

## RTAMM 2191

### Chapter 2191: In Critical Condition

Of course, Wang Yang didn't know anything about this.

After moving for a while and feeling that his body wasn't so stiff anymore, Zhu Chengqi let the nurse help him sit on the bed. "Help me with something. Deliver these things to Zhai Sheng. If you can't find him, call him via this number."

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"Okay, Chief Zhu." The nurse always remembered who he was working for. As to what the things Zhu Chengqi asked him to deliver to Zhai Sheng were, he wasn't curious at all, let alone dare to look at them casually. After calling the number that Zhu Chengqi gave him, he met up with Zhai Sheng. "Chief Zhai, Chief Zhu wanted me to hand these over to you."

"Thank you." After receiving the documents, Zhai Sheng asked the nurse, "How's Chief Zhu's situation now?"

After thinking for a while, he said, "To be honest, after knowing that your triplets were born and after Chief Zhu saw their photos, I always feel that... Chief Zhu seemed to have lost the energy to persevere on."

After saying this, the nurse felt incredible. Based on Chief Zhu's situation, indeed, if there wasn't any belief supporting him to live, it was very easy for Chief Zhu to bid farewell to this world. Before this, he always couldn't figure out what was the reason for Chief Zhu's persistence. It was when he saw how Chief Zhu was looking at the Zhai family's triplets that he understood that they were the reason for Chief Zhu's persistence.

How should he put it? It was as if an elder in the family knew that they weren't going to make it anymore. However, their family was about to welcome the next generation. No matter what, they had to persist for a few more days so that they could see their next generation. However, the Zhai family's triplets weren't Chief Zhu's grandchildren. Why did Chief Zhu persist just to see the Zhai family's triplets?

The nurse couldn't remember how many times the doctor had said that he was in a critical condition. However, Chief Zhu miraculously pulled through time after time. Sometimes, the nurse couldn't help but pity the bad guy, Wang Yang. He knew that Wang Yang was hoping for Chief Zhu to die earlier so that he could get everything from the Zhu family.

Undoubtedly, every time the doctor said that Chief Zhu was in a critical condition, Wang Yang would become happy as he thought that his wish would soon be fulfilled. However, Chief Zhu didn't die. Every time the doctor said Chief Zhu couldn't make it anymore, he would still pull through. This happened so many times that when the doctor informed Wang Yang again that Chief Zhu wasn't in a good shape, Wang Yang wasn't happy. He would even confirm again if Chief Zhu really couldn't make it anymore.

Anyone would shed pitiful tears for Wang Yang as he had to be happy for nothing every time. The notification of being in a critical condition was like playing a prank on him. The nurse basically confirmed that unless it was ascertained that Chief Zhu had passed away, he shouldn't share this piece of news to Wang Yang so that he wouldn't be happy for nothing again.

Upon thinking about this, the nurse couldn't help but add, "Chief Zhai, I could tell that Chief Zhu especially likes your triplets. He is treating your triplets as his own grandchildren." If Chief Zhu didn't treat the Zhai family's triplets as his own grandchildren, would he be trying so hard not to die?

However, now that these three children were born safely, the nurse felt that the persistence in Chief Zhu's heart was slowly disappearing. It could no longer support Chief Zhu to live for a few more days. Since Chief Zhu liked the Zhai family's triplets so much, Chief Zhu would definitely be happier if he could look at them personally or even hug them.

At least, Chief Zhu would feel more at ease when he left this world.

Zhai Sheng rejected the nurse's request while carrying the documents. "This should be what you want to say, right? It's not something I agree to or not for Chief Zhu to see the triplets. It's all up to Elder Zhu. Don't mention this in front of Elder Zhu. He has plans for everything."

Zhai Sheng knew clearly about Zhu Chengqi's situation. Zhu Chengqi would definitely not be willing to let Wang Yang know too early how much he valued Qiao Nan and the triplets. Otherwise, they would have to guard against Wang Yang since it was unsure if he would find Qiao Nan trouble.

After Zhai Sheng got together with Qiao Nan, they already knew about Chen Jun and the Chen family's situation. If not for the Wang family's help, the Chen family would not have been able to climb up to the position of police commissioner of Ping Cheng Police Station so quickly. This wasn't a small matter. Since no one investigated them, it was very clear that the Wang family had put in a lot of effort in this matter.

Zhu Chengqi knew that his liking for Qiao Nan had already caused her a lot of harm and for her to encounter a scum like Chen Jun. As such, even after Zhu Chengqi knew what kind of person Wang Yang was, he didn't get close to Qiao Nan again. He treated her like she was a stranger.

It wasn't the first time that Wang Yang did such a thing. If there was a first time, there would naturally be a second time. Zhu Chengqi had already lost his biological son, Zhu Baoguo. He wouldn't let Wang Yang hurt the innocent Qiao Nan just so that he could get everything from the Zhu family.

Zhai Sheng knew about all these, but not the nurse. "Alright, I'll head back first. If Wang Yang knows that I sneaked out and didn't stay by Old Chief Zhu's side, he would have things to say."

"Okay, it has been tough on you." Zhai Sheng knew that Wang Yang was keeping a close watch on Zhu Chengqi and wasn't willing to relax. Zhai Sheng also knew Wang Yang's motive for doing so. Wasn't he afraid that Zhu Chengqi would make a will that didn't benefit him? Once Zhu Chengqi died, and under the condition that Zhu Chengqi didn't leave behind any will, Wang Yang's mother, who was also Zhu Chengqi's biological sister, would become the legal heir to everything of the Zhu family.

If everything from the Zhu family landed in Wang Yang's mother's hands, it was the same as them landing in Wang Yang's hands. There was no difference.

Thankfully, when the nurse rushed back, Wang Yang hadn't visited Zhu Chengqi yet. As such, Wang Yang didn't know what the nurse had done. A person who similarly wasn't in the know was Qiao Nan, who had just finished giving birth. She was surrounded by her three children daily now. Of course, she couldn't care about so many people like she did before she gave birth.

"Nan Nan, did the children cry?" Qiao Nan had placed all her attention on the children, and so did Miao Jing. The children were young and naturally spent more time with Qiao Nan. Furthermore, Miao Jing was old and had less energy compared to Qiao Nan. As such, Qiao Nan was still the one who was mostly taking care of the children.

Qiao Nan had just finished feeding Da Bao. After she successfully patted Da Bao until he hiccupped, Da Bao fell asleep without any coaxing. “They didn’t.. They slept immediately after eating.”

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It was the best time to raise the three children since they were only newborns, but at the same time, it was also the most difficult time.

As long as they were fed and cleaned, they would spend at least twenty hours in a day sleeping and wouldn’t wake up too often. Of course, they would still cry when they were hungry, when they urinated, or when they defecated. Because of their cries, Qiao Nan had no free time at all as she busied herself taking care of the three children.

The one thing Qiao Nan was thankful for was that the triplets had the same habit as they had in her dream. They went to sleep together and woke up together. Then, they waited for their turns for mealtimes. That saved Qiao Nan a lot of hassle. As for breast milk, Qiao Nan had the will but couldn’t seem to produce enough. No matter how hard the auntie tried to nourish her with all sorts of soup, Qiao Nan was still unable to produce sufficient breast milk. It was barely sufficient for the three children at the moment, but when their appetites increased in another one or two months’ time, Qiao Nan knew that she could simply ‘retire’ as a human milk bottle.

“They’re sleeping so well. Nan Nan, don’t you think that our three children have grown so much?” Miao Jing stared at the three children, almost shooting hearts at them. Miao Jing felt that their family’s children were the most attractive and adorable children in the world. She had never seen any children better looking than their own. “They have such pale skin and chubby cheeks.”

“Yes, they’ve grown quite a lot. They feel rather chubby.” Qiao Nan nodded while smiling. Her children were growing very quickly indeed. In the blink of an eye, her children’s faces, hands, and feet seemed to have become rounder. “Mom, since the children are sleeping, you should get some rest too. Do they bother you with their cries?”

Knowing that Miao Jing was not in good health and could not tolerate too much noise, Qiao Nan was especially worried that the cries of the children would disrupt Miao Jing’s sleep. It didn’t matter that much during the day, but the three children often got hungry at night and cried especially loudly.

“Of course not. How could that be a bother?” Miao Jing waved Qiao Nan away. She had been longing for these cries for so many years. She loved them so much! How could she ever think of them as a bother? “Where’s Zhai Sheng? Did he leave you to take care of all three children alone?”

Since when has he become so irresponsible? He's a father now. I'll make sure to tell the triplets about this when they grow up so that they'll talk some sense into him."

Only after Qiao Nan placed the children down to sleep did she have time to reply to Miao Jing. "Mom, don't blame Brother Zhai. He was the one taking care of the children alone last night when they urinated and defecated. All I did was feed the children when they were hungry. I didn't expect Brother Zhai to be so adept at such things."

A hands-on father like Zhai Sheng had truly saved Qiao Nan a lot of hassle. In her dream, Zhai Sheng was still young and spent much of his time in the military. Apart from some help from her parents-in-law, Qiao Nan was the only one taking care of the children. Now, Zhai Sheng was spending more time at home and was even adapting well to being a father. Even Qiao Nan was stunned and she could not help but ask Zhai Sheng if he could master anything in the shortest possible time.

Hearing Qiao Nan praise Zhai Sheng, Miao Jing was elated. After all, she had raised this wonderful father and husband herself. "Don't praise him. He's a father. That's how he should be. If he can't even do that, he shouldn't have gotten married or become a father. Nan Nan, remember to get him to do whatever you want him to do while he's at home. You gave birth to three children for him. It's his obligation to do whatever you want him to."

"Yes, it's my obligation." Zhai Sheng, who had just returned, agreed with his mom. "Mom, Dad's looking for you downstairs. Why don't you go and see what he wants?"

Qiao Nan was still doing her confinement and was pretty much cooped up upstairs with the three children. As such, Zhai Yaohui could only get Miao Jing to carry the children down whenever he wanted to see them.

Miao Jing laughed. "Why else would he be looking for me? It must be about the three children. Let's not bother about him. The triplets just finished eating and went to sleep. What if we wake them up by carrying them down?" She would never do such a thing to her grandchildren. "They'll be turning a month old in another few days. Then, he'll have plenty of chances to carry them." In fact, as long as Old Zhai had the strength to do so, he could carry them for a few more years!

Old Zhai only had to fear not having the strength to carry the children. He would have no lack of opportunities to carry them.

Qiao Nan laughed. The three children had probably 'come' too late. That was why everyone in the family cherished them so much. After knowing that the triplets had been born, Jiajia had to resist

the urge to leave her studies behind to rush to the capital. Thankfully, the holidays were coming and Zhai Hua had promised Jiajia to visit the capital once her exams ended and she collected her results.

If not for Zhai Hua's promise, Jiajia would have kicked up a huge fuss at her own mother, Zhai Hua. Of course, although Jiajia was not physically present, she had received countless photos of the triplets. There were those of the triplets crying, those of them drinking milk, and even those of them sleeping. Strangely enough, the triplets were still slightly red and not especially good-looking, but Jiajia didn't mind that at all. She even praised her younger siblings for being beautiful and attractive!

"Alright, let them sleep. I'll head down." Miao Jing took another few glances at the triplets in satisfaction. Ever since she had gotten grandchildren, her heart would ache if she went two to three hours without seeing them. No wonder Old Zhai had gotten spoiled too. He wanted to play with his grandchildren too.

Qiao Nan was doing her confinement, and as her father-in-law, it was inconvenient for Zhai Yaohui to visit the children. Qiao Dongliang's situation was no better than Zhai Yaohui's. Knowing that he wasn't going to be able to visit Qiao Nan or the children, he decided not to visit the Zhai family and to deal with Qiao Zijin instead. "It's been so long. You should have had enough fun. Go back to Ping Cheng. There's nothing here for you anyway."

Qiao Dongliang had no intention of supporting Qiao Zijin. Besides, he was being supported himself. Only after a few days did Qiao Dongliang realize what Qiao Zijin had been planning.

The more he knew about Qiao Zijin's plans, the colder Qiao Dongliang treated Qiao Zijin. He realized that his elder daughter was living in ancient times.

Chapter 2193: Numb

Otherwise, how could she have such a ridiculous idea?

Qiao Zijin was obviously reluctant. "What's the hurry? It doesn't cost me anything to stay in the capital. Isn't it the same as being in Ping Cheng? Water flows to the lowest places while people climb to the highest places. I've finally made it to the capital after much difficulty, and I have what I need to stay here too. Why should I return to Ping Cheng? I want to stay in the capital and become a resident of the capital." She could not afford to be embarrassed by going back to Ping Cheng with no achievement.

To Qiao Zijin, returning to Ping Cheng would mean needing to give Ding Jiayi a living allowance. If she were to stay in the capital, she would simply share Qiao Dongliang's apartment. Given the same expenses, it only made sense to stay in the capital rather than return to Ping Cheng.

Return? Only a fool would return!

"You want to stay?" Qiao Dongliang felt that Qiao Zijin was exceptionally absurd. "Don't worry. I won't stop you if you want to stay here. But you have to find yourself accommodation, right? Have you found one? You can move over now." Did she think he knew nothing about how expensive the rent was in the capital? Not spending any money? Not only were there many more things to spend on in the capital, but the same things even cost much more in the capital as compared to Ping Cheng.

He knew that Qiao Nan had never expected to get back the money that Qiao Zijin had gotten from the sale of the apartment. Neither was she willing to bring up the past nor live the same life she had in the past. Qiao Zijin could keep the money and she would have nothing to do with Qiao Nan from then on.

If Qiao Zijin liked to squander her money, she could do so. Once she squandered away all her money, he wouldn't even need to chase Qiao Zijin back. She wouldn't even be able to stay in the capital any longer even if she wanted to. Qiao Zijin was already all grown up. There was no need to worry about her not listening to him, and neither did he have to try to control her.

Qiao Zijin sneered and sat on her bed. "Dad, are you trying to chase me away? I'm sorry but I'm not leaving. I already have somewhere to stay. Why should I go and find another accommodation? Dad, you're being too petty. It makes no difference whether it's one person or two people living here. Besides, you're not even the one paying for this apartment. Why do you have to be so petty and chase me out? Besides, I'm your daughter too. What's wrong with helping me out and helping me save some money? Dad, shouldn't you at least be fairer to me?"

She couldn't understand why her dad was flaring up.

What was wrong with her staying in this house? Why did her dad have to chase her out? Her dad may be foolish, but she wasn't. She would be a fool to spend money on another accommodation when she could stay here for free. Qiao Zijin had already made her enquiries. Although this apartment was only about five to six hundred square feet, the rent was expensive. As for the price of this apartment... The proceeds she had gotten from selling a large apartment of over one thousand square feet in Ping Cheng was enough to purchase only half of this apartment.

It was only after she arrived in the capital that she realized how worthless her money was. If she kept her money well, she would probably be able to live a decent life in Ping Cheng. But in the capital, the money she had meant nothing at all. It was only natural for Qiao Zijin to refuse to return to Ping Cheng now that she had the chance to live somewhere better.

As long as the Zhai family did not ask for this apartment back, it would be no different from her own. What Qiao Zijin cared about was that she wouldn't even need to pay for the utilities either. Where else would she find such a good deal? Perhaps, if she made some effort, she would even be able to register this apartment under her name instead. Then, she would become an official resident of the capital.

Qiao Zijin made her calculations and thought that she would be able to live quite comfortably in the capital too. But Qiao Zijin had thought about a problem: a job. If she stayed at home without working, there would definitely come a day when her money would run out. She had better find a job to earn some pocket money for herself.

Since everything was so expensive in the capital, the wages here would probably be higher than in Ping Cheng, right?

It was because Qiao Zijin had made such plans that she had refused to agree to Qiao Dongliang's request for her to return to Ping Cheng. "Dad, aren't you staying here too? It'll be lonely for you to stay here alone. I'm not cursing you, but what if you fall at home? Who would know that you've injured yourself if I'm not here? If you're unwell, I can take care of you too. Isn't that right? Don't they say that it's good to raise children so that you'll have someone to take care of you in your old age? You've reached the age where you need me to take care of you. I can't just leave you here."

Qiao Dongliang had become Qiao Zijin's reason for staying. She didn't believe that Qiao Nan would refuse to take care of Qiao Dongliang and disallow others from taking care of him. Did Qiao Nan want Qiao Dongliang to pass away in this house?

Qiao Dongliang was in a rage. "To take care of me?" That sounded nice. Qiao Dongliang shut his eyes and thought about how Qiao Zijin had snatched Chen Jun away from Qiao Nan. "So, will you go back to Ping Cheng if I do? Of course, it doesn't matter whether you do. Once I leave, the Zhai family will naturally take this apartment back. Then, you can decide for yourself whether to stay in the capital or to return to Ping Cheng."

Qiao Zijin jumped up. "Dad, don't be like that. You don't like me and you're so biased toward Qiao Nan. Who'll take care of you in your old age if you go back to Ping Cheng now? You like Qiao



Nan, not me. You can't expect me to treat you better than Qiao Nan, can you? You'll regret leaving."

Why should Qiao Nan benefit from it?

Her dad was so biased toward Qiao Nan and had given all the benefits to Qiao Nan alone. Now was the time for Qiao Nan to repay them for everything. But her dad was insistent on leaving and letting Qiao Nan off the hook. That way, Qiao Nan wouldn't even need to support him! That made no sense at all! She would never agree to it!

Upon hearing Qiao Zijin's words, Qiao Dongliang was numb. "It doesn't matter whom I favor. Nan Nan won't care about me or support me. You don't have to worry about that. I may be old but I don't need you to support me either. Even if I return to Ping Cheng, Nan Nan won't abandon me. You're right. Nan Nan's my daughter. I know very well what kind of child she is."

"Then, what about the triplets that Qiao Nan gave birth to? Haven't you been talking all day about how adorable they are? Can you really bear to leave them behind? If you really return to Ping Cheng, you won't be able to see them in the future. You know that Qiao Nan will spend most of her time in the capital now that she's married to Zhai Sheng. She might not even return to Ping Cheng once a year.. If Qiao Nan doesn't return, then much less the three children."

Chapter 2194: Mom, Come

"I've already thought about that." Qiao Zijin might have come up with such a good excuse, but Qiao Dongliang came prepared too. "Nan Nan may not be able to bring the three children to visit me but that's no problem at all. Now, transport is so convenient. Very quickly, there will be a train from Ping Cheng to the capital. Then, it'll be faster and even more comfortable to come to the capital by train than by car. I'll just have to travel for a few hours to see my grandchildren. That's nothing much. I'm still strong. You don't have to worry about me."

This time, Qiao Dongliang had made up his mind to return to Ping Cheng. No matter whom Qiao Zijin brought up, he would never agree. Qiao Nan's life was finally improving now that she had gotten married to Zhai Sheng. Even if he couldn't help Qiao Nan, he shouldn't drag her down in front of the Zhai family, at the very least.

He had already gotten a clear idea of Qiao Zijin's plan, so he was never going to give Qiao Zijin the chance to hurt Qiao Nan.

“Dad, are you sure you want to go back?” Qiao Zijin frowned. She had not expected her dad to be willing to give up the Zhai family’s three children to return to Ping Cheng. She had always thought that her dad would remain in the capital for the sake of those three children. “When are you going back? The triplets will be turning one month old in half a month’s time. It wouldn’t be good for you to be absent from that celebration or the hundred-day celebration, right? What if the children misunderstand that you don’t love them when they grow up? It wouldn’t make any sense for you not to be at their most important celebrations to bless them.”

That wouldn’t do. She had to find a way to convince her dad to stay.

It went without saying that the Zhai family would take back this house once Qiao Dongliang left. Then, Qiao Zijin would have no choice but to rent her own apartment if she wanted to remain in the capital. Putting aside the rent, she would still have to pay for her utilities and miscellaneous fees. Perhaps, she wouldn’t even earn enough to cover her expenses. If that was the case, why would she bother getting a job? She might as well move to another capital to save her money.

“So, did you really only come to the capital for a holiday? Or are you planning to find a job and stay here? You’d better think it through in the next twenty days. I only intend to attend the triplets’ month-old celebration. Then, I’ll go back. You can stay if you want to.”

Even if Qiao Zijin wanted to leech off him, she would only have twenty days left. The triplets had not turned a month old, and Qiao Nan had to go through forty days of confinement. As long as Qiao Zijin had no way of contacting Qiao Nan, her schemes would mean nothing.

After letting Qiao Zijin know about his plans, Qiao Dongliang returned to his room quietly. His days in the capital were numbered. As such, he would have to cherish the time he had left to spend some time with the triplets and to carry them.

Qiao Zijin knew that Qiao Dongliang was not going to change his mind and that angered her. Qiao Zijin whipped out her phone and made a call to Ding Jiayi. “Mom, Dad said that he’ll be returning to Ping Cheng once the triplets turn a month old. Mom, I don’t want to go back. I want to stay in the capital. You have to help me.”

“How-how am I supposed to help you?” Ding Jiayi was confused. Given her current situation, there was nothing she could do to help Zijin. “Have you forgotten that you said that I wouldn’t be of any help to you now? And that I’d only create more trouble for you?”

Qiao Nan had not died after giving birth to her children, and knowing that she wouldn't die, Qiao Zijin had called Ding Jiayi in a rage to throw a tantrum. Qiao Zijin couldn't wrap her head around the situation. She had spent a good sum of money consulting specialists, and those experts on the internet had even told her that it was dangerous for pregnant women to be in such a situation. If possible, it was best to get rid of the child. Otherwise, it would be dangerous for both the mother and the child.

But what was the final outcome?

Not only had the three children survived, but they had even grown stronger by the day. As for Qiao Nan, she was still well and alive as the Zhai family's daughter-in-law. No one could shake her position. Qiao Zijin could not help but wonder if she had wasted her money, or whether the experts she had found earlier were fake.

The enraged Qiao Zijin had gotten into a huge argument with Ding Jiayi. While Qiao Zijin had already forgotten about that, Ding Jiayi had taken it to heart.

Qiao Zijin sighed. Her mom was so incapable but had such a terrible temper and was so petty. "Mom, are you still angry about last time? Didn't I tell you that I said the wrong things because Qiao Nan treated me like a fool and I got upset over that? Qiao Nan didn't die and my plan didn't succeed. I spent three to four thousand on those bus tickets and spent almost two thousand after only two days in the capital. Mom, what I was upset about was the money. I wasted all that money. If I had known that this would happen, I would have spent that money on you for a good meal or some clothes instead."

"Alright. Stop trying to flatter me. Tell me why you're calling." Ding Jiayi could not do anything about her daughter. She was hurt, and she had been hurt several times recently. But she could not bear to let her go either. After all, she had pampered Qiao Zijin for decades. There was no way she could really leave Qiao Zijin in the lurch.

Qiao Zijin laughed. "I knew it. Mom, you're the only person who treats me well. My dad can't even compare to you. Mom, it's quite easy. My dad said that he'll return to Ping Cheng once the triplets turn a month old. I was thinking that you should come to experience the capital as well. I've planned it out. Once my dad returns to Ping Cheng to look after the courtyard, you can get a ticket to the capital. Isn't it because of you and Dad that Qiao Nan managed to marry so well and get such a good status now? It's time for her to repay you for that."

“Mom, the apartment that Qiao Nan’s renting for Dad might be a little small but it has everything you need. If she can afford to give Dad such a good place, there’s no reason for her to give you somewhere worse than this, right?”

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## Chapter 2195: Good News

“You were the one who raised Qiao Nan, not Dad. She should be more grateful toward you than Dad. If she treats Dad this well, she should treat you even better!”

Once her mom came, Qiao Nan would have to continue renting an apartment just like how she had for her dad. This was the lowest standard she would accept. If her mom was dissatisfied with it, she would make a fuss and Qiao Nan would have no choice but to improve her treatment.

Of course, she would enjoy whatever her mom did too.

Did her dad really think that she would be left stranded with no other choice but to return to Ping Cheng if he were to leave and the Zhai family were to take back this house?

Sorry but Qiao Nan didn’t just have a father. She had a mother too. Besides, her mom was on her side too! As long as her mom arrived in the capital, Qiao Nan would have to be as filial to her mom as she had to her dad. When that time came, she would benefit quite a lot from it too.

Qiao Zijin was no fool. She had been riding on Qiao Dongliang’s laurels, and knowing that Qiao Dongliang no longer wished to help her, she immediately got her mom, Ding Jiayi, into the picture. All she wanted were the benefits that came along with it. It didn’t matter whether those benefits were from her mother or father.

Ding Jiayi was slightly hesitant about leaving Ping Cheng for the capital. Apart from when she was younger and had left her hometown to escape the arranged marriage her parents had set up, Ding Jiayi had never done anything so bold. Now that she was old, she wanted to stay where she was most familiar with.

As such, the capital was not as attractive as Ping Cheng to Ding Jiayi. But it was not that Ding Jiayi was not drawn to the capital at all. “I’ll have to think about it.” It required a great amount of courage to leave the place she had lived in for decades for somewhere as foreign as the capital.

Ding Jiayi was not young anymore and no longer had that kind of courage.

“Mom, why do you still have to consider it? Will I make you suffer? I’m doing everything with you in mind. I just want you to enjoy your old age. I can’t deny that Qiao Nan could do a better job at that than me. She’s much more capable of improving your life. Of course, I can support you too, but it won’t be anywhere close to what Qiao Nan can do. But you have to listen to me and come to the capital. Then, I can take care of you with Qiao Nan. Besides, you’re in Ping Cheng while Qiao Nan is in the capital. If you fall ill, Qiao Nan won’t be able to rush back from the capital. Then, I won’t be able to do much if you have to be admitted into the hospital to undergo surgeries if Qiao Nan doesn’t return either.”

“On the other hand, as long as you’re close to Qiao Nan, both she and the Zhai family will definitely be able to fork out the money for whatever you need, be it a kidney transplant or a heart transplant. There’s no way they’ll leave you to die. I can’t promise you that I can do what Qiao Nan can. At the very most, I won’t take advantage of Qiao Nan. If something happens to you, she can pay for the treatment but I’ll take care of you. She won’t have to worry about that. I’ll do it myself and I’ll make that clear with her. That should do, right?”

Qiao Zijin still had flattery that she had not used yet. She would get Ding Jiayi to the capital before putting them to use.

Only with either Ding Jiayi or Qiao Dongliang in the capital would she be able to live in a house that the Zhai family arranged for the two elderly people. That way, she would be able to save herself a lot of money.

Besides, Qiao Nan wouldn’t just be providing accommodation for them if Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi were in the capital. She would have to provide them with an allowance for their meals and daily expenses too. Only then would she be doing her duty as a daughter.

Yes, it was true that she wouldn’t be able to use a single cent that Qiao Nan gave her dad. But once the one enjoying this benefit in the capital was her mom, she was ninety percent sure that she would be able to spend that money alongside her mom. Her mom was completely different from her dad. Her dad was thrifty and spent frugally, while her mom would never be afraid of asking Qiao Nan for more money. The more Qiao Nan gave, the happier her mom would be. In fact, her mom would probably ask for even more the next time.

If her mom were to succeed, she wouldn’t even need to find a job to live a comfortable lifestyle in a top-tier city like the capital.

The gears in Qiao Zijin's mind turned continuously and she soon realized that it would be of even greater help if the person living in the capital was Ding Jiayi instead. In fact, it would be perfect.

It was not that Ding Jiayi was indifferent, but she had never been so far away before. Besides, she had never been to the capital and was unfamiliar with it too. "Alright. I understand. I'll mull over your suggestion. I'll let you know when I make my decision."

She was already advanced in age. One required lots of courage to make a special trip down to a foreign city to stay by a child that she didn't even like.

Even though Qiao Zijin had already painted a perfect picture for Ding Jiayi, she had not been excited to the extent of wanting to fly over the capital to live the life that Qiao Zijin had described right away. There were undoubtedly disadvantages of living in Ping Cheng, but there were advantages too. At least, she would always be able to find her way home no matter where she was in Ping Cheng, and she even had quite a number of acquaintances in the city.

In the capital, she would have none of those advantages.

Other elderly returned to their hometowns in their old age. Ding Jiayi had not gotten the chance to move to the capital in her younger days to broaden her horizons. Now, at her age, she no longer had such an impulse or desire. "Is there anything else? Otherwise, I'm going to hang up. Oh right, did your dad say when he's coming back?"

In the past, she had always thought their house was terribly small. Not only was it a single-floor unit, but it was also old and dingy. But ever since Qiao Nan left, and both Qiao Dongliang and Qiao Zijin headed to the capital, Ding Jiayi had been left alone at home. It was only then that she realized that the house she had been living in for decades was actually quite big. At least, she felt lonely staying there all alone. At times, she was so lonely that she was willing to waste electricity by leaving the television on for the whole night. That way, there were other sounds in the house, making it seem as though she was not the only one there.

For the lonely Ding Jiayi, it was definitely good news that Qiao Dongliang was returning. Ding Jiayi had not seemed to take in any of Qiao Zijin's earlier suggestions.

Chapter 2196: A Problem

Ding Jiayi was truly happy about Qiao Dongliang returning.

“Mom...” Qiao Zijin was upset. In the past, her mom would have thought of such a plan without her even probing. Now, she had already analyzed the situation for her mom. Why was her mom still hesitating? Did her mom really want to live such a hard life with her dad in Ping Cheng? Was she crazy?

Her mom was never this way when they were younger. It really seemed like her mom had become an ‘old foggy’ and was now confused about many things. “Mom, trust me. Once you come to the capital, Qiao Nan and I will take care of you and you’ll definitely be able to live the way you dreamed of when you were younger. Don’t take Qiao Nan’s attitude to heart. No matter how much she dislikes you, she still has to support you. It’s only right for children to support their parents, after all. It’s not something Qiao Nan can run away from. Mom, Qiao Nan doesn’t want to acknowledge you and she doesn’t care for you. I don’t know why you’re still hesitating. How can Ping Cheng compare with the capital?”

It was truly strange that her mom had not agreed to her suggestion right away. It was like she was possessed.

In recent years, none of them in the Qiao family had been the least bit normal. Even their tempers had become strange.

“I know. I know. I heard everything you said. Alright. I’m hanging up.” It was not that she had not been moved. It was just that it wasn’t so difficult to make a decision on something as important as this, especially since she knew that Qiao Dongliang was about to return. Ding Jiayi felt as though her earlier loneliness was on the verge of dissipating. It was really a little difficult for Ding Jiayi not to be paranoid since she was living such a comfortable life now.

It was all Qiao Nan’s fault. Ding Jiayi had always felt that Qiao Nan had forgotten all about her family after marrying into the Zhai family. But later, Qiao Dongliang had told Ding Jiayi that Qiao Nan had not actually forgotten about the Qiao family. In fact, she had continued sending money back to the Qiao family. It was just that Ding Jiayi had not known about it before the lawsuit.

Because of what Qiao Nan did, Qiao Zijin wanted to encourage Ding Jiayi to move to the capital so that she would be close to Qiao Nan. In that way, Qiao Nan would never be able to leave her in the lurch again. But Ding Jiayi didn’t really believe Qiao Zijin about that. After all, the heavens were always watching one’s actions. Even Ding Jiayi herself had a sense of whether Qiao Nan would abandon her.

Given how Qiao Nan had continued to send two thousand yuan back home even with such a situation, Qiao Nan would definitely not leave her to die in the hospital without helping her if she were to really fall ill, whether it was for her or for Zhai Sheng's reputation.

"..." Upon hearing the beeping sounds at the other end of the call, Qiao Zijin felt as though she was so frustrated that all her hair was about to fall off. Ever since that 'takeaway saga', her mom's behavior had become very strange. After that incident, no matter how much effort she put into coaxing her mom, her mom was no longer the same person. This time too. Her mom had even dared to hang up on her! She had really lost all status and position in this family and had even become the person of the least importance!

There was no way Qiao Zijin could accept falling from being the most important to the least important person in the family.

"I really don't believe that both of you want to be good parents to Qiao Nan and that I'm the only bad guy here." Qiao Zijin scolded as she looked toward the phone. There was no way Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi had suddenly changed for the better. What she did believe was that Qiao Nan would definitely remember what they had done to her in the past. Would Qiao Nan really not mind how Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi had treated her in the past?

If Qiao Nan refused to acknowledge her as an elder sister, her parents had better not expect to be a happy family with Qiao Nan either!

Qiao Dongliang's attitude had changed, and even Ding Jiayi had started to place less emphasis on her. Qiao Zijin felt a rage burning within her given the change in both her parents, so much so that she tossed and turned in bed, unable to go to sleep. It was only until a certain incident happened that Qiao Zijin's dissatisfaction and envy of Qiao Nan reached a whole new level.

"What? Chief Zhu willed everything of the Zhu family to our Nan Nan? Are you sure? Our Nan Nan doesn't really know Chief Zhu well. They've probably only met once." Miao Jing was dumbfounded when she heard about Zhu Chengqi's will.

Ever since Miao Jing had accepted Qiao Nan as her daughter-in-law, she had never had any expectations of Qiao Nan. It didn't matter that Qiao Nan had a poor family background since she had a good character and a fair temper. Most importantly, Qiao Nan was the woman whom her son loved, and she was even the mother of her three grandchildren now.



From the beginning, Miao Jing had never nitpicked on Qiao Nan. After Qiao Nan gave birth to her three grandchildren, there were even fewer things for Miao Jing to nitpick on. She truly treated Qiao Nan as her biological daughter.

Miao Jing had already accepted Qiao Nan's 'shortcomings', ignoring those who looked down on Qiao Nan as well as those who mocked their family for having bad judgment. But now, there was suddenly a lawyer telling her that her daughter-in-law who came from the 'countryside' had an especially well-to-do godfather who was just as impressive as her own husband. Not only was that person a chief, but he was also wealthy!

Most importantly, the Zhu family had gotten all their money through legal means, and none of it involved anything illegal. Qiao Nan could inherit it with no worries.

This will mean that Qiao Nan would be the chief's goddaughter as well as an outstanding lady with looks, money, and background. From then on, Qiao Nan and Zhai Sheng wouldn't have to worry about not matching up to each other. They would be the best-matched couple!

One was a young chief, while the other was a chief's daughter. The Zhai family's background was good, and so was the Zhu family's. In the past, it had not been easy to find a woman with a background that matched up to Zhai Sheng's. Now, they had one. Coincidentally, Zhai Sheng had already married her, and she had already given birth to three children for him.

"Madam Miao, we haven't made a mistake. Chief Zhu made this will voluntarily in a clear state of mind. He intended to hand everything over to his goddaughter, who's currently your daughter-in-law, Madam Qiao Nan. This is the copy of Chief Zhu's will that our law firm has made. You can take a look at it. This will is definitely valid legally and will stand up to any investigation." The lawyer explained calmly and professionally to Miao Jing, who was still in shock and disbelief.

Actually, it was no wonder that Miao Jing was in such disbelief. When Zhu Chengqi had first found the lawyers to make such a will, even they had wondered if they had heard something wrongly.

## Chapter 2197: Settling the Matter

Even the lawyers who had drafted Zhu Chengqi's will had been in such disbelief that they had questioned Zhu Chengqi again and again whether that was what he truly wanted in his will. To ensure the legal standing of the will, the lawyers had also consulted Zhu Chengqi's doctor to ensure that he was of a sound mind and was capable of making decisions for himself.

It was only after getting repeated confirmation that the lawyer dared to draft the will just as Zhu Chengqi had instructed. In the end, it had been signed by Zhu Chengqi after he thoroughly checked through it to ensure that nothing was wrong.

Since it was a will, it was only natural that no one would have known about its contents before Zhu Chengqi passed on. But at fourteen minutes past one that morning, Zhu Chengqi had taken his last breath. And from that moment on, it was destined that the will would appear in front of everyone else.

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The lawyer had already known about Zhu Chengqi's last remaining relative, Wang Yang, trying to take over possession of everything belonging to the Zhu family, after learning of Zhu Chengqi's death.

Thankfully, the deceased always had to be respected. Even if Wang Yang wanted to change everything in the Zhu family's name to his, Wang Yang would still have to wait for Zhu Chengqi's funeral to end before he would be able to do anything, even if it was just for show. There were many things to take care of. Besides, Wang Yang had always appeared to be the most filial to Zhu Chengqi. Of course, Wang Yang would have to personally deal with everything related to Zhu Chengqi's funeral. He had already taken ninety-nine steps and was just one step short of success. There was no way he was going to loosen up and let his guard down at the very last minute.

Now that he was really dead, Wang Yang felt like he was finally at peace. Everything that he had set his eyes on of the Zhu family was now his. It would just be a matter of days. He could afford to wait.

It was all thanks to Zhu Chengqi's funeral that the lawyer had been able to meet Qiao Nan so freely and let her know about the existence of Zhu Chengqi's will. That way, Qiao Nan would be able to go to the lawyer's office to handle the paperwork and inherit everything that Zhu Chengqi had wanted her to.

"Madam Qiao, please take a look at this will. If there are no problems, could you give us a specific time when you'll come to our office? Of course, if it's inconvenient for you to do so, you can sign a power of attorney document and get someone you trust to handle all the paperwork for you too." The lawyer knew that Qiao Nan had just given birth to three children and was still doing her confinement.

It was the middle of winter and the winds were brutal. Someone like Qiao Nan who was still doing her confinement could not afford to go out in such cold weather. He could not afford to take any responsibility if Qiao Nan were to get sick!

Because of that, the lawyer had come well-prepared with the power of attorney form. As long as Qiao Nan agreed, Qiao Nan would be able to inherit everything easily while taking care of her children at home, becoming a true winner in life. Not only would Qiao Nan gain a huge fortune from the Zhu family, but she would even be able to make use of all of the Zhu family's connections in order to provide some practical help to her husband's career.

Even normal marriages couldn't compare with Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan's, much less when theirs was not an arranged marriage. To put it bluntly, once Qiao Nan inherited all of the Zhu family's assets, she would turn from an unwanted country bumpkin into a good daughter-in-law that every household wanted.

It did seem unrealistic, but that was how the world was. Thankfully, Qiao Nan had already endured so many hardships and it was now time for her to enjoy her life.

"Brother Zhai." There was no way she would be able to take care of those matters alone, and Qiao Nan could not think of anyone else apart from Zhai Sheng to handle them for her. In other words, the second, third, and fourth people she thought of were simply too young and were still drinking milk within her embrace. Since they would be of no help, Qiao Nan could only get the children's father to help her out.

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Zhai Sheng had already expected Qiao Nan to make such plans. "Don't worry. I'll settle them." After Qiao Nan finished signing the document to allow Zhai Sheng to act on her behalf, Zhai Sheng brought out another document and handed it to the lawyer. It was a document that Zhu Chengqi had entrusted Zhai Sheng with before he had passed on.

The moment the lawyer saw that document, he was in as much of a shock as when he had first heard about Zhu Chengqi's intentions for his will. Even up until now, the lawyer had not figured out what his client, Zhu Chengqi, was thinking. They could not help but pity Wang Yang. How unlucky Wang Yang was! He had been the only blood relative of Zhu Chengqi and had even taken care of him up until his death. Yet, he had not even gotten a single cent after his death!

Of course, even common folks fought with their family members for their elders' houses and money. It would only be even more intense in families like the Zhu family. Because of that, the

lawyer understood that Wang Yang must have done something wrong that evoked Zhu Chengqi's ire. That was why Zhu Chengqi had given his nephew, Wang Yang, some hope before brutally crushing him with such a heavy blow.

After the lawyer left, Qiao Nan had not rejoiced because she had gotten a windfall. Her furrowed brows made it obvious that she was frustrated, upset, and confused about many things.

In this lifetime, Zhu Chengqi had never been able to acknowledge Qiao Nan as his goddaughter. In fact, Qiao Nan had even been turned away when she had wanted to visit him before his death. Initially, she had thought that Wang Yang was the one making the decision, and he had not told Zhu Chengqi about her visit. But in the end, Qiao Nan realized that Zhu Chengqi probably knew about the situation too.

Knowing that Zhu Chengqi had passed away the night before, Qiao Nan was miserable and had the urge to burst out in tears. Before she could let out a sound, her tears started falling freely. Qiao Nan was thankful that she had given birth to three children. Otherwise, it would be disastrous if one of them were to meet with an accident. Besides, Zhu Chengqi was a recluse and a lone wolf who could never forget his late wife...

If not for that, Zhu Chengqi would never have to spend his whole life in such misery. If Zhu Chengqi had someone by his side, Zhu Chengqi's life would have been much happier.. More importantly, Zhu Chengqi wouldn't have passed away so early either.

#### Chapter 2198: Good Judgment?

Zhai Sheng had already guessed that Qiao Nan would be upset, so he had gone upstairs to accompany her and wipe away her tears. "Don't cry. Didn't Mom say that you can't stand in the wind or cry? Otherwise, you'll get arthritis in the future. Actually, Chief Zhu didn't have it as hard as you think. His departure might not necessarily be a bad thing."

In Zhai Sheng's opinion, there was no point in Zhu Chengqi continuing to live in that way. He had no close relatives by his side, and the only one he did have around was evil and greedy. In his youth, Zhu Chengqi had given his life to the military. When he got older, Zhu Chengqi's mental capacity and physical abilities could no longer keep up with the pace of the army once he reached the retirement age.

Another day of such an uninteresting life was simply redundant.

“Who said so? He could have been happier!” Qiao Nan was unconvinced and she sniffled. “Brother Zhai. Tell me honestly. Zhu... Did my godfather refuse to meet me before this to protect me?” Zhu Chengqi had already entered a special ward while Qiao Nan had been only four to five months pregnant because the doctors had said that he was about to pass away at any minute.

Someone who was toeing the line of death had held on for half a year more and had passed away in the middle of the night only a few days after she had given birth to her three children. Qiao Nan could not help but think about such a situation. After all, this was not her first time encountering it. In her dream, her master, Lin Yuankang, had insisted on holding on until the triplets’ birthday passed before letting her know.

In this lifetime, Qiao Nan hardly thought about things that had happened in her dream because very often, things were not as smooth-sailing in reality as they had been in her dream. Lin Yuankang had severed his ties with the Lin family a long time ago. This had not changed, whether it was in her dream or in reality.

What was different was that in her dream, Lin Yuankang had had a caring disciple, Qiao Nan. That was why he had been able to enjoy his last days like any other senior, with children and grandchildren around him. Even though he had succumbed to his illness in the end, he had had a fulfilling life, at the very least. But that was not the case in reality. Lin Yuankang had not been in contact with the Lin family and had even been misunderstood as an old man with a strange temper. Lin Yuankang had passed away at about the same time as he had in her dream, but he had encountered many more problems before his death in reality.

The Lin family knew that Lin Yuankang was dying soon, but he still had wads of cash in his hands. Money was something one couldn’t bring into the grave. As such, the Lin family tried to scheme to get hold of that sum of money, creating so much trouble for Lin Yuankang that he had not been able to rest well even in his last days.

Qiao Nan had only enquired about it because she had been curious. But upon learning about such heart-wrenching news regarding Lin Yuankang, Qiao Nan did not have the heart to go any further. Even though these events had happened a few years ago, Qiao Nan could not bear to hear about how much this old man, who had no ties to her, had suffered in his old age.

In her dream, Lin Yuankang and Old Zhai had left peacefully at around the same time. Qiao Nan had been upset for a long while and had not been able to pick herself up. If not for the fact that Old Lin and Old Zhai had already passed away quite a few years ago by the time she awoke from her dream, Qiao Nan might very well have been trapped in that misery again.

In the face of the departure of an elder whom she felt deeply for, Qiao Nan had no control over her emotions. Now that Zhu Chengqi had truly 'left' this time, Qiao Nan felt like her world was crashing down. Why did the elders who treated her well always pass on so early? Her godfather was about the same age as her own father!

It was not that Qiao Nan wanted to curse Ding Jiayi or Qiao Dongliang. But she was truly upset at such a difference. Why had the heavens given her such a dream? Was it exceptional love or was it a special kind of torture for her? If not for that dream, the departures of these elders would never have made her so emotional or sad. However, if not for that dream, she would have received much less love too.

Qiao Nan had reached a dead-end in her mind. She could not wrap her head around why such an average person like her had to deal with so many unacceptable events. Was she a jinx? Would Zhu Chengqi have been able to live a longer life if he had hated her like Ding Jiayi did or ignored her like Qiao Dongliang had?

"Nan Nan, what are you thinking about?" Zhai Sheng was the first to realize that Qiao Nan's emotions were in turmoil. Even though Qiao Nan had the children in her arms, she was down. "What's wrong? Tell me about it. I'll help you resolve it."

Qiao Nan leaned into Zhai Sheng's embrace. "I'm just a little upset. I don't understand why good people have such short lives." Qiao Nan also knew that she was not in a good mood. But no matter how much she tried to persuade herself, she could not seem to lift her mood. If not for the three children, Qiao Nan might have already broken down.

Zhai Sheng understood her words. "Are you still upset about the Zhu family?"

"Yes."

Zhai Sheng patted her back. "I don't know if good people have short lives, but what I do know is that bad people will always get what they deserve. It's inconvenient for you to get out of the house now that you're doing your confinement. That's why you haven't been able to see the situation out there. After Wang Yang found out about Chief Zhu's will and that he will have nothing to do with the Zhu family's assets, he nearly went crazy."

Even though he had not gone crazy, he had not been very right in the mind either. Wang Yang had even said that the lawyers had been bribed by the Zhai family and Nan Nan. She had nothing to do with the Zhu family, while he was Chief Zhu's biological nephew.

Who would give everything in the family to someone who had nothing to do with him instead of his own nephew? There was no way he was going to accept that will. He even suspected that the will was a fake, had requested for an investigation, and had even taken the law firm to court. Of course, since he had already gone to such an extent, Wang Yang had also sued Qiao Nan as well.

Since Qiao Nan had already given Zhai Sheng the power of attorney, he would be able to act on her behalf without the need for her to be present.

Because of this incident, there had been quite a lot of gossip regarding the Zhai family and Qiao Nan lately. Striking a windfall was something that everyone dreamed of, yet it was not something that just anyone had the good fortune of having. It was only natural for Qiao Nan to become the object of envy because of her sudden windfall. Everyone talked about how Qiao Nan was truly an extraordinary person who must have resorted to extraordinary means.

Earlier, everyone had been comforting themselves that Zhai Sheng had had poor judgment and that was why he had lowered his standards to marry such an old woman like Qiao Nan.

#### Chapter 2199: Idiot

Now that Qiao Nan had gained a godfather, many said that their daughters should acknowledge Qiao Nan as their master. Their daughters wouldn't even need to accomplish both things that Qiao Nan had. Given Qiao Nan's capabilities, they would be set for life by just accomplishing one out of the two things.

Not only were these words unpleasant but also annoying. Thankfully, Qiao Nan had been doing her confinement and did not get out of the house. Of course, the Zhai family had not told Qiao Nan about these things and had kept their mouths well sealed.

Qiao Nan was still doing her confinement while Wang Yang was struggling like a lion on the verge of exploding. Not only did he have terrible eye bags, but his hair was in a clumpy and disheveled mess. "Stupid old man! He dared to play me until the very end! I was thoroughly duped by him! I can't believe I was tricked by that stupid old man! He had better not think that death was liberation. People like him will definitely go to the lowest level of hell! If my grandfather knew that he gave all of the Zhu family's assets to an outsider, that stupid old man would definitely be disowned and would become a criminal in the Zhu family!"

Wang Yang's eyes were bloodshot as he shouted. The blood vessels in Wang Yang's eyes were like a spider web and he looked rather scary.

Even Wang Yang's wife dared not get close to her husband. "Dear, you haven't had a good sleep in a while. Do you want to get some rest? Didn't you say that you still have an ongoing lawsuit? You have to be in good health so as to fight back against those people. Why don't I get you something to eat?"

Wang Yang's wife had never expected things to turn out in this way either. What should have been theirs was now gone in the blink of an eye, and it no longer had anything to do with them. Earlier, Wang Yang had been helping Zhu Chengqi take care of the Zhu family's assets, and it was only then that Wang Yang's wife had found out just how wealthy the Zhu family was.

Wang Yang's wife had already made her plans. Once all the money became Wang Yang's, she would have played a vital role in it too. For a long time, Wang Yang's wife had been the bad person in front of Zhu Chengqi so that Wang Yang could play the good cop. She had given up everything to stay by Zhu Chengqi's side so as to keep her eyes on him. Wang Yang had even scolded and beaten her, reminding her to behave in front of Zhu Chengqi.

He had given her a slap at that time. It had been a loud one, and he had not spared any strength at all. Because of that slap, Wang Yang's wife had iced her cheek for a whole night. Nonetheless, her face had still been swollen the next morning.

Wang Yang's wife had already thought it through. There was no way she was going to get beaten up for nothing. It was true that her younger brother was useless and was never of any help. In fact, he would only drag her down. But she had only one brother, after all. Once she got the money, she would buy a villa. Then, she would have a room specially for her clothes and bags. Then, she would use some money to buy a house of about two thousand square feet for her brother.

With that house, her brother would probably be able to get a wife and live a comfortable life. Two thousand square feet wasn't exactly small, and there would be more than enough rooms. Her parents had worked hard their whole lives and loved their son the most. If she were to buy that house for her brother, her parents would be able to live with her brother in the future. That would save her a lot of trouble too.

It could be said that Wang Yang's wife had already made a comprehensive plan. All she was lacking was the money.



She counted down the days to when she would receive the money. Who would have known that a will like that would have appeared out of the blue? In that will, Zhu Chengqi had left everything to Qiao Nan. Wang Yang's wife thought that this will was probably real. But the strange thing was that she had already kept her eyes on Zhu Chengqi all the time. When had Zhu Chengqi ever gotten the chance to get lawyers to draft this will for him?

They had taken all sorts of precautions, but they had still not been able to stop Qiao Nan from inheriting the Zhu family's assets. Wang Yang's wife was enraged. The world was truly unfair. She looked quite similar to Qiao Nan. Qiao Nan didn't have anything to do with the Zhu family. At the very least, she was that stupid old man's niece-in-law! That was why she couldn't understand why Zhu Chengqi was so biased! They looked pretty much the same, so why had Zhu Chengqi chosen to give everything of the Zhu family to Qiao Nan instead of his niece-in-law?

Ever since she had started living with Zhu Chengqi, she had taken care of him with great care. She had never even treated her biological parents with such great care. But her sacrifices had amounted to nothing at all! In fact, someone else had benefited instead! How was she supposed to remain calm?

Wang Yang's wife might have been infuriated, but she remained obedient and calm in front of Wang Yang, not daring to complain or throw a tantrum. She had to coax Wang Yang well.

Wang Yang's wife had felt rather guilty the moment that will appeared. After all, Wang Yang had gotten her to keep her eyes on Zhu Chengqi so that something like that would not happen. But in the end, the will had still made its appearance. Wang Yang's wife was afraid that she had lost such a precious chance because she had not done her job well.

Wang Yang's wife swore that she had never been distracted for even just a moment while taking care of Zhu Chengqi. To take care of him, she had not even gone shopping in two years. In the end, she had no choice but to shop on Taobao instead. That was why she was sure that Zhu Chengqi had never left the house, nor had any lawyers visited their house to discuss any matters with Zhu Chengqi one-on-one.

She had kept such a close eye on him and had even spent so much effort trying to make sure that she would let nothing slip past her. Wang Yang's wife could not help but feel aggrieved when she thought about the will.

Wang Yang's wife did not have a good grasp of Wang Yang's attitude and was unsure if he would blame her for everything. That was why she had no choice but to serve him well. She wondered if there was still any chance for them to take back that huge sum of money.

Otherwise, both she and Wang Yang would have wasted two years of their lives trying to take care of Zhu Chengqi.

“There’s no need for that.” Wang Yang was in no mood to sleep. He felt as though his lungs were about to explode. If not for the fact that Zhu Chengqi’s body had already been cremated and buried in the military cemetery, Wang Yang would have had the impulse to dig his ashes out and smash the urn so that his ashes would be blown away by the wind.

What right did Zhu Chengqi, who didn’t even care about his biological nephew, have to be buried in such a nice cemetery? How could he expect anyone to visit his grave and take care of it? Zhu Chengqi didn’t even deserve to be a human being! He was an idiot who only cared about outsiders!

#### Chapter 2200: Unable to Take Responsibility

“Dear, what do you think we can do at this point in time?” Wang Yang’s wife sighed. It was good as long as he didn’t blame everything on her. She was afraid that she would have to bear that burden. If that were the case, she wouldn’t need to visit her in-laws in the future. She would definitely become an unforgivable criminal in the Wang family’s eyes.

Wang Yang stroked his face. “Didn’t you say that you kept a close eye on that stupid old man? Why does this will exist?”

Yes, it wasn’t just Wang Yang’s wife. Even Wang Yang himself knew that this will was real and that Zhu Chengqi had definitely drafted it behind their backs. There was no question about that. It was exactly because he knew that this will was real that Wang Yang was even angrier.

He was angry that Zhu Chengqi couldn’t differentiate between his family and an outsider and had given all of the Zhu family’s assets to an outsider like Qiao Nan instead of his own nephew. What he was angrier about was that he had already made his precautions because he knew that Zhu Chengqi couldn’t be trusted. He had already made such a great effort, so when had things gone wrong and how had Zhu Chengqi managed to draft this will right under their noses?

Wang Yang’s wife immediately raised three fingers and swore. “Dear, you should know that I have never said one thing while doing another. I know how important this matter is. I want it to go well for you too. Only then will I benefit from it. Initially, I was even thinking of getting a sum of money from you to buy a house for my brother after you got the inheritance from that old man. Then, my

brother would be the one taking care of my parents in the future. So, there's no way I would go against you or even lie to you. I'm sure you heard my friend's call the other time. I haven't been out shopping with them in over a year! How could I have ever made such a mistake? It's true. I've always listened to you and stayed by that old man's side all the time. I didn't even dare to go anywhere or let anyone visit the old man."

Seeing how nervous his wife was, Wang Yang's slight suspicion disappeared. Wang Yang was clear about whether Zhu Chengqi had left the house, or who had visited Zhu Chengqi at home. As such, he was crystal clear about how Zhu Chengqi spent his days even though he did not stay by Zhu Chengqi's side all the time.

Wang Yang was rather confident about that.

Wang Yang scratched his head. "Since we were already so thorough, when did he ever draft this will?" Could it be that the old man was immortal? "No matter what, I won't acknowledge the legal standing of this will. I've already applied to the court to freeze all of the Zhu family's assets. That Qiao woman had better not even dream of getting a single cent from our family. I'll fight it out with her in court. No one will ever snatch away what belongs to me."

"That's right, dear. We'll do that." Wang Yang's wife nodded in agreement. Wang Yang disagreed with the fact that the money had nothing to do with them and of course, his wife could not bear to part with that money either. In short, if even she couldn't get that money, anyone who had nothing to do with the Zhu family had better not think of having a single cent of it. "Dear, do you think that it's possible that the old man wasn't in a clear state of mind when making this will?"

It wasn't that he was truly not in a clear state of mind. However, they could, perhaps, ask the lawyer to use this as an excuse. "You know, I've seen the news lately and there have been quite a few elderly people like the old man who are quite brainless and have been cheated of their money. Maybe that's what's going on in our family too. Look, that woman must have used some underhanded methods since she managed to get Zhai Sheng to marry her. It wouldn't be strange for her to confuse and coax someone with that mouth of hers. We have reason to suspect that that old man was cheated!"

In reality, the old man had indeed met with Qiao Nan a few times. Only they knew about the fact that the two of them had only spent a little time with each other and had not spoken much with each other. Outsiders knew nothing about that, much less the judge. So, why would they not be able to use that as an excuse in their lawsuit?

Wang Yang picked up a cigarette and took a puff, finishing half of the cigarette in one breath. “We can give it a shot. Anyway, I’ll never give up just like that. The Zhu family is wealthy, but I’ve made quite a lot of money for that old man from investments too. That money should be mine. Why should someone else get it? That old man had better not count on it, and much less Qiao Nan.”

For the sake of getting the Zhu family’s assets, he had put in tons of effort. No one else knew about that. It could be said that his whole life’s efforts had been spent on the Zhu family’s assets. He had even... gotten implicated in Zhu Baoguo’s death for the sake of the Zhu family’s assets.

At that time, he was still young and a little timid. After Zhu Baoguo’s death, he had lost several nights of sleep. Afterward, it was only because his grandpa had observed something amiss and had brought him to the temple to get a talisman that he had eventually been able to get through that period.

He had already gone to such an extent. How could he allow Qiao Nan to take advantage of everything he had done?

“We’ll fight it out, and we’ll fight hard. I’ll never give up until I get my hands on what I want. Haven’t there been a lot of rumors regarding Qiao Nan lately? Does she really think it’s that easy to acknowledge someone as her godfather? She’d better know that it isn’t that easy! If Qiao Nan is self-aware and voluntarily gives up the inheritance and returns what belongs to me, there’ll be peace between us and we’ll never cross paths in the future. But if she refuses to cooperate, my name won’t be Wang Yang if I let her off!”

He had already won against the apple of the Zhu family’s eye, Zhu Baoguo. Would he lose to a Qiao now? What a joke!

If he had already known that Qiao Nan’s existence would create such trouble for him, he would never have made Chen Jun seduce Qiao Nan. He should have been more decisive about the matter. Since Zhu Baoguo had already died, one more life wouldn’t mean much to him. Perhaps, he should have created an accident for Qiao Nan’s death too.

Only a dead person wouldn’t be able to create such trouble for him. It was only because he had been kindhearted and had given Qiao Nan a chance at that time.

“Dear, your parents called to ask about the situation today. Are you going back alone?” Wang Yang’s wife was especially afraid to answer phone calls from her in-laws now.. This matter was truly too serious, and she couldn’t afford to take responsibility for losing the Zhu family’s assets, much less take the blame alone.