

Work Hard 1171

Chapter 1171: The Thought Of It Makes Me Blush...

At that moment, Nangong Quan had not sensed the danger yet. After all, he still had faith that Elder Nangong would never attack his own family, no matter how ruthless he was. Especially not his own grandson.

But, Elder Nangong had no remorse forcing someone as loyal as Qiu Jin to his death, so why would he care about a grandson that he barely knew?

Elder Nangong didn't want to harm his grandson, but he had to fight for this one chance.

...

During this time, Mo Ting had already discovered that Elder Nangong was contacting the Americans, but he had no idea what they were discussing.

On the surface, it seemed like he was contacting them for the sake of 'Parasite', but behind closed doors, no one knew what deals they had struck.

Seeing Lu Che report back, time and time again, Tangning began to feel tired, so she smiled and said to Mo Ting, "President Mo, tell Lu Che he can stop following the old man. It's a huge waste of energy and resources to follow a person like that."

"He's even capable of creating an explosion. For the sake of revenge, what wouldn't he do?" Mo Ting was still worried about the safety of his wife and children.

"Since it's for safety reasons, we should focus on protecting ourselves instead. We can't follow him forever. Everyone needs a rest."

"Over the years, haven't we grown accustomed to taking things as they come?"

Mo Ting held onto his wife and did not respond. Seeing this, Tangning reached out her hands and pinched Mo Ting on the cheek, "You! When you get too serious, you age a few years."

"Elder Nangong is too dangerous. I have no choice but to be cautious of him."

In the end, Mo Ting didn't stop Lu Che from following the old man, but he did lay off a little.

"OK, I'll listen to you. Today is Song Linlin's birthday, let's head over early so we don't get stuck with the media, OK?" Tangning understood that Mo Ting was a strategic person, so she did not try to convince him any further. Instead, she gently changed the subject.

The couple had been so busy lately that they hadn't had much rest, so they were planning to enjoy Song Linlin's birthday and relax for one night. Hence, they jumped in their car and headed over to the oceanview villa organized by Song Linlin.

By that time, many good friends from the industry had already arrived. Most of the guests were artists from Hai Rui. As soon as they saw Tangning and Mo Ting, they naturally cleared the way for them.

“President Mo, this is a rare honor. I hope you and Tangning will enjoy yourselves tonight.”

Mo Ting did not like crowded places; he preferred spending one-on-one time with Tangning. But, when he saw the smile on Tangning’s face, he suddenly felt that it didn’t matter where they were.

During her birthday celebration, Song Linlin sang the song that she wrote for Tangning and Mo Ting. ‘Follow’ was a huge hit in the music charts and completely outdid all the songs she had sung in the past.

Under the soft lighting, everyone put aside their identities and began singing along to the melodious tune. For some reason, Tangning suddenly felt like crying.

Hai Rui had always been one big family. It was already like that when she first stepped foot into it. It was a place that gave people strength.

“Tangning, today is my birthday, but it is also the day that I am officially reborn. I’ve been struggling to find a way to thank you. So, with this life of mine, I am willing to be at your beck and call from now on. Even if I have to go to the depths of hell, I will do it without hesitation!”

Song Linlin’s words made Tangning laugh. As she leaned into Mo Ting’s embrace, she replied, “Is it necessary to thank me with your life for something like that?”

“Definitely!”

Song Linlin may have drunk a little with the other guests before Tangning and Mo Ting arrived, so her cheeks were red and her words were a little slurred.

“How about this? I don’t need you to go to the depths of hell for me. I simply want you to give me the best room in this villa tonight.”

After hearing this, everyone gasped in surprise...

After all, any normal adult knew what Tangning wanted the room for.

Afterwards, the guests began to scream and cheer, but Tangning was not embarrassed; she was as composed as ever. During the entire time, President Mo observed his wife’s actions and smiled. His dotting expression said it all.

The scene was much too sweet!

“OK!” Song Linlin replied swiftly. “Not just the best room, if you wanted the entire villa, I would be willing to give it to you.”

“Tch...Tangning lives in Hyatt Regency, why would she want your lousy villa?”

“Exactly.”

Everyone began to laugh and quickly immersed themselves back into the celebration. While everyone was singing and dancing, Tangning dragged Mo Ting into the best oceanview room (according to Song Linlin) and the two of them leaned happily against each other.

“Ever since giving birth to the three cheeky monsters, how long has it been since we’ve had some time like this to ourselves?”

Mo Ting did not reply. He simply hugged his wife and looked out at the vast ocean.

Tangning glanced down at an injury on the back of Mo Ting's hand and remembered that he had been often returning home from filming with bruises and injuries. As she thought about this, her heart ached, "Let's stop after we finish filming this film."

"It's just a small injury," Mo Ting felt warm inside. Even after all these years, their relationship was still very good and he appreciated every moment of it. "We need to set a good example for the kids."

"You've always been a good example, Daddy Ting! While we're talking about the kids, who do you think Little Eggshell likes more? Zixi or Zichen?"

"She's still so young!" Mo Ting replied.

"She's at the age where she knows how to like someone. I bet she likes our boring little grump. Zixi is cheerful and healthy, but he doesn't have an interesting personality. On the other hand, Zichen might not make a sound, but girls seem to like this cool and quiet type..."

"Do you want me to be honest?" Mo Ting asked beside Tangning's ear.

"Uh huh."

"I hope they never get involved with each other again..."

After hearing Mo Ting's response, Tangning stood up and turned around. With the beautiful ocean as their backdrop, Tangning leaned forward and kissed down passionately on Mo Ting's lips.

"President Mo, do you know why I asked for this room?"

Mo Ting wrapped his arms around his wife and lifted her up, "Oh, I know...that's why I can't waste it."

Outside the presidential-style suite, Hai Rui's artists were all leaning against the door, trying to hear what the couple were doing. At first, there was still a little bit of noise, but the room quickly fell silent.

"Is President Mo that quick?"

"Do you want to get hit? They obviously moved to a different spot."

"The thought of it makes me blush..."

The guests were all discussing the activities inside the room.

As predicted, Mo Ting heard the footsteps outside the room and carried his wife out onto the balcony where there was no one around. This was the best spot to be affectionate...

How dare they eavesdrop on President Mo? Did they still want to release albums next season?

Chapter 1172: Mommy, What's Wrong ?

'Parasite' was progressing at a relatively stable rate and Springfall successfully launched their first round of promotions. But, the thing that film fans were most curious about, was the release date.

Nangong Quan did not take Elder Nangong's advice. Instead, he decided to release the film as soon as it was ready.

But, the old man persistently stood in his way.

The two men had always disagreed with each other. Even during meetings, they often left on a sour note. So, not many people within the agency respected the old man. After all, they knew he had ulterior motives.

But, Elder Nangong insisted that if they waited a little bit, he would be able to defeat the enemy and make their film a hit. What was wrong with that? The business world had always been a place of suspicion and deception where the winner took all. Who cared about righteousness?

Up until that point, the two men were simply in the disagreement phase. However, the thing that made Elder Nangong come to a decision, was when 'Parasite' held an investor's meeting and he wasn't invited! He was completely excluded.

After Elder Nangong found out about this, he completely lost his mind.

He realized that he and Nangong Quan were beyond negotiation!

It was impossible to come to an agreement with him!

So, to prevent Nangong Quan from officially announcing the release date, he had no choice but to take action on his own grandson.

As he was previously involved with the underworld, it wasn't hard for him to contact people from that side of the tracks.

He successfully found some help and decided to poison Nangong Quan. The dirty tricks he learned from his days within the underworld were about to be used on his own grandson.

Nangong Quan had always been wary of his grandfather, but, when a person truly wanted to be evil, it was impossible to completely guard against them!

"Let's strike tomorrow. I'll help you to get into Nangong Quan's office before he does and arrange for you to escape through the emergency exit," Elder Nangong said to the assassin that was helping him.

"Are you sure? Do you really want to do this to your own grandson?"

"I'm simply putting him to sleep for a little while...After everything's passed, he'll naturally wake back up and be fine," the old man said as he took a puff of his cigarette.

"But, this anaesthetic also has the risk of death!"

"Don't worry too much. If I tell you to take action, then you simply need to do as you're told," Elder Nangong was certain.

"Then, I'll really do it." This man was a trained killer and, at his age, was well experienced, so he knew how to strike with speed and accuracy.

As long as he was given enough cover, even taking a life was child's play.

Elder Nangong's plan was to inject Nangong Quan with an anaesthetic that would put him into a coma. This drug was not sold on the legal market; it was something that had to be bought through special channels.

That night, Nangong Quan did as he usually did. After coaxing Little Eggshell to sleep, he returned to his bedroom and affectionately hugged his wife to bed. Then, the next morning, he arrived in his office to sign some papers as usual, but, to his surprise, a shadow pounced on him from behind and stuck a syringe straight into his neck before he could even give a reaction. Within minutes, he lost all consciousness.

The killer had already been waiting a good few hours for this chance...

How could he give him a chance to make a sound?

After lying unconscious for quite some time, Nangong Quan was finally discovered by his assistant and immediately sent to the hospital.

After a thorough examination, the doctor's confirmed that he had been poisoned, but they couldn't identify the drug. Moreover, the drug had already traveled to his brain and he needed some time to recover.

A detailed diagnosis would not be available until the doctor's ran further tests.

In a panic, the assistant immediately called Su Youran. When Su Youran heard what happened, her mind went blank as she quickly rushed to the hospital.

Not long after, the media somehow heard of the news and assumed that Nangong Quan was seriously ill and had fallen into a coma.

But, Elder Nangong and Su Youran both knew what the truth was.

As she paced back and forth outside the emergency room, Su Youran was both anxious and angry. She couldn't believe that, in this day and age, there was still someone who would use such despicable methods. Worst of all, this person was her husband's grandfather.

She had never been involved with the underworld, so she didn't know that it was such a dirty place. However, she knew one thing for sure – this incident definitely had something to do with Elder Nangong.

At this time, Elder Nangong arrived at the hospital with a few higher-ups from the agency.

Su Youran's eyes turned red as she glared at Elder Nangong angrily, "Was this your intention, Grandfather?"

"Youran, what happened to Quan Er? What did the doctors say?"

"You sure know how to put on an act," Su Youran humphed. "Shouldn't I be asking you what happened to Quan?"

"Youran, I'm Nangong Quan's grandfather. Are you suspecting me of plotting against my own grandson?"

“Am I wrong?”

“Of course,” Elder Nangong denied, “I only have this one grandson.”

Su Youran gave a cold laugh and did not say another word. After quite some time in silence, she finally said to the old man, “If getting revenge is the only way to make you stop and give everyone some peace, then go ahead and seek your revenge. Go look for the Mo Family.”

“I don’t know what you want, but no matter what it is and what Quan has prevented you from doing, I’ll agree to all of it!”

“Madam!” Nangong Quan’s assistant cut in. However, Su Youran brushed him aside, “If we don’t let Grandfather achieve his motive, he will simply hurt another person. That person might be you, or it might be me!”

After hearing this, the assistant obediently shut his mouth.

“Grandfather, please let us go. We don’t want revenge and we don’t want to get involved in your mess. If you want something, then just take it!”

The public was told that Nangong Quan was seriously ill, but they all knew what the truth was.

Afterwards, Elder Nangong successfully took over the role of Acting CEO after Su Youran agreed to give him whatever he wanted. He was the biggest shareholder anyway, so it was only right for him to take control while Nangong Quan was unwell.

But, that afternoon, when Little Eggshell finished school, she did not see her father like she had hoped. Instead, she was taken directly to the hospital.

“Mommy, what’s wrong with Daddy? Does he have the flu?”

Su Youran had remained strong up until that point. But, when she heard Little Eggshell’s question, she could no longer hold back her tears anymore as she pulled Little Eggshell into her arms and began to cry.

“Mommy...Mommy, what’s wrong?”

“If only I was more alert. If only I was more careful. If only...”

“Mommy, what is it?”

Little Eggshell was frightened and worried because Su Youran did not explain anything; she simply cried.

Finally, Su Youran stopped crying and remembered she was with Little Eggshell. So, she wiped away her tears and said to Little Eggshell, “Daddy’s sick and hasn’t woken up yet. So, Little Eggshell will have to behave until he wakes up, OK?”

Chapter 1173: I Never Thought That This Would Happen

“What’s wrong with Daddy?” Little Eggshell asked confusedly.

Su Youran wished she had the answer. But, she didn't even know what drug Nangong Quan had been poisoned with.

In the end, the doctors wrote out a detailed report of their findings and contacted the patient's family, "It took us a while to determine what caused the patient's reaction. It seems, he was attacked by a syringe to the neck."

"According to the results of his blood test, the drug in his blood is called 'Lomazen' ¹. It is a new drug developed to paralyze function in the brain. Criminals often use it to achieve their motives. But, the particular drug in your husband's bloodstream appears as though it was modified."

"Although we've tried our best to remove the drug from his system, it was very fast acting and already attacked his brain. He may remain in a coma for a long period of time; it's impossible for us to predict when he will wake up. You need to prepare for the worst. Also, we can't eliminate the possibility of further complications."

After hearing the doctor's analysis, Su Youran held her chest and kneeled on the ground.

For some reason, she had the urge to kill Elder Nangong right there and then.

But, at that time, Little Eggshell asked innocently, "Mommy, will Daddy die?"

As she turned to look at her pitiful little gem, Su Youran couldn't possibly ignore her.

"No, he won't. Nothing will happen to Daddy. Do you believe Mommy?" Su Youran's heart was a mess, but she had to reassure Little Eggshell and take good care of her. After all, she was the only one that Little Eggshell could now rely on.

"Mommy, I'm scared..."

"Don't be scared, Mommy's here," Su Youran stretched out her arms and hugged Little Eggshell as tears fell from her eyes. Apart from doing that, she couldn't think of what else to do.

Soon, Su Youran was given the opportunity to visit her husband in the ICU. When she saw him lying unconscious, not moving an inch, Su Youran broke into tears again...

The news caused quite a commotion, so it didn't take long before Tangning and Mo Ting heard about it too.

Tangning never imagined that Elder Nangong would go to such extremes, just because he wanted to take control of the agency. He was so ruthless that he didn't even let go of his own grandson.

"Youran must be in so much pain right now..." Tangning sighed. "And, Nangong Quan..."

"Elder Nangong must have been tempted to drive that syringe into my neck as well, but Hai Rui's security is too strong, so he can't find the opportunity," Mo Ting said.

"I want to visit Youran," Tangning suggested.

"Don't go. If she sees you at a time like this, it will only make her feel worse," Mo Ting said as he ran his hand through Tangning's hair. "You need to remember that Elder Nangong wouldn't have hurt his own

grandson if he wasn't trying to seek revenge for the grudge between our two families. We are indirect accomplices to Nangong Quan's suffering, so Su Youran will only feel worse if she sees us."

After hearing Mo Ting's response, Tangning nodded her head.

"I just never thought that this would happen...Never..."

"If he's happy to hurt his own grandson, then we are nothing in comparison. Before he shows us what he has up his sleeves, we need to be extra careful. Remember how you previously said to stop following him? What do you think now?"

Tangning lowered her head. She had indeed underestimated the old man's desire for revenge.

Even though so much time had passed, the hatred in his heart could not be extinguished. But, who was to blame for this?

Even so, Tangning did not think that Elder Mo did anything wrong.

If she was in his position, she may have done exactly the same thing.

"Let's wait and see what tricks the old man wants to play."

...

After taking control of the agency from his own grandson's hands, the first thing that Elder Nangong did, was announce the delay of 'Parasite's' release. This was the entire motive behind hurting his grandson.

Even though everyone in the agency wanted to complain, no one dared to express their thoughts. Didn't Nangong Quan's fate already serve as enough of a warning?

The old man could even hurt his own grandson. Why would he care about some unrelated bystanders?

Everyone had heard stories about the old man's ruthlessness in the past. Now that they thought about it, he certainly lived up to his reputation.

"I know you guys aren't happy with my decision. But, I will prove to you that my decision to delay the release date is the right thing to do."

These were words that only he believed. After all, everyone in the agency knew what his true motives were.

A drunk man didn't drink because he was interested in the alcohol in his hands.²

...

That night, Su Youran took Little Eggshell home to fetch some clothes. But, Elder Nangong was standing at the front door, waiting for them.

Su Youran buried her head and pretended not to see the old man. Just as she was about to walk past with Little Eggshell, he stopped them, "Just this once. I guarantee it won't ever happen again."

"I don't want to talk to you right now, please leave," So Youran replied coldly. "I don't think a person that's heartless enough to hurt their own grandson could be considered a human."

“Little Eggshell is here, so I don’t want to say anything bad. Please leave.”

Elder Nangong took a deep breath, turned around and left.

“If one wants to be bad, they should be bad to the end. Sitting on the fence will only make people hate them more.”

Elder Nangong did not see how selfish he was, but everyone around him saw it clearly. For his so-called revenge, how many people was he willing to sacrifice before it was enough? Besides, to outsiders, he deserved the suffering he went through!

“Mommy, was it Great-grandfather who hurt Daddy?” Little Eggshell may have been young, but she understood their entire conversation.

“That’s why you should no longer acknowledge him as your great-grandfather,” Su Youran replied. “Little Eggshell, don’t forget that the person who hurt our most loved, was your great-grandfather.”

The old man was persistent. He simply wanted to create some drama before ‘The Ant Queen 2’s’ release.

He made a huge sacrifice just so the Mo Family would suffer and he betrayed his own family so he could exact his revenge.

Under these circumstances, Tangning couldn’t help but feel anxious.

After all, there were many things that she cared about in this world. If Elder Nangong tried to threaten any one of them, probably, even she wouldn’t be able to hold up against him.

Previously, she hadn’t truly understood the extent of Elder Nangong’s hatred. But now, she had witnessed a person literally do ‘whatever it took’.

She really wanted to comfort Su Youran, but just as Mo Ting said, her presence would likely not console her but hurt her even more.

So, there was nothing she could do but remain cautious...

Chapter 1174: Maintain Your Composure !

For some time after Nangong Quan’s incident, Elder Nangong surprisingly dropped off the radar. After gaining control of Springfall, he actually became...very humble.

But, no one dared to let down their guard, because no one knew if he was about to suddenly blow up and do something crazy!

Nangong Quan lay in hospital for almost an entire week. During this week, Su Youran broke down a countless number of times. In fact, there were times when she gave up hope.

The doctor said that the drug already attacked Nangong Quan’s brain, so his chances of waking up, were just as high as his chances of passing away.

Su Youran experienced numerous moments of surprise and disappointment that week, but she also experienced fear.

Every time Nangong Quan made the slightest move, she would immediately jump to attention. But, time and time again, she was dropped from the clouds back down to the bottom of the abyss.

At the beginning, Su Youran did indeed blame the Mo Family and feel hatred for Mo Ting and Tangning.

But, as time passed, she gradually calmed back down. Nangong Quan had never blamed the Mo Family, so what right did she have to do so?

In fact, her husband was extremely open-minded, so why couldn't she be the same?

With this thought, she relaxed and let go of everything. At that moment, her biggest wish was for Nangong Quan to wake up.

Meanwhile, Little Eggshell visited her father at the hospital every single day. Whenever she saw her father lying motionless in bed, it made her very depressed.

"Mommy, is Little Eggshell going to lose Daddy?"

Everytime Su Youran heard questions like this from Little Eggshell, her heart ached like it was being pricked by needles. But, she held back her tears and answered, "No, Daddy will never leave us."

"But, Daddy's been asleep for so many days. Does he not want Cai Er anymore?"

"Eggshell's so well-behaved, why would Daddy not want you? Trust Mommy, Daddy will definitely be fine!"

During this entire time, the most hateful thing was the fact that Elder Nangong hurt his own grandson so badly, but apart from the day of the accident, he was nowhere to be seen again. Not only did he not visit, he didn't even call to check on Nangong Quan. Could a person's heart really be so cruel?

At times, Su Youran really questioned humanity.

...

Meanwhile, Tangning had instructed Lu Che to secretly follow up on Nangong Quan's condition. When she heard that Nangong Quan was still unconscious, she was also very disappointed.

But, apart from feeling sympathy, she also jumped into action by giving Tang Yichen a phone call and telling her about Nangong Quan's situation.

"Which hospital is he at? How could they struggle with a lousy drug like that?" Tang Yichen was quite surprised.

"Do you mean that you're confident you can make him recover?" Tangning felt hopeful.

"On my own, no, but with Lu Guangli, it's a piece of cake. Of course, he could even do it on his own," Tang Yichen replied. "Transfer him over to us. But, I must ask, why are you so concerned about your enemy?"

“Nangong Quan is innocent,” Tangning’s voice was a little sad, “He’s an honest person with an open mind and would make the perfect older brother figure.”

“OK, I’ll leave it to you guys to figure out how to transfer him to the military hospital.”

After her conversation with her sister, Tangning immediately shared her information with Mo Ting.

When he heard what Tang Yichen said, Mo Ting nodded his head, “If Elder Nangong really did this, then he would not want Nangong Quan to wake up. So, it may take some effort to transfer Nangong Quan out of his current hospital.”

“I’m aware of that,” Tangning stretched her arms out and hugged her husband. “I have never felt like I owed anyone anything, but this time, I feel like we owe Nangong Quan.”

Mo Ting placed his chin on Tangning’s head and agreed, “The Mo Family owes him...”

“We are one unit, so don’t count this as a separate incident. When the old man tried to seek revenge, did he exclude our children from his schemes?”

Originally, this was a thoughtful thing to say, but for some reason, when it came from Mo Ting’s mouth, it sounded so heart-wrenching.

“I never thought I’d make you feel so unsafe.”

“Don’t say that. No matter if we are facing the good or the bad, our hearts will always be together,” Tangning hugged her husband tightly. “Hurry and make arrangements. I’m sure Youran must be worried out of her mind.”

“You will need to notify Youran about this first...” Mo Ting reminded.

“Yes, I’ll give her a phone call after this. Don’t worry.”

The couple quickly went off to execute their own respective parts of the plan. This time, they were rescuing a person from the hospital. On the surface, Su Youran appeared like she was free, but in reality, no one knew how many spies Elder Nangong had planted around her.

So, Tangning carefully gave Su Youran a phone call. At first, Su Youran hesitated, but she eventually picked up.

“Youran, I have good news, but I need your cooperation. I’ve spoken to my sister about Nangong Quan’s condition and she is confident that she’ll be able to wake him up...”

“Really?” Su Youran suddenly felt hopeful.

“But, it will take a bit of effort to transfer Nangong Quan out of the hospital. You must not know that Elder Nangong has spies all over the hospital.”

“As long as he wakes up, I’m willing to do anything,” Su Youran cautiously lowered her voice, “Just tell me what I need to do.”

“Ting is currently making arrangements. We’re thinking that the best option is to bribe Nangong Quan’s doctor. We’re going to pretend that Nangong Quan needs urgent surgery and rush him into the

emergency theater. While he's in there, we'll dress him up like another patient and transfer him over to the military hospital. After he's been treated, we will bring him back."

"If Nangong Quan successfully wakes up, you will need to tell him to put on a temporary act to ensure his safety. Understand?"

"I understand, I'll do as you say," Su Youran said quietly.

"Hold on for a little longer!"

Su Youran broke into tears of joy. It was lucky that she didn't hang up on Tangning. Otherwise...

...she may have lost her chance to save her husband.

"Tangning, thank you. I'm truly grateful to both of you."

"Try your best to maintain your composure."

The two women did not chat for too long in case they were discovered by Elder Nangong's spies.

Afterwards, Su Youran put on an act and returned to how she was before the phone call. But, deep down, she was screaming with joy; her husband finally had a chance to be saved.

If things continued the way they were, she would have started blaming God for being so unfair and mistreating the kind.

The next day, Su Youran received a message from Tangning: they were planning to take action that morning. There were a lot of operations scheduled for that time, so they were confident that even if they transferred a patient out, no one would be suspicious.

Su Youran simply had to help the doctor and play along with the act.

After breakfast, a nurse entered Nangong Quan's room to do her daily checks. That was when she noticed some blood in his mouth. In response, she immediately called the doctor.

The doctor quickly rushed over and examined Nangong Quan. He then said to the nurse, "Prepare the emergency theater, I may need to perform urgent surgery on his brain!"

Su Youran burst into tears and followed Nangong Quan all the way until she was stopped at the doors of the emergency theater.

"Family members aren't allowed in. Please wait here!"

Chapter 1175: Tangning Didn't Lie

Afterwards, Su Youran knelt down in front of the emergency theater and cried in despair. To make her act as convincing as possible, she didn't even check if Nangong Quan had been successfully transferred out or not. After all, she didn't want to create any suspicion.

Perhaps, due to the fact that Nangong Quan was admitted for an important surgery, Elder Nangong finally showed up at the hospital. But, as soon as Su Youran saw him, she grabbed onto his collar and

shook him angrily, "Are you happy now? My husband's life is hanging by a thread, is this what you wanted?"

"Is this your so-called revenge? If you weren't Quan's grandfather, I would be beating you to death right now!"

Soon, a nurse rushed over and dragged Su Youran away.

Elder Nangong was left a little unsettled; he never expected things to turn out this way. However, the killer did warn him that there were risks and that the worst outcome could lead to death.

Yet, he chose to use the drug without hesitation.

It was clear how ruthless he had become because of his hunger for vengeance!

This ruthlessness was the reason for the consequence he was currently facing: Nangong Quan was being resuscitated in the emergency theater!

He had always told himself that one needed to make sacrifices to achieve big things, and he believed, the reason he was still standing, was because he had never been the one to be sacrificed.

"You are worse than an animal! I hope you return to prison soon and die inside!"

Su Youran's curse echoed through Elder Nangong's ears, but he did not hear a thing...

...

Meanwhile, as soon as Nangong Quan was sent into the emergency theater, he was immediately transferred out. His doctor had determined that that was the easiest way to avoid suspicion.

After arriving at the military hospital, Nangong Quan was directly pushed into the operating theater.

As Lu Guangli and Tang Yichen approached the operating theater, they scanned through Nangong Quan's hospital records and prepared some anaesthetics.

"I can handle this surgery on my own. You don't need to assist me," Lu Guangli said. "You worked all through the night already. You should go get some rest."

"OK, but you need to guarantee that this surgery will be a success," Tang Yichen said.

"Just go," Lu Guangli said indifferently as he headed straight into the operating theater.

Although he was previously unhappy with the way that Tang Yichen helped Tangning all the time, he had now gotten used to it and was ready to become a part of the Tang Family.

Besides, a life was on the line. Even if Nangong Quan continued to lie unconscious like this without any complications, he would eventually wake up with a useless brain.

Tang Yichen was confident that Lu Guangli wouldn't have any problems, so she relaxed and headed to the on-call room to get some rest. But, not long after she lay down, Tangning arrived at the hospital asking about Nangong Quan's condition.

"You sure know how to pick the right time to show up...I was just about to get some rest."

“Go ahead and nap. I’ll wait outside.”

“Aren’t you afraid of the media showing up?” Tang Yichen led Tangning to the on-call room. “Don’t worry, surgeries like this are a piece of cake for Lu Guangli. You’re stressing yourself out.”

“Of course I trust Dr. Lu’s skills. I’m just scared of outside factors,” Tangning explained. “After all, there’s a surprisingly cruel grandfather lurking around...”

As she thought about what Tangning said, Tang Xuan came to Tang Yichen’s mind.

Tang Xuan was also a person that was ruthless enough to wish death upon her own family. “I’ve grown accustomed to seeing situations like this at the hospital.”

Tangning did not say a word as she remained in the room with Tang Yichen. Two hours later, Tang Yichen finally received a phone call from Lu Guangli, telling her that the surgery was finished, “He will wake up in two hours. You can transfer him back, but be very careful.”

“Thank you...”

“You know how to pay me back tonight.” After saying this, Lu Guangli hung up the phone.

Tang Yichen’s face turned red as she turned and said to Tangning, “You can transfer him back now.”

“Thank you, sis. I always trouble you in these life and death situations.”

“Don’t be silly, it’s all worth it to be thanked by a big celebrity like you. Besides, if you didn’t ask for my help, who would you have asked?” Tang Yichen winked. “Hurry and transfer him out of here, I still need to get some rest. I won’t be able to sleep again tonight...”

Tangning did not stick around as she quickly transferred Nangong Quan back to his original hospital.

Elder Nangong had absolutely no idea that Tangning and Su Youran would pull a move like this.

When they arrived back at the hospital, Nangong Quan was successfully transferred right under Elder Nangong’s nose. But, he did not notice a thing!. Afterwards, Su Youran received a simple message from Tangning, “The surgery was a success. He will wake up in two hours. Please be careful.”

At that moment, Su Youran finally felt a load lifted off her shoulders.

A little while later, the light for the emergency theater turned off and Nangong Quan’s doctor walked out. He then said, “I’ve managed to keep him alive, but his chance of waking up has further declined.”

After Su Youran heard this, she once again glared at Elder Nangong with hatred. But, Elder Nangong simply left the hospital after confirming that his grandson wasn’t dead.

Afterwards, the doctor said to Su Youran, “Which hospital did you transfer him to? What doctor has such amazing skills?”

“Lu Guangli. Do you know him?” Su Youran replied.

“Oh...” the doctor was amazed as he raised a thumb at Su Youran, “He’s on the genius level. It’s very difficult to get him to operate on someone. It’s amazing that you managed to get his help.”

She wasn't the amazing one – it was all because of Tangning.

“So, doctor, my husband...”

“As Dr. Lu said, your husband will definitely wake up in two hours. Just wait.”

After hearing this, Su Youran finally relaxed.

“For your safety, I've arranged a new room for your husband. It won't be under surveillance and no one will be able to listen in.”

“Thank you, doctor.”

“There's no need to thank me.”

After he was done speaking, the doctor left and other people were left in charge of doing the rest.

After that, Su Youran became extra cautious. If Elder Nangong found out that Nangong Quan was cured, would he inject him with another syringe and give him a booster shot? Su Youran did not want to take that risk.

Now that Nangong Quan was awake, she was not going to let him go easy on the old man again.

If they appeased this ticking time bomb any further, it would only result in more victims.

In the two hours following the surgery, Su Youran's heart tore apart with anxiety...

Especially as she watched Nangong Quan lay motionless in bed, she felt her worries gradually return...

But, at that moment, a husky voice finally called from the bed, “Y-Youran...”

Su Youran turned around and saw Nangong Quan's eyes slowly open. At that moment, she immediately pounced over in joy, “Tangning didn't lie, you really woke up – you finally woke up!”

Chapter 1176: You're Certainly Cruel

“I feel like I've been sleeping for a long time...” Nangong Quan said weakly.

“Did you know that you were asleep for 8 days? I almost thought that you were abandoning Little Eggshell and I...” Su Youran cried hysterically as she lay on Nangong Quan's chest. “Do you know how hard it was for me to pull through these 8 days?!”

Nangong Quan had just woken up, so his mind was naturally still in a blur, but he could tell how scared and worried Su Youran had been during this time

“S-sorry for putting you through such a difficult experience.”

Tears clung to Su Youran's face as she sat up and ran her hand across Nangong Quan's cheek, “What would Little Eggshell and I do without you? Promise to never scare us like that again, OK?”

Nangong Quan wanted to stretch out his hand and wipe away the tears on Su Youran's face, but he had no strength to move.

The couple ended up hugging each other until the doctor finally arrived and knocked on the door some time later.

“Mr. Nangong is finally awake.”

Su Youran stood up and wiped away her tears as she nodded her head, “Yes, doctor. Please check if there are any side effects.”

“Don’t worry, Dr. Lu’s surgery was performed perfectly. There will be no side effects,” the doctor replied. “By the way, I’ve already asked someone to check the surveillance cameras for you and we found a few suspicious individuals. From now on, you simply need to avoid them.”

“Thank you, doctor.”

“If you must thank someone, then thank President Mo,” the doctor said before he turned and left the room. He then closed the door tightly behind him. After he left, Su Youran once again lay on Nangong Quan’s chest.

“Do you still remember what happened before you fell unconscious?”

Nangong Quan thought for a second and shook his head, “I was struck from behind and didn’t see the attacker properly.”

“I’m sure you know who the culprit is. As soon as you fell into a coma, Grandfather immediately took control of Springfall. I even heard that he delayed the release of ‘Parasite’. But, that’s not the most important thing right now. The most important thing is for you to recuperate.”

“Do you know who saved you this time? It was the Mo Family!” Su Youran said as she held Nangong Quan’s hand. “The Mo Family were extremely concerned about you during this time. It was all thanks to their help that you were saved.”

“Really?”

“Quan...Tangning suggested that you put on an act and pretend that you are still in a coma to ensure your safety. What do you think?”

Nangong Quan thought for a second before he instructed, “Call my assistant over. I want to hold a board meeting...”

“But, if you do that, Grandfather will know that you’re awake...”

“Don’t be afraid. Just do as I say,” Nangong Quan ordered. If the old man could go to such extremes, who was to say what other evil plans he had hatching?

Su Youran placed a kiss on the back of Nangong Quan’s hand and nodded her head, “I understand. I’ll immediately make arrangements.”

...

Su Youran took this opportunity to notify Tangning and Mo Ting that Nangong Quan was awake. Not only did she want to thank them, she also wanted to make sure that their efforts didn’t go to waste. So, she was going to be forever grateful towards the couple for saving her husband’s life.

After Tangning heard that Nangong Quan was awake, she felt like a load had been lifted off her shoulders because they didn't need to feel so guilty anymore.

But, the most important thing was, Elder Nangong's plan did not succeed.

"Now that Nangong Quan's awake, what do you think he'll do?" Tangning asked her husband.

Mo Ting put down the documents in his hands and replied, "Nangong Quan won't avoid the issue by pretending to remain in a coma. He has his own way of dealing with things. We'll just have to wait and see."

Tangning nodded, "I simply hope that the old man won't do something even more cruel to him."

"He won't because he's not going to get the chance!"

Nangong Quan fell into his Grandfather's trap once because he wasn't cautious enough, but if he fell into it again, then he was truly stupid...

Nangong Quan was too meticulous to be that stupid.

...

Meanwhile, over at Springfall, Elder Nangong was invited to an urgent board meeting. As the Acting CEO, why was he notified so late?

Soon, the agency's shareholders and higher-ups all gathered inside the meeting room. Elder Nangong stood at the doorway and stared at everyone curiously as they said to him, "Congratulations old man, your grandson's finally awake."

Elder Nangong's expression changed as he watched Su Youran push Nangong Quan into the room, right in front of his eyes.

"Grandfather..."

"When did you wake up?" Elder Nangong asked. "Why aren't you resting in the hospital?"

"If I rest any longer, I'm afraid the agency won't be mine anymore," Nangong Quan laughed. "I called for this meeting because I wanted to ask everyone for their opinion regarding a certain matter. I think Grandfather should listen to what I have to say first."

Elder Nangong sneered as he entered the room and sat down with everyone else.

"I'm sure everyone's heard that I was attacked 8 days ago. It wasn't easy for me to wake up again. You could say that my chances were slim."

"Unfortunately, the police haven't received any leads on who the culprit was and I've decided not to investigate any further."

"I decided to call for this meeting today because there are a few things I would like to address. Firstly, I would like to ask my grandfather what his reason was, for delaying the release of 'Parasite'? If you tell me the truth, I won't interfere with the release date again. I'll give you one chance."

The old man lifted his head and looked at Nangong Quan. He had a deep look in his eyes as he tried to grasp what his grandson was thinking.

“Stop testing your limits. This film was the combined effort of everyone in the agency, we can’t possibly trust you unconditionally. You need to give us a convincing reason. As long as you give us an answer, I can promise you that this information won’t be leaked to the outside world and you can continue with your plan. I won’t interfere with it.”

“I can tell you about my plan, but every single person present here today will have to sign a confidentiality agreement,” Elder Nangong replied. “I can’t afford to take this gamble.”

Nangong Quan took a deep breath and nodded his head, “As you wish.”

Afterwards, a lawyer arrived with copies of a confidentiality agreement and asked everyone to sign it.

As soon as everyone finished signing their agreements, the old man finally revealed his plan.

He explained how he stole the plot from ‘The Ant Queen 2’ and gave it to the Americans. He then revealed that they were going to release their film before Hai Rui and that this was the reason why he insisted on releasing ‘Parasite’ at a later date. After all, if Tangning was dragged into a copyright scandal, who would benefit in the end?

Their sincere production would of course prevail!

After hearing his grandfather’s plan, Nangong Quan couldn’t help but laugh, “You’re certainly cruel.”

“You’re the one that said you wouldn’t interfere with my plan as long as I revealed it.”

“Yes, I personally promised you that and I don’t intend to go back on my word. Since you were cruel enough to drug your own grandson, what reason do I have to stop you from seeking revenge?”

Chapter 1177: I Have Faith!

“But Grandfather, even if you’ve setup a flawless trap and done all you can to ruin ‘The Ant Queen 2’, you will still lose in the end because they are both very talented people.”

“As long as you don’t expose this information, that’s all you need to do. Dear shareholders, just wait for the film to turn into a big hit!” Elder Nangong said arrogantly.

Not everyone was like Nangong Quan; they didn’t all rely on their true capabilities when aiming for success.

After all, shareholders simply wanted to see money!

As long as they received money in their accounts, not only could they keep a secret, they could even put on an act and play along if required.

“OK, now that we’ve addressed the first matter, let’s talk about the next thing. Grandfather, if you physically hurt another person, what should we do? Just because I didn’t call the police, it doesn’t mean

I don't have any evidence. If I tell the police to hold a detailed investigation, I'm sure you won't be able to escape. If you hurt another person, I will personally send you to prison!" Nangong Quan warned.

"OK," the old man nodded.

"Thirdly, if you don't succeed this time, I want you to directly withdraw from Springfall. After all, there are so many people waiting to feed their families, no one wants to play your sick game!"

"I'm fine with that too."

After coming to an agreement with the old man, Nangong Quan started to break out in a sweat. Seeing this, Su Youran immediately sensed something wasn't right, so she quickly asked, "Do you want to return to the hospital now?"

"OK," Nangong Quan nodded. Afterwards, he looked at Elder Nangong again and said, "Since we've come to an agreement, are you going to withdraw your men from the hospital?"

The old man shrugged. He naturally had no reason to disagree.

Elder Nangong never imagined that Nangong Quan would agree to his craziness and not interfere with him anymore.

From the looks of it, he still had a lot of faith in the Mo Family's capabilities.

"Quan, are you really planning to keep this from the Mo Family? You're not telling them about such a huge matter? They just..."

Nangong Quan held onto Su Youran's hand, gesturing that she didn't need to continue, "Both Tangning and Mo Ting are well experienced. In the past, when they had issues, they never received prior warning either. So, don't worry, even if the old man does this and even if he chooses a crueler method, he will not be able to suppress Tangning and Mo Ting."

"Do you have that much faith in them?"

"Yes," Nangong Quan said firmly. "Just wait and see..."

"Even if I don't give Grandfather this chance and even if I continue to argue with him, he will still go ahead with his plan. In fact, he may hurt even more people. So, rather than letting that happen, it's better for me to let him do what he wants to do. I believe Mo Ting and Tangning will serve him his retribution!"

Although Su Youran felt a little guilty towards the Mo Couple, Nangong Quan was right.

No matter how people tried to get in his way, the stubborn old man was determined to use all his strength to hurt the Mo Family. So, instead of stopping him, it was better to lay their cards on the table and prevent him from playing other tricks.

Afterwards, Nangong Quan returned to the hospital to continue with his treatment. After all, the old man still needed to wait a few months. So, in the meantime, it made sense for Nangong Quan to recuperate and secretly investigate the killer that attacked him.

At the time of the incident, the man had indeed attacked Nangong Quan from behind. But, the reflection of the man appeared on his laptop screen. Although Nangong Quan couldn't describe the man's face, he knew he'd be able to point him out if he saw him again.

That night, when Little Eggshell finished school and saw that Nangong Quan was awake, she was overjoyed, "Daddy, you're finally awake. I almost thought you didn't want me anymore."

"How could Daddy bear to abandon you and Mommy?" Nangong Quan stretched out his arms and hugged his wife and daughter. "For the two of you, I would come back to life even if I died."

"Won't you be a zombie then...?" Little Eggshell asked innocently.

Little Eggshell's response made Su Youran laugh. After so many days of gloom, the rain had cleared and the sun was finally shining again...

...

As promised, Nangong Quan did not reveal Elder Nangong's plans to Mo Ting. So, the old man now had a great opportunity to seek revenge. But, it was also an opportunity for him to realize that the Mo Family weren't easy to deal with.

As long as the old man didn't hurt another person!

Meanwhile, over at Hai Rui, Mo Ting had already asked Lu Che to check how Nangong Quan ended up dealing with things, but Lu Che returned with nothing, "Nangong Quan returned to his office on the day that he woke up and held a board meeting. But, the strange thing was, he didn't do anything to Elder Nangong. Instead, he let him continue being the temporary CEO."

"Nangong Quan already fell into his Grandfather's trap once, so it's natural to know that opposing him won't lead to any good! Hence, it's no surprise that he's learnt to behave."

"Yes, President," Lu Che nodded in agreement.

"I never hoped for Nangong Quan to control his grandfather anyway. After all, a person with a bottom line can't possibly win against a cruel and heartless person."

"Then, following on..."

"Continue to keep an eye on the old man. If he doesn't do anything big, then we will just ignore him," Mo Ting instructed. Just as Tangning previously said, did they all have to stop living their lives because of the appearance of this one old man?

They would keep their eyes on him, but they were also going to let the jerk know that he wasn't as important to Hai Rui as he thought he was.

Meanwhile, on the set of 'The Ant Queen 2', Mo Ting's scenes were finally being filmed all at once. But, the closer they got towards the end of the film, the more tired he became because there were a lot of action scenes.

Just like Tangning, he had always done his own scenes because he wanted his character to be well developed. So, he never used a stunt double.

By this stage, no matter what tricks Elder Nangong had, it was impossible to slow down the progress of 'The Ant Queen 2'. As Hai Rui's main project for the following year, Mo Ting and Tangning both invested all their energy into this film.

Of course, Elder Nangong did not mention every single detail of his plan at the board meeting. For example, he never mentioned a single word about his intention to use the Mo Twins. After all, it wasn't something that could be revealed in the open.

But, he was still planning to do it. Otherwise, what was the point of merely causing Hai Rui a loss? His biggest target were the twins.

The Mo Family had put him through so many years of despair in prison.

How could he settle on making them lose a bit of money? He was going to make them pay back everything they owed.

The twins were the Mo Family's biggest hope. Only when he destroyed this hope, would he truly feel like he got revenge!

They couldn't blame him for being ruthless. If he hadn't held onto his hunger for revenge, he would not have survived the last 20 years in prison...

So, he was determined to make the Mo Family pay him back ten-fold!

Chapter 1178: Are You That Confident ?

On the day that 'The Ant Queen 2's' filming finally wrapped up, not only did the cast and crew celebrate, there was also one man that was particularly happy – Elder Nangong.

For him, this meant he was one step closer to executing his plan.

But, originally, 'Parasite' should have already started screening by now if the old man didn't keep delaying its release, so the marketing they did early on was completely put to waste. By delaying the film, Springfall did not grab onto the hype and other film agencies quickly grabbed onto the opportunity instead.

The popularity of 'The Ant Queen' brought the potential of sci-fi to everyone's attention, and everyone wanted to grab a slice of this cake. As a result, sci-fi was expected to undergo a boom in the following 2-3 years.

The staff at Springfall were really unhappy with Elder Nangong. After all, they had put in so much effort to produce the film and even snatched Tangning's post production team, but now, everything had gone to waste.

Every few days, the agency's staff would gather to complain and vent.

During this time, Bai Junye heard the most complaints.

As the director of 'Parasite', he wasn't as angry as some other people, but he definitely felt it was a shame that the film ended up this way. Whether it was production or post production, 'Parasite' had the

most potential to go up against 'The Ant Queen', but Elder Nangong had now turned it into a tool for revenge.

Bai Junye went from being an arthouse director to a sci-fi director, hoping to someday hold his head high, but he still didn't see any hope in sight.

Did he have to go back to his days of slitting his wrists to be finally set free?

Thinking about his past, Bai Junye realized how ridiculous he had been. For some reason, he now felt that it was more meaningful to continue living. At least, he had now paid off all his debts by agreeing to direct this film and he was officially debt-free.

So, he packed his things and went to look for a particular person...

...

Tangning was surprised when she saw Bai Junye return to her territory. Previously, she had tried so hard to hire him, but he refused to help. As a result, she ended up working with Qiao Man.

"What? Am I not welcome here?"

"I'm just a little surprised." Tangning welcomed him, of course. "I thought you looked down on my team."

"No one in Beijing would dare to look down on your team," Bai Junye laughed. "I don't need to be paid a lot. I just need enough to eat and stay warm and I'll be satisfied."

"If you're not here for fame and fortune, then why are you here?" Tangning felt this guy was extremely strange.

But, to her surprise, Bai Junye shrugged his shoulders and replied, "Who knows? Perhaps it's because your team feels warm and gives people a reason to continue living."

Tangning didn't understand how much Bai Junye needed the strength to continue living, but she still agreed to let him stay. She even arranged for him to assist Qiao Man.

Bai Junye did not put up a front just because he was a senior in the field, and Qiao Man did not dislike Bai Junye just because he came from the enemy camp.

There were no restrictions to art; Qiao Man understood this well.

Besides, she was well aware that Bai Junye was an extremely talented person!

...

After filming for 'The Ant Queen 2' was completed, post-production also commenced at a quick speed. As a team of non-specialist experts, the rascals in Starshine were obsessed with this new challenge, just as Tangning predicted. In fact, they were obsessed to an unimaginable level.

Soon, 'The Ant Queen 2' released its first trailer.

Without hesitation, Hai Rui directly contacted all the biggest theaters in the country and got them to screen their 30-second trailer.

Before film fans got to see 'Parasite', they were already treated to 'The Ant Queen 2's' trailer.

This time, as the villain, Mo Ting revealed an extremely sinister image on screen, but it successfully stirred up a lot of emotions.

The giant ant in the film was already thrilling enough, but now, they also had Mo Ting's powerful presence.

As a result, there were now three very interesting plot lines: Good vs Evil, Evil vs Monster, Monster vs Good. Combined together, this made an extremely compelling film. A simple 30-second trailer was enough to make film fans cheer and scream in excitement. Their hearts almost couldn't take the anticipation.

Fans quickly gathered on Hai Rui's social media account and started leaving comments, "I'm extremely excited for the film! The sequel looks better than the first film because the story looks so interesting!"

"I really like the way that Tangning's team created 'The Ant Queen' saga. It doesn't focus on love like other films. I hate it when I watch a thriller and there's always a hero and a damsel in distress!"

"We really need to cheer for Tangning and President Mo! Especially President Mo; he's handsome as hell! I can't believe he's the villain in this film. He's so cool!"

In an instant, a sci-fi craze swept through Beijing.

A scene like this could only be created by the Mo Couple...

...

At this time, Superstar Media also delivered some good news. The old singer, Qin Xue, who Lin Qian personally discovered, was successfully relaunched on stage in Vienna after a huge battle with her old agency.

At the lowest point in her life, Qin Xue relied on scavenging to survive.

This was a huge story in the entertainment industry. An old woman, who had already experienced half a century, was successfully relaunched onto the music scene. On top of that, she got to return to her dream stage.

Everyone in the industry began to say that Lin Qian inherited Tangning's abilities and that she could now support Superstar Media on her own.

Afterwards, many hopeful artists began to contact Lin Qian and her desk quickly piled up with portfolios. It seemed, Superstar Media had returned to how it used to be when Tangning was still around.

So, for Hai Rui's annual celebration banquet, Tangning gave Mo Ting a suggestion, "I hope you can assign a few more professionals to work with Lin Qian. At least, give her less to worry about while she's trying to scout for new talent."

"Lin Qian's already spoken to me. But, Hai Rui has no intention of getting involved with Superstar Media's operations. Lin Qian has her own plans."

"I never thought she'd be quicker than me," Tangning laughed as she folded her kids' clothes.

After hearing Tangning's response, Mo Ting pulled her into his arms and sat her on his lap, "'The Ant Queen 2' will be released at the beginning of next year."

"Why so soon?"

"Have you forgotten? The old man looked at our script. No matter what he has planned, I think it's best for us to release our film as soon as possible."

"Then, how about this? If we truly want to make the old man flustered, we should pick a date and release it without promoting the date."

"Are you that confident?" Mo Ting asked as he hugged his wife. "I'm sure you know that a film could fail if it isn't marketed properly."

"I have faith in the film, I have faith in the audience and, most importantly, I have faith in the market. If it's a bad film, then no amount of promoting will be able to save it. But, if it's a good film, then word-of-mouth is already the best form of promotion."

Chapter 1179: Can't Be Mentioned In The Same Breath

After hearing Tangning's response, Mo Ting couldn't help but pinch her nose, "You're actually brave enough to consider that."

"There's nothing that I'm too scared to consider, especially when it's something that I actually want you to do. Elder Nangong did indeed see a portion of the script and no one knows if he got any ideas from what he saw. Plus, didn't Lu Che say that he's been contacting an American film agency? This is the only way we can ensure the safety of our script."

Previously, with 'Stupid', they had already experienced a leaked script once. At that time, they published a book and guaranteed the copyright. But, this time, the situation was different, so publishing a book wasn't a feasible option.

"What do you think? Do you want to take this gamble with me?"

Mo Ting looked at Tangning with a smile. If this was in the past, a suggestion like this would never be approved by the board of directors.

But now, the shareholders' tolerance towards Tangning had increased as they witnessed her abilities.

In fact, they probably doted on Tangning more than her husband did.

As long as Tangning made the suggestion, the higher-ups were willing to take it into serious consideration. Someone even once told Mo Ting not to be so strict on his wife.

"Since that's what you want, then I'll ask everyone back at the office to draft out a feasible plan. We need to guarantee that the marketing after the release will be effective."

Tangning nodded her head with a huge smile on her face; she was pleased with President Mo's trust..

...

The next day, Mo Ting announced Tangning's suggestion at a board meeting. He explained that the script had been leaked, so to prevent Elder Nangong from playing any tricks, Tangning decided not to follow the conventional path.

Of course, this was a huge risk.

Even though everyone was confident with the quality of the film, releasing it without doing any marketing, was something that was unheard of (of course, b-grade movies weren't included).

Since 'The Ant Queen 2' was an important project for Hai Rui, everyone felt a lot of pressure. But, Mo Ting asked Lu Che to show everyone some statistics, "According to statistics from the past two years, anything that Tangning has been involved in, has received top results. I'm not just talking about 'The Ant Queen'. Even her first film, 'Stupid', still has a ridiculously high number of views online and is often a trending topic of discussion."

"What do these statistics mean?"

"It means, everyone's already labeled Tangning's films as classics. In other words, everyone acknowledges the quality of her films. So, even when she doesn't have anything new to screen, they still continue to rewatch her old productions."

"So? This is a form of promotion in itself!"

"This is more effective than any marketing plan."

"I've already decided that 'The Ant Queen 2' will be released on the same date that 'The Ant Queen' was originally released. Hai Rui will hold a special event to celebrate the anniversary of the first film and they will give everyone a gift by releasing 'The Ant Queen 2' at midnight the same night. That way, the two films will feel more connected and it will be marketed effectively."

"What do you all think?"

When it came to films, the shareholders had no authority to speak like Tangning. Similarly, when it came to marketing and PR, they had no authority to speak like Mo Ting.

"Since President Mo's already planned everything, let's just go with it. If we want the film to be a big hit, it's necessary to promote in a unique way. That's the only way to survive in this industry," a shareholder said as he raised his hand in agreement.

"We don't have any objections either."

The agency's higher-ups also let out a sigh of relief, "I actually think this is quite interesting. This will reignite the hype for the first film while giving the audience a pleasant surprise and providing the internet with a story to discuss. Everyone's a winner in this situation."

"Since that's the case, then let's go with this decision. Let's catch our competitors by surprise."

Hai Rui's people anticipated the outcome of this marketing method.

Without any prior marketing, 'The Ant Queen 2' became a tougher test on everyone's abilities. If the quality was too bad, then there was no way it would be able to survive.

However, everyone had faith in Mo Ting because, as the decision-maker, he had never made a mistake in the past.

...

Meanwhile, Elder Nangong never imagined that Tangning and Mo Ting would do something so unconventional. In his mind, the couple seemed like they'd follow the typical path.

He kept a close eye on Hai Rui because he wanted the Americans to release their film just before Hai Rui, but not too early.

He wanted to feed off the hype of 'The Ant Queen', but he also wanted to sue 'The Ant Queen 2' for copyright.

So, he waited and waited for Mo Ting to announce an official release date.

But, his waiting was pointless, because Hai Rui had no intention of making an announcement.

"Are they really this patient?"

Why wouldn't they be?

This was such an odd question.

'The Ant Queen' was originally released on December 16th, so 'The Ant Queen 2' was scheduled to be released on the 2nd year anniversary of the first film.

But, at this time, a small rumor started spreading through the industry. Han Yufan had apparently returned and was planning to rebuild Tianyi Entertainment.

If this matter didn't have something to do with Tangning, no one would have taken notice of Han Yufan at all. But, either way, Tianyi was ancient history for Tangning; it was so long ago that she could barely remember much of it. After all, her identity and status was on a completely different level to Han Yufan now.

Hai Rui had the capability of destroying a small agency at any time, but Mo Ting did not think of Han Yufan as an enemy because of something that Tangning told him that night.

"President Mo, you shouldn't let this concern you. Because, in my heart, Han Yufan can't even be mentioned in the same breath as you."

Mo Ting was pleased by these words.

...

Meanwhile, over at the Nangong Family Household, Nangong Quan was working on a new project after he left the hospital. Since he had promised to hand 'Parasite' over to Elder Nangong, he did not go back on his word. Instead, he placed his focus on something else so he could make up for everyone's loss.

Of course, his relationship with Elder Nangong was now at a point of no return. After all, the old man had poisoned him. No matter how forgiving Nangong Quan was, this would forever leave a scar in his heart.

After his life and death situation this time, Nangong Quan became even more protective of his wife and daughter.

At least, around Elder Nangong, he no longer retreated blindly.

But, the fact that Su Youran and Nangong Quan knew the old man's plans and couldn't tell the Mo Couple, made them feel extremely guilty.

After all, the Mo Family had saved Nangong Quan's life...

Plus, they often saw each other at activities and events. Yet, all they could do at times like that, was walk pass each other like strangers...

Chapter 1180: Seeing You Like This Makes My Heart Ache

No one could tell how the stubborn Elder Nangong truly felt during the entire fiasco, but his every move was indeed selfish and vengeful.

Now, whenever Little Eggshell saw the old man, she automatically hid in her room in fear. It seemed, the incident last time had truly traumatized her. Moreover, she had roughly understood the cause of her father's near-death experience, so, she wanted to hide from the old man as much as she could.

Elder Nangong accepted the fact that he would probably spend the rest of his life on his own, so he did not expect too much from Little Eggshell and Su Youran.

After all, he was simply focused on the past and not on the future.

But, this persistence was purely to avenge his 20 odd years in prison.

Was he ruthless?

This was beyond doubt.

Then, was he pitiful?

If one thought about it, he was indeed pitiful.

Su Youran often felt bad for the old man, but it was impossible to get close to him and show some care. She was scared that if she got close to him, she would end up being used by him.

...

That night, Su Youran walked into the study room after having a bath and found Nangong Quan staring at a photo of his parents. Without items like this, he would have already forgotten how his parents looked like.

"Will Grandfather really be happy after he gets his revenge? Even if he succeeds and makes the Mo Family suffer, will he really be happy?"

“He is no longer at the point where he cares about his happiness. He is simply living for one reason: to make the Mo Family suffer. He can’t stop because, if he stops, he will lose all motivation to live,” Nangong Quan said as he wrapped his arm around Su Youran.

Su Youran’s heart ached for Nangong Quan. Even though Elder Nangong almost caused him to never wake up again, he did not hate his Grandfather, he even gave him a chance to seek his revenge.

This man looked tall and dangerous, but he was actually very kind-hearted.

“Can you share all your pain with me? Seeing you this way makes my heart ache...”

Nangong Quan gripped onto Su Youran’s waist and smiled, “Shouldn’t all men be tolerant like this?”

“No, of course not.”

At least, Mo Ting would never suffer such a loss.

And Tangning would never allow it either.

They both treated themselves really well.

“That’s enough, everyone has their own life motto. Your favorite Tangning, for example, is persistent in following her motto of not attacking those that don’t attack her first. Whereas, my motto is to not throw the blame on fate nor others and to always be kind-hearted.”

After hearing this, Su Youran let out a laugh, “You’re wrong, my favorite person isn’t Tangning. My favorite person...is you!”

“From now on, if anyone tries to bully you, I can beat them up for you. Don’t forget that I came from the military.”

“Silly!” Nangong Quan lowered his head and kissed Su Youran on the lips. Afterwards, the couple went to bed and fell asleep in each other’s arms.

It was because of Nangong Quan’s noble nature that Tangning acknowledged him as a person, and it was also the reason why she was willing to help him.

However, the two families had an odd relationship.

They were originally enemies, but now, one of them saved the other’s life.

On top of that, there was also the unfortunate fate between Little Eggshell and the twins...

...

Of course, Elder Nangong remained all alone, especially during the time when he was waiting for the announcement of ‘The Ant Queen 2’s’ release and was going back and forth between the US and Beijing on his own. Unfortunately, he wouldn’t get what he was waiting for in the end.

Over a year had passed since they first announced they’d be filming ‘The Ant Queen 2’, but Hai Rui still did not confirm an official release date nor did they provide any updates.

Tangning simply focused on post production because she wanted the visuals to be as detailed as possible and she wanted their effects to surpass the quality of what Glory produced.

But, as the anniversary of 'The Ant Queen' approached, not only did Hai Rui not promote 'The Ant Queen 2', they suddenly announced an anniversary event and focused all their efforts on promoting that instead.

Although fans didn't receive any news regarding 'The Ant Queen 2', the anniversary event had many attractive gifts and prizes and Christmas was nearing, so the event quickly sparked their interests.

On top of that, Hai Rui announced that they would give everyone a huge surprise on the midnight of the 16th.

Everyone ended up turning their attention to the event without any idea that it was related to 'The Ant Queen 2'.

When Elder Nangong heard that Hai Rui was making such a big fuss over an old film, he couldn't help but sneer, "If you're that great, you should set a release date for 'The Ant Queen 2' instead..."

The Americans were ready to go at anytime, but there was still no movement from Hai Rui...

This meant, his original plan to attack the twins during Christmas would not be able to go ahead either.

...

This time of year, Beijing was at its coldest. But, the theaters remained popular.

Hai Rui was holding an event for 'The Ant Queen' and the theaters were handing out some mysterious coupons which could be exchanged for a huge surprise on the night of the 16th.

"What kind of a surprise could this be? Have you guys received a coupon?"

"I'm not sure what it is, but it's really interesting."

"I never thought Hai Rui would hold such a big anniversary event for 'The Ant Queen'. I must say, they've put in a lot of effort, but I'm actually more interested in the release date of 'The Ant Queen 2'."

"Who cares? The 16th is a Sunday, so we might as well go see what the surprise is."

"We'll be going too..."

The public were fascinated by Hai Rui's event and many had already decided to take their coupons to the theater on the 16th to see what surprise was in store.

But, no one expected that the coupon would be exchanged for an opportunity to view the premier of 'The Ant Queen 2'!

Of course, there was a limited number of coupons; each theater was only allocated a few. This was all a part of Hai Rui's gimmick. If things went as planned, these mysterious coupons would create quite a surprise!

As it was only days before the premier, Tangning began to feel a little nervous..

She wasn't as cool and collected as she originally was...

"Are you finally feeling worried?" Mo Ting laughed as he looked at Tangning's expression. "Wasn't this something you should have been worried about from the start?"

"I know there won't be any problems. I'm just naturally nervous," Tangning mumbled. Rather than being nervous, it was actually more accurate to say that she was anticipating the reactions of the audience.