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Chapter 1871: Blaming Me?

Qiu Chenxi was fuming, but she could not possibly leave. Even though Sister Zhao had said that, Qiu Chenxi could not believe her words. Apart from her, Zhai Sheng would never want to marry anyone else. Her father-in-law, Zhai Yaohui, had treated her rather well in the past. She did not believe that the Zhai family would be so unfeeling to her and would say whatever the caretaker had just told her.

All these had to be done by that woman who had set her sights on marrying Zhai Sheng. If she were to leave because of her anger now, she would have fallen for that woman's trap and would have allowed that woman to take advantage of her! Would Qiu Chenxi do such a foolish thing?

Thankfully, the hotels in Qingshui Town had already opened now that it was spring. After looking through several hotels, Qiu Chenxi finally found one that she thought she would be able to spend the night in. Then, she made a call to her mom. "Mom, I'm in Qingshui Town."

"Are you in the Zhai family's house?" What Qi Minlan really wanted to know was where her daughter was. Her daughter's current location would determine whether she still had any chance of getting back together with Zhai Sheng.

Qiu Chenxi did not lie. "No, I'm in a hotel."

"As expected..." Even though she was Qiu Chenxi's biological mother, she felt that her daughter had gone overboard and could not be forgiven this time. Even she, her mother, thought so, much less Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing, who were Zhai Sheng's parents. They would never be able to forgive her daughter for betraying Zhai Sheng.

"Mom, it's too early to say such things. It's not my fault that I didn't manage to enter the Zhai family's house this time. It was not the Zhai family's fault either. It was because of another woman." She was the Zhai family's only daughter-in-law. Even if she had done something wrong and had let Zhai Sheng down in the past, she had all reasons to believe that the Zhai family would not go so far as to refuse to meet her for Zhai Sheng's sake.

“What do you mean? Why’s there suddenly another woman in the picture? Are you talking about Miao Jing?” The only woman who hated Chenxi in the entire Zhai family was Miao Jing.

At the mention of this, Qiu Chenxi flared up. “It’s not that stupid old woman, but I bet it has something to do with that stupid old woman! Haven’t they always wanted Zhai Sheng to get remarried to another woman? I guess the Zhai family must have found a partner for Zhai Sheng behind my back. That woman is rather impressive. She managed to bribe the caretaker of the Zhai family’s old villa, and that was why the caretaker refused to let me in to see the Zhai family.”

Initially, Qi Minlan was infuriated as well. How could there be such a bold and daring caretaker who cared more for an outsider than someone on her own side? But very soon, she calmed down. “This is the Zhai family we’re talking about. The Zhai family will never make such a low-level mistake and be taken for a ride by a caretaker. Are you sure that those words were those of Zhai Sheng’s partner and not the Zhai family?”

She did not think it was strange for Zhai Yaohui or Miao Jing to have said such a thing. If she had a son and if her daughter-in-law were to have an affair behind her son’s back, she would much rather her son remain single for the rest of his life after his divorce than allow her son to meet with that shameless ex-daughter-in-law ever again.

“Chenxi, I’m not trying to be nasty, but I hope that you’ll calm down and think it through. It’s very hard for the Zhai family to forgive you for what you’ve done. I don’t know if that woman you’ve talked about really exists, but what I do know is that the Zhai family may very well take it as though you’ve never existed and has instructed the caretaker not to open the door for you.”

Having excessive self-confidence was not good either.

“Mom, do you mean that even my father-in-law is still angry at me and refuses to see me? And that they don’t want me to have anything to do with Zhai Sheng?” Qiu Chenxi’s face darkened. This was the last situation that she wanted to face.

If not a single person in the Zhai family had a good opinion of her and was willing to stand on her side, it would be an uphill battle to reconcile with Zhai Sheng and to have a future with him.

“Chenxi, this is more than just being angry. You have to think about your health. The Zhai family cares very much about continuing their family line. If you had not made that mistake while Zhai Sheng had been in the military, the Zhai family would have tolerated you no matter how much they like children, even though you can’t give birth to children. They would never have taken issue with your trouble with fertility. The problem is that you did, in fact, commit a mistake, and moreover,

you can't give birth to children. In that case, why would the Zhai family still want you as their daughter-in-law and give up the chance of having a grandchild?"

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If Chenxi wanted the Zhai family to accept her for who she was, she had to have some advantages.

This had already reached a dead end. There was no way of salvaging the situation. If there was the slightest chance of salvaging the situation, she would never have splashed cold water on her daughter or upset her daughter.

Besides, Qi Minlan was already too ashamed by this matter.

Was it due to genetics that her daughter was unable to give birth to children? No. The daughter she had given birth to had been just like any other woman, with the ability to conceive and be a mother.

But her daughter had not cherished herself after her divorce. Not only had she partied and gotten into dozens of relationships with men with shady backgrounds, but she had never taken any precautions either. As such, she had gotten pregnant several times and had undergone abortions each time. It was because of what her daughter had done to her own body that she had gotten infertility problems.

She wondered if the Zhai family would pursue the matter and find out why her daughter had suddenly become infertile. Previously, her daughter had undergone a pre-marital checkup before getting married to Zhai Sheng. The report from that checkup had not said that her daughter was infertile.

After all these years, her daughter had suddenly become infertile. Added on with the fact that she had led such a messy life all these years, no family would want a daughter-in-law like that, even if she had not let Zhai Sheng down at that time.

Qi Minlan was Qiu Chenxi's biological mother, but even she felt that a typical family would never want her daughter as their family's daughter-in-law, much less the Zhai family.

Infertility had become Qiu Chenxi's Achilles' heel. She was already over forty, almost turning fifty. Other children were about to enter university, yet she would never have the chance to have a child of her own who shared blood ties with her. What a cruel reality this was.

Qiu Chenxi's face paled, and her fingers gripping on the phone turned even paler. "Can you blame me for that? If we're going to talk about it, it's actually Zhai Sheng's fault! We'd been married for three years, but in those three years, Zhai Sheng had always been in the army and had never touched me even once! It was because he made me so lonely that I eventually got into an affair. It was his choice that I got into an affair. It's his fault. The Zhai family shouldn't have pushed all the blame to me. Neither should they have made me divorce Zhai Sheng!"

Chapter 1872: Be Careful

If Zhai Sheng had not gotten a divorce from her and had instead given her a chance to live like a normal couple, she would never have gotten into such a lifestyle and thrown her health away after such a loss.

It was only because Zhai Sheng had divorced her that she had abandoned herself and allowed herself to fall into such dire straits. Zhai Sheng had to take up seventy percent of that responsibility. So was she wrong to demand that Zhai Sheng reconcile with her and take responsibility of her for the rest of her life? She had done nothing wrong. This was just what Zhai Sheng should have done in the first place!

Qi Minlan was rendered speechless. No matter how terrible she was, this was still her own daughter, after all. Qi Minlan felt pangs of pain in her chest. She could not say any nasty things to her daughter since she had been the one who had raised her daughter in this manner. As such, scolding her daughter would be akin to scolding herself.

Yet, if she did not scold her daughter, Qi Minlan knew that Qiu Chenxi's mindset would remain wrong. It was horribly wrong. Not only would Qiu Chenxi never be able to get back together with Zhai Sheng, but she would even have to worry about whether her daughter, who should have become a grandma in a few years' time, would live well up until her death. She worried that her daughter's life would only get more miserable as she aged.

Qi Minlan, who was in a huge dilemma, had no choice but to press the button to end the call.

"Hello, Mom? Mom?" The dial tone beeped. Qiu Chenxi thought that the call had ended because the signal in Qingshui Town was not good. But when she tried to make another call, the person in question directly declined her call. When she returned from her trance, she finally realized that her mom had hung up on her. This had nothing to do with the signal.

“Everyone is trying to come against me one by one. Will they only be happy when they see that I’m leading a miserable life?!” Qiu Chenxi threw her phone onto her bed. Even her biological mother was acting in this manner. In an instant, Qiu Chenxi lost much of her previous confidence of being able to remarry Zhai Sheng.

If Qi Minlan had been in front of Qiu Chenxi, Qiu Chenxi would definitely have asked her mom, “Am I your daughter, or is Zhai Sheng your son? If even you don’t stand on my side at this point in time, how am I going to persevere?”

Of course, Qi Minlan was not in front of Qiu Chenxi. In fact, she had even refused to pick up Qiu Chenxi’s phone call. As such, Qi Minlan had very cleverly dodged this question.

The enraged Qiu Chenxi was obviously not going to let these small ‘setbacks’ and the discouragement of ‘outsiders’ get her down. She was not going to give up her dream of a bright and glorious future just like that.

That was all right. It did not matter if everyone thought badly of her plan. The only opinion that mattered was her own. Faith could move mountains. Had she not successfully gotten married to Zhai Sheng at that time because of this faith?

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If she could succeed once, there would naturally be a second time. The difference was that she had had absolute confidence that begging for the Zhai family’s mercy and forgiveness would be more than enough before she had arrived here.

The problem was that the Zhai family’s caretaker had said some disconcerting things. If there truly was a woman by Zhai Sheng’s side, this woman was greatly disadvantageous to her.

Even if this woman had a hundred, or even a thousand, flaws compared to her, there was one thing that Qiu Chenxi could never match up to. That woman had never betrayed Zhai Sheng. That was Qiu Chenxi’s Achilles’ heel.

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Moreover, given the Zhai family's background, it was not at all difficult for Zhai Sheng to find a woman who was better than her in more than just one way. If Zhai Sheng did not even discriminate against a woman like that, what should she do to win Zhai Sheng back?

After contemplating it for a long time, Qiu Chenxi finally decided that the first thing she had to do was to find that woman. She had to soften her attitude toward the Zhai family. They would never give in to her just because of her headstrong attitude. But she could do that to this woman! She had to let that woman know that she was the third party, who had ruined her blissful marriage with Zhai Sheng. She had to make that woman take the initiative to leave Zhai Sheng.

As long as this woman left and was unwilling to marry Zhai Sheng, the Zhai family would have no other choice but to reconsider her. It was just that it would not be easy making that woman leave Zhai Sheng. No fool would give up a man like Zhai Sheng, who had such a good background.

Qiu Chenxi, who had had her fun outside, realized one advantage of Zhai Sheng. Compared to other men, Zhai Sheng would never betray her or do anything to put their marriage in danger. He would never get into a complicated relationship with other women, causing her to be called 'an old hag' by that third party either.

Because she had seen arrogant mistresses bullying the legal wives to tears, Qiu Chenxi had never agreed to marry any of those men whom she had slept with, even if they were willing to do so. All along, Qiu Chenxi had always been passionate in bed but did not care about them once she changed into her clothes. In fact, she was even more decisive than men in this aspect.

With those men as comparisons, Qiu Chenxi finally understood that Zhai Sheng might have spent very little time at home with her, but Zhai Sheng was, in fact, the most reliable one, who would never cause a scene for his wife. Qiu Chenxi had once been the one to cause a scene for a man's wife, but Qiu Chenxi would never wish for a day when her husband would bring home a younger and more beautiful woman to provoke her and call her old and ugly.

Upon calming down, the first thing Qiu Chenxi did was to move to a different hotel—one that was nearer to the Zhai family's old villa, from which she would be able to spy on the Zhai family's old villa with a telescope. She believed that she would definitely be able to catch that vixen by keeping a close eye on the Zhai family's old villa.

Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing had been downright disgusted by Qiu Chenxi chasing Zhai Sheng all the way to Qingshui Town, even declaring to Sister Zhao that she was the family's mistress.

“Is there anything wrong?” Zhai Sheng was surprised that Zhai Yaohui had come to find him. “Do you want to go back already?” Zhai Sheng did not make clear whether he was asking about returning to Ping Cheng or the capital, but Zhai Sheng thought that it was more likely for the elderly couple to return to Ping Cheng since they had got along well with Jiajia over the new year.

He could tell that Jiajia was more like the Zhai family than the Wei family and had a good temper. She was quite a good niece indeed.

“You can’t wait for us to leave?” Zhai Yaohui eyed Zhai Sheng from the corners of his eye. “But I’m not here with good news. Qiu Chenxi is in Qingshui Town. I’m sure you know quite a lot about her situation. She still hasn’t given up. Qiao Nan is quite a decent lady, though she lacks a temper. Given Qiu Chenxi’s way of doing things, be careful that Qiao Nan might just get frightened and bullied away by Qiu Chenxi if you don’t keep an eye on her!”

Chapter 1873: Why Don’t You Hold On Tight?

Qiu Chenxi was definitely capable of doing such a thing.

Did Zhai Sheng really intend to spend the rest of his life as a bachelor if Qiu Chenxi were to chase Qiao Nan away? If it really got to that stage, Zhai Yaohui felt that both he and Miao Jing could finally give up. That was how their son, Zhai Sheng, was going to spend the rest of his life.

Zhai Yaohui had not had many interactions with Qiao Nan, but compared to Qiu Chenxi, Qiao Nan was definitely meeker and less aggressive. Qiu Chenxi was different. She was someone who had cheated on her husband, lived such a wild lifestyle that she could no longer bear children, and was even someone who was ill. Even then, she still had the guts to ask for reconciliation with her ex-husband. Even a fool could tell that Qiu Chenxi harbored no good intentions.

Upon hearing Qiu Chenxi’s name, Zhai Sheng’s reaction changed slightly. Even though his reaction was not out of concern, Zhai Sheng felt the same way and thought that Qiao Nan would be no match for Qiu Chenxi. “She still dares to come here?”

Knowing that Qiu Chenxi had come to find him, Zhai Sheng was utterly frustrated with that woman, who was once his wife. “There are some things that I feel should be done. You won’t mind, right?” Zhai Sheng had been unhappy with the Qiu family for a long time, whether it was then or now.

Zhai Sheng was all too clear about why the Qiu family was not preventing Qiu Chenxi from harassing him and not giving up on him. The Qiu family had always thought that being in-laws with the Zhai family was a glorious thing, and having him as a son-in-law was something to be proud of. He did not mind giving the Qiu family a gentle reminder that it was not always such a wonderful thing to have a relationship with Zhai Sheng.

“Do what is necessary.” This time, there was no way Zhai Yaohui would stand in the way. If he were to do that, his daughter-in-law would escape very soon, and there would be no hope of him ever getting a grandson. Compared to his own family, the relationship he had had when he was young meant nothing. Besides, his past relationship with Qi Minlan had long ago turned into a bitter memory.

Because of Zhai Yaohui’s words, Zhai Sheng glanced at his father in surprise. “Are you serious? The person I’m targeting is Qiu Qin. He’s not just Qiu Chenxi’s father but also Qi Minlan’s husband. Once Qiu Qin’s luck is bad, Qi Minlan won’t have a good time either.”

Every single member of the Zhai family was aware of his father’s special care and attention toward Qi Minlan.

Zhai Yaohui’s face darkened. “Do you think I have Alzheimer’s disease? Of course I still remember all that. And don’t you dare talk about this in front of your mom. Are you trying to ruin my relationship with your mom by bringing up all these things of the past?”

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Miao Miao was like a huge vinegar barrel. In the past, she almost exploded upon hearing Qi Minlan’s name. Even now, he tried his best not to bring up anything regarding Qi Minlan or the Qiu family in front of Miao Miao because they had not yet brought a daughter-in-law into the family nor had a grandchild yet.

“Ruining the relationship between you and Mom? Do I really need to do that?” Zhai Sheng spat out disdainfully. “Wasn’t your relationship with my mom already on the rocks some years ago? Forget it. You’ve finally repented, and it’ll be good as long as you stay by my mom’s side and stop caring about any other women apart from my mom.”

He had protected an outsider more so than his own wife. Zhai Sheng disagreed with the way Zhai Yaohui had acted in his youth. When he was younger, Zhai Sheng had refused to get married. Firstly, it was true that he had not met anyone who had managed to convince him to get married.

Secondly, he felt that there was no point in getting married after witnessing Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing's married life.

There would be fewer opportunities to hurt each other without marriage in the picture.

Zhai Yaohui was speechless. Of course, it was not that he had nothing to rebut his son with. He was simply too infuriated to speak! He had finally repented? Was it right to use such a term on him? No way!

In the end, Zhai Yaohui decided not to argue with this 'old bachelor'. No matter what, he still had Miao Miao by his side, while Zhai Sheng had yet to successfully court Qiao Nan. The two of them had not gotten official, and now, Qiu Chenxi had come into the picture too! Qiu Chenxi's appearance only meant that it would be much harder for Zhai Sheng to get together with Qiao Nan.

"I know very well about my relationship with your mom. I think you'd better spend more effort thinking about your own problems. Do you really intend to only marry Qiao Nan once your mom and I are gone? Your mom and I don't care about anything and don't have any requirements either. Can't you just work a little faster?"

There was something else that Zhai Yaohui had not said. This was something that Miao Jing had said. The gist of it was that Qiao Nan was already forty this year. She might be a little older, but as long as they grasped the chance, there was still a chance of having children. As long as Qiao Nan gave birth to Zhai Sheng's children, Miao Jing could die the next day with no regrets at all. At least, she would be able to answer to Old Master Zhai and her mother-in-law.

It was the new year. Zhai Yaohui thought that it was bad luck to say such things and thus made no mention of that to Zhai Sheng. Zhai Yaohui's mindset was just as traditional as Zhai Sheng's in some areas. It would not be too much to ask for grandchildren if his son were to get married to Qiao Nan, right?

Marriage did not mean having children, but having children was something that all elderly looked forward to. It was as simple as that.

Zhai Yaohui had not said it explicitly, but Zhai Sheng understood exactly what he meant. "Whether we have children will depend on Qiao Nan. If she wants to, then we'll have children. It's fine even if we don't have children in the end. I think you can tell that I don't really care about whether I have children or not." Zhai Sheng's words did not push the responsibility of having children to Qiao Nan, and he made it clear that he would be the one to be blamed if they did not have children.

If he really wanted to have children, he would definitely convince Qiao Nan. If Qiao Nan did not have children because he did not want to, she was doing nothing more than complying with his wishes.

“Humph! You haven’t even married her, but you’re already protecting her?” Zhai Sheng’s words seemed to imply that he was willing to cast his parents aside for the sake of his wife. “Do you really like her that much?” He understood his son well. From how Zhai Sheng was thinking about Qiao Nan’s well-being in everything he said, it was clear that Zhai Sheng truly cared about Qiao Nan. “What’s good about her?” Was she really that good she could move his icy-cold son? He appeared the same as before on the outside, but in fact, Zhai Sheng’s feelings for Qiao Nan were as deep as the ocean.

“I don’t know.” Zhai Sheng gave it a thought and answered truthfully. “Perhaps, I should say that I think that she’s good in every way. More importantly, she’s the best in every aspect in my eyes.”

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“...” Zhai Yaohui was overcome with emotions. That emotionless son of his had truly fallen in love with that lady named Qiao Nan! “Since you already have such feelings for her, why don’t you do something and marry her quickly? It’s not for me or your mom. It’s for yourself! Don’t you want her to be the first person you see every morning when you wake up?”

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Chapter 1874: Jiajia Is With Me

“To put it bluntly, the person whom you think is so good may not be that good in other people’s eyes. I heard Xiao Xu say that Qiao Nan came over for help during the new year because she got into some trouble with another man?”

He had to place a little pressure on Zhai Sheng. He did not believe that Zhai Sheng would allow another man to snatch Qiao Nan away now that he was so infatuated with her.

“I know what I’m doing.” No matter what Zhai Yaohui or Miao Jing said, Zhai Sheng had only one answer: that he knew what he was doing.

Zhai Yaohui sighed. Did he really know what he was doing? If so, why couldn't he give a clearer and more explicit answer? Had he not realized that Miao Miao had lost weight recently from worrying about this matter all day and night and could not sleep well?

“How wishy-washy. You might say that now, but if there really comes a day when you don't have anyone to cry to, you can find your mom and me. We won't laugh at you. If it doesn't work out, the three of us can still live happily while your mom and I are still alive.”

Zhai Yaohui did not think highly of Zhai Sheng's dawdling. A good woman would never lack good men chasing her. Whoever acted quickly would get her, and whoever acted slowly would lose out.

Zhai Yaohui was frustrated by Zhai Sheng's speed, but it was not that Zhai Sheng himself did not realize that. Unfortunately, every time he was on the verge of doing something, an accident would always occur.

Before Zhai Sheng could say anything to Qiao Nan, an explosive piece of news spread from Ping Cheng to the Zhai family's old villa. Because of that, the whole family, including Xiao Xu, dropped everything and rushed down to Ping Cheng to find Zhai Hua.

However, the Zhai family did not meet Zhai Hua at her home but at the police station. Zhai Hua was sullen and sat in a daze, her hair tousled untidily and her clothes spattered with tiny red dots.

With just one glance, Zhai Sheng was sure that those spots on Zhai Hua's clothes were from human blood.

“What's going on?” Miao Jing had been in a panic upon hearing the news from Ping Cheng. All had been well, so why had Hua Hua suddenly attempted to kill Wei De and his sister? The matter was so serious that she had even been brought to the police station! Why had Hua Hua been so impulsive? One was her husband, while the other was her sister-in-law. Why would she want to get back at both of them at the same time?

Zhai Sheng instructed Zhai Yaohui to stay with Miao Jing, who refused to leave Zhai Hua's side. Then, he found the person-in-charge to understand the situation. Knowing the Zhai family's background, the other party was very honest, yet helpless. “Chief, I'm sorry for being inept. The truth is that up until now, she... She hasn't said a thing about why she hit them. The victims have already been sent to the hospital, and we've just been informed that the victims were discovered in time, so their lives are not in any danger, though their injuries are quite severe. We'll have to settle this well. Otherwise...” The chief's sister might very well be jailed for two to three years.

“All right. Thank you.” Zhai Sheng’s expression darkened. “Can you give us a room? Perhaps, we can try asking her about the things you haven’t been able to get out of her. That would be cooperating with you too.”

“Of course!” The chief’s sister refused to utter a single word, and they would not be able to get anything out of those two victims in the hospital for now. It did not seem right for the situation to be at a standstill either. If the chief could get his sister to answer them, that would be good. They had to handle this situation well.

Otherwise, he would really have to worry if his position was safe.

Once the family of four was finally left alone in a room, Zhai Sheng got a response from Zhai Hua with only one sentence. “Did you ever think about Jiajia when you did that? Where’s Jiajia now?” Her biological mother had almost killed her biological father. Her father had then been sent to the hospital, while her mother had been sent to the police station. Zhai Sheng could not count on the Wei family treating Jiajia as their granddaughter and taking care of her after this incident.

Up until now, Zhai Sheng had not seen Jiajia.

There was a sudden glimmer of light in Zhai Hua’s dull eyes. “Jiajia?” That was right. Where was her daughter? “Could she be at the Wei family’s house? Zhai Sheng, if you still treat me as your elder sister, can you help me check if Jiajia is at home? Jiajia must have been scared stiff by what happened today.”

“You’re finally thinking of Jiajia?” Zhai Sheng sighed. “Don’t worry. I’ve already instructed Xiao Xu to find Jiajia, and he’s gone to your house to check on her. I don’t think Jiajia would have gone to the Wei family’s house. That’s not a good place for her. Besides, the whole Wei family must be at the hospital watching over Wei De and his sister. There’s no way Jiajia would be at their house.”

At the mention of Wei Xiaomei, Zhai Hua could not help but clench her fists that were on the table, so much so that the veins on the back of her hand were popping out.

“Hua Hua, can you tell me what happened? You’re scaring not just Jiajia. You’re scaring me too. What happened? Why did you beat Wei De so harshly?” Had Hua Hua not been the one who had insisted on marrying Wei De?

Zhai Hua lowered her head, refusing to speak or give any explanation. All she wanted to know was where her daughter, Jiajia, was and whether she was all right. She was worried that Jiajia would be affected by today's incident.

Since Zhai Hua kept mum, the atmosphere in the room was stiff once again and they were making no progress. Zhai Yaohui was consumed with anger. "You've already done it, but you're refusing to tell us the reason why, so what was the point of that? You're really crossing the line. Do you know that you're driving your mom and me to our deaths? Are you getting back at your mom and me for favoring your brother over you when you were younger? Didn't you say that Wei De would treat you well and that he would give you all the love that we didn't give you? So why did you try to kill such a good man?"

Zhai Hua remained silent, but her head sank even lower.

The conversation was now at an impasse. At this moment, Zhai Sheng's phone suddenly rang, breaking the cold silence. "Hello, Qiao Nan?" Zhai Sheng was surprised that Qiao Nan had taken the initiative to call him. Other than that time when Qiao Nan had run into trouble with Chen Jun, this was Qiao Nan's second time calling him.

"Jiajia is with me." Looking at the pale young lady who was shivering even while wrapped up in her thick coat and was in a trance, Qiao Nan spoke in a low voice. "Jiajia is at my house now. She's fine. I'll take care of her. Don't worry. Tell Sister Zhai Hua not to worry either."

Chapter 1875: Adding Fuel to the Fire

"And please tell Sister Zhai Hua that there's no problem that cannot be solved in this world. It's not worth it to sacrifice her own life for a scumbag like this. Sister Zhai Hua has to remember that she isn't alone. She doesn't have the right to be willful because she's a mother now. She has to deal with this rationally and calmly for Jiajia's sake."

"You know what's going on?" Zhai Sheng could tell that she knew something. "Did Jiajia tell you about it?"

"Something like that. Brother Zhai, you have to look after Sister Zhai Hua and have a good talk with her to discuss how she intends to deal with Wei De. Even though Sister Zhai Hua was the one who hit him, we can't afford to let it slide." Qiao Nan had never expected Zhai Hua to find out the truth in this manner.

The most tragic part was that she had found out about it alongside her daughter, Jiajia!

How bold of Wei De!

“Ask Qiao Nan to come! Ask Qiao Nan to come to Ping Cheng! I want to see Qiao Nan!” Upon hearing that Qiao Nan had called, Zhai Hua, who had refused to say anything, suddenly reacted strongly, screaming for Qiao Nan to come to Ping Cheng to see her. That vicious appearance almost made Miao Jing misunderstand that the next person Zhai Hua wanted to deal with after Wei De and Wei Xiaomei was Qiao Nan.

There was no need for Zhai Sheng to relay Zhai Hua’s request to Qiao Nan. She had clearly heard Zhai Hua’s voice. “Tell Sister Zhai Hua that I will head down to Ping Cheng. I’ve already purchased my bus ticket, and I’ll bring Jiajia along with me. If you don’t mind, you can let Jiajia stay with me for the time being. You guys have too much on your plate, and it’s inconvenient for Jiajia to return to the Wei family.”

“If you’re willing, then it’s fine. Sorry for troubling you with Jiajia.” Zhai Sheng agreed to hand his niece over to Qiao Nan. There was nothing he needed to worry about.

After hanging up the call, Zhai Sheng finally looked at Zhai Hua. “Qiao Nan will bring Jiajia here. Now, can you talk to us and tell us what happened?”

“I’m tired. I need some rest. I want to have some time alone to rest.” Zhai Hua refused to cooperate, especially after hearing what Zhai Yaohui had said earlier. She had no intention of telling her family what had gone down today. “What’s with Jiajia?” Jiajia had gone to find Qiao Nan...

The thought of this situation caused Zhai Hua’s gaze to turn cold and full of sarcasm. The Wei family was really something. Without her, would the Wei family be living such comfortable lives? But in the end, how had the Wei family treated her and Jiajia? In the past, she must really have been blind to believe that everyone would be alright as long as she took a step back and gave in.

It was only now that she realized that she could never give in to the Wei family because the Wei family would never be grateful to her! In fact, they were ingrates who were no different from that venomous snake that the farmer had kindly rescued.

Upon encountering such a situation, Jiajia had chosen to find Qiao Nan, whom she had only known for a few days, than to stay in Ping Cheng and look for her paternal grandmother's family. Jiajia's reaction caused Zhai Hua to lose all hope in the Wei family. From now on, she would sever all ties with the Wei family. They were enemies from this day on.

The Zhai family could not do anything about Zhai Hua and could only do as she said. More importantly, Miao Jing felt sorry for her daughter and felt that Zhai Hua must have been hurt very badly. Otherwise, her daughter would never have done such an extreme thing. Her granddaughter had been so frightened that she had taken the bus all the way to Qingshui Town alone!

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The moment Miao Jing acceded to Zhai Hua's request, Zhai Yaohui and Zhai Sheng had no choice but to follow suit.

Zhai Yaohui stuffed a cup of warm tea into Miao Jing's cold hands. "All right. Don't worry."

"How can I possibly not worry?" Miao Jing burst out in tears. "I feel like my heart's going to jump out of my chest now that something like this is happening to Hua Hua! We've questioned her so many times, but she still refuses to tell us what's going on. I'm afraid that Hua Hua might just destroy herself if this goes on any longer!"

Zhai Yaohui did not say anything. The way he saw it, his daughter, Zhai Hua, had already ruined her life the moment she had decided to get together with Wei De. The facts proved that his daughter had indeed been completely ruined by Wei De. In the past, he had never imagined that his daughter would live the life of a good wife and mother like other women once she got married.

It was just that they could not get a good grasp of the situation since Zhai Hua refused to utter a word. Zhai Yaohui was unwilling to say any more disheartening words at such a time to make Miao Jing even sadder than she already was. Thus, he decided to remain silent.

Qiao Nan took about three hours to get to Ping Cheng with Jiajia. Along the way, Jiajia followed closely beside Qiao Nan, her silent expression similar to Zhai Hua's. The moment Qiao Nan entered the police station, she immediately inquired about Zhai Hua. "How's Sister Zhai Hua?" Although Jiajia had not said it, her gaze expressed concern, just like Qiao Nan. She was very concerned about her mother's situation.

After the incident happened, Jiajia had chosen to go to Qingshui Town because her grandmother's family was in Qingshui Town. She knew that the only people she could get help from were her maternal grandparents' family. At that time, Jiajia had been so frightened that she had completely forgotten that she could have simply made a phone call.

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When Jiajia arrived in Qingshui Town, she found out from Sister Zhao that the entire Zhai family had left in a hurry because of a phone call. Upon finding out that her grandmother's family was not around, Jiajia was frightened to tears. In the end, Sister Zhao told her that she could find Qiao Nan for the time being.

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Without giving it much thought, Jiajia agreed to Sister Zhao's suggestion. Thankfully, Sister Zhao knew where Qiao Nan lived. Otherwise, Jiajia would really have been unable to do anything alone.

"Qiao Nan, you're here." Miao Jing could not say anything to Zhai Yaohui or Zhai Sheng. She knew that the father-and-son pair might not understand how she felt even if she were to tell them about it. Now that Qiao Nan had arrived, Miao Jing felt as though she had gained an ally. "Qiao Nan, what should we do? Hua Hua refuses to tell us what's going on and why she hit them. What can't be solved by talking things through? Why did she have to resort to violence? I heard that Wei De and his sister were beaten to a pulp!"

"Good, they deserved it. It's good that Sister Zhai Hua even spared their lives." Qiao Nan deliberately raised her voice. The moment she arrived, she realized that Miao Jing's gaze was constantly on that tightly-shut door. Qiao Nan guessed that the person in the room had to be Zhai Hua.

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Miao Jing was dumbfounded. She could not understand why Qiao Nan would say that at such a time. It was akin to adding fuel to the fire! Was she trying to say that Zhai Hua should have killed Wei De? The Zhai family had never abused their power so freely!

Chapter 1876: No Wonder

Zhai Sheng eyed Qiao Nan, and upon confirming that Qiao Nan had a plan, he nodded at Miao Jing, asking her to remain silent. Qiao Nan breathed a silent sigh of relief that the Zhai family had not ruined her plans. “Auntie Miao, where’s Sister Zhai Hua? I want to meet her. Jiajia misses her. I guess she would want to see Jiajia too, right?”

“I’m here.” Zhai Hua finally spoke up, but the person who had opened the door was, of course, not Zhai Hua but a police officer. Even though the person in question was Zhai Hua, the police officers did not dare to mess around.

In the end, the door was opened, and only Qiao Nan and Jiajia were allowed in.

The moment Jiajia saw Zhai Hua, she ran into Zhai Hua’s arms. “Mom, nothing can happen to you! I have only you! If anything happens to you, I’ll become an orphan!” She did not wish to lose both her father and mother.

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Because Jiajia started crying, Zhai Hua could not help but cry too. Even though she did not make any noise, her tears flowed down freely from her eyes. “Jiajia...”

Seeing the mother and daughter hugging each other and sobbing, Qiao Nan did not interrupt and only stood silently by the side. When the duo had finally composed themselves and let out all their emotions, Qiao Nan finally spoke up. “Sister Zhai Hua, I’m sure you heard whatever Jiajia just said. I believe that you won’t behave like Wei De and hurt Jiajia, right? On the way here, I already asked Jiajia, and she said that she’ll follow you after you split from Wei De.”

Since things had gotten to this stage, divorce was certain.

“Divorce?” Zhai Hua understood her words. “If I’m willing to get a divorce, won’t I be letting this bast*rd pair go easy?” Up until now, Zhai Hua, whose eyes were still red, was still unable to erase the scene that she had witnessed from her mind.

She had been the one who purchased the Wei family’s house!

And Wei De dared to sleep with that woman, Wei Xiaomei, in a house that she purchased! Did he think that she was dead?

Yes, after hearing Qiao Nan's words and suggestion, she had not even gotten the chance to test Wei De's, Wei Xiaomei's, and Wei Wei's DNA before she had caught Wei De red-handed in the act with Wei Xiaomei! Not only that, this whole scene had unfolded in front of Jiajia's eyes!

Even though Zhai Hua had immediately covered Jiajia's eyes and pushed Jiajia out of the door, Jiajia, who was already in junior high school, was clear of what had just happened. Her dad was sleeping with her aunt!

It was only today that Jiajia finally realized that Wei Xiaomei was not her biological aunt but a child that her grandmother had adopted. Even so, Jiajia had believed that Wei Xiaomei's relationship with Wei De was no different from any other siblings'. So how could they be sleeping together behind her mother's back? Her father was even a soldier!

If she had not witnessed such a scene for herself, Zhai Hua would never have been so enraged to beat Wei Xiaomei and Wei De up so badly that they had to be sent to the hospital. If the elderly Wei couple had not returned with Wei Wei and heard them screaming for help, Wei De and Wei Xiaomei might not have escaped with only these injuries. Their lives might very well have been in danger!

At this point in time, there was no need to test their DNAs anymore, and neither did she have to hesitate about it any longer. The facts were right before her eyes. Qiao Nan's suspicions were true. It was the truth. Wei De was indeed in a secret relationship with Wei Xiaomei behind her back. Wei Wei was Wei Xiaomei's child, and as such, it was not surprising that he shared such a close relationship with Wei Wei.

Zhai Hua sneered. "I dated him for several years, and we've been married for over ten years. I can't believe that an outsider is clearer about the kind of person he is than me. Don't you think it's funny? You're right. Someone as selfish as Wei De would never have treated Wei Wei better than Jiajia even if he favored boys over girls if Wei Wei was not his own son..."

The most ridiculous part was that she had been coaxed so well by Wei De before Jiajia had been born, and even after Jiajia had been born, that she had almost treated Wei Wei as her own biological son!

Just thinking about this made Zhai Hua want to kill Wei De. She could not understand how there could be people like that in the world. Wei De had made her support his son whom he had had with another woman! How dare he!

Jiajia felt like she had just been struck by lightning. Hearing Zhai Hua's words made her so shocked that she could not even call her mom.

Upon seeing Jiajia in a daze, Qiao Nan quickly wrapped Jiajia up in her embrace, stroking Jiajia's head. "Jiajia, listen to me. Don't punish yourself because of what someone else did. All these things are between the adults. It has nothing to do with you. But because it involves your father and mother, you have a right to know about this and make a choice for yourself. Some errors can never be corrected, and at times, your filial piety and perseverance will do no good." Because Wei De was such a bast*rd, it was not worth letting Jiajia sacrifice herself to lead the life that Wei De wanted.

Jiajia's face paled and her lips trembled. Her voice quavered. "A-Auntie Qiao, my-my mom said that Wei Wei is my dad's son. Is that true?" Wei Wei was her dad's son!

No wonder Wei Wei addressed her grandma as his paternal grandma. No wonder her grandma treated Wei Wei so well but never liked her. It was not that her grandma was muddleheaded and did not know how to differentiate between an outsider and her own family member. It was because Wei Wei was her grandma's biological grandson! Since she already had a grandson, why would she care about a granddaughter?

Qiao Nan remained silent for a moment. "This is just a suspicion. We don't have concrete evidence at the moment." It was only because Sister Zhai Hua had caught them red-handed in bed that she was sure of the relationship between Wei De and Wei Xiaomei. But they had no proof about Wei Wei's relationship to Wei De yet. It was all still her own 'suspicions' and 'guesses'.

Zhai Hua smirked. "Given their relationship, do we really still need a DNA test to tell us who Wei Wei's father is?" Testing it would only prove once again just how blind she had been at that time to have gotten into such a huge argument with her family over a man like that, to have given up her passion for the military, and to have become the kind of woman she hated most just for a man like this.

It was ridiculous.

"Of course we have to!" Qiao Nan was serious. "Sister Zhai Hua, have you ever thought about how you're going to handle your relationship with Wei De from now on? Are you really not going to get a divorce? A man like Wei De is like money that has dropped into the toilet bowl. To others, it seems like a pity not to pick it up, but it's also disgusting to pick it up at the same time. But are you saying that you can't bear to give up that hundred yuan?"

A pity? Of course not! She could not wait to get rid of this ‘hundred yuan’!

Chapter 1877: You Won’t Believe Me If I Call You a Fool

“Sister Zhai Hua, I know you’re unwilling to take this lying down, but no matter how unwilling you are, you’re not yet fifty. If you decide not to get divorced in an act of defiance now, you’ll recall the scene you witnessed today every time you see Wei De in the future. Won’t that be too difficult for you?”

“Mom, get a divorce. I’ll support you. If you really get a divorce, I’ll follow you.” Jiajia did not really want to say anything now, but she had to say these words.

“Jiajia, do you really think that I should get divorced too? If I really get divorced, you won’t have a father.” Zhai Hua could choose not to listen to other people, but she had no choice but to listen to her daughter.

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Jiajia laughed bitterly. “Mom, how big of a difference could it be from now given the situation?”

“All right, then, I’ll get divorced.” Zhai Hua nearly chipped a tooth from grinding them together. She would have to face it eventually. “Qiao Nan, what do you think I should do next? My mind is filled with... I can’t consider many things rationally anymore.”

“Test their DNAs and prove that Wei Wei is Wei De’s son. Then, find someone to investigate Wei De’s and Wei Xiaomei’s situation back in the countryside. When you married him at that time, his military status should have shown that he was unmarried. I know that people in the countryside usually have the practice of holding wedding dinners but not applying for marriage certificates. But now that our country’s laws are more comprehensive, even marriages that are done through wedding dinners without getting certificates are now legally recognized. He committed bigamy by hiding the truth of his marriage and denying his relationship with Wei Xiaomei to marry you. Just based on this alone, he’ll be punished quite severely by the law.”

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They had to prove that Wei Wei was indeed Wei De’s son. Because Wei De was a soldier, cheating in his marriage was already something that Wei De would be harshly punished for. But that was not

enough. For Sister Zhai Hua to completely rid herself of Wei De, the key was proving Wei Wei's blood relation to Wei De.

Reality was different from her dream. In her dream, Sister Zhai Hua had only been Wei De's girlfriend. To put it bluntly, dating involved two people, but as long as one party was firm enough, a breakup was inevitable. However, marriage was much more complicated. If Sister Zhai Hua wanted to get divorced but Wei De refused to do so, it might take a long time before a divorce would become official.

However, if they could prove that Wei Wei was Wei De's son and that Wei De had gotten together with another woman behind Sister Zhai Hua's back during their marriage, it would be an entirely different case. If Sister Zhai Hua were to propose a divorce, there was no way it would be rejected.

"All right. A DNA test." Zhai Hua had been part of the military as well and was clear about the strict discipline required of soldiers. Thinking about Wei De's sense of belonging and ambition in the military, Zhai Hua's heart was filled with revenge and pleasure. "He's still dreaming of becoming a regiment commander? After committing such immoral acts, I'll see if he can continue staying in the military!"

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In reality, what Zhai Hua was talking about was exactly what Wei De, who was still lying in a hospital bed, was afraid of. Looking at his parents by his side, Wei De's expression was pale. "Where's Jiajia? Mom, Dad, hurry and get Zhai Hua out of the police station before the Zhai family gets here. We have to settle this amicably without blowing this up. Once you bail Zhai Hua out, remember to lecture me in front of Zhai Hua and beg for her forgiveness on my behalf."

"Why?" Mother Wei screamed with a shrill voice. "As a wife, she was bold enough to beat her husband up so badly. She deserves to go to jail! I hope that she spends the rest of her life in jail!" Thankfully, times had changed. Otherwise, a wife like Zhai Hua would definitely be beaten to death by her in-laws, and even then, it would have been justified.

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"I think it's better if I go." Father Wei sighed. "Your mom clearly can't think straight. Your mom cares deeply about you, but she doesn't know how to do it right. If we let your mom go, I'm afraid that the matter will only get more complicated. When that time comes, we won't even be able to clean up the mess. Ah De, don't you think that you were wrong? How could you and Xiaomei... And you were even caught red-handed by Zhai Hua!"

At the thought of this situation, Father Wei did not know whether to reprimand his son or to deal with Wei Xiaomei.

Lust was truly dangerous. Xiaomei had grown up together with Ah De and was not an attractive woman. He could not understand how Ah De could have faulted in such a thing given his intelligence.

“Don’t talk about it.” Wei De was frustrated too. Although such things had not happened often, he had never once been caught. Over time, Wei De had gotten used to having such a married life, feeling that Wei Xiaomei’s gentleness lifted his mood.

He had never expected to be caught in the act by Zhai Hua! If he had known about this earlier, he would never have touched even a strand of Wei Xiaomei’s hair.

Father Wei had to prepare for the worst. “Ah De, have you ever thought about what will happen if Zhai Hua decides to get a divorce from you because she found out about you and Xiaomei? Zhai Hua has already gone to the police station, and this is no small matter. Do you really think you will be able to hide this from the rest of the Zhai family?”

“Do you mean that Zhai Hua has the right to beat Ah De up? Even if the Zhai family finds out about it, they should be the ones apologizing to us. Look at the kind of daughter they raised!” Mother Wei said indignantly.

This time, Wei De was truly incensed. “Mom, things have already reached such a stage. Can you stop adding fuel to the fire? If you continue being like this... Anyway, Dad, you’ll deal with Zhai Hua alone. Don’t let my mom get involved. And Mom, remember not to say a word in front of Zhai Hua and the Zhai family unless you want to disown me!”

Wei De did not have that air of superiority that Mother Wei did.

Not only had he cheated on his wife but he had also been caught red-handed by his wife and daughter! No matter how one looked at it, he was definitely at fault. Zhai Hua was not in the wrong even if she had hit him. If the Zhai family found out about this, they would never let him off. As such, he had to hide it from them at all costs.

“Dad, my mom is an old foggy. I think it’ll be good as long as she doesn’t drag me down now. Dad, you’re the only one I can rely on now. You have to help me convince Zhai Hua not to take issue with this and not tell the Zhai family about this incident. I promise that I’ll never meet Wei Xiaomei again in the future. I’ll admit my guilt and allow her to punish me in whatever way she deems fit. I’ll listen to whatever she says.”

“Ah De, you hurt me with those words. Don’t you know that I did everything for your sake?” Mother Wei was sad. She had thought of her son wholeheartedly, but her son had said that she was less reliable than his father! Why was she unreliable? She was the most reliable person around!

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Father Wei could not help but smack the back of Mother Wei’s head. “You still don’t admit that you’re a fool!”

Chapter 1878: Critical Moment

“So what if Zhai Hua beat Wei De up? Wei De slept with another woman behind her back. If you were in her place, I guess you would have ripped the other party’s skin out. Think about this from another perspective. If Zhai Hua had found another man behind our son’s back and we found out about it, would you think that our son would be in the wrong for beating Zhai Hua up? Would we have to bow our heads to the Zhai family just because Ah De hit their daughter?”

“...” Mother Wei was at a loss for words.

Just like what Father Wei said, if Father Wei had gotten into a relationship with another woman, she would definitely deal with both that vixen and Father Wei. In fact, if Zhai Hua were to start an affair, her son would not even have to do anything. She would volunteer to go to jail after killing Zhai Hua herself.

“Dad, you have to help me convince Zhai Hua.” Wei De rubbed his face, feeling that he was in the worst possible situation. If he had known that so many things would happen because of a new year’s visit, he would have just chosen to stay at home. At the very least, he would still have left a good impression on them.

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What could Father Wei say apart from agreeing to his son's request? "I can't promise that I'll be able to do it, but you can rest assured that I'll try my best. I've never treated Zhai Hua as badly as your mom has. I think she'll give me some face at the very least."

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Father Wei was thankful that he had never acted like his wife had and had never thrown his weight around as Zhai Hua's father-in-law, even when his wife had acted spitefully toward Zhai Hua.

Compared to how spiteful his wife was, he believed that his image as a father-in-law was still rather good in Zhai Hua's mind. Since that was so, Zhai Hua would probably agree if he were to beg Zhai Hua.

But Father Wei had been too idealistic. Mother Wei's words were indeed nasty, and Father Wei had indeed never once acted like Mother Wei and had never bossed Zhai Hua around as a father-in-law.

However, even when Mother Wei had flared up and unreasonably scolded Zhai Hua, Father Wei had simply stood on by the sidelines. He had never once stepped in to interfere nor had he ever tried to keep Mother Wei in line.

Sometimes, Father Wei's attitude of staying silent inevitably gave off the feeling that he approved of Mother Wei's actions. Even though Father Wei did not utter a word, in Zhai Hua's heart, Father Wei was not much better than Mother Wei. In short, Father Wei was not a good father-in-law, and neither was Mother Wei a good mother-in-law.

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Wei De had already made himself clear that if Mother Wei were to lose her temper and put all the blame on Zhai Hua, angering Zhai Hua, Mother Wei would lose Wei De as her son. No matter how reluctant Mother Wei was, she had no choice but to listen to her son and husband at this point in time.

It did not matter to her who her daughter-in-law was, but she only had one son.

Seeing both her husband and son anxious over this matter and feeling that they needed to give in to Zhai Hua and appease her, there was nothing Mother Wei could do. Of course, she had no choice but to obediently listen to the words of the two most important men in her life. As such, she retracted her claws and tried to tone down her anger. “All right, whatever you guys say. When we meet Zhai Hua later, I’ll act pitiful and not utter a word. How’s that?”

After calming down and thinking once again about what had happened today, Mother Wei finally felt a tinge of guilt. They had kept their son’s relationship with Wei Xiaomei a secret from the Zhai family all these years.

If they really reached the stage of a divorce, Mother Wei knew that Zhai Hua would be more than willing to do so, but not the Wei family. Once Wei De got divorced from Zhai Hua, she would no longer have a chief as her in-law. Without a wife like Zhai Hua, there was no way her son was going to get promoted in the military.

Her son had expressed his wishes of becoming a regiment commander. They needed the Zhai family’s help.

For her son’s future, this divorce could never happen. “Ah De, don’t worry. I know what to do when we meet Zhai Hua. If she dares to get angry at you and wants to get divorced, I’ll convince her to change her mind even if that means I have to get on my knees to beg her.”

Sigh. The Wei family had to keep such a terrible daughter-in-law. It was truly their family’s bad luck.

Father Wei and Wei De breathed a sigh of relief in unison, and Wei De forced out a slight smile. “Mom, it seems like you’re finally thinking a little rationally. Mom, I will never get divorced from Zhai Hua. My wife can only be Zhai Hua alone. If I get divorced from Zhai Hua, our family will have nothing. Dad, Mom, why don’t you find Jiajia first? Zhai Hua cares a lot about Jiajia. As long as Jiajia still wants me as her dad, Zhai Hua won’t destroy this family for Jiajia’s sake. She might even help cover this matter up and not tell the Zhai family about it.”

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That was right. At this point in time, Jiajia would be his best bet. Jiajia was indeed his daughter. At such a critical moment, she could be such a great help to him!

“That’s right. You and Zhai Hua still have Jiajia. As long as Jiajia is around, Zhai Hua will never get divorced.” Father Wei’s eyes twinkled, feeling that a guiding lamp had suddenly appeared to guide him through this bleak path. “Wait a minute. Where’s Jiajia? Dear, have you seen Jiajia?”

Had he not said that Jiajia had been together with Zhai Hua and had ‘witnessed’ that scene? Zhai Hua had been taken in by the police, but where was Jiajia?

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Half a day had gone by before Father and Mother Wei finally remembered that Jiajia had been present. But when they finally thought of Jiajia, they realized that not a single person had any idea about where Jiajia was. They could not even be certain about whether Jiajia had followed Zhai Hua to the police station, or whether she had followed them to the hospital out of concern for Wei De.

Wei De’s expression darkened. “Dad, hurry and take a look to see if Jiajia is at home. Remember to bring Jiajia along when you beg for Zhai Hua’s forgiveness. Before that, you have to make sure that Jiajia is on my side. After you find Jiajia, call me. I’ll convince her. I believe that Jiajia will listen to her dad.”

He had always known that Jiajia had always wanted him to care more about her and love her like he did Xiao Wei. As long as Jiajia stood on his side this once and helped him out, he promised that he would treat Jiajia as well as he treated Xiao Wei.

Indeed, during such a critical moment, only his own flesh and blood was the most reliable. Even though Jiajia was only a daughter, she played a critical role.

Chapter 1879: Did I Get into Trouble?

“Okay, don’t worry. I understand. Jiajia has been an obedient child all along. She will definitely stand on our side and understand us.” Ah De was willing to dote on Jiajia well in the future. After knowing this piece of news, Jiajia would definitely be happy and help them persuade Zhai Hua. With Jiajia around, Zhai Hua would become softhearted and agree to conceal today’s matter.

Father Wei always thought that Mother Wei was pretty stupid to have thought of everything from Wei De’s perspective alone and take everything for granted. The truth was they were a family, after all. He was no better compared to Mother Wei.

He felt that Jiajia couldn't complain if Wei De didn't care about her. When Wei De was willing to give a little paternal love to Jiajia, even if such paternal love wasn't pure, Jiajia should feel grateful and accept readily, or rather, accept with gratitude.

It was a pity that he had forgotten Jiajia was already in junior high school and was a young adult with independent thinking ability. All along, Jiajia knew in her heart how the Wei family had treated Zhai Hua and herself. Moreover, Jiajia had personally seen Wei De and Wei Xiaomei sleeping together on the same bed. One had to know how serious this blow was to a teenager.

If not for Jiajia finding Qiao Nan and receiving comfort and guidance from an acquaintance in time, nobody would have known what kind of side effects Jiajia would suffer from in the face of such agitation. Zhai Hua and Jiajia had a tense relationship with the Wei family to begin with. Now that such a thing had happened, even if Jiajia had any bit of admiration for Wei De, she no longer held any expectations of him.

The Wei family didn't expect that not only did Zhai Hua catch Wei De and Wei Xiaomei together in bed, but she was even more certain that Wei Wei was Wei De's son. Since Wei De and Wei Xiaomei already had Wei Wei as a son, no matter who tried to persuade them, Zhai Hua and Jiajia could no longer accept such a family anymore.

Nobody in the Wei family knew about this situation. Father Wei and Mother Wei also couldn't figure out where Jiajia was. Under Wei De's guidance, Father Wei and Mother Wei realized for the first time how useful Jiajia, this granddaughter, was to the Wei family. The old couple rushed back to the Wei family, but Jiajia wasn't around. Then, they went to the house Zhai Hua bought, but Jiajia was still nowhere to be found.

After failing to find their granddaughter at both places, Father Wei and Mother Wei were dumbfounded. Jiajia didn't live with them, and ever since they had Wei Wei, their grandson, Father Wei and Mother Wei didn't care for her.

All along, Mother Wei's words weren't pleasant. Although Father Wei didn't say anything, his attitude toward Jiajia was the same as Mother Wei's. Jiajia was already in junior high school. However, they didn't know what kind of classmates or close friends Jiajia had in school.

Father Wei had no choice but to call Wei De. What was more embarrassing and helpless was that Wei De didn't know anything at all either. Wei De obviously had more excuses than Father Wei and Mother Wei. "Dad, you know that I spent at least 364 days in the army in a year. It was already an exception that I could come home to celebrate the new year this year. How would I know what kind

of close friends Jiajia has in school? On the contrary, both of you live in the same city as Jiajia and are considered to be living close to each other. Both of you really don't have any idea at all?"

Wei De realized a shocking phenomenon for the first time. Everyone in the Wei family, including him, had neglected Jiajia too much. Nobody knew that the three of them knew about Wei Wei's true identity. As such, not only were they more concerned about Wei Wei, but they had also neglected Jiajia. This was definitely not a good sign.

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Nobody was a fool. Wei De was more worried about Jiajia than Zhai Hua. Jiajia was young and temperamental. He didn't know if she would bear any grudges toward the Wei family because of this situation. He managed to marry Zhai Hua so easily back then because she was dissatisfied with the Zhai family since she was young.

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It was his fault. He had neglected this situation. Thankfully, Jiajia wasn't an adult yet. Hopefully, he would still have the chance to redeem himself so that Jiajia wouldn't be like Zhai Hua in that she had no gratitude to her family who had raised her up but only felt grievances and resentment.

"I-I don't know." Father Wei was dumbfounded. Jiajia was his granddaughter. How was it convenient for him to care so much about her? "Ah De, what should we do now that we can't find Jiajia? Do you think Jiajia would find Zhai Hua directly?" Or even the Zhai family?

If it was the former, Father Wei was not worried at all. As long as he promised Jiajia that they would get Zhai Hua out of the police station and not pursue the matter of her hitting others, there was no reason Jiajia would be stubborn and unreasonable over this since she was still a child with a simple mindset.

What Father Wei was afraid of was the latter. If Jiajia went to find the Zhai family directly for help, Jiajia would really become a sinner that destroyed the Wei family and Wei De, her birth father.

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Zhai Hua must guarantee that she was willing to spare Wei De and ignore this matter since it wasn't appropriate for the Zhai family to know about this too early. One had to know that Zhai Hua's attitude was the key.

Even if the Zhai family was dissatisfied with Wei De, as long as Zhai Hua was willing to forgive Wei De and refuse to get a divorce, what can the Zhai family do? It was similar to how the Zhai family couldn't stop Zhai Hua from marrying Wei De back then. If Zhai Hua wasn't willing to get a divorce, the Zhai family could only stand aside.

"No. Jiajia should know what kind of impact it will have on me if she goes to find the Zhai family. She isn't an insensible child. Dad, go with Mom to quickly find Jiajia. I think Jiajia was just frightened and thus found a place to hide. Remember to call me if anything comes up. I'll try harder on my end as well to see if I can contact Jiajia." Wei De kept pinching his forehead, feeling irritated.

Everything had happened at the same time, causing the matter to be so complicated and difficult to resolve. Where exactly did Jiajia, his daughter, go? Didn't she know that the family was in a mess and that they needed her to make Zhai Hua reconcile with him?

The Wei family was like headless flies. Wei Xiaomei, who was sitting in Wei De's ward, looked at Wei De uneasily. "Brother, did I get into trouble?"

Chapter 1880: Self Sacrifice

Ever since Zhai Hua bought another house, she had always been living in it with Jiajia and rarely returned to the Wei family. She didn't expect Zhai Hua to come running to the Wei family today. If she had known, she wouldn't have been so stupid to sacrifice Wei De's and her son's future for a moment of joy.

Ever since she became Wei De's woman, she had only slept with him a few times. To her, it didn't make any difference, and she didn't have that kind of need. However, Wei Xiaomei was smart. She knew that she couldn't hold a man if she felt average about such matters.

Before Zhai Hua married over, Wei De treated her more indifferently by the day. He never mentioned her when he occasionally contacted his family. However, ever since Wei De married Zhai Hua, there was once or twice that Wei De treated her better and was more attentive to Wei Wei, their son.

In addition, as Wei Xiaomei often accompanied Mother Wei to watch TV, she could gradually catch a little bit of Wei De's attention. In order to safeguard herself more and let the Wei family pay more attention to her son, it's not a big issue to sleep more often with Wei De since she was his wife to begin with.

Furthermore, Wei Xiaomei always understood in her heart that Zhai Hua would never have married Wei De if she knew that she was once Wei De's wife. It was Wei De and the Wei family who had concealed her existence. However, reason and emotion were always kept separate.

In Wei Xiaomei's eyes, it was all because of Zhai Hua's appearance that caused her to be a culprit who had given birth to Wei Wei, a 'fatherless' child. It was Zhai Hua's appearance that caused the 'first half of her life' to be so miserable and unbearable.

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As such, Wei Xiaomei always had the pleasure of taking revenge against Zhai Hua when she slept with Wei De in Zhai Hua's house behind her back. So what if Zhai Hua was the chief's daughter? She had slept with Zhai Hua's man. Wei De was willing to sleep with her instead of going home to accompany Zhai Hua. This was sufficient to show that in Wei De's heart, she was actually better than Zhai Hua.

Revenge was revenge. However, Wei Xiaomei never thought of letting Zhai Hua know about her relationship with Wei De, let alone seeing them together with her own eyes. Upon thinking of that scene, Wei Xiaomei still felt lingering fear, and her face turned pale. Under the psychological influence, the places where Zhai Hua hit before ached even more.

"You're not the only one who got into trouble." Wei De closed his eyes. At this moment, he didn't shirk his share of responsibility and push all the blame toward Wei Xiaomei. Although Wei De didn't let Wei Xiaomei bear all responsibility, he still held a grudge against her. As such, he chose to close his eyes and not look at Wei Xiaomei.

To be honest, Wei Xiaomei was not as pretty as Zhai Hua. Zhai Hua wasn't ugly. On the contrary, as she was a soldier previously, there was a special heroic charm to her. Furthermore, Zhai Hua grew up in the Zhai family. Her temperament that naturally formed due to family influence couldn't be compared to Wei Xiaomei's at all.

Thus, Wei De couldn't understand. Was his brain not working well, or was he blind previously? Why did he spend the rare time and energy he had on Wei Xiaomei instead of Zhai Hua, coaxing her so that she became completely biased toward him?

In reality, didn't he do a good job before marriage? It was precisely because he had coaxed Zhai Hua well that he was the company commander now. Why was it that after marriage, when success was more easily attainable, he became confused and foolish, causing the relationship with Zhai Hua to be so tense now?

"Brother, what should we do now? Will Sister Zhai Hua get a divorce with you?" Upon mentioning this, Wei Xiaomei's face turned paler. She was really worried that Zhai Hua would divorce Wei De. Wei Xiaomei understood more than anyone in the Wei family that everything the Wei family owned today was all thanks to Zhai Hua.

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Zhai Hua could let the Wei family lead a good life. Similarly, if the Wei family lost Zhai Hua, they would lose everything and drop from heaven to hell, going back to their lives before.

Upon thinking that her son was going to leave Ping Cheng and return to the countryside to study in a school with poor teaching quality and a poor environment and that he would either be a farmer or a manual laborer like the other children in the countryside in the future, Wei Xiaomei felt uncontrollable pain.

No, her son must not lead such a life. Her son should enjoy the best in this world and have the brightest future, becoming an elite. Otherwise, what was her suffering in silence and enduring all the pain over the years for?

Wei Xiaomei gritted her teeth so hard that they were about to be crushed. "Brother, why don't we do this? Go and tell Sister Zhai Hua that I was the shameless one who removed my clothes to seduce you and you were an unwilling party. I even drugged you so that you would have sex with me in an unconscious state. As such, you hate me to death now and would never want to see me again in this lifetime. Brother, send me back to the countryside. Let's not meet each other again in the future. Just treat Sister Zhai Hua well in the future."

Only if he coaxed Zhai Hua could this matter be regarded as the past and her son's future would be secure.

Wei De looked at Wei Xiaomei in surprise. “Are you serious?” If that was the case, as long as Zhai Hua was willing to play a fool and believe his words, this matter could be resolved just like that. There was no other way.

“Of course I am. As long as you and Xiao Wei are well, I’m a willing party no matter what I have to do. Brother, after I’m gone, take good care of Xiao Wei.”

Wei De looked at Wei Xiaomei differently now. This was the first time he valued Wei Xiaomei’s existence. A woman was willing to sacrifice herself for him to this extent. It was undeniable that Wei De’s self-esteem as a male was greatly satisfied, and he was also moved by Wei Xiaomei’s sacrifice. “Don’t worry. The rest don’t know, but you should know. Xiao Wei is my only son, and I can only have Xiao Wei as a son. Jiajia is a daughter, and she will be married off sooner or later. Everything I have will definitely be inherited by Xiao Wei alone. You don’t have to worry about this at all.”

He had never changed his mindset about this at all.

Wei Xiaomei silently heaved a sigh of relief. “Brother, quickly share this with Sister Zhai Hua and send me away.”

What Wei Xiaomei didn’t say was that it was nothing to be caught in the bed. It had been so many years and so many times. Zhai Hua didn’t catch them in the act all this while, but an accident like this happened this year. What Wei Xiaomei was afraid of was that the relationship between her son, Wei Wei, and Wei De would be discovered one day, just like the relationship between her and Wei De.