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Chapter 921 Caring For Miao Jing

Qiao Nan knew that regardless of the location, particularly in the capital and Mo Du, the price of housing would be very expensive in the future. Qiao Nan was envious of the Zhai family and the Lin family for having houses in more than one city.

In the previous life, Qiao Nan worked her entire life but she was not able to have a house of her own in the third- or fourth-tier cities, let alone a small quad near the city center.

She was reminded of the song ‘Wu Huan Zhi Ge’[1] by Xiao Yueyue[2]. She thought about his song and took a deep breath. Comparisons were odious.

“Dad, did Mom have any food today?” As someone who was through rebirth, Qiao Nan could not help but be concerned about housing. However, she did not forget that she was here to take care of Miao Jing today.

“She had some plain porridge. She said that she was sleepy and did not have an appetite. She had half a bowl of porridge and refused to have any more of them.” Zhai Yaohui did not have much experience in taking care of Miao Jing. Moreover, he did not have much time to take care of her. Therefore, he felt helpless.

He knew that Miao Jing was uncomfortable. Hence, he took her to the hospital once the plane landed and bought porridge home.

But other than that, Zhai Yaohui did not know what else to do. He had no time to get other things for her as well.

Qiao Nan gave Zhai Yaohui a resigned look. There was nothing that she could say about his inept way of taking care of Miao Jing. He was indeed inexperienced. “Where is her medicine? Let me take a look. Some medicine has to be taken on an empty stomach while some have to be taken after meals, else it will be harmful to the stomach. Mom might not have an appetite, but plain porridge won’t do. A patient will have a bad appetite and finds everything tastes bland. Therefore, we need to prepare flavorful and nutritious food for her. Since she is sick, all the more she must have her three meals. If she skips her meals, she will not have any strength, let alone be strong enough to fight the illness.”

Zhai Yaohui calmed down upon hearing Qiao Nan's words. He took out Miao Jing's medicine and placed them in front of her. "These are her medicine. I am running out of time. This is the key. When you reach, tell the guard and someone will send you in. There is money in the second drawer on the left side of the long table in the living room. I will leave Miao Miao to you."

"Sure." Qiao Nan agreed right away. Since Zhai Yaohui was the chief, it was not surprising that he would be occupied with work now that he was in the capital. "Dad, how about you? You have been here for half a day. Mom had half a bowl of porridge, but I suppose you haven't eaten yet, have you?"

"I am alright." Zhai Yaohui shrugged off her concern.

Qiao Nan was exasperated. "Dad, you have to eat no matter how busy you are. People of your generation, especially those who are in this field, have sustained all sorts of injuries. You should not find it troublesome to have meals and starve yourself as a result. It will be another burden to the body. Why is it that Director Shi and you have the habit of skipping meals when you are busy? I hope that Brother Zhai does not have the same habit."

Zhai Yaohui paused momentarily at Qiao Nan's nagging. He then smiled, feeling reassured. "Alright, stay home and take care of your mom. I will take care of my meals on the way."

Old Master Zhai was after all a rough man. His wife passed away at an early age. Zhai Yaohui had his ways since he was young. When he grew up, he had his own way of doing things.

Zhai Yaohui was used to behave as he wished.

It was only when his mother was around did she discipline him.

His father never remarried. After he married Miao Jing, he had the final say at home and no one would dare to nag him. He never expected that several years later, he would be disciplined by his daughter-in-law.

But it felt nice to be nagged at.

Qiao Nan was used to nagging at others. She felt embarrassed at her outburst. Thankfully, Zhai Yaohui was not upset and she was able to relax. "Dad, stay safe. Don't worry about Mom. I will

take good care of her. I will give Shi Qing a call later. I will not go back today. I will tell her to bring my school bag to school tomorrow.”

“Sure.”

After Zhai Yaohui left, Qiao Nan walked into Miao Jing’s room. She was deep in her sleep and she had no idea that someone was in the house or that her husband had come back home and left for work.

Qiao Nan touched Miao Jing’s forehead. The saline drip was indeed useful. Her fever had subsided.

Miao Jing had just displayed symptoms of a cold. Therefore, she might feel more uncomfortable today.

After ascertaining that Miao Jing’s fever had subsided, Qiao Nan covered her with a thin blanket and opened the window slightly for ventilation. She drew the curtains, leaving a small gap.

She scanned the surroundings to make sure that everything was alright. Then, she took the money that Zhai Yaohui told her about and went out to buy ingredients to prepare food for Miao Jing.

The small quad was well-equipped with furniture and it did not lack kitchen utensils.

But one could not make bricks without straw.

The Zhai family seldom stayed in this house. Although the house was well-equipped with furniture and kitchen utensils, there was no food at home.

Qiao Nan could not find any life’s daily necessities, like cooking condiments, in the house as well.

Qiao Nan did not ask the soldiers who were on duty to drive her around. Instead, she walked and asked around before she managed to find a nearby supermarket.

In a first-tier city like the capital, there were all sorts of ingredients and cooking condiments that one could find. It was much more developed than all the other cities.

Qiao Nan was able to enter and exit the quad in the military zone as and whenever she liked. Nobody stopped her to question her.

That was because when Zhai Yaohui was with her just now, he had told the guards that she was his daughter-in-law.

As soon as they knew her identity, no one stopped her from entering and exiting the quad.

Qiao Nan busied herself with cooking as soon as she returned to the house.

Miao Jing, who had slept for long hours, woke up because she had to use the toilet. She heard sounds coming from outside and thought that it must be Zhai Yaohui. “Zhai Yaohui, it is late. Why are you still at home? Didn’t you say that many people are looking for you? I am fine. I will be better after taking a rest. Just remember to bring some food for me when you come back in the evening.”

Miao Jing woke up, wanting to go to the restroom. She was just about to take a step when someone rushed into the room. “Mom, why are you up? Do you want something to drink?”

Miao Jing heard someone address her as her mother affectionately. She thought that she must be dizzy from her cold and had heard wrongly.

She raised her head. “Nan Nan?”

Qiao Nan came up to her with hurried footsteps. She noticed the direction that Miao Jing was heading toward and understood right away. “Mom, let me help you.”

“Oh, alright.” Miao Jing was slow to react as she was sick. By the time she came out from the restroom and sat on the bed, her hand came to rest on a cup of warm water on the bedside table.

Since she had gone to the restroom, she had to hydrate herself.

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Miao Jing happened to feel thirsty and there was a cup of warm water by her side. She gulped down half a cup of water.

Miao Jing was wide awake now. “Nan Nan, why are you here?”

Qiao Nan brought a bowl of porridge over to Miao Jing. There were beads of perspiration on her forehead. “Mom, as there is not enough time, some of the ingredients are ready-made. It will not taste as nice as before. Please make do with it. I will prepare a tastier bowl of porridge tomorrow. It is still very hot. Take these two types of medicine before having the porridge. They have to be taken before meals.”

Qiao Nan put the porridge aside. She counted the pills and took them out carefully, passing them to Miao Jing.

Miao Jing swallowed the pills.

“Mom, have some porridge.” Qiao Nan’s specialty was shredded chicken porridge. Most importantly, Zhai Sheng and Zhai Hua loved the porridge that she prepared. Miao Jing would not dislike it as well. Moreover, Miao Jing liked the porridge that she cooked previously.

There was no time to slaughter a chicken. Qiao Nan bought a tender boiled chicken and asked for chicken soup from the boss. She then brought everything back with her to the house.

If not for the ready-made ingredients, Qiao Nan would not have been able to prepare a pot of shredded chicken porridge in such a short amount of time.

Miao Jing felt hungry. She blew on the porridge and ate it.

In no time, she had eaten more than half a bowl of porridge before she stopped eating.

Qiao Nan did not say anything. Instead, she took out the medicine that was supposed to be taken after meals and passed them to Miao Jing. “Dad is busy with work. He will be home late today. But I will stay behind to take care of you. Mom, do you want to take a walk or sleep some more?”

Miao Jing stretched her hands toward Qiao Nan. “Help me walk around. I had been sleeping on the plane, and I slept as soon as I reached home. My bones are so stiff from sleeping for such a long time.” Miao Jing felt much better after having the porridge. She had more strength in her arms and legs. “Nan Nan, aren’t you supposed to be in school? Did your dad leave you to take care of me?”

Zhai Yaohui was a workaholic. He would place the people and the country above everyone. The people that he had to meet and his work were of utmost importance. This was not the first time that she was sick. It was impossible for Zhai Yaohui to disregard his work and take care of her who had caught a cold.

Miao Jing felt bitter and resigned. Back then, did she make the right decision by marrying this man?

People would start to let their thoughts run wild when they were sick. They would feel insecure and melancholic.

Qiao Nan might be young and inexperienced, but she was well-aware of the downcast feelings that patients would feel. One look at Miao Jing, she knew the reason behind Miao Jing's depressed look. "Mom, don't think too much. Dad is a good man-no, he is a very outstanding man."

Qiao Nan was serious.

In the previous life, Chen Jun was her boyfriend. He was unsatisfied with what he had. He dated her but impregnated Qiao Zijin.

Qiao Nan had real-life experiences and she had heard of similar stories as well.

Once men had money and power, many of them would turn into a different person. When they made it to success, they would abandon their old and haggard wives, who had gone through hardships with them, and marry younger women.

These men were at fault, yet they insisted that women were vain as they wanted to find a partner who had the money, a car, and a house.

Compared to these men, the men in the Zhai family were so much better. "Dad is occupied with work, so he could not take care of you. I believe if he has time, he would stay by your side even if you only had a minor cold. They have their difficulties. Mom, it has been so many years. You should know better than me."

Talk was cheap, but it was not so in the case of Qiao Nan. She knew that if she married Zhai Sheng, she would face the same situation as Miao Jing: at times, her husband would not be with her when she needed him the most.

However, Qiao Nan did not regret her decision in choosing him and putting on the ring.

Miao Jing smiled. "I should be the one who consoles you. But now, it is the other way round." Miao Jing felt much better after Qiao Nan's words of consolation.

There was something that was very true in what Qiao Nan had said. Miao Jing had been with Zhai Yaohui for so many years. She should know better.

It was just that she was sick and thus felt vulnerable and melancholic. She was embarrassed that her daughter-in-law had seen such a side of her. "Nan Nan, Zhai Sheng and you... have been together since a long time ago. Why didn't you tell me?" Wei De might have a lot of flaws, but he did one thing right

– it was because of him that she found out about Zhai Sheng's relationship with Qiao Nan.

"..." Qiao Nan did not expect that Miao Jing would ask her this question. "Back then, Mom disapproved of our relationship. Therefore, Brother Zhai and I felt that it would be better for you to come to accept me gradually."

Miao Jing sighed. She knew that she was indeed very stubborn back then.

She forbade Zhai Sheng and Hua Hua from having a relationship with people that she disliked, but they went against her wishes. In the end, she sought solace in talking to Qiao Nan.

The daughter-in-law that Miao Jing had been complaining to Qiao Nan about was, in fact, Qiao Nan herself. Miao Jing felt sorry for Qiao Nan. "Back then, how did you handle all these?" If it was her, she would not be able to stand it.

In the past, there were many things that she had not noticed. In retrospect, she finally realized the reason behind all these.

Whenever she was unhappy with her son's girlfriend, and she wanted to chat with Qiao Nan, her children would behave strangely. They were unhappy that she wanted to chat with Qiao Nan.

Any misgiving that Qiao Nan had vanished now that Miao Jing brought it up. She no longer felt upset about the past. "It's fine. You told me your reasons back then. You did not look down on me. You simply do not want me to end up with the same fate as you and to go through the hardships that you have been through. Besides, have you forgotten the type of mother that I have? If I found you being displeased with me hard, how could I have survived all those years living with my mom?"

It was true. Miao Jing was so much better than Ding Jiayi. Qiao Nan never felt that Miao Jing's disapproval of them back then was too much to bear.

Miao Jing burst out in laughter. "You are the only person who will smile when speaking of this." Everyone would be crying their guts out at having such a bad mother.

"No matter what, the outcome is good." Her future mother-in-law had accepted her and she was engaged to Brother Zhai. The two of them could finally be together openly.

Chapter 923 Stay in Sister-In-Law's Bedroom

In her previous life, at the time of her death, she was still single and lonely. In this life, she already had a fiancé although she was only twenty years old. At the thought of this, Qiao Nan was overwhelmed with disbelief.

When she was first reborn, due to what Chen Jun did to her before, she had thought that she would be unprepared to have a family of her own even if that was her wish. Each time she thought of Chen Jun, this malignant tumor, she felt so scared that she developed a phobia of males.

Previously, if Zhu Baoguo had not been in a vulnerable position and had almost been beaten to his death, given Qiao Nan's state of mind at that point in time, she was really unwilling to go near to Zhu Baoguo. It was all because Zhu Baoguo was a male.

As long as it was a male, Qiao Nan felt repulsive toward them.

If not for this reason, Zhou Jun would certainly not be Zhai Sheng's only rival-in-love.

Zhou Jun could receive Qiao Nan's affirmation completely because of the soldier uniform that he wore!

Qiao Nan's words 'the outcome is good' struck a chord in Miao Jing's heart. That was because this phrase seemed to be describing her entire life. Regardless of the process of it, the outcome was good.

"It is already so late. Can you stay here for one night?" When she looked at the time, Miao Jing was quite worried for Qiao Nan. "Or should I get someone to send you back?"

"No need. I will stay here tonight." Qiao Nan shook her head. Her mother-in-law needed someone to take care of her most today as it was the first day that the latter had been taken ill. She could not possibly leave. "Don't worry about me. I have given a call to Shi Qing. She will bring my books directly to school tomorrow. There won't be any problem."

"But..." Miao Jing seemed to be in a difficult position. "You are also aware that we just came back, and Old Zhai found someone to tidy up this place in haste. Most probably, the other rooms are still quite dirty."

The Zhai family had a number of family members. Hence, there were certainly enough bedrooms in this small courtyard.

However, vacant houses were always a little dirty.

The small courtyard of the Zhai family was different from that of the Lin family. Occasionally, there would be someone coming there to clean it up. However, it would only occur once a month. Hence, the small courtyard of the Zhai family was not as dirty as or difficult to clean as that of the Lin family.

However, if they did not clean it up, the bedroom would not be conducive to living.

"Mom, you don't need to worry. I have already tidied up one of the rooms." Qiao Nan blushed as she said in embarrassment.

There were five people, including Old Master Zhai, in the Zhai family, and four bedrooms in this house. Besides the Zhai Yaohui couple, the rest of the family would occupy one room each.

When they bought this property, the Zhai family did not know Qiao Nan at all. If Qiao Nan wanted to stay here, besides the Zhai Yaohui couple's room, she could only pick one of the three remaining rooms.

At the sight of Qiao Nan blushing, Miao Jing laughed. "You have tidied up Zhai Sheng's bedroom? Do you know which room belongs to Zhai Sheng?"

Qiao Nan took a deep breath as she tried to suppress her embarrassment. "I... I have tidied up two bedrooms-Brother Zhai's and Sister Zhai Hua's. They are quite clean now. I know that Brother Zhai will be coming to the capital soon, so I helped him tidy it up first. I... I will stay at Sister Zhai Hua's bedroom."

In fact, when Qiao Nan was prepared to stay behind and take care of Miao Jing, she had already thought about the issue of accommodation.

Qiao Nan's initial reaction was to tidy up Zhai Sheng's room. However, after thinking, she felt that it did not seem quite appropriate to stay in Zhai Sheng's room so soon. She felt a little shameful about it.

After all, Zhai Sheng's presence could be felt all over the room. There was even a photo of him on the table. The bed belonged to Zhai Sheng and the blanket had been used by him.

As she thought of this, she nearly hallucinated and felt that she could smell Zhai Sheng in the room despite it having been vacant for so long. At that moment, Qiao Nan felt even more embarrassed.

She then ran over to tidy up Zhai Hua's bedroom before Miao Jing woke up.

Fortunately, the small courtyard of the Zhai family was much cleaner than that of the Lin family. Hence, it was not a problem to clean up two rooms.

As for the blankets, covers, and the others, Qiao Nan could tell that they had been aired in the sun before. They did not feel moist. There was also a faint tinge of detergent smell on them. Hence, she only needed to wipe the bed mat with hot water once and the few rooms in the house were ready for people to move in.

Miao Jing was surprised. “You have already finished tidying up two rooms while I was sleeping?”

Miao Jing was really surprised that Qiao Nan was so capable. Miao Jing could understand it if people of her generation were able to complete household chores efficiently as they had gone through the most difficult times in history.

However, most of the children from Qiao Nan’s generation led a comfortable life.

As the country developed rapidly, the situation of every household changed from starving to having food surplus. From the previous ‘honorable family of a soldier’ to the current family planning, although the household conditions had improved, there were fewer children in the family. As such, the children did not need to do any household chores at all. The parents could settle all the household work by themselves.

Miao Jing was not aware of other things but surviving well in the army. The two children in her family were not very good at completing household chores. At most, they were passable.

Qiao Nan’s capability and efficiency did not seem common in her generation at all. On the contrary, she seemed to be from the same generation as her.

After some time, Miao Jing grabbed Qiao Nan’s hands as her heart ached for Qiao Nan. “In the future...” If Zhai Sheng dared to treat Qiao Nan badly, she would definitely help Qiao Nan deal with Zhai Sheng.

Qiao Nan blinked. “In the future? What about the future?”

“Oh, nothing.” Miao Jing sniffed and patted Qiao Nan’s hands. “Nan Nan, perhaps all your good fortune will come in the later part of your life.” Nan Nan was who she was today because of the mother that she had.

It was not important that her initial life was difficult. Most importantly, there would be people who would dote on her well in the future.

“Mom, do you want to watch television for a while?” After she discovered that Miao Jing was in much better spirits, Qiao Nan dared not let her sleep more in case she suffered from insomnia tonight. “Watch some television. You can sleep again when it’s about eight o’clock.”

“That’s fine too.” Miao Miao nodded. Qiao Nan then held her as she walked to the living room to watch television. “I don’t know when your dad is coming back. Don’t need to bother about him. You can go to bed first.” Miao Jing already knew that Zhai Yaohui would certainly be different once he arrived in the capital.

When she was not following Zhai Yaohui, sometimes, when Zhai Yaohui was tied up, Miao Jing would already be in deep slumber when Zhai Yaohui returned home. When Zhai Yaohui left the house, Miao Jing had not even woken up.

In the end, if not for the fact that she saw traces of someone sleeping on the place beside her, Miao Jing dared not even be certain that Zhai Yaohui had come home.

“Alright, I know.” At the thought of Zhai Yaohui’s identity, Qiao Nan suddenly shivered. It then came to her mind that this father-in-law of hers was different from Chen Jun’s father. In her previous life, besides in television shows, she would not have an opportunity to meet this father-in-law at all.

Chapter 924 Brother Zhai, I Am Not Petty

So as to speak, those whom her father-in-law were meeting were all senior leaders of the country.

At around seven o’clock, Qiao Nan gave Miao Jing another round of meal and medicine. Miao Jing then sat down and watched television while the food in her tummy was being digested. At around eight o’clock, Qiao Nan switched off the television directly and asked Miao Jing to return to bed to rest.

Although she was bossed around by a youngster, Miao Jing was not angry. Instead, she seemed quite pleased.

After covering Miao Jing with a thin blanket and placing a cup of plain water by her bedside, Qiao Nan felt more at ease. She then turned off the lights so that Miao Jing could turn in comfortably.

Miao Jing’s cold was still quite serious. In addition, due to the effect of the medicine, she fell asleep soon after.

Now, Miao Jing had fallen asleep. However, Qiao Nan did not have anything to do.

When Zhai Yaohui came to fetch Qiao Nan, she told Qiao Nan that he needed her help to take care of Miao Jing as the latter was unwell. As Qiao Nan was anxious, she did not bring any book along

Normally, during this time, Qiao Nan would be reading under the light. It was already so late. Qiao Nan could not possibly find a way to get a book.

Ring! Suddenly, the phone in the house rang in a hurried tone. It sounded extraordinary loud in the quiet small courtyard, taking Qiao Nan by surprise.

Miao Jing had finally managed to sleep and the sound of the phone ringing could awaken her. At the thought of this, Qiao Nan did not consider so much at that moment and just picked up the phone swiftly.

“Hello, is that Mom? Both of you have arrived in the capital for almost a day. Have you visited Nan Nan? How is Nan Nan now? Did the Feng family do anything foolish?” One could hear the anxiety and anger in that deep voice of Zhai Sheng

Braving the risk for fortune-people like the Feng family who were so full of themselves would definitely utilize all ways and means to achieve their aims.

If the Feng family was truly smart, Zhai Sheng would not need to worry for Qiao Nan. The ludicrous thing was that the Feng family yearned for instant success but had low emotional intelligence.

Zhai Sheng had suspected more than once that Shi Qing was lacking in interpersonal skills as she had inherited some of the Feng family’s genes.

“Mom?” Zhai Sheng was very eager to know Qiao Nan’s situation. Otherwise, he would not have made a call to his father and insisted that the Zhai Yaohui couple go to the capital as soon as possible. This was in case the foolish Feng family was to bully Qiao Nan. “Mom, why aren’t you talking? Is it because Nan Nan has already been bullied by the Feng family? How is the situation now? I will get someone to book a flight. I will go over tomorrow!”

Zhai Sheng was frowning badly on the other side of the phone. Could it be that her father had been too abiding for too long that both his bones and brains had turned rusty? He could not even deal with a family like the Feng family?

So, it was true that one would become useless when they were old?

If he had known that this would be the case, he would not have asked his father to take care of Nan Nan. He might as well make the trip himself.

Qiao Nan was dumbfounded because Zhai Sheng had been shooting questions at her like a machine gun. She nearly could not react. She finally made some noise when she heard Zhai Sheng saying that he would be coming tomorrow. “Brother Zhai, it’s me. I’m doing quite well. You don’t need to worry about me. The Feng family did not cause me any trouble. It’s true that the Feng family invited me for a meal but I rejected them. Thereafter, the people from the Feng family did not appear again.”

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Of course, she was not certain whether the Feng family would continue to use Shi Qing’s name to get close to her in various ways or even give direct orders to Shi Qing to take her back to the Feng family. “Brother Zhai, don’t worry about me. I’m really doing quite well. I’m clear about what is going on in the Feng family’s minds. The more this is the case, the more I won’t be cajoled and taken in by them.”

“Nan Nan, why are you at...?” The small courtyard of the Zhai family?

Even for Lin Yuankang’s small courtyard, Qiao Nan had to encounter someone like Tang Jiayun before she was willing to move in. Naturally, Zhai Sheng understood Qiao Nan’s temperament and thinking all along. Although the Zhai family also had a vacant house in the capital, Qiao Nan would not agree to go there.

When Qiao Nan knew that the Zhai family also had a property in the capital, Qiao Nan did not force any such negative thoughts on Zhai Sheng.

Zhai Sheng understood Qiao Nan well. Qiao Nan also understood herself.

“Mom fell sick as soon as she arrived in the capital. She has caught a cold and a fever. Dad has brought her for a drip and she has taken two meals. She’s much better now. Dad is too busy, so I am taking care of her.” Qiao Nan told Zhai Sheng briefly about the matter.

Zhai Sheng was initially anxious but he felt more at ease now. "I see. This father of mine really knows how to slack." If he had not been engaged with Nan Nan this year, who was his father going to look for to take care of his mother?

Zhai Sheng, who felt proud of Qiao Nan, did not even consider that Zhai Yaohui and Miao Jing would not have come to the capital urgently if not for the fact that he had been engaged with Qiao Nan. They would have gone back to Ping Cheng first.

If Miao Jing had taken ill in Ping Cheng, would they be afraid that there would be no one available to take care of her?

At most, due to work, Zhai Yaohui would take a flight to the capital a few days earlier. Miao Jing would then look for Zhai Yaohui when she was better.

"Back to the topic, Mom is unwell. Nan Nan, it will be tough on you these few days." Zhai Sheng felt very proud when he said this.

In the past, Zhai Hua had said some ugly words to Qiao Nan. She felt that Qiao Nan would be basking in the Zhai family's glory if she was together with Zhai Sheng.

However, the current situation proved that the Zhai family was blessed by Qiao Nan and his relationship. His mother could have a future daughter-in-law to take care of her when she fell sick in the capital.

"Okay." Those earlier words said by Zhai Sheng were all out of concern for Qiao Nan. At this moment, Qiao Nan felt so sweet in her heart. "Right, Brother Zhai, you don't need to be anxious. First, you have to take care of your health and recover from your injury. Dad and Mom are already here. Regardless of the Feng family's actions in the future, as long as Dad and Mom are around, I will have a way to deal with them. You have to take care of yourself. Don't be like Mom who fell sick just as she arrived in the capital."

Qiao Nan felt that she had to bear some responsibility for her mother-in-law's illness. She hoped that Miao Jing did not fall ill because she had rushed to the capital for her sake.

She really did not expect that Zhai Sheng would be so anxious that he would make the Zhai Yaohui couple rush to the capital urgently to take care of her. This was to prevent her from being bullied by the Feng family, lest she was not their match.

Previously, Qiao Nan was indifferent toward the Feng family. At most, she did not wish to come into contact with them.

Now, at the thought of the Feng family, she felt that they were a little annoying.

“Okay.” Zhai Sheng responded patiently. “With Dad around, the Feng family will be more honest. This matter should be dealt with by the Zhai family. Nan Nan, do what you need to. You just have to pretend that this matter did not exist.”

The minds of the Feng family members were too predictable. Why would the Feng family care about an ordinary college student? That was because the identity of Qiao Nan as the future daughter-in-law of the Zhai family was too tempting

Qiao Nan smiled gently. “Brother Zhai, don’t treat me as though I am a block of tofu. You don’t need to worry about it. The matter of the Feng family does not have anything to do with you. Actually, I’m dealing with it very well. Don’t think that I am so weak. I am also not that petty.”

Chapter 925 Do Not ‘Drive Casually

How could she possibly blame Brother Zhai for the matter of the Feng family? “Brother Zhai, to put it bluntly, if not for my relationship with you, the Feng family may not even be willing to bother about me, let alone treat me to a meal. They would not care about how good my results are in Peking University and how close I am to Shi Qing.”

The courtesy of the Feng family was something that she did not need at all. In fact, she could not wait to avert them.

Zhai Sheng’s brows were now very relaxed. “I know that you won’t.”

“Brother Zhai, it’s late now. Don’t forget the injury on your arms. Rest early. With Dad and Mom around, I believe that the Feng family will know our stand. Good night.” Qiao Nan had not forgotten about Zhai Sheng’s injury. Hence, she dared not chat too long with Zhai Sheng.

“...” Zhai Sheng was not very willing to hang up the phone just like that. “Previously, you were in school. I let it go as I was afraid that you would be affected. Now, Nan Nan, should you give your fiancé a good night kiss?”

“...” Qiao Nan felt odd. She did not expect that Zhai Sheng, who was usually very formal and serious, would make such an ‘indecent’ request. “You... didn’t you say that you are afraid that you will affect me negatively?”

Qiao Nan blushed and stammered. Actually, Qiao Nan was someone who was more introverted. She was not the affectionate type who would speak and do what was on their mind or express themselves openly.

“You are not in school now. You are in our house. We are on such good terms with each other. You give me a kiss and vice versa. This is very common for husband and wife.” Zhai Sheng was very insistent. “Nan Nan, don’t tell me you are not willing to be intimate with me because you don’t treat me as your fiancé?”

At this moment, Qiao Nan gritted her teeth. “What’s the big deal about kissing over the phone for just one night? You... It’s not as if you have not kissed me before!” Their lips had been pressed to each other before and there were even exchanges of saliva**!

“Of course, a good night kiss over the phone cannot be compared to the real one. Precisely, I wish to relieve my longing in this way.” Zhai Sheng, who was on the other end of the phone, raised his brows. If Nan Nan was physically before him right now, would she be able to shoo him away with just a simple flying kiss?

Wei De appeared on the night of their engagement. Thereafter, he received a notice to return immediately to the army for a mission. He then became injured when he protected Zhai Hua.

Otherwise, even if he and Nan Nan were not officially ‘husband and wife’ yet, at the very least, he felt that their intimacy level should increase.

Zhai Sheng was an extremely patient man. Before the engagement, when Zhai Sheng and Qiao Nan were still boyfriend and girlfriend, they would kiss and hug at most.

Now, they were already engaged with each other. Zhai Sheng had been thinking about progressing further in their relationship. Or rather, he was thinking of coming into contact with Qiao Nan ‘directly’, ‘openly’, and ‘with nothing to hide’.

Qiao Nan was rendered speechless by Zhai Sheng’s words. She could tell from Zhai Sheng’s tone the gust of evilness and viciousness as well as his passion and yearning. Qiao Nan could feel smoke rising from her head.

To prevent Zhai Sheng from speaking more embarrassing things, Qiao Nan shut her eyes tight and said 'muah' to the phone. Without waiting for Zhai Sheng's response, she hung up the phone immediately thereafter!

Beep! The sound of the phone beeping made Zhai Sheng laughed out loud because the sound that he truly cared about was that 'muah' before the 'beep'.

Although one had not eaten pork, they would have seen a pig run away.

There were so many people in the army. There were those like Zhou Jun who was not married despite their age. There were also others whose children were already at the age when they could overturn sauce bottles.

Before meeting Qiao Nan, Zhai Sheng led a life with a pure heart and few desires. When he heard the 'veterans' in the army 'driving', he did not feel anything. When he heard it, he was indifferent.

Although he faced the situation of erection, which was common for people of his age, every morning, Zhai Sheng would be fine after he took a bath and relaxed.

The problem was that since he had a young girlfriend like Qiao Nan, he knew that, true enough, a woman smelled so fragrant and felt soft when he hugged her. She did not seem to have any bones or flesh. She was so soft and tender when she was plastered to him in his arms.

Just the thought of it alone would make Zhai Sheng's spine and head feel numb and tingle. The feeling would then travel from his head to that part of his body below the waist. The feelings would intensify at that part and 'his little soldier would stand up'!

Facing the 'little brother' that greeted him-or rather, Qiao Nan-Zhai Sheng felt so sorry that he sighed. "Nan Nan is not here. Not to mention meat, you don't even have any soup to drink. If you wish to have a 'feast', you will have to endure further."

The 'little brother' seemed to have understood Zhai Sheng's words. From the high spirited mood earlier to the listless mood now, its lifted big head also drooped.

In Zhai Sheng's mind, he could not help recalling what the 'veterans' said before. He then continuously used these words on both Qiao Nan and him.

Hence, the poor 'little brother' became perked up then listless, listless then perked up again. This was a continuous cycle and Zhai Sheng nearly spoiled him.

Qiao Nan, who was already lying down in Zhai Hua's room, did not know at all that one bored and restless man was feeling 'horny' as he lay on his sickbed. His mind was filled with doing this and that to her.

Qiao Nan, who had been exhausted, only wrapped herself with the blanket and fell into a slumber.

When Zhai Yaohui returned to the small courtyard, it was already about one o'clock in the middle of the night. Zhai Yaohui looked tired. He felt so thirsty as he swallowed his saliva. When he wanted to pour himself a cup of water, he remembered that he had only boiled a little water and Miao Jing had used all of them.

At this moment, there was probably no more water left in the hot flask, right?

Zhai Yaohui gave a sigh. Even if he was not thirsty, Miao Miao, who caught a cold, still had to drink. Even if it was the wee hours of the night, as an old chief, Zhai Yaohui still had to boil water on his own for consumption.

Nevertheless, when Zhai Yaohui held up the hot flask, he discovered that it was heavy and filled with water.

Zhai Yaohui, who had been busy with work, then recalled that he had asked Qiao Nan to take care of Miao Jing before he left the house. It was no wonder that he could have water to drink at home.

When Zhai Yaohui saw that there was not only hot water but also cool water that filled a metal cup on the table of the living room, he felt more relaxed.

Zhai Yaohui poured both hot and cool water into a cup. He then mixed them up and gulped them down. After drinking the second cup of water, he could feel the thirst and dryness in his throat go away.

Qiao Nan, who came out as she heard noises, yawned and said in a muffled tone, “Dad, you’re back so late?” Seeing that the clock was already pointing to one o’clock, Qiao Nan was very surprised.

“Did I wake you up?”

“Not really.” Qiao Nan shook her head. Next, she saw Zhai Yaohui hold a cup. She also realized that half of the water in the big metal cup was missing. “Dad, are you hungry?”

Chapter 926 Young but of Excellent Quality

“It’s already so late. Save the trouble. How is your mom?” Zhai Yaohui asked.

Qiao Nan yawned once again. She then patted her face gently. “After I came, I let mom take two bowls of porridge and two rounds of medicine. At around six, seven o’clock in the evening, she seemed to be in quite good spirits. Tomorrow-no, when she wakes up today, she should recover a lot from her cold. Dad, wait a while. There is a lot of leftover porridge that I made for Mom. You can have them. It’s better than going hungry.”

It was one o’clock in the morning. Qiao Nan was feeling quite tired too. In the past, when she was in her own house, Qiao Nan would definitely not wake up during this time. She would be sleeping soundly.

As such, although Qiao Nan was awake, she was not willing to do anything too complicated as well. She thus scooped the porridge that was available for Zhai Yaohui.

The appliances in the house of the Zhai family were considered quite complete. In case Miao Jing were to wake up in the middle of the night hungry and wanted to eat something, Qiao Nan had placed the cooked chicken porridge in the rice cooker to keep it warm.

Hence, it was convenient and time-saving if she were to take them out for consumption now.

Qiao Nan scooped out one big bowl and one small bowl of the porridge and placed them on the table. “Dad, you can eat this. There is still some left in the rice cooker. If it is not enough, you can help yourself later.”

“Okay.” Initially, Zhai Yaohui did not wish to trouble Qiao Nan to prepare food for him in the middle of the night although his tummy was empty. However, since the food was ready-made, Zhai

Yaohui would not shortchange his tummy then. After all, his daughter-in-law was being filial to him. He did not have any reason to reject her, did he? “Go back to sleep.”

“Okay, Dad. I’m going to sleep.”

At this moment, Qiao Nan did not decline further. She agreed readily and went back to her room to sleep.

It was in the middle of the night. To Zhai Yaohui, who had expended much strength, these two bowls of porridge were nothing. However, he was not willing to become too full. He had to wash up and bathe after he finished the food. It was thus unhealthy if he was too full.

As long as he had taken something, he felt at ease.

Zhai Yaohui briefly washed up. He then returned to Miao Jing and his room and lay beside her.

When he heard that Miao Jing’s breathing was not as heavy as before, and both her expression looked better, Zhai Yaohui thought as he covered himself with a blanket, ‘It was no wonder that the Chinese wish to give birth to a son so that he could marry a daughter-in-law.’

It was quite good to have an addition to the family.

The majority of the people in the Zhai family were not the type that would focus on the family. Miao Jing was not as ambitious as the other Zhai family members but she focused too much on her husband. As such, the family was lacking someone as steady as Qiao Nan.

Now that Qiao Nan appeared in the small courtyard of the Zhai family, she settled everything nicely. Not to mention Zhai Sheng, even Zhai Yaohui felt that this kind of life was quite good and such a change was for the better.

On the second day, Qiao Nan woke up early. As she still had to go to school, she certainly did not have the time to make breakfast and could only buy them.

After she bought breakfast and placed them on the table, Qiao Nan then discovered that Zhai Yaohui had already washed the two bowls that he used for the porridge yesterday. They were very clean and were placed neatly on the table.

Qiao Nan felt much better. In her previous life, each time she returned home, as long as Qiao Zijin was there, she would have to serve Qiao Zijin as though she was the latter's mother.

Her dishes could not be too salty or bland. As long as the taste was not right, she would have to redo them until Qiao Zijin was satisfied with them.

Of course, Qiao Nan also had to pay for the wasted food. Qiao Zijin was only in charge of eating the food.

Qiao Nan wanted to take away the food that Qiao Zijin was not satisfied with. Anyway, money had already been spent. If Qiao Zijin disliked them, she could save them and eat them for a week.

However, Qiao Zijin always threw them away in front of her. She would not even let Qiao Nan benefit from things that she did not want. This caused Qiao Nan to be financially tight and she could only eat instant noodles.

After Qiao Zijin finished eating and drinking, she would sit and watch television like a big boss. Qiao Nan would have to do all the household chores. This was despite the fact that Qiao Nan still had to return to the rented apartment to do some manual work until late into the night.

At the thought of those times, Qiao Nan laughed mockingly at herself. She really did not understand why Qiao Zijin would contract uremia when she had led such a good life. On the contrary, someone like her who had often consumed instant noodles and tea would be in such good health.

Perhaps heaven could not see eye to eye with Qiao Zijin and felt that the latter was too evil. It then made Qiao Zijin fall ill and gave Qiao Nan a chance to restart and have a happy life

now.

From Qiao Nan's perspective, it was not scary to give and sacrifice. The terrible thing was that she not only did not receive any repayment for her sacrifice but also did not get any affirmation for them!

After picking up her mood, Qiao Nan left a slip of note. She wrote on it clearly that she would be going to school. She then took the keys of the Zhai family and left quietly.

When she came to the capital, it was seldom that Miao Jing would see her husband's face instead of an empty pillow when she woke up. She blinked. She thought that she was not yet awake, had not recovered from her cold, or could not see clearly due to her poor eyesight.

"You are awake? Are you feeling better?" When Miao Jing moved, Zhai Yaohui woke up. Zhai Yaohui reached out his hand and touched Miao Jing's forehead. He realized that Miao Jing's temperature did not rise again after it had subsided. "You must be hungry. Take your medicine after you finish your breakfast."

"Breakfast? Did you prepare it?" Miao Jing smirked. Like her, Zhai Yaohui had been sleeping until this moment. How could there be breakfast?

Zhai Yaohui got up and dressed up. "Don't forget that your capable son has found us a good daughter-in-law. It's quite easy if you want to have some food." Actually, Zhai Yaohui had heard Qiao Nan get out of bed.

However, Zhai Yaohui's body could not take the toil of traveling from one city to another via the various transportations. In addition, he had a meeting that lasted until one o'clock in the morning. Even a body that was as strong as iron would not be able to take it, let alone Zhai Yaohui who was already of a grandfather's age.

Miao Jing then followed suit and got up. "That's right. Nan Nan is the youngest but she is the most reliable among the three children. I think we should not only give birth to a daughter but also one that is like Nan Nan. Only this kind of daughter is good."

A daughter was the mother's little jacket. However, they had to have a character like Nan Nan to be a little jacket. If Hua Hua could be more obedient, she would thank heaven for it.

"..." Zhai Yaohui, who always felt that his own children were the best, was at a loss for words. Zhai Yaohui had seen a lot of other families' daughters who were squeamish and pampered. All this while, he felt that Zhai Hua was great.

However...

As part of the Zhai family, it was certainly good to have someone like Hua Hua. However, as a daughter, someone like Qiao Nan would be more heartwarming. “Anyway, your son will marry Qiao Nan soon. When that time comes, she will belong to our family.”

Zhai Yaohui had objected before. However, after his understanding of Qiao Nan deepened, Zhai Yaohui agreed with Zhai Sheng’s sense of judgment. Zhai Sheng was so certain that his wife was of excellent quality despite her young age.

“Right, she will become part of our family! Our family!” When she heard this, Miao Jing was overjoyed like a blooming flower. When Nan Nan married into the family, she would have three children then!

After taking a glance at Miao Jing, who was smiling foolishly with happiness, Zhai Yaohui did not say anything that would ruin Miao Jing’s good mood. He refrained himself from reminding Miao Jing that even if Wei De was not a good person, Zhai Hua was a daughter and she would be married to others sooner or later.

Chapter 927 Very Blessed

The Zhai family had kidnapped a daughter from the Qiao family, but their own daughter, after she met the right man, would also be kidnapped by others one day.

“Your book.” Shi Qing had been waiting for Qiao Nan at the entrance of Peking University for a long time. As soon as Qiao Nan arrived, she tucked all the books in Qiao Nan’s arms. “How is Auntie Miao? Is she feeling better?”

“She has caught a cold. She had a drip and took medicine.” Qiao Nan flipped the books to confirm that Shi Qing had taken the correct ones before she let out a sigh of relief.

“Crap.” Shi Qing deliberately gave a glare. “You actually don’t believe me. Since you don’t believe me, why do you still let me be your coolie? It’s not that you don’t know. Those language books of yours are so huge and thick, and they are extremely heavy.”

“Since you are available, it’s a waste not to use you. What kind of relationship do we have? Why would you take issue with such a small matter?” Qiao Nan also imitated Shi Qing and said shamelessly. Qiao Nan and Shi Qing were ‘hog and dog friends’ that influenced each other.

“Right, I have to tell you something. Yesterday, my maternal grandfather’s family came. Fortunately, you have already left with Chief Zhai during that time. Otherwise, it would be so embarrassing.” Shi Qing did not expect that the Feng family would come to the house directly after they found out that Qiao Nan did not have any lessons on Tuesdays.

“Regarding the issue of the Feng family, you don’t need to worry about it anymore. My in-laws are here. The Feng family can’t stir up many waves. It is useless even if they round me up.” The Feng family wanted to curry favor with the Zhai family and be associated with the Zhai family.

The water from afar quenches not fire. Nevertheless, her in-laws were already in the capital now. If the Feng family did anything to her, the Zhai family would definitely not be too far away to save her.

It was too late for the Feng family to be anxious now.

“You don’t mind?” When she heard Shi Qing discuss it in such a casual manner about the Feng family, Qiao Nan was quite surprised. “You don’t feel upset?” No matter what, the ones who did this were Shi Qing’s biological maternal grandfather’s family. The most awkward thing was that the one being schemed by the Feng family was Shi Qing’s good friend. Shi Qing was ridiculously sandwiched in between them.

Shi Qing gave out an exasperated sigh. “I did feel upset initially. But after I sorted out my thoughts, I don’t feel that way anymore. Yes, they dote on me. Yes, they also want to make use of me. If they don’t mind my woes of being sandwiched, I will simply not make myself be in a difficult position. It’s up to them what they wish to do. I can’t intervene and I won’t do so. Whatever your thoughts are, it’s also up to you. I certainly won’t influence you because of the Feng family. Whether they can fulfill their wish eventually will not have anything to do with me.”

Anyway, her maternal grandfather’s family did not tell her anything openly right from the start.

Shi Qing was aware that the Feng family wanted face. They would not bluntly put such things in front of her.

However, her mother was so clueless. She sided with her maternal family and spoke to her daughter without any reservation.

After going through so many worrisome things in the Shi family and witnessing for herself the matters in the Qiao family, Shi Qing realized that her temper had improved tremendously. She felt

more at peace and calm when she encountered people and problems. She was not as rude and impetuous as before.

The Feng family's attitude happened to give Shi Qing an opportunity to find a balance.

After Shi Qing had sorted out her thoughts, her mood was very stable when she talked about the Feng family. She did not put herself in a difficult position or make herself suffer.

Qiao Nan was happy. "It has not been easy. My little friend has finally grown up."

"If I didn't wake up, I would really be bullied until I die in the future. Perhaps, during the time of my death, I wouldn't even know how I died. Qiao Nan, is it always like that between relatives?" There were not many good people in her paternal grandfather's family. Her maternal grandfather's family was so focused on self-interest. The so-called kinship was totally different from what she learned from the school textbooks.

"Don't overthink. Everyone will change after they form their own family. Who would not wish for their family to lead a better life? It is just that the people from your social circle are certainly a little more complicated. Anyway, people in my social circle may not even have the kind of kinship that you mentioned. There is no certainty in this matter. It depends on the individuals."

Her mother's relationship with her maternal family had been soured since a long time ago. It had been so many years. The Ding family had never been in contact with the Qiao family.

Qiao Nan really did not know the situation of her maternal grandmother's family.

In her two lifetimes, she had never seen how her maternal grandparents looked like and which other relatives were in the family.

"I won't chat with you anymore. My morning lesson is starting soon. Don't think too much. You said that you have sorted out your thoughts, didn't you? If the Feng family wishes to stir up something, that's their problem. You just have to pretend to agree and smoke your way through. Since my in-laws are already here, there should not be any major issues."

The Feng family wanted to fawn on the Zhai family. Now, the Zhai family's heads were here. The Feng family did not need to involve her anymore.

“Okay, bye.” Shi Qing quietly took deep breaths. After she felt better, she then hugged her books and went to the library.

Shi Qing did not have any lessons today. However, given yesterday’s experience, Shi Qing was not willing to stay in the small courtyard of the Lin family in case the Feng family came to look for her because of Qiao Nan.

At this moment, Shi Qing was very glad that she had listened to Zhai Sheng in the past and stayed in the small courtyard of the Lin family —that she did not stay in the house of the Feng family together with Qiao Nan.

Otherwise, they really could not resolve the problem with the Feng family.

Shi Qing vaguely recalled that Brother Zhai insisted that she and Qiao Nan stayed in the small courtyard of the Lin family. In that case, he had already guessed the situation?

She could understand why he did not ask Qiao Nan to stay in the small courtyard of the Zhai family. She always knew that Qiao Nan was a very strong-headed lady. In certain areas, Qiao Nan had her own principles.

Although she met Tang Jiayun, this kind of top-notch product, Qiao Nan would rather endure it than to surrender and stay in the small courtyard of the Zhai family.

The Feng family also had houses in the capital. Moreover, given the capability of the Feng family, it was also not difficult to rent a place that was nearer to Peking University. She had thus proposed that she could resolve the issue of accommodation.

At that time, Zhai Sheng rejected her suggestion without hesitation. Or rather, he had never considered letting Qiao Nan and Shi Qing stay in the house of the Feng family.

After eliminating the Zhai family and the Feng family, the house of Lin Yuankang in the capital became the best option.

Shi Qing gave a bitter smile. “Qiao Nan, you are really so blessed. Brother Zhai has already planned everything for you. As much as possible, he will help you avoid all troubles and provide you with a

quiet learning environment. Although troubles come knocking on your door, no matter what, you are still very blessed.”

Brother Zhai truly protected Qiao Nan. He was meticulous and attentive in everything that had to do with her!

When Qiao Nan arrived in the classroom, the teacher was already there and the class also seemed to have started.

Fortunately, Qiao Nan was not very late. She picked a seat nearer to the back of the classroom which would not disturb others, sat down, and quietly listened to the class.

In the blink of an eye, the morning had passed. Qiao Nan twisted her neck and flung her hands. After tidying up her notes for the lesson, she wanted to solve the problem of her hunger.

Chapter 928 Kept Woman Scandal 1

Whenever people walked past Qiao Nan, they would point at her and whisper to each other.

Qiao Nan could not hear what they were talking about, but she could tell clearly whether their intentions were good or bad.

Qiao Nan knitted her brows, her expression turning cold. She grabbed her books and went to the canteen.

Qiao Nan bought her meal and was getting ready to eat. She noticed that people around her still cast weird glances at her. She could not help but feel angry.

The problem was those people only whispered behind her back. Qiao Nan had no idea what they were talking about.

“Qiao Nan, shall we eat together?” Tang Jiayun carried her plate and sat down at the seat opposite Qiao Nan. “All the other seats are occupied. This is the only empty seat. I am sure you won’t mind.”

Qiao Nan looked up. The entire canteen was filled up with people except for the seats around her. It was as if she was a virus and was within an invisible quarantine area. “This is a public space. It doesn’t belong to anyone.”

Qiao Nan threw in a reply. To put it bluntly, she did not care where she sat.

Tang Jiayun arched her eyebrows. She noticed that several people cast weird glances at Qiao Nan. Tang Jiayun smiled. “Qiao Nan, do you go online?”

“No,” Qiao Nan replied.

“No wonder.” Tang Jiayun covered her mouth, acting as if she had said something that she should not have.

Tang Jiayun hesitated for a while before she made up her mind. “Qiao Nan, do you know why many people cast weird glances at you today? Do you know what they are whispering about? Actually, I feel very angry on your behalf. This has nothing to do with them. Why do they spread the rumor? They must be sick.”

“...” Did Tang Jiayun mean that there was a rumor regarding her that was circulating around the school? How did this rumor start?

Qiao Nan put down her spoon and looked at Tang Jiayun. “Are you here to tell me the reason? I am all ears.”

Tang Jiayun was thrilled that Qiao Nan was very straightforward. She pursed her lips and sighed softly. “Qiao Nan, you must not be angry or anxious. I believe the rumor must be false. Although we were roommates only for a short period of time, I believe you are not that kind of person.”

“What kind of person?” There was a flicker in Qiao Nan’s eyes. School had only started for less than a month and she had become infamous in Peking University?

She knew that college life was not as simple, but she did not expect that it would be so complicated.

“Someone uploaded a photo on the school forum. It says that you got into an old man’s car and that you are his kept woman.” Tang Jiayun lowered her voice.

Qiao Nan frowned. Could it be that someone saw her when her father-in-law came to school to fetch her and the person took a picture of them and posted it online?

“Qiao Nan, as your friend, I must remind you that such rumors will have a negative influence on you. It is useless that I believe you. Other students and the school have to believe you as well. If you lack moral integrity, it may affect your final results. Therefore, you have to think of ways to clear up the misunderstanding, and for the school to understand that the photo is false. Of course, if you need a witness, I can be one.”

Tang Jiayun acted as if she had high morality and was willing to share weal and woe with Qiao Nan. “The person was so mean and foolish to take the photo and smear your reputation, causing everyone to misunderstand you. Qiao Nan, who do you think is behind this? Let’s fish out that person. The person who tells such lies is too much. The person is too ill-natured.”

Qiao Nan lowered her eyes, her long eyelashes hiding the flicker in her eyes. Tang Jiayun, who was all pretenses, was unable to tell what she was thinking of right now.

“Qiao Nan, don’t be upset. I will help you.” When faced with such a situation, people would usually be anxious and feel angst. However, Qiao Nan seemed to be very indifferent.

Could it be that Qiao Nan believed the saying that ‘rumors stop at the wise’?

Tang Jiayun used to dislike and ostracize her. However, she was the only one who offered her help and told her what had happened. Qiao Nan curled her lips. “How do you intend to help me?”

One who was unaccountably solicitous must be hiding evil intentions.

She was reminded of what Tang Jiayun had done previously. Qiao Nan’s first thought was that the rumor might have to do with Tang Jiayun.

Qiao Nan did not find it surprising that Tang Jiayun would resort to the trick of a thief crying stop thief. After all, sometimes, people were too clever for one’s own good.

“Is it on the school forum?” Qiao Nan had yet to understand what was going on, so she could not jump to conclusions. However, she could not do nothing now that she knew that someone was out to harm her. She was particularly curious to see the picture that was being posted on the forum.

“Yes, do you want to have a look? Shall I go with you?” Tang Jiayun nodded. Regardless of the reaction that Qiao Nan had, she rose to fame in Peking University because of the forum. Everyone looked down on Qiao Nan and kept a distance from her. Everyone was dying to dig at her.

Apart from her, no one was willing to go near her.

She believed that Qiao Nan would not reject good friends who helped her out when she was in need.

“Qiao Nan!” Tang Jiayun was about to bring Qiao Nan with her when an anxious Shi Qing came running toward them.

Shi Qing knew about the rumor surrounding Qiao Nan and she did not shout her name out loud. She looked for her in the canteen and caught sight of her, running toward her. “Qiao Nan, look at this.”

Shi Qing had heard of the rumors regarding Qiao Nan circulating around the school. She went online to look at the threads and printed them out. She passed them to Qiao Nan. “Who did this? Is the person courting death?!”

Shi Qing was mad and anxious when she saw the photo in the thread. Who was so foolish to do something like this? The person was not afraid of death.

Tang Jiayun heard the anger in Shi Qing’s voice. She smiled scornfully in secret.

Shi Qing might be domineering and acted brazenly at Peking University, but there was nothing she could do about the fact that someone was out to harm Qiao Nan. Even if Shi Qing managed to find out who the person was, she did not believe that Shi Qing would murder someone or commit a crime for Qiao Nan’s sake!

Go ahead to brag and boast!

“Since someone is courting death, there is no way to stop the person. Although school has just started and Peking University always has a good reputation, I suppose someone will be invited to the principal’s office for a cup of tea.” Qiao Nan smiled contemptuously. In her previous life, the only time she heard of college students being kept women of older men was from the news. She did not expect that she would become the main character of such news in this life. It was thrilling!

Chapter 929 Kept Woman Scandal 2

Shi Qing grounded her teeth and glared at Tang Jiayun. “You are not on good terms with Qiao Nan. What are you doing here now? Are you here to make fun of her or are you the wicked person who is behind all this?”

Shi Qing knew that there was a wicked classmate in Qiao Nan’s dormitory and the two other roommates in the dormitory would cooperate with her to ostracize Qiao Nan. This was why Qiao Nan moved out of the dormitory to stay at the Lin family’s quad.

On the day they moved out of the dormitory, Shi Qing had no idea which of them was Tang Jiayun. But she had given her a hard push.

After moving to the Lin family’s quad, Shi Qing found out from Qiao Nan that the person who was pushed by her was Tang Jiayun. She was the person who bullied Qiao Nan.

Shi Qing was full of regrets.

If she had known that the person was Tang Jiayun, she would have given her a harder push. It was such a light push. It was too easy on Tang Jiayun.

Since she had met her once, Shi Qing was able to recognize Tang Jiayun.

“Classmate Shi, d-don’t misunderstand. This has nothing to do with me. Qiao Nan doesn’t stay in school, so she is clueless about the situation in school. The thread was created yesterday night and it was shared by many people. This morning, a lot of the students were discussing the thread. I was worried that Qiao Nan was kept in the dark. Therefore, I am here to notify her.” Tang Jiayun was shocked that Shi Qing would use force on her and grab her collar.

Shi Qing seemed to be as frail as Qiao Nan. She did not expect that she was, in fact, very strong

Tang Jiayun felt like a young chick that was being lifted by Shi Qing. If she did not stand on tiptoes, she would be lifted off the floor.

Shi Qing was a woman, yet she had tremendous physical strength. Was she an Amazon?

Tang Jiayun was being held by the collar and her feet could not reach the floor. She felt very uncomfortable. She was frightened by Shi Qing, who looked like a tigress. She turned to beg Qiao Nan. "Qiao Nan, I am telling the truth. Please help me explain to her. The thread has nothing to do with me."

Qiao Nan tapped Shi Qing on the back of her hand. "She has been telling the truth until now."

Shi Qing finally let go of Tang Jiayun. "Are you that warm-hearted?" Given Tang Jiayun's previous attitude toward Qiao Nan, she should be thrilled that Qiao Nan was in trouble. Why would she show her concern for Qiao Nan? She must be putting up pretenses.

Tang Jiayun tidied her clothes and smiled guiltily. "What happened in the past was a misunderstanding. Actually, I don't have any serious conflicts with Qiao Nan. Not only are we classmates, but we used to be roommates as well. It is not surprising that I will help her when I know that someone is slandering her. If this happens to someone else and I am sure that the person is upright, I will definitely help the person as well."

Qiao Nan did not pay attention to Tang Jiayun. She looked at the thread seriously and sneered. "This is asking for trouble." The photo had captured her very clearly. Most importantly, it showed a clear profile of her father-in-law.

Those who did not know Zhai Yaohui, the famous chief, would not find it to be a problem.

But those who knew Zhai Yaohui and how he looked would know right away when they looked at the photo that the person who was believed to be the sugar daddy of a female student of Peking University was, in fact, an important official of the country.

It was tarnishing the reputation of the county, the army, and the party.

If it was true, Zhai Yaohui would be severely punished. On the contrary, it was a serious offense to frame an important official of the country. In ancient times, if one defamed the royalty, one's entire

clan would be executed. Although it was the modern age and the society was ruled by law, one would still have to face a lawsuit and be jailed.

“Qiao Nan, what are you going to do?” Shi Qing rubbed her forehead. “I am very curious to know who is so daring and itching to be invited to a cup of tea with the police officers. The person is simply crazy.”

The Feng family was considered as a rich and powerful family in the capital. But even so, the Feng family was respectful of the Zhai family and still had to fawn over them.

Someone had the audacity to tarnish the reputation of the head of the Zhai family. The person must be a top warrior!

Awesome!

“We have to talk to the principal.” Qiao Nan grabbed the documents that were printed by Shi Qing

Peking University was a famous university in China. She had been dreaming of coming here for two lifetimes. She would not allow lies and sensational rumors to tarnish its reputation.

“Do you need help?” It was not that easy to request a meeting with the principal of Peking University

“It may not be easy, but we still have to do it. We cannot allow Peking University to be ruined by such untrue rumors. There is no way that the mastermind can run away from this.” Since it had been posted online, it would be easy to track and identify the person.

The person who had gotten into serious trouble would not be able to run away from it.

Qiao Nan grabbed the printed documents and dashed off. Tang Jiayun felt guilty. “Are you bluffing?”

Initially, Tang Jiayun thought that Shi Qing was bluffing when Shi Qing told Qiao Nan that the person who posted the thread was courting death. However, Qiao Nan made similar comments as well, and Tang Jiayun started to believe them.

She had been roommates with Qiao Nan for half a month. She had the impression that Qiao Nan was very quiet.

Qiao Nan knew a lot of influential people and she had a lot of ways to get what she wanted. However, she did not mention any of them during her stay with them. Regardless of the reasons behind her behavior, it proved that Qiao Nan would not shoot her mouth off.

Words coming from a tight-lipped person would sound more convincing.

“I don’t understand. Even if the thread is false, and someone fabricated it to harm Qiao Nan, why do Qiao Nan and you keep saying that the person is courting death? You even say that this will implicate Peking University. Are the two of you...” trying to make something unnecessarily complicated?

There were lots of threads on Peking University’s forum, and among them many were false.

If a false thread would implicate Peking University and the person was courting death, how could Peking University survive until today? It would no longer be here.

Shi Qing sneered. “It is no wonder that you are clueless. Important figures seldom come out in the public. The general public would not know them. Since you said that the thread has nothing to do with you, there is no need to worry. Even if the person has to die or go to jail, it doesn’t concern you. Let me remind you again. If you know the person who sent the thread, you’d better warn the person to plan how to spend the next few years of life in jail.”

In China, one could sue another person for defamation. Furthermore, the person being slandered was an important figure in the country.

Shi Qing had no idea if Tang Jiayun was really not related to the thread. She would not make any judgment as she knew that the mastermind would definitely be caught.

The country would not allow its important officials to be defamed.

It had better not be Tang Jiayun. Otherwise, it would be even more serious.

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With that, Shi Qing left, ignoring Tang Jiayun.

Shi Qing heard from Qiao Nan about the incidents that happened in the dormitory. She found Tang Jiayun to be an eyesore. She did not believe that Tang Jiayun would turn into a good classmate after Qiao Nan left the dormitory and show concern for her classmate.

Shi Qing walked away without any hesitation. However, Tang Jiayun was on pins and needles.

Shi Qing said that Tang Jiayun might not know the man in the picture, but Qiao Nan knew him. Therefore, the problem was with the sugar daddy. Was he the reason why this would turn into something serious?

Who was the man?

Tang Jiayun walked listlessly back to the dormitory. Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan were already there.

Tang Jiayun glanced at Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan, clearing her throat. “Do you know about the issue regarding the thread?”

Yu Xiaoxiao and Lü Yan, who were writing, paused and nodded. But what did this have to do with them?

“I’m not trying to frighten you, but Qiao Nan knows about it. The strange thing is that Qiao Nan and Shi Qing told me just now that the thread will result in serious trouble. Whoever sends the thread will have to go to jail. Do you think they were telling the truth?” Tang Jiayun swallowed with difficulty.

“Hehehe.” Lü Yan was amused. “Do they take us for three-year-old kids? It is just a thread. Regardless of whether the thread is true or false, even if Qiao Nan manages to catch the person, at most, the person will have to apologize to her. If she cannot find out who the person is, what’s the point in bluffing us? Doesn’t she find it ridiculous? Besides, if the thread is telling the truth, how could she have the audacity to send other people to prison?”

Fortunately, it was not in ancient times and they were living in a civilized society. If not, Qiao Nan would be tied in a bamboo cage and submerged in water.

It was lucky of Qiao Nan to be born in modern times. Instead of kicking up a fuss and using up all her good fortune, she must count her blessings.

Yu Xiaoxiao put down her pen. She was not as optimistic as Lü Yan. “We seldom interact with Qiao Nan and she is a person of few words. She does not seem like someone who likes to bluff. Is it really that serious?”

Yu Xiaoxiao believed that Qiao Nan would not bluff, but she could not imagine that one would need to go to jail because of a thread.

Like what Lü Yan said, if the thread was untrue, at most, the person would have to apologize, and the school would circulate a notice of criticism and issue demerits to the person.

But going to jail?

The Qiao family was not in charge of the prison.

What Yu Xiaoxiao did not know was that it was indeed true that the Qiao family was not in charge of the prison, but they were very much related

“Shi Qing told me that the problem lies with the person in the picture.” Tang Jiayun pointed at the photo from the thread. “There are two people in the photo. Qiao Nan...” She was just a country bumpkin. They knew that the problem was not with her.

“Who do you think the older man is?”

Lü Yan popped a sweet into her mouth. “Who could that be? To put it bluntly, the man is simply a sugar daddy.” The man was older than all of them, and according to Tang Jiayun, he had a very expensive car.

The man was advanced in years and he was rich. She did not believe that he was single.

Nobody would believe that.

“Lü Yan!” Yu Xiaoxiao knitted her brows. “Didn’t I remind you not to speculate and don’t make it sound as if it is the truth? Qiao Nan is not that kind of person. Can you set your thoughts straight?”

After calming down and putting her mind to her studies, Yu Xiaoxiao gradually sorted out her thoughts.

To err is human. Everyone wanted to succeed and to get in through the back door.

People felt like having everything, but when they watched helplessly while people around them achieved what they wanted and they had nothing in life, they could not help but be jealous of them.

As long as one had the correct mindset and stop thinking about the negative feelings, one would be able to stay rational.

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Yu Xiaoxiao had sorted out her thoughts. However, she could not accept Lü Yan’s behavior today. “Lü Yan, what is wrong with you? It has only been a few days and now you made such radical comments?!” Could it be that Lü Yan had really been led astray by Tang Jiayun? But Tang Jiayun did not make crude remarks like Lü Yan.

Lü Yan pulled a long face, unhappy. “What is wrong with my mindset? If I have the wrong mindset, at least, I am better than others who are morally wrong and act shamelessly. I am a down-to-earth student. Why am I targeted? I have checked online regarding the price of the car. Do you know that the car Qiao Nan got onto that day costs more than a suite in our hometown and its renovation cost?”

Before Lü Yan came to the capital, she was not interested in buying a house. Right now, it was still not popular for everyone to have their own house.

But after she came to the capital, Lü Yan realized that it was very difficult for her to realize her childhood dream of going to the capital to study and live there.

She had to have her own house in the capital in order to be based in the capital.

To Lü Yan, who was still studying and would need to rely on the allowance sent by her parents, buying a house and living in the capital was a dream that was beyond her reach.

Lü Yan came to the capital and to Peking University with the dream of staying in the capital for good. But what she saw in the capital was a hard blow and cruel reality to her.

She was still reeling in shock that her roommate was able to get a ride in a car that cost more than a house. No one was able to handle such a devastating blow.

The car might probably cost as much as a suite in the capital.

Nobody was able to tell how much Lü Yan was affected by what she saw.

Yu Xiaoxiao and Tang Jiayun paused momentarily at Lü Yan's words. Tang Jiayun was somewhat surprised. "That car is so expensive!" She only heard about the car from others, and she did not check the actual price.

Yu Xiaoxiao recovered from her shock. "So? What does the fact that someone drove a car that costs as much as a house has to do with you? What are you indignant about? There are a lot of rich men in the world. Are you going to be indignant about all of them?"

To put it bluntly, this had nothing to do with Lü Yan.

Lü Yan came back to her senses, realizing that she was being too agitated. "N-nothing, I am just shocked. Perhaps I need to broaden my horizons. This was my first time seeing something like that, so I am slightly agitated and could not help but keep thinking about it. Indeed, it has nothing to do with me."

Yu Xiaoxiao frowned deeply. "I remember that when Qiao Nan got in the car that day, there weren't many people around the area. What surprised me the most was the angle from which the photo was taken."

Yu Xiaoxiao was right there at the scene. Therefore, she was very sensitive to the angle in the photo.

It was obvious that the photo was taken on that day and from the location that they were at. The photo was the scene that they witnessed that day.