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Chapter 831 Are You That Kindhearted?

The Qiu family built their wealth from scratch. Basically, they did not have any inheritance from their previous generations. Hence, it was impossible for the Qiu family to be so wealthy all of a sudden and even so generous to Qiu Chenxi by giving her tens of thousands of yuan.

The source of income of the Qiu family was clearly illegal.

With this clue, it was much easier for Zhai Sheng to continue with the investigation.

Hence, none of the wrongs that Qiu Qin had committed could be covered up at all. All of them had been resolved by Zhai Sheng in the shortest time possible. He retrieved all the cultural relics and safeguarded the ancient tomb.

This matter had not been completely resolved. Hence, Zhai Sheng had to be a little evasive when he spoke to Qiao Nan about this.

“I’m just afraid that when something happens to the Qiu family, Director Shi will become the scapegoat when he clearly did not do anything.” Qiao Nan sighed. Her family wanted to favor the male over the female but did not manage to do so, whereas the Shi family successfully favored the female over the male.

“It won’t,” Shi Qing said confidently. “The Qiu family is going downhill. If news of your engagement with Brother Zhai spreads to outsiders and my grandpa still sides with my auntie and Qiu Chenxi wholeheartedly, I will be more willing to become closer to my grandpa. At the very least, it proves that my grandpa is true to them previously, that it was purely out of kinship that he was good to them.” However, Shi Qing was very sure that her biological grandfather was good to Qi Minlan and Qiu Chenxi because of other reasons.

Zhai Sheng had now become someone else’s fiancé. Unless Old Master Shi wished to let his own granddaughter commit the crime of breaking up a military marriage, he had to move aside.

A marriage report that had been approved by the army was considered a military marriage albeit it was only an engagement. It was protected by the laws of the country. Breaking up a military marriage was a crime!

Old Master Shi wanted to benefit from this, but he, this elderly man, certainly did not have the guts to do such a thing that was against the law and regulations.

“Brother Zhai belongs to someone else now. Without this glory, Qiu Chenxi won’t be so carefree wherever she goes now.” Shi Qing was very sure about this. “Fine, let’s not talk about this anymore. I already know the situation now and will tell my dad about it so that he can pay more attention. It’s already eight o’clock. You should sleep in an hour’s time. We have to go to school tomorrow to take the application form for college enrollment. I’m feeling tired too.”

Shi Qing did not expect that the announcement of the college entrance examination results would make one feel so exhausted. Of course, the most tiring things were the appearance of Ding Jiayi and the fainting of Miao Jing.

Shi Qing yawned and stretched herself before returning to her own house to sleep.

“...” It was already so late and Director Shi had not returned home. Shi Qing did not know how to show her concern and urge Director Shi to come back quickly.

Seeing that Shi Qing did not make a phone call, Qiao Nan did.

“Oh, okay. Thanks. I know.” When Shi Peng received Qiao Nan’s phone call, he was quite obedient. He left the office for home after packing up. It was fine that he worked overtime by himself but he could not always drag Secretary Feng to work overtime with him, right?

When Shi Peng arrived home, Shi Qing was already sleeping like a log.

However, Shi Qing had pasted a slip of paper on the door of Shi Peng’s bedroom. She wrote all of what Qiao Nan had told her on the paper.

It was the second time that he heard about this. Hence, Shi Peng smiled and removed the paper. He stored it away instead of discarding it.

His daughter had shown some progress. She knew that she could not wait for him to return home and knew how to leave a message for him on his bedroom door lest she forgot or he did not see the message.

In fact, Shi Peng already knew a little about Qiu Qin's case. Zhai Sheng was the one who let this out to Shi Peng.

After all, Shi Peng was Zhai Sheng's master. In addition, this matter did not have anything to do with Shi Peng. Zhai Sheng had to tell Shi Peng this on account of their master-disciple relationship, in case his master, Shi Peng, was ambushed by others.

Shi Peng bathed before he went to bed. While thinking of the Qiu family's matter, he fell asleep very soon.

Whoever wanted to make use of the Qiu family's matter to deal with him—he wanted to see who would be in for a good show in the end.

Qiao Dongliang had divorced Ding Jiayi and the latter did not have any grounds of objection. Her past behavior had already shut all her way out. Qiu Qin was the other one who had a similar situation to Ding Jiayi.

When Qi Minlan threw the divorce agreement at Qiu Qin, he did not manage to react in time. “What do you mean by this?”

“What do I mean?” Qi Minlan questioned him back. “What can I mean? All this while, hasn't it always been ‘what do you mean? You have a woman outside. This proves that our relationship is already broken. We can't be together anymore. Your heart is not with me and I'm not bothered about making you stay physically with me either. We'll get a divorce. The marital estate will be allocated based on earlier arrangements. Quickly sign this. After signing this, I will bring Chenxi along when I leave. You can then openly fetch that woman back and get married officially. She can give birth to a fair and chubby grandson for your parents. Isn't this the life that you all have been yearning for? Can't I grant you your wish?”

“Will you be so kindhearted?” Qiu Qin did not believe it. If Qi Minlan was someone that was so easy to talk to, she would have divorced him long ago when she found out that he had a mistress. She would not wait until today. “Did you hear any news or did Chenxi find out anything?! Where is Chenxi? Ask her to come here. I have something to ask her!”

Qiu Chenxi had always been closer to Qi Minlan. She was not close to him, the father, at all.

Qiu Chenxi must have been keeping something from him after she met Zhai Sheng the last time. Could it be that Zhai Sheng did not intend to let him off about the matter regarding the cultural relics?

Besides this explanation, Qiu Qin could not think of any other possibility.

“No need to call Chenxi. She met up with Zhai Sheng last time. Therefore, she knows that Zhai Sheng will be getting engaged with another woman. She’s still feeling sad over this. I have thus asked her to go overseas to heal her heart. After you sign the agreement, I will move out immediately and leave a space for that mistress of yours. Maybe your son will come then. If you don’t sign today, it’s fine too. I have many photos and other evidence of you being together with that woman. When the time comes, I will hand them to the court. The outcome will be the same.”

After saying her piece, Qi Minlan simply returned to her bedroom. She carried the luggage that she had already packed and went down the stairs. “Consider carefully whether you want to break up with me on a good note. Your parents have been yearning for a grandson for so many years. I’ve had enough of my life these past two years. You don’t love Chenxi but I’m her mother and I love and want her! What’s with a son? Damn, I love daughters!”

Qi Minlan said some equivocal words and slammed the door hard before she left.

After being transferred to this place, the elderly couple of the Qiu family had more interactions with that woman outside, wanting to know if that woman was pregnant. If she was, she could then quickly do a scan so that they could see if their grandson was coming.

The elderly couple knew that it was not easy for this woman to be pregnant, let alone a second pregnancy.

Hence, either she did not get pregnant or she had to be pregnant with a grandson for the Qiu family.

Chapter 832 There Is Still a Brother-in-Law

It was thus not exaggerating to say that Qi Minlan had suffered a lot because of this.

As Qiu Qin’s wife, Qi Minlan had been staying at home every day, but one had never seen the elderly couple treat her amiably.

On the contrary, they, especially Old Mrs. Qiu, was 'serving' that woman outside with good soup and beverages every day. Old Mrs. Qiu said that she wanted to nourish that woman's health so that the latter could give birth to a healthy and intelligent grandson for the Qiu family in the future

Besides entering the house of the Qiu family openly and staying there, the position, status, and treatment that Qi Minlan should enjoy had all been taken away by that woman.

Qi Minlan did not make a fuss because she had no backing from Shi Peng. However, this did not mean that she did not have any ability to retaliate.

Qi Minlan had noted down in a little notebook the number of times and frequency that Qiu Qin and the elderly Qiu couple visited the residence in which the mistress was staying at and what they brought with them each time.

She did not care whether Qiu Qin was willing to get a divorce. She only knew that she had already told Qiu Qin about this. If he refused to get a divorce, she would then insist on having one.

Anyway, the situation was already as such. Within a few days, Qiu Qin would fall from grace and revert to his original state—the moment before he had relied on her to climb up the ranks in the past. In fact, he would have a greater and more severe fall.

With this point alone, Qi Minlan would leave as fast as she could with no feelings of reluctance at all.

The more Qi Minlan behaved this way, the more worried Qiu Qin was. They had been married for so many years. In the absence of a special reason, Qi Minlan was capable of behaving distastefully by being a dog in the manger given her character.

Furthermore, the status of his wife was not some latrine but a big gold basin!

Unfortunately, Qiu Chenxi was not at home now. Qiu Qin could not even find a person that he could enquire about this.

Qiu Qin had no choice but to give a call to his old friend in Ping Cheng. "Good day, it's me, Old Qiu. Right, can I ask you something? I heard that Zhai Sheng is going to be engaged soon. Do you know which family's lady? Ah? You don't know too. Oh, okay. Then, goodbye."

Qiu Qin made a few phone calls before he managed to find out from one of the neighbors of the Zhai family that the Zhai family seemed to have such an intention.

He was still puzzled. Zhai Sheng was usually in the army camp. He also did not see him being romantically involved with anyone. Why was it that when there was news, it was already pertaining to his engagement? Who was that lucky young lady who had been chosen by the Zhai family and would be engaged with Zhai Sheng?

That neighbor even questioned Qiu Qin back.

After verifying that this news was true, Qiu Qin still felt worried.

That eye-striking divorce agreement that Qi Minlan left behind was still lying flat on the table.

More than one year ago, he had been pining for the appearance of this piece of divorce agreement but Qi Minlan disagreed. Today, Qi Minlan had taken the initiative for the divorce but Qiu Qin felt insecure suddenly.

“What exactly is the matter? Why did Qi Minlan leave? Who did you call just now? Zhai Sheng is going to be engaged? With whom?” It was certainly not his granddaughter, Qiu Chenxi. Otherwise, as the grandfather, why was he unaware of it?

Old Master Qiu asked a few questions simultaneously. “Didn’t we tell you clearly about the divorce agreement long ago? Don’t take it out to agitate Qi Minlan. Your matter with Xiao Liu still needs to be kept a secret. If she really sues you, you can’t even remain in your current position. Why is there a need to do that?!”

There was no point in fighting in a momentary fit of anger. It was meaningless. “Qiu Qin, don’t be anxious. Xiao Liu is a sensible child. She did not force you either. If Xiao Liu is really pregnant with your child, it will be fine. When the time comes, we can make some under-the-table arrangements and simply register the child’s name under Qi Minlan. It’s not difficult to do so.”

“Dad, you made a wrong guess this time. I’m not the one who gave Qi Minlan the divorce agreement. She was the one who gave it to me.” Qiu Qin gave a sarcastic laugh. “Dad, I feel strange about this matter. How is it possible that Qi Minlan will be willing to initiate a divorce with me? Dad, tell me, is it because...”

“Don’t talk nonsense!” Old Master Qiu knew about the matter of the ancient tomb’s cultural relic after it had occurred but he silently agreed to what Qiu Qin did. “Besides the two of us, no one in our family knows about this. As for Qi Minlan, this woman who won’t do anything without any gain, she will stick to you more if she knows that you have such an avenue. Even if she wants to divorce, will she be willing to leave without making you pay a huge compensation? It shouldn’t be the case.”

“...” Qiu Qin hesitated whether he should mention the situation regarding Qiu Chenxi. “Dad, do you think I should sign the divorce agreement?”

“Logically, I hope that you will sign this long ago. Compared to you, Xiao Liu is considered young. However, in terms of age, she is not that young anymore. One has to give birth to a child as early as possible. It’s just right if Xiao Liu gives birth now. I don’t wish that the grandson of our Qiu family can’t lift up his head in front of others too. However... I heard that Shi Peng is doing quite well as a director in Ping Cheng. In just a short period of two years, he has achieved a lot and got promoted very quickly.”

With this brother-in-law, this marriage could not be ended so casually.

“Why don’t we do this? Try to delay this matter as much as possible. We don’t know what Qi Minlan is up to. Perhaps she will come back on her own accord after kicking up a fuss for a couple of days. If it really won’t do, you can spend some money to appease her. That kind of woman is easy to coax with a little money. For the sake of your future, what’s a small sum of money? Why did we earn so much money? It’s to find alternative routes in life in times of need and to avoid delaying your future due to lack of money.”

Whether they gave the money to others or Qi Minlan, it was also considered as a form of spending. After all, Qi Minlan had given birth to a granddaughter for the Qiu family.

Although it was not possible for Qiu Chenxi to be married to Zhai Sheng anymore, given Qiu Chenxi’s look, it would not be too difficult to marry someone who was slightly worse off than Zhai Sheng but much better than an average person. This son-in-law would also be of help to the Qiu family.

“Fine, let’s do that.” He had initially assumed that Shi Peng would not have great achievements after leaving the army and that he would lead a mediocre life and take care of his health while awaiting his death.

Due to this situation, Qiu Qin was completely disappointed with Shi Peng and did not pine any hopes on him.

Unexpectedly, within a short time span of two years, Shi Peng had performed so well and shown great achievements in that role of his. He was truly capable and hands-on.

For the sake of Shi Peng, this brother-in-law, he certainly could not get a divorce with Qi Minlan so easily. If he really had to divorce her, fine. He had to receive some benefits before he would even consider it.

With this thought in mind, Qiu Qin was unaware that Qiu Chenxi did not go traveling overseas. Instead, she had returned to Ping Cheng early in the morning and rented a place to wait for and reunite with Qi Minlan.

As for Qi Minlan, after she arrived in Ping Cheng, she and Qiu Chenxi stayed in a hotel for one night.

The two of them dared not return to their house in the Ping Cheng yet. They were afraid that Qiu Qin would receive news once they were back. Hence, they could only waste some money to stay in a hotel for one night first before deciding on what to do.

“Mom, have you brought everything?” Qiu Chenxi asked Qi Minlan anxiously.

“Don’t worry. I’ve brought everything. Fortunately, you told me about this. Otherwise, if I continue to be with your dad, I have yet to enjoy any good fortune, I will suffer badly.”

Chapter 833 We Are Biological Siblings

Qiu Qin was truly audacious. He dared to find someone to steal from the ancient tomb and then sell the cultural relics. He was breaking the law despite knowing it. That would be a more serious crime!

At the thought that she did not spend a single cent of the proceeds that Qiu Qin received from the sale of the cultural relics and that woman outside must have benefited from it, Qi Minlan had absolutely no hesitation about getting a divorce.

Qiu Chenxi heaved a sigh of relief. “Mom, do you think uncle will be willing to help us this time?”

Zhai Sheng only gave her one month of time. In her opinion, it would be better if her mother got a divorce as soon as possible, lest the two of them, mother and daughter, became implicated in the matter.

“I think so...” When Qi Minlan said this, she sounded very doubtful. She had not forgotten what she had done. Previously, in the army camp, she just left and never turned back. Two years had passed and she, as the biological sister, had never visited Shi Peng. They were not even as close as acquaintances, let alone relatives.

Now, she was going to appear before Shi Peng only when she needed his help for something. Qi Minlan looked flustered and nervous.

The situation was already as such and Qi Minlan did not have any choice. There was no one else that she could plead with except for Shi Peng.

All the while, everyone kicks a man who is down. The situation of the Qiu family was not as good as before. She could only rely on her status as the biological sister of Shi Peng now. “You don’t have to worry about this matter. I will go and look for your uncle. If he is angry and flares up with me, he can vent it all on me. Mom won’t let you suffer. At most, I’ll be given a few scoldings. It’s better than nothing. Even if he is too much, he is also your uncle and my elder brother. Compared to outsiders, your uncle is definitely better.”

At this moment, Qi Minlan remembered that Shi Peng was her next-of-kin and that he would certainly treat her much better than outsiders would.

Humans would remember the ones who were best to them only when they were in some trouble.

It was just that when one was enjoying good fortune, would they still remember the ones who were willing to lend them a helping hand in times of danger and trouble? This was a great test of one’s character.

“Okay.” Qiu Chenxi really did not have the shame and courage to face Shi Peng and Shi Qing. The father-daughter pair had been living in Ping Cheng for so long and the Qiu family did not even interact with them at all.

Today, they came forward only when they needed a favor. Qiu Chenxi wanted her pride and she could not bring herself to do this.

Furthermore, Shi Qing's good friend, Qiao Nan, was the one who was going to be engaged to Zhai Sheng.

At the thought of how she had boasted to Shi Qing before, Qiu Chenxi was more reluctant to appear before Shi Qing in case the latter laughed at her.

"Director Shi, there's a woman outside by the surname of Qi. She said that she's your sister. Do you wish to let her in?" Secretary Feng looked at Shi Peng curiously. He had been working with Director Shi for one year and this was the first time that he heard that Director Shi actually had relatives in Ping Cheng.

"I'm not available now." Shi Peng, who was attending to some matters, replied without even lifting his head. "You can ask her to leave her contact number and I will call her when I have the time."

Shi Peng knew that it was not possible for Qi Minlan to look for him due to work-related matters. It would only be for personal matters.

How could an individual's personal matter be more important than the official matters of the citizens of the whole Ping Cheng? Hence, Shi Peng simply put Qi Minlan's matter at the bottom of the to-do list. One day of delay would not make much of a difference.

Upon hearing this, Qi Minlan, who was standing outside, fell silent for a while. Her brother was purposely making things difficult for her as he was still angry about her previous doings.

Nevertheless, she had already guessed that this would happen. In fact, she would feel strange if her brother did not have any reaction. "No issue. I'm not in a hurry. I can wait. He can see me when he has the time to do so." She did not believe that Shi Peng was so busy that he did not even have time for lunch.

When Shi Peng was going to have lunch, she would then make use of lunchtime to talk to Shi Peng. It was not such a difficult matter. It was just regarding her divorce with Qiu Qin. She hoped that Shi Peng could help speed up the progress.

It was not something illegal. Hence, Shi Peng would not reject her.

“Fine.” Qi Minlan did not disturb him in his work. Secretary Feng then allowed Qi Minlan to sit and continue to wait.

Secretary Feng was quite curious about Qi Minlan. She claimed that she was his director’s biological sister but the two of them did not bear the same surname.

The strangest thing was that she was the biological sister, but today was the first time that this ‘member of the royal family’ came to look for Director Shi. Was this ‘member of the royal family’ authentic or fake?

Facing Secretary Feng’s curious gaze from time to time, Qi Minlan straightened her back so that Secretary Feng would not see through her thoughts and embarrassment.

She had sat for the entire morning.

It was only when it was half-past noon that Shi Peng started to have his lunch.

At the sight of the lunch box, Qi Minlan was quick in her actions as she immediately followed Secretary Feng and squeezed into Shi Peng’s office. Her actions were so swift that Secretary Feng did not even have the chance to stop her.

Secretary Feng was wide-eyed and tongue-tied as he helplessly watched Qi Minlan enter Shi Peng’s office like a robber. He then followed closely behind.

“You’re having lunch now. You should have some time to listen to a few words of mine.” Qi Minlan was extremely anxious as she spoke first.

“Listen to you about what? Are you going to tell me that you have finally finished preparing the ginseng and deer antler that you should have prepared for me when I was ill, and you are going to give them to me now? It didn’t seem so... You came empty-handed.” Shi Peng requested Secretary Feng to bring over his lunch box. “I’ve reviewed and approved these documents. You can send them down. There are also a few questions on some segments. Get someone to check them out. If they don’t explain them clearly, we’re not going to use any of them.”

“Will do, Director Shi.” Secretary Feng carried a huge stack of documents out. Those documents were piled up like a little hill and they nearly drowned Secretary Feng.

At the sight of the office table filled with official documents, Qi Minlan’s expression looked more at ease. It seemed that Shi Peng was truly busy. It was not that he deliberately refused to see her, this sister. “Brother, I really have something urgent that I need your help with.”

“Do you? When I needed help, my sister went hiding. When my sister needs help, she will then remember the existence of her only brother. It’s so good to be a younger sister.” Shi Peng sneered. During the time when his health was the poorest, the concern and care given to him from outsiders were a thousand times more than that of Qi Minlan.

On the contrary, Qi Minlan, his biological sister, was deeply afraid that his health was truly poor and needed a lot of money. Despite living in the same city for two to three years, she had never contacted him. During Lunar New Year or festive seasons, she did not even send him any greeting. She was so distant that she could not even be compared to his neighbors.

“Brother, do you have to bring up the old scores with me?” At the mention of these past matters, Qi Minlan did not even have any explanation. She really could not smoke her way through. “I can understand that you are still angry about what happened previously. If you want to scold me to vent your anger, I will accept it. You are also aware that I’m the daughter-in-law of the Qiu family once I’m married. The Qiu family...”

Qi Minlan wanted to say that the money of the Qiu family was not with her. When she wanted to buy some good stuff to show her concern for Shi Peng, the Qiu family was heartless and disloyal and refused to let her do so. Did she have a choice?

Hence, she had not contacted Shi Peng and his daughter in these few years. The Qiu family was to be blamed for this. It did not have anything to do with her. She was innocent.

Chapter 834 Seek Help from the Maternal Family

Qi Minlan was thinking that if she were to put all the blame on the Qiu family, Shi Peng would be more willing to quickly agree to her request when she told him that she was going to divorce Qiu Qin.

“Fine. How can I not know what kind of person you are? Since you were a child, you have never allowed yourself to be shortchanged. Speak if you have any matter. I still have a lot of work to do. If you can’t finish what you want to say before I finish my meal, you will have to go back and talk

to me again when I have time. It's not possible for me to put aside the citizens' issues and bother about a lousy matter of that small family of yours." Her husband had a mistress but she turned and gave her brother a scolding. He could not afford to have either such a sister or father.

"Brother, I'll be getting a divorce with Qiu Qin. Help me settle this as soon as possible." She did not need so much time. Before lunchtime was up, Qi Minlan finished what she wanted to say within the time taken for taking a few breaths.

At this moment, Shi Peng had already finished half the contents in the lunch box. "This place is not the court. We don't intervene in such matters. If you want to get a divorce, you should hire a lawyer directly and file a divorce lawsuit. That will do. Since you have such an intention, you should have a lot of evidence in your hands. Why are you in such a hurry?"

"I'm in a hurry. Of course I am in a hurry!" If she did not divorce with Qiu Qin soon, the money in her hands that she had painstakingly gotten from the Qiu family over the years would all be gone.

If that truly happened, she would lose her youth, feelings, and man. If she could not even hold on to her money, what else would be left of her?

All of a sudden, Qi Minlan pounded on Shi Peng's office table. "Don't tell me that you don't know about the illegal things that Qiu Qin had done recently? He's going to be in trouble. I've been married into the Qiu family for so many years and I have given birth to a child for them. They never understand the hardships that I've gone through. Qiu Qin even found a mistress outside. Brother, are you willing to help me only after you watch me, who is already in my middle age, lose everything such that I will even have difficulty in having a full meal? I'm your biological sister!"

"When I was about to die, I did not see you remember that I'm your biological brother." The last sentence of Qi Minlan's speech was what Shi Peng hated to hear most. "Doesn't the old master dote on you very much? Why don't you look for the old master instead of me regarding this matter? He still has some connections. I'm not familiar with anyone from the court but he is. When I am able to spare the time to help you say something, it will definitely not be the 'as soon as possible' that you wish for. The old master has a lot of time. With one phone call, and as long as the evidence that you provide is sufficient, the court case and trial will be over very soon. He is certainly going to be more effective than me."

It was not that Shi Peng was not willing to help. He was telling the truth.

Shi Peng had relied on himself all this while. He took one step at a time to gradually achieve everything that he had today.

Those few contacts that old Master Shi had, Shi Peng had never utilized or enquired about them before. Old Master Shi was free to give them to whoever he wished to. That was up to the old master and he could not be bothered with it.

“Really? You’re not purposely brushing me off, are you?” Qi Minlan was a little doubtful. “Why didn’t I know that Dad has such connections?”

“If you don’t know, you shouldn’t ask me. You should ask the old master. Doesn’t he dote on you the most?” Shi Peng said without any reservation.

Old Master Shi was very scheming but he was not that capable. The valuable resources that he had on hand were limited.

As he only had so little resources, Old Master Shi treated these like treasures and clutched them in his hands. He was unwilling to give them to his son or daughter. It was not sure what he had been waiting for all this while.

Shi Peng did not care for these little things that the old master had. It was the same and even more so for Shi Qing. She would rather be like her father and create everything through her own effort and hard work.

Qi Minlan would definitely be interested in the things that Shi Peng and his daughter did not care about.

Today, Shi Peng ‘sold’ this news to Qi Minlan as he hoped that Qi Minlan would ‘pester’ the old master more instead of pointlessly targeting him, her brother, after she was divorced with Qiu Qin.

It would depend on Qi Minlan’s capability on whether she would eventually be able to ‘get hold of’ those little things in the old master’s hands.

“Alright, I know now!” Shi Peng was not willing to bother about her and Qi Minlan had found a new way. She was also decisive and did not continue to pester Shi Peng. Instead, she left without further ado and returned to the hotel.

“Mom, you came back so soon? Did uncle agree?” It was just one morning and Qi Minlan was back. Qiu Chenxi was quite surprised. “It seems that uncle is quite good to you.” It was unlike what her mother told her previously, that her maternal grandfather’s family did not treat her that well or amicably. They shunned her mother for being a lady and not a son.

Qi Minlan took a deep breath. “Chenxi, we will depend on it this time and see whether you can become a politician!” It was fine that she did not have a son. As long as she could raise and support her daughter, that would be stronger than anything else.

This matter made Qi Minlan understand why she was always the one pleading with others instead of the other way round whenever she encountered any problems. Wasn’t it because she had never personally assumed that role?

She did not have any more hopes to do so in this lifetime. Nevertheless, her daughter was still young and intelligent. Thus, she completely had the chance to take another path in her life.

Qi Minlan was full of fighting spirit as she gave a call to her maternal family in Mo Du. Coincidentally, Old Master Shi was the one who picked up the call. “Dad, I would like to seek your help in something. You have to help me. You’re the only one who can help me now.”

Qi Minlan knew that Old Master Shi was different from Shi Peng. He loved to listen to good words and he was very pleased when someone curried favor with him.

Shi Peng did not have the habit but Qi Minlan did. Hence, she put her words in such a way as if Old Master Shi was the only one in the whole world who could help her.

“What’s the matter? Tell me directly.” Although Old Master Shi loved words that were pleasing to his ears, he would not be cajoled so easily. If he was willing to help every time after just listening to some good words, there would have been chaos in the Shi family since long ago.

“Dad, I will be getting a divorce with Qiu Qin. If I don’t divorce him soon, our whole Shi family is going to be implicated by the Qiu family soon.” Qi Minlan did not keep the matter from Old Master Shi. She spilled out all the ‘good things’ that Qiu Qin had done to Old Master Shi.

After Old Master Shi heard that, he fell silent for a long time. “That lad in the Zhai family is willing to tell Chenxi about this news. This means that he still has some feelings toward Chenxi. After so many years of ‘torture’, Chenxi is not young anymore. That lad in the Zhai family is also of the age

such that he can let the Zhai family carry grandsons. The matter between the two of them has not been finalized?”

Old Master Qiu had not brought up the matter between Qiu Chenxi and Zhai Sheng in front of Qi Minlan for a very long time. After all, this matter turned very ugly previously.

Qiu Qin sacrificed his own daughter’s happiness in exchange for a good role for himself. Old Master Qiu was aware of this matter.

He did not wish to bother about Qiu Qin, this son-in-law, because the latter had ‘spoiled the ship for a halfpennyworth of tar’ and he had a very ‘short-term thinking’.

When Qiu Chenxi married into the Zhai family, they could gain whatever benefit that they wished for. Qiu Qin had to give up so many things for the sake of one role. He had forsaken the watermelon for the sake of sesame. It made no sense.

If he had known that Qiu Qin was such an individual who lacked foresight, he would not have married his daughter to him in the past.

Chapter 835 Still Dreaming

His maternal granddaughter was the only person who was qualified to be engaged to Zhai Sheng. No other person’s granddaughter could be engaged to him.

“...” It was Qi Minlan’s turn to be silent. She did not know what to say.

She did not know how she should put it across that Zhai Sheng was indeed getting engaged, but the young lady was not her daughter. Instead, it was someone whom they had the least suspicions and that she came from a humble background.

Qi Minlan was not willing to say all these as it would mean that Qiu Chenxi had lost to someone who was not as good as her. It was too shameful.

“What’s wrong? Hasn’t Chenxi made up with the son of the Zhai family? If that is so, Chenxi is not moving fast enough. It’s been more than two years. I know that there isn’t any girl around that man. As long as Chenxi works on it, their relationship will work. Tell Chenxi to put in more effort.”

“Dad, what I am telling you now is regarding my marriage to Qiu Qin. Do you think I should get a divorce?” Qi Minlan directed the conversation back to her original topic.

She also wished for her daughter to be engaged and to marry Zhai Sheng, but it was impossible.

Zhai Sheng had filed the marriage report. He would be engaged soon. In the past, he did not like her daughter, and it was all the more impossible now.

Qi Minlan knew that it was impossible to create a done deal.

The men from the Zhai family were blockheads. They would never be intimate with any other ladies. Back then, Zhai Yaohui did not do so, and now, Zhai Sheng would not do so as well.

Otherwise, her daughter would have been pregnant with Zhai Sheng’s child, and Qiao Nan could have never got in the picture.

“You definitely have to get a divorce.” old Master Shi sighed. “He has done such illegal things. Like you said, if you don’t get a divorce, it would implicate Shi Peng.”

“...” She meant that she would be implicating the Shi family, while her father said that it would implicate Shi Peng alone. Could it be that to her father, Shi Peng was equivalent to the entire Shi family?

No, it could not be. Shi Peng said that her father had some connections. Therefore, her father must be the person who was in charge of the Shi family.

Although Shi Peng was not a good brother, he never lied to her. “Dad, you have to help me. I have to get a divorce as soon as possible. We cannot allow things to drag any further. Zhai Sheng only agreed to give Chenxi one month’s time. I feel that it is better that we settle everything within this week. What do you think?”

“Look, Zhai Sheng still treats Chenxi very well. He is a sentimental man. Since he can give her one month, it proves that he is fond of her.” Therefore, it was highly likely that they could be in-laws with the Zhai family.

It was useless to discuss it. As long as Zhai Sheng liked Chenxi, nobody would be able to object to it.

“...” Qi Minlan, who initially had a bad temper, felt like slamming the phone. Why did her father insist on talking about Zhai Sheng and Qiu Chenxi? “Dad, when will you talk to your connections? I have all the information with me. I will hire a lawyer to prepare the documents and I will submit it right away. How about things at your side?”

“Do you still need my help? Zhai Sheng is being very obvious. The Zhai family has connections as well. Tell Chenxi to use this as an excuse to ask Zhai Sheng for help. You are such an insensible mom. This is a great opportunity, yet you don’t know how to make use of it. The Zhai family has power and authority. Yes, Zhai Sheng is interested in Chenxi, but you cannot possibly want Zhai Sheng to take the initiative to offer his help. He has already extended an olive branch. Why are you being so insensible?!”

“Dad, Zhai Sheng is getting engaged...”

“Is Zhai Sheng getting engaged to Chenxi? Why didn’t you tell me earlier? Do you intend to tell me on the day before the engagement? When is it? I will buy a ticket now!” Old Master Shi stood up in excitement. It took so many years for the Shi family to get back what was supposed to be theirs originally.

Even if the future chief would not be his son or his maternal grandson, it was acceptable to him that the husband of his maternal granddaughter was the chief.

“Chenxi is not getting engaged to Zhai Sheng. It is another young lady from the quad.”

“...” Old Master Shi, who was getting ready to put on his shoes and order someone to book tickets for the earliest flight, almost slipped and fell. “I am hard of hearing. Did you say that Zhai Sheng is getting engaged to Chenxi?”

“He is getting engaged, but not to Chenxi.” Qi Minlan repeated her words reluctantly.

If Zhai Sheng was getting engaged to Chenxi, she would have no need to ask her father for help.

More importantly, if Zhai Sheng was interested in Chenxi, Qiu Qin would not have suffered setbacks in his career.

As long as Zhai Sheng was willing to help, he had the authority while Qiu Qin had the ways to make money. With the money and authority on their hands, the Zhai family and the Qiu family would strike it big in the future.

If not for Zhai Sheng, nobody would find out what Qiu Qin was up to.

If Zhai Sheng was getting engaged to Qiu Chenxi, Qiu Qin would not dare to have another woman outside. There would not be any upheavals in her life as well. She would not be in such a miserable state, having to seek help from her parents.

“Dad, does it mean that if Chenxi is not engaged to Zhai Sheng, you will not help me but watch me die? The Qiu family will run into big trouble very soon. You should know my in-laws well. If I am still married to Qiu Qin, they will definitely ask you or my brother for help. My brother just got a new job and he is starting to do well in his work. However, he is not in good health. If my in-laws pester him, it will affect his work and health. I have been to see my brother. He was busy with work and he only had time to eat his lunch box at around half past twelve. He only took less than five minutes to finish his meal.”

Qi Minlan used what she knew to her advantage. She made it sound as if she was very close to Shi Peng and visited him frequently. Hence, that was why she knew about his condition.

“Dad, as his sister, I cannot render him any help. Now that he is doing well in his job, I cannot implicate him. If so, it will be implicating the entire Shi family. I am not that shameful. Now that the Qiu family is still kept in the dark, I must hurry to get a divorce as soon as possible before the truth is out.”

“...” Old Master Shi did not intend to sit by and not do anything. No matter what, she was his daughter and Chenxi was his granddaughter. But it was indeed a pity that the Shi family was not destined to be the chief. It pained him that the Shi family missed the chance to be the chief time and again. “Alright, after you get the lawyer to prepare the documents, you should go to the court directly. If you want to get a divorce as soon as possible, you need to have all the evidence that you can get.”

Chapter 836 Please Pay Attention to Safety

Qi Minlan was telling the truth. It was easy for her to get a divorce.

Not only did Qiu Qin have an affair, but he also spent the money that belonged to both of them on the woman. He had gone overboard.

In particular, the elderly couple in the Qiu family wanted his mistress to bear them a grandchild. If so, Qiu Qin might even commit the crime of bigamy.

It was easy to get a divorce now that things had come to this state.

“Rest assured, Dad. I am telling the truth. Dad, I will hurry to prepare the documents, This has to be settled as soon as possible so that I can set my mind at ease.” Now that Old Master Shi had promised to help, Qi Minlan did not waste any more time.

When she finished the conversation, the lawyer that she had made an appointment with yesterday arrived.

The lawyer had drafted the documents for the divorce by litigation. He brought them over for Qi Minlan to take a look today. As long as nothing was wrong, they could head to the court.

Qi Minlan was not familiar with the law. She scanned through the documents to check that it was as she had said previously before they left for the court.

Actually, a small lawsuit like this would take some time to be processed.

However, after Old Master Shi had contacted the relevant departments and asked them to help, Qi Minlan was shown the way as soon as she arrived. The processes were simplified for her and she was able to process her divorce faster.

Qiu Qin received the court summons three days later, asking him to go to the court.

Grandma Qiu did not quite understand what that was. She thought that someone had pulled a prank. But she still brought it inside for Old Master Qiu and Qiu Qin to take a look

Qiu Qin saw the official embossed seal on the documents. He did not make the same mistake like his mother and knew what it was right away. “Qi Minlan is bent on getting a divorce. The court session will begin today. It is too fast!” Qiu Qin had not been through a divorce, but he knew that it

was too fast for the court sessions to start in three days. He did not know that the court was so efficient.

There should be a few summons after the documents for divorce by litigation were submitted, should there not? Why did he have to go to court straightaway?

“It seems like Old Shi has a hand in this matter.” Old Qiu frowned. “Qiu Qin, is it possible that your secret is out? If not, Elder Shi would not meddle in this.”

Qi Minlan was not young anymore. She had a daughter with his son. If she were to divorce, the Shi family would have to support a divorced daughter. It would do no good to them.

The Shi family would not do things that harmed others without benefiting themselves.

“Dad, this won’t do. I have to go to Ping Cheng now. According to what you said, with my father-in-law’s help, Qi Minlan will divorce me without me being present!” Qiu Qin felt that something was wrong, but it was too late for him to react.

“You’d better hurry. Have a good talk with Qi Minlan. Our worries may prove groundless, but no matter what, it is better to be careful. You must not get a divorce for the time being.” Shi Peng was doing very well in Ping Cheng. A few days ago, he was even planning for his son to appease Qi Minlan and to stay in close contact with Shi Peng. He might be able to help Qiu Qin in his career.

Now that Qiu Qin was involved in the excavation of the ancient tomb, if he divorced Qi Minlan, the Qiu family would not be able to make use of their connection to Shi Peng.

“I know.” There was no way that he would agree to a divorce with Qi Minlan now.

Unless he was able to escape unscathed from his involvement in the excavation of the ancient tomb, and Shi Peng helped him take up a position at Ping Cheng, he would never divorce Qi Minlan.

Qiu Qin, who was driving to Ping Cheng, had this thought in mind. However, it never crossed his mind that if he could cover up his involvement with the cultural relics and was transferred back to Ping Cheng, Qi Minlan would not need to go through all the troubles to divorce him.

Since it was a trial, Qiu Qin was clever enough to bring a lawyer with him.

Of course, he had some dealings with the lawyer in the past. He had worked with the lawyer when he was in Ping Cheng. He knew that he was a capable lawyer.

On the way to the court, the lawyer explained the case in detail to Qiu Qin. “Director Qiu, are you sure that you have told me everything? Have you made any mistakes in principles in the past? Or have you done anything that violates the marriage law in China?”

As a lawyer, he had seen all kinds of situations.

People like Qiu Qin might seem to be an honest and upright gentleman, but nobody knew how he was truly like in private.

As a wife of a government official, she would not file for a divorce without an apparent reason. At the very least, among all the cases that he had worked on, most of the time, the husband would insist on a divorce because of his affair. He rarely saw cases whereby the wife was determined to get a divorce just because the husband had an affair.

Moreover, he had never seen any cases whereby the wife filed for a divorce even though the husband did not have an affair.

He believed Qiu Qin’s case would not be the exception. “Director Qiu, you have to tell me the truth. If I know nothing when we go to court, I will not be able to help you when the other party submits their evidence. Director Qiu, I hope you are not trying to test my reaction.”

Since the lawyer had said so, and Qiu Qin knew that Qi Minlan was bent on divorcing him, he had no other choice but to tell him everything

The lawyer almost wanted to get out of the car after Qiu Qin confessed the truth to him. There was no point in fighting the case.

In general, the court would take one to two months before they would have a court session for this type of lawsuit.

However, this lawsuit was not an ordinary lawsuit. Qiu Qin used to be an official in the city, and he was an official in the town now. As for his wife, she was the daughter of a government official. She

also had a strong family background. Now that they ended up in a lawsuit, it would have to depend on which side had the most valid reasons.

But right now, Qiu Qin was on the losing end. He was not able to go against the strong family background of his wife, and he was the person who had committed mistakes in the first place. The lawyer was helpless. He was not even able to take advantage of the legal loopholes.

“Director Qiu, to be honest, I can’t do much about this lawsuit. If you don’t want to get a divorce, you can only try to have a good talk with your wife and make her change her mind. If you fight the case and leave it to the court to make a decision, you will most probably end up in a divorce.” There was no other way.

“Is there really no other way?” Qiu Qin was anxious.

The lawyer had a big shock. “Director Qiu, we are on the road. Please watch the traffic condition. We still have some time. Let’s discuss this when we are at the court.” The lawyer broke out in a cold sweat. Nobody would be responsible for his life. He did not want to die in an accident because of a lawsuit.

Chapter 837 Second Relationship

“There is no time for this. Lawyer Wang, you’d better hurry to think of a way. Apart from persuading my wife, is there really no other way?” Qiu Qin was anxious. He knew that he would not be able to persuade his wife. Even if he pleaded with her, she would not change her mind.

If what happened at the ancient tomb could not be kept a secret, Qi Minlan would definitely want to get a divorce and sever ties with him. She would not change her mind.

Lawyer Wang was put in a difficult spot. “You are her husband. If you can’t make her change her mind, as your lawyer, I can only use legal means to protect your interests as much as possible. But you are the party in the wrong in this marriage. The law will not protect the party who is in the wrong.”

By the time they reached the court, they still had not reached a conclusion.

After listening to Lawyer Wang’s advice, Qiu Qin went to smoke at the toilet. He finished half a pack of cigarettes in no time. He had no say in this marriage. It was totally up to Qi Minlan whether she wanted to bring up divorce.

Therefore, if he did not want a divorce, he had to work on her.

Thankfully, he still had two hours before the court session started. After getting ready and getting rid of the smell of cigarettes on him, he dashed to the florist and bought ninety-nine red roses. He had a huge bouquet of roses when he came back to the court.

Unlike Qiu Qin who was early, Qi Minlan took her time and only arrived at the court half an hour before the court session started.

She had just gotten off the car when someone handed a bouquet of red roses to her. It was red and alluring. She was captivated and touched by it.

Qi Minlan patted her chest. "Have you sent it to the wrong..."

She sneered when she realized that it was Qiu Qin who was holding the bouquet of flowers. "Have you sent the flowers to the wrong person?" Should he not give these flowers to his mistress?

It was such a waste to give them to an old and haggard woman like her!

"No, Minlan, this is for you. In another month's time, it will be our 25th wedding anniversary." In the past, Qiu Qin would not remember any of the dates or anniversary. Qi Minlan felt rare that he would bring up the anniversary today.

"Alright. Give these flowers to your mistress. I don't need them. As for the anniversary, we have not celebrated it in the past twenty years. There is no need for a celebration this year as well. The court session will start in twenty minutes. It will not be good to be late. Let's go." Qi Minlan smirked. Now, he knew to remember the dates and to give her flowers.

What nonsense was that?

It was too late!

"Minlan, I don't want a divorce. Actually..."

Qiu Qin had yet to say his honeyed words and Qi Minlan had walked off in her high heels. She bypassed Qiu Qin and went in the direction of the court. "Leave all those honeyed words to your mistress. I have no need for them. We have spent half of our lives together. After Chenxi turned five years old, this is the first time that you said these gentle words to me. Do you think I will fall for it after such a long time?"

Did not want a divorce?

Fat hope!

"Qi Minlan, what do you want so as not to file for divorce?!" Qiu Qin had been given the cold shoulder time and again. He was so furious that he threw the flowers onto the ground and stomped on them.

To Qiu Qin, the bright and red roses were like the bossy smile on Qi Minlan's face. It was detestable.

When Qi Minlan was on the way to the court, she saw Qiao Dongliang, who was on his way out.

Qi Minlan's bright smile disappeared from her face. There was a dark look on her face. Why did she have to run into detestable people even when she was at the court?

Why did Qiao Nan's father come to the court?

Qi Minlan noticed that there was a small red notebook in Qiao Dongliang's hands. On it wrote 'divorce certificate'. Qi Minlan was surprised.

The daughter was about to be engaged, yet the father got a divorce at this time. The family was indeed odd.

Qi Minlan knew who Qiao Dongliang was, but Qiao Dongliang did not know Qi Minlan. He walked past her without looking in her direction.

Qiao Dongliang felt relieved that he was finally divorced. A heavy weight was lifted off his heart.

“Qi Minlan...” Qiu Qin followed right after Qi Minlan.

Qiu Qin wanted to stop Qi Minlan from entering the court, but there were people on duty outside the court. If he did anything to Qi Minlan, he would be stopped by them.

Lawyer Wang witnessed this scene and was exasperated.

As the party who was in the wrong, what Qiu Qin and the Qiu family did was sufficient proof for them to be divorced.

Now, he was caught using force on his wife outside the court by the security on duty. It could be viewed as domestic violence.

It was a disaster to have such a client. It was worse because he did not understand the law.

“Director Qiu, stop it, stop it. If you continue to do so, there is no need to go to court.” Lawyer Wang ran toward Qiu Qin and pulled at him.

In the end, although Qiu Qin did not agree to it, Qi Minlan had sufficient evidence to prove that Qiu Qin had betrayed Qi Minlan’s trust in the marriage and he was also caught using force on her outside the court.

Since they no longer had a mutual affection for each other, the law in China would not insist that they stayed as a couple. The court ruled that they could divorce each other.

By the time they walked out of the court, each of them had a newly issued divorce certificate in their hands.

“Qiu Qin, we will no longer have any relations to each other in the future. I will not see you again. Make sure you don’t come looking for me. It’s useless even if you look for me!” Qi Minlan was still angry about what happened regarding the ancient tomb.

Qiu Qin earned a huge sum of money from the excavation of the ancient tomb. However, Qiu Qin did not give her a single cent and only used them on his mistress, yet he did not want to divorce her today and wanted to implicate her. He was such a heartless man.

Qiu Qin had a sullen look on his face. "I can understand that husband and wife might be living in the same forest, but when faced with adversity, they would fly away in different directions. I have no wish to bring up the unhappiness in the past. At the very least, we used to be husband and wife. I have agreed to all your requests on the divorce agreement today at the court. I only have one question to ask of you and I hope that you can tell me the truth. Am I going to be in trouble?"

Qi Minlan hesitated slightly at his words. She did not refuse him outright.

After a long while, Qi Minlan sucked in her breath. "Touch pitch and you shall be defiled. Be careful. This is all that I can say."

Qiu Qin should be clear what he had been up to. He should know very well what would happen to him as well.

After saying that, Qi Minlan walked off without looking back.

Qi Minlan had most of the money that Qiu Qin and Qi Minlan earned through legal means.

Qi Minlan did not ask for the Qiu family's residence at Ping Cheng. If Qiu Qin was caught, at the very least, the elderly couple of the Qiu family would have a roof over their heads.

Qi Minlan had no wish to tarnish her reputation because of her divorce with Qiu Qin.

Qi Minlan was not too young, but she was not old either. She looked pretty as well. She might have a second relationship and another chance at marriage.

Chapter 838 I Have Seen This Person on Television

Furthermore, Qi Minlan was still considering whether she should continue to stay at Ping Cheng or to go to Mo Du after her divorce.

"Mom, have you gotten a divorce?"

"Yes." Qi Minlan shook the divorce certificate in her hands. "Chenxi, should we go to Mo Du? Once what your dad did is exposed, we will be implicated if we stay in Ping Cheng. Although we

are divorced, if I don't lend a helping hand, people will say that I am heartless. It is better that we stay away from trouble." She had already reminded Qiu Qin. It was up to him to save himself.

In the meantime, another pair of father and daughter was discussing the same topic. "Nan Nan, there is no need to be afraid anymore when you are with Zhai Sheng in the future."

Looking at the divorce certificate, Qiao Nan did not know what to say. She had mixed emotions, feeling bitter and uneasy. "Dad, are you sure you have no regrets?"

"Don't worry. I have no regrets. Besides, I did not get a divorce because of you. I made the decision for myself. Your mom could not bear to leave Qiao Zijin, while Qiao Zijin cannot stand the sight of you... Given what your sister has done-unless we are millionaires, we do not have the money for her to squander away. Not only is she squandering money, but she almost caused your mom to lose her life too!"

This time, it was Ding Jiayi who was pushed onto the path of a moving car. Qiao Dongliang really feared that he would be the next victim. He even dreamed of it yesterday.

Now that Ding Jiayi was in an accident, the police officers would definitely investigate.

During the investigation, the police officers asked the witnesses what exactly had happened.

Many people could prove that the accident was not caused by the driver. In fact, it was Ding Jiayi who dashed out to the road.

However, after Ding Jiayi woke up, she insisted that she was pushed by someone.

Qiao Dongliang believed her words.

He had said long ago that Qiao Zijin's plan this time was too dangerous. There was no way that Ding Jiayi would take part in her plan. Since she did not play a part, it would not be possible for the car to run into her. There was only one possibility-she was pushed.

Qiao Dongliang could feel the shivers at the thought of that.

It was such a dangerous move to push Ding Jiayi onto the path of a moving car. Why was Qiao Zijin so certain that she would not die?

Would Qiao Zijin not be anguished at the sight of Ding Jiayi lying prone in a pool of blood? Would she not be worried and scared?

Qiao Dongliang could not understand why Qiao Zijin would be so vicious. Why would she do all these just to stop Qiao Nan from sitting for the college entrance examination?

Could it be that to Qiao Zijin, it was alright to sacrifice Ding Jiayi for an exam?

Qiao Dongliang had no wish to ponder further. The more he thought about it, the more he felt the shivers despite the hot summer in July to the point that he would have to use a blanket at night. “Nan Nan, have you filled in your aspiration and the college that you are going to?”

“The college in the capital,” Qiao Nan replied.

In the previous life, she did not have the chance to go out of the province, let alone the country.

Now that she had the chance, Qiao Nan wanted to visit the capital. As for her college, both she and Shi Qing were not given the choice to choose their own school. Her master, Lin Yuankang already picked a school for Qiao Nan. He also contacted the personnel at the school, saying that his disciple would be studying at the school.

As for Qiao Nan’s teachers... her seniors...

Lin Yuankang had ordered his disciples to coach Qiao Nan. It was brilliant of him to do that.

“Peking University?” Qiao Dongliang knew that Qiao Nan was interested in humanities. He had heard that Peking University’s humanities courses were good.

“Yes.” Qiao Nan nodded. “In fact, Peking University’s humanities and science courses are good. Therefore, Shi Qing is going to Peking University as well.”

“Can she not go...” Qiao Dongliang remembered the conversation between Zhai Sheng and Shi Peng.

Shi Qing was given no choice as to which school she was going to.

“...” Qiao Nan rolled her eyes. Brother Zhai was too much. Why did he insist that Shi Qing went to the same school as her to keep a watch on her?

Qiao Nan knew very well what was on his mind. He wanted Shi Qing to keep a watch on the boys at the school.

“Hahaha, don’t be upset. Peking University is indeed a good school. No matter what, you won’t suffer with Shi Qing around.” It was great that they could study at Peking University together.

There were a lot of students who sat for their college entrance examination every year. Only a few of them would be able to get into a good school.

In the past, Qiao Dongliang felt that it was fine as long as his children could get into a college. Peking University and Tsinghua University were just like a dream to him.

Their financial situation did not allow them to dream of going to such schools. It was beyond their reach.

One should not be too hard on oneself. It was fine as long as they could get into a college.

To Qiao Dongliang, the dream that used to be beyond his reach had come true. There was nothing more joyous than that!

After he was utterly disappointed by Qiao Zijin-if not for Qiao Nan who stayed by his side-Qiao Dongliang might not be able to recover from the hurt.

Because of Qiao Zijin, he doubted his ability to educate and nurture a child. What had he done to raise a child like Qiao Zijin?

Furthermore, he was slowly getting to know Qiao Zijin better. Ding Jiayi, who was with her every day, was hoodwinked by her. Who exactly was the mother and who was the daughter?

Qiao Zijin was very young, but she was able to control Ding Jiayi.

No matter how hard Qiao Dongliang thought about it, he could not understand how Qiao Zijin turned out to be like this. Why did she have such a deformed relationship with Ding Jiayi?

“Hey, I have seen him before.” The Ping Cheng news was on television.

An ancient tomb was discovered in the countryside of Ping Cheng. The tomb owner came from a prominent family and many treasures were buried with him. However, this had already been on the news previously.

Since part of the ancient tomb had been discovered and more would be excavated, it was on the news again to highlight the cultural heritage of Ping Cheng.

As the person who was in charge of the town, Qiu Qin had to go on television as well. He had to talk about how they discovered the ancient tomb and the preservation work that was to be done.

Qiao Dongliang pointed toward Qiu Qin, remembering that he had seen him before. “It turns out that he is the person who discovered the ancient tomb.”

“He did not discover the ancient tomb. He is the director of the town. The villagers at the town discovered the ancient tomb and reported it to the authorities. As the director of the town, he has to be responsible and attend such events.” Qiao Nan knew that compared to the other officials in the town, Qiu Qin, who used to be in Ping Cheng, held a higher position.

Qiu Qin was more adept and experienced at handling such events. Therefore, he had the chance to be on television.

“Wait a minute...” Qiao Nan was stunned. Qiu Qin was Qiu Chenxi’s father. Her father did not know Qiu Chenxi, so how would he know Qiu Qin? “Dad, when did you see him before? Was it on television?”

If her father saw him on television, he should not be so surprised.

“No, I just saw him today.”

Chapter 839 Reminded In Time

If he had not seen the person that he met in real life on television in the evening, he would not have such a strong impression of him.

“Where?”

“The court,” Qiao Dongliang said. “Didn’t I get a divorce with your mom today? Your mom did not appear but the court declared the divorce successful given that there is sufficient evidence. After I collected the divorce certificate, just as I came out, I saw a huge bouquet of red flowers that were quite nice-looking. The director was holding it in his hands. However, very soon after, he smashed the flowers to the ground.”

Qiao Dongliang had not bought any flowers before but he knew how much these things cost.

That was such a huge bouquet of flowers and it would not be cheap. However, they had been smashed to the ground just like that. At the thought of the sum of money spent on these flowers, Qiao Dongliang felt his heart ache.

It was also because of this that Qiu Qin left a very deep impression on Qiao Dongliang. He was thus able to recognize at one look that the person in the television show was the one that he saw during the daytime.

“If I didn’t guess wrongly, he also went there to get a divorce. It seemed that he was the disagreeing party. He was running and chasing after a woman.” Perhaps because he felt more relieved now, Qiao Dongliang’s willingness to gossip leaped a little and he even shared such news with Qiao Nan.

“Woman... The more Qiao Nan thought about it, the more she felt that something was amiss. “Dad, wait for me for a while.”

Qiao Nan first knocked on the main door of the house of the Shi family and then asked Shi Qing to come out. “Why did you come at this time? Shouldn’t you be sleeping soon?” Shi Qing had already finished bathing and she was in her pajamas.

“Shi Qing, do you have a photo of your auntie at home? Quickly look for it now. Pass me one of the photos if you have it. It’s quite important. I’m worried that something bad is going to happen again!” Qiao Nan’s face was red with anxiety and she was sweating profusely. The earlier shower that she took was all wasted now.

Initially, Shi Qing even wanted to shoot a few questions. After all, how was Qi Minlan related to Qiao Nan?

Nevertheless, she seldom saw Qiao Nan behave in this way despite having known her for such a long time. Half a month ago, when Qiao Nan was held back while she was on her way to the college entrance examination, she only saw a determination in Qiao Nan’s eyes. She did not even seem as nervous as now. “You... you wait a while. You also know that my dad and I have only moved to Ping Cheng for slightly more than two years. I’ve also shifted more than once. I’m not sure if I have her photo at home. I’ll go and see if I can find

any.”

After spending a lot of effort, Shi Qing finally managed to find one photo. “Qiao Nan, take a look and see if this one is fine. Actually, this photo belongs to my dad. My mom felt that my dad looked extremely energetic when he was young and insisted that he brought this to Ping Cheng. She hoped that my dad would reminisce more about how he was like when he was young after he saw the photo.”

It was a black and white photo. As it was well kept, the people in the photo could be seen very clearly.

“Fine, this one then. Thank you very much.”

Qiao Nan left with the photo in her hand.

“Ah, can you at least give me an explanation?” Why did she suddenly ask for her auntie’s photo? Moreover, something bad? What was the bad thing that was going to happen?

Shi Qing went back into the house. She called her father as she changed her clothes. “Dad?”

“What’s the matter?”

“Dad, Qiao Nan insisted on asking me for a photo of my auntie just now. I found one photo that you took with her when you were young. Qiao Nan told me that something bad is going to happen. I’m a little worried, so I’m going next door to the Qiao family. I’m just telling you this first.” After the phone call, Shi Qing had also finished wearing her dress.

“Your auntie had a divorce with Qiu Qin today.” Shi Peng told her clearly. “Qiao Nan’s worries may indeed happen. I’ll get someone to check on it.”

“Divorce?” Shi Qing only came to her senses after the phone was hung up. “What? Something bad is really going to happen!”

When Shi Qing ran over to the house of the Qiao family, Qiao Dongliang had already finished with the recognition “Tsk... she resembles her slightly but she’s much older than her. This is the daughter of the woman that I saw today?”

“Woo...” Qiao Nan let out a breath and quickly gave Zhai Sheng a call. “Hello, I’m looking for Brother Zhai. I’m Qiao Nan. Hello, Brother Zhai. Today, Qi Minlan and Qiu Qin divorced successfully. They divorced so quickly. I’m worried that Qi Minlan may say something.”

Qiao Nan was not very clear about the situation of Qiu Qin’s family because Zhai Sheng had not told her specifically what had happened.

She only knew that Zhai Sheng was keeping a watch on the Qiu family and there was definitely something wrong with Qiu Qin.

Besides this, Qiao Nan also knew that Zhai Sheng and Qiu Chenxi had a transaction with each other.

Qiu Qin had a mistress outside. In addition, he was getting into some trouble. Hence, Qiu Chenxi would certainly not follow Qiu Qin.

Qi Minlan must have known about Qiu Qin’s situation through Qiu Chenxi to be able to get a divorce with Qiu Qin so swiftly and without much hesitation.

She was also a woman. A marriage may be short-lived but the couple's affection may continue to run deep. At the moment when they parted with each other, what if Qi Minlan's heart softened and she gave Qiu Qin a reminder? What should they do if Qiu Qin were to escape?

Qiu Qin must have committed a huge crime if Zhai Sheng had to be involved in the case. As such, Qiao Nan had to be very careful.

"Okay, I know now." Zhai Sheng's expression changed greatly. After hanging up the phone call with Qiao Nan, he made a few more calls.

When he heard the commotion in the house, Zhai Yaohui came out to take a look. He did not immediately ask what was happening. Instead, he quietly waited for Zhai Sheng to finish making a few phone calls.

After he finished making the calls, Zhai Yaohui already knew roughly what had happened. "You've been careless."

"It should be that... I did not guess it right." He had thought that Qiu Qin had a woman outside. Be it Qiu Chenxi or Qi Minlan, both should hate Qiu Qin to the core. Who would have known that a woman would be so irrational when they were emotional?

Clearly, after knowing that Qiu Qin would be in trouble soon, Qi Minlan could decisively choose to divorce him without any hesitation. However, at the last moment, she gave Qiu Qin a 'kind' reminder. This had increased the difficulty of his mission.

Ring!

At this moment, the phone in the Zhai family rang in a hurried tone again. "Hello, how is it? Okay, immediately stop him. Don't let him leave Ping Cheng. More importantly, don't let him leave the country. According to my investigation, he still has a few cultural relics in his hands."

Regardless of whether these cultural relics were valuable, they were assets of the country and not Qiu Qin's personal belongings. He could not just sell and take them as he wished.

"Okay, keep a tight watch on him. Don't forget." After hanging up the phone, Zhai Sheng looked a little sullen. "True enough, Qiu Qin tried to escape."

He tried to do so with both the money and cultural relics.

“Double crime.” Zhai Yaohui gave a sneer. Could he still escape at this point in time? “You discovered it quite in time.”

Just as Qiu Qin was taking action, Zhai Sheng had already received the news?

“...” There was a flash of embarrassment on Zhai Sheng’s face. “Speaking of which, it’s also a coincidence. Today, the court has declared Uncle Qiao and Ding Jiayi officially divorced. When Uncle Qiao came out of the court, he coincidentally bumped into Qiu Qin, who was trying to win back Qi Minlan’s heart. He was giving her flowers. Tonight, there’s news of Qiu Qin appearing on television. Uncle Qiao recognized him when he watched television. Nan Nan asked him more and felt that something was amiss. She then gave me a call.”

In the past, Zhai Sheng did not believe that a woman would bring luck to her husband. It was superstitious, a feudal belief. As part of the generation of the new century, how could they hold such beliefs?

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However, sometimes, one could not choose not to believe it when such things happened.

At this moment, Zhai Yaohui took a glance at Zhai Sheng but he did not say anything.

It was only until five minutes later that Zhai Yaohui reminded him. “Qiao Nan should have already decided on her choice of college. When you have resolved Qiu Qin’s case, arrange a meet up with Qiao Nan’s father so that our two families can meet.”

What he meant was that they had to firm up the marriage between Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan.

“Okay!” All of a sudden, Zhai Sheng felt high-spirited and energized. The earlier that he could resolve Qiu Qin’s matter, the earlier he could firm up his marriage with Qiao Nan.

He had been longing badly for this. It had been four years since he first had feelings toward Qiao Nan. It was when she was still in her third year of junior high school. Zhai Sheng, this ‘over-aged

bachelor', felt tearful just thinking about the pain and heartaches that he had gone through in this journey. It had been so tough.

To sell what was entrusted in one's care—the crime of selling cultural relics was not a minor one.

After being reminded by Qi Minlan, Qiu Qin went home and informed Elder Qiu. He then immediately took the proceeds from his earlier sales of the cultural relics and the remaining three pieces of unsold cultural relics and left hurriedly.

Qiu Qin knew that if he wanted to protect himself, he had to bring these items and leave China as soon as possible. He would only be safe after leaving China.

However, before that, he had to leave Ping Cheng first as soon as possible and he could not be caught. Thereafter, he would disguise himself, gather some false identity documents, and leave China.

Having been a government official for many years, Qiu Qin had sent people to jail before but he had never been imprisoned. He did not wish to be imprisoned.

Furthermore, given his current situation, he could completely take a gamble. What if he could successfully escape overseas? He could make use of this sum of money and the three pieces of cultural relics to start afresh and do something big in foreign lands.

In short, he would definitely not sit and wait for his death to come.

When Qiu Qin was escaping, he was especially grateful to Qi Minlan for saying those words to him. If not for her, he was afraid that he would not even know that he had let the cat out of the bag even if he were to be caught. He would be confused.

It seemed that Zhai Sheng was already aware of his doings when he asked Qiu Chenxi to look for Zhai Sheng previously. It was probable that Qiu Chenxi even had a transaction that he was unaware of with Zhai Sheng

Otherwise, Qi Minlan would not find out about this matter, and she would not have divorced him.

He had been caught by Zhai Sheng, this junior. In addition, he was also led around by his own daughter, who nearly caused him to be jailed!

As for the woman that he had found outside, Qiu Qin was not able to care about her at this point in time. Old Master Qiu was aware of his situation. Hence, he completely entrusted that woman under his father's care.

When he arrived overseas and settled down, he would first fetch that woman followed by his parents over.

In short, if he could not remain in China, he would go overseas and develop there!

The imagination was beautiful but the reality was merciless.

Regardless of the number of possibilities that Qiu Qin had in mind, the reality was that he had been caught red-handed before he could even leave the grounds of Ping Cheng.

Zhai Sheng did not give orders to set up checkpoints along the road. He just got people to guard the few main exits of Ping Cheng

Given the crime that Qiu Qin committed, unless he could hide overseas, he could forget about seeing the sun and reuniting with his family for the rest of his life.

There were only a few cities in China that allowed people to travel overseas. There were also only some routes in Ping Cheng that would lead to these few main cities. It was unnecessary for Zhai Sheng to waste manpower and resources to block all the routes.

As such, Qiu Qin had been arrested even before he left Ping Cheng. He was pulled down from the car. "Qiu Qin, I'm a police officer of China. In line with the law, I'm arresting you due to the various crimes that you have committed that are associated with illegally stealing and selling of cultural relics. You have the right to maintain silence. However, whatever you say will be deemed as evidence to be presented in court!"

A pair of silver handcuffs cuffed the hands of Qiu Qin. The chauffeur who was driving Qiu Qin was so scared that his face turned as white as a sheet.

He had been driving a criminal who would be imprisoned soon. “Police, Mr. Policeman, I’ve been wronged. I’m just a driver. I’ve not done anything wrong.”

After much difficulty, they finally managed to arrest Qiu Qin and retrieved the money proceeds from the sale of the cultural relics as well as the stolen relics from the bags that Qiu Qin brought with him. The police officer heaved a sigh of relief.

When the police officer heard the driver’s words, he was amused. “Don’t worry. We’re just acting according to the law. We don’t intend to arrest you. You can go back now. As for the fees of this trip, you will have to seek from his family if you really want to have them.” The police officer pointed at Qiu Qin.

“No, I don’t want them anymore.” The driver quickly waved his hands. As long as they did not arrest him and take him to the police station, he did not mind losing this sum of money. He was scared.

Qiu Qin had been arrested and the stolen cultural relics were successfully retrieved without one item less. Of course, most of the money proceeds from the sale of the cultural relics had been retrieved as well. It was naturally a happy matter for both the party and the country. It was really very fortunate that the cultural relics of China would not be lost to foreign lands.

Needless to say, regarding this matter, Zhai Sheng had displayed keen observation skills as well as strong leadership and organization skills. He had discovered and stopped Qiu Qin’s illegal actions in time. He had retained the precious cultural relics excavated from the grounds as well as the huge expression of the country’s spiritual wealth. This was, of course, another great contribution.

When Qiu Qin was in his most embarrassing state, Zhai Sheng was in the limelight.

If not for the fact that the Zhai family did not like to appear on the screen and it was also inappropriate for them to appear as public figures, the number of people who wanted to interview Zhai Sheng could form a queue as long as eighteen streets.

Miao Jing only came to know about this matter after it had been resolved. Her eyes widened and she was stunned many times as she listened to it. “Qiao Dongliang made some contribution just by divorcing?”

“Wrong. This matter could be resolved because Qiao Nan is smart and sensitive enough.” Zhai Hua spoke matter-of-factly. It was no wonder Zhai Sheng loved Qiao Nan so much and even her parents had completely accepted Qiao Nan. They even fetched the old master back.

Even for a family like theirs, although Qiao Nan did not have a good family background, it was more than enough that she was smart and capable.

It was so unlike...

At the thought of Wei De, Zhai Hua felt gloomy.

Regarding the incident that happened when Qiao Nan was announced as the top scorer in the college entrance examination, Zhai Hua had mercilessly given Wei De a scolding. She had said to Wei De clearly, “If you want us to have a good outcome, don’t hit your ideas on Qiao Nan in the future. Qiao Nan is my sister-in-law. This matter won’t change. My mom has already agreed. Only the old master in my family has not formally come into contact with Qiao Nan. Given my understanding of him, he will not reject someone that Zhai Sheng likes.”

“That may not be true. I heard that the old chief seems to like someone else many years ago, no?” However, didn’t he also marry this muddleheaded Madam Zhai in the end?

“Wei De, I am finally able to tell. You’re going to be at odds with Zhai Sheng?” Zhai Hua was so angry that she was holding on to her waist to support herself. “Fine, you can continue to be at odds with him. I’ve been worrying about whether there will be a way to let Zhai Sheng accept you first. Given this attitude of yours, I can stop worrying now. He definitely won’t. In my family, I’m on best terms with Zhai Sheng. Zhai Sheng is already the person that we can bring on our side most easily. You can do it your way. I won’t care anymore!”