family's house in the capital, preparing to send them off for the last time.

The Lin family's shameless behavior was really an eye-opener for everyone.

"Do you know who is lying in there? You have to know that without these elderly's sacrifices and painstaking efforts, how else would you be able to lead a good life today? With the two revolutionaries gone, not only are you not upset, but you're even causing trouble here. Are you trying to bully us, thinking that we don't have enough people? If you want to play rouge in front of the soldiers, we can compete with our gun skills now!"

As a soldier, they should protect the wealth and safety of the country and the citizens. They couldn't be aggressive toward the unarmed people. However, they also couldn't let citizens run up to them, play rouge, and disrespect their revolutionaries.

"I..." The people from the Lin family turned pale and were afraid.

In the Lin family, there were some who were successful, but they didn't manage to survive those special ten years while hiding overseas. Only Elder Lin had insisted on staying here to prove his innocence. It wasn't easy for him to get through it. As he held on to that last breath, injustice was undone.

Aside from Elder Lin who became successful, the rest of the Lin family were incapable people who didn't see many big shots in their lifetime.

They dared to crowd in front of the Zhai family's gate because they heard that although the Zhai family held a high status, they had never used their authority to bully others.

Who knew that the Zhai family had indeed not flared up? However, those who weren't part of the Zhai family didn't have good tempers. Once they displayed their black and shiny guns, how could the people from the Lin family not get frightened?

Some of the more timid ones were so scared that their legs went soft. Although they weren't standing in front, they couldn't help but step backward. As their legs went soft, they even tripped over themselves and fell to the ground. That scene was really embarrassing and unsightly.

"Sir, don't be angry. We don't mean anything else. We're not here for Old Master Zhai. His blood sacrifices that year were in exchange for today's peace. We respect him a lot. However, we are innocent. Someone's ruthless enough to swallow our hard-earned money. We had to come. We can't let these wicked people ruin the old chief's reputation. We were forced by the old chief's granddaughter-in-law to come here today. There's such a person in the old chief's family who ruined the Zhai family's reputation."

Among the Lin family members, there were one or two who still had the 'brains' to splash the dirty water on Qiao Nan first to prove their innocence and helplessness.

The person who was addressed as 'sir' hesitated for a while. Then, he said firmly, "The matters of the deceased are the most important. The old chief and Elder Lin have passed away. Nothing's more important than their funeral. If there's anything, wait until the funeral is over. If the truth is as what you have said, fine, I'll help you settle it. On the contrary, if you dare lie to me, I'm not someone who's good to mess around with as well!"

Chapter 1490: Getting Really Bold

Once he said such words, there was nothing else the Lin family could do.

They did want to try not to let Elder Lin's corpse reach the crematorium and force Qiao Nan to compromise. The problem was that their waists were not as strong as the soldiers' guns. Whoever was afraid first would lose first. Even if the people from the Lin family were unwilling, they could only temporarily agree to such an arrangement and settle Elder Lin's and Old Master Zhai's funeral.

Seeing that the two elderly were pushed into the furnace bit by bit, the four children cried uncontrollably. San Bao hugged Qiao Nan's waist tightly and buried her face in her mom's arms. She kept shouting for great-grandpa and master grandpa.

Da Bao's and Er Bao's feelings were more restrained. They only stood quietly by Qiao Nan's side. However, they couldn't seem to finish wiping away their tears. Very quickly, their faces were damp with tears. Only Xiao Bao was the youngest, so he cried the loudest. From the way he cried, nobody doubted that he had actually begun to understand the uncrossable distance between life and death.

At this moment, all of them, no matter adult or child, had lost weight. The adults, such as Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng, had to keep vigil and looked extremely haggard.

On this day, He Yi applied for leave and came over as well. He represented those colleagues who were stationed abroad to send Elder Lin off for the last time. They hoped that this elder who had given guidance and support to them would leave peacefully.

"Little junior, are you okay?" After Qiao Nan hugged Elder Lin's ashes in her arms and personally placed them in the urn that they had bought earlier, He Yi asked with concern. "If master was still around, he wouldn't want you to be like this. You still have three children who need you to take care of them. Master doted on them a lot. Now that he's no longer around, you have to include his love for them as well."

These three children were the treasures master and little junior had in common.

"I know." She held San Bao's and Xiao Bao's hands and said in a hoarse voice, "I will try my best to recover my emotions. I understand master's expectations for me. I'll get my act together and definitely wouldn't disappoint master."

"Have you thought about what to do with the Lin family?" When master was still alive, he was always impatient with the Lin family. Even if he never lacked money, he never helped anyone from the Lin family out when someone encountered a major incident that needed money to be resolved.

He Yi had no comments as to whether his master's approach was right or wrong. He Yi knew that things would be made difficult for Qiao Nan next. If Qiao Nan continued their master's working style when he was alive, based on the Lin family's temper, as long as they didn't achieve their purpose for a day, she would never be able to fling them aside.

On the contrary, if Qiao Nan became softhearted, the Lin family would definitely turn into leeches and might even get Qiao Nan to provide for them for a lifetime. Furthermore, if Qiao Nan really became more lenient, it was inevitable that people would think that Qiao Nan didn't respect Elder Lin, her master, enough. Elder Lin had just left, but Qiao Nan had forgotten Elder Lin's character and did something against his wishes.

As such, it wasn't easy to handle this matter. It seemed that no matter what she did, Qiao Nan would always be the one who was wrong.

He Yi understood it clearly only after this point that it wasn't so easy to take what Elder Lin had left behind. The money could scald someone, especially since the people from the Lin family were scumbags.

“There's nothing much to think about. I'll do exactly what master had done before. It's legitimate. At most, the people from the Lin family will just say a few words. They can't obtain any benefits from me. If they really make me anxious, I don't mind doing some things that would cause them a bleeding heart after they know about it.”

Didn't the Lin family love money? It wasn't that difficult to deal with such people.

“Tian Dong helped me find a fund trustee. I set aside ten million yuan from the things master left behind for me to help those old and lonely people in the society who don't have any relatives by their side.”

He Yi's eyes widened and he gave Qiao Nan a big thumbs-up. “Little junior, you're formidable. No wonder master felt at ease to leave behind everything to you. Indeed, you have the ability to retain what master left behind for you.” If it was him, he wouldn't be as competent as this little junior. After getting entangled by the Lin family, he would definitely let them obtain some of the benefits that they wanted so that they would leave temporarily.

“If they dare to force me, I can even do more formidable things. Aside from my master, the rest from the Lin family were unsuccessful in life, didn't have the gift in studying, and were not hardworking. Only one or two of the so-called more capable ones are doing business.” It was good to do business!

If the people from the Lin family really made her feel anxious, she would dare to invest in their competitors to swallow the Lin family's business whole. By then, the Lin family wouldn't be able to do anything or play any tricks.

“Driving them to the corner?” Looking at the weak and gentle little junior, could she really be decisive and relentless when doing things?

Qiao Nan laughed coldly. “Today’s the day that master’s and the old master’s coffins were heading to the cemetery. They even dared to make trouble on such a day, disturbing the heroic souls of these two old men. Do you think there’s anything I dare not do?!” She could do ruthless things. Anyway, these weren’t breaking the law.

He Yi sighed. The Lin family went too overboard this time around.

If it were not for people from the central authority who appeared in time, Chief Zhai and their master might still be lying in their coffins, stuck in the military quad.

Thankfully, the Zhai family didn’t like to be in the limelight and had rejected all media participation and reports. Otherwise, with the Lin family causing trouble, even if the Zhai family was reasonable, they would still be subjected to a lot of unfounded malicious speculation and verbal abuse.

If they weren’t careful, the political opponents of the Zhai family would use this matter to smear the Zhai family’s reputation. The worse the matter got, the more unfavorable the situation would be for the Zhai family. Little junior’s situation in her parent-in-law’s home would be sadder and embarrassing.

“You have to handle this more carefully. If no one’s instigating anything, the people from the Lin family wouldn’t be so bold. Although it can be said that a bird dies for food while a man dies for money, they aren’t that bold all along.” Otherwise, seeing that their master had no other relatives by his side, the Lin family would have used their identity as relatives to forcefully manage their master’s everything. This wasn’t impossible.

The Lin family had become so bold suddenly. Who would believe that no one had instigated them?

“I have a rough idea of who did it.” Qiao Nan exhaled. In order to win against Brother Zhai, Peng Yu would really try all means and ways and wouldn’t let go of any opportunities. That was right as well. The Lin family was such a good piece of chess. Peng Yu was just taking advantage of this chance. It was already not bad that he didn’t activate every single one from the Lin family.