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Chapter 2301: Not Raising the Price (2)

“But I have a request. Unless you’re willing to transfer that sum of money to me right away, you’d better return to the capital alone.”

Whether or not she succeeded, Wang Yang would give her five million yuan right away. If he agreed to that, she would return to the capital with him right away to help him out. But if he were to put conditions on her getting this money, he’d better forget about it.

Convincing Qiao Nan was no different from taking an exam to Qiao Zijin. She couldn’t even handle a mere examination script, let alone Qiao Nan. If Wang Yang had approached her two years ago, she would have accepted without any hesitation.

But in the short span of two years, Qiao Nan had transformed entirely from that foolish woman who had always listened to her mom. She had never been a fan of working with nothing to gain.

“I said that you have to succeed. Otherwise...” Wang Yang had hardly believed his ears when Qiao Zijin had first said that she wouldn’t increase her price. Qiao Zijin was like a blood-sucking leech. How could she ever accept the original offer given such an opportunity? Would that be Qiao Zijin? True enough, Wang Yang hadn’t even gotten any time to rejoice before Qiao Zijin’s next words infuriated him.

Qiao Zijin was planning on taking his five million yuan even without settling the matter? Qiao Zijin was indeed just as shameless as he had expected.

“Alright. We have nothing to talk about, then. Sir, please hurry along. I want to return home in time for dinner.” Wang Yang knew that his chances of winning the lawsuit were low. That was why he refused to let go of her despite looking down on her. Wang Yang knew he could take advantage of her. “Sir, please hurry up. The whole bus is waiting.”

Of course, Qiao Zijin had not entirely given up Wang Yang’s offer. Qiao Zijin had been rather happy that Wang Yang had chased after her. But Qiao Zijin was no longer willing to make a deal with Wang Yang since he had refused to tweak his conditions, insisting that he would only pay her after she convinced Qiao Nan.

Qiao Zijin was the same Qiao Zijin. What she wanted was never a big harvest from putting in little effort. What she wanted was a big harvest from putting in no effort at all. Because she had gotten nowhere with Qiao Nan, Qiao Zijin had no desire to earn money through her own 'hard work' by accomplishing Wang Yang's task.

"Sir, I'm sure you heard that. Please get off. There are cars behind us. You're blocking the expressway. Someone might report you to the police." The driver was annoyed too. It seemed to be a transaction and there was talk of money, but they didn't seem to be talking about business either. Because of that, the driver thought that neither of them was any good.

"That's right. Hurry and get off. If you two know each other and you can get her to get off with you, then hurry up. If you can't, then be a man and leave."

"We've already been delayed by five minutes. Sir, if you don't get off. I'm going to call the police."

Wang Yang's conversation with Qiao Zijin was like a riddle from the start. Apart from them, not a single passenger understood what was going on. Since they couldn't comprehend the situation, the passengers didn't dare to point fingers at anyone. It hadn't even been a good show for them. They were simply wasting everyone's time! To the passengers in a hurry, their patience had run dry. There were even those who had gotten up, with the intention of shoving Wang Yang off the bus.

This was no longer embarrassing. It was downright humiliating!

Wang Yang's face turned green. "You're indeed sisters with Qiao Nan! You're all the same! Fine. You'd better not regret it. I might not be able to deal with Qiao Nan, but do you really think that I won't be able to deal with you?"

It was only thanks to him that Chen Jun had been promoted as an officer. Qiao Zijin had a son with Chen Jun. He didn't think that Qiao Zijin would remain so calm and cool if he were to deal with that son of hers. Her son would repay his mother's debts! Given Wang Yang's status and power, it wouldn't be difficult to deal with Qiao Zijin's son at all.

"Who are you? Are you scolding her, or are you threatening her? Get off!"

The men on the bus were truly infuriated and they stretched out to push Wang Yang out. Did he think that they were all mannequins with no tempers?

Wang Yang sneered. After glancing at Qiao Zijin, he simply got off the bus himself. Qiao Zijin had been rather affected by Wang Yang's expression, but very soon, she calmed down. Wang Yang had been the one to arrange for Chen Jun's appearance. Based on that, she knew that Zhai Sheng would never let Chen Jun off so easily even if Wang Yang did.

That was part of the reason she was in a hurry to return to Ping Cheng this time. She had to get in contact with Chen Jun to explain the situation to him so that Chen Jun wouldn't be caught off-guard when Zhai Sheng tried to deal with him. Qiao Zijin didn't care if Chen Jun would be affected. She was only afraid that her son, Chen Feng, would be implicated in the matter as well because of his father.

As compared to Zhai Sheng, Wang Yang's threats weren't especially frightening.

Earlier, the only one Chen Jun had to beware of was Zhai Sheng. But now, there was Wang Yang too. But she wondered how much power Wang Yang would have after that lawsuit to deal with Chen Jun.

As such, Wang Yang returned to the capital in a rage. Seeing as to how Wang Yang had returned alone, with an expression that looked worse than before, Li Yayan had already gotten her answer. Li Yayan's eyes reddened and she resisted the urge to cry. Now, they were truly helpless. All they could do was to wait for the court hearing and for the judge to pass a judgment.

Wang Yang downed a glass of water before hollering, "Stop it with that mournful face. We haven't lost the lawsuit yet. Even if we were going to win, you would have ruined it with that stupid face of yours. Qiao Zijin... She dares to go against me? What right does she have to do that? Does she really think I won't deal with her once I get the time to do so? If not for how unique this situation is, she'd never have gotten the chance to work for me in this entire lifetime! And she was even riding on her sister's laurels... I..."

Wang Yang was infuriated and resentful. He had hated Zhu Chengqi to death for having created so much trouble even after his death. Now, his hatred was directed toward Qiao Zijin and Qiao Nan. The younger sister had been so evil and immoral to snatch someone else's money. The elder sister had been even more unreasonable. As a leech, she didn't even have the slightest bit of self-awareness and even dared to challenge others. The sisters were truly an annoyance to him. People like them didn't deserve to be in this world!

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Li Yayan obviously understood that Wang Yang was at the end of his wits. That was why he had started lambasting Qiao Zijin and Qiao Nan. If Wang Yang was as capable as he said and could take

action directly, he would never have wasted his breath complaining about them while leaving his enemies alone.

Ring!

Wang Yang's and Li Yayan's expressions changed immediately as soon as the phone rang. The couple couldn't help but move away from the phone. Neither of them was willing to pick it up. There weren't many people who would call them on such a day. The prime suspect was Wang Yang's father, Li Yayan's father-in-law.

The only thing Father Wang had to talk to Wang Yang about now was naturally the Zhu family's inheritance. Qiao Zijin had returned to Ping Cheng, and Qiao Nan had no intention of taking their bait. With less than twenty-four hours to the court hearing, Wang Yang's chances of winning the lawsuit were diminishing by the minute.

He was already in a foul mood and was reluctant to pick up his father's call. His father would not only scold him as though he were a little child but also lecture him for marrying Li Yayan instead of Qiao Nan.

Since Wang Yang didn't even want to pick up the call, Li Yayan, who had never been liked by her father-in-law, felt immensely stressed as though the phone was a ticking bomb. How she wished she could run as far as possible to save her own life.

"Dear?" Li Yayan shrank away from the phone with tears in her eyes. "Dad's calling." So, are you picking it up?

Wang Yang grasped his own hair. "I'm not blind." Li Yayan could choose to avoid it, but Wang Yang couldn't. He picked up the call with a dark expression. Immediately, Father Wang asked, "How's the lawsuit going? Remember what I said, right? The Zhu family's assets are ours. I'm not going to accept bad news. Wang Yang, you were the one who chose this path. If you fail again, you'll be a criminal in the Wang family's eyes."

When they had first learned that Zhu Baoguo's death had something to do with Wang Yang, Father Wang and Old Master Wang had spent a lot of effort and money to settle the matter with those hooligans. The Wang family had spent all their money on Wang Yang just to protect him and absolve him of any responsibility regarding Zhu Baoguo's death.

Father Wang was so insistent on getting the Zhu family's assets because he felt that the Wang family had already made an investment in Wang Yang. It was only right for them to get a return on their investment. Their principal sum wasn't what mattered. What mattered was the interest generated. Why did he always have to be mocked by others, who said that he always used his wife's money? The Wang family was rich, but he had had to depend on his wife instead!

It was all because he had forked out all of the Wang family's money to send those hooligans related to Zhu Baoguo's death away so that Zhu Chengqi would never find them in Ping Cheng again.

If that had been an investment on the Wang family's part, it was time for their family's thirty-year investment to come to an end now that Zhu Chengqi was dead.

Wang Yang had to resist the urge to smash his phone upon hearing his father's stern words. Did he not want to succeed? Did he not want to bring the Wang family to greater heights? Did they really think that he wanted to fail after all the effort he had put in over the years? But his dad had done nothing to help him and was even pressuring him even further! Was that even his biological father they were talking about? Had they simply picked him up from the trash?

"Are you mute? Reply to me!" Father Wang grew more impatient because he had not gotten a response from his son. Father Wang knew that Wang Yang's reaction meant that the Zhu family's assets and resources were only getting even further out of their reach. They had been so close to it, and now, it was going to be someone else's!

The Wang family had emptied their bank accounts to solve that matter regarding Zhu Baoguo. Ever since then, apart from Wang Yang, who had made slight progress and hadn't let the Wang family fall into dire straits, none of Father Wang's siblings or nephews had performed well.

While Old Master Wang had still been alive, he had already made Father Wang and his siblings promise that Wang Yang would lead their children, asking them to wait until the day they couldn't afford to wait anymore. Although the promise had been slightly vague, the Wang family wasn't stupid and they understood what that had meant.

Knowing that Father Wang was Zhu Chengqi's brother-in-law, Father Wang's siblings had held it in. They could only hope that their nephew, Wang Yang, would be able to make a name for himself one day. Then, their lives would improve as well. The Wang family knew that Zhu Chengqi's death was fast approaching too.

Two entire generations of the Wang family had toiled through those times, and the third generation of their family had already been born. Finally, they had seen the last of the Zhu family. The entire

Wang family had been waiting for Wang Yang's good news when such a will appeared out of blue. Father Wang, who had been living in Ping Cheng, bore the brunt of the entire Wang family's resentment and anger. After a while, even Father Wang couldn't hold it in any longer.

Now, he could only convey and vent all the accusations and pressure he had faced from the Wang family onto Wang Yang. Even he wasn't willing for the son, whom he and his father had devoted themselves and the family's money to, to let the family down.

Because he knew that the court hearing would happen the next day, Father Wang knew that Wang Yang had been exploring other alternatives in an attempt to convince Qiao Nan to give up the inheritance. But now that the court hearing was looming, they couldn't expect Qiao Nan to give up that huge inheritance after the court made its judgment, right?

It wasn't that he was gauging the Zhai family by his own measure. The Zhu family was pretty much a second Zhai family. The Zhai family didn't need the Zhu family's money, but that didn't mean that they would be any more reasonable when it came to money.

As such, Father Wang was clear that they had to get all of the Zhu family's assets before the lawsuit ended and before the judgment was passed. As the date of the court hearing date neared, Father Wang gradually lost sleep, never even having one good night's rest. He didn't want to place so much pressure on Wang Yang or ask Wang Yang about the situation either. He was hoping that Wang Yang would take the initiative to contact him with some good news.

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Unfortunately, Wang Yang had never done so. That filial and obedient son in his memories had suddenly disappeared. It was as though someone else had taken his place. Why else was Wang Yang acting so differently now?

Unable to wait any longer due to the entire Wang family's hopes on him, Father Wang had no choice but to make the call to Wang Yang, hoping that he would receive some good news from Wang Yang.

What disappointed Father Wang was that he had already felt something was amiss the moment Wang Yang picked up the call, although he had not uttered a word. After all, the greater the expectations, the greater the disappointment. Father Wang had placed the entire Wang family's future on Wang Yang, but now that it was time to reap his harvest, it was very likely that his son

was going to let the entire Wang family down, even ruining them so much that they would never get back up. Father Wang couldn't take such a cruel and heavy blow.

"Old man!" Mother Zhu's panicked voice could be heard on the other end of the call. "Your medicine. Hurry and take it. Didn't the doctor say that you have high blood pressure and your heart isn't very good either? You can't afford to get angry. You have to believe in our son. Things will change for the better." Mother Zhu hated her brother, Zhu Chengqi, for wreaking havoc in the family.

She had never thought that Zhu Chengqi, her elder brother, would betray her. If she had known that her brother would be so muddleheaded, she wouldn't have allowed Yang Yang to simply stay by her brother's side. She would have forced her brother to put down in his will that he would hand everything over to Yang Yang. Even now, Mother Zhu couldn't help but wonder if Qiao Nan had poisoned Zhu Chengqi or enchanted him. Otherwise, why had Wang Yang's name not even been mentioned in Zhu Chengqi's will? In fact, he had left everything belonging to the Zhu family to Qiao Nan, who had nothing to do with them!

It wasn't Wang Yang who told her that Zhu Chengqi had been sober and in the right state of mind when making this will. There were also lawyers and doctors who could attest to that fact. In response, Mother Zhu could only say that the will was either fake or invalid.

"You! Scram!" Father Wang flared up even more upon seeing Mother Zhu. Why had he married her? She was the one who had liked him. He hadn't liked her. In his youth, he had had a partner who was much more beautiful and gentle than this old woman in front of him. But that lady's family background had been too average, and Mother Zhu had been Zhu Chengqi's only younger sister.

He had only sacrificed himself to marry a woman whom he didn't even like for the sake of the Zhu family. He had given his whole life as well as all of the Wang family's money, but what had he gotten in return? Now that Zhu Chengqi was dead, the Wang family couldn't even touch a single cent of whatever belonged to the Zhu family! Yes, Zhu Chengqi was dead and Father Wang couldn't do anything to him. But Mother Zhu was still alive. Naturally, all the anger and resentment he felt toward Zhu Chengqi were vented out on Mother Zhu.

Mother Zhu was furious and anxious at the same time. Having been married to Father Wang for so many years, she knew exactly what he was up to. But since they were already of this age, with grandchildren that were about to enter primary school, she no longer flared up at Father Wang like she had done in her youth. No matter the reason behind Father Wang marrying her, the couple had lived quite comfortably all these years.

Their son had already gotten married and had even given them a grandson. Even though she knew what Father Wang and Wang Yang were plotting, Mother Zhu could not help but think about how she would be the only one left in the Zhu family once her brother died. In that case, all of the Zhu family's assets would naturally go to her, the Zhu family's daughter. Since she had a son, it was natural for her to pass her things down to Yang Yang.

With Yang Yang taking care of her brother, the Zhu family's assets would directly be transferred to Yang Yang once her brother passed away. There wouldn't be much of a problem taking her out of the equation. There was nothing wrong with this inheritance sequence. What was wrong was that will that had appeared all of a sudden!

Mother Zhu knew that Wang Yang had gotten rather upset because of that will. But Mother Zhu had been proud about her identity toward the Wang family for half her life. She had never put up with anyone throwing a tantrum at her or putting the blame on her, apart from Wang Yang and her husband. She had never been the kind of daughter-in-law who was willing to be bullied. After all, her husband's siblings had been well taken care of all these years.

Wouldn't it be ridiculous if they had dared to get upset at her when they only got money to spend thanks to her? Were they fools?

Mother Zhu hated her brother, Zhu Chengqi, for causing trouble for her. She was Zhu Chengqi's closest kin, and Wang Yang was Zhu Chengqi's closest younger relative. Up until now, Mother Zhu was still confused as to why Zhu Chengqi had left such a will, leaving all of the Zhu family's assets to a completely unrelated person.

Qiao Nan had nothing to do with the Zhu family at all. Mother Zhu was terribly miserable, feeling as though people were shameless enough to do anything for money. It didn't matter that Qiao Nan was a girl. If Qiao Nan was Zhu Chengqi's daughter, she would still be Zhu Chengqi's child even if she was a girl. Then, it would make sense for the Zhu family's assets to be passed down to her.

But Mother Zhu didn't even know Qiao Nan, so how could she possibly be happy about her family's assets going to such a stranger? Seeing how infuriated her husband had gotten over the matter, Mother Zhu cajoled him cautiously, in case Father Wang flew into a rage and had to be sent to the hospital.

"My brother was really muddleheaded and people nowadays are really willing to do anything, even if it goes against their conscience! Yang Yang really doesn't have a choice in this. You're unhappy, but Yang Yang feels much worse. Just think of it as my brother who dragged Yang Yang down." To

be honest, even if their family were to get hold of those assets, it would belong to her son, Yang Yang, alone. It would have nothing to do with the rest of the Wang family.

In that case, only Yang Yang's interests were concerned when it came to the Zhu family's inheritance. She could understand her husband's anxiousness. After all, it was only right for a father to be concerned about his son. Both she and her husband only wanted the best for their son. With the Zhu family's assets, they would never have to worry about their son ever again.

But if the rest of the Wang family dared to say anything nasty to her, they had better not expect her to fork out any more money to support them. Did they really think that they were her ancestors and that she was obliged to support them? How shameless!

What else could Father Wang say after Mother Zhu's words? Could Father Wang possibly tell Mother Zhu that her nephew had been beaten to death by hooligans all because of her son? No one had expected that young people would have been so heavy-handed, causing that lecture to turn into a murder.

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To protect Wang Yang, the Wang family had had no choice but to fork out all of the savings to buy those hooligans involved off. That way, they had been able to move away from Ping Cheng to settle down in a faraway place so that they would never be caught by the Zhu family.

Could Father Wang possibly tell Mother Zhu that all of the Wang family's money had been spent on protecting their son after he had caused the death of her nephew?

Up until now, Mother Zhu would still curse those hooligans who had disappeared without a trace after causing the death of Zhu Baoguo. Mother Zhu was reluctant for all of the Zhu family's assets to be handed over to an outsider like Qiao Nan. How nice it would have been if Zhu Baoguo had still been alive.

She didn't believe that Zhu Chengqi would insist on handing all of the Zhu family's assets to an outsider instead of taking care of his own son if his own son had still been by his side.

Mother Zhu knew about Wang Yang's attempt to settle the matter out of court by paying Qiao Nan off. Mother Zhu was even clearer that Qiao Nan was unwilling to even have a discussion and was greedy enough to swallow all of the Zhu family's assets for herself.

Mother Zhu couldn't help but think that the Zhu family's assets would undoubtedly have been passed down to Zhu Baoguo alone if he had still been alive. Since she was Zhu Baoguo's only aunt, Wang Yang would naturally be Zhu Baoguo's only cousin. That way, once the Zhu family's assets were in Zhu Baoguo's hands, he would definitely take good care of Wang Yang.

Qiao Nan was different. She didn't know Qiao Nan, and Qiao Nan didn't know the Wang family either. There was no way she could count on Qiao Nan helping her son out once Qiao Nan became the owner of all of the Zhu family's assets. Forget it. Such a thing wouldn't even happen in a dream.

Ever since Mother Zhu had gotten such an idea, Mother Zhu had gotten even fiercer and vicious every time Father Wang mentioned those hooligans. They deserved to be sent to prison to get beaten up before being executed by gunfire. It sounded rather frightening.

It was exactly because of such an attitude that Father Wang naturally couldn't reveal the truth of Zhu Baoguo's death to Mother Zhu, or why those hooligans had managed to escape so well without ever getting found out by the Zhu family.

It was because the Wang family was the one protecting the hooligans. Since the Wang family was in-laws with the Zhu family, they knew the Zhu family like the back of their hand. Every time the Zhu family caught wind of a hint, the Wang family would rush down to deliver the news, helping those people escape from the Zhu family once again.

Because there was such a secret between the couple that Father Wang often ignored Mother Zhu when he got angry. There were things he knew but Mother Zhu didn't. At those times, he couldn't rebuke whatever Mother Zhu said.

Especially when Mother Zhu wished a violent death upon all those hooligans. That was exactly when Father Wang's expression was the worst. It was as though he was constipated. While Mother Zhu was lamenting about the death of her poor nephew, what Father Wang was thinking about was how the Zhu family's assets would never have anything to do with the Wang family if those hooligans hadn't beaten Zhu Baoguo to death.

Wang Yang had done nothing wrong in that. Zhu Baoguo had been inferior to Wang Yang in every way, so why should the Zhu family's assets go to him instead of Wang Yang? Just because Mother Zhu was female? Was that why Zhu Baoguo was much more precious than his son even though they

were both males? Was it just because Wang Yang had another family's blood flowing through him? That was too unfair!

Didn't they say that men and women were equal in society now? Why were daughters treated so differently when it came to matters of inheritance? If Mother Zhu had gotten half of the Zhu family's assets at that time, Wang Yang would never have gotten into such a scuffle with Zhu Baoguo, and neither would Zhu Baoguo have passed on before his father, Zhu Chengqi.

Wang Yang hated Zhu Baoguo, and neither did Zhu Baoguo like Wang Yang. Father Wang knew about that situation and had wanted Wang Yang to cultivate a good relationship with Zhu Baoguo.

He had felt that Zhu Baoguo had been a fool with an impulsive temper. As long as Wang Yang earned Zhu Baoguo's trust and had a close relationship with him, Wang Yang could definitely control and manipulate Zhu Baoguo once they grew up. Then, Zhu Baoguo would listen to whatever Wang Yang said. That would have been perfect.

Although the Zhu family's assets would still belong to the Zhu family, it wouldn't make a difference as long as Wang Yang had access to it. His son was so intelligent. It wouldn't be difficult for him to threaten Zhu Baoguo. From then on, Wang Yang would be Zhu Baoguo's brain and commander. Zhu Baoguo would simply follow Wang Yang's commands.

That had been Father Wang's plan, and the young Wang Yang had simply followed suit. From a young age, Wang Yang had already believed that he was more outstanding and intelligent than Zhu Baoguo. Although he felt that someone as foolish as Zhu Baoguo didn't deserve to have so many good things in his life, he felt that his father was right. As long as Zhu Baoguo listened to him, it would be fine allowing Zhu Baoguo to remain as the head of the Zhu family.

Wang Yang had grown up well as a child. Not only did he have an attractive face, but he wasn't mischievous either. He had never kicked up any fuss and simply stood quietly by the adults. As such, he was extremely likable as compared to those crying children. After a while, those children had even started treating Wang Yang well because of the adults' influence.

Unfortunately, Zhu Baoguo was somewhat of a marvel. Zhu Chengqi spent most of his time in the military, and as such, Zhu Baoguo had been raised by Old Master Zhu. Without question, Old Master Zhu had pampered and spoiled his precious grandson, Zhu Baoguo. There was nothing Old Master Zhu wouldn't give to Zhu Baoguo as long as he desired it. Old Master Zhu always said that Zhu Baoguo had a bad temper and had to learn from Wang Yang. But when the two children were together, Old Master Zhu always cared about only Zhu Baoguo.

At that time, Zhu Baoguo had still been young and insensible. He hadn't understood Old Master Zhu's bias toward him. He simply felt as though Wang Yang's appearance caused his doting grandpa to turn against him. All his grandpa talked about was how good his cousin, Wang Yang, was, and how he had to learn from Wang Yang.

Zhu Baoguo felt that his territory had been violated and that Wang Yang was a little villain who was snatching his grandpa from him. As such, Zhu Baoguo had never had a good relationship with Wang Yang. Every time they met, Zhu Baoguo would always be especially fierce toward Wang Yang.

But Wang Yang was no different from a little emperor in the Wang family either.. Besides, Wang Yang had been young and didn't harbor much intention. Not only had he failed every time he tried to please Zhu Baoguo, but he had even been beaten up by Zhu Baoguo!

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After this happened a lot of times, Wang Yang lost all patience. He found Zhu Baoguo displeasing to the eye. They were like magnets of the same pole, repelling each other fiercely.

It was difficult for Wang Yang to pretend in front of Zhu Baoguo. He didn't even have the slightest sense of brotherhood toward Zhu Baoguo. After sensing this, Zhu Baoguo hated Wang Yang more.

In the eyes of others, Zhu Baoguo had been bullying the honest and cute Wang Yang. However, in Zhu Baoguo's heart, Wang Yang was a child full of pretense. Once their relationship became bad, the plan Father Wang thought of previously naturally couldn't succeed. Wang Yang always pretended to behave well in front of others. However, in front of Zhu Baoguo, he always couldn't help but flash his claws.

Father Wang felt helpless that things progressed to this stage today. He didn't understand. Wang Yang used to have a lot of playmates when he was young. Even if not all of them treated Wang Yang as a boss, they listened to his words well. Why was it that when it was Zhu Baoguo's turn, he was so stubborn?

If not for the bad relationship between Zhu Baoguo and Wang Yang, which infuriated Wang Yang, Wang Yang wouldn't have bribed hooligans to lead Zhu Baoguo astray and even hit him. Otherwise, Zhu Baoguo could have become a good pair of brothers with Wang Yang. Not only would Zhu Baoguo not die, but there also wouldn't be so many unpleasant things in the Wang family.

As such, Zhu Chengqi wasn't the only one with all the problems. Zhu Baoguo was the first exception as he had caused things not to develop according to the normal conditions.

Upon thinking about the men from the Zhu family, Father Wang felt a headache. He even found Mother Zhu, who came from the Zhu family, to be displeasing to the eye. "Alright, I've taken my medicine. There's no major problem. Go and see your grandson. It's about time to bring him back from the kindergarten."

"Alright, I'll go fetch our grandson." Aside from her son, her grandson was naturally the second person that Mother Zhu valued. Even Father Wang had to be in the back row.

Mother Zhu left. As Father Wang looked at her back, he doubted for the first time if his decision to marry Mother Zhu back then was wrong. If Mother Zhu was smarter, she would have realized sooner that Zhu Baoguo's death was related to her son and the thoughts of the Wang family.

Based on the fact that Mother Zhu was Zhu Chengqi's only biological sister, if Mother Zhu had said a few more words to Zhu Chengqi or pestered him endlessly, that will might not have appeared at all. Father Wang was really at a loss now. He married the Zhu family's daughter as his wife. Was this something good or bad for the Wang family?

"Dear, are you alright? Dad... What did he say?" One didn't need to know that this call wouldn't make anyone happy. Li Yayan could be considered to be scolded by Father Wang more. Father Wang wouldn't be like uncivilized women and curse and shout in public. However, when he was really angry and found a person to be displeasing to the eye, it was nothing for him to hurl vulgarities. What was more deadly was that every word of his would be like a knife that cuts through one's heart.

Wang Yang picked up the call and sighed loudly. "Dad seems to have been angered until he fell sick. Thankfully, Mom came after that and fed him medicine. At this time, Dad should be fine." Wang Yang wasn't surprised that Father Wang would be angered until he fell sick. The Wang family had placed all hopes on him, hoping that he would repay the Wang's family for their protection back then after inheriting everything from the Zhu family.

Now, Old Master Wang had passed away.

When Old Master Wang was still alive, Wang Yang remembered what he loved to chat with him about. Old Master Wang said that the reason why his uncles and brothers 'progressed' so little,

especially his uncles' careers, was because all of the Wang family's money and resources were spent on him, helping him avoid the danger of being eliminated by the Zhu family because of Zhu Baoguo's death.

When Zhu Baoguo died, Wang Yang was not yet an adult. Zhu Baoguo was a child from the Zhu family. No matter what, Wang Yang would have received some sort of punishment. From then on, it was also impossible for Zhu Chengqi to treat Wang Yang as a nephew and dote on him.

In order to protect Wang Yang, the Wang family had sacrificed others' careers. As such, when Wang Yang grew up and received everything from Zhu Chengqi's hands, he must not forget his uncles' dedication and sacrifice and repay them well. If these people couldn't enjoy these benefits anymore, it was fine. Wang Yang just had to take care of their younger generation more. It was all the same.

Actually, it wasn't considered taking care of them. This should be Wang Yang's repayment to the Wang family as he had owed them first.

Wang Yang always remembered what Old Master Wang had said. He also thought that there would be such a day and he had to make good on his words.

Wang Yang didn't forget what had happened back then. He also wanted to repay the Wang family for taking care of him all these years. The problem was that after the lawsuit was over, what was he going to use to repay these relatives if he didn't receive the Zhu family's inheritance and resources? Based on what he owned now, it was pretty difficult to give them small favors, let alone big ones.

The Wang family placed all hopes on him. Once he lost, the Wang family would be left with nothing. As the person with the most prestige in the Lee family after Old Master Lee died, Father Wang couldn't accept this hopeless lawsuit. Wang Yang felt the same as well.

Wang Yang understood very early that when his grandpa was still alive, he called the shots in the Wang family. After his grandpa was gone, his father replaced his grandpa, becoming the most powerful person in the Wang family. If his father was no longer around one day, he would become the patriarch of the Wang family.

Although he wasn't in that position yet, Wang Yang didn't feel that it was difficult to be in that position or how tiring it would be. Instead, Wang Yang felt that he should be the one to be in that position. He enjoyed being the center of attention of the Wang family. He was very satisfied with the Wang family looking at him as their leader.

The problem was that these were all based on the major premise that he had inherited everything in the Zhu family. Without this major premise, would the Wang family listen to his words? It was impossible.

To be the person who called the shots in the Wang family, it was either he had enough money on his hands or that he was in a high-enough position such that he could bring great benefits to the Wang family. If he received everything in the Zhu family, he didn't need to choose between the two. He could completely satisfy both conditions at the same time.

On the contrary, if he couldn't inherit everything in the Zhu family, he could have neither money nor authority.

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Wang Yang had enough of being suppressed by others such that he could only look at the other party's nose hair.

Once the verdict of this lawsuit was made, he might not have the chance to turn the tides anymore. Wang Yang felt that it was not only his father who had to be admitted to the hospital due to being angered until he fell sick. He, a young man who had no illness, was so uncomfortable that he felt that he needed someone to rescue him.

Zhu Chengqi was dead. This was obviously a good thing. Why did something good turn into something bad after Zhu Chengqi died? If Zhu Chengqi was still alive, there was both him and his mom. With the two of them pestering Zhu Chengqi, he really didn't believe that none of them would be able to make Zhu Chengqi make another will.

What made Wang Yang desperate was that although Zhu Chengqi was dead and he and his mom still had the strength, they didn't have a place and object where they could use their strength on. Wang Yang almost wanted to die.

"Then, should we..." Li Yayan didn't find it strange at all that her father-in-law was so angry that he fell ill. For the whole of yesterday night, she didn't sleep soundly for more than an hour. First, there were too many things hidden in her heart and she couldn't sleep due to insomnia. When she finally managed to fall asleep, she dreamed that their lawsuit with Qiao Nan had already begun. It was nothing that the lawsuit was already reaching its end. The judge made the verdict that everything in the Zhu family would belong to Qiao Nan, totally unrelated to the Wang family. For some reason, Wang Yang was arrested and had to be imprisoned. Li Yayan was so shocked that she woke up from her dream sweating.

Everyone said that dreams were often the opposite. However, Li Yayan felt that the dream last night was too scary. Even until now, her heart was still beating rapidly and had not returned to her usual frequency. This dream was too scary and it was a bad omen. At this time, everyone was feeling strong psychological pressure. Li Yayan didn't dare to say this, lest Wang Yang became unhappy.

"There's no need to." Wang Yang leaned against the sofa. He looked so tired that he didn't want to move or say anything further. "My dad doesn't need any comfort or concern now. As long as we win tomorrow's lawsuit, he would be brimming with energy and free of illnesses. He's not really sick. He's just psychologically sick." The Zhu family's money and resources were a big wish of their Wang family.

Li Yayan wasn't good at handling Father Wang, her father-in-law, to begin with. She was just saying words against her will when she said to show concern to her ill father-in-law. Now that Wang Yang said so, Li Yayan couldn't help but relax.

When her father-in-law was talking to Wang Yang, he was so bad-tempered. He even became ill from the anger. If the person who called her father-in-law was her, not only would he become ill from anger, but he might even scold her until his blood vessel burst. By then, not only would her father-in-law have to be admitted to hospital, but she also had to find a psychiatrist for herself so that she wouldn't become world-weary.

They were similarly women, married, and daughters-in-law. Upon thinking of how well Qiao Nan got along with her in-laws, Li Yayan couldn't help but feel envious. Not only were there no issues between her and her in-laws, but they even treated her like she was their biological daughter.

They were both married women, but Qiao Nan's life after marriage was so blessed while hers was terrible. Qiao Nan's in-laws treated her as their daughter. Hers... Her father-in-law regarded her as a stumbling block on Wang Yang's path of success that he should get rid of. He scolded her, saying that ever since Wang Yang married her, the Wang family had been extremely unlucky. As for her mother-in-law, although she didn't scold her much, she always sowed discord between her and her son behind her back.

Upon thinking of the differences between herself and Qiao Nan, Li Yayan could understand for the first time why Wang Yang was so eccentric upon the mention of Zhu Baoguo, his cousin who had passed away early. They were all humans. Why was it that not only did they lead different lives, but the difference between them was so huge?

"Dear, you must be hungry. Let me prepare something for you to eat." At this time, both Li Yayan and Wang Yang didn't have much appetite. Qiao Zijin had left. It was less than twenty-four hours

before the court session. To Wang Yang and his wife, every minute and second before the court session was extremely difficult.

They were particularly afraid of that moment when the court session started. At the same time, they faintly hoped that time could pass faster and give them a great result. The wait was too uncomfortable.

“Mom, I’m back.” Qiao Zijin returned to the Qiao family’s courtyard before dark. It was just that when she tried to unlock the door, she couldn’t. Qiao Zijin didn’t think further and just knocked on the door. “Dad, Mom, I’m back. Hurry up and open the door for me. Why can’t I unlock the door with my keys? Did you change the lock?”

As she said that, Qiao Zijin realized that the lock seemed pretty new and didn’t look like the previous one. “Dad, Mom?” She had been knocking for a minute and didn’t hear any commotion in the house. Qiao Zijin frowned.

She didn’t have a lot of hand luggage, but it was already so late. She was hungry and only wanted to return home soon, have a meal, take a shower, and have a good night’s rest. Qiao Zijin always felt that since she caught a cold and was admitted into hospital previously, she hadn’t fully recovered. She still needed to rest more.

“Seriously, why isn’t anyone replying to me? Where is everyone?” Qiao Zijin had no choice but to take out her phone and call Ding Jiayi so that she could hurry up and open the door for her.

Who knew that at this time, Qiao Zijin faintly heard the ringtone from the house? When the ringing in the house was cut off, the call she was on was hung up as well.

What did this say?

This said that Ding Jiayi was in the house. She was avoiding her and refusing to open the door for her. She even hung up her call.

Qiao Zijin’s face darkened. What was her mom up to? What did this mean? “Mom, I’m back. I know you’re at home and you can hear me. Hurry up and open the door for me. I’m hungry and tired now and only want to rest well. Mom, hurry up. It’s already so late. There’s no point in letting others watch the good show that we’re putting up.”

It had already been two days. Her mom couldn't possibly still be angry with her because of what happened in the capital, right? When did her mom become so petty? One had to know that she didn't do anything much to her. Even if her mom's identity card was in her hands, hadn't she returned to Ping Cheng with Qiao Nan's help in the end? She didn't lose anything at all.

So, why was her mom throwing tantrums? Wasn't she being unreasonable?

Upon hearing Qiao Zijin's voice, Ding Jiayi felt panicked. She seemed hesitant to open the door.

Chapter 2307: Unhappy (2)

When she just returned from the capital, Ding Jiayi was both scared and angry. She didn't expect Qiao Zijin to be so ruthless. She specially went to the capital to take care of Qiao Zijin. Who knew that Qiao Zijin took away all her money and even kept her identity card so that she couldn't return to Ping Cheng?

After returning to Ping Cheng, the first thing Ding Jiayi wanted to do was to complain to Qiao Dongliang so that he could comfort her. She didn't understand. When Qiao Zijin was young, she was so obedient. Why was it that she became so scary after growing up? She didn't look like her daughter at all. Ding Jiayi wanted to let Qiao Dongliang know that for matters pertaining to Qiao Nan and Qiao Zijin in the future, she would definitely be aligned with Qiao Dongliang's position and not do anything to make him angry again.

Who knew that after Ding Jiayi returned to Ping Cheng, she couldn't use her key to open the door? As she lowered her head to take a closer look, she realized that the lock had been changed. Ding Jiayi, who didn't understand the situation, just like Qiao Zijin now, called Qiao Dongliang. Of course, Ding Jiayi's situation was worse than Qiao Zijin's. Qiao Zijin's call went through but Ding Jiayi deliberately hung up the call. Ding Jiayi called Qiao Dongliang and his phone was switched off.

Ding Jiayi immediately became confused.

Since when did Qiao Dongliang have the habit of switching off his phone? The lock had been changed and she didn't have the new keys. She tried to call Old Qiao but his phone was switched off. What should she do next? Could she only squat in front of the house and wait for Old Qiao to return?

What else could she do but wait?

However, even when it got dark, Ding Jiayi didn't manage to wait for Qiao Dongliang to return. Ding Jiayi was worried that Qiao Dongliang ran into an accident outside or that he couldn't return because of some circumstances. She couldn't enter the house either. Wasn't the situation a mess?

Ding Jiayi had no choice but to find a locksmith to pry the door open. However, even a locksmith wasn't willing to help her pry open the door. If he really did that, wouldn't he become a thief? The locksmith asked Ding Jiayi for her identity card. Only after the information was registered could he accept the payment and work. Besides, it was best if he finished up quickly. No matter what industry one was in, there was always time to get off work.

To others, as long as one wasn't stealing and was really just returning to their home, it wasn't an issue to register the information on the identity card. What was bad was that Ding Jiayi's identity card was still with Qiao Zijin and she couldn't produce it. Ding Jiayi nearly cried because of this situation. She had no choice but to beg the locksmith to go to the courtyard and find a bunch of neighbors to prove that she was indeed the house owner.

The locksmith didn't buy it. What if they were in cahoots? He was doing business. If there were some issues with the procedures, he couldn't proceed with the job. In the end, the locksmith asked Ding Jiayi if she dared to go to the police station to make a report. If all was good, he would open her door.

Seriously, one should find the police if something happened.

After all, Ding Jiayi's situation was pretty embarrassing. Aside from her two outfits, she had no money and 'lost' her identity card. It looked like nobody was home either. After the police officer checked Ding Jiayi's household information and confirmed that she was the owner of that house, they issued a certificate to Ding Jiayi to prove that she had the right of residence. With this certificate, Ding Jiayi could finally 'go home'.

Ding Jiayi managed to find the money to pay the locksmith only after searching the house. After returning home and sending away outsiders, Ding Jiayi was both worried if Qiao Dongliang might be in trouble and hungry. She felt that Qiao Dongliang was already a grown-up and would definitely know how to take care of himself. If there was something, how would he not contact Qiao Nan? She might as well prepare dinner. That way, when Qiao Dongliang returned from outside, he would be able to have dinner together with her.

After making this decision, Ding Jiayi rolled up her sleeves and wanted to make a good meal for Qiao Dongliang to coax him.

Earlier, Qiao Zijin had called to say that she was seriously ill and needed someone to take care of her. Ding Jiayi had been so anxious and wanted to rush to the capital, but Qiao Dongliang had tried to stop her from going. The couple was finally leading a harmonious life. However, because of this situation, it returned to freezing point again.

Ding Jiayi, who didn't forget about this situation, was thinking on the way back to the capital what she should do to coax Qiao Dongliang well.

Furthermore, this situation was different from the past. In the past, she had promised to lead a good life with Old Qiao and ignore their daughters' matters, yet she had failed to do so. Hearing that Zijin had run into trouble, she couldn't control her heart and legs and had foolishly run over to Zijin.

Now, she wouldn't do that. Zijin... had grown up. She had her own thoughts and mindset. She, as a mother, didn't need to be involved too much. She only needed to lead her own life well and not let her two daughters worry about her. In the future, she would do what Old Qiao said. She would never do anything that upset Old Qiao again. She was going to lead an honest life with Old Qiao. After all, spouses accompanied each other in old age. She often revolved around Zijin. That was wrong of her.

Ding Jiayi had thought of everything. However, reality was the real blow.

Ding Jiayi wanted to do a good job so that Qiao Dongliang would be appeased and they could return to the state before she had gone to the capital. Who knew that the refrigerator at home was empty? Most importantly, there was no electricity. Ding Jiayi was shocked. There was no food at all. There were no rice and leftovers.

Ding Jiayi, who had an ominous feeling in her heart, looked at her surroundings again and realized a bigger problem. It wasn't strange that there was no food at home. Why was it that there was a layer of dust on the furniture? She had only left for two or three days but the house seemed to be unoccupied. Only an unoccupied house would accumulate such a thin layer of dust in two or three days.

Ding Jiayi didn't know what happened at home. She could feel that something was very wrong. Upon thinking that Qiao Dongliang wasn't at home and she hadn't seen him after waiting for so long, she immediately became shocked.

Could he have run into trouble? Was he kidnapped, or was he injured and admitted to the hospital? Why was he missing?

Even after she had entered the house, Ding Jiayi felt more flustered than when she couldn't enter the house. Her hands and feet trembled. She didn't know what she should do.. After thinking for a while, Ding Jiayi was considering either calling the hospital to check if Qiao Dongliang was there or finding the police to see if there was any situation.

Chapter 2308: Unhappy (3)

Ding Jiayi wasn't young anymore. However, in this lifetime, she had never dealt with any serious matters independently before. When she was young, she relied on Qiao Dongliang. When Qiao Nan grew up, Ding Jiayi would push all the important matters to her. When these two people weren't by Ding Jiayi's side, Ding Jiayi panicked.

Thankfully, Ding Jiayi's brain was still working. Indeed, she couldn't contact Qiao Dongliang. However, she should be able to contact Qiao Nan. Without Qiao Nan's help, she, who had 'lost' her identity card, wouldn't have been able to return to Ping Cheng.

Upon thinking about this situation, Ding Jiayi felt that Qiao Nan wouldn't ignore her. Furthermore, she was approaching Qiao Nan this time around not to find her trouble or for herself. Qiao Dongliang was her man and Qiao Nan's biological father. Old Qiao was missing. As Old Qiao's biological daughter, shouldn't Qiao Nan care about Old Qiao's situation?

Upon thinking that she could find Qiao Nan, Ding Jiayi immediately stopped panicking and her hands and legs no longer trembled. She dialed the Zhai family's number quickly. "Hello, I'm looking for Qiao Nan. I'm her mom. Don't worry. I'm not here to find her trouble. I just want to talk to her about her dad."

Ding Jiayi could understand now that the Zhai family really hated her and Qiao Zijin. As long as she found Qiao Nan not for herself or for Qiao Zijin, the Zhai family's attitude toward her wasn't bad.

Ding Jiayi felt both helpless and angry that her in-laws, the Zhai family, couldn't wait to not see her. What was different was that in the past, Ding Jiayi only knew how to be angry at Qiao Nan as she felt that she was too stupid. Qiao Nan told her in-laws all of her family's scandals. The Zhai family

would naturally not have a good impression of the Qiao family. The problem was that with such a lousy family, this wasn't an honorable thing for Qiao Nan.

Was Qiao Nan really not worried that after the Zhai family knew how unreliable the Qiao family was and how Qiao Nan suffered in the Qiao family such that no one would stand up for her and seek justice, the Zhai family's attitude toward her would change and become perfunctory?

In short, Qiao Nan was stupid for letting the Zhai family have a poor impression of the Qiao family, causing them to not be polite to them as in-laws. Based on the difference between the Qiao family and the Zhai family, of course the Qiao family would be taking advantage. Anyway, they wouldn't be taking advantage of Qiao Nan. Shouldn't Qiao Nan just let them take it?

To put it bluntly, she used to take advantage of Qiao Nan in the past. Qiao Nan didn't dare to retaliate and would listen to her obediently. Didn't she give her all her money?

Now that they were not taking Qiao Nan's money, why was Qiao Nan so nervous for the Zhai family? If the Qiao family took advantage of the Zhai family, the Qiao family's situation would improve day by day. If the Qiao family's conditions became better, Qiao Nan's position in the Zhai family would become more stable. At the very least, Qiao Nan wouldn't be despised because her in-laws looked down on her own family.

It was obviously a win-win situation. Why didn't Qiao Nan agree? Moreover, when her family was placed together with her in-laws, as the daughter of the Qiao family, shouldn't Qiao Nan stand by her family's side? No matter what, Qiao Nan was born and raised in the Qiao family. Without the Qiao family, how could Qiao Nan live until today, marry Zhai Sheng, and enjoy life as the chief's wife?

Thankfully, these were all Ding Jiayi's thoughts in the past. She no longer had such thoughts. She knew that the Zhai family didn't like her. It shouldn't be simply because Qiao Nan had said bad things about the Qiao family in front of the Zhai family.

There was no choice. Qiao Zijin had already surfaced in front of the Zhai family and made her presence known. Ding Jiayi could still deceive herself and others in the past about what kind of person Qiao Zijin was. Now, Ding Jiayi no longer dared to do so.

She went to the capital, but her money was taken away by Qiao Zijin. Even her identity card was detained by Qiao Zijin. If there was a next time, Ding Jiayi wasn't sure what Qiao Zijin would do to her, the biological mother. It was better to live than die. Ding Jiayi never thought of dying. After

sensing danger from Qiao Zijin, a normal person's reaction would be to pursue good fortune and avoid disasters.

Ding Jiayi, who was no longer ignorant, knew what she should do when she called the Zhai family again. She knew what kind of tone should be carried and what kind of content should be shared such that her call would be handed over to Qiao Nan.

Ding Jiayi's tone wasn't as arrogant as before and the topic she mentioned wasn't something that the Zhai family was averse to. Indeed, within a minute, the call was handed over to Qiao Nan. "Hello, I'm Qiao Nan. What's the matter?"

Of course, Qiao Nan knew that she must be calling to take advantage of her. Otherwise, Ding Jiayi would never find her or keep in contact with her just because she was her daughter.

Upon hearing Qiao Nan's voice, Ding Jiayi became distracted and she couldn't react in time.

"Qiao Nan, this is Mom. The person you found today has already sent me to Ping Cheng. However, I realized that your dad's missing. I just left for two days. That isn't a long period. However, there's no one at home. The kitchen's clean and there's even a layer of dust in the house. Qiao Nan, your dad's missing and I don't know where he went. What should we do? You have to take care of this matter. If you don't, what will happen to your dad?"

After returning to Ping Cheng and realizing that Qiao Dongliang was 'missing', aside from calling the police, Ding Jiayi had no idea what to do at all. Ding Jiayi was really afraid that something happened to Qiao Dongliang or that he was kidnapped. If the police investigated this matter slowly, Qiao Dongliang might not be able to survive by the time they found his whereabouts.

Ding Jiayi didn't want to leave and didn't want to be an old widow when she was old. She just wanted to spend the rest of her life with Old Qiao peacefully. Why was that so difficult?

"..." Qiao Nan didn't know what to say to Ding Jiayi. "You think my dad went missing? Why did you think so? Could it be that you didn't think before that it's not that he went missing but that he left?"

An hour after Ding Jiayi left Ping Cheng for the capital, Qiao Nan received Qiao Dongliang's call. Qiao Dongliang had always been tolerating Ding Jiayi. This time, Ding Jiayi didn't listen to his dissuasion. She obviously knew that Qiao Zijin's illness was a trap but still looked happy to be led by the nose. Qiao Dongliang no longer wanted to reconcile with Ding Jiayi.

Qiao Dongliang wanted to live in a different place and no longer wanted to have dealings with Ding Jiayi. As his daughter, Qiao Nan didn't have anything else to say besides being supportive. There was no choice.. Qiao Nan wasn't willing to keep in contact with Ding Jiayi much either.

Chapter 2309: Why Do You Care (1)

What right did she have to ask Qiao Dongliang to stay with Ding Jiayi until death separated them?

On this point, Qiao Nan was naturally an enlightened child. In her dreams, she didn't encourage or stop Qiao Dongliang from getting a divorce. Outside of her dreams, as long as Qiao Dongliang considered things well and was happy with his own decision, Qiao Nan had nothing else to say.

Without a doubt, Qiao Dongliang could live in a different place as he relied on his daughter, Qiao Nan. Qiao Dongliang had no house or money. How was it easy for him to move house and change his living environment? Qiao Dongliang succeeded in moving because of Qiao Nan.

As such, Qiao Nan had all the information regarding where Qiao Dongliang moved to or what his new mobile number was.

“What do you mean he left or moved away? Where did your dad go?” Ding Jiayi was about to rebut Qiao Nan's words as she felt that Qiao Dongliang would never leave this house or leave without telling her. However, Ding Jiayi quickly thought of a situation.

Compared to her and Qiao Zijin, needless to say, Qiao Nan was the closest to Qiao Dongliang. If Qiao Dongliang really took the initiative to leave, Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin might not have received any news, but Qiao Nan definitely would. “What did your dad say to you? Where is he? What does he mean by this?”

Upon thinking of her conversation with Qiao Dongliang before she left Ping Cheng for the capital, Ding Jiayi panicked. It couldn't really be that Old Qiao was angry at her for going to the capital to take care of Zijin that he no longer wanted to lead a life with her, right? She thought that Old Qiao cared about Zijin as well. Furthermore, Zijin was really ill. She didn't lie. Why was Old Qiao so serious? He said he didn't want her and he really didn't want her.

“Before Dad left, he guessed that you would return quickly. He also guessed that you would definitely find me when you realized that he was missing. Dad asked me to tell you not to find him. You shouldn't have forgotten the words he said to you previously. Since you still remember them, the both of you can just lead your lives separately.”

Qiao Nan wasn't exaggerating and just repeated the exact words before Qiao Dongliang left. Qiao Nan didn't know what agreement Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi had and didn't hear Qiao Dongliang mention it. However, this contradiction arose when Ding Jiayi went to the capital to take care of Qiao Zijin. There was no doubt that it was related to Qiao Zijin.

Ding Jiayi was shocked. "Your dad was serious?"

"At least, he seems pretty serious this time." Qiao Nan didn't dare to say since when her dad wasn't serious. Actually, for all the times before this, her dad had never been serious. It was no wonder that Ding Jiayi would be so confident and didn't take her dad's words seriously.

Her dad had come to his senses now. However, from a time perspective, it was a little too late. Qiao Zijin's temperament couldn't be changed and her life was probably almost ruined. As for her relationship with her family, there was no way to change the situation. The Qiao family of four had already become a dead knot. She didn't know how much her dad understood this in his heart.

Ding Jiayi sat paralyzed on the sofa and started crying. "Your dad's really ruthless. I've served him for most of my lifetime. I've washed clothes and prepared meals for him. I even gave birth to two daughters. Now that I'm old and ugly, he doesn't want me anymore. How can he have no conscience at all? You're helping your dad. He lacks conscience but you're black-hearted too. He's your dad but I'm your mom. You stayed in my stomach for ten months and were a piece of meat that fell from my body. You're helping your dad, but why aren't you helping me? Other daughters are close to their moms. Why are you so different? Why are you close to your dad instead?"

Ding Jiayi wasn't stupid. She had spent all the money in the family on Qiao Zijin. If Qiao Dongliang wanted to live in a different place, Ding Jiayi knew that he wouldn't have excess money in his pockets. As such, Qiao Dongliang eventually succeeded in moving house due to Qiao Nan's help.

Why was Ding Jiayi so bold this time to run to the capital? It was because she knew that Qiao Dongliang didn't have the ability to run elsewhere and could only live in the Qiao family's courtyard.

The monk can run away, but the temple won't run with him. There was only one home. No matter how angry Qiao Dongliang was with Ding Jiayi, as long as Qiao Dongliang was still at home, Ding Jiayi had reason to believe that even if Qiao Dongliang threw huge tantrums at her, she could spend a year or two to slowly coax him. When she was coaxing him, they would still be under the same roof. There wasn't much difference if she coaxed him or not.

After being certain that Qiao Dongliang wouldn't run away, Ding Jiayi became confident and left Ping Cheng to find her favorite daughter, Qiao Zijin. How would she know that Qiao Nan was so 'filial' toward Qiao Dongliang? Qiao Dongliang wanted to move house and Qiao Nan really helped him. She never considered the existence and feelings of her own mother.

If she had known that Qiao Dongliang would find Qiao Nan, she wouldn't have gone to the capital to find Zijin. She gave birth to two daughters. However, neither of them was filial toward her. Why did she lead such a tough life? Her biological mother wasn't good to her, and no one in her family liked to see her. It wasn't easy for her to get married, have a husband, and have her own home. Her husband didn't want her when he was old. Both her daughters were selfish, and no one had her in their hearts. God was too unfair and mean to her.

"Yes, I'm close to my dad but not to you. There's no choice. When I used to be close to you and listened to your words, you might not have remembered what kind of life I was leading, but I do. No matter how much money I earned, I could only live in the corridor and eat instant noodles. At least, my dad wouldn't let me lead such a pitiful life. I heard that the house Qiao Zijin rented in the capital is pretty small. It's only around ten square meters. Actually, I think that's already not bad. When I was living in the corridor, it was similarly around ten square meters. Besides, the corridor I was living in was small and narrow. Her house shouldn't be as bad as the corridor I lived in then. As such, I always think that it makes sense for you to be good to Qiao Zijin. At least, when you and Qiao Zijin were living in the rented house, that house was better than my corridor. If you were close to me, you would only be living in the corridor with me for those few years."

After saying this, Qiao Nan hung up the call, leaving no leeway or affection at all.

After knowing what kind of environment Ding Jiayi lived in after reaching the capital, Qiao Nan didn't find Ding Jiayi pitiful at all. Qiao Zijin had so much money in her hands, but she was so stingy to Ding Jiayi. Who could be blamed?

Chapter 2310: Why Do You Care (2)

She was definitely not to be blamed. She wasn't the one who had raised Qiao Zijin to be this way. It was Ding Jiayi.

She had survived several years living in a much worse environment. Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin had stayed in a better environment for just a few days. Were they really pitiful? It was only because they had been living too comfortably in the past that they were so ungrateful. Although they were clearly in the wrong, they were shameless enough to push the blame to others!

Ding Jiayi had clearly chased her own husband around. If Qiao Nan were to pity Ding Jiayi after that lecture, she would be shooting herself in the foot. As such, Qiao Nan unhesitatingly hung up the call. So what if Ding Jiayi was calling her about Qiao Dongliang? Her tone and words had been just as nasty and exasperating.

“...” Because Qiao Nan had hung up on her, Ding Jiayi sobered up significantly. Now, she had no right to throw a tantrum at Qiao Nan. She would even have to depend on Qiao Nan to bring Qiao Dongliang back. Qiao Nan was no longer the same Qiao Nan whom she could easily manipulate and bully. Qiao Nan was now the chief’s wife and had her in-laws backing her up. She couldn’t be more confident now!

With no other choice, Ding Jiayi dialed Qiao Nan’s number again even after that insult. Unless she no longer wanted her husband, Qiao Dongliang, not only would she have to listen to Qiao Nan no matter how horrible it would be, but she would even have to accept whatever Qiao Nan said without rebuking her.

“Qiao Nan, can we have a chat?”

“...” Qiao Nan rolled her eyes uncontrollably. Hadn’t she been having a good chat earlier on? It was Ding Jiayi who had flared up and lost her temper. “I’ve already explained my dad’s situation clearly. If you’re really concerned about his safety, I can tell you that you don’t have to worry about that. My dad’s doing well and he’s not in danger at all. My dad contacted me to say that he may have fewer connections and friends in that new environment, but he feels much better. It’s only been two days but he’s already made new friends. Recently, he’s even started to learn to play chess, and he’s gotten himself a chess buddy too. So, if you still have anything you’re worried about, tell me about it and I’ll explain it to you.”

Marrying Zhai Sheng had been a really good decision.

Ping Cheng was the Zhai family’s hometown too. Besides, Zhai Hua and Jiajia were still living in Ping Cheng. Even though Qiao Nan was in the capital, she could settle Qiao Dongliang down without any trouble or even returning to Ping Cheng.

“...” Ding Jiayi bit on her lip and sniffled. “Can-can you send me to your dad?”

Of course, she knew that Old Qiao would definitely be living comfortably with Qiao Nan taking care of him. Qiao Nan didn’t treat her very well, but she did treat her father pretty well. With Qiao Nan around, she would definitely not need to worry about Old Qiao getting into any danger. In fact, Old Qiao would probably be more carefree than any of them.

She couldn't deny that Qiao Nan was not only more outstanding than Qiao Zijin, but she was much more filial than Qiao Zijin too. The person whom she and Qiao Dongliang would have to rely on in their old age wasn't Qiao Zijin but Qiao Nan. Although she understood that, Ding Jiayi was equally upset and displeased with the situation.

She didn't understand why Qiao Zijin had turned out to be such a mess even though she had devoted her whole life to Qiao Zijin. On the other hand, Qiao Nan had only graduated from junior high school, and yet, she had made a mark for herself and had the ability to support her parents in their old age. Why had nothing gone to plan?

Ding Jiayi dared not think too much about anything else. She had finally returned to Ping Cheng with much difficulty, only to find Qiao Dongliang missing from the Qiao family's courtyard in Ping Cheng. Because of that, Ding Jiayi no longer had any desire to live here anymore. To a woman, home was wherever her husband and children were.

Ding Jiayi didn't have a good relationship with Qiao Nan, and neither did she want to rely on Qiao Zijin ever again. In that case, Ding Jiayi's home was naturally where Qiao Dongliang was. She wanted nothing more than to be by Qiao Dongliang's side. She would live however Old Qiao lived. Qiao Nan wouldn't shortchange Old Qiao, so that meant that she wouldn't be shortchanged either if she lived with Old Qiao.

Qiao Nan had already guessed Ding Jiayi's thoughts. "I can't make a decision on whether you can live with my dad. I'll have to ask him about it. Once I contact him tomorrow and ask him about it, I'll get someone to send you over if he agrees. If he refuses, I won't be able to do anything about it. Actually, I'm sure you and I both know the answer to this even without calling him. But I know that I'll be at fault if I don't make that call, and neither will you ever give up. Alright, let's talk again tomorrow."

"Don't-don't hang up." Ding Jiayi panicked. "Since you already know the answer, why do you still have to ask your dad about it? Do you really want me to... Forget it. Your dad's still angry at me. Besides, why do I need his approval? Do you mean that I can't move over without his approval? Then, I'll just not live with him. Help me arrange for an apartment next to your dad's. I'll just be his neighbor. That should be fine, right?"

As long as she lived nearby, the end result would be similar whether they shared an apartment or were just neighbors.

“Hehehe...” Qiao Nan was all too familiar with Ding Jiayi’s conceit. “My dad had already expected you to say that, so he left you a message. He said that he didn’t want you to bother with Qiao Zijin anymore, but you did it anyway. He can’t stop you from doing what you want, and neither do you have to get his approval. This still stands. He doesn’t care if you agree, but he doesn’t want to live near you. Between you and my dad, I’ll definitely choose to stand on my dad’s side. As long as my dad disagrees, I won’t accede to any of your requests. If you have nothing else, the only thing I can help you out with is conveying your message to my dad tomorrow. After that, it’ll depend entirely on my dad’s attitude.”

Qiao Nan had no intention of picking up the phone again after hanging up this time.

Of course, unplugging the landline was the easiest way to avoid Ding Jiayi. Anyway, she contacted her dad through her mobile phone, not the landline.

“Yee ya.” Sensing her mom’s unhappiness, San Bao tried her best to pounce into Qiao Nan’s embrace, grinning as she drooled on Qiao Nan.