

## RTAMM 1641

### Chapter 1641: Inside Story

Sun Guohong sat down and tugged at the corners of his lips indifferently while looking at Fang Shiyou. "I'm here on behalf of Shengnan."

"On behalf of Shengnan?" Fang Shiyou repeated, and his expression changed slightly. "Who are you? What's your relationship with Shengnan?" The man in front of him brought a strange sense of pressure on Fang Shiyou. The man was taller than him and had a better physique than him. But all these were not the main point. Fang Shiyou was now a middle-aged man, whose body had gained weight. His whole body was filled with soft fats.

On the other end of the spectrum, Sun Guohong, who was similarly middle-aged, had a toned and muscular body. Even with a jacket, there was no way of completely concealing his toned body. Sun Guohong's agile posture and strong physique were envied by all men, yet not everyone could build a body like that.

In the face of such an incredibly strong man, Fang Shiyou naturally felt extremely stressed as someone of the same gender.

"Actually, what you want to ask is what my relationship with Sheng Nan is and what rights I have to sit here representing Shengnan, right?" Sun Guohong raised his eyebrows. "You'll understand once you see this." Sun Guohong handed over an invitation to the wedding between him and Xu Shengnan. "You and Shengnan had an unpleasant past, but I'm still grateful to you. Without you, I might never have met such a good woman like her at the right time."

"An invitation? Who... who's getting married?" Fang Shiyou's hands trembled. He was fearful and did not dare to open it.

"I'm getting married to Shengnan at the end of next month. Shengnan and I will be elated if you are able to join us. I promise you that I'll treat Ling Ling like my own daughter. Oh, right, please don't bother with a red packet. Shengnan and I won't mind about it." It was not easy. He was finally getting married at such an old age!

At the thought of this, Sun Guohong's face was almost filled with tears. No matter how he saw it, it was all because he had a good sister-in-law. If not for his sister-in-law, he would not have been able to win over his future father-in-law and mother-in-law so quickly. Even before the year came to an end, he would be able to hug his wife to sleep every night from now on.

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Sun Guohong was very clear that he had appeared very suddenly in front of the Xu family. Apart from Ling Ling's acceptance of him, Father and Mother Xu had only accepted him in such a short time entirely because of Qiao Nan.

It was because of this good sister-in-law that he could have Xu Shengnan as his wife so soon. Without his sister-in-law, this good wife might not even be his!

Fang Shiyou threw the invitation back onto the table loudly. "You're getting married to Xu Shengnan? Nonsense! Do you know who I am? I'm Xu Shengnan's husband! Do you have a death wish to say that you're marrying my wife in front of me?"

Fang Shiyou's shrill voice immediately drew the attention of everyone in the restaurant. It was not uncommon to see mistresses fighting with the 'original'. The problem was that these people were usually women. Today, both the 'mistress' and the 'original wife' were both men! That was rare indeed! Who was this woman that these men were willing to fight over?

But no matter whether they were male or female, the third party would always be beaten!

Was Sun Guohong willing to suffer because of Fang Shiyou?

"Fang Shiyou, when Shengnan found out about your affair a few years ago, the two of you already got a divorce. Since then, you've had no relationship with her. To Shengnan, you're just her ex-husband now. You've been divorced for so many years now. I'm not married, and neither is she. So why can't we get married? Oh, that's right. Besides the wedding invitation, I have something else to show you. At that time, you got a divorce from Shengnan for the sake of your mistress. Seeing that we are both men, I'm going to tell you about this so that you won't always be bullied. That child isn't yours. It's someone else's. The photographs are all here. You can look at them yourself. And this is how 'your' son will look like when he grows up. You can just compare it to that man in the photograph and see if it looks like that man or you."

A plot twist. A god-like plot twist.

That so-called husband was actually an ex, and the so-called third party was a new lover whom the woman had found years after that couple had gotten divorced. The biggest plot twist was that the ex had gotten a divorce for the sake of his son in his mistress' stomach, but that third party had another affair, and that son was actually someone else's son!

Interesting. Too interesting! It was way more interesting than soap operas!

“That’s impossible! That’s impossible! These are all fake! I won’t believe a single thing you say! You’re lying to me just to help Shengnan get revenge on me. That’s why you created these photos just to cheat me, right? You two are downright disgusting. You’re a pair of bast\*rds! I won’t accept that man-like woman Xu Shengnan even if you give her to me. And you’re treating her like your treasure? Please suit yourself! I’ll wait for your retribution! I won’t let today’s matter slide! Just you wait!”

Fang Shiyou was raging, just shy of flipping the table. After yelling at Sun Guohong, he collected the photographs on the table without missing a single one and stuffed them into his bag. “All these photographs are fake! I won’t leave them in your hands, lest you and Xu Shengnan use them to humiliate me again! I’m going to destroy them!”

“Hehehe...” Sun Guohong sneered. They were both men. He had taken all the photographs without leaving even just one behind, and he even claimed that he was going to destroy them. Who was he kidding? If he really meant to destroy them, could he not just spill coffee over them?

After sitting for a while, Sun Guohong finally cursed. “F\*ck! That fool ran off without paying. He’s too stingy to even pay for a cup of coffee that costs less than a hundred yuan. No wonder he’s shameless enough to ask Shengnan to reconcile with him. I’m afraid that this fool, Fang Shiyou, has a cleaner pocket than face! Shameless indeed!”

There was no other choice. Fang Shiyou had already escaped, and Sun Guohong could not possibly run after him. Sun Guohong could only pay for Fang Shiyou’s cup of coffee. This angered Sun Guohong so much that he swore to chase Fang Shiyou for that money once he had the opportunity.

It was not that he was too poor to treat someone to coffee. But he was really unwilling to spend his money on someone like Fang Shiyou. That was truly a waste of money.

Just as Sun Guohong had expected, Fang Shiyou had taken all the photographs not because he was afraid that Sun Guohong and Xu Shengnan would use them to slander him. Fang Shiyou was hoping to see if he could use these photographs to find out where his 'true love' was and to see if that child looked like the boy in the photograph now that he had grown up.

The boy in the photograph was about five or six years old and was rotund and chubby. Unfortunately, the boy's skin was too dark, unlike Fang Shiyou, who had pale skin and good facial features.

#### Chapter 1642: The Cheeky Girl

The boy's facial features were nothing like Fang Shiyou's. Their skin tones didn't match either. Aside from gender, nothing was similar.

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However, this child looked like the old man who had a beer belly and was laughing awkwardly in the photo. Even though they weren't seventy to eighty percent alike, they were definitely forty to fifty percent alike.

If this boy who could run and jump wasn't the baby then, who he looked like had nothing to do with Fang Shiyou. What made Fang Shiyou troubled was that the age of the boy in the photo matched the baby who was taken away then. In the photo, his 'true love', that awkward-looking man, and the little boy who was holding a ball were standing together and smiling. Anyone who saw them would say that they were a happy family of three.

"Mom, take a look. Do you recognize this little boy?" Fang Shiyou took a deep breath. After returning home, he only took out the photo of the boy playing alone. He was afraid that his mother would jump to conclusions if she saw the other photos first.

Mother Fang was shocked. Didn't Shiyou go to talk to Shengnan about their remarriage? Why did he let her take a look at a photo once he returned home?

Mother Fang lowered her head. "I have never seen this child before. He's not from our community, right?" Mother Fang's first reaction was to deny it. After taking a look again, she sighed. "How coincidental. This boy looks just like my grandson. Look at the neck here. There's a big black mole. Do children nowadays like to grow a black mole here?"

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Mother Fang had taken care of that grandson for only four months and had never seen him since then. However, even if it was just a short four months, she had a certain understanding of this grandchild whom she had waited so eagerly for. Mother Fang could still remember it clearly even after five or six years later.

Initially, Fang Shiyou was hoping that his guess could still be true. However, after hearing his mother's words, Fang Shiyou knew that Sun Guohong didn't lie to him. Back then, the child his 'true love' had been pregnant with wasn't his son.

No wonder when he asked her to go out and find a job, she had dragged on for a few months and then became determined to get a divorce with him when the child was four months old. When she left, she didn't take anything along with her. All her clothes were still in his house. She only walked out with her son.

This woman was still the woman he knew who wouldn't be able to survive without a man. The reason why she had walked out so easily was that she had found the child's birth father during that period of time. With a new financier, she would, of course, just throw him aside and bring her son to find his birth father to enjoy life.

No one in this world would care how much Fang Shiyou had suffered, other than Mother Fang.

However, for San Bao, who had just returned home from vacation, the whole world had changed in these short two months when she was studying in school. "Mom, are you joking with me, or are you for real? Ling Ling is going to have a father soon? Who is it? Does Ling Ling know about it? Has she agreed to her mother remarrying?" How rare. Ling Ling didn't want her birth father but was willing to accept a stepfather? This was insane!

"It looks like Ling Ling has been quite tight-lipped this time and hid this from you," Qiao Nan said in a gloating manner. "Ling Ling has interacted with this new father for almost a year now. If not for her saying that she wanted this new father, your Auntie Xu might have dragged for another year before remarrying."

Sun Guohong was not bad and knew how to please the young girl. He had coaxed Ling Ling until she was now calling him 'father'. When she thought of how Xu Ling Ling, who was initially the one who found it most difficult to accept Sun Guohong, had become the first to accept Sun Guohong, Qiao Nan could only say that they should really be a family.

San Bao's lips twitched. "I find it so incredible. Mom, are you sure that Ling Ling really, really, really accepted this man? Ling Ling is also hiding this from me? Impossible!"

Qiao Nan comforted her daughter's broken heart after pinching her tender face. "You can call Ling Ling and ask for yourself if this is real." Based on San Bao's temper, she would definitely settle scores with Ling Ling. However, Ling Ling was clever. She would definitely have thought of how to coax San Bao. As such, Qiao Nan wasn't worried for Ling Ling and her daughter at all.

Let the children take care of their own affairs.

"I have to call her. If she can't give me a satisfactory answer for this matter, look how I'll deal with her in the future!" To think that before she attended university, she was still worried about Ling Ling's b\*stard father. Ling Ling had never mentioned that Auntie Xu was already in a situation. What little conscience she had!

In the end, Qiao Nan didn't interfere with how San Bao and Ling Ling resolved this matter. As long as the two of them didn't throw tantrums and were as close as birth sisters, the adults would naturally be happy to see favorable outcomes.

Xu Shengnan and Sun Guohong got married on New Year's Day. It was rare for the weather to be great then. It could only be said that even the weather was favorable.

San Bao flicked a finger against Ling Ling's forehead. "How does it feel to watch your birth mother marry another man? Is it still the same as what you told me before? Were you so happy that you couldn't fall asleep?" Ling Ling had explained to her why she didn't tell her about this in the past.

San Bao expressed that this was the Xu family's matters after all. She didn't need to know the specific details since this wasn't her life. As long as Xu Ling Ling herself felt that this was good, the rest didn't matter.

Furthermore, Auntie Xu hadn't accepted Uncle Sun yet. Ling Ling was afraid that it would be inappropriate to reveal this matter too early. When she thought of how Sun Guohong was a soldier brought out by Zhai Sheng, San Bao felt a little complicated in her heart. Before this, why didn't she know that a retired soldier who was previously under her father had started a business in the capital?

"It's a little uncomfortable." Xu Ling Ling sniffed. "From today onward, I'll no longer be called Xu Ling Ling. I'm going to be Sun Ling Ling. I'm not an adult yet, but I already have three names. I'm really not used to it. I don't know if I can react in time next time someone calls me Sun Ling Ling."

Upset? Of course she was upset! Her mother had initially belonged to her. Even if she didn't have a father, as long as her mother was around, she would feel that she was more fortunate than other children. However, from today onward, her mother no longer belonged to her alone. She was going to share her with another person.

San Bao rolled her eyes at Sun Ling Ling. "Don't think that I dare not lay a hand on you as your mother's getting married today. Little girl, asking for trouble?"

Chapter 1643: Playing Matchmaker

He dared to fool around in front of her.

Sun Ling Ling, who had taken a blow, could only reply honestly. "I'm actually all right. Sister Yu, don't worry about me. My new dad is a very good person. I'm only saying this because it's you. I wouldn't tell anyone else."

"What do you mean?" San Bao raised her eyebrow and leaned in. "Hurry and tell me."

Sun Ling Ling bit on her lip. "My new dad said that I'll be his only daughter in his entire life. In the future, he'll leave everything to me. You know, I'm not eyeing my new dad's money, but I'm quite happy that I won't be having any younger siblings in the future."

With a new dad to fight with her over her mom, Sun Ling Ling already felt a small sense of loss. If there was one more child in the family, Sun Ling Ling was not sure that she would be able to adjust and adapt if that day were really to come.

Initially, Sun Ling Ling was all prepared to support Sun Guohong if there was really the appearance of a second child. But she then realized what Sun Guohong meant. There would definitely not be a second child. Because of this, Sun Ling Ling had no more worries.

San Bao patted Sun Ling Ling's head. "It seems that your new dad is pretty good. Auntie Xu is already quite old. It's too dangerous for her to give birth to a second child. Only your heartless birth father would have such an idea."

Sun Ling Ling stuck out her tongue and smiled. Then, she sat obediently by San Bao's side, observing her mom being a happy bride.

Because of Xu Shengnan's second marriage, Qiao Nan had gotten busy as well. That was because Qiao Nan had been the matchmaker between Xu Shengnan and Sun Guohong!

Qiao Nan had never been interested in being the matchmaker, but she had become the matchmaker for the people around her over and over again. And she had even done a good job. Thinking about this, Qiao Nan realized that there was no one else apart from her.

She was no longer young and was unlike Xu Shengnan, who was energetic and bubbly. After attending the wedding, Qiao Nan was so tired that she lay down on the sofa to catch her breath upon returning home.

The previous auntie who had worked in the Zhai family for two to three decades had finally retired, and Qiao Nan hired another one. Thankfully, this newly hired auntie was just as hardworking as the recently retired one, had a good temper, and did not talk too much. Upon seeing that Qiao Nan had returned and was fatigued, she quickly poured Qiao Nan a cup of tea.

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San Bao took the cup of tea from the auntie's hands and placed it in front of her mother. "My dear mother, you've worked hard. My dear mother, please have some tea."

Qiao Nan would not reject her daughter's act of filial piety. After taking a sip, she eyed San Bao. "The sofa's so big. Why do you have to squeeze here with me? Do you have something to ask me, you curious child?" Otherwise, why was San Bao being so clingy?



San Bao laughed. “The situation earlier was a little special and I was too embarrassed to ask. But I feel that there’s something more to what Ling Ling said. Ling Ling said that Uncle Sun can’t have another child apart from Ling Ling and that he’ll treat Ling Ling as his birth daughter. Mom, does this mean that Uncle Sun isn’t prepared to let Auntie Xu have another child, or is there something else to this?”

As a university student, San Bao knew all about that thing that went on between men and women. There were tons of elementary students who were casually calling each other husband and wife, let alone university students. As for junior high school and high school students, it no longer sufficed to just write letters and hold hands while dating.

Qiao Nan sighed. “This is a matter between adults. Why do you children need to know so much? Ling Ling’s already said it. It’s better that you just listen to whatever Ling Ling said. If you really care about Ling Ling, then you must remember one thing. Ling Ling won’t have any younger siblings, and there won’t be any accidents.”

Qiao Nan was really not in the place to tell San Bao what she meant by ‘no accidents’.

San Bao could tell that her dear mother would probably get into a rage if she were to continue pursuing the matter, so she quickly raised her arms in surrender. “I won’t ask. I won’t ask. If my dear mother won’t let me ask, I’ll definitely not do it. I won’t ask anyone about this. I won’t even mention it in the future. Don’t get angry, my dear mother. Calm down. If you get angry, my dad will never let me off.”

It was not easy being a good person.

The last time, she had almost been torn apart by her dear mother after asking about Auntie Xu’s situation on Ling Ling’s behalf. Today, her mother’s gaze was clearly on fire. If she continued to pursue the matter, how could Er Bao ever compensate for that obedient little girl’s image she had in her mother’s eyes?

San Bao begged Qiao Nan for mercy and after appeasing her, San Bao immediately bowed her head and returned to her room to escape her mother’s death glare so that her mother’s anger would not return.

After returning to her room, San Bao picked up her laptop and stealthily made a call to Er Bao. “Oh, you picked up so quickly. I see that you’ve been waiting for my call. Then again, Er Bao, why are you so interested in Ling Ling’s affairs? Do you care about Ling Ling’s family matters, or do you care about Ling Ling?”

San Bao's tone was greasy. She felt that Er Bao's concern toward Ling Ling was rather abnormal. Had something happened between these two people behind her back? The problem was that Er Bao was already a university student, but Ling Ling was still young. Just like Xiao Bao, she had just entered high school.

"What nonsense are you spouting?" Afraid that San Bao could not see his annoyance, he purposely rolled his eyes. "In my eyes, Ling Ling is just like you. I treat her like my younger sister. I won't talk about you, but at least, Ling Ling is like a younger sister. So many things have happened in their family, and these all concern her future and whether she'll be able to have a good time in the future. As an elder brother, it's only right that I'm concerned about her. What's the problem? But even if I don't get you to ask about these things, do you think you'll be able to hold in your curiosity and not find out about them?"

He knew San Bao all too well. He had only come to ask San Bao about the matter after she had gotten a clear view of the situation. Whether or not he had asked San Bao to investigate the matter would not have any impact on San Bao's curiosity toward the matter.

All right, San Bao was finally convinced by Er Bao. What Er Bao had said was the truth. "Fine. I can't win against you. Don't worry. Ling Ling's life ahead will be even better than her current one. I've seen that Uncle Sun today. He's quite a decent guy. I heard that Dad was the one who took care of him in the military, and Mom was the matchmaker. With both Dad and Mom around, you can rest easy."

"Mom was the matchmaker? Really? Since when did Mom develop an interest in matching people together?" In all his time at home, he had never seen his mom act as a matchmaker to anyone. His mom would even avoid those old grannies who were always on the lookout for unmarried young men and young ladies.

Chapter 1644: Why

In general, shouldn't those who truly loved being matchmakers do that?

"Isn't Mom already too busy with her work at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? How did Mom find any time to act as a matchmaker? Why do I feel that sounds so rare?" After saying that, Er Bao was overjoyed. His mom did not look like one who enjoyed matchmaking!

“All right, don’t argue with me. I only found out about that today too. It’s all thanks to Mom that Auntie Xu got married to that Uncle Sun. If you have so many questions, you can ask Mom yourself when you’re back. I’ve only heard so much about the matter that you asked me to find out for you. As for anything else, you’ll have to go investigate on your own if you want to know more. I can’t do much. If I pursue the matter any further, Mom’s going to kill me.” San Bao cut Er Bao off. Attending someone else’s wedding was quite tiring, and she was already sleepy.

Hearing that San Bao’s voice had changed, he knew that this lass was probably getting lazy after having a good meal at the wedding. “All right, I won’t disturb you. Go get some rest.”

“Okay, goodnight.” San Bao yawned again before hanging up the phone. She quickly showered as though she was in battle, undressed, snuck under her cover, and fell right asleep.

Knowing that Sun Ling Ling’s life would only get better now that Auntie Xu had gotten married, San Bao had nothing else bothering her.

Da Bao, who had just returned to his room with a book, saw that Er Bao had just gotten off the phone and asked out of curiosity, “I guess the ending’s not bad now that you’ve just gotten off the phone.”

“Yes, San Bao told me that Auntie Xu won’t have another child apart from Ling Ling after getting married.” Er Bao was still wondering whether these words could be trusted and whether there would be any changes in the future.

Da Bao put his book down. “Is that so? It’s great if that’s the case. You should be happy!” Auntie Xu was getting remarried but was not planning on having a second child. For the rest of her life, she would have only one child, Ling Ling. As for the groom, this was his first marriage, and he did not have any illegitimate children either. So it was as simple as Ling Ling getting a new father.

“Da Bao, do you think we can trust these words? Why do I feel that these words seem unreliable? What kind of man would not want his own child after getting married? If he doesn’t want children, then why would he get married? Wouldn’t it be just as good to simply date Auntie Xu? Do you think it’s possible that he said all these just to coax Auntie Xu into marriage? Once they get married, he would find a way to get Auntie Xu pregnant! I heard that it’s not easy for Auntie Xu to get pregnant at her age. But it won’t be easy to get an abortion either because of all the ill effects on her body. Sometimes, getting an abortion might be even more dangerous than simply giving birth.”

If it reached that stage, that man would not only have a wife but also his own child!

Da Bao flicked Er Bao on the head. “What did you just call me?” Da Bao and Er Bao had agreed that they would never use each other’s nicknames at school and would only use their proper given names. But Er Bao had committed a folly, calling Da Bao by his nickname.

“Classmate Zhai Yi, I’ll let you go just this once because I’m magnanimous. Just answer me.” Zhai Xin was helpless. All right, he could only hold it in since he was the one who first suggested it. But Zhai Yi had hit him a little too hard, just as hard as his dad did.

Zhai Yi nodded in satisfaction. “I don’t know if Auntie Xu is so gullible, but do you think that those two people from our family are so easily cheated? If this guy is unreliable and not trustworthy, Dad would never trust him and help him, especially Mom. Mom just pulled Auntie Xu out of a fiery pit a few years ago. Do you think Mom can personally throw Auntie Xu into another fiery pit? Even if you don’t trust Auntie Xu’s judgment, you should at least trust our dad and mom’s!”

With both Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng in the picture, Zhai Yi did not question Sun Guohong’s character or uprightness. Zhai Yi was calm, as though he knew Sun Guohong personally and understood him well.

After getting reprimanded like this, Zhai Xin’s face turned green. He was clearly suspicious of that man named Sun Guohong, but Zhai Yi had brought their parents into the picture to try to frame him! He was too much! He should be thankful they were in school. If they were at home, his mom would be hurt by Zhai Yi’s words.

“Humph, I guess you’re right. I’m sleepy. I’m going to sleep.” Zhai Xin forcefully lay down on his bed, so much so that his bed made a loud squeak. Moreover, he had even switched off the lights in the bedroom before sleeping, saying that the lights were too bright. How was he supposed to fall asleep if he did not switch the lights off?

In the face of Zhai Xin’s tantrum, Zhai Yi was not the least bit angry. He knew clearly what kind of temper his younger brother had and how he kicked someone to the curb once they had outlived their usefulness. Anyway, he had already borrowed the book. His book would not run away even if he did not read it tonight. He would just have to read it the next day.

Zhai Yi was one who liked to strike a balance between work and rest and not just bury himself in his studies all the time. It was because of Zhai Yi’s cool temper that the brothers did not get into fights over trivial matters even when Zhai Xin threw a tantrum. After washing up, Zhai Yi lay down on his bed, covered himself with his blanket, and got ready to turn in for the night.

Since Zhai Yi was good with his words, Zhai Xin naturally could not go overboard. Hearing that there was no sound coming from Zhai Yi, Zhai Xin said out of guilt, “Actually, you can just switch on a table lamp. It won’t be too bright. Why don’t you use the table lamp to read? Or you can just switch on half the lights. I’ll just sleep with my back facing the lights.”

Zhai Yi, who was lying in bed, smiled. He was always like that, like a child who could never grow up. “It’s all right. It’s quite late. I’m not going to read anymore. It’s bad for the eyes to read at this hour. If my eyesight deteriorates, I won’t even be able to enter the military in the future.”

While Zhai Yi and Zhai Xin placed importance on their cultural courses, they also paid great attention to their eyesights so as not to let their eyesights deteriorate. Otherwise, their dreams of joining the military would be crushed. It was already so late. The glaring lights were also not suitable for reading either.

If it was not for this, Zhai Yi would pay no heed to his spoiled brat of a younger brother, not even if ten Zhai Xins were throwing a tantrum at the same time.

“Oh...” Zhai Xin answered awkwardly. When he was about to fall asleep, he suddenly remembered that Zhai Yi had been beating around the bush but had never given him a direct answer to his question. Instead, he had dragged their parents into the equation and even taken the chance to lecture Zhai Xin! Tsk, what an annoying sesame rice ball!

In that instant that Zhai Xin was about to fall asleep, there was still a question in his mind: Why did Sun Guohong get married to Xu Shengnan if he did not want a child of his own? Was there really such a person in the world?

## Chapter 1645: Accident

Initially, when Qiao Nan had first gotten such a guarantee from Zhai Sheng, Qiao Nan had asked Zhai Sheng the same question. “You said that Sun Guohong is one who really wants a family of his own, a man who will be responsible toward his family. If that’s the case, how can you be sure that he won’t have his own children in the future and be biased against Ling Ling? Even fingers have different lengths. Even mothers have their own preferences among their children. There are already so many contradictions within a nuclear family, much less a reconstructed family. I’m sure you understand what I mean. But what I’ll say is that I’ll not interfere in Xu Shengnan’s choice of whether she’ll accept Sun Guohong in the end.”

Even if she felt that Xu Shengnan's life would get more complicated after remarrying, as long as Xu Shengnan accepted him, Qiao Nan would never do anything to sabotage Sun Guohong. No matter what, it was all thanks to Sun Guohong that Xu Shengnan could cut off her marriage so cleanly in the face of great loss, although Sun Guohong had accepted money to help avoid the disaster. Even still, one could say that Xu Shengnan owed Sun Guohong a favor.

Without Sun Guohong, someone else could have taken Xu Shengnan's money. But the matter might not have been settled so cleanly, and other people might even have requested for a greater sum than Sun Guohong had.

So, as long as the two of them were all right with each other, she would not express her opinion, and neither would she prevent Xu Shengnan from getting remarried. But the thought that she had acted as a matchmaker between Sun Guohong and Xu Shengnan... Qiao Nan was in a hard place.

"Brother Zhai, I don't think I can be a guarantor of this matchmaking. You know Xu Shengnan too. Just get someone else in." If that was not possible, Brother Zhai himself could do it. It was not as though there were no male matchmakers.

Zhai Sheng trapped Qiao Nan within his embrace. "Do you think it's realistic for me to be a matchmaker for them? I was the one who raised Sun Guohong in the military. If he had not gotten into an accident during an operation that year, he would probably be an assistant battalion commander by now. Then, Xu Shengnan might not even stand a chance." No matter what, there was no way an assistant battalion commander would marry a divorcee with a daughter in his first marriage.

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Qiao Nan retorted. "You were the one who said that Senior Xu wouldn't stand a chance if he was an assistant battalion commander. But is he an assistant battalion commander now? If he has such thoughts, even more so I cannot guarantee this matchmaking. His heart isn't genuine."

Zhai Sheng was helpless. "This is purely what I think. It doesn't represent Sun Guohong's. Sun Guohong... Because he was under me, the way he looks at Xu Shengnan is obviously different from me. It's only normal for me to think that Xu Shengnan isn't deserving of him. Just like how you're biased toward Xu Shengnan and don't like Sun Guohong after listening to me. So, we have to abandon our own opinions and leave them aside from our discussion."

All right. Now that Zhai Sheng had said that, Qiao Nan was willing to listen and could continue their discussion.

“I know what you’re concerned and worried about. I can tell you for sure that it won’t happen. No matter what it is.” Zhai Sheng hugged Qiao Nan even tighter. Did he not understand his own wife? Zhai Sheng had already guessed the two aspects that Qiao Nan was most worried about without her even saying anything.

Firstly, children. Once Sun Guohong and Xu Shengnan had another child, Ling Ling would be in an awkward situation. Parents already had preferences among their own biological children, let alone if one was his biological child, while the other was not. It was only human nature for Sun Guohong to be biased toward his own biological child. The problem was that Xu Shengnan’s maternal love had always belonged to Ling Ling alone. With another child, even if Xu Shengnan favored her elder daughter, Ling Ling, she would still have to split her attention and love with another younger child.

Qiao Nan had a good relationship with Ling Ling. Before the situation even occurred, she had already thought of all possible scenarios and thought about them from Ling Ling’s perspective.

Secondly, the relationship with her in-laws. The reason for Xu Shengnan getting a divorce from Fang Shiyou was due to Mother Fang’s influence on her son. Initially, Fang Shiyou had been quite fond of his daughter, Ling Ling. It had been Mother Fang who had nagged incessantly at her son to give her a grandson, eventually causing Fang Shiyou to be greatly disappointed in Ling Ling. And that was why this complete family eventually went through so many trials and was ruined in the end.

“Are you sure?” Upon hearing Zhai Sheng’s words, Qiao Nan was in disbelief. “I’m just lucky that Mom treats me like her biological daughter. Even Sister Zhai Hua gets jealous sometimes and teases me about it. It’s not that there aren’t other people who have such great fortune like me, but it’s really rare. I feel that finding a good mother-in-law is probably even harder than finding a good husband.”

Zhai Sheng bit Qiao Nan on the back of her neck. “So you really have a great fortune! Not only do you have a good husband, but you also have a good mother-in-law. To tell you the truth, Xu Shengnan won’t be able to have it like you do and enjoy a good relationship with her mother-in-law if she gets married to Sun Guohong. Sun Guohong’s mom is not to be trifled with. Sun Guohong’s relationship with his mother...”

Zhai Sheng stopped himself in time and did not try to use Qiao Nan’s relationship with Ding Jiayi as an example. “Their mother and son relationship is not very good, and Sun Guohong has a brother who is much younger. His mom is biased toward the younger one and has never treated Sun Guohong fairly since he was young. Sun Guohong suffered an accident and sustained severe injuries while he was on a mission. At that time, his mom committed a folly and from then on, there’s been no way that the mother and son can coexist harmoniously. Sun Guohong only gives his

mother a living allowance once a year. Even when he goes home to visit his mother, he leaves on the same day that he arrives. He never stays there overnight.”

With such a situation, even if Sun Guohong’s mother was hard to deal with, as long as Xu Shengnan did not spend any time with this mother-in-law of hers, Sun Guohong’s mother would have no chance to mess with Xu Shengnan.

Zhai Sheng went through it vaguely, but because of her personal experience, Qiao Nan shed a tear for Sun Guohong. “We’re in the same boat.” From what she had heard, Sun Guohong’s situation was no better than hers. But it was Sun Guohong’s privacy, after all, so Zhai Sheng did not talk more about it, and neither did Qiao Nan ask. “There won’t be a problem with her in-laws, but what about children?”

“Didn’t I say that Sun Guohong got into an accident during a mission? That accident left him with severe injuries. He’ll never be able to have his own children for the rest of his life.” This was a huge blow to a man.

But right when Sun Guohong faced such a huge blow, Sun Guohong’s mother and Sun Guoming formed an alliance to give Sun Guohong an even greater blow, and Sun Guohong almost did not get through it.

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## Chapter 1646: Whose Child

Although Sun Guohong had made it through eventually, he still bore a grudge against these closest relatives. These two people were no longer his kin, but devils. Blood-sucking devils!

Zhai Sheng had always paid close attention to Sun Guohong’s situation. Upon finding out about Sun Guohong’s situation, he had asked Sun Guohong. His injuries were indeed a little embarrassing, but once he recovered, it would not hinder his participation in any further missions. With Sun Guohong’s capability, he could return to the army and make a career for himself. Otherwise, it would be a waste for such a talent like Sun Guohong to leave the military.

But Sun Guohong rejected Zhai Sheng’s good intentions. “It’s all right, chief. Thank you for your concern during this period of time. Without you, I don’t know if I would have been able to pull



through. I've spent so much of your money during my time in the hospital. I don't even know how long I'll have to work to repay this sum of money."

At that time, Sun Guohong was utterly dispirited. Perhaps, he would be gone in less than two years' time.

He was the eldest son in the family, so he was destined to take on more responsibility from the time he was born. Mother Sun had gotten pregnant with Sun Guoming when she was thirty-nine years old. Given the Sun family's situation, they were not allowed to have a second child, even if they lived in the countryside.

But Mother Sun had gotten an IUD according to the family planning guidelines. She had gotten pregnant accidentally. Putting that aside, Mother Sun was already considered to be having a geriatric pregnancy. When she visited the hospital for a checkup, the doctor advised Mother Sun that abortion would be even more dangerous than giving birth. Mother Sun's body was unsuitable for an abortion. If the government insisted on it, their hospital would not bear any responsibility if anything were to happen to Mother Sun in the process.

It was not that Mother Sun was unwilling to abort the child. She had also followed the government guidelines by getting an IUD, but the doctor had said that she was unsuitable to get an abortion and that she might even lose her life by doing so. The government could not possibly send a person to death just for the sake of family planning.

There was no other choice. After the village chief discussed the matter with the family planning department, they issued Mother Sun a special permit to give birth. After all, it was not Mother Sun's fault that she had gotten pregnant. If anything were to happen to Mother Sun because she did not give birth to the child, neither the village chief nor the family planning department was willing to bear such a hefty responsibility. They could not possibly afford to repay a life!

When Mother Sun turned forty, she finally gave birth to Sun Guoming. It could be said that Mother Sun was not the only one to have given birth to more than one child within the Sun village, but Mother Sun was the only one who had obtained a special permit and was not fined for giving birth to an additional child.

It was probably because of this extraordinary circumstance that she was extremely prideful. Even while Sun Guoming was still in her stomach, Mother Sun already placed great importance on this child. Once this child was born, Mother Sun realized that her younger son's physique was worlds apart from her elder son's.

Seeing her tall and strong elder son, Mother Sun always lectured her elder son, reminding him to take good care of his younger brother, Sun Guoming, so that no one would dare to bully him. If Sun Guohong were to make a name for himself in the future, he had to bring his younger brother along and give him a hand.

While Sun Guohong was still studying, his academic results were still all right. He had not fared poorly on his college entrance examination, and he had managed to enter a better third-tier university. Sun Guohong filled in his application, and as soon as his admission letter arrived, Sun Guohong would be able to go to university.

But Sun Guoming, who was not yet two years old, suddenly suffered from appendicitis and had to be sent to the hospital for treatment.

#### Chapter 1647: An Awkward Injury

Without any hesitation, Mother Sun took away half of the money that the family had saved up for Sun Guohong's university fees to pay for Sun Guohong's hospitalization bills.

They were both his sons, so there was no reason for Father Sun to care only about his elder son while ignoring his younger son. Father Sun expressed that it was more important to save a life. In an emergency situation like this, it was all right to use this sum of money. But Mother Sun had obviously taken more than what was necessary. His younger son's hospitalization bills would not amount to such a huge sum. He asked Mother Sun to return the excess money and he would think of a way to gather more money to send his elder son to university.

But Mother Sun refused. "Mingming is still so young. It's so pitiful that he has to be hospitalized. You're only thinking about the hospitalization bills. Why don't you think about what Mingming will eat and drink throughout this period? Mingming is already sick. He has to eat nourishing food. Is that too much to ask for? I'm even afraid that I might not have taken enough money! I'm not returning it!"

Seeing that Father Sun was in a rage, Sun Guohong tried to persuade him. "Dad, don't fret over my school fees. I've heard that you can take a loan to go to school now. I'll take a loan on my own. You and Mom don't have to pay the loan either. When I get a job after graduation, I'll slowly repay the loan myself. As for my living expenses, I'll find a job to pay for it. It's all right, Dad."

Sun Guohong knew that his family did not earn much from farming in an entire year. It was too heavy a burden on the family to raise two children. Besides, his younger brother, Sun Guoming, had already been weak and frail ever since he was born. When his mother was out of breast milk, the family struggled to even afford Sun Guoming's milk powder. Now that he was grown up, he would take care of his own tuition fees.

But no matter how much Sun Guohong had planned, he could not out-plan his own mother. Mother Sun asked, "Since you're going to take a loan, can you take a bigger loan? You see, Mingming is still so young. We'll have to spend a lot of money to raise him. Your dad and I are already letting you go to university. Mingming will need money to study in the future too. Look. Why don't you take a bigger loan for Mingming? Mingming is your biological brother after all!"

"..." Sun Guohong was speechless. Was it his decision to say how large of a loan he could take? Besides, this sum of money had to be repaid. If he borrowed more, he would have to repay more in the future. He did not want to increase his parents' burden, but his mom was not even afraid of increasing his burden!

"Can't you do that? You can't even do that? Didn't you say that you can work part-time while studying to earn some money? So just give me part of that loan. I'll save it up for Mingming. Go have a discussion with your teachers and tell them about our family situation. Tell them that you'll owe the school your tuition fees for the time being. When you find a job and earn some money, you'll pay off your debts. Your dad and I haven't raised you for nothing. Now, you don't even need us to pay for your tuition fees, and you can even take some money out to save it for Mingming!"

Sun Guohong had not even agreed, but Mother Sun had already planned it all out for Sun Guohong to prevent Sun Guohong from rejecting her.

Now that she had already put it so nicely, would her elder son be so shameless as to reject her?

Sun Guohong, who had been so considerate toward his parents' predicament, immediately lost his confidence to attend university after hearing his mother's words. His mother had made such thorough calculations, but she had not stopped to think about Sun Guohong at all. He was only working part-time in whatever free time he had. How much could he possibly earn?

The money he earned would barely cover his living expenses if he scrimped and saved. How would he ever be able to use his earnings to pay for his tuition fees? Even if he managed to save enough to pay off his school fees by selling his life, was he going to starve to death in school?

Perhaps, it was because of his youth that he decided to forgo university in an act of defiance. Instead, he decided to sign up for the military, and that was how Sun Guohong met with a chief like Zhai Sheng.

Sun Guohong stayed in the military for over ten years, turning from a young chap in his twenties to an uncle in his thirties. When Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng's triplets entered elementary school, Sun Guohong had not gotten married yet.

Before that mission, Zhai Sheng even joked with Sun Guohong. "After you return from the mission, I'll recommend that you be promoted. Remember that you're not young anymore. It's about time you solve your personal problem. Didn't you say that you have a fiancée back in your village? Hurry and finish that marriage report. I'll approve it for you. Just as well. Take the opportunity to get a good break after you're back from this mission and get married. It'll be best to have a child at the same time."

At that time, Sun Guohong himself felt that he was no longer young and could not keep that lady waiting for him. As such, he answered Zhai Sheng's 'order' very seriously. "Don't worry, chief. I promise I'll finish the task you've assigned to me."

But who would have known that Sun Guohong would get into an accident during this mission, and an explosion would go off between his legs.

Upon hearing that Sun Guohong had been hospitalized, Mother Sun brought Sun Guoming and Sun Guohong's fiancée to the capital to visit Sun Guohong. Zhai Sheng was delighted to hear this piece of news and felt that Sun Guohong had not sent money back to his family in vain all these years.

But what had happened afterward caught everyone off guard.

The site of Sun Guohong's injury was too sensitive, and after checking on Sun Guohong, the doctor privately told Sun Guohong that his injury would not affect his missions in the future, and neither would it affect Sun Guohong as a 'man'. A normal married life was still possible. It was just that it would be much harder for Sun Guohong to get a woman pregnant in the future. Because of that explosion, almost all of Sun Guohong's sperm tubes were broken.

Sun Guohong was stunned and unable to respond for a long time.

No one knew how Mother Sun managed to learn of the news. But in short, she was in no way less capable than the scouts in the military. Upon understanding the situation, she immediately discussed

the matter with Sun Guohong. “Guohong, I know all about what happened. Don’t worry. Mom will stay by your side. The most important thing right now is for you to get married with Yanyan as soon as possible!”

Sun Guohong’s heart warmed. “Mom, I can’t do that. I can’t hurt Yanyan like that. Yanyan is a good seven years younger than me. Now that I’m in this state, I can’t possibly take away Yanyan’s chance of being a mother, right? I’ll personally explain my situation to Yanyan and call off the engagement. She can find a better man in the future.”

“It’s all right. Yanyan already knows about your situation, and she’s even willing to marry you. Besides, there’s no need to worry, Guohong. No one else apart from our family knows about this. No one will laugh at you for this. Mom has a way of letting you become a dad!” Mother Sun’s eyes twinkled.

#### Chapter 1648: Already Pregnant

Sun Guohong, who had just been moved by his mother’s words, was momentarily stunned. “How can I still become a father in my state? It’s not that I can’t adopt a child, but he won’t look anything like me. The whole village will find out about this.” Since it was already a fact, there was no need to deceive himself and others. If he was going to adopt a child, he would do it openly.

Nonetheless, he was not going to be able to be a father anymore. But there was nothing wrong with Yanyan’s body. She could marry a normal man and have her own biological child.

“No, don’t worry. No one will be able to tell.” Mother Sun’s words got even stranger, making Sun Guohong pause. “It’s normal that the child won’t resemble me if it’s not my child. It’ll be even weirder if other people can’t tell, right?”

Mother Sun hesitated for a moment before pouring a glass of water for Sun Guohong. “Guohong, listen to me. You can’t blame Guoming for this. It’s just that Yanyan and he are both still young, and they’ve spent a lot of time together. It’s understandable that they were a little reckless. I’ve already scolded Mingming, and he won’t do it again in the future. He’ll treat Yanyan as his sister-in-law, and Yanyan will live honestly as your wife. She’s already pregnant, but no matter what, it’s still your brother’s child. It’ll be too ruthless to just abort the child.”

Knowing that her elder daughter-in-law had gotten pregnant with her younger son’s child, Mother Sun was both infuriated and frenzied. She was not mad at her son for committing this act, but at

Yanyan for having seduced her younger son. Everyone in the village knew that her elder son had done well and was now a company commander in the military. The secretary's daughter and her younger son were dating and were even going to get married next year.

If the secretary's family found out that Yanyan had gotten pregnant with her younger son's child, would they still allow their daughter to get married to her younger son? That was impossible!

But because she loved her younger son, she loved everything of his as well. Just the thought of the child in Yanyan's stomach being her younger son's, namely her grandchild, Mother Sun could not bear to force Yanyan to abort the child. This time, the three of them had all come together to visit Sun Guohong to make a good meal for Sun Guohong. After that, they would make him get drunk and put him naked on a bed along with Yanyan. A month later, Yanyan would then say that she had gotten pregnant with Sun Guohong's child. Then, Sun Guohong would not get suspicious of anything.

As long as Yanyan got pregnant, she would find an excuse to stay by Yanyan's side to help her through the pregnancy. After ten months, she would simply tell Sun Guohong that Yanyan had a premature birth, and this matter would simply end just like that.

But they did not expect that the moment they arrived, they learned that Sun Guohong had gotten injured. Mother Sun saw that Sun Guohong's expression had changed for the worse after discussing his condition with the doctor. Mother Sun had then taken a lot of effort to find out about Sun Guohong's condition. At this, Mother Sun rejoiced. Sun Guohong would never be able to have a child of his own in the future. It was just as well that Yanyan's child would be left to Sun Guohong!

Just thinking about such a shameless thing, Sun Guohong was unable to face such a situation himself. Not only had Yanyan slept with his brother before getting married to him, but she had even gotten pregnant with his brother's child! But because of a man's pride, he would not only have to bear with this adultery, but he would also have to act happy about it and acknowledge his nephew as his own son!

Mother Sun did not say this explicitly, but Sun Guohong was no fool. Quite on the contrary, he was very intelligent and understood what his mother meant in an instant. Just thinking about how his fiancée was carrying his own brother's child made Sun Guohong suffer an even bigger blow than the news that he would never be a father.

Moreover, he had to listen to Mother Sun chat idly about how he should hand over the compensation that he would receive from the military for this accident so that she could spend the money on his 'son' and nourish his 'son' well so that he could eventually go to university. At this,

Sun Guohong finally exploded and asked Mother Sun to scram along with Sun Guoming and Yanyan.

One had messed around with his future sister-in-law, while the other had slept with her future brother-in-law. Sun Guohong was utterly disgusted by the two of them.

Sun Guoming could have been birthed by Father and Mother Sun, but he was raised on Sun Guohong's money. Yanyan was a young lady from the neighboring village, and her family had intended on exchanging her for her brother's marriage. However, the other party was not just an old man in his late thirties but even had a history of abuse. His first wife had not been able to withstand the abuse and had committed suicide by jumping into the river.

Yanyan refused to get married to that guy and kicked up a huge fuss. When she went home during a holiday, she happened to chance upon Sun Guohong, who helped her out of that marriage. Afterward, Yanyan insisted on repaying Sun Guohong. Since her parents had taken Sun Guohong's money to get her younger brother married, she would get married to Sun Guohong.

Compared with the man she was initially going to marry, Sun Guohong was a few years younger, better looking, and was even a soldier. At that time, Sun Guohong was already a platoon leader. After that scare, someone like Sun Guohong was already a Prince Charming that the heavens had sent to her as a gift. Yanyan knew that she was not being taken advantage of by marrying Sun Guohong. On the contrary, this was even out of her reach!

At first, Sun Guohong had not agreed to it. But what he had not expected was for his mother to organize an engagement party for Yanyan and him when he was back in the military. That was how Sun Guohong got a fiancée.

Back in the village, there was no much difference between engagement and marriage. If Sun Guohong insisted on not having Yanyan, there was no way for Yanyan to get married to anyone else. Whether he liked it or not, he would ruin that young lady's reputation if he were to refuse. Now that matters had progressed to this stage, Sun Guohong had no choice but to take on this responsibility.

After the couple got engaged, Sun Guohong would occasionally send Yanyan some money so that she would have the chance to buy some books to study and so that she would not shortchange herself when it came to food. But what he did not know was that Yanyan had spent all of his money on beautifying herself. Otherwise, she would not have found herself pregnant with Sun Guoming's child.

In short, be it Sun Guoming or Yanyan, Sun Guohong had a clear conscience. It was exactly these two people who came together and betrayed him! One could only imagine what a huge blow this was to Sun Guohong.

What Sun Guohong could not accept the most was that these people could still say that they were young and impulsive. It was as though Mother Sun's brain was empty to think of asking Sun Guohong to acknowledge his nephew as his son and even marry Yanyan to carry this burden while he was sick!

Of course, there was no way Sun Guohong could agree to such a ludicrous request. After chasing the three of them away, Sun Guohong gave up on himself and refused to receive any further treatment.

#### Chapter 1649: Still a Nephew, If Not a Son

Sun Guohong felt as though his life was meaningless with such family members. The only one who supported him in the family was his father, but he had passed away three years ago.

Perhaps it was because his father was no longer around that Yanyan had the chance to be with Sun Guoming. Otherwise, with his father around, Sun Guoming would never dare to be too close with his future sister-in-law, let alone have a child together. If they had gotten too close, his father would have broken Sun Guoming's leg just to warn him.

"..." After hearing about Sun Guohong's past, Qiao Nan was speechless. "I think that Sun Guohong is almost like a duplicate of me!"

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"What nonsense are you spouting?" Zhai Sheng's expression hardened. "Nothing has gone on between me and Qiao Zijin! In so many years, I've not even spoken more than ten sentences to her." So, how was Nan Nan like Sun Guohong? Nan Nan's words were an insult to him! No matter how poor his judgment was, he would never take a fancy to Qiao Zijin!

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“Hehehe...” Qiao Nan laughed dryly. She could not possibly say that Sun Guohong’s situation was similar to hers in her past life, right? Ding Jiayi was biased toward her elder child, while Mother Sun was biased toward her younger one. She and Sun Guohong had both been the ones to be cast aside, the ones who had lost their opportunities to further their studies and the ones who had to use their hard-earned money to support their mother’s favored child.

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The worst part was that Sun Guohong’s fiancée was even carrying Sun Guoming’s child! Qiao Zijin had forced Chen Jun to break up with her because she was pregnant.

“What happened afterward?” Qiao Nan interrupted. “After the matter got to this point, what happened to that child in that woman, Yanyan’s, stomach? Sun Guohong’s mother could have taken care of the engagement, but there’s no way a wedding could have happened without Sun Guohong around, right?”

“Actually, she did intend to do it without him.” A cold gaze flashed through Zhai Sheng’s eyes. “Sun Guohong’s mom had planned on organizing the wedding just as she had done for his engagement. I’m sure you know that in the countryside, holding a wedding means that you’re married. Sun Guohong’s mom even told the villagers that Yanyan was already pregnant with Sun Guohong’s child. It was just that Sun Guohong was too busy in the military to return home. There was no other choice. The Sun family could only do Yanyan this wrong and excuse Sun Guohong from his own wedding.”

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“...” All right. Sun Guohong’s mother was the true powerhouse! “Go on.”

“Sun Guohong had probably guessed that his mother would do such a thing, so he made a call to the village secretary. He told the secretary that he was a soldier and spent too little time at home. Because Yanyan was still young, it was expected that she would not be able to wait for him. Since Yanyan already had someone in mind and had even become pregnant with his child, he would not ask for Yanyan to return whatever money he had given to her and her family. He would just let her have her freedom, but from then on, he would have nothing to do with Yanyan. He would break off the engagement and wish Yanyan happiness in her future.”

Sun Guohong’s mother had organized a huge wedding party in the village and had even told everyone that the baby in Yanyan’s stomach was Sun Guohong’s. But who would have expected that Sun Guohong would make a phone call back to say that Yanyan had not been able to wait for

him and that the baby in her stomach was not his! Sun Guohong, who had been cheated on, was not even going to pursue the matter. He even wished Yanyan well!

Of course, the village secretary was no fool. He had been wondering about the matter because he knew that Sun Guohong was not an impulsive child. Sun Guohong was a soldier. If he wanted to get married legally, he would have to write a marriage report no matter what.

That was how all soldiers got married. Sun Guohong could not have become so unreliable suddenly to have made such a huge mistake on this one important event in his life.

Besides, Yanyan had only just left the village with Mother Sun a while ago. In total, they had returned in about a month, and they were already saying that Yanyan had gotten pregnant? Even if Yanyan had gone to visit Sun Guohong with Mother Sun, could she really get pregnant so quickly and find out within a month? Did they really think that no one else had any experience of being young and having children?

Sun Guohong had said that the baby in Yanyan's stomach was not his but another man's. But the strange thing was that Sun Guohong's mother had made a huge fuss the moment they returned to the village and had even organized a wedding for the couple. She had even announced that Sun Guohong was about to be a father. This whole matter was just too strange.

Sun Guohong was a man after all. If he was certain that the baby in Yanyan's stomach was not his child, there was no reason for the secretary to doubt him. But if the baby in Yanyan's stomach was not Sun Guohong's, why had Mother Sun forced Sun Guohong to acknowledge it?

After thinking through and about how Mother Sun had been all smiles when talking about her grandchild in Yanyan's stomach, the secretary came up with a very frightening idea: it was his future in-law's favorite son, Sun Guoming. It was because of this that he had allowed his daughter to date and get engaged to Sun Guoming.

Initially, Sun Guohong was almost twenty-seven years old when he finally got engaged to Yanyan. Mother Sun had not even been particularly happy on the day of the engagement. That was totally unlike her behavior when Sun Guoming got engaged to his daughter. Many people had commented that Mother Sun was over the moon, so happy that her mouth was almost crooked from smiling.

Naturally, Mother Sun would not care for her eldest grandson if it were to come from Sun Guohong. And no one could even be certain that this was going to be a grandson. Thinking about how Sun Guoming would turn around to look at Yanyan's stomach from time to time, there was nothing that

the secretary did not understand anymore. No matter how frightening his suspicions were, there was nothing as frightening as the truth.

In an instant, the secretary's expression darkened. "Guohong's mom, Guohong just called me. He said that the baby in Yanyan's stomach is not his and that Yanyan already has someone she fancies. He's a soldier and can't spend much time with Yanyan, so he doesn't blame Yanyan for falling in love with another man or even getting pregnant with that man's child. Guohong said that he'll just disregard his marriage to Yanyan and that Yanyan can get married to the child's father. He even wished Yanyan well. Guohong's mom, what are you trying to do by organizing this wedding? Are you so desperate to become a grandmother?"

The secretary's words were like a bolt of out of the blue, stunning all the villagers who had come to attend the wedding. "The baby in Yanyan's stomach is not Guohong's? So it's some other man's?"

Yanyan, who had been laughing and smiling joyfully, immediately turned pale, and she began trembling in fear. She had never expected that Sun Guohong would never be able to father a child in his whole life but still be unwilling to accept his nephew who was in her stomach! She did not even mind that Sun Guohong was a man without any 'seeds', and she was even willing to marry Sun Guohong and spend her life with him.

But Sun Guohong was so ruthless to refuse to marry her and give her baby a chance to live! He had to know that the baby in her stomach would call Sun Guohong 'dad' and was even Sun Guohong's biological nephew! Could Sun Guohong really bear to watch his nephew die in front of his eyes?

#### Chapter 1650: Not Going To Be Taken Advantage Of

Could Sun Guohong bear to see his mom lose all dignity so much so that she would no longer be able to live in this village?

"Secretary, why are you making such a joke on such a joyous occasion? Guohong could not possibly have made such a call. Look at the villagers. They all believe what you just said." Mother Sun herself got a huge shock, but she did not believe that Sun Guohong would disobey her like that.

Since he was young, Sun Guohong had always listened to his mom. When his father was still around, Sun Guohong was most obedient to his father. Now that his father was no longer around, Sun Guohong listened well to her.

The child in Yanyan's stomach was Guohong's own nephew! There was no reason for him to dislike him. Besides, Yanyan was a fiancée that Guohong had picked out for himself. She had organized this wedding for Guohong and Yanyan without even asking for a single cent from Guohong. She was doing it for free! Guohong should be rejoicing over this. She did not believe that he would disrespect her by saying such things that would only serve to embarrass her.

“What do you mean it's not true? This is exactly what Guohong said.” The secretary was not blind. The moment he said those words, those of the Sun family's expressions looked strange, especially the new bride Yanyan, who was shaking and trembling. Even a blind man would be able to feel Yanyan's fear. If Yanyan did not have a guilty conscience, would she have such a reaction?

“Guohong's mom, let me ask you. If the child in Yanyan's stomach is not Guohong's, then whose is it? Everyone was still wondering how Yanyan managed to get pregnant with Guohong's child when you guys came back within a month of leaving. You're someone who has given birth to two children. What kind of woman can immediately find out about her pregnancy within a month? I've calculated the timings for you, starting from the very day you guys left the village. Based on what you've said, you really wasted no time at all. While Yanyan was still traveling, she already got pregnant with Guohong's child? Pray tell me how Guohong managed to impregnate Yanyan. Through a dream?”

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Yanyan was not only one month pregnant. By the time Mother Sun found out about it, Yanyan was already two months pregnant. In addition to the month that they were away visiting Sun Guohong, Yanyan would soon be four months pregnant, and her belly would be showing.

Because Yanyan had already been pregnant for a while, Mother Sun had intentionally made her calculations on the timings so as to make it seem as though Yanyan had only gotten pregnant after visiting Sun Guohong.

But a lie was still a lie and could not withstand scrutiny. Once the secretary did his own calculations, the question of Yanyan's pregnancy was now out in the open.

“Let me ask you again. Whose child is that in Yanyan's stomach?” The secretary's expression darkened. No matter how much Mother Sun disliked Sun Guohong, she was still closer to him than Yanyan was. Not only was Sun Guohong Mother Sun's biological son, but it was also only because of Sun Guohong that the Sun family's life had improved drastically over the years. It was Sun Guohong's salary that had sustained them all these years. Yanyan's existence was just an additional cost to Sun Guohong.

Even knowing that the child in Yanyan's stomach was not Sun Guohong's, Mother Sun was still able to joyfully organize a wedding for Yanyan, and even address the child in her stomach as her eldest grandson! The only possibility was that the child in Yanyan's stomach was indeed Mother Sun's grandson, but the child's father was Sun Guoming!

The secretary thought about how Sun Guoming had already gotten engaged with his daughter, but Sun Guoming had done something to wrong his daughter even before their marriage. Sun Guoming had not only gotten into an affair with his own sister-in-law but had also gotten her pregnant, and he was even trying to push the blame to Sun Guohong! At this, the secretary was incensed. "All the villagers heard your previous words. The child in Yanyan's stomach is your eldest grandson. I don't know about anything else, and neither will I ask. Today, I'll end with this. Let's call off the engagement between our Nier and Sun Guoming. When the two of them got engaged, we received quite a lot of things from you. We'll return every single item to you."

With that said, the secretary left in a huff.

If anything were to happen in the village in the future, Mother Sun would never get to take advantage of her status as his in-law. What a joke! The only normal one in the Sun family was their son, Guohong. Unfortunately, Old Sun had died early. Otherwise, Old Sun could still take control and rein in this mess of a family.

"No, secretary. Listen to me. This is a misunderstanding. It's all a misunderstanding. The child in Yanyan's stomach is really Guohong's! Guoming has such a great relationship with your Nier. It's too much of a pity to separate the two of them. Besides, they're already getting married next year. How can you make them break up now? I don't agree! It's a misunderstanding. It's just a misunderstanding! Secretary, don't listen to Sun Guohong's nonsense. He's just being a brat. He dared to do it but he doesn't dare to admit to it. That child in Yanyan's stomach is really Sun Guohong's!"

Mother Sun was angry and anxious all at the same time, and she ran after the secretary. How could she just let Sun Guoming's secretary father-in-law run off just like that?

Mother Sun knew that Sun Guoming's health was not as good as Sun Guohong's ever since he was young. As such, she wanted Sun Guohong to take good care of Sun Guoming. But it would all depend on Sun Guohong's conscience as to how much he would take care of his younger brother when she was gone.

So instead of relying on others, she decided to do something on her own. There was no way she could bear to let Sun Guoming join the military like Sun Guohong. As for doing something else, Sun Guoming's academic results had never been stellar and could not even compare to Sun Guohong's in the past. Since he was talented in neither literary nor military aspects, the only thing that Sun Guoming could show was his literacy. In a village with a whole bunch of illiterates, Sun Guohong was considered to be highly educated.

Mother Sun had the idea that Sun Guoming could ride on Sun Guohong's laurels and become a party cadre in the village. Then, even when she was gone and even if Sun Guohong only took care of his own family, Sun Guoming's life would not be too bad either.

Coincidentally, the Sun family had caught the eye of the secretary, who had a daughter, and the two young ones had clicked immediately. The secretary was not young and would retire in a few years' time. Mother Sun knew that as long as the secretary was willing to take on her son and help out, her son would inherit the position of secretary in the village.

Who cared whether the villagers had to vote? The villagers all trusted in the secretary. As long as the secretary backed Sun Guoming up and vouched for him as a good comrade, there was no way the villagers would oppose or not pick Sun Guoming as their next secretary.

But now, if Sun Guoming's marriage with the secretary's daughter were to fall through, then Mother Sun's efforts would all be in vain, and her plan would fail. Without the secretary as a father-in-law, there was no way Sun Guoming would join the core leadership of the village with his own capabilities, let alone become the secretary.

"I don't care about that!" The secretary was annoyed by Mother Sun. Thankfully, Guohong was honest and did not think that his family's dirty linen should not be aired in public. Otherwise, his daughter, Nier, might even get married to Sun Guoming and give birth to his child before finally finding out that Yanyan's child was actually Sun Guoming's as well. If that day were to come, their family would have no choice but to accept it. The more infuriating part was that Sun Guoming would still be his son-in-law and his grandchild's father. And because of that, he would have no choice but to support Sun Guoming and help him rise up to hold the secretarial position.