

Big Shot 2241

Chapter 2241: She Wanted to Hide Herself in His Arms

“As a future father, I have to take good care of them.”

Madam Mo’s expression stiffened.

“Since Shixiu and Luoli have chosen to stay in Yuncheng City, let her stay here. I think it’s better for her to stay by Shixiu’s side. They’re newlyweds, how can they be apart for so long?”

“Although the place you mentioned is good, I’m still worried about Luoli going alone.” Old Madam also expressed her attitude.

“Since you all think so, then don’t go. I’m doing this for Luoli’s sake.”

Old Madam said, “You’re indeed kind, but since they’re unwilling to separate, let them be.”

Madam Mo pursed her lips and kept quiet.

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After dinner.

Mo Shixiu and Jiang Luoli didn’t stay at the Mo Residence. After dinner, they chatted with the Old Madam for a while before leaving.

Qiao Mianmian and Mo Yesi didn’t stay the night and left the Mo Residence with them.

On the way back.

It was a little cold outside. Mo Shixiu held Jiang Luoli’s hand and placed it in his coat pocket. “Why is your hand a little cold? Are you feeling cold?”

He added, “Wear more clothes when you go out next time. Don’t get cold.”

“Mm, I got it.” Jiang Luoli held his hand tightly.

Mo Shixiu’s hands were as warm as his arms.

Jiang Luoli wanted to hide in his arms.

Because in her eyes, Mo Shixiu was a huge heater.

“Mo Shixiu, Mom asked me to go overseas to nurse my pregnancy today, but I rejected her. Will she be unhappy?” Jiang Luoli thought for a while and continued, “I know she’s doing this out of goodwill, but I don’t want to go overseas at all. I’ll be afraid to go to a foreign place alone.”

“Moreover...

Jiang Luoli turned around and hugged him, rubbing her cheek against his chest coquettishly. “I don’t want to leave you. No matter how good the outside world is, it’s not as good as my husband. I don’t want to go anywhere. I just want to be with you.”

Mo Shixiu looked at her rubbing against him like a kitten. He chuckled and reached out to pat her head. "Mm, then don't go anywhere. Don't worry, she won't be unhappy."

"What if she is? I think Mom is angry. Will she think that I don't know what's good for me and deliberately reject her favor?"

"That's nothing. You're the one carrying the baby. Of course, it's up to you."

"Mo Shixiu, you're so good." Jiang Luoli reached out and hooked her arm around his neck. She blinked and smiled cheekily. "It's so good to be married to you. Thankfully, you changed your mind and insisted on making me your girlfriend. Otherwise, I'd have missed such a good husband."

"No, that's not right. Thankfully, the person who met you that night was me and not another woman. But tell me honestly, if you met another woman that night, would you have slept with her too?"

Jiang Luoli's words were so straightforward that Mo Shixiu was stunned for a while before saying in amusement, "If I said I would, would you be very angry?"

Jiang Luoli was upset.

She punched him in the chest and said with a straight face, "Mo Shixiu, what do you mean? If it was another woman, you would really..."

Chapter 2242: It Should Be Love Again

"I'm just kidding. Why are you being serious?"

Mo Shixiu grabbed her hand gently. "If you want to know the answer, I'll answer you seriously now. If it wasn't you, I wouldn't have slept with anyone else."

Jiang Luoli was stunned.

Mo Shixiu smiled and looked at her gently. "Actually, this isn't the first time. I've resisted the temptation the previous few times."

Back then, he could have resisted the temptation.

But he still let himself be.

Just because it was Jiang Luoli.

If it was any other woman, that night wouldn't have happened.

He was sure about this.

"You're not lying to me, right?"

"Of course not. I've never lied to you."

Jiang Luoli was elated.

"In that case, I must be too beautiful for you to resist. Mo Shixiu, did you fall in love with me at first sight?"

Love at first sight?

Mo Shixiu kept quiet.

He didn't fall in love with Jiang Luoli at first sight.

It must be love.

Initially, he had intended to give her 50 million yuan so that they wouldn't have anything to do with each other anymore.

But he couldn't help but see her again.

After that, he had other thoughts.

He thought that he should keep her by his side.

He couldn't accept her being with another man.

She should belong to him alone.

Mo Shixiu didn't know if this possessive desire was considered love.

If that was the case, then he must have liked her the second time he met her.

Mo Shixiu looked down at the girl in his arms and lied. "Mm, yes."

Jiang Luoli was even happier. "You really fell in love with me at first sight?"

"Mm."

"Then, why did you give me 50 million yuan?"

"...At that time, I didn't see my heart clearly."

"So, you proposed to date me because you saw through your heart?"

"Yes."

"I thought you were just doing it for responsibility."

"If it was just for responsibility, 50 million was enough."

"Alright, I believe you." Jiang Luoli touched her face and said humbly, "After all, I'm so beautiful, it's normal for you to fall in love with me at first sight."

Mo Shixiu nodded cooperatively. "Mm."

Jiang Luoli couldn't help but laugh. "Mo Shixiu, why are you so cute?"

Mo Shixiu was speechless.

This was the first time someone described him as cute.

He stuffed Jiang Luoli's hand into his coat pocket as they walked slowly. "Luoli, after this period of time, I'll be free to accompany you often."

Jiang Luoli immediately understood what he meant. She blinked. "What do you mean?"

"I've already submitted my withdrawal statement. When the time comes, I'll be transferred to a more relaxed department. In the future, I won't have to go on business trips often. I can stay at home with you. When our baby is born, I can help you take care of it."

Even though Jiang Luoli knew about his decision, she was still touched when she heard it.

If Mo Shixiu wasn't with her, he wouldn't have to do this.

He would have the best future.

But now...

Madam Mo didn't like her in the first place. If she knew that he quit the election because of her, would she hate her to the core?

Chapter 2243: Better Than She Thought

His sacrifice was too great.

Even if he didn't do this, Jiang Luoli wouldn't have any complaints about him.

But he still did it.

"Mo Shixiu." Jiang Luoli was moved to tears. "You've really sacrificed too much for us. Won't you regret it in the future?"

She was a little afraid.

Afraid that he would regret it one day and blame her.

"Of course not." Mo Shixiu stopped and reached out to wipe her tears gently. "I gave up something for my wife and child. Why would I regret it? Luoli, I know what I'm doing."

"Mo Shixiu, thank you very much." Jiang Luoli looked at the man's handsome face and said word by word, "Thank you for doing so much for us. I'll work hard to be a good wife."

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"If You Can't Love" was broadcasted as scheduled.

On the night of the premiere, Mo Yesi accompanied Qiao Mianmian to watch two episodes with her.

Qiao Mianmian was very nervous.

In the process of watching it, she searched for netizens' comments on the drama.

Thankfully, she found some good comments.

It was even better than she imagined.

"To be honest, after watching the first episode, it's much better than I imagined. If the later episodes are as exciting and the acting is good, I'll definitely keep watching."

"Wow, Qin Han is as handsome as ever. Qiao Mianmian is the one who surprised me. No wonder Qin Han praised her so much. Her acting skills are really good. She doesn't lose out to a Movie King like Qin Han at all. I really can't tell that she's a newbie. To be honest, her acting skills are better than many of the so-called starlets."

"Objectively speaking, this drama is really good. The male lead is handsome, the female lead is beautiful, and everyone's acting is good. As expected of Director Bai Yusheng's drama, the quality is guaranteed."

"Wow, this show is amazing! Sisters who haven't watched it yet, don't worry. You won't regret watching it."

"I thought that Bai Yusheng let his sister act as the female lead out of selfishness, and I didn't have many expectations for Qiao Mianmian's acting. But after watching the first episode, I just want to say that it's really good!"

"Qiao Mianmian's acting is good, I have to change my impression of her. I thought that a rich young lady like her was just acting for fun, but I didn't expect her to be so serious and act so well. This show, be it the plot, the rhythm, the style, or even the color adjustment, they are all very good. It's a good show worth watching."

"It looks pretty good at the moment. I don't know the rest of the plot yet. I'll continue watching."

"Qiao Mianmian is very photogenic. I think the second female lead is very beautiful on her own, but next to her, she's instantly inferior. She's good-looking and has good acting skills. She definitely won't lack resources in the future. She'll definitely go far."

"Ahhh, if there's no love, it's too good. Qin Han and Qiao Mianmian are actually a couple, too. Qiao Mianmian's role is so likable. I have a feeling that she can become popular with this drama."

Qiao Mianmian relaxed a lot after reading the comments.

Although some said that her acting wasn't good enough, most of them praised her acting skills.

Chapter 2244: She Knew How Picky Mo Yesi Was

Qiao Mianmian looked at the comments praising her and smiled.

Mo Yesi leaned over. "What are you looking at so happily?"

"Look!" Qiao Mianmian handed the cell phone over proudly. "I was reading the comments online."

Mo Yesi took the cell phone and looked at it for a while before returning it to her.

"Mm, I saw it. They're all praising your acting."

"Then, what do you think of my acting?" Qiao Mianmian leaned on his shoulder and looked up at him.

"You're not allowed to lie to me. You have to tell me the truth. Good is good, bad is bad. No matter what you say, I can accept it."

"Alright." Mo Yesi smiled. "I'll be honest, then."

“Alright, go ahead.” Qiao Mianmian pursed her lips and looked at him nervously.

Although she was praised on Weibo, Qiao Mianmian still valued Mo Yesi’s comments.

She felt that he was a very picky person.

Mo Yesi lowered his head and thought for a while before saying, “I don’t usually watch television dramas, because there aren’t many shows that I think are of good quality. Moreover, the entertainment industry is in the so-called era of popularity. Most of it depends on looks, and there aren’t many actors with good acting skills.

“But after watching the first episode, I think it’s not bad. At least, I can continue watching it.”

Qiao Mianmian smiled. “You really think it’s good?”

“Mm, at least for me. It’s a passable work.”

Mo Yesi didn’t praise her too much.

But his words made Qiao Mianmian especially happy.

She knew how picky he was.

His “not bad” was good enough for others.

This was a good comment.

“Alright, then I’m relieved.” Qiao Mianmian patted her chest. “I’m just afraid that if I don’t perform well, the audience will despise me.”

“How could that be?”

Mo Yesi pinched her cheek. “Don’t worry. Your performance is already very good. Didn’t you see the comments just now? Everyone is praising you, so everyone thinks you acted very well.”

Mo Yesi now knew that Qiao Mianmian was really suitable to be an actress.

She was really good at it.

Although they weren’t in the same industry, he could tell if an actress performed well.

“Mm.” Qiao Mianmian nodded. “I’m relieved now. But I don’t know how high the viewership ratings will be. I hope it’ll be good.”

Qiao Mianmian didn’t have high expectations for the ratings.

She had never thought of making it big.

This was her first television drama, and Qiao Mianmian didn’t dare to think too highly of it. In her opinion, it was fine as long as she got good results.

Although she had filmed some other television dramas in the past, she was just an extra back then and didn’t even have a proper face.

They couldn’t possibly give her the chance to perform.

"It'll definitely be good.." Mo Yesi hugged her and smiled.

Chapter 2245: If You Can't Love, First Place

"You have to have confidence in yourself. Moreover, every television drama your brother directs is popular."

"That's why I'm worried."

Qiao Mianmian reached out to hug him and leaned lazily in his arms. "If this drama doesn't become popular, I'll feel guilty."

"Why are you blaming yourself?"

"I'm afraid the viewership ratings will be affected because of me."

After all, she had a lot of haters.

And there was a lot of negative news.

There were many people who liked her, and many who didn't.

"How could that be?" Mo Yesi patted her head. "You have too many concerns. If the viewership ratings are really bad, it can't be because of you alone. Moreover, Weibo is giving you good reviews. Baby, you have to be confident."

"Mm." Qiao Mianmian bit her lip and nodded. "I hope we can get good ratings."

This was her first drama as the female lead.

Hence, the results of this drama were very important to her.

"Don't worry, it will." Mo Yesi thought to himself that if the viewership ratings were really bad, he could spend money to improve it.

In any case, there was nothing that money couldn't do.

He wasn't short of it.

As long as his baby was happy.

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The next morning.

She didn't sleep well the whole night because she had something on her mind. She woke up a few times in a few hours.

She opened her eyes and picked up her cell phone.

Then, many messages popped up on the screen.

There were a few messages from Linda.

Linda: [Mianmian, the viewership ratings are out. It's very good. "If You Can't Love" got first place in the viewership ratings last night.]

Linda: [Do you know how high the viewership ratings were last night? It actually broke three points.]

Linda: [You're on the hot search. Everyone's praising your acting.]

Qiao Mianmian was stunned for a few seconds after reading Linda's messages.

She immediately opened Weibo and searched for related posts.

Then, she saw the official Weibo account of "If You Can't Love" post about the viewership ratings. There was a statistic for the viewership ratings of various major television stations at the same time period.

Qiao Mianmian saw "If You Can't Love" at first glance.

Ratings: 3.2%.

And the second place got only 1.2%.

If You Can't Love, it's way better than any other television station.

Qiao Mianmian was stunned for a few seconds.

She remembered that there was a huge drama this year.

At that time, the viewership ratings were praised by the major media. They said that it was the best television drama in the past two years.

But that television drama's ratings were definitely not above three points.

Qiao Mianmian couldn't remember exactly how much it was, but she remembered that it wasn't more than three.

Generally speaking, it was considered a hit.

Many dramas only broke two points in the most exciting episodes.

And "If You Can't Love" had only broadcasted two episodes, but the ratings were already so good.

Qiao Mianmian thought that breaking into the two points range was already a good result.

But last night's data had far exceeded her expectations.

She saw the trending topics about her on the right side.

The trending topic was: Qiao Mianmian's acting.

Qiao Mianmian immediately opened it and saw that everyone was praising her.

Chapter 2246: Alright, I'll Wait for You

"If You Can't Love, this is really a show of conscience. It's no wonder that Bai Yusheng is the director. I feel that the casting this time is very good, and the actors are doing very well. Even Qiao Mianmian, who

I didn't think highly of at first, surprised me. At first, I felt that Bai Yusheng's choice of a newbie to be the female lead wasn't reliable. Now, I feel that Bai Yusheng is Bai Yusheng. His judgment is good."

"It's not surprising that the viewership ratings are so high. The two episodes last night weren't bad at all. They were super nice and exciting. It was only two episodes, but the pace was faster than many episodes. Qin Han's acting is as good as ever, and Qiao Mianmian's acting as the female lead isn't bad either."

"I thought Qiao Mianmian was just a pretty face. I didn't expect her acting to be so good."

"I didn't want to see Qiao Mianmian when I first saw her as the female lead. But now, I want to say that her acting is really good. If you have a prejudice against her like me, you can take a look first before deciding if you want to watch her. Anyway, I've decided to continue watching this show."

Qiao Mianmian saw that the netizens were praising her, and all her worries from last night were gone.

The ratings were better than she expected.

The netizens' comments were better than expected.

Of course, some people still said that her acting wasn't good and she wasn't worthy of being the female lead.

Qiao Mianmian checked the accounts.

They were either Qin Han's wife fans or anti-fans.

Hence, she ignored these comments.

Jiang Luoli sent her a WeChat message, too.

Jiang Luoli: [Baby, I saw your television drama last night. You acted so well. I think you're going to be popular with this drama. Do your best, my superstar. I'm waiting for your autograph.]

Qiao Mianmian immediately replied: [You saw it, too?]

Jiang Luoli: [Of course. My baby is the female lead. I have to watch it. Let me tell you, Mo Shixiu watched it with me last night. Even he said that you acted well. Baby, you're really suitable for acting. You have to film more dramas and movies. You can't leave the entertainment industry just like that.]

Qiao Mianmian: [Why should I leave the entertainment industry?]

Jiang Luoli: [I just feel that you don't lack anything now. Filming is hard, after all. What if you feel too tired and don't want to do it anymore? Actually, I can understand even if you want to leave the entertainment industry. I just feel that it's a pity.]

Qiao Mianmian smiled and replied: [Don't worry, I don't have such plans for the next two to three years. But you, are you still planning to be a director?]

Jiang Luoli: [Of course, being a director and producing a good movie has always been my dream. Since it's my dream, how can I give up so easily? But now that Mo Shixiu doesn't let me work, I can only stay

at home every day. Thankfully, I can study scripts. Wait for me to write a good script. When the time comes, I'll be the director and you'll be my female lead. I must make a super-selling movie.]

Qiao Mianmian: [Alright, I'll wait for you.]

After chatting for a while, Qiao Mianmian got out of bed and washed up.

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Father Qiao was still in the hospital.

Because of Lin Huizhen and Qiao Anxin, Father Qiao was furious and stayed in the hospital for a long time.

Mo Yesi arranged for a professional to take care of him, so Qiao Mianmian wasn't worried that Father Qiao wouldn't be well taken care of.

Chapter 2247: Qiao Mianmian, We Meet Again

But now that Lin Huizhen and Qiao Anxin had left Father Qiao, and she and Qiao Chen couldn't stay by his side, Father Qiao suddenly became alone. Qiao Mianmian felt pity for him.

His wife had betrayed him, and his daughter wasn't his.

This was a terrible blow to anyone.

Qiao Mianmian was still worried about Father Qiao's health.

Hence, she would visit him whenever she was free.

She bought some nutrients and fruits and got Uncle Li to send her to the hospital.

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Renxin Hospital.

In Father Qiao's VIP ward, a tall and slender man was standing by the bed.

In the vase on the bedside table was a bouquet of fresh carnations and some expensive supplements.

Father Qiao rested his head on a pillow and looked at the man by the bed gratefully. "Young Master Gong, you're too polite. I'm already very honored that you came to the hospital to see me. Why did you buy so many things?"

"These things are pretty expensive, aren't they?"

"They're not worth much." The person standing by the bed was Gong Zeli. He said calmly, "Who would visit a patient empty-handed?"

"Anyway, thank you very much, Young Master Gong." Father Qiao was very polite. "I'm really sorry, I don't have anything to entertain Young Master Gong here. Please take a seat first."

"No need." Gong Zeli's expression was cold, and his voice was emotionless. "I have something on. I'll leave in a while."

As he spoke, he looked around, then looked back at Father Qiao. "Has no one come to see you? Where's your wife? Why isn't she with you?"

Father Qiao's expression changed.

He held it in for a while before saying, "Young Master Gong, something happened in my family. But you can't spread it. Forgive me for not being able to tell Young Master Gong what happened. Actually, someone has been here recently. Mianmian comes to see me often."

Gong Zeli's expression changed slightly at the mention of Qiao Mianmian.

"Qiao Mianmian comes to see you often?" He took a deep breath and asked calmly.

"Yes." Father Qiao nodded. "Mianmian is a very filial child. She even called me just now and said she was coming to see me."

Gong Zeli's eyes flickered. "She called you just now? She's coming to see you today?"

"Yeah, she'll be here soon."

Gong Zeli kept quiet for a while and then turned around.

Father Qiao thought that he was about to leave, but then he sat down on the sofa.

Father Qiao was stunned.

At this moment, the door was pushed open.

Gong Zeli held his cell phone tightly and slowly turned around.

His gaze met Qiao Mianmian's.

When she saw Gong Zeli inside Father Qiao's ward, she was stunned for a while and thought something was wrong with her eyes.

Or perhaps she had entered the wrong room.

"Mianmian, you're here." Father Qiao finally smiled when he saw her. Seeing that she was staring at Gong Zeli, he immediately introduced him. "Mianmian, this is Young Master Gong. You should know him."

"Young Master Gong, this is..."

"Old Master Qiao, I know Miss Qiao." Gong Zeli looked at Qiao Mianmian and smiled. "Qiao Mianmian, we meet again."

Chapter 2248: You Helped the Qiao Family

Qiao Mianmian blinked. When she was sure that she wasn't seeing things, she said in surprise, "Why are you here?"

Gong Zeli replied, "I'm here to visit the patient, of course."

That wasn't the answer Qiao Mianmian wanted to hear.

She frowned and looked at him before looking at Father Qiao. "Dad, you know him?"

Father Qiao nodded and said gratefully, "Mianmian, Young Master Gong is my benefactor. He helped me a lot. Without Young Master Gong's help, the Qiao family's company would have closed down long ago."

Qiao Mianmian frowned and turned to look at Gong Zeli. "What's my dad talking about? You helped the Qiao family? When was this?"

Qiao Mianmian was completely unaware of this.

"This happened a long time ago." Gong Zeli's dark brown eyes flickered, and he didn't intend to say more. He said casually, "It's not considered helping. The Gong and Qiao families only cooperated in a few businesses. It's all mutually beneficial."

But Qiao Mianmian didn't believe him.

The Qiao family's company was nothing.

Could the Gong family do business with them?

In fact, the Qiao family wasn't even qualified to do business with the Gong family.

No one could be in the line to do business with them.

Hence, it must be as Father Qiao said, that Gong Zeli helped him.

In the name of doing business.

He said it was a long time ago...

Gong Zeli wouldn't help the Qiao family for no reason.

Qiao Mianmian immediately thought of something.

"Young Master Gong, you've done the Qiao family a huge favor. How could it not be considered help? If you hadn't invested in the Qiao family's business, the company wouldn't have been able to continue operating. I'll remember Young Master Gong's kindness for the rest of my life." Father Qiao was full of gratitude towards Gong Zeli.

Previously, there was a problem with the Qiao family's company, and no one was willing to help.

Gong Zeli had saved him in time.

Father Qiao knew that there was no free lunch in the world. Gong Zeli must have a reason for helping him.

But he was still very grateful to him.

He had always seen Gong Zeli as his benefactor.

Qiao Mianmian and Gong Zeli looked at each other for a while before she turned around. "Gong Zeli, come out, I have something to ask you."

Father Qiao was about to scold her when he saw that Gong Zeli didn't look unhappy at all. He immediately followed Qiao Mianmian out.

Father Qiao looked at their backs and frowned.

Gong Zeli met him for the first time because of Qiao Mianmian.

That day, he asked some strange questions.

He even took the initiative to help him many times.

Father Qiao recalled that Gong Zeli had said that he would leave soon. But now, he had no intention of leaving.

Father Qiao thought of a possibility.

Could it be that Gong Zeli was...

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Outside the ward, in the corridor.

Qiao Mianmian only stopped when she was a distance away from Father Qiao's ward.

Behind her, Gong Zeli slowly stopped in his tracks.

Qiao Mianmian turned around.

She looked up and frowned. "Gong Zeli, is what my dad said true? Why are you helping the Qiao family?"

Chapter 2249: Aren't You Too Full of Yourself?

Gong Zeli's dark brown eyes locked onto hers. He stared at her for a while before saying slowly, "You called me out just to ask about this?"

"Mm." Qiao Mianmian nodded. "I hope you can tell me what exactly happened."

Gong Zeli pursed his thin lips and kept quiet for a while. He then smiled and said, "Didn't I say that your dad and I only did a few businesses? It's not much."

"I don't believe it." Qiao Mianmian said directly, "The Gong Corporation can't possibly do any business with the Qiao family. The money earned from doing business with the Qiao family is nothing to you. Why are you helping my dad? Is it because... because you know that I saved you?"

"Because you know that I saved you and you want to repay me. So you invested in the Qiao family's company and helped them?"

Gong Zeli narrowed his eyes and kept quiet.

"I guessed correctly?" Qiao Mianmian pursed her lips and kept quiet for a while. After a while, she looked up again. "Firstly, I thank you for your help. But in the future, I'll settle the Qiao family's matters myself. You..."

“Qiao Mianmian, aren’t you too full of yourself?”

Before Qiao Mianmian could finish, Gong Zeli interrupted her coldly.

She looked up in shock.

Gong Zeli’s gaze and expression became cold. At this moment, he looked unfamiliar and a little scary.

Qiao Mianmian was stunned when she heard his cold voice. “I can help whoever I want. What right do you have to arrange for me to do anything?”

“Me helping your dad has nothing to do with you. You saved me, and I’ve always wanted to repay you. But since you’re unwilling to accept my kindness, then forget it.” Gong Zeli narrowed his eyes and looked down at her. “Is it because I was too clingy previously, so I, Gong Zeli, should be despised by you?”

Qiao Mianmian widened her eyes. “No, I didn’t...”

“You don’t want to have anything to do with me anymore, so you hope that I won’t have anything to do with your family, right? If I continue to help your dad, you’ll feel burdened and uncomfortable, right?”

“You’re even more worried that I’ll continue to pester you in this way. Because I’m trying to curry favor with your dad. I definitely want to get support from him so that he can put in good words for me in front of you in the future. Is that what you think?” Gong Zeli smiled as he spoke, but there was no smile in his eyes.

His eyes and expression were getting colder.

Qiao Mianmian opened her mouth to explain.

She wanted to tell him that she didn’t think so.

But she suddenly realized that although Gong Zeli’s words were a little harsh, a part of it was true.

She really did think that way.

She wondered if Gong Zeli was trying to get on Father Qiao’s good side.

She was afraid that he would continue to pester her.

Gong Zeli saw every change in her expression and couldn’t help but sneer. “I’m right, Qiao Mianmian. That’s what you think.

“It seems like my pestering previously really annoyed you.” Gong Zeli smiled self-mockingly. “I didn’t expect to be hated by others one day.”

This person was someone he cared about.

Chapter 2250: I’m Not That Cheap

Perhaps God felt that Gong Zeli’s life was too smooth, so he suffered such a setback in his relationship.

He was always the one who despised others and found them annoying.

But now, everything was the opposite.

His pride and dignity were trampled under Qiao Mianmian's feet.

In front of her, he was so pitiful.

He didn't get anything in return.

All he saw was her avoidance and dislike.

Qiao Mianmian was speechless.

She wanted to say that she didn't hate Gong Zeli, but she really didn't want to have anything to do with him anymore.

Before knowing his feelings for her, they might still be friends.

But now... they could only be strangers.

She had to consider Mo Yesi's feelings.

"Qiao Mianmian, I promised you before that I wouldn't pester you anymore. I'll do what I say. But you can't control who I want to interact with or what I want to do.

"Don't you already treat me as a stranger? Then, why do you care?"

Qiao Mianmian pursed her lips and didn't know what to say.

She couldn't refute Gong Zeli's words.

Yes, if Gong Zeli was just a stranger to her, why should she care?

She felt embarrassed.

She felt that she was overthinking.

She thought that Gong Zeli must have helped Father Qiao because of her.

But he denied it.

She was overthinking.

Gong Zeli looked at Qiao Mianmian's blushing cheeks, and a strange look flashed past his eyes. He kept quiet for a few seconds before turning around. "Since you don't want to see me so much, I'll leave now. Don't worry, I, Gong Zeli, am not so cheap. I don't have to be with anyone. You saved me, and I owe you a favor. This is a fact. But since you don't care for this favor and don't want to receive any repayment from me, then we'll write this off.

"But remember, it's not that I don't want to repay your kindness, it's that you don't want it."

With that, Gong Zeli left.

Qiao Mianmian stood rooted to the ground and watched him leave. She suddenly felt guilty as if she'd done something wrong.

She seemed to have hurt Gong Zeli.

But that was all she could do.

She couldn't be friends with a man who had such feelings for her.

This person was Mo Yesi's brother.

Hence, even if she really hurt Gong Zeli, she had no other choice.

She hoped that he would give up on her.

Just as he said, with his status, he didn't have to be so humble.

In the future, a girl suitable for him would definitely appear.

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Qiao Mianmian returned to the ward.

Father Qiao watched her enter alone. After a while, he asked, "Where's Young Master Gong?"

"He's gone." Qiao Mianmian walked to the bed and picked up the cup on the bedside table. "Dad, are you thirsty? I'll get you some water."

Father Qiao nodded.

Qiao Mianmian turned around to get a glass of water. "Dad, it's a little hot. Drink slowly."

Father Qiao looked up at her and took a sip.

After drinking some water, Father Qiao placed the glass on the cabinet.