

## RTAMM 811

### Chapter 811 Women Should Have Physical Strength

When Zhai Sheng came out from the study room, Zhai Hua's first reaction was to look at him.

Zhai Sheng frowned. "Zhai Hua, come to my room. I have something to talk to you."

"..." This was the exact tone and words that her father used when he told Zhai Sheng to go to his study room.

In the end, Zhai Hua still went to Zhai Sheng's room. "What do you want to talk to me about?"

"Mom has not slept a wink yesterday because of you."

"What about me? It is no wonder that Mom does not look good today." She had been dating Wei De for some time. Her mother should not have been losing sleep because of this, right?

"You are asking me what it is!? Previously, when you did not stay at home or at the army camp, where had you been?"

"One thing that our parents are most worried about right now is whether they will become grandparents unknowingly. Therefore, Zhai Hua, should you give them a surprise or shock? You should know the old master's temper. He may seem tough and healthy, but he cannot take shocks. This may happen in other families, but it will never be allowed in the Zhai family. Let's not talk about our parents. If you are pregnant, do you believe that the old master will be the first to rush back to skin you alive?"

"..." Zhai Hua blushed at the topic that her brother was talking to her about. She could not imagine that her brother would talk to her about the intimacy between her and Wei De. She did not have the courage to answer him.

It was only when he mentioned the old master that she looked up to deny. "I have never forgotten how grandpa used to teach me when I was young. All... all of you have been thinking too much. We only held hands. We did not do anything else."

Of course, it was not that Wei De had no intention to take the relationship further. It was Zhai Hua who refused his moves.

“Really?” Zhai Sheng relaxed slightly.

“Of course. Do you think that I am someone to be trifled with? I may not win in a fight against you, but I can knock other people down easily.” Zhai Hua bragged about her physical strength, but she had also revealed important information unknowingly.

True enough, Wei De had the intention to take things further.

However, Wei De was not physically stronger than Zhai Hua. He must have been kicked out of the bed by Zhai Hua and ended up in failure.

For the first time, Zhai Sheng felt that it was a good thing for ladies to be physically strong

He was even happier that Wei De did not really participate in the training when he was in the army.

Otherwise, a sturdy man like Wei De would not be overpowered by Zhai Hua.

After all, men were physically stronger than women.

“Very good. I think Dad and Mom can sleep with peace of mind tonight. Zhai Hua, as your family, I have to remind you of one thing. You have to stand firm with regard to the intimacy level between you and Wei De. You must not allow him to overstep the boundaries. You should know our parents and grandpa well. You must not listen to what other people say and do something that cannot be undone in a moment of urgency. The idea ‘what’s done is done’ does not work in our family and it is too despicable.” After affirming that nothing had happened, Zhai Sheng wanted to make sure that it would remain status quo.

If Zhai Hua was pregnant, Wei De would have the means to threaten the Zhai family to agree to his terms.

“That’s for sure. I will never resort to that.” If she wanted to do that, she would have done it long ago. Wei De had thought of this idea a year ago.

It was also because Zhai Hua was concerned about her family's feelings that she rejected Wei De's suggestion time and again. As time passed, Wei De grew to be more and more dissatisfied with Zhai Hua.

"Alright, then I have no more to say." Since Zhai Hua started to date Wei De, this was the first time that she looked pleasing to the eye. "I will talk to Dad so that he can tell Mom later. She will be able to sleep well tonight. If not, she will have darker eye circles when she wakes up tomorrow."

"..." Zhai Hua blushed. She did not have the courage to explain to Miao Jing.

In the past, Zhai Hua would address Miao Jing affectionately. Now, she was able to behave affectionately to her. However, she still felt distant to her.

Zhai Yaohui relaxed when he learned that Wei De was not as physically strong as Zhai Hua, and therefore, he did not succeed in bringing things further. "If you have a daughter with Qiao Nan in the future, you must make sure to train her as well."

It was very important for women to have the upper hand at a critical moment.

At the very least, it would work when faced with people like Wei De who had ulterior motives.

"Of course." He had already thought of ways to train his daughter.

It was late in the night and Qiao Nan's nose felt very itchy all of a sudden. She sneezed quite loudly.

"Nan Nan, I heard that people are down with pyretic cold recently. Have you been infected as well?" Ever since Qiao Zijin's visit, Qiao Dongliang would stay at home every night. He would not stay with Ding Jiayi at the hospital.

Since Ding Jiayi could walk by herself and take care of her own needs, Qiao Dongliang could not be bothered to stay at the hospital throughout the night.

Qiao Nan sniffed. "My nose feels itchy. I'm in good health. I am certain I have not caught a cold." It was just that someone was thinking of training her future daughter into a Muscle Babe.

Qiao Dongliang breathed a sigh of relief. “Since it is the summer break after the college entrance examination, you should not tire yourself out from too much reading. It is so late. Shouldn’t you turn in for the night?” Qiao Dongliang put aside the Oxford Dictionary that Qiao Nan had in her hands.

Qiao Nan had spent two years reading through the Oxford Dictionary that Shi Peng gave her. It was used so often that some of the pages had come out.

Since this dictionary was torn, Qiao Nan turned to the dictionary that her master, Lin Yuankang, gave her.

As the curriculum in the college was different from high school and students would need to choose their major, Qiao Nan did not do any studying in advance. However, that did not mean that she had nothing to study.

Now that she no longer needed to do her reading for different subjects, Qiao Nan would focus her attention on the Oxford Dictionary. She spent so much time on it that it might end up like the previous dictionary that she had-torn and tattered.

Since Qiao Dongliang had put aside the Oxford Dictionary, she could not study in secret.

Qiao Nan smiled sweetly. “Alright, I will sleep slightly earlier today. Dad, you should have an early rest as well. My mom... Did she make things difficult for you?”

At the mention of Ding Jiayi, Qiao Dongliang’s expression turned cold in an instant. There was a look of repulsion in his eyes.

“My mom... Did she come up with new tricks again?” Qiao Nan sighed. Her mother must be up to something for her father to have that expression. Was it necessary for her to do that?

Her father had said that her mother wanted to stay as a family and for them to lead a happy life together. Why would she be up to tricks again?

“Come up with new tricks?” She was indeed up to something again!

“I suppose your mom does not want a divorce, so she is up to something again. Let her be. I will not change my mind this time,” Qiao Dongliang said resolutely.

Ding Jiayi came up with something unexpected on the second day that Qiao Zijin visited Ding Jiayi.

## Chapter 812 An Ineffective Method

Ding Jiayi seemed to have lapses in her memory. She could only remember that Qiao Dongliang was into an accident and was hospitalized two years ago. She did not remember what happened after he was discharged and the incidents within those two years.

“Old Qiao, w-what’s wrong with me? This is wrong. You should be the one resting on the hospital bed. Old Qiao, since you were hit by a car, it is more important for you to rest. I am merely taking care of you. It is not an issue that I tire myself out for one or two days. Why do you insist that I sleep on the bed while you sit by the side? It is unsuitable. Come on. Lie down on the bed. I will take a seat over there.” When Ding Jiayi woke up, gone was her temper, she was very nice to Qiao Dongliang.

However, when Ding Jiayi tried to sit up from the bed all at once, she exerted herself and felt pain in her ribs. She turned pale in pain. “W-what is wrong with me? Why do I feel pain in my abdomen? It is as if I broke the rib bones.”

“You have indeed broken your bones.” Qiao Dongliang narrowed his eyes at Ding Jiayi. It was strange that she uttered a bunch of incomprehensible words as soon as she woke up. “Ding Jiayi, what are you up to today?”

“What do you mean? Old Qiao, I don’t seem to understand your words. Moreover, didn’t you suffer injuries from the accident? Why have I broken my bones?” Ding Jiayi looked confused and perplexed. “Old Qiao, where is Zijin and Qiao Nan? Shouldn’t they be in the hospital to take care of you? What is going on? I remember you don’t stay in this ward. Why is it that everything is so messed up?”

Ding Jiayi woke up and realized that Qiao Dongliang had changed his ward. Moreover, she was injured and felt pain all over her body. She felt perplexed and baffled.

Qiao Dongliang frowned. He stared at Ding Jiayi intently, refusing to play along with her.

“This won’t do. Old Qiao, I feel dizzy all of a sudden. Let me rest for a while.” Ding Jiayi clasped her forehead, lying down in agony. She fell asleep and started to snore within three minutes.

Now that Ding Jiayi was asleep, she no longer made any noise. Qiao Dongliang could not be bothered with her. He did not pay attention to what she had said just now.

The doctor came to the ward to check on the patients and asked about Ding Jiayi’s condition at about eight o’clock in the evening. Ding Jiayi shouted loudly at the sight of the doctor. “This is not right. You are not the doctor who tended to Old Qiao. Who are you? Old Qiao, when did you change the doctor? Why didn’t I know about it? This is Doctor Wang. I remember that the doctor who treated you is Doctor Zhou!”

“This patient over here, don’t be agitated. You must not be agitated.” Ding Jiayi struggled to get out of bed, saying that the doctors and nurses were not the same as before. The doctor and nurse hurried to each of her sides to hold her down. They were worried that she would tear her wounds by moving about.

“Comrade Qiao, what is wrong with your wife?” Doctor Wang was in a difficult situation. When women acted in frenzy, they would have a lot of physical strength. Besides, he was a man. It was not suitable for him to get too close to Ding Jiayi. He seemed to be at a loss.

Luckily, Qiao Dongliang stepped in to help and calm her down finally.

“Patient, I am not your doctor in charge. Comrade Qiao, have you ever been hospitalized? If so, your wife may be suffering from memory problems. If not, your wife...” She might suffer from delusions.

“I have an accident and was hospitalized in this hospital three years ago. At that time, it was indeed a doctor by the surname Zhou who attended to me.”

“Three years ago?” Doctor Wang was startled. “Comrade Ding, do you remember what year it is now?”

“1997.” Ding Jiayi answered matter-of-factly.

“No, how could it be in 1997...” Doctor Wang frowned.

Ding Jiayi refused to believe the doctor. “Why is it not in the year of 1997? I remember clearly about it. I know who I am. I have a husband and two daughters. Are you lying to me? Old Qiao, the new doctor is not as good as Doctor Zhou. He makes strange comments.”

“It is wrong.” Doctor Wang shook his head right away. “Comrade Qiao, come out with me.”

Qiao Dongliang glanced at Ding Jiayi before following after Doctor Wang.

Doctor Wang thought for a moment. “On the surface, it seems as if your wife... is suffering from amnesia.”

“And the truth is?” He did not believe that she would wake up suffering from amnesia after one night of sleep.

“If your wife suffered a concussion from the car accident, it is possible that she suffers from partial memory loss. However, when she was sent to the hospital, she sustained injuries to her chest and abdomen areas. There was no lump on her head. Besides, in general, if one is to suffer from amnesia, they will show signs of memory loss on the first day they wake up. This is the first time that someone suffers from amnesia after being in the hospital for half a month and being transferred to the normal ward.”

It could not be explained from a doctor’s point of view.

Could it be that she was not only injured in her chest and abdomen, but her brain also suffered from a concussion? However, it was strange that the symptoms only appeared half a month later.

Could she be playing a joke on them?

“Doctor Wang, I understand what you mean.” What the doctor meant was that Ding Jiayi had pretended to be suffering from amnesia.

“I have heard about your family situation. After all, she is a patient. Don’t give her too much stress.” She had resorted to feigning amnesia. Doctor Wang felt helpless. He was not a quack. He had been giving her proper treatment. It was just that the patient’s condition was quite peculiar. She would come up with illness by herself. There was no doctor who could cure her.

In order to ensure that his diagnosis was correct, he made a thorough check on Ding Jiayi's head area when he was holding her down just now. He was certain that she did not have any lumps on her head.

In short, she did not sustain any injuries to her head. In fact, her head did not suffer any blows in the accident.

He heard that after the patient was knocked down by a car and she fell backward into the arms of someone. The person was shocked and he helped the patient lie down slowly.

Doctor Wang thought of all possibilities that might have resulted in the patient suffering from a concussion and amnesia.

If it was not due to a medical condition, it must be the act of man.

"Doctor Wang, it is really hard on you." Doctor Wang had made himself clear. Besides, Qiao Dongliang never believed that Ding Jiayi really suffered from amnesia.

Now that Doctor Wang had said this, he knew what Ding Jiayi was up to.

Ding Jiayi insisted that her memory was only until the year of 1997. Therefore, she had no memory of what happened in the following three years and felt that Doctor Wang was lying to her.

As a result, Ding Jiayi had been treating Qiao Dongliang with the same attitude that she had two years ago. She was no longer distant and cautious when she spoke to Qiao Dongliang. Instead, she seemed to be on close terms with him.

Chapter 813 Did Not Need Someone to Tend to

Outsiders could tell from the way Ding Jiayi treated Qiao Dongliang that the couple had a good relationship two years ago.

"Old Qiao, you haven't told me where Zijin and Qiao Nan are. Why do I have no memory that I was injured? Why aren't Zijin and Qiao Nan here to visit me?" When it was around eleven o'clock in the afternoon, Ding Jiayi touched her stomach. "Old Qiao, I am hungry. Why aren't Zijin and Qiao Nan here to deliver my lunch?"



Three years ago, Qiao Dongliang did not quarrel as much with Ding Jiayi. Ding Jiayi did not disappoint and upset Qiao Dongliang. Back then, when they encountered difficulties, they would still discuss with each other to come up with solutions. Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi still lived in the same house and in the same room.

Qiao Dongliang and Ding Jiayi were still close to each other back then.

“Do you want to have some food?” Qiao Dongliang looked at Ding Jiayi.

Ding Jiayi played the coquette. “Yes, I am hungry.”

“You have money with you. What do you feel like having? Give me the money and I will buy it for you.”

“There is no need to buy lunch. Zijin and Qiao Nan will bring us lunch. Zijin will not be lazy and Qiao Nan is very diligent. The food in the hospital is very expensive. The money in our house... Old Qiao, are you still angry with me? Are you angry that I spent the money so that Zijin could study in high school without telling you and we don't have any money to pay for your hospital bills when you are hospitalized? Fortunately, Qiao Nan has not let us down and has borrowed money to pay for the bills. Shall I look for a permanent job? We will work hard to repay the money that Qiao Nan borrowed. I feel uneasy that we owe others so much money.”

Ding Jiayi said those words in a gentle tone and her words made sense. It was unlike her behavior previously where she would be unreasonable and insisted that Qiao Nan be responsible for the money that was used to pay for Qiao Dongliang's hospital bills.

Even when it was three years ago, from the time Qiao Dongliang was hospitalized until he was discharged, Ding Jiayi never said that she and Qiao Dongliang would repay the money that Qiao Nan borrowed.

Not only had Ding Jiayi suffered from 'amnesia' and lost her three years of memory, but she also had a change of temper.

“Old Qiao, I am talking to you. Can you hear me? Zijin and Qiao Nan will go to college eventually. That is a large sum of money that we have to come up with. We have to work hard to earn more money. We must stand united as a family. When we clear our debts, we can put aside our savings for

the two of them to go to universities. Come to think of it, there is no time to delay. By the way, why am I injured? You have just recovered and I am injured. When will we be able to work to repay the debts?" Ding Jiayi felt anxious and worried.

Qiao Dongliang shut his eyes to organize his thoughts. He opened his eyes when he was ready. "You should know why you ended up in the hospital as you were the one in an accident. Ding Jiayi, let's say that you suffered from amnesia. Let me tell you, we are in the year 2000 now, not in 1997. Qiao Zijin has been studying in college for a year and Nan Nan has just finished her college entrance examination. We are filing for divorce. No matter what tricks you are up to, let me be frank with you, I don't have the time and the mood to play along with you. You are right about something. I am very busy. It will cost a lot of money for Nan Nan to go to college. We have owed a lot of money because of your accident. If you want to fool around, do so with Qiao Zijin. We will definitely file for a divorce. It will not be postponed because of your amnesia."

"If this is what you have in mind, then let me tell you that it won't work. Regardless of whether you suffer from amnesia or not, we will go to the Civil Affairs Bureau to file for divorce before the end of August. Of course, it is alright if you refuse to go. I do not need you to be present. I can file for divorce by litigation. At most, it will take more time. You should know very well that we do not have many belongings at home. After the divorce, we will not have to go through so much trouble like other people do or to divide our assets. I will not take back what I promised to give you when you left two years ago. But you have to pay for half of your medical bills this time."

This was the last thing that he could do for Ding Jiayi.

"Old Qiao, are you crazy? Why are you talking about divorce? As husband and wife, it is normal to quarrel. We have not gotten to the extent of bringing up divorce. We still have two daughters. Aren't you worried that you will give them a scare by bringing up divorce without any apparent reason? If we really end up divorcing, how should they face others at school? Is it good for them that their parents are divorced?" There was a flicker of panic in Ding Jiayi's eyes. But she continued with her pretenses.

"Old Qiao, I know that you are unhappy because of what happened with the five thousand yuan. I have admitted my mistake to you. I promised it will never happen again. Nan Nan and Zijin need to go to high school and college. It adds up to a huge sum of money. Can we work on earning money and nurturing our daughters? You are making a mess of everything right now." Ding Jiayi thought for a while before clenching her fists that were on her lap. "Old Qiao, I promise that this is for real. Will you give me one last chance? It will be a great honor if we have two college students in our family. Zijin and Nan Nan are our daughters. Shouldn't we take into consideration their feelings?"

Qiao Dongliang sighed. "Actually, I am glad to hear this from you."

Ding Jiayi's eyes lit up. Had Old Qiao been touched by her and agreed not to file for a divorce?

“However, I don't harbor much hope that you are sincere and that you will make good on your promise. If you told me all these three years ago, I would feel slightly better. I would not be as bitterly disappointed as today. I feel that it is no longer possible between the two of us. You are right. It is an honor to have two college students in the family. I have to file for a divorce in order to realize this dream. Ding Jiayi, you do not do what you preach. You won't be fair to Nan Nan. Even if you compromise for the time being, you will revert to your old ways as time passes. You will be hard on Nan Nan in order to help Qiao Zijin. You will disregard the fact that both of them are your daughters.”

Qiao Dongliang had zero confidence in Ding Jiayi.

“You said that we should not divorce for our children's sake. However, I beg to differ. Qiao Zijin has been led astray by you. Of course, you suffered for what you have done as well. You have ruined Qiao Zijin. I cannot allow Nan Nan to be destroyed by you. Since you have the energy to come up with the idea of suffering from amnesia, it seems that you don't need people to take care of you anymore.”

Chapter 814 The Newly Announced Top Scholar of the College Entrance Examination

“I will go back now. You can make a fuss as much as you like. Anyway, you have an inept adviser who gave you this lousy idea.”

The doctors did not fall for her tricks, yet she dared to use it to trick him!

He would only believe Doctor Wang's diagnosis on whether Ding Jiayi was sick or not.

Qiao Dongliang headed back home afterward.

Ding Jiayi only suffered from amnesia after Qiao Zijin visited her. Qiao Dongliang believed that Qiao Zijin gave her this idea. Besides, the timing was right as well.

If Ding Jiayi behaved as such right after she woke up, not even Doctor Wang would be able to tell whether she was faking it or not.

Although Qiao Nan mentioned about Ding Jiayi today, he did not tell her that she was pretending to suffer from amnesia, lest she was as vexed as he was.

Now that Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin came up with such a trick, Qiao Dongliang was even more determined to file for divorce.

Since Qiao Dongliang did not elaborate further, Qiao Nan did not press on. "Dad, Director Shi should be back soon. Let's bring out the dishes."

Nowadays, Qiao Dongliang would stay at home instead of at the hospital for the night. He would have his own lunch outside as well. In that case, Qiao Nan would not feel awkward at going to the hospital to deliver meals to him.

Shi Peng and Shi Qing arrived just then. They seldom asked Qiao Dongliang about Ding Jiayi's condition. However, Shi Qing would find out from Qiao Nan when they were alone. She was curious about what Ding Jiayi was up to.

"Qiao Nan, are the results of the college entrance examination out yet? Can we call to check now?" Shi Qing had not forgotten about the college entrance examination.

Qiao Nan finished her meal before answering her question. "Can we check it now? Can I say that I am not sure?" This was the first time that she sat for the college entrance examination. She did not know all the details about the exam. She had no idea when the results would be out and the way to check the results. In her previous life, she did not even sit for her middle school examination.

"Will you wait for the results to be out?" It might be possible that the results would be out in the middle of the night and they could check it by then.

"No!" Qiao Nan gave a resolute answer. "Don't you know that the liver detoxification process is from ten o'clock to eleven o'clock at night? Staying up late is not good for the body, especially for women. We will age faster." Since the exams were over, they should no longer be worried about it. No amount of worry would change their results.

"Hehehe." Indeed, women with boyfriends acted differently. They were particularly concerned about their appearances. "Age faster? Qiao Nan, you do not have to worry about that. You have already gotten yourself a boyfriend!"

“Qing Qing.” Shi Peng noticed that Qiao Dongliang’s expression darkened. He stopped Shi Qing from speaking further and to watch her words. As a father, he could understand Qiao Dongliang’s feelings.

Regardless of how outstanding Zhai Sheng was, Qiao Dongliang would hate to part with his daughter. Besides, his daughter was still very young.

His daughter already had a boyfriend at such a young age, and her boyfriend was eager to marry her as soon as she reached the legal age. All fathers would be unhappy at the thought of that.

Shi Peng’s daughter used to like Zhai Sheng. She was very devoted to him as well. Shi Peng could not help but feel relieved that things did not work out between them.

At least, Qiao Nan still stayed at home and would only marry Zhai Sheng when she was of legal age.

If it was Qing Qing who was in a relationship with Zhai Sheng, she might already have moved into the Zhai family’s residence.

At the thought of this, Shi Peng felt upset as well.

Shi Qing stuck out her tongue and turned to have her dinner. “Uncle Qiao, is it alright that you have dinner at home every day?” Qiao Nan told her that Uncle Qiao knew that Qiao Zijin visited Ding Jiayi when he was not around.

What happened at the college entrance examination was a serious matter. It was obvious that Qiao Zijin played a part in it. Uncle Qiao should catch hold of Qiao Zijin and give her a lesson, shouldn’t he?

“It is alright.” Qiao Dongliang had washed his hands off them. He had already made it very clear to Ding Jiayi. He would not worry about them anymore.

He could not be bothered about the tricks that Qiao Zijin, the inept adviser, would give Ding Jiayi. That was their business. He had no wish to be involved or to see Qiao Zijin.

Qiao Dongliang knew that Qiao Zijin would visit Ding Jiayi. However, not only did he not go after Qiao Zijin, but he would even avoid her at all costs. Shi Qing did not know that Qiao Dongliang was determined to divorce Ding Jiayi and had given up all hopes on his daughter, Qiao Zijin.

Qiao Dongliang was forced into it. Qiao Zijin had gone way overboard.

Everyone had a chance to live. Ding Jiayi had almost died in the hands of Qiao Zijin.

Back then, Qiao Dongliang nursed his health back from the car accident. He was on the brink of death from the accident. Unless it was due to natural aging, he had no wish to go through all that again.

In order to scheme against her own sister and to stop her from sitting for the college entrance examination, Qiao Zijin resorted to hurting her mother. In comparison to Ding Jiayi, he did not treat Qiao Zijin as well. Qiao Dongliang was worried that if circumstances dictated that she had to sacrifice him to reach her goals, Qiao Zijin would not hesitate to push him in front of a moving car.

No parents would want such a daughter.

Ding Jiayi was the only person who continued to deceive herself and treat Qiao Zijin as her precious daughter. Right now, Qiao Dongliang wanted to avoid Qiao Zijin at all costs. He had no wish to admit that she was his daughter.

It was not surprising that Shi Qing did not understand what was on Qiao Dongliang's mind. However, Qiao Nan knew his concerns.

On the day of the college entrance examination, Qiao Dongliang had a big scare at the sight of Ding Jiayi, who lay motionless in a pool of blood, with blood spewing out of her mouth.

People who had been in car accidents might not feel it, but those who witnessed the scene would be in a terrible shock. It was a nightmare to them and the images would keep popping in their minds. To them, the pain and shock would linger for a long time.

Qiao Zijin was so ruthless that Qiao Dongliang had no other choice but to give up on her. Qiao Nan had to hand it to Qiao Zijin for causing her own downfall.

Qiao Nan was not worried about her results. She felt very relaxed.

She did not stay up to wait for the results. Instead, she slept soundly at around nine o'clock, with the sound of the electric fan buzzing in the background.

Qiao Nan might have been asleep, but there were a bunch of people who lost their sleep because of Qiao Nan's college entrance examination results.

It was actually not difficult to find out Qiao Nan's exam admission ticket number.

Most importantly, these people had the means to find out the results of the students way earlier than others.

For instance, the Zhai family, the Shi family, and... the Qiu family.

Qiu Chenxi was born in Ping Cheng and she had been through the college entrance examination. She still remembered her results for the college entrance examination

Qiu Chenxi was quite pleased with her results then.

However, Qiu Chenxi seemed to be in shock after finding out Qiao Nan's results. She was in a trance that she had no idea when she ended the call. "How could it be..."

Even if their plan failed in the end, and Qiao Nan made it to the examination hall in the last three minutes, she could not have scored such a crazy score after the series of events that happened previously. Was she human?!

#### Chapter 815 Give Me Money If You Want a Divorce

Qiao Nan was supposed to be dating Zhai Sheng. That day, Qiao Nan had seen for herself that Ding Jiayi had a car accident. She was also trapped in the crowd for half an hour outside of Ping Cheng High School. She should have panicked, becoming anxious, and worried, no?

Qiu Chenxi was baffled. She could not understand why Qiao Nan was able to maintain her usual standard and achieve such good grades! Even if other students had extraordinary performances, they would not be able to achieve results like hers!

At the thought of Qiao Nan's results for the college entrance examination, Qiu Chenxi could not help but feel that she had suffered a crushing defeat. She felt as if she had no hopes of challenging her again.

Qiu Chenxi sat quietly for an hour. She then stood up and went into Qi Minlan's room. "Mom, you have to divorce Dad as soon as possible. You only have one month's time to solve this problem. If not, we will be left with nothing."

"What is the matter?" Qi Minlan was shocked. Why would her daughter want her to get a divorce for no apparent reason? "If I divorce your dad, his woman outside will stand to gain!"

Back then, she did not marry Qiu Qin out of love. Now that Qiu Qin had no use of her, he wanted to kick her away and be with another woman. She would not allow him to abandon her after making use of her.

"We don't know for sure who will stand to gain from the divorce. I heard that uncle has been doing well in Ping Cheng. His prospects are as good as when he was in the army. Mom, let's go back to Ping Cheng and seek refuge from uncle." It was normal for the daughters in the family to seek refuge from their parents after they divorced.

Therefore, Qi Minlan and Qiao Dongliang made up their minds to file for a divorce on the same day and time. They handed the divorce agreements to their partners. "Sign it!!

"I won't sign it!"

"What?!"

Ding Jiayi could no longer put up with her pretenses. She tore the divorce agreement to pieces. "Qiao Dongliang, you are heartless. I have turned from a lady to a faded old woman because of you. You must be having a happy time. Have you taken a fancy to other women and thus want to abandon me? Let me tell you, I will not make it easy for you. If you want a divorce, fine! But you have to give me fifty thousand yuan!"

Despite having worked for so many years, Qiao Dongliang only saved five thousand yuan, and that had been used up by Ding Jiayi. Ding Jiayi decided to demand an exorbitant amount of money from the divorce. She wanted Qiao Dongliang to pay her fifty thousand yuan as divorce fees. "I don't



care if you borrow the money or get it through some other means. You have to give me fifty thousand yuan, and the Qiao family's residence will be mine. Only then will I agree to a divorce. Since I can't keep you with me, I will keep your money. I won't pay a single cent of the money that I spent during the hospital stay. You will have to pay the full amount!"

It was fine that Qiao Dongliang wanted a divorce. She would wait to see if he would agree to her conditions.

If he decided to divorce her, she would have fifty thousand yuan. She had nothing to lose!

When Qiao Dongliang was at his prime, he took ten years to earn five thousand yuan. Now that she asked for fifty thousand yuan which was ten times of five thousand-it would be equivalent to all the money that he could earn in this life.

"Is this what Qiao Zijin and you have discussed and come up with yesterday?" Qiao Dongliang felt bitterly disappointed. Ding Jiayi had a 'good daughter' indeed, and she was his daughter as well!

"Fifty thousand yuan! Ding Jiayi, where do you have the guts to ask for such a huge sum of money?!" Qiao Dongliang smiled coldly at Ding Jiayi. "You must be crazy to ask for fifty thousand yuan."

"You may not have the money, but the Zhai family is loaded. You have such a powerful family as your in-laws. It should be easy for you to ask for fifty thousand yuan as the bride price. It is no wonder that you are so nice to Qiao Nan, that wretched girl. It turned out that she has seduced a big shot. She is still young, yet she is so shameless and seduces men. You keep picking on Zijin and me. However, Qiao Nan, who lives with you, is, in fact, a shameless and cheap girl who doesn't know how to treasure herself. Crap!"

Ding Jiayi was enraged that Qiao Dongliang wanted a divorce. She vented her frustration on Qiao Nan. She used all the uncouth words that she knew on Qiao Nan.

Zijin was right. If not for Qiao Nan, that wretched girl, old Qiao would not ask for a divorce.

To put it bluntly, Qiao Nan had latched onto an established family like the Zhai family. She was fearful that she and Zijin would make requests of her.

Even if she and Old Qiao really ended up in a divorce, she was still Qiao Nan's mother in this life. Qiao Nan had to accede to her requests and help her no matter what she wanted. There was no running away from it!

Ding Jiayi had it all planned. She would get the money, and she and Qiao Zijin would latch on to a powerful family like the Zhai family!

She would not miss out on any benefits.

Qiao Dongliang gave Ding Jiayi a tight slap on her face. "It seems that you need someone to knock some sense into you. If you dare to use those filthy words to scold Nan Nan again, I will make sure that you suffer!"

"..." Ding Jiayi covered the side of her face that was slapped. She was panting rapidly due to anger, but she dared not scold Qiao Nan anymore.

She did not want a divorce. But if she had to divorce, she had to get her hands on the money. She did not wish to quarrel with Qiao Dongliang and to be beaten by him.

Qiao Dongliang could not bear the sight of Ding Jiayi. He felt that his hand was dirty from slapping her. "Are you sure you don't want a divorce and that you want fifty thousand yuan? Let me tell you, dream on! If you don't agree to the divorce, I will file for divorce by litigation. It is no big deal. Ever since I married you, I have been embarrassed thoroughly. I believe that the law will protect its people. It will not be used on scoundrels like you. I will not fork out fifty thousand yuan. Let's see whether we can be divorced or not!"

"Qiao Dongliang, let me warn you, if you dare to make use of the Zhai family's connections to divorce me, there will be no end to this. He may be the chief, but he has to obey the law and the country as well. If the Zhai family dares to bend the law for selfish ends, I will take it to the court. I will escalate it to the capital and to the president. I don't believe that the Zhai family will destroy their future and ruin their reputation for Qiao Nan's sake. Without fifty thousand yuan, there is no way that you can divorce me!"

"Very well, very well!" Ding Jiayi had even thought of their connections with the Zhai family. Needless to say, Qiao Zijin must have taught her what to say.

If Ding Jiayi had not brought this up, Qiao Dongliang had never thought of asking the Zhai family to help him with his divorce.

Although he knew it by now, he did not intend to ask them for help either. “Is that so? We shall see if we can divorce without fifty thousand yuan. As for the Zhai family, do you think that everyone is like you and that they would want to rely on others to help them?”

Ding Jiayi panicked at Qiao Dongliang’s firm and steadfast attitude. “Zijin, you have heard my conversation with your dad. W-what should we do? Do you think your father has abandoned the thought of divorcing me or does he intend to give me fifty thousand yuan? It has to be one of the two.”

If she could not get the money and she ended up in a divorce, she would be left with nothing!

It would never do!

“Zijin, you are the one who gave me the idea. Say something now.”

#### Chapter 816 Fight for a Man

“There is nothing to be afraid of. The person who should be anxious is my dad, not you.” Qiao Zijin walked out with a cold expression on her face. She knew that her father’s attitude was vastly different from the past. He was very heartless to them, leaving no room for negotiation.

Qiao Zijin knew that back then, whenever Qiao Dongliang brought up divorce, it was just to frighten Ding Jiayi and her into obedience.

However, Qiao Zijin felt that her father was serious this time.

Not only was her father serious about divorce, but he also wanted to use the quickest possible way to divorce her mother. He had no wish to drag any longer.

“The reason why my dad is so anxious to divorce you must be because he does not want the two of us to cause any more trouble to Qiao Nan or to disgrace her in front of the Zhai family. But you are her mom, and I am her sister. It will not be easy to cut all ties with us.” If Qiao Nan did not make sure that she had a good life, married to a good husband, and that her life was well-taken care of, she could never think of severing ties with her.

Zhai Sheng was the most outstanding man in the quad. He had the brightest future and he was beyond the reach of the Qiao family.

She had never expected that Qiao Nan would be able to snare such a man and be his girlfriend.

It would be a dream come true if she was Zhai Sheng's girlfriend. If so, her father would not dare to bring up divorce.

Qiao Nan would act affectionately to her and she would come begging her for help.

It was such a wonderful thing to be dating someone who was capable and had authority.

"Yes, it will not be that easy!" In this life, there was no way that Qiao Nan could cut ties with them. She had given birth to her. Qiao Nan had to be filial to her and obey her words.

Since Qiao Nan was the reason Old Qiao wanted to divorce her, if she really ended up in a divorce, Qiao Nan would not be able to lead a peaceful life. Whenever she encountered any problem, it would be Qiao Nan's responsibility to settle it for her. "But the problem right now is my marriage with your dad!"

"As I have said, Dad should be the one who is anxious. You have made it very clear just now. If he wants a divorce, he has to give you fifty thousand yuan. With this sum of money, you have nothing to worry about. People used to say that sons are no better than money. Indeed, sons are unreliable, and so are men in general. Qiao Nan is only in a relationship with Zhai Sheng. She has yet to marry him. If my dad does not want to affect Qiao Nan's relationship, he will not allow us to make a fuss. However, I believe he will not ask the Zhai family for money. He feels too embarrassed to do that."

If he asked for money, it would mean the end of Qiao Nan's relationship with Zhai Sheng.

"Zhai Sheng is so outstanding and the Zhai family has a high social status. Zijin, tell me, why didn't Zhai Sheng take a fancy to you? If so, it would be wonderful! Do you think it is possible?" Could it be possible for Qiao Nan to break up with Zhai Sheng and for the latter to date Zijin instead?

"He..." Qiao Zijin smiled coldly, mockery evident in her tone.

She wished for such good things to happen.

After seeing Zhai Sheng last time, Qiao Zijin had done a detailed background check on Zhai Sheng. She then realized that she had missed out on such a golden opportunity.

Qiao Zijin was attracted to his handsome face the first time she saw Zhai Sheng.

It was a pity that Zhai Sheng treated her coldly. Qiao Zijin was frightened off by his icy cold demeanor.

When she found out that the man that she was once attracted to was the legendary Zhai Sheng that the people in the quad would talk about, Qiao Zijin was tempted to know him better.

At that time, she still did not know that Zhai Sheng was in a relationship with Qiao Nan. Having met him once, and being Qiao Nan's elder sister, she could address Zhai Sheng like how Qiao Nan did-calling him as Brother Zhai.

She might be able to get closer to Zhai Sheng because of Qiao Nan's relation to the Zhai family.

However, Qiao Zijin and Ding Jiayi failed in trying to be friendly to Miao Jing.

Since Qiao Zijin had failed in pleasing Miao Jing, she could only give up her dreams of being with Zhai Sheng.

Without Qiao Nan, she could not even get to see Zhai Sheng, let alone to address him as Brother Zhai or to make him fall in love with her.

Zhai Sheng was like the moon that was high up in the sky. It was beautiful and Qiao Zijin yearned to be closer to it. However, she knew that it was beyond her reach.

They were miles apart and there was no way that their paths would cross. Over time, Qiao Zijin eventually gave up on her fantasies. "Mom, you should abandon this idea. Do you remember Madam Zhai's attitude toward us back then? To her, we are like insects that she cannot wait to be rid of. Back when Dad was hospitalized and Zhai Sheng visited him at the hospital, Qiao Nan already addressed him as Brother Zhai. He even took off his jacket for Qiao Nan to wear. From the looks of it, Qiao Nan had already set her sights on Zhai Sheng before Dad was hospitalized. With Qiao Nan around, Zhai Sheng will not have a good impression of me."

“That is because Qiao Nan badmouths you in front of Zhai Sheng. It is not the truth. What are you scared of?” Zijin was such a good lady. If Zhai Sheng got to know her, he would realize that she was more suitable for him than Qiao Nan was.

Qiao Zijin took a deep breath.

In the eyes of Ding Jiayi, she was the perfect daughter in the world. Actually, Qiao Zijin felt good that her mother would sing her praises.

However, Qiao Zijin knew very well that in the eyes of others, she might not be as good as Qiao Nan.

Qiao Zijin was aware of that, so she felt embarrassed when Ding Jiayi kept singing her praises. “That is not the truth? Was Qiao Nan telling lies? She might have been exaggerating, but there is truth in her words. You want to sacrifice Qiao Nan for my sake. However, in the eyes of others, we are always the ones at fault. Dad’s attitude is enough to explain everything. Mom, do you really think that it is alright to treat Qiao Nan with that attitude of yours? Do you think that Qiao Nan is to be blamed for everything? It is okay if you tell this to other people, but you can be frank with me.”

Ding Jiayi looked embarrassed. “Don’t your teachers teach you that the child should not point out the father’s mistakes? I am her mother. Why can’t I be willful? She has to obey me because I have given birth to her!”

“If Zhai Sheng hears of this, he will believe in everything that Qiao Nan said to him. Zhai Sheng has known Qiao Nan for three years, whereas I have not spoken a word to him. Qiao Nan has good results, but what about me? I heard that Madam Zhai once thought of acknowledging Qiao Nan as her goddaughter. But Madam Zhai can’t wait to avoid me. How can I fight with Qiao Nan to win Zhai Sheng’s affection? Don’t embarrass yourself.”

Qiao Zijin was furious.

When she was at a young age, she was better than Qiao Nan in all aspects. Why was it that when they grew up, she was so far behind Qiao Nan?

If she was outstanding, and Zhai Sheng decided to be with a lousy Qiao Nan instead of choosing her, she could at least smile it off and say that it was Zhai Sheng’s and the Zhai family’s loss.

## Chapter 817 Passed Out from Overwhelming Joy

But she was not that shameless and blatant.

“Alright, let’s not think about this. Let’s think about something else.” Qiao Zijin was impatient. Her mood went from bad to worse. “Since Dad won’t borrow the money from the Zhai family, he will definitely not be able to come up with the money. He has no money to divorce you. In the end, you will reach your goal. Therefore, there is no need to be anxious. Dad is the one who should be anxious. If he comes up with the money, you will agree to the divorce and have the money; if not, the two of you will still remain as husband and wife. No matter what, you won’t stand to lose.”

Ding Jiayi nodded in agreement, but she seemed to be upset. “Zijin, do you feel that this sounds very familiar?”

“...” Qiao Zijin pursed her lips.

Familiar?

Of course it sounded familiar.

She and her mother used this tactic two years ago to force her father not to bring up divorce again. However, back then, the amount of money they asked for was not as high as fifty thousand yuan.

Ding Jiayi also remembered what happened back then. “Do you think we will enrage your dad further by asking for fifty thousand yuan this time?” Would he be so angry that he becomes more determined to divorce her?

“What about fifty thousand yuan? You should have known that prices have gone up in the last two years. It is not easy to earn a living and everything requires money. We asked for a higher amount as the circumstances have changed. Alright, if you are worried, here is another idea. You can continue to play the fool and create a ruckus, using all means to pester Dad so that he will not divorce you. It is totally up to you if he divorces you or not!”

“...” Ding Jiayi’s eyes turned red and she broke into tears. “If this method is feasible, I would have done it long ago.” She really did not want a divorce. Instead of having fifty thousand yuan, she would rather keep Qiao Dongliang with her and be with her family.

She did not commit any serious crimes. Why was Qiao Dongliang so vicious to insist on a divorce?

“Zijin, do you think Qiao Nan will help me put in a good word in front of Old Qiao if I beg her for help?”

“You can have a go at it. Remember, you have to go on your knees. Qiao Nan is not a soft-hearted person. You have to go all out to beg her. Perhaps she will agree to help you.” A thought crossed Qiao Zijin’s mind. “Now that the results for the college entrance examination are out, you must hurry to the Qiao family’s residence. I will send you there. Remember, you must go on your knees to beg Qiao Nan for help!”

Qiao Nan must have done well in the college entrance examination and she had someone as capable as Zhai Sheng to be her boyfriend. Why did lady luck keep shining on her?

In short, she could not stand it that Qiao Nan was doing well. She must create trouble for her and irritate her.

“...” Ding Jiayi was merely coming up with possible ways to salvage her marriage. However, Qiao Zijin, who was onto the idea, pushed her out of the ward.

Qiao Zijin talked to the nurse about bringing her mother out of the ward. Ding Jiayi was feeling much better and she did not injure her legs. It would not be a problem for her to leave her ward for a short while.

Qiao Zijin told the nurse that she was going to support Ding Jiayi to the garden to take a walk. She did not tell her that they would be leaving the hospital.

Fortunately, Ding Jiayi told Qiao Zijin to bring a set of casual clothes to the hospital. The clothes that she wore when she was in an accident were stained with blood. It was unlikely that the blood would come off. She might have to throw them away.

If Qiao Zijin did not bring clothes with her, she might have nothing to wear when she was discharged.

The clothes came in handy now.



On the other hand, Qiao Dongliang left in anger, returning to the Qiao family's residence after telling them that he would definitely file for a divorce.

By the time he reached his house, there was a huge crowd outside his house. It was similar to the crowded situation during summer break last year when a lot of the parents came to their house to ask Qiao Nan to tutor their children. However, the crowd was much larger than the previous time.

Qiao Dongliang could tell that other than the parents of the students, there were also the parents of Qiao Nan's classmates in the crowd. He had been to several parent-teacher conferences and he had some impression of them.

"Old Qiao, you are back. Congratulations."

"Old Qiao, you have such good fortune to have a brilliant daughter."

"Old Qiao..."

The neighbors noticed that Qiao Dongliang was back. All of them gathered around him to congratulate him. Qiao Dongliang felt confused at their congratulations. "What is the matter?" Why would they congratulate him?

"Nan Nan has come in the first place in the college entrance examination. She is the top humanities student of the province!"

The top scorer!

He had never seen the top scorer of Ping Cheng, let alone the top scorer of the province.

He had heard that the young lady who stayed in the neighborhood was very smart and had good grades. One of the students that she tutored was the top scorer in the middle school examination.

He only heard it from others and had never seen it for himself. Therefore, he had a surreal feeling about it.

But today was different. One of his neighbors was the provincial top humanities scorer of the college entrance examination. She was the pride of their community and the entire Ping Cheng!

“Are the results of the college entrance examination out?” Qiao Dongliang was stunned. He was so upset with Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin that he had forgotten about it. Did Qiao Nan manage to get into one of the first-tier universities in the capital? “Does Nan Nan have any chance of going to Tsinghua University or Peking University?”

Qiao Dongliang did not know much of the famous universities, but he had heard of two of the best universities in the country. He knew them by heart.

“Of course! She can make her choices among them!”

“Oh, Old Qiao, Old Qiao...”

While everyone was thrilled, Qiao Dongliang blacked out and fell backward.

“My goodness, Old Qiao has passed out from overwhelming joy!”

Qiao Dongliang had tired himself out from taking care of Ding Jiayi during this period of time. Besides feeling weak, he was also angered by Qiao Zijin and Ding Jiayi. He was overwhelmed with joy at the news. He could not catch his breath and passed out right then and there.

“Make some space. The top scorer’s father is back. He is so happy that he fainted. Make way. Let him into the house so that he could take a breath and rest.”

Everyone moved to a side when they heard that the father of the top scorer had fainted.

Some people laughed at Qiao Dongliang. But on second thought, if their children were the top scorer, they would pass out as well. They were more than happy to pass out from joy.

“Everyone is here. Light the firecrackers!” A few of the neighbors had bought firecrackers beforehand. They waited until Qiao Dongliang went into the house to set off them. The cracking sounds of firecrackers livened up the whole neighborhood. It was livelier than during the Lunar New Year!

“Dad?” Qiao Nan was anxious. She pinched at his philtrum. “Dad, wake up.”

Her father used to be a soldier. How could he possibly faint from overwhelming joy?

“I suppose Uncle Qiao must have been exhausted from taking care of your mom at the hospital.” Shi Qing sat with her legs crossed at the Qiao family’s residence.

“Perhaps... Hurry, get a bowl of sugar water for my dad. I suppose he came back from the hospital in a bad mood.” Qiao Nan ordered Shi Qing around.

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Shi Qing did not take issue with her. She prepared a bowl of sugar water and fed it to Qiao Dongliang

He Yun’s father was shocked. “Qiao Nan, is your father not feeling well recently?” He then helped take care of Qiao Dongliang.

“Not really. It is just that he is busy recently. He must be exhausted.”

“Oh, I see.”

“Look, Principal Meng of Ping Cheng High School is here?!” The people who crowded outside the Qiao family’s residence saw that a car stopped in front of the house, and out came Principal Meng.

The people in this area stayed close to Ping Cheng High School. All of them knew who Principal Meng was.

“Hello, how are you doing? I am here to look for Qiao Nan.” Principal Meng was all smiles. He walked with a spring in his step.

Not only was Principal Meng here, but Teacher Liu, who once taught Qiao Nan and was her form teacher for a year, was here as well. Of course, Qiao Nan’s current form teacher was here as well. In an instant, there were three more adults at the Qiao family’s residence.

“Qiao Nan, congratulations. Congratulations on becoming the top humanities scorer of the province. The director of the Ping Cheng Education Bureau is very pleased with your results. He is all praises for you. He said that you have broken the record. You have the highest score in the province. Your results are higher than the previous record by twenty-seven points!” Principal Meng could not hide his excitement.

This meant that Ping Cheng High School held the record of the provincial highest score in the college entrance examination’s humanities subjects.

Every year, the top scorer of the college entrance examination would have exceptionally high results. Some of them would be a few marks short of full marks.

Qiao Nan was different. Not only had Qiao Nan performed well, but there were also a lot of points that were added to her total score.

It was very fitting of her situation to say that her performance was beyond imagination!

For that alone, there was no way that The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China could be compared to Ping Cheng High School.

“Shi Qing, I know that you must be here too. Congratulations to you as well. This year, you are the provincial top scorer for the science subjects. You have done very well. I am proud of having students like the two of you in Ping Cheng High School!”

The top humanities scorer and the top science scorer were from Ping Cheng and from his own school. After learning of this news, Principal Meng was so ecstatic that he was almost dizzy with joy.

It was indeed two joyous events at the same time.

Oh, my goodness! Was there anything that was more overwhelming than this?

Principal Meng suddenly felt that the best thing that he had done in his life was to become a teacher and principal of Ping Cheng High School. He made the right decision by accepting Qiao Nan as his student. With her at Ping Cheng High School, Shi Qing transferred to the school as well without him doing anything

Qiao Nan was the reason why Shi Qing transferred to Ping Cheng High School. Only a few schools would allow good students who might be the top scorers to transfer out of their schools. They would not be able to scout and ask such students to join their schools as well!

He did nothing, yet he stood to benefit from

it.

If Principal Meng was to fall asleep, he would be smiling in his dreams!

“Do we have two top scorers in this neighborhood?”

“That is such a blessing!”

“Luck is on our side!”

“Is it the trend for good students to stay in the same area?”

Undoubtedly, this community had two top scorers. In the future, everyone would view this place to be of good geomancy.

“Principal, thank you for making the trip here.” Qiao Nan was worked up as well. But she had to calm down and take care of her father who had fainted. “Dad, are you okay?” Qiao Nan was relieved that Qiao Dongliang had woken up.

“Comrade Qiao, you have good fortune!” Principal Meng looked at Qiao Dongliang and gave his hand a forceful shake, expressing his joy and excitement at the news.

He almost wanted to say something to Qiao Dongliang straight to his face: We have to thank you for having such a bright child and that she was able to study at Ping Cheng High School. You have given us a new lease on life!

“Thank you, thank you.” Qiao Dongliang, who had just woken up, felt confused and disoriented. He had missed what Principal Meng first said when he came into the house. “Principal Meng, what brings you here?”

Principal Meng understood that he had just woken up from his fall. “It seems that Comrade Qiao is overjoyed. I am here to congratulate you. Qiao Nan is the provincial top humanities scorer, and Shi Qing is the provincial top science scorer. Your place has garnered all the attention of Ping Cheng!”

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Principal Meng was very pleased at the mention of the small quad.

Thankfully, he found out that Qiao Nan and her father were in a dire financial situation back then and thought of allowing them to stay in this small quad.

If they had not had a roof over their heads, Qiao Nan might have discontinued her studies at the Ping Cheng High School. It would have been impossible for her to concentrate on her studies.

Ping Cheng High School might have lost the chance to have Qiao Nan, the newly announced top humanities scorer as their student. As the principal of Ping Cheng High School, he had the foresight to keep such a good student in Ping Cheng High School!

Principal Meng felt that he would definitely be hailed as the wisest principal in the school magazine of Ping Cheng High School in the future. He would be the principal who made the most significant and greatest contribution to Ping Cheng High School.

This was why Principal Meng looked at Qiao Nan as if he was looking at his own daughter. “The school knows the situation that your family is in. Don’t worry. You are the top humanities scorer who has the highest score in the whole province. The school will definitely reward you with a sum of money. The mayor in Ping Cheng will reward you as well. By the way, do you know the mayor? When he gave me a call today, he kept mentioning Comrade Qiao Nan, and he seems to be quite close to you.”

“We met a few times in the past.”

“Haha. Qiao Nan knows a lot of people.” Since she knew Zhai Sheng, it was not surprising that she would have seen the mayor of Ping Cheng in the past. In the future, she might even have the chance

to see the president of the country. “Since you are the provincial top scorer, the government will provide you with scholarship. The director of the Education Bureau of Ping Cheng has also said that we must encourage and help students like you. We should never let talents like you give up on their studies because of financial issues. It will be a huge loss to Ping Cheng and the country. Qiao Nan, you don’t have to worry. You can concentrate on your studies in college like how you used to do in the past. The Education Bureau will help you with the tuition fees in college.”

All the scholarships would amount to a large sum of money.

Other people might not know Ding Jiayi, but Principal Meng knew her very well.

He told the neighbors the situation about the Qiao family. He also told them that Ding Jiayi spent all the savings at home in order to enroll the elder daughter into The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China. When Qiao Dongliang was hospitalized due to a car accident, Qiao Nan had to borrow money for his medical fees, and she had yet to repay the money even now.

The child had a difficult life. Misfortunes befell her one after another.

During the college entrance examination, something cropped up in front of the school and Qiao Nan almost missed the chance to sit for the exams of the first subject. Her unreliable mother was in a car accident at the entrance to the school.

#### Chapter 819 I Am the Top Scorer’s Mother

If it had been somebody else, they would not have been able to focus on the exams.

Undoubtedly, they would need a lot of money as the mother was in a car accident. This only made matters worse for the Qiao family that was already in a dire financial situation. They had yet to pay their debts, and now they had another expense to take care of.

In the future, it would be more difficult for Qiao Nan to concentrate on her studies in college.

Qiao Nan did really well in the exams. Ever since the college entrance examination was resumed in China, she had the best results. It helped Ping Cheng High School win credit in the province.

As a result, all of the relevant departments and officials in Ping Cheng placed great importance on Qiao Nan who had such good potential. They tried to help her apply for some subsidies.

Qiao Dongliang's situation was rare. He had yet to divorce his wife but was already left with no possession or property.

Qiao Nan and Shi Qing had done Ping Cheng High School proud. No matter what, Principal Meng was willing to try his best to arrange for subsidies so that Qiao Nan could finish her college.

As for Zhai Sheng, Principal Meng knew that if Qiao Nan was willing to accept Zhai Sheng's help, it would never be his turn to help Qiao Nan make studying arrangements.

"Principal, thank you. Thank you very much." To Qiao Nan, Principal Meng's promise was timely assistance. It came at the right time.

They had spent all their savings on Ding Jiayi's hospitalization fees. Qiao Nan did not have any money for her college fees.

Now that the results were out, even if Qiao Nan could apply for scholarships, it was not enough to cover for her school fees. Qiao Nan was worried sick about her school fees. Principal Meng provided help in her hour of need.

"This is what I should be doing. Qiao Nan, you must study hard in the future. If you have the chance, you must come back to Ping Cheng. You must make contributions to your hometown." The mayor wanted Principal Meng to convey this to Qiao Nan. She was a talent. If she stayed in Ping Cheng, she would do good for the future development of Ping Cheng

"Rest assured, Principal Meng. I will definitely do that. My roots and my family are here. I will definitely come back." Qiao Nan's eyes were red.

"Shi Qing, what about your parents?" It was not surprising that Shi Qing was at Qiao Nan's house. But Principal Meng found it strange that Shi Qing's parents were not around. The daughter had performed so well in the college entrance examination, yet the parents were not here to share the good news with her?

But then again, during the two years that Shi Qing was in Ping Cheng High School, he had never once seen her parents. Her parents did not turn up for the parent-teacher Conference either.



Although Shi Peng did not turn up for any of the parent-teacher conferences, Shi Qing did not behave oddly. She carried on with her studies and it did not seem to bother her at all.

Teacher Liu had asked Shi Qing to pass a message to Shi Peng, hoping that he would turn up.

However, Shi Qing had rejected Teacher Liu's request right away. "Teacher Liu, forget it. My dad is very busy. Instead of attending the parent-teacher conference, I would rather he stay at home to rest. He is not in good health and should skip all these unimportant events. Anyway, I don't mind at all."

The reason why Liu Neng wanted Shi Peng to attend was for Shi Qing's sake. He was worried that Shi Peng's absence would make Shi Qing be seen as the oddball and that she was anti-social. He did not want her to be upset, affecting her studies.

However, Shi Qing did not feel that it was important. She even spoke up for Shi Peng. In that case, Liu Neng had nothing much to say.

Although Shi Qing's parents did not attend the parent-teacher conference, she was in good mental health and strove for excellence in her studies.

"My dad? He is at work. He has no time." Shi Qing gave Principal Meng the same answer. Liu Neng was used to her reply, but Principal Meng felt perplexed that the parents were not present.

"Is your father that busy?" Why would he not show concern and support when his daughter was the provincial top science scorer?

Although Qiao Nan's father was so excited that he fainted and seemed to be very weak, he was better than Shi Qing's father who was absent.

"Principal Meng, Shi Qing's father is a busy man." It seemed that the teachers of Ping Cheng High School still did not know who Shi Qing's father was. "But Shi Qing, have you told your dad the good news?"

"Is there a need?" Shi Qing lifted her chin proudly. "It is expected of me to do well. I don't have to tell him and he knows that I will definitely perform well."

If she was not the provincial top scorer in the college entrance examination, she would be too ashamed to face her father. “How about you? Have you forgotten to share the good news with someone?” Brother Zhai must be waiting for the good news.

“In a while.” Qiao Nan blushed. It was without a doubt that she had to share such a good piece of news with Brother Zhai.

When Ding Jiayi arrived, it was very crowded at the entrance of the small quad. Everyone was praising Qiao Nan for being so smart. Not only did she do well in the exams, but the students that she had tutored had good grades as well.

Ding Jiayi finally realized why Qiao Zijin wanted her to go to the Qiao family’s residence today.

Ding Jiayi thought of Qiao Zijin’s words and gritted her teeth. She did not mind that she would disgrace herself. Her only aim was to keep the family together. If she failed at doing that, the least she could do was to get the money!

With that in mind, Ding Jiayi steeled herself and walked toward the Qiao family’s residence. “Please let me pass. I am Qiao Nan’s mother. I am looking for Qiao Nan.”

“Hey, who are you? Does Qiao Nan have a mother? Qiao Nan has been staying here for almost three years. Why is it that we have never seen you before? Qiao Nan and Old Qiao never mentioned you as well. Don’t try to lie that you are their relatives.”

The neighbors crowded the pavement to the Qiao family’s residence. There were a lot of people who tried to squeeze their way into the house but to no avail. Some of them thought of lying that they were their relatives so as to squeeze through the crowd into the house.

It happened so often that most people refused to believe it anymore.

“I... I am really Qiao Nan’s mom. I am Old Qiao’s wife. Let me go in. I got into a car accident recently. Previously, Old Qiao went out early in the morning and only came home late in the evening so as to take care of me. I have something to tell Qiao Nan.”

There were too many people outside the door and there was no way that she could squeeze herself through. Ding Jiayi decided to go all out. She raised her voice and shouted toward the house. “Old Qiao, Qiao Nan, I am back. I can’t get into the house. Come out now! I have something to tell you!”

Ding Jiayi could be heard clearly even in the noisy surroundings.

She gave all her best to shout across the people. She felt as if her voice had turned hoarse.

Minutes ago, everyone in the house was in high spirits from the news. Minutes later, they turned somber at Ding Jiayi's voice.

Qiao Dongliang, in particular, turned grim when he heard her voice. "She should be at the hospital. Why did she run out to make a fuss? Did she feel that I am taking too long to get the money?"

He knew that Ding Jiayi could never behave herself or treat Qiao Zijin and Nan Nan equally. Unless she was no longer Ding Jiayi and had changed to another person, she would never be able to do that.

Look, Ding Jiayi could not keep still for a day and was up to something again!

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If he knew that Ding Jiayi would create trouble for Nan Nan as soon as she could walk by herself, he should not have put in so much effort to take care of her. At least, he should have made sure that she would not be able to turn up today to ruin the happy atmosphere and create a ruckus.

Qiao Dongliang took a deep breath. "Principal Meng, one should not wash dirty linen in public. But this is not the first time that you have witnessed something like this. Please take care of Nan Nan while I settle the problem outside."

If the teachers and the principal of Ping Cheng High School were not here, Qiao Dongliang would ignore Ding Jiayi's shouts and take it that some mad woman had lost her mind.

By the time Ding Jiayi was tired and thirsty, or perhaps when she suffered from heatstroke, he would make a phone call and send her to the hospital.

The people in the small quad had never seen Ding Jiayi. It was alright for him to pretend not to know Ding Jiayi.

However, Principal Meng and the teachers were here to congratulate Qiao Nan. It was such a sticky situation. Qiao Dongliang could not possibly ignore Ding Jiayi.

“Alright.” Principal Meng and the two form teachers felt awkward as well.

They had taught many students. If they were able to secure a place in a good school—let alone being the top scorer in the college entrance examination—the parents would usually treat the teachers to a meal to thank them.

However, the Qiao family was peculiar, especially Ding Jiayi, who was one of a kind. She was a fright.

She had been in an accident and was hospitalized, yet she could still make a fuss!

Ding Jiayi could not get into the house, but Qiao Dongliang could go out of the house.

Qiao Dongliang came out and saw that Ding Jiayi was kneeling on the ground. His face darkened and he pulled Ding Jiayi up. She shouted out in pain. “Do you know what day it is today? Why are you here to make a fuss?”

“I... I am here to look for Qiao Nan. I am here to beg Qiao Nan to let me off,” Ding Jiayi said through clenched teeth.

“Oh...” Qiao Dongliang let out a long breath. “It is Nan Nan’s and my misfortune to marry a woman like you and to have a mother like you. I will never allow you to harm Nan Nan again. I know it is your plan for Nan Nan to quit school to support Qiao Zijin. But let me tell you, no way! I am definitely filing a divorce. I have no more feelings for you. I am utterly disappointed in you. No, you are totally hopeless!”

“I... am not...” Ding Jiayi panicked.

Qiao Nan was the newly announced provincial top scorer of the college entrance examination. She was the pride of Ping Cheng High School, the small quad, and the entire Ping Cheng.

Everybody would be angry if they knew that someone was out to stop Qiao Nan from continuing her studies and to quit school to support someone else.

“Qiao Zijin and Nan Nan are my children. It’s fine that you don’t treat her as your daughter. I will treat her as my daughter. Since you dote on Qiao Zijin, after we divorce, Qiao Zijin will stay with you while I will take care of Nan Nan. If you dare to make a fuss and disgrace Nan Nan or affect her, I will go all out to deal with you. Since you have disgraced yourself and made a fuss, there is no need for me to care about preserving your dignity. Let’s go to the Civil Affairs Bureau to complete the divorce procedure.”

Qiao Dongliang roughly dragged Ding Jiayi with him and walked forward, planning to go to the Civil Affairs Bureau. He did not care that Ding Jiayi was injured.

Ding Jiayi had injured her bones in the accident. She felt immense pain upon being pulled by Qiao Dongliang. It was as if she had gone through the accident for another time. “Old Qiao, you... let go. I am in pain. I am still recovering from my injuries.”

“I did not forget that you are injured. You are the one who has forgotten about it. You don’t care that you are hurt, while my biggest problem is being too nice to you. I am not willing to speak of all those bad deeds that you have done. Let’s get a divorce so that we will be rid of each other!”

“I... I have said that I am not looking for you. I am here for Qiao Nan. I gave birth to her and raised her. She is indebted to me. How can she allow you to divorce me and for us to part ways? How cruel is she!” Ding Jiayi changed the topic quickly lest the people around her knew what she had done previously and sided with Qiao Dongliang. “I don’t care that she has a close relationship with you. She cannot go overboard and treat her mother in such a manner. Aren’t she afraid of being struck by lightning?”

If she was to be blamed, so was Qiao Nan.

No child would keep urging her parents to divorce. Qiao Nan had to be blamed. Everyone here had been deceived by her.

“As long as she does not insist that you get a divorce, I can kneel down and beg her. In the future, I will obey her. Will that do?”

Ding Jiayi had gone way overboard in what she said, especially the latter part of her sentences.

What did she mean when she said that Qiao Nan was close to Qiao Dongliang?

Those who knew what was going on would understand that Ding Jiayi meant that Qiao Nan was close to her father.

Those who did not know what was going on would have the impression that Qiao Nan had come between Ding Jiayi and Qiao Dongliang.

The Zhai family who specially came to congratulate Qiao Nan witnessed the scene. They could not help but frown at Ding Jiayi's use of words, except for one person who was trying hard to become part of the Zhai family -Wei De.

Miao Jing patted her chest. "I thought this woman is gone for years. Why is she back today? She is bent on giving Nan Nan a difficult time by coming back on such a day. If she does not want such a good daughter, I will take her as my daughter!"

Ding Jiayi did not know to cherish what she had.

Wei De, who had a smile on his face, turned sullen. He was upset with what she said.

Qiao Nan came from such a complicated family background. How could she be considered as a good lady? It was absurd that Madam Zhai wanted to take her as her daughter...

Zhai Sheng cast a cold, icy stare at Wei De. Wei De caught his gaze and his smug expression froze on his face.

Wei De tried not to stand out in the crowd and kept his expression under control.

He came to 'congratulate' Qiao Nan and to be in the good books of the Zhai family. He never expected that Regiment Commander Zhai, his future brother-in-law, would catch him with a smug expression on his face. He should have paid more attention.

"Zhai Sheng, does Qiao Dongliang intend to divorce Ding Jiayi? If so, help him in whatever ways that you can so that it will be settled as soon as possible. In that case, Qiao Nan can go to college with a peace of mind." Otherwise, no one would be able to concentrate on their studies with such a mother. It was sheer torture.

“Miao Miao.” Zhai Yaohui wanted Miao Jing to be careful with her words. At the very least, no matter how angry she was, she should keep those remarks within the house

However, Zhai Yaohui really could not stand the sight of Ding Jiayi, especially when she made such outrageous comments.

Zhai Sheng thought for a while before saying, “I will think of a way. It seems that today is a bit inappropriate. Dad, do you want to bring Mom back first?” Ding Jiayi was a person who would shoot her mouth off. Qiao Zijin knew of his relationship with Nan Nan. Therefore, Ding Jiayi must have known about it as well.

Zhai Yaohui had been giving Miao Jing hints about Nan Nan’s identity. Zhai Yaohui and Zhai Sheng had decided that today would be the day that they would introduce Qiao Nan as the future daughter-in-law of the Zhai family to Miao Jing.