Yu Li also ridiculed Lu Chen as she smiled and said, "Lu Chen, who do you think you are to come and cause trouble in our company?"

Lu Chen ignored the bystanders. He only stared at Li Hongmei and said in a low tone, "Li, if you continue to lie, I'll leave you on your own from now on. However, Bao's still so young. Can you bear seeing him getting bullied by other people? If you do not stand up for him today, it will cause a huge impact on his young soul. You need to know that Bao is still a plain white sheet, and anything that happens to him will affect him growing up in the future. You don't want him to have no confidence when he grows up later, do you?"

After hearing what Lu Chen said, Li Hongmei's heart trembled a little.

Her husband was useless and her only hope in life would be her son. She was hoping to see her son grow up into someone successful in the future.

"Mr. Lu, Yu Li accused Bao of stealing her lipstick, but Bao did not do that. She was insisting that I admit that Bao was the thief who stole her lipstick and when I

refused to do that, she started hitting Bao. As a result, Bao was injured and even bleeding from the lips. I had no other choice but to admit that Bao was the thief, but then she recorded my voice and threatened to give it to the higher-ups, so they would fire me,"Li Hongmei started telling him the whole story of what happened.

She was risking everything for the sake of Bao. As long as Bao could grow up healthily, she would not hesitate to offend Yu Li.

Fury burned in Lu Chen's eyes. How could Yu Li have done something so shameless? What Lu Chen heard totally renewed his outlook on life.

He's just a six-year-old child! How could she bring herself to do that to him?

Even if Bao had stolen her lipstick, there was no need for her to get physical and hit a child.

"Li Hongmei, I was just helping you to discipline your son, so that he does not steal other people's belongings when he grows up later and ends up in jail. What an

ungrateful person you are! You're not thanking me for helping you to teach your son and now, you're accusing me of hitting him?" Yu Li rebuked angrily.

No matter how thick-faced she was, Yu Li felt a little guilty when Li Hongmei was telling everyone about her hitting a child.

At the time, she had only wanted Li Hongmei to admit that Bao was a thief. If not, she would not have done something so beneath her. After all, she used to be a brilliant student who had studied abroad.

Smack!

Lu Chen lifted his hand to give Yu Li a tight slap on her face, his voice cold as he said, "Yu Li, I'm really disappointed in you."

Although Yu Li used to crazily pursue him in university last time, he never realized that she was such a narrow-minded person—so much so that she would not even let a child go.

Her actions were that of a lunatic and she was not worthy to be called a human being.

"Lu Chen, how dare you hit me?" Yu Li instantly froze when she was slapped in the face by Lu Chen. She did not expect Lu Chen to hit her.

She covered her face in disbelief, feeling both angry and heartbroken. After all, she used to like Lu Chen and even though he did not reciprocate her pursuit, he was still her first love and she still had lingering feelings for him after all these years.

Lu Chen was very disappointed and upset because until now, Yu Li still did not understand what she did wrongly.

She still did not know why he slapped her.

On the other hand, while Yu Li was stunned after getting a tight slap from Lu Chen, a few male colleagues could not take it anymore.

"You brat, are you courting death? How dare you come and do as you like in our company?"

"Security! What are you doing, spacing out over there? Why are you not taking him down?"

The few male colleagues were interested in Yu Li and they thought that this was their chance to impress Yu Li when they saw Lu Chen slapping her.

After chiding the security guard, they rolled up their sleeves one after another and balled their fists tightly as they dashed toward Lu Chen.

This gave Li Hongmei a start and she hurriedly carried Bao and retreated to one side.

The security guard saw what happened and prepared to intervene.

If he still did nothing when an outsider was hitting an employee from the company, he knew what would be in store for him.

Nonetheless, the office workers were no match for Lu Chen. Without putting in much effort and in no time at all, Lu Chen easily took down all of them, including the security guard, who was moaning and rolling on the floor along with the few office workers.

Yu Li was starting to feel a little scared when she realized that Lu Chen was a

good fighter, and in her panicked state, she immediately felt like running upstairs to look for Xu Zhiheng.

"Lu Chen, what are you doing, hitting our company workers?"

Just then, Xu Zhiheng walked down the stairs, glaring at Lu Chen furiously.

"Zhiheng, you should notify the manager of the security department. This guy is crazy! He even hit me. Look! Half of my face is still swollen," cried Yu Li as soon as she saw Xu Zhiheng. Almost instantly, she ran to him and started complaining in tears, feeling extremely wronged.

Needless to say, Xu Zhiheng saw Lu Chen hitting Yu Li and only ran downstairs because he saw Lu Chen slapping Yu Li in the face.

"Don't worry. I'll make sure that he gives you an explanation! If he doesn't give me a good explanation today, I'll make him pay for this!" said Xu Zhiheng coldly.

"You want me to give you an explanation?"

There was a glint of coldness in Lu Chen's

eyes. "Xu Zhiheng, I'd like to ask you, as a member of the upper management team in the company, why were you just watching as Yu Li hit a child instead of doing something about it? Moreover, you must know about the incident too. Why are you not probing into the matter any further and allowing Yu Li to do as she likes in the company?"

Lu Chen saw Xu Zhiheng standing on the third floor, watching when he first arrived at the scene. Besides, he believed Li Hongmei—Bao did, and would, not steal Yu Li's lipstick.

He immediately understood what happened when he spotted the hidden coldness and anger in Xu Zhiheng's eyes.

Xu Zhiheng must have found out that he was the one who introduced Li Hongmei into the company and he was venting his anger on Li Hongmei now.

After all, he did force Xu Zhiheng to kneel at the main entrance of the company for one whole day the last time and he had already sensed the intense hatred in Xu Zhiheng's eyes when he was leaving at the time.

Xu Zhiheng was feeling a little jumbled up inside, but he snorted and said, "Lu Chen, this is our company's internal affair, and I think it has nothing to do with an outsider like you? What right do you think you have to criticize our company's internal affairs?"

Although Xu Zhiheng was feeling a little guilty, he refused to lose face in front of so many people.

"Oh, is that right? I have no right to criticize all of you?" Lu Chen sneered, "Okay then. Let's see if Wang Wei has the right to criticize all of you then."

Lu Chen took out his phone to give Wang Wei a call as he spoke. He was planning to get Wang Wei over to handle this matter.

He was infuriated by what happened today. He would have taken his time to investigate if Yu Li had hit and slandered Li Hongmei.

However, he could not take it anymore when she was hitting and accusing six-year-old Bao.

A person like her should definitely not stay in the company anymore.

Xu Zhiheng started panicking when he saw Lu Chen making the call.

He did not expect Lu Chen to make such a big deal for the sake of that crippled woman. He would definitely be exposed if Wang Wei was to investigate the matter because Yu Li's plan was full of loopholes and they would not get away with this.

"I think it would be better to save Chairman Wang the trouble. Let me investigate the matter right now!" boomed Xu Zhiheng as he gritted his teeth.



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"Then go ahead and investigate this matter. I want to see what she has learnt from her time studying abroad. Did she only learn to slander and beat a child?! Such a lunatic isn't qualified to stay in the company," Lu Chen said coldly.

"Nonsense! How could you say that I slandered him? Listen to the recording if you don't believe me. I didn't make an empty accusation; his mother admitted to it herself." Yu Li argued loudly. Lu Chen's words cut deep, but Yu Li would never admit to slandering Bao.

"Since you said that you didn't slander him, let's ask Wang Wei to investigate this matter. I believe that the matter will come to light after the investigation." Lu Chen snorted and directly gave a call to Wang Wei.

Xu Zhiheng was startled. I can't let Wang Wei interfere in this matter!

Looking at Lu Chen who was calling Wang Wei on his mobile phone, Xu Zhiheng quickly raised his hand and gave a slap on Yu Li's face.

"Tell me, why did you make such

accusations against that child?" Xu Zhiheng reprimanded in fury.

Everyone-especially Yu Li-was stunned.

Ignoring the winks Xu Zhiheng threw at her, Yu Li glowered at him and yelled angrily. "Xu Zhiheng, how dare you slap me? And you dare ask me why I accused that child? Wasn't it your idea in the first place?! You held a grudge because you were punished by Chairman Wang for what you did to Lu Chen, so when you got to know that Li Hongmei was vouched for by Lu Chen to work in the company, you asked for my help to create trouble for her in order to satisfy your vengefulness. And now you're asking me why I accused that child?!"

"Huh? That's..." Everyone was dumbfounded to know that it was actually a plot that Xu Zhiheng and Yu Li had concocted to defame Bao.

The male colleagues in particular wondered what kind of relationship Yu Li shared with Xu Zhiheng to agree to such a heinous plan.

As for the female colleagues, their hearts

were all filled with scorn, for they had been taken advantage of by Yu Li. They were naive for really believing that Bao had stolen Yu Li's lipstick.

"What nonsense are you spouting?!" Xu Zhiheng's heart sank. He didn't expect Yu Li, that foolish woman, to spill everything the minute she opened her mouth. What a stupid woman!

He initially wanted to put on a charade in front of Lu Chen and let Yu Li take all the blame, so that Lu Chen wouldn't insist on calling Wang Wei to interfere with this matter.

He didn't expect Yu Li to be so foolish.

"Xu Zhiheng, you actually slapped me?! We're over!" Yu Li yelled angrily and stomped away in fury.

Anger was burning inside her. She couldn't imagine that Xu Zhiheng was so afraid of Lu Chen that he slapped her in front of him, which made her feel extremely embarrassed.

What? They're over?

Everyone looked at each other in astonishment. They couldn't believe Yu Li, who had always been a goddess in their heart, was actually Xu Zhiheng's girlfriend.

Xu Zhiheng thought of going after Yu Li, but stopped as soon as he lifted his foot.

Lu Chen threw an acidic look at Xu Zhiheng, then turned to Li Hongmei and said, "Li, bring Bao home and have a good rest. Take two days off to rest before you come back to work."

"Mr. Lu, I-I-I think it's better for me to resign." Li Hongmei was worried since Lu CHen didn't work for this company and wouldn't be there all the time. He might have been able to clear her son's name today, but what about next time?

It was impossible for Lu Chen to help her every time she met a problem. She also felt too embarrassed to seek help from Lu Chen every time she was in trouble.

"Don't worry. No one will dare to bully you from today onwards. If they do, I'll fire them," Lu Chen said firmly.

Xu Zhiheng's face looked glum. He didn't

realize what Lu Chen's words meant as he was probably thinking about his quarrel with Yu Li just now.

However, the others were looking at Lu Chen with cynicism, feeling that his words were too arrogant.

They didn't slander Li Hongmei and her son like what Yu Li had done, but some of them couldn't help jeering at Lu Chen after listening to his words.

"Hey bro, this is our company—Yi Qi Technology. Do you realize what you're saying?" some of them looked at Lu Chen and ridiculed him.

"I'm afraid this guy is just a madman. He came to our company and beat people up and is now shooting his mouth off. He probably thinks he's the boss of our company." A male colleague who was still sore from being beaten to the ground by Lu Chen scoffed.

The crowd looked at Lu Chen disdainfully. Even Li Hongmei didn't believe that Lu Chen really had the ability to do so.

To her, Lu Chen was indeed a kind and

capable man who was the benefactor of her and her son.

However, after working at Yi Qi Technology for quite some time, she knew what kind of company this was—it was the strongest company in Chongqing. Thus, she didn't believe Lu Chen had the ability to influence the decision of the management here.

"Mr. Lu, let's forget about it..." Li Hongmei felt guilty seeing how everyone else was mocking Lu Chen.

She felt that if not for her, Lu Chen wouldn't have been laughed at.

Indeed, she blamed herself.

"Li, trust me. Let's wait for a while. I have said that I will fire anyone who bullies you, including Xu Zhiheng and Yu Li who have done so today," Lu Chen said firmly.

He was livid. If Xu Zhiheng had directly taken his revenge on him, Lu Chen would have respected—maybe even slightly impressed by—him. However, he didn't expect that Xu Zhiheng had no guts to do so, taking advantage of Li Hongmei's disability to vent his anger instead.

Lu Chen was even more disappointed at Yu Li.

Not content with defamation, she even slapped a child who was only five or six years old. How could he allow these two people to keep working in the company?

"Damn, this fella must be mad. How can he so shamelessly boast that he wants to fire Vice Manager Xu?"

"Call the police, quick. I think he might be a patient who escaped from a mental hospital."

"Well, this guy is really off his rocker. Not only did he beat up the male employees of our company, he even threatened to dismiss Vice Manager Xu. He must be touched in the head!"

"The most important thing is, who gave him the guts to be so arrogant and brag nonsense at our company?"

After listening to Lu Chen's words, everyone started another round of mockery, strengthened in their suspicions that he was an escaped patient from a mental hospital.

After all, his words were just too absurd; no one believed him.

"Mr. Lu, don't mind them. Let's just leave." Facing the taunting from the crowd, Li Hongmei tugged Lu Chen's arms and pleaded.

Although she didn't believe him either, she was not willing to see her benefactor being ridiculed by the others.

Lu Chen sighed to himself. He was about to take out his phone to ask Wang Wei to move along quickly.

"Lu Chen, stop pushing your luck. Do you really think that you can do whatever you want just because you have a few puny connections in our company? Who do you think you are to say that you want to dismiss me? What gives you the rights to boast in our company?" Xu Zhiheng snorted disdainfully. He was angry to see Lu Chen insisting on staying to wait for Wang Wei to take charge of things.

"That's right. Who gave you the right to brag like that? Who do you think you are to talk about dismissing our Vice Manager Xu?"

Looking at Xu Zhiheng's skepticism, the others began to criticize Lu Chen.

Lu Chen shook his head and his gaze swept across the faces of the crowd. "Because I—Lu Chen—has the final say in this company," he said frostily.



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