

## Sweet Love 2371

### Chapter 2371: The Talk of the Town

She was temporarily rendered speechless.

Her brother curled his lips into a smile. “The way you’re always keeping things to yourself makes me feel left out.”

Looking pensive, the man then turned his head away and sipped his coffee.

She hung her head low dumbly, feeling somewhat lost.

Come morning, Lu Jingtian remained in a critical condition.

By now, the media had published many articles about her online.

Yun Shishi opened pages after pages as she skimmed through the articles.

[@MorningNews: *Lu Jingtian, a Huanyu artist, suffers serious burns in a bar mishap.* According to eye-witnesses at the hospital, the famous starlet met an accident at a bar last night. She’s suffered burns all over and was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment. From what we know so far, the extent of her burns is pretty large and severe. She remains in a critical condition as of the time of posting.]

[@ChengguangEntertainment: *Lu Jingtian, whose body got burned by eighty-five percent and who’s at risk of being disfigured for life, isn’t out of the woods yet.* The renowned actress remains in the ER even now. According to the bar manager, Lu Jingtian arrived there alone and headed straight to the second floor. Twenty minutes later, she was seen engulfed in fire as she rolled down the stairs, writhing in agony and screaming for help. It was reported that, at the time of the incident, she’s wearing nylon stockings, which further fed the fire. The bar failed to respond to her calls for help in time, and when they finally extinguished the fire, she’s already lost consciousness.]

[@StarlightNews: *Bar denies all responsibility on Lu Jingtian’s mishap, citing the actress being on the surveillance camera’s blind angle as reason for their late rescue.* According to reports, no one at the scene then noticed what was happening to the starlet because no other customers were on the second floor. The bar manager speculated that the artist might have been playing with a lighter, and then she accidentally set herself on fire, which quickly spread to engulf her in a matter of seconds. The staff also defended their establishment by saying that they had actually reacted astutely to the situation, putting out the fire, evacuating the crowd, and calling the police and ambulance in an orderly manner.]

Huanyu’s official Weibo page had been keeping silent all this while, with not even a public announcement regarding the matter.

It, thus, prompted many netizens to leave comments on the company’s Weibo page, expressing their disappointment on it.

[Can a lighter really set a person on fire right away? Even though her clothes were made of flammable material, the fire shouldn’t spread that fast, should it? Usually, when a person’s clothes catch fire, their immediate reaction is to put out the fire or call for help, right? From the footage, the fire spread so fast that she didn’t even have the chance to save herself. I don’t believe that it’s only the work of a lighter. There must be something else that caused the fire to grow so fast and strong. It’s been a few hours since

the incident happened, yet Huanyu hasn't even come forward to clarify the matter. There isn't even any announcement about it. Just what exactly are they doing?]

[The clothes will only ignite right away upon contact with flame if there's gasoline or some other flammable liquid on them.]

[That's terrible! I heard that Lu Jingtian had received extensive burns. Apparently, it's so bad that even her vocal cords were damaged. I wonder if she can still speak in the future.]

[I thought she was trying to commit suicide at first, but then again, would anyone kill themselves using such a painful method? It's not like she's a cult follower. Besides, is there a need for her to go to a bar to kill herself?]

[I've been studying the footage carefully. The footage shows someone in black—gender unknown—calmly coming down from the second floor when Lu Jingtian was on fire. That person was so freakishly calm it's not hard to link them to this incident. Was it... premeditated?]

The netizens were discussing this incident so much so that it quickly became the talk of the town. Rumors and gossip were rife for a moment.

### **Chapter 2372: Ruthless (1)**

Yun Shishi headed back to the hotel to get some rest. When she woke up from her afternoon nap, the first thing she did was to get her phone and log into Weibo. Huanyu's official Weibo page had posted an announcement by then.

[@HuanyuEntertainment: To our followers, we received some very unfortunate news last night. @TiantianDeerNeck (Lu Jingtian) had arranged to meet her friends at a bar last night when she met with an accident. She's currently undergoing treatment at a hospital for her burns. We, including her family members, rushed over to the hospital to see her the moment we received news. Our star isn't out of danger yet and is still going through a nerve-racking surgery. Meanwhile, we can only silently pray that she will pull through the critical period and hope for her speedy recovery. Let us all pray for her in hopes that she can recover soon! (candle)(candle)]

That post, which was published at 1 PM, already had hundreds of thousands of reposts and comments in the span of two hours.

Under that post, many keyboard warriors had left negative comments and scolding. [As a star management company, your announcement actually came ten hours later than the other news outlet. Aren't you being too lackadaisical here?!]

[There's no mention of the outcome of this matter in the post and you guys have brushed it away as an accident! Gosh! Was it really, though?]

[For a company as large as yours, the PR standard is really poor! Shouldn't you people explain more about it?]

[What a strange announcement this is!]

The actress put down her phone before suddenly picking it up again to call her husband.

The moment the call connected, she anxiously asked, "Do you remember that I have a sister called 'Yun Na'?"

"Yeah."

"Can you help me find her whereabouts?"

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In the basement of a villa on the mountainous outskirts.

After entering the bedroom, Yun Na removed her black outfit and sat on the bed. She then picked up the remote control, which was on the bedside table, and switched on the TV.

The black screen lit up to show a news channel. Unsurprisingly, the news of Lu Jingtian getting into an accident had already spread everywhere like wildfire, and the various TV stations were competing against one another to report about it.

She leaned against the headboard while watching the news indifferently.

*How ironic.*

*Both were involved in an accident, yet my dear father remains lying in the hospital with no media coverage, while Lu Jingtian, as a public figure has become the topic of conversations. News about her situation is everywhere, with the media following up on the case and the netizens paying close attention to it.*

The young lady then picked up an apple with one hand, then took out a pocket knife from the drawer with the other, and started paring its skin nonchalantly. The action exposed a frightening scar, which seemed to have been left behind by a hook, near her shirt's cuff.

Just then, someone came knocking at the door.

She glanced at the door before standing up and making her way over to open it. The door opened to reveal a woman with thick layers of makeup and an expensive-looking coat standing outside. The latter had her eyes pinned on her.

"How bold of you, Yun Na! You actually caused such a huge commotion out of nowhere!"

She looked at her, her aloof visage finally having a hint of expression, which seemed like a tiny smirk, before she turned around and invited the woman in.

She seemed rather polite and neutral toward this woman, though she did not appear too fawning as well.

The woman, on the other hand, seemed to be used to this attitude of hers and just merely entered the room without any further invitation.

The woman had found this place for her to stay. The villa's basement used to be a wine cellar, but she had partitioned some space to make a small bedroom and furnished it simply for her. It was considered her abode now.

This villa was located in the suburbs with little human habitation around. Until now, this developed piece of land remained in a semi-derelict state and was very obscure.

### **Chapter 2373: Ruthless (2)**

The woman, who was clearly extremely displeased about Yun Na's actions, closed the door behind her and commented, "I saw today's news."

Yun Na nodded. "Oh."

Upon hearing that indifferent response, the woman appeared increasingly furious as she sat down on the sofa, looked up, and chided, "You were too reckless! Do you know how dangerous your actions were?!"

Behind her, the TV, which was playing the news channel, showed an image of a hospital where a reporter was eloquently reporting about Lu Jingtian's case.

"Sources said that the scene of the incident was in a complete mess. The police found residual ethanol on Lu Jingtian's clothes, and from their preliminary investigation, they're considering the flammable liquid as the cause of the fire. They've also found a lighter at the scene and are now attempting to extract fingerprints from it. Further investigation is currently underway..."

The woman picked up the remote control and switched off the TV.

"Aren't you afraid of rousing her suspicion with your recklessness?"

Yun Na merely quietly lifted a brow at that.

"You're not to act on your own again! Wait for my orders and move at the right time. I'm worried that your solo actions will put her on guard and lead to you landing in a tiger's den! I have a use for you, so don't act so brashly again!"

"I got it."

The woman suddenly remembered something and ordered, "Let me see your hands!"

Without any protest, she stretched her hands for the other to take a look.

"Show me your fingers."

She proceeded to stretch her fingers wide.

The woman then realized that the flesh of her thumbs and index fingers had been sliced away while the rest of her fingers had seemingly been burned by high heat, though they were all recovered now. Still, she could imagine just how painful that process must have been.

As everyone knew, the morphological structure and unique characteristics of fingerprints had strong stability and would basically be the same for life.

Unless there was scarring or damage to the finger's epidermal layer, fingerprints collected at the crime scene could be a breakthrough in the case.

For the sake of preventing further complications, Yun Na sliced off the flesh of her fingers, but because she could not take the pain of it, she burned the rest of her fingerprints away with a hot iron, instead.

"Don't worry. I took all kinds of precautions before stepping past that door."

Even after destroying her fingerprints, she would always apply 502 glue to her fingers each time she left the room.

There would be absolutely no traces of her at the crime scene.

Only then was the woman slightly relieved.

"Lu Jingtian is now in the hospital, and her accident has caused quite a stir in the country. Don't go out for the time being, and just in case, you should burn that set of clothes away, too!"

"Got it."

"Also"—the woman glanced at her upon recalling a certain matter—"your father seems to have seen your face and knows that it's you."

Yun Na curled the corners of her lips expressionlessly. "Yeah."

"As far as I know, he's in the hospital, still alive and out of danger. Why didn't you kill him?"

"..."

"What? Surely, it's not because you've gone softhearted and were unable to do it in the end?"

"That's not it," she answered viciously. "Him dying ten thousand times isn't even enough to appease me!"

After a beat, the woman added, "Then again, seeing the extent of his injuries, he won't be able to talk ever again."

### **Chapter 2374: Ruthless (3)**

What she said did not change the woman's opinion, however. "That Yun Yecheng is only a source of trouble and a ticking time bomb to us. He'll spill the beans sooner or later. You should've done a clean job back then."

"I get what you mean."

"Hmph! Now is not the time for us to act, though. That bitch has people keeping guard at the hospital, so there's no chance for us at all. You'll only slip up if you charge into the hospital haphazardly. We're in no rush, anyway; we can always act again when they've finally lowered their guard."

"Noted."

The woman then let out a snigger. "You can't cause any slip-ups, Yun Na. Me keeping you alive is because you have value to me. Your greatest worth is that no one will ever suspect that you're still alive, so I don't want a repeat of yesterday's reckless actions from you!"

She was incensed to know that the other had acted on her own last night without informing her beforehand.

Hell would be waiting for them should they make any mistakes at this critical juncture.

Yun Na nodded. "I got it; I'll be careful."

"Alright, I'm leaving now. Don't go out for the time being. If you need anything, just call this number and someone will deliver the things you want to you."

The woman then tossed a name card on the bedside table before standing up and walking away gracefully in her high heels.

The door was closed once more.

Yun Na locked the door and returned to the bed, where she turned on the TV again and watched the surveillance footage playing on the screen. The TV station had specifically marked the black-clothed figure with a red circle and was presently making a detailed analysis of their speculation.

There were all sorts of speculations about it.

She took a look at it before hooking her lips into a sinister, eerie-looking smile, which revealed her pearly whites.

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Yun Yecheng's condition had gradually improved and stabilized over the past few days of the critical period. It could be said that he had safely pulled through.

This week, he would be undergoing his skin-grafting surgery for the third time, where the doctors would try to preserve his eyelids, eyeballs, and other important body parts. If the surgery went well, he could retain a bit of his original looks in a certain sense.

He had suffered severe burns all over his body and his face was badly disfigured. As such, the hospital could only use skin grafting to transplant the skin from his hips to his face for the first stage of the facial restorative surgery.

He had been sleeping all this while. Although he would wake up intermittently, he could neither speak nor ingest food properly from his mouth. He was barely sustaining from the nutrition drip attached to him.

Yun Shishi could enter the ward to accompany her father now.

The moment she stepped into the ward, she noticed that her father's body was smeared with white ointment, while his face was black and peeling badly like a cracked wall. Her heart wrenched to see him in such a terrible state.

She tried to study and memorize her script while keeping vigil beside him, but she could never focus on it.

While her father was sleeping, he would always make a painful yet broken sound, which gripped her heart in agony. His larynx had been damaged, so he could not vocalize anything. All that came out was some raspy and wheezing sounds.

The pain of having his skin and flesh eaten away by sulfuric acid was beyond imagination.

Even though he had been injected with analgesic several times, it was hard for him to have a sound sleep.

All this while, the actress could only sit at the side, feeling helpless.

*It must be horrible and agonizing to live like this.*

*How could that person be so cruel?*

On several occasions, the pain had gotten so bad that her father made what seemed to be like sobbing sounds as tears flowed nonstop from his eyes. She, however, could only endure the heartache and wiped his tears away immediately, lest they flow into his wounds.

On top of that, he could not drink water for the time being, so she would moisten his lips with a damp cotton bud.

Yun Yehou would often come over to keep vigil, too. However, due to his disability, he could only quietly watch his brother from the side and could not do anything to help.

### **Chapter 2375: Unjustly Attacked**

The woman said, "Uncle, you don't have to keep coming when your legs aren't well. You'll only get anxious if you're here. Dad has me taking care of him. Besides, there are four nurses on rotation duties during the day. You don't have to worry."

The elderly man sighed. "I know I am a cripple and will cause you unnecessary trouble with my presence, but I can still help out a bit if he wakes up by keeping him company when you're away."

She helplessly said, "Why are you calling yourself a cripple, uncle? You're being too harsh on yourself."

"Well, that's just the way it is."

Tugging at the corners of his lips, he appeared to be somewhat resigned as he fell silent for a while before laughing. "You don't have to be worried about me. I've gotten used to it by now after so many years. I'm capable of taking good care of myself."

Not knowing what to do with him, she no longer said anything more.

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In contrast to the large throng of media people camping outside the hospital entrance previously, the number had dwindled over these past few days. Upon seeing that they were unable to get any news

from waiting there, many of them left, leaving behind the few persistent ones who remained there, hoping to get any major scoop or an update.

After a series of emergency treatments, Lu Jingtian's life was finally saved. Surprisingly, like Yun Yecheng, her vocal cords had been badly damaged. Thus, it was unlikely that she would be able to say anything clearly in the future.

Still, it was fortunate that she had been successfully rescued.

There had been a worrying shortage of blood bags during the rescue process despite her blood not being of the rare type. Many kindhearted netizens, upon hearing this, rushed over to the hospital and donated blood for free to cheer her on.

In any case, she was still alive.

After she was wheeled out of the ER, the PR team of Huanyu updated the company's Weibo page with a new post informing the public that the actress's condition had stabilized while offering a few pleasant words, like 'We thank the fans for their concern and the community for their kindness.'

After they posted that announcement, the other artists under Huanyu's management voluntarily shared the post as they expressed their encouragement and support for the injured starlet.

Although Yang Mi, Li Jiuxian, and most of the other artists under Huanyu Entertainment expressed their well-wishes, how many of these were sincere?

Most were just skin-deep expressions of goodwill that did not mean anything.

The so-called moral support was mostly a hypocritical display of camaraderie. Not many were actually sincerely praying for her.

Lu Jingtian had poor work relations, for she had always been competing with others for the spotlight every single time.

Many were, in fact, secretly gloating when they found out that she had been disfigured. This was especially so for a certain female starlet, who had her lead role robbed away by her! She was filled with schadenfreude when she came to know about her misfortune!

*This is karma!*

Of course, such words could only be kept to one's self.

No one dared to hit her openly when she was down.

This incident had sparked a sensation in the country. One had to pay all the more attention to their words and actions at this critical juncture.

After all, the keyboard warriors online were aplenty. Should one appear not sincere enough, people would start accusing them of being 'callous', 'apathetic', and downright 'cruel'.

That was how Yun Shishi got unjustly attacked.



She had been so focused on taking care of her father recently that she had failed to see the new Weibo post about Lu Jingtian.

Many fans started questioning the artist about her indifference toward this matter when they noticed the other Huanyu stars expressing their concerns for the bedridden starlet on Weibo while she did not.

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**Chapter 2376: The road to hell is paved with good intentions.**

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Unfortunately, the fans were not impressed even though his post had been timely.

[Lu Jingtian has suffered such grave injuries; why did you have to wait till now to send your well-wishes when the other artists have long posted theirs on Weibo?]

[Aren't you too aloof to Lu Jingtian? No matter what, she's your colleague, isn't she? You appear to be unbothered by her tragic fate when you responded this late!]

Yun Shishi's diehard fans started defending her when they saw her under attack. They would leave comments directed at those who were questioning her on Weibo.

[Oh, dear, I didn't know Lu Jingtian has so many fans! I don't see any of you standing up for her in the past, but now that she's in trouble, all of you are pretending to be her supporters! Are you taking yourself to be Holy Mary, standing on a pedestal, who is free to judge the rest from above?]

[That's right! You weren't that supportive of Lu Jingtian back then. Now that something bad has happened to her, are you pretending to be kind-hearted for a change?]

[Holy b\*tch! Must we post on Weibo to express concern?! What a hypocrite!]

[Lu Jingtian isn't a national leader. Unfortunate stuff happens in life every day; does this mean Shishi needs to post on Weibo for every misfortune?! What a joke! One may as well spend their energy on filial piety instead of on an actress!]

[Lu Jingtian has got a bad rap; does she think that she can get away with it now that she's injured? He he.]

Just as torrents of comments were being posted, fast and furious, on the actress's Weibo account, some hawk-eyed people noticed something strange about the actress's latest post.

[Why is it indicated that the post was sent via a VOA client? Shishi doesn't usually use this cell phone, does she?]

[That's right! Isn't Shishi using the phone which she is endorsing?]

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The client server of the cell phone would be revealed each time a message was posted on Weibo.

As the actress was endorsing one particular cell phone brand, her contract stated that she had to use the brand's latest model in public places, especially web portals.

Some nosy netizens followed the lead and managed to come across Qin Zhou's Weibo in the end. After they compared the client servers displayed on both accounts, they quickly posted their latest update. [The post wasn't sent by Yun Shishi! I think it was sent by her agent through his phone after he logged into her account.]

A cyber war erupted as a result.

Many netizens accused the actress of being uncaring and insincere for making her agent send a get-well message on her behalf.

By the time the actress found out about this matter, the squabbling had escalated to a great extent, without signs of stopping.

The diehard fans and anti-fans were tearing each other down with their comments on Weibo.

Yun Shishi was befuddled momentarily; she did not recall sending a post like that at all!

The only possibility would be her manager.

She quickly called him and explained the situation. Qin Zhou did not know that he had exposed himself with his mobile client attached to the post.

"Oh, no... D\*mn! The road to hell is paved with good intentions; I've messed up!"

The lady's mouth twitched for a moment. "Boss, you can call me for any instructions. It is just a Weibo post; I do have time for such errands."

"I'm just worried that you can't cope with the demands! Your father needs you in the hospital, and on top of that, you have to prepare for an upcoming role. I don't want to tire you out."

### **Chapter 2377: Public Announcement**

Qin Zhou paused for a brief moment before adding, "Either way, I think you should explain your situation on Weibo. Just tell the truth and say that you're in the hospital looking after your father. Otherwise, you'll end up trending on Weibo because of this issue we just let things ferment!"

The actress broke into a cold sweat at the thought of what might happen should she not step forward to explain things.

"Okay."

She then posted a long message on Weibo, explaining her current situation.

Her diehard fans got even more furious the moment they learned that her father had been hospitalized due to an accident.

[Shishi has been in the hospital, taking care of her gravely ill father for the past few days, yet some keyboard warriors are indiscriminately launching personal attacks on her! That's too much of you people!]

Some netizens with remarkable abilities even actually managed to find out about those trolls' personal information and revealed everything online.

Yun Shishi, however, had no time to concern herself with such trivial affairs.

For the past consecutive days, she and her brother had been taking turns to stay at the hospital and look after her father.

The woman must say that she was quite impressed, surprised, and heartened by how meticulous he was in taking care of her bedridden, adoptive father, contrary to what she had previously pegged him as: an androcentric man. After all, keeping vigil at the hospital and caring for a patient were two, wholly different matters. Thus, it was not until she saw how he paid great attention to her father and did everything by himself when she returned to the hospital to check on them, out of worry, that she felt at ease leaving him to the task.

Honestly speaking, Gong Jie was an extremely cold-hearted person, who rarely got close to anyone. If not for his sister, he might not spare Yun Yecheng a look of pity even if the latter was dying right in front of him from a fatal injury.

This ordinary man, however, had single-handedly raised his beloved sister, which was a great kindness that had been bestowed upon her. Therefore, no matter how dirty, tiring, and difficult it was to take care of such an invalid person, he did it with care sans any grudges or complaints.

Meanwhile, on the Mu Group's end, they had posted a public announcement regarding Mu Yazhe's resignation as the company CEO.

Of course, this announcement caused another upheaval as soon as it was out.

Mu Linfeng, the sly, old fox, had planned it all out; he very clearly expressed in the announcement that his young nephew's resignation had nothing to do with the company's internal affairs and that they had even tried persuading him to stay, but the man, regrettably, did not cherish the opportunity.

Nevertheless, it still caused quite several ripples of surprise.

Everyone in the Mu Group was dumbfounded, for the CEO position, which was desired and coveted by many others, seemed worthless in Mu Yazhe's eyes as he easily gave it up.

The other competitors for the head position in the Mu family, on the other hand, were outraged to know that the thing they had once fought so hard with all they got to obtain was nothing to him!

The announcement caused quite a stir everywhere, so it was only natural that the company's share prices took a plunge straight to the bottom. In just one night, the company had lost several hundred millions in market value.

Even though this loss was not considered too bad by the Mu family, it was also by no means light. It even caused quite a lot of unrest within the company.

In the announcement, Mu Linfeng also went on to reveal that they would be selecting someone from the remaining candidates to become the new CEO of the company. He declared that the candidates would be undergoing training and observation over the coming days so that an ideal leader could be aptly chosen from them.

## **Chapter 2378: That chap sure is riding the crest of success!**

Many media personalities caught wind of the news that Second Mu was quite satisfied with Mu Yancheng.

*Mu Yancheng?!*

*Is he up to the task?*

*Can he achieve great things just like what his capable predecessor did should he become the new leader?*

*Impossible.*

Everyone knew full well that no one within the Mu family could replace Mu Yazhe's position or surpass, much less replicate, his achievements and that everyone's confidence in the Mu Group would drop greatly following his leaving.

Just as what he said previously, the Mu empire, without him, would really be nothing but an empty shell. Not only would the share prices tumble down, many investors with close ties to the company would also, one by one, withdraw their shares.

In that case, the Mu Group would sooner later be trampled on by him.

While the Mu Group was in an upheaval, Shengyu Financial Group had swiftly launched bold and offensive attacks with grand momentum, which revealed Mu Yazhe's shrewdness in business.

The reason why those shareholders and investors had chosen to withdraw their shares, despite having invested in profitable projects, was that they had lost confidence in the Mu Group.

The young man's departure signified that the Mu empire had lost a capable leader, which in turn, meant that the company would lose its leading position on the brutal market.

He had been quietly waiting for the day the Mu Group announced his resignation all this while.

After those companies had chosen to pull out their investments from the Mu Group, he sent Jiang Shen and Lu Jinyu to reel them in.

The next day after the Mu Group had released that announcement, Shengyu Financial Group announced that it would soon be undergoing a new round of financing and that Mu Yazhe was now the company's legal person.

All thanks to Song Zhengguo, he had managed to acquire that land in Xin Cheng, which in turn, let his company undergo a smooth round of financing, achieve results that far exceeded his expectations in just the span of several days. One week following the Mu Group's announcement, Shengyu Financial Group became a listed company on New York Stock Exchange.

The day the company became listed, it achieved unprecedented results in history, opening at USD 99.32 per stock with a total market value of USD 452.4 billion. The results, which were the effects of Mu Yazhe's extraordinary attention-grabbing capabilities, even far exceeded the man's initial expectations!

Prior to this, many people had taken notice of this high-profile group, which had accomplished extraordinary feats in just a few years. With it becoming a listed company, it soon climbed to a leading position, overtaking many famous, local enterprises in the States.

This meant that his net worth rose to billions as soon as Shengyu became listed.

This news soon reached the ears of the Songs.

That night, Song Zhengguo went home angrily and tossed the financial newspaper on the living room's table as soon as he got back. "That chap had it all planned! To think I was still wondering why he could so coolly and easily give up the Mu Group's CEO position! Hmph! It turns out that he's been secretly been plotting and growing his influence years prior! Shengyu Financial Group has just become a listed company, yet its stock has risen to USD 120 by the end of the day! He sure is riding the crest of success now!"

Feeling baffled about the situation, Jiang Qimeng hurriedly asked her husband what was going on.

He tugged at his necktie irritatedly while pacing about before he suddenly slammed his fist on the table in anger and did something he usually would not do: swear. "I've been seriously played by him! D\*mn it!"

### **Chapter 2379: Thoroughly Played (1)**

The politician spat curtly, "Who else could I be referring to other than that shrewd and cunning cousin of yours?! He has been using his family's resources to set up and grow his own company for a long time! No one among his kin knew about it because he covered it up by putting Lu Jinyu's name as the legal person when he established Shengyu Financial Group. He only changed the name to himself a few days ago, and just last night, his net worth skyrocketed, making him a multi-billionaire, after his company became listed on the New York Stock Exchange! Hah! I've really underestimated his capabilities! I thought he had lost everything after leaving the Mu family!"

His daughter, who was sitting in the living room, watching TV, listened to his words with much astonishment. Her eyelids even furiously twitched at this news.

"What are you saying, dad? How did that trending Shengyu Financial Group suddenly become Brother Mu's company?!"

"Don't you get it at all? He's been planning for this day a long time ago! I bet Mu Lingfeng must be hopping mad now to know that he's groomed an ingrate! Not only did that chap snatch away plenty of his kin's resources, the shareholders and investors, who withdrew their shares from the Mu Group, all transferred them to Shengyu Financial Group! The Mu Group must've suffered a great loss from the double blows!"

The young missy pushed everything aside as her face turned pale in shock.

Her mother dumbly asked, "Are you saying that he's already started planning for himself, establishing Shengyu Financial Group, since a few years back? Then... that company is his?!"

“Who else could it be?!” the man answered hotly. “To think I failed to discover anything fishy about the company in the past few occasions I had dealings with it! I’ve never expected myself... to be so thoroughly played by that chap! He made use of that land he took from me to get financing. He must be living it well now!”

Upon hearing that, Song Enya bit her bottom lip so hard that her facial muscles went twitching.

*Sheesh!*

*What is this?!*

*What the hell is this?!*

Ever since that matter, her love for Mu Yazhe had turned into hatred, and it ran deep to the bone.

She was even gloating about how the man had become down and out after leaving the Mu Group and was looking forward to strutting her stuff in front of that actress the day she became Young Madame Mu. She wanted to see just how despondent that infuriating couple had become for herself!

She believed that that extraordinary man, after leaving the Mu Group and losing that coveted position, had fallen from grace.

*Pursuing love?*

*Giving up fame and fortune for the sake of love?*

*Things will be different for me by then!*

*As long as Mu Yancheng acknowledges the child in my stomach and I marry into the family, I’ll become the young matriarch of the Mus!*

She was not concerned about that fellow refusing to acknowledge the child, for she had plenty of ways to force him into doing so!

Yun Shishi, however, would gain nothing from following a down-and-out man. The very thought of it made her blood boil in excitement!

She also wanted to see how regretful, lowly, and pathetic that man, who was always full of mettle, had become after abandoning his family, giving up his successor position, and losing all his wealth as well as influence all because he had chosen that skank!

Now?

## **Chapter 2380: Thoroughly Played (2)**

Now?

Not only was he the opposite of a down-and-out man, he was even riding on the crest of success!

He remained to be the lofty man with inexhaustible wealth even after leaving the Mu Group!

Song Enya got so livid that she threw a cushion on the ground.

*How could things turn out this way?!*

*In the end, I'm still like a clown who got seriously played by him and a joke to that b\*tch!*

The more she dwelled on the matter, the angrier and more devastated she got. She then rose to her feet, intending to return to her bedroom. It might be due to agitation, but just when she stood up, darkness swirled before her eyes, and she ended up fainting on the sofa.

After a brief loss of consciousness, the missy woke up to find herself back in her bedroom.

Her parents, upon seeing her passed out, hastily carried her to the bedroom and was about to call their family doctor to come over and give her a check-up when she woke up!

Her father lambasted her as soon as he noticed that she had regained consciousness. "What's wrong with you now?! Why are you so weak?! Did you get agitated by the news that that man has been doing well?!"

Her mother immediately irritatedly said, "Our daughter isn't feeling well, so don't talk about it anymore. Are you trying to add fuel to the fire?!"

"What's with that tone of yours?!"

"Zhengguo!" yelled the woman sternly at her husband before saying, "You should go out while I have a talk with our daughter."

"Whatever! Just do whatever you want! I'm feeling troubled, too, so don't come bothering me."

Her, thus, father left the room, slamming the door behind him.

The moment he left, Song Enya burst into miserable wailing. "Mom!"

"Enya, what's wrong with you?"

"M-Mom, I still ended up becoming a clown and a joke in their eyes! Be it Yun Shishi or Brother Mu, both played me like a fool and are viewing me with smugness now! I-I've been working so hard, using all means at my disposal, just to marry into the Mu family and become Young Madam Mu, all so they can open their eyes wide and see how glamorous my life has become and how well I'm living even without Brother Mu! Now, he turns out to be all successful, while I'm just someone... who's been foolishly played by him! How could he do it to me?! How could he treat me so cruelly?!"

She was horrified to know that she and her father had been thoroughly played by her beloved Brother Mu to the end.

Having long known about her plan to steal his sperms and secretly go abroad to undergo in-vitro fertilization, he plotted against them and used this matter to blackmail her father into giving him that land in Xin Cheng. With the land, his company underwent a round of financing and successfully became listed, which allowed him to become a multi-billionaire in just one night.

The poor her, meanwhile, ended up becoming a stepping stone to him even though she used to be so devoted and considerate toward him!

*What is this?!*

“I’m feeling really indignant, mom! He has stepped on my feelings for him! What merits does Yun Shishi have for him to go as far as building his own empire?! I, on the other hand, was just his stepping stone—someone he’s thoroughly made use of yet whom he won’t even spare a glance! How could he do that?!”

She once thought that she was special.

At least, the man had not been gentle toward any other woman save for her.

At this moment, however, the young missy had found herself akin to a pitiful yet foolish madwoman!

She failed to realize immediately that she had been made use of, and by the time she woke to her senses, she had already lost everything!