

RTAMM 2311

Chapter 2311: Why Do You Care (3)

Seeing San Bao acting this way, Qiao Nan's anger toward Ding Jiayi dissipated. She gently wiped away San Bao's saliva and turned all her attention to the three children. "San Bao, what are you doing? Do you want to be carried?"

San Bao stretched out her little arms, asking for a hug. Her mom was hers and hers alone. Da Bao and Er Bao wouldn't stand a chance.

Qiao Nan's heart was full as she hugged her soft and tender daughter in her arms. As expected, the Zhai family and the three children were the closest kin she had in this world.

Because of the three children, there was no need for Qiao Nan to feel disappointed or sad, much less pain. To Qiao Nan, her current life was full of bliss.

On the contrary, the more blissful Qiao Nan was, the worse Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin became. Qiao Nan had said that she would send Ding Jiayi to Qiao Dongliang's side once he agreed, but Ding Jiayi knew the answer even before Qiao Nan made the call.

If Qiao Dongliang was willing to live with her, why would he have troubled Qiao Nan to help him move out of the Qiao family's courtyard? He had done so not just to have a change in environment but also to get away from her. It would be best if he never met her ever again.

Qiao Dongliang's attitude chilled Ding Jiayi's heart. For her daughter's sake, her relationship with Old Qiao, that she had recently mended, had been ruined again. If Qiao Zijin was worth it, then Ding Jiayi would have nothing to say.

But what embarrassed Ding Jiayi the most was that Qiao Zijin hadn't even sent her off well. It was Qiao Nan who had sent her back after Qiao Zijin had scared her off and had stolen her identity card. She had pretty much fled back to Ping Cheng.

Now, she had lost all hope in Qiao Zijin, and Old Qiao was serious about not wanting her in his life. She couldn't afford to care about her daughter, while her husband no longer wanted her. Her life wasn't just a mess. It was a complete failure. Why did it seem as though she was the only one being hated by everyone? Not a single person seemed to treat her well at all!

In the face of such a situation, Ding Jiayi was still unwilling to admit that she had done anything wrong. It was simply because of her bad luck that she had met bad people in her life and had given birth to unfilial children. Yes, others were always to be blamed. She had put so much effort into living a good life, so how was it possible that it was her fault?

Whether or not Ding Jiayi admitted to it, Qiao Nan had no good news for Ding Jiayi the next day. In fact, she coldly informed Ding Jiayi that Qiao Dongliang refused to meet her, much less be neighbors with her. The property deed of the Qiao family's courtyard was with Qiao Nan. No matter what, Ding Jiayi was still Qiao Nan's biological mother. As such, even though Ding Jiayi had nothing to do with the ownership of the property, she still had the right to live there.

Ding Jiayi could continue living in that house up until her death. As for everything else, Ding Jiayi had better not put too much thought into it. Both parties were responsible for how their relationship had turned out. He didn't want to wait for Ding Jiayi to change, and neither would Ding Jiayi ever be willing to do so. After they separated, Ding Jiayi could live the life she wanted and he wouldn't need to worry about how she lived. That way, everyone's lives would be better.

Having gotten a firm answer, Ding Jiayi had grown a lot more white hair in the short span of half a day. Ding Jiayi's white hair had never grown that quickly, and in fact, she had less white hair than Qiao Dongliang. But in just one day, Ding Jiayi's amount of white hair had quickly surpassed Qiao Dongliang's. But no one in the Qiao family had witnessed that.

Ding Jiayi was like a wandering soul. She simply stayed in the Qiao family's courtyard without moving or speaking. She didn't even bother cleaning up the dusty furniture. When evening came, Ding Jiayi no longer felt hungry. She couldn't help but wonder if she would still be alive the next day since she hadn't eaten for the entire day. If she would still be alive the next day, why didn't she have an appetite at all?

Ding Jiayi was completely dejected. She had no desire to eat or to get out. But that night, she suddenly heard knocks on the door. In that moment, Ding Jiayi's eyes glimmered with hope and she couldn't help but wonder if Old Qiao was back. Had Old Qiao decided to forgive her after knowing that she truly regretted her actions and was now willing to live with her again? She could swear to the heavens that she would never disappoint Old Qiao again, and neither would she ever bother about that stupid elder daughter of hers.

But before Ding Jiayi could stand up to welcome her 'husband', Qiao Zijin had started to yell, "Mom, I'm back! Hurry and open the door. Why can't I unlock the door? Did you change the locks?"

The greater the expectations, the greater the disappointment. That was exactly how Ding Jiayi felt at that moment.

Knowing that it was not her husband who had returned but the culprit behind their separation, Ding Jiayi sat back down in a daze. She had no intention of caring about Qiao Zijin. She would simply allow Qiao Zijin to knock on the door until she got tired of doing so and left.

The Qiao family's locks had been changed twice. The first time was when Qiao Dongliang had moved away, and the second was when Ding Jiayi returned and got a locksmith to pick the lock for her. Because of that, there was no way Qiao Zijin could unlock the door with her keys.

If Qiao Dongliang had not left, Qiao Zijin would probably still be living a blissful life. In fact, Ding Jiayi might even have forgotten all those things that Qiao Zijin had done to her in the capital. Unfortunately, Ding Jiayi had gotten into a serious fall-out with Qiao Dongliang for Qiao Zijin's sake. Because of that, Ding Jiayi didn't even have any idea where Qiao Dongliang was.

Ding Jiayi, who had lost her husband, was full of resentment. Naturally, she couldn't hate herself for insisting on going to the capital even though she knew just how bad Qiao Dongliang's temper was. She could only blame her daughter for being so heartless to her.

She had wholeheartedly used all of Qiao Dongliang and Qiao Nan's money on Qiao Zijin, but what had she gotten in return? Qiao Zijin had only ruined her relationship with Old Qiao time and again, infuriating him so much that he had simply left her! Her family had fallen apart and she was in such a miserable state now all because of Qiao Zijin!

She had raised Qiao Zijin, but not only was Qiao Zijin unfilial to her, but she had even landed her in such a mess! Why should she still care about Qiao Zijin in that case?

Chapter 2312: Not Opening (1)

Qiao Zijin was already forty. How shameless she was to return to her family's house to leech off them! If she was foolish enough to open the door for Qiao Zijin today and allow her to leech off them again, Ding Jiayi knew that Qiao Dongliang would never agree to meet her in the future, and she would never be able to mend their relationship ever again.

If she had to make a choice between her husband and her daughter, Ding Jiayi had already decided that she would choose Qiao Dongliang. She no longer wanted that evil and unfilial daughter, Qiao Zijin.

Having made that decision, there was no way Ding Jiayi could warmly welcome Qiao Zijin in as she had done before. It was entirely Qiao Zijin's fault that she had become a lonely old person with no children or husband by her side.

Qiao Zijin was already in her forties. Which other woman of her age was still living at home on her parents' accounts? Even though Qiao Nan had only gotten married at the age of forty, she had moved out and paid for her own expenses even before her marriage.

She had spent much more effort raising Qiao Zijin. If Qiao Nan could do it, why couldn't Qiao Zijin? In the future, Qiao Zijin had better live her own life. She wasn't going to interfere in Qiao Zijin's life anymore, and neither would she ever cause any trouble for her daughter.

If she were to encounter any problems, she wouldn't have to worry. Although she didn't have a close relationship with Qiao Nan, she would never leave her mom to die. As long as Qiao Nan was around, she wouldn't have to worry about having no one to take care of her. Having Qiao Zijin support her? Forget it. What she worried most about was having to support Qiao Zijin instead. Then, all the money that Qiao Nan gave her would be spent on Qiao Zijin instead of herself.

It was because of that incident over the identity card that Ding Jiayi was finally able to let go of everything she hadn't been able to in the past. She was already at such an old age and she had never held a job either. It was rare that Qiao Nan was willing to give her allowance just because of her blood ties. It was better for her to stop there and live her own life with that sum of money.

If she used all of Qiao Nan's money to support Qiao Zijin, how was she going to live?

Besides, Qiao Nan used to be obedient and had given Ding Jiayi a lot more money than she did now. At that time, Ding Jiayi had never worried about running out of money by supporting Qiao Zijin. Even if she did, that wouldn't matter. She would simply ask Qiao Nan for more. Qiao Nan would never refuse anyway.

Things were different now. Qiao Nan was no longer as gullible, and she simply gave Ding Jiayi a fixed monthly allowance. As long as Ding Jiayi didn't spend excessively, that amount of money was definitely sufficient. However, if Ding Jiayi was foolish and bought expensive goods that she couldn't afford or used it to support Qiao Zijin, then that would be her own problem. Qiao Nan was not going to care about that.

At the very most, Ding Jiayi could sue Qiao Nan. It was not as though she hadn't done that in the past.

Because she had done so before, Ding Jiayi knew that Qiao Nan wouldn't lose out even if she really sued her. It was not as though Qiao Nan had truly left her in the lurch by not supporting her. Whose fault was it that she had used up all the money?

The law only governed that children had to support their parents, but it didn't state that children had the obligation to sell their bodies to meet the endless and extravagant demands of their parents.

Because Qiao Nan was no longer as 'obedient' as before, Ding Jiayi couldn't afford to spend her money as freely and wantonly as before. She would have to hold her purse strings tightly and not give in freely to others.

Since the money Qiao Nan gave Ding Jiayi had decreased, and she had become stricter in her attitude, Ding Jiayi dared not spend that small sum of money that she had in her pockets so freely. While she had been in the capital, Qiao Zijin had stolen more than a thousand yuan from her! Now, money was more important than Qiao Zijin in Ding Jiayi's heart.

Ding Jiayi had already made up her mind not to care about Qiao Zijin, or to let her leech off the family any longer.

In the moment that her phone rang, Ding Jiayi regretted not having switched off her phone earlier. The person who should have called her hadn't, but the person who shouldn't have called her, and had even declared that she would never contact her ever again, had. By the time Ding Jiayi finally came to her senses and switched off her phone, Qiao Zijin had already heard the ringtone and knew that Ding Jiayi was at home.

"Mom, I'm tired and hungry. Hurry and open the door for me. Hurry up!" After confirming that Ding Jiayi was indeed at home, Qiao Zijin was starting to lose her patience. In the past, she had never needed to knock on the door or make any calls. As long as she made the slightest noise, her mom would immediately come rushing out to take her things and to pour her a glass of water.

More importantly, Qiao Zijin was starving and was in a foul mood. Naturally, her patience was running dry.

"Mom, what are you doing? Did you not hear me? Hurry and open the door. I'm not purposely making trouble for you or trying to be arrogant. I can't open the door with my key. Otherwise, I

wouldn't have called you either." Qiao Zijin had the urge to scold someone, but she was afraid that she wouldn't be able to control her volume and would disturb her neighbors.

It wasn't that Qiao Zijin had suddenly become considerate to think that she shouldn't disturb her neighbors. The problem was that she always set off for the capital full of confidence that she would return in glory, yet she always returned in a disheveled mess every single time.

It was better for others not to see her in such a state. If she were to raise her voice and let her neighbors know that she had returned from the capital in this state, she would definitely become a joke in their eyes. Qiao Zijin hadn't forgotten just how badly they had mocked and ridiculed Qiao Nan in the past. She had no intention of becoming the object of gossip in these old neighbor's conversations as Qiao Nan had at that time.

"Mom? Mom!" Qiao Zijin's anger was rising. She had called her mom and not only had she heard her mom's phone ring, but her mom had even rejected her call! That meant that her mom definitely knew that she was back!

Qiao Zijin had initially felt a little uneasy when Ding Jiayi had first rejected her call. But very soon, she regained her senses. She was still using a phone card from the capital. Now that she was back in Ping Cheng, it would cost her more than one yuan to make a call. It was right for her mom to have rejected that call.

It seemed like she had not taught her mom so much in vain. Even she had been muddleheaded in this situation, but her mom hadn't!

Chapter 2313: Not Opening (2)

But she waited and waited, and even shouted again and again. Still, Ding Jiayi hadn't come to open the door for her. Qiao Zijin finally sensed something amiss. "Mom, what do you mean by this? I know you're at home. Mom, don't you think you're going overboard by not opening the door or answering my call? You even changed the locks!"

Qiao Zijin grew more startled as she said all that. Something was truly amiss. Was her mom trying to prevent her from coming home?

Qiao Zijin panicked, finally thinking about all those things she had done to Ding Jiayi before leaving the capital. "Mom, I know you're still angry at me because of what happened in the capital. I-I'll apologize to you. Will that do? Mom, if there's anything, we can chat after you open the door.

You can tell me all your dissatisfaction and I'll apologize to you. Mom, it'll be embarrassing if someone else sees me standing here. Mom, open the door."

Her mom's temper had worsened with age. In the past, her mom had never dared to throw such a tantrum at her. Her dad and Qiao Nan had allowed her mom's temper to develop! She would never have allowed her mom to get so unreasonable.

"Mom, you're right. That's why I'm back for good now. I'm going to live in Ping Cheng from now on. Mom, I even got you a present from the capital this time. Mom, open the door so that I can give you the present." What mattered most was coaxing her mom to open the door so that she could enter.

"..."

Unfortunately, no matter what Qiao Zijin said or how she tried to cajole Ding Jiayi, there was absolutely no response from within the house. It was as though Ding Jiayi was not even at home.

In the face of such a situation, Qiao Zijin couldn't help but wonder if she was having hallucinations. Was her mom really not at home? But that couldn't be. Even if her mom wasn't home, her dad should be at home. With no other choice, Qiao Zijin called Ding Jiayi again. This time, however, Ding Jiayi's phone was already switched off. Alright, there was no need to wonder anymore. Ding Jiayi was indeed at home, and her phone had indeed rung earlier. It was just that Ding Jiayi had rejected her call and had even deliberately switched off her phone.

"Mom, what do you mean by this? Why don't we have a good chat? Even if I was insensible and did something wrong, you should explain it to me to help me understand. Mom, are you still angry at me about what happened in the hospital? Mom, you know that I was admitted into the hospital because I was sick. By the time you arrived, I already had a high fever. I wasn't in the right state of mind then. My mind was a little murky and I couldn't control myself that day. I think I must have been muddleheaded because of my illness. Mom, I'm sorry. I didn't mean it. It's true. I was muddleheaded because of my illness."

Ding Jiayi, who had heard these words, reacted slightly, seemingly trying to get up. But within a second, Ding Jiayi calmed down and allowed Qiao Zijin to continue her monologue at the door.

Muddleheaded because of her illness?

But she clearly remembered Qiao Zijin's expression and tone from that day. If Qiao Zijin had truly been muddleheaded because of her illness that day, then she had probably never been sober for her entire life even at this age. No wonder Old Qiao always said that she was blind and foolish and that she had made a wrong choice between her two daughters, Qiao Zijin and Qiao Nan.

It hadn't even required her blind faith. If she had been slightly fairer to her two daughters at that time, allowing both of them to pursue their studies, their family would have been in a much better state now.

In the past, Ding Jiayi had never agreed with Qiao Dongliang's words. But now, Ding Jiayi couldn't help but consider what he had said. Qiao Nan was only a junior high school graduate. Even then, she had earned so much money for the family. If she had cultivated Qiao Nan into a university graduate, Qiao Nan would definitely have earned much more. In fact, she could even have been earning a six-figure salary by now!

She had already heard that university graduates from better schools entered better companies. After ten years, their salaries easily exceeded a million yuan!

Ding Jiayi was all too clear about the kind of person Qiao Nan was. Even though she was only a junior high school graduate, Qiao Nan had always earned high praises from her bosses no matter where she worked.

Because of her situation, Qiao Nan hadn't been able to change jobs. But if Qiao Nan had landed a job in a reputable company and had worked up until now, her income would have exceeded a million yuan by now! If Qiao Nan had been that good at making money, there was no way her life as Qiao Nan's mother would have been too bad. In fact, they would probably have owned a car just like other families. Perhaps, it would even have been a BMW! How proud she would have been driving that out.

Unfortunately, she had ruined all of that.

Ding Jiayi sighed. If she had been fairer toward Qiao Nan and allowed Qiao Nan to pursue her studies, her relationship with Qiao Nan wouldn't have landed in such a state today. If her relationship with Qiao Nan had been better, Qiao Nan would definitely have chosen to side with her instead of Old Qiao if they were to get into a scuffle. As long as Qiao Nan was on her side, she would never need to worry about Old Qiao daring to ignore her.

She had lost such a useful daughter just like that. It was such a pity. Worse still, she had only realized that now. It was far too late now.

“Mom? Mom!” Qiao Zijin had no idea what was going through Ding Jiayi’s mind. Of course, she had no idea how Ding Jiayi was regretting being kind to her while being mean to Qiao Nan all these years. What Qiao Zijin did know was that her mom hadn’t responded even after she had shouted for such a long time. What was she supposed to do? She was already at the door, but because she didn’t have the new keys, and neither was her mom letting her in, she had no way of entering the house.

Her stomach was growling and the sun was setting. Qiao Zijin wasn’t sure if she would be able to enter the house even if she were to stay. Besides, what would she do if her neighbors happened to see her when they took their evening walk after dinner? She couldn’t afford to be embarrassed like that.

Qiao Zijin couldn’t deny that she hadn’t gone easy on her mom that day. Thinking back to it, Qiao Zijin felt that she had simply told Ding Jiayi the whole truth. It was true she had been muddleheaded because of her illness. Even she couldn’t believe that she had taken all of her mom’s money and her identity card that day. She had never even dreamed of doing such a thing, much less do it in reality!

Chapter 2314: Not Opening (3)

Her mom was petty and had a bad temper. Her anger probably wouldn’t dissipate for a while. It was unfortunate that this incident had taken place just the previous day. In another two days’ time, she wouldn’t even need to cajole her mom anymore. Her mom would probably have calmed down by then. Then, she would simply go home.

Qiao Zijin sighed, feeling that she was too unlucky. Her mom had such a bad temper while her dad was biased toward Qiao Nan. Even after she had finally returned to Ping Cheng after much difficulty, she had unexpectedly found herself homeless and would have no choice but to spend the night in a hotel.

The only thing that comforted Qiao Zijin was that she knew of all the cheap and clean hotels in Ping Cheng. Not only would it be more comfortable than living in the capital, but she would even be able to save money. With such a comparison, Qiao Zijin was no longer in a foul mood nor did she think that it was unfair for her to spend money on a hotel even though she could go home. She would simply treat it as though she was spending money to make herself comfortable.

Qiao Zijin thus paid for three days’ worth of rent. In these three days, she wouldn’t disturb her mom anymore. She would simply wait for her mom to calm down and pick her up. Yes, that was exactly what she had to do. She couldn’t afford to be like Qiao Nan or her dad, allowing her mom’s temper to worsen even further. Now, only she was able to control her mom.

Since there was no more noise outside the door, Ding Jiayi knew that Qiao Zijin must have left. Ding Jiayi couldn't be clearer about the kind of person Qiao Zijin was and the kind of temper she had. After all, she had raised her. Qiao Zijin was a princess. It was considered not bad that Qiao Zijin had been willing to leave before flaring up when she had refused to open the door.

But it was exactly because Qiao Zijin had left and apologized so casually for the sake of doing so, believing that Ding Jiayi would forgive her just because she had done so, that Ding Jiayi felt even more miserable. Qiao Zijin had gone overboard and had even treated her own mom in that manner but was still apologizing so insincerely. Qiao Zijin's attitude proved that she didn't care about her mom, Ding Jiayi, at all.

Ding Jiayi sniffled, feeling as though her life was truly bitter.

Her most beloved daughter didn't take her seriously, while Qiao Nan was petty and calculating toward her own biological mother. Qiao Dongliang, whom she had served her whole life, was heartless too. Qiao Dongliang knew just what kind of person Qiao Zijin was, and he knew that she had been wronged and bullied by Qiao Zijin too. Even if he didn't pity her, it wasn't right for him to be angry at her, allowing her to be bullied by their two daughters.

Ding Jiayi wondered if life was supposed to be so painful. If she were to die right now, would the heavens take pity on her and let her reincarnate into a good family, marry a good husband, and have a filial son? If the heavens gave her an affirmative answer, Ding Jiayi felt that it would be much better to die and get a fresh start rather than live such a miserable life.

But these were nothing more than her thoughts. Ding Jiayi would never be able to kill herself if it came to it.

Because Qiao Zijin had left, there was no longer the need for Ding Jiayi to act as though the house was empty. Although she did not feel hungry, her stomach was empty. She heated up the steamed bun that she had bought that morning and paired it with some pickles for dinner. Ding Jiayi's empty gaze made her no different from a wooden puppet. After finishing her meal, she didn't even remove her clothes before lying on the bed and going to sleep.

How Ding Jiayi wished that all of this was nothing more than a nightmare that would end the moment she woke up. How she wished that things would return to how they had been before she had left for the capital, that Qiao Dongliang hadn't left, and that Qiao Zijin hadn't gone overboard and disappointed her.

In reality, Ding Jiayi wasn't the only one with such a thought. Wang Yang and his wife were not in a better mood than Ding Jiayi.

As they lay on their bed, the couple couldn't help but think about how the court hearing would start the moment they awoke. How they wished this night would never end.

Perhaps, it was because Wang Yang and his wife both had something in their minds that they had the same 'nightmare' when they finally fell asleep in a daze. In that dream, they had indeed lost the lawsuit, and the judge had ruled Zhu Chengqi's will valid. In that way, the deceased's will had to be followed and all of his assets were ruled to Qiao Nan. From then on, Qiao Nan would be the owner of the Zhu family, and Wang Yang would have nothing to do with the Zhu family.

When they awoke from the nightmare, the couple was drenched in a cold sweat. Seeing each other's appearance, they both had a tacit understanding and didn't ask each other why they looked so shocked.

Li Yayan simply got up and took a bath, but that bath only made her even more depressed. "Dear, are you still going to sleep?" Anyway, she wasn't. She couldn't sleep. In fact, she was afraid of falling asleep. That nightmare had scared her out of her wits and had given her goosebumps all over. Because of that dream, Li Yayan no longer dared to go to sleep.

Wang Yang was just as afraid but didn't want to say a thing in front of Li Yayan for the sake of his pride. "I've had enough sleep. I should get up early and get ready. I'll go take a shower."

Wang Yang and his wife were like two wandering souls. After waking up and refusing to go back to sleep, the couple sat on the sofa in a daze, refusing to chat with each other. And that was how the couple endured the passing of time up until the court hearing started.

Perhaps, it was to avoid adding any more pressure on Wang Yang that the Wang family did not call Wang Yang before the court session. As the court session began, Wang Yang took his seat in the plaintiff's position, while Li Yayan sat in the audience. At that moment, Li Yayan's phone rang.

Seeing that it was her mother-in-law, Li Yayan was so frightened that she tossed her phone out, making a loud noise. Everyone turned to stare at Li Yayan, who had gone pale. "I'm sorry. I'm really sorry."

Li Yayan picked up her phone and ran out to answer the call. Members of the audience were not allowed to switch on their mobile phones during court hearings, and everyone apart from Li Yayan

knew not to make that mistake. Li Yayan's behavior had soured the expression on the face of Wang Yang's lawyer. "You'd better not let this happen again. It will leave a bad impression on the judge and the jury."

Chapter 2315: Lousy Lawyer (1)

"I've already made myself clear on how tricky this lawsuit is. If you guys are so uncooperative, there's no reason for me to try my best either." If possible, the lawyer wished to give up the case.

Before the court session, he had already made his stance clear. If Wang Yang wanted to become the head of the Zhu family and get all of the Zhu family's inheritance, what he needed to do was to get on Qiao Nan's good side instead of fighting a lawsuit. Because of the will, Wang Yang would only be able to get as much as Qiao Nan was willing to give him once they were on good terms.

Of course, if Wang Yang was intelligent enough and suppressed Qiao Nan, that would be another matter. But if Wang Yang wanted the lawsuit to be ruled in his favor, his only solution was to reach a settlement with Qiao Nan in private.

Who would have known that Wang Yang would have performed so badly? Even after half a year, the defendant had no intention of settling the matter in private! Because Wang Yang hadn't done well on his own, the lawyer had no other choice but to do his best and leave the rest to fate.

Because Qiao Nan had signed a contract, authorizing Zhai Sheng to act on her behalf, the person sitting in front of Wang Yang was not Qiao Nan but Zhai Sheng. Because of Li Yayan, Wang Yang even knew that Qiao Nan had gone to school this morning.

From the looks of it, Qiao Nan was not going to turn up in court. In fact, she was probably even sitting in the classroom, attending a lecture. Thinking about how Qiao Nan was so carefree and indifferent while he was so worked up and nervous, Wang Yang felt rage well up within him. He had been guarding the Zhu family's assets ever since he had gotten rid of Zhu Baoguo. Why did Qiao Nan get to reap the benefits of his hard work?

Was there still any justice in this world?

Qiao Nan had classes in the morning, but not in the afternoon. After her lessons, she simply returned home to take care of her three children. "Da Bao, Er Bao, San Bao, Mom's back! Did you guys behave well and listen to Grandma and Grandpa today?"

Ever since the three children gained a little strength in their limbs, they seemed to enjoy crawling around. In fact, they had even 'evolved' to using both their arms and legs together to propel themselves forward. After a while, the triplets had naturally learned how to crawl.

Although the three children had a limited time and distance to move around, that didn't hinder their love for it. If the two elderly people had only been taking care of one child, they would have been able to keep their eye on the child, even if that child was crawling around. But the Zhai family had three babies, and Da Bao and Er Bao were boys who were much more energetic than San Bao.

Da Bao was typically not as lively as Er Bao, but his grandparents realized that he was actually quite strong when he set his mind to it. Often, Er Bao would crawl no more than a meter and start laughing upon seeing his starting position, as though he was proud and satisfied in himself. Of course, his grandparents had noticed that too.

But the moment his grandparents could get him under control, they would soon realize that Da Bao was missing!

Da Bao had taken advantage of the fact that his grandparents were busy with Er Bao to crawl some distance away, even finding a hidden spot so that his grandparents wouldn't be able to find him. Ever since Da Bao developed such a skill, his grandparents felt as though taking care of the triplets had turned into a game of hide and seek.

What was different was that other adults deliberately pretended not to find their children to make them happy, whereas the elderly couple couldn't even find the triplets even if they tried their best. Zhai Yaohui was depressed. The children were only half a year old. How could they be so smart to know that they had to split up so that their grandparents wouldn't be able to find them?

This had been a strategy used by generals decades ago!

Of course, Zhai Yaohui was delighted that his grandchildren were this smart. It was just that Zhai Yaohui often felt sore in his back while he tried to catch his three grandchildren. At times, it hurt so badly that he couldn't even stand up straight. If the triplets used this strategy against their enemy, he would definitely have cheered in joy. But it was simply too tiring that they were using it against their own family.

Knowing that her three children had already revealed their mischievous nature at such a young age, Qiao Nan naturally asked whether they had behaved themselves the moment she returned home. San Bao grinned, baring her four front teeth. Yes, San Bao had been the most obedient. She had spent the entire morning playing with her grandparents.

Picking up her chubby daughter, Qiao Nan planted a kiss on San Bao's cheek. "Seeing how happy you are, you must have been cheeky and tired your grandparents out. San Bao, San Bao. As a lady, you should be gentler." Now, her daughter was just as mischievous and energetic as her sons, exhausting her parents-in-law. What was she supposed to do?

San Bao kicked around in her mom's embrace and chewed on her mom's face, even getting upset when Qiao Nan tried to avoid it. It was only when she had covered Qiao Nan's face with her drool did she laugh. She looked like a silly little girl as she laughed. Yes, San Bao was the most obedient.

What could Qiao Nan possibly do since she knew that the three children didn't completely understand her? All she could do was punish her daughter by smacking her little round butt.

Although he was tired, Zhai Yaohui was still doing well. "We'd better send Da Bao and Er Bao to the military early. We shouldn't waste such talents." Da Bao and Er Bao were born to be soldiers.

Ever since their birth, Zhai Yaohui had often been worried about how Qiao Nan had been advanced in age when giving birth to three babies at once and how that would affect the children's growth. Thankfully, under their care, the three children grew well without lagging behind other children. Not only were they healthy but also smart. That was why Zhai Yaohui could rest easy as their grandpa.

As expected, the children of the Zhai family were outstanding.

Miao Jing smacked Zhai Yaohui on the elbow. "I'm warning you that you'd better not force Da Bao and Er Bao into the military unless they're willing to go. If you dare to do that, I'll fight it out with you! Nan Nan, don't listen to your dad. Let's see what the children want to do when they grow up."

Chapter 2316: Lousy Lawyer (2)

Miao Jing was also a mother and knew that a woman's heart was delicate and completely different from a man's rough one. Of course, it was glorious being a soldier. The problem was that there were still all kinds of troubles and problems around the world even though the world seemed to be peaceful now. Miao Jing knew all about how countries that seemed to be friendly with each other on the surface were actually fighting with each other under the table.

As such, the state's attention to the military had never waned. In fact, as society developed and the country became more prosperous, the state had placed an even greater focus on the military. Why?

It was to be prepared to deal with all sorts of unexpected situations so as to maintain the independence and peace of the state. She had sent both her daughter and son to the military.

In the past, Miao Jing had been heartbroken every time Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua had gotten injured during their missions. Given a choice, Miao Jing wished that her children would have picked a stable office job instead. Unfortunately, both her children enjoyed being in the military and she couldn't object to it. But... As she looked at her grandsons who were grinning at her while drooling, Miao Jing's heart was even softer now that she was a grandma.

They had to protect such adorable and lovely children. How could they possibly send these children to the military to suffer?

Qiao Nan was much calmer than Miao Jing and hadn't even shown a response to Zhai Yaohui's words. "There's no hurry for that. Like father like son, like mother like daughter. I think that saying is really right. They're Zhais, and even if I stand in their way now, they might have their own opinions when they grow up. Then, I won't be able to stop them either."

The three children were indeed from the Zhai family and had a righteous air of a soldier around them. In her dream, San Bao had sacrificed herself and chosen to join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, just like her mother had, to give her elders peace of mind. Qiao Nan was unsure of what San Bao would choose to do in reality, but she would respect it all the same.

Zhai Yaohui was elated. "Miao Miao, I think you're not as open-minded as Qiao Nan. I think that our children will grow up well. Even if you try to stop them, you'll have to see if they'll be willing to listen to you."

At the mention of this topic, Zhai Yaohui got excited. He knew that he was advanced in age while the triplets were still young. Zhai Yaohui had thought that it was already a blessing that he had managed to see Zhai Sheng get married and have children in his lifetime. But now, things were different. Zhai Yaohui hoped that he would be able to live long enough to see his three grandchildren come of age and follow in his footsteps to become righteous soldiers.

"My three babies, you'd better eat more and grow up quickly. Grandpa is waiting for you to grow up," Zhai Yaohui stroked Da Bao's head and said tenderly. Of course, Da Bao had no idea what Zhai Yaohui was talking about, but he did understand that Zhai Yaohui was asking him to eat. Da Bao stroked his little tummy, expressing his hunger now that he had done some exercise. "Ah!"

Miao Jing smirked. Why was he thinking about something so far ahead in the future? What she did know was that her three grandchildren were still at the age of drinking milk. Entering the military

would come twenty years down the road. She wasn't even sure she would live to see that day. "Auntie, hurry and get us three bottles of milk. The triplets are hungry."

Because the three children had already learned to crawl around, they no longer needed much help with their meals. They could cling onto the bottles with their two chubby hands without any help!

Seeing how the triplets were trying their best to finish all the milk in the bottles, Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing were especially delighted. They had thought that they wouldn't have the chance to see this day! It was truly their good fortune!

Qiao Nan stroked the round tummies of the three children and played with them for a while before coaxing them to sleep. They looked especially adorable in the animal onesies that they were wearing. Of course, it wasn't the Zhai family who had bought them but Qiao Nan and Jiajia.

It was terribly adorable for little babies to wear animal onesies. In her dream, Qiao Nan had never gotten the chance to put such clothes on her children. By the time they were released, she could probably have bought them for her grandchildren. Now, things were different. Because the triplets had come later in her life, such animal onesies had just been released. Jiajia liked cute pajamas like these too, so she accompanied Qiao Nan to buy them for the triplets.

Outfitted in those animal onesies, they raised their fists above their heads as they were deep in sleep, as though they were surrendering to someone. Qiao Nan couldn't resist taking out her mobile phone to capture this scene. Qiao Nan had decided that she would show these photos to her grandchildren once her three children grew up and had children of their own.

Just thinking about it delighted Qiao Nan.

Qiao Nan, who was having the time of her life at home, had completely forgotten about the lawsuit against Wang Yang. She simply waited for Zhai Sheng to return with the result.

To be honest, there was nothing to fight over in this lawsuit. It was just that Wang Yang refused to give up and was terribly persistent. If someone else had been in his place, there was no way this lawsuit would have even gone to court. Hiring lawyers to fight the case cost money. Moreover, it took time. Taking all these things into account, it was actually very expensive to be embroiled in a lawsuit.

If one lost the case, it would be even worse. At times, even if one were to win the case, one might not even get back whatever they put in. But Wang Yang was so perseverant because he knew that he would definitely gain more than he had forked out as long as he won the case.

Unfortunately, it didn't matter how great the reward would be in the end. There was a huge premise of winning the lawsuit.

Although the lawyer that Wang Yang had hired was professional and ethical and had done his best to help Wang Yang fight for his interests, everyone was equal in front of the law. It wasn't so easy to make use of one's personal relations in court, especially when Wang Yang had chosen to go against the wrong person.

Since he hadn't been able to reach a settlement with Qiao Nan privately, it was obvious that Wang Yang hadn't gotten a single cent from what rightfully belonged to Qiao Nan in court.

Because Wang Yang had been so filial to Zhu Chengqi before his death, it was only right for him to respect Zhu Chengqi's will and to hand over all of the Zhu family's assets to Qiao Nan, who had gained Zhu Chengqi's approval.

If Wang Yang was still dissatisfied with Zhu Chengqi's will, that would only go to show that Wang Yang's filial piety was insincere and that it had been mixed with his own personal interests. Legally speaking, the contents of the will couldn't be changed. The will was completely valid and they had to respect the deceased's will. If they brought relationships into the picture, then Wang Yang should simply respect Zhu Chengqi's wishes and call off the lawsuit.

Chapter 2317: Lousy Lawyer (3)

If Wang Yang insisted on going through with the lawsuit, it would only mean that his filial piety toward Zhu Chengqi hadn't meant much. In fact, it would only be right for him to follow Zhu Chengqi's will.

Therefore, whether one saw it from the perspective of reason or emotion, Qiao Nan would always win. It would never be on Wang Yang's side.

The final verdict held no surprise to anyone who was familiar with the law. It went without saying that Qiao Nan had won. That way, all of the Zhu family's assets had been ruled to Qiao Nan alone. Without Qiao Nan's permission, no one would be able to touch a single cent of those assets, even her husband, let alone Wang Yang. Zhu Chengqi's will had clearly stated that he intended for all of his assets to go to Qiao Nan alone. Wang Yang couldn't touch it, and neither could Zhai Sheng.

Wang Yang's lawyer was not in the least bit surprised by the outcome. "Mr. Wang, are you intending on appealing against the decision?" Mr. Wang had previously mentioned that he would never give up even after the ruling had been passed and intended on appealing until he got back everything that belonged to the Zhu family.

The lawyer had no desire to continue with this business. If there had been any chance of winning the lawsuit, he would never have given up so easily. But continuing with this lawsuit would only be a waste of his client's money and time. Because he knew that it was impossible to win, the lawyer didn't want Wang Yang to waste his money on trying to get the Zhu family's inheritance.

"Of course, I'll appeal against it. Why wouldn't I? I'm not satisfied with this verdict. Qiao Nan has nothing to do with the Zhu family while I'm Zhu Chengqi's only nephew. I was the one who supported him in his old age because his son was dead. When he was ill, I was the one taking care of him too. What was Qiao Nan doing during that time? Did Qiao Nan stay by Zhu Chengqi's side to take care of him? No. She did nothing at all! So, why should she be able to get all of the Zhu family's assets? What right does she have to do that? This is too unfair!"

Ever since he was a child, he had always heard that nobody could gain anything without putting in any effort. That was why he had tried his best to get his maternal grandma's family to like him. He knew that Zhu Baoguo was especially spoiled. As such, he had put on a false pretense of being obedient to grab everyone's attention.

Zhu Baoguo was nothing but a stumbling block to him. But that didn't matter. He had found a way to get rid of that stumbling block, turning it into a stepping stone instead. He deserved all of the Zhu family's assets after all that effort he had put in, so why had the court ruled everything to Qiao Nan? How could Qiao Nan be so bold as to accept it? Did she have no shame?

Seeing that Wang Yang had lost his senses and had become slightly abnormal, the lawyer patiently tried to give him a word of advice. "Mr. Wang, I think there's no point in fighting this lawsuit any longer. We already tried using the kinship card today. But I'm sure we all heard the final result earlier. Mr. Wang, you should understand that it's best to stop when it's still possible to keep your losses to a minimum."

He would still be paid if they continued with the lawsuit.

But the lawyer knew that there was no way Wang Yang would ever get the Zhu family's inheritance. In that case, he would only be wasting his money on this lawsuit. Because the lawyer knew that he would not be of much help to Wang Yang anymore, he had given Wang Yang some sincere advice.

But the decision lay in Wang Yang's hands. All he could do was offer a suggestion because of his conscience. Whether or not Wang Yang was willing to take up that suggestion, and what he decided to do after that depended entirely on Wang Yang.

"No! I want to fight this lawsuit! Why shouldn't I?!"

If he gave up on this lawsuit, all of the Zhu family's assets would definitely become Qiao Nan's. As long as he continued with the lawsuit, he could apply to freeze all of those assets. That way, Qiao Nan wouldn't be able to spend a cent. He would never let Qiao Nan use anything that was supposed to be his.

Since Wang Yang insisted on going on with the lawsuit, the lawyer had no other choice. "I have other things to deal with today. Since you've decided to continue with the lawsuit, let's discuss it further next time." The lawyer had already guessed that his kindness wouldn't be reciprocated with gratitude. In fact, Wang Yang might even decide to get a new lawyer instead.

Losing cases affected their reputations as lawyers. It was unwise for him to insist on taking on this case for the sake of money. What if he ruined his reputation in the process? After all, which client would engage a lawyer with a losing streak?

He was in it for the long run as a lawyer. He wasn't just after this business deal.

Because he was clear of that, he would have to consider carefully whether he would still want to participate in the next court session, even if Wang Yang didn't take the initiative to fire him. Thankfully, the lawyer had been liberated because of Wang Yang's attitude.

He would never have accepted this case if not for his friendship with Wang Yang. After all, he had already known that they would surely lose the case from the very beginning. Now that Wang Yang was no longer willing to work with him, he felt that he had to thank the heavens that Wang Yang was willing to let him off the hook this time.

After bidding Li Yayan goodbye, the lawyer took his leave.

Li Yayan was still in a daze. The moment the ruling was passed, Li Yayan couldn't help but think about her nightmare from the previous night. She pinched herself so hard that a bruise formed.

What delighted Li Yayan was that a bruise had formed, but she had not felt a thing. Did that mean she was in a dream? Had she not awoken from that nightmare? Yes, that had to be the case. This was only a nightmare. As soon as she woke up, everything would be over.

“Madam, doesn’t it hurt when you pinch yourself so hard?” The person sitting beside Li Yayan frowned upon seeing her actions, even though Li Yayan had not had any reaction to it. “Madam, don’t be so harsh to yourself. It’s all bruised.” If she had pinched herself with her fingernails, she would have perforated the skin!

“And could you excuse me? I want to get out.” Li Yayan was blocking his way.

Li Yayan leaned over, allowing the man to leave his seat. Then, she couldn’t help but touch her bruise. Immediately, she hissed. It hurt!

“Dear?” As Wang Yang walked over to Li Yayan, she staggered and finally stood up while grabbing onto the back of the chair in front of her. “We-we...” It hurt in one moment and didn’t the next. So, did that mean that she was awake? Or was she still asleep?

Chapter 2318: My Son (1)

Wang Yang’s face turned pale. “Let’s go back first.”

“The lawyer we hired this time isn’t good. We’ll hire a more formidable one next time. Nobody can think of snatching away things that belong to me.” Before the court session started, hadn’t he long guessed such a result? He had also long considered what he should do after losing. As such, he had nothing to be disappointed with. This wasn’t over. There was nothing for Qiao Nan to be smug and happy about!

“Yes.” Li Yayan sniffed and suppressed her tears. She knew that Wang Yang hated her crying, especially at times like these. If she cried, she would seem unlucky and lose all the good luck. As long as Wang Yang didn’t give up, she would definitely stand by Wang Yang’s side and support him.

The couple returned to their residence in the capital in despair. After reaching home, they sat on each side of the sofa and didn’t say anything. They just spent an hour in a daze. It wasn’t until the landline at home rang did Wang Yang and Li Yayan jump up from the sofa in shock. Their lost souls seemed to have returned to their bodies and they reacted like normal human beings.

Li Yayan looked at the phone fearfully and wasn’t willing to pick up the call. “Dear?”

Wang Yang was a man, after all. He wasn't prepared to give up yet. If he didn't pick up this call, the other party would probably keep calling until he picked it up. If the other party became exasperated and came over directly after buying a plane ticket, it would be more awkward for them as they would have to talk face-to-face then. As such, Wang Yang went to sit next to the phone and picked up the call. "Hello, it's me."

"Have the both of you reached home? How is it? Did you win? Why didn't the two of you switch on your phones? Did you win the lawsuit?" Father Wang only wanted to hear the good news and not anything else. It was as if he was deceiving himself. Father Wang obviously knew that his son stood a low chance of winning. However, when he asked him questions, he only mentioned winning but not losing.

Wang Yang felt that his heart was being hammered. "Dad, we lost the lawsuit. Everything in the Zhu family is given to Qiao Nan."

With a 'boom', something seemed to have shattered on the other end of the call. "Old Wang, Old Wang, what happened to you? Don't scare me. Medicine. Yes, the medicine. Hurry up and take your high blood pressure medicine." Mother Zhu only felt that what her brother did was too overboard. Also, her man had reacted too strongly. Everyone knew about the result in their hearts.

If they really won this lawsuit, how would their son and daughter-in-law switch off their phones? They would have switched on their phones the moment they won and shared this piece of good news with them. If they had to take the initiative to call, they should more or less have a rough estimate of the result.

"I'm fine." Father Wang felt that he shouldn't be taking high blood pressure medicine but medicine for heart attack instead. When he heard that they lost the lawsuit, Father Wang only felt that his heart had exploded then. It hurt so badly that he couldn't wait to just die like this. "Wang Yang, it's me. You lost the lawsuit. Have you thought of what to do next?"

Even if Father Wang's words were overbearing to Wang Yang and his attitude was that they could only win but not lose before the lawsuit started, in the face of losing the lawsuit, Father Wang couldn't be as tough as before and only gave Wang Yang an option. "Wang Yang, you should know that the Wang family has placed all hopes on you. The Wang family has sacrificed so much for you. You can't let the Wang family down."

If the incident with Zhu Baoguo didn't happen back then, even if the Wang family's resources couldn't be compared to the Zhu family's, his brothers and nephews wouldn't be performing so badly now.

Wang Yang had to get everything in the Zhu family and help the Wang family. No, this wasn't helping but returning. This was what Wang Yang owed the Wang family.

"Nonsense!" Mother Zhu, who was completely not in the know, became unhappy. "Old man, stop giving Yang Yang so much pressure. What do you mean by my son owes the Wang family? Since when did Yang Yang owe them? They owe my Yang Yang instead!"

Which one of Yang Yang's uncles and brothers didn't spend her money and reach out to her for things? On account of her man and son, she treated her in-laws well. Others laughed at her for subsidizing the Wang family. Actually, Mother Zhu knew it in her heart. However, the money was hers. If she was willing to subsidize them, no one could care about it.

The problem was that the Wang family had spent her money and gotten benefits from her but was now giving so much pressure to her son and speaking ill of him. Mother Zhu couldn't accept this. Did she spend all those money for nothing? The Wang family had spent her money and still dared to discredit her son. Since when did they become so proud?

What Mother Zhu couldn't accept the most was that the person who said these words today wasn't just any member of the Wang family but Father Wang. Mother Zhu became unhappy and wasn't willing to feed him medicine. "Old man, do you have a conscience? Since when did Yang Yang owe the Wang family? Isn't it enough that the Wang family is under my care? Is Yang Yang your son, or are they your sons? Why are you favoring outsiders?"

Mother Zhu was just short of saying that it was embarrassing for Father Wang to talk about Zhu Chengqi's will. Her biological brother didn't do humane things, but was her man saying humane words?! Her brother had made a ridiculous will, causing her son to suffer heavy losses. However, Yang Yang was just her brother's nephew and not son. However, Yang Yang was the old man's only biological son. How was there a father who said such things of his son?

In Mother Zhu's eyes, Father Wang's behavior couldn't be forgiven.

"What do you know? Get away! If you continue to kick up a fuss, go back to your Zhu family. The Zhu family belongs to Qiao Nan now. Even if you're surnamed Zhu, you're not qualified to return to the Zhu family!" Father Wang was annoyed at his wife now. If Mother Zhu wasn't surnamed

Zhu, based on this woman's low IQ, how would he be willing to marry this woman? He didn't like such a woman!

Mother Zhu's face changed. "Person surnamed Wang, are you crazy? What did you say? Repeat yourself."

Because of the Zhu family, the Wang family treated Mother Zhu, their daughter-in-law, really well. When her in-laws were still around, they never caused Mother Zhu to be angry. They would discuss everything at home with Mother Zhu. If Mother Zhu already had some thoughts, the Wang family wouldn't object.

Chapter 2319: My Son (2)

It could be said that before she was married, Mother Zhu was the Zhu family's little princess. After marrying into the Wang family, she became the Wang family's empress dowager.

She was valued since young. Today, she was chased out by her own husband. How could Mother Zhu hold back and not get mad? "Say your words clearly. What did you mean by that? Are you complaining that I'm old and since my brother is no longer around, nobody is supporting me and you can get a divorce? Don't think I don't know that you have another woman outside. On account that you return home every day and didn't spend the night outside, I didn't mind that you took my money and spent it on other women. Since there's no one else in the Zhu family anymore, you're bold enough to divorce me so that you can be together with that old vixen, huh?"

Mother Zhu was a woman. How could she not feel the attitude of the person sleeping next to her?

When she was young, Mother Zhu really didn't notice anything. It was just that after that, the members of the Zhu family left one by one and only Zhu Chengqi was left. The Zhu family wasn't like the Wang family, who had many descendants. Father Wang's attitude toward Mother Zhu naturally wasn't as good as when they were young.

It wasn't that Father Wang had the intention to divorce Mother Zhu so that he could be together with his lover. Mother Zhu was old and no longer good-looking. However, so many years had passed for the lover Father Wang had when he was young. Could it be that she was still a fresh flower like decades ago? Mother Zhu had been leading a comfortable life. If comparisons were to be made, Mother Zhu would seem younger, alright?

It was just that everyone had a rebellious nature. When the time was right, it couldn't help but appear. When they were young, for the sake of the Wang family and his future, Father Wang gave up the woman he loved and married a woman who could help him.

They were already old. Father Wang didn't value love and affection anymore. He felt that that was the cleanest and purest relationship he had ever had. After the other party divorced him, she had to raise a child alone and their lives were tough. It wasn't a big deal to give them some money so that they could lead a more relaxed life. That could be treated as a perfect end to their young love.

Aside from giving his first love money, Father Wang had never done anything sorry to Mother Zhu. After all, Zhu Chengqi was still alive then. Everything in the Zhu family belonged to those surnamed Zhu, not Wang. Father Wang wasn't so stupid as to ruin the efforts of two generations for the sake of an old and no longer good-looking woman.

However, when Mother Zhu mentioned this, it wasn't that Father Wang didn't feel any shame in his heart at all. The Wang family's money was used to clean up Wang Yang's mess. When other people in the Wang family no longer had money to spend, they had to rely on Mother Zhu for money. Was the money Father Wang gave to his first love earned by Father Wang himself? It was completely conceivable that most of it came from Mother Zhu.

As long as Father Wang wasn't too overboard and had no artifice like other people, Mother Zhu could turn a blind eye spending this amount of money. After all, Mother Zhu had seen a lot of overboard things, let alone just listened. As such, in the situation where Father Wang purely just had thoughts in his heart but didn't do anything substantive at all, Mother Zhu comforted herself that on the account of her son and grandson, she didn't need to be so calculative with Father Wang.

However, today was different. The couple wasn't as harmonious as before and was arguing. Wang Yang was Mother Zhu's lifeblood. It was after Zhu Baoguo died and Zhu Chengqi no longer had a child that Mother Zhu cared more about Wang Yang, her son. Father Wang spoke ill of Wang Yang today. This was akin to piercing Mother Zhu's lungs.

Father Wang touched on one of Mother Zhu's taboos. She had to be calculative for the things she usually wasn't calculative about.

Being exposed by Mother Zhu, Father Wang's face became hot. "You don't know anything. Stay aside. Why are you kicking up a fuss in front of our son? To think you're already a grandma..."

Father Wang really didn't look good now. He had the highest status in the Wang family. Now, his wife had exposed him in front of their son and daughter-in-law. Father Wang was furious.

“So what if I’m a grandma? You’re a grandpa. When we die in the future, any extra money would belong to my son and grandson. You took my money and gave it to that woman. That means giving my son’s and grandson’s money to that woman. Person surnamed Wang, if you really have any thoughts, then fine. We can’t lead our lives together anymore, huh?! Let me tell you. Even if my brother is no longer around and you’re angry about the will, don’t even think about climbing on top of me to flaunt your prowess in this lifetime!”

Before this, Mother Zhu behaved herself in front of Father Wang because of this matter. As they argued, the feeling of debt gradually disappeared from her heart. She felt that Father Wang owed her.

She didn’t acknowledge that will as she was surnamed Zhu, and her son, Wang Yang, had the blood of the Zhu family as well. It wasn’t that the Zhu family was completely annihilated. On what basis should the Zhu family’s money be given to outsiders? However, she didn’t feel that if this sum of money didn’t land in Wang Yang’s hands, then it was Wang Yang’s fault for letting the entire Wang family down and it’d be best for him to commit suicide to atone for his sins.

Tsk!

She didn’t let the Wang family down. There were many children in the Wang family. However, no one’s child was as promising and outstanding as her Yang Yang. For his brothers’ children, the old man gave Yang Yang so much pressure and even scolded him. She wasn’t happy that Yang Yang was stepped under his feet. In this world, even she couldn’t speak to Yang Yang like this.

Upon hearing his parents arguing, Wang Yang didn’t feel as pressured as before. Wang Yang understood the difference between his parents deeper today.

Wang Yang used to think that since his mom was surnamed Zhu, she still had the Zhu family in her heart. She didn’t think about him and the Wang family wholeheartedly. Different from his mom, his dad was part of the Wang family. As such, both of them were truly of one mind. Because of this situation, Wang Yang felt distant from his mom but could talk to his dad about anything under the sky.

Now that something happened today, Wang Yang, who was already a father, felt that in terms of feelings, his mom’s feelings for him were much purer. On the contrary, there were too many impurities in his dad’s feelings for him. In his dad’s heart, the Wang family’s future, his brothers and nephews, and even his own face and status were the most important. As his son, he naturally ranked behind them.

Upon thinking that he was after his mom's family's things, Wang Yang felt pretty sorry to her.

Wang Yang didn't know why, but he suddenly thought of when Zhu Baoguo had just died.

Chapter 2320: My Son (3)

His mom had cried every day. Her eyes became swollen and she even temporarily lost sight. Without a doubt, his mom was really upset that Zhu Baoguo was gone.

Ever since the appearance of that will, Wang Yang had heard his mom mention more than once that it would be good if Zhu Baoguo was still alive. Zhu Baoguo was his cousin. No matter how bad their relationship was, on account of his mom, Zhu Baoguo would definitely help him if he ran into any trouble. The Zhu family's conditions were good. If he ran into some difficulties, the Zhu family wouldn't look on and do nothing.

If Zhu Baoguo was still alive, how would there be anything related to Qiao Nan, an outsider? Different from Zhu Baoguo, Qiao Nan had nothing to do with the Zhu family or Wang Yang at all. Even if Qiao Nan got all the inheritance from the Zhu family, would Qiao Nan give Wang Yang face and help him if he were to run into trouble?

It was impossible.

As such, if Zhu Baoguo was still alive, none of this would have happened. Wang Yang could still have another cousin to take care of him and help him.

When Wang Yang was young, he wished that Zhu Baoguo never appeared. After facing a life that was getting worse, Wang Yang couldn't help but have the same thoughts as his mom. How good would it be if Zhu Baoguo was still alive? If Zhu Baoguo was still alive, Zhu Chengqi wouldn't have died so early.

Zhu Chengqi was pretty ruthless to him by leaving such a will. However, when Zhu Chengqi was alive, he treated him quite well. Aside from not giving him the right to casually use the Zhu family's inheritance and resources, Zhu Chengqi's care for him in other aspects was no different from that for his own child.

There was a comparison before and after Zhu Chengqi's death. As such, Wang Yang was particularly clear that Zhu Chengqi's help to him was actually greater if he was still alive.

If he had known that his life would be in a mess after Zhu Chengqi's death, he definitely would have prayed for Zhu Chengqi to live for a few more years.

A few years ago, Wang Yang was still counting down to Zhu Chengqi's death. Who would have thought that after a few years, what he hated the most was for Zhu Chengqi to die so early? Why didn't Zhu Chengqi live for a few more years so that there was enough time for him to grow?

"Yang Yang, are you still there?" After arguing with Father Wang, Mother Zhu's temper had not yet completely subsided. If her attitude was softer, Father Wang would really not take her seriously. Mother Zhu expressed that no matter what kind of situation she encountered in the future, she was not going to show weakness anymore. The Wang family was worthless. It was her blessing if they were polite toward her.

"Yes, Mom, I'm still here." Wang Yang, who felt better psychologically, recovered himself. "Mom, don't worry. I'm fine. Everything in the Zhu family was created by Uncle with difficulty. Furthermore, the both of us are the only people left in the Zhu family. Although I don't know what Uncle was thinking of previously, I feel that as half of the Zhu family, I am obliged to take everything from the Zhu family back. Mom, I won't give up."

Mother Zhu hurriedly nodded. "Yes, I think so too. You know your uncle had been ill for so many years. Even if the lawyer and doctor proved that your uncle was clear-minded when he was making the will, I don't think so. Yang Yang, we should get back what we deserve. However, nothing's more important than human beings. In Mom's heart, you're ranked first. Don't listen to your dad's nonsense and take his words seriously, alright?"

Wang Yang's mood improved. "Mom, don't worry. I understand what you mean. I won't put myself in a difficult spot. Everything I do is for myself, not for others. Even if I really lose this lawsuit in the end, it has nothing to do with me. I don't have to take responsibility for it and feel guilty to the Wang family."

Indeed, his mom didn't know about Zhu Baoguo's death and what happened after his death. Indeed, the Wang family had spent money on him back then, but over these years, hadn't his mom subsequently returned all the money?

Even if he really owed the Wang family, it was already enough that his mom had helped him return the favor. The lawsuit with Qiao Nan was only related to him. His mom was right. He didn't owe the Wang family. Why was it that he could only win this lawsuit and not lose? Who set this rule?

Even if he really won and was willing to help the Wang family, it was because he had a conscience and treated these relatives well. However, if he wasn't willing to do so, that was alright. He didn't owe the Wang family.

Upon thinking that when he really helped these people, these people only treated that everything he did was what he should have done since he had owed them, Wang Yang felt uncomfortable in his heart. Upon thinking that the person who had caused this misconception was his father, Wang Yang's mood became worse.

If he had known this would happen, he would have communicated more with his mother. That way, he wouldn't have always been taken into the ditch by his father. From today on, he was going to have a clearer stand. This lawsuit belonged to him and Qiao Nan. It had nothing to do with the Wang family.

A father should know his son best.

After hearing the conversation between the mother and son, Father Wang's face changed. He didn't expect Wang Yang's cognition and persistence over the years to change so easily by Mother Zhu's casual words. Wang Yang said that he was fighting this lawsuit for himself and this had nothing to do with the Wang family. Father Wang could tell that Wang Yang didn't say these words just to coax Mother Zhu. He really had such thoughts.

How could this happen?!

He had placed the Wang family's burden on Wang Yang. Only when there is pressure can there be motivation, and only when there is motivation can there be progress. Only then would Wang Yang never give up when facing Zhai Sheng. If Wang Yang separated the interests of the Wang family from this lawsuit and didn't feel so pressurized, what should he do if Wang Yang was no longer as active and insistent as before?

If Wang Yang freed himself and felt that his life wasn't bad now even though he had lost the lawsuit, what should he do? What should the Wang family do? Father Wang wholeheartedly thought that Wang Yang would become the noblest person in the Wang family, taking most credit. He was Wang Yang's father. If Wang Yang made so many contributions to the Wang family, that meant he didn't let the Wang family down. Without him, would the Wang family be able to have a descendant like Wang Yang, who brought the entire family to such great heights?

Furthermore, if he had not coaxed the Zhu family's daughter to marry him back then, Wang Yang wouldn't have such a good family foundation and wouldn't be where he was today.

Wang Yang was his son. The foundation that Wang Yang had was all painstakingly arranged by him.