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Chapter 481 - 481: An Unexpected Call 1

All eyes were fixed on Huangfu Ruixiang as if they were awaiting his decision.

Huangfu Ruixiang suddenly felt an immense pressure weighing on him. After a moment, he finally spoke, "No matter how this situation came about, Yiran is the victim. I don't think it's appropriate to send her away."

Zhongyu Liuyings face immediately darkened. When she looked at Li Yiran, her gaze resembled a murderous intent. With Huangfu Ruixiang speaking up now, she was even more determined to drive Li Yiran far away. Having such a seductive woman by his side would undoubtedly lead to his downfall.

Li Yiran, on the other hand, let out a sigh of relief upon hearing Huangfu Ruilings words. At the very least, if he was willing to support her now, everything could be resolved.

Huangfu Ruiling glanced at Huangfu Ruixiang and continued, "So, what's your plan next?"

Did he intend to marry Li Yiran? It was time to have a clear answer

Huangfu Ruixiang once again fell into silence. He didn't know how to respond. The fact was, he and Li Yiran did have sex. Logically, he should take responsibility. However, in his future plans, his wife could not be someone like Li Yiran. Although he wasn't the heir to the Huangfu family, he was a direct descendant. His future wife needed to come from one of the four major families.

Admittedly, Li Yiran was undeniably beautiful, and he was attracted to her.

But this attraction wasn't enough to make the decision to marry her.

However, giving up on Li Yiran was also something he was hesitant about. After all, he had just experienced a taste of her, and he was struggling to let go.

"Do you need so much time to contemplate such a simple matter?" Huangfu Ruiling's expression turned cold as he looked at Huangfu Ruixiang. His tone was almost icy as he continued, "You're a grown man; when you face a problem, don't you think about how to resolve it?"

Before Huangfu Ruixiang could respond, Zhongyu Liuying interjected, "No, Ruixiang absolutely cannot marry this woman. What kind of status does she have? What qualifications does she have to marry Ruixiang?"

She was determined not to let Ruixiang marry Li Yiran. Her ideal daughter-in-law was a highborn lady from a prestigious family. Moreover, Ruixiang was about to participate in the family competition in the Hidden World. If he performed well, his future prospects would be much better. Therefore, he couldn't be held back by someone like Li Yiran.

Li Yiran's face turned pale, and she appeared on the brink of collapsing. She looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, her eyes shimmering with a pleading expression. Beautiful women often had a way of evoking sympathy.

Seeing Li Yiran like this, Huangfu Ruixiang momentarily wavered. He was even on the verge of blurting out that he was willing to marry her.

“Ruixiang,” Huangfu Jingzhang spoke up, “Your wife must not be an orphan. You must think carefully about how your future wife will affect you. If you marry Li Yiran, your future will be much more challenging.”

These words instantly solidified Huangfu Ruixiangs wavering resolve. After contemplating for a while, he looked at Li Yiran and said, “Yiran, I do like you. However, you’re not a suitable candidate for a wife. If you’re willing, I’ll still look after you. Although there’s no official status, nothing else will be lacking. Of course, if you’re unwilling, I can provide you with a sum of money. You can leave this place and start anew.”

This declaration sent Li Yiran’s heart plummeting. She had never anticipated that, after all her scheming and planning, she would end up as nothing more than a lover. If she could only be a secret lover, why had she bothered with all these schemes in the first place? Wouldn’t it have been better to follow Zhongyu Liuyings arrangements and become Huangfu Ruilings lover?

After all this turmoil, she still couldn’t enter the doors of the Huangfu family.. What had she done all of this for?

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Upon hearing Huangfu Ruixiangs words, Zhongyu Liuying heaved a sigh of relief. Simultaneously, she privately celebrated the fact that her youngest son was not a naive romantic, and he had chosen the most practical course of action.

If Li Yiran were merely one of Ruixiangs lovers, she wouldn’t care in the least. After all, being a lover meant uncertain favor, and there was no telling how long it would last. If Ruixiang ever grew disinterested, he could simply offer her a sum of money to part ways.

As for Ye Lengan, standing to the side, she truly believed that Huangfu Ruixiang was indeed a scoundrel, fully confirming her suspicions.

However, when it came to Li Yiran, she didn’t feel particularly sympathetic. It was clear that Li Yiran had orchestrated all the events today. Yet, she had miscalculated one crucial aspect. Huangfu Ruixiang’s feelings for her were not deep enough to commit to a marriage. Therefore, it all ended up in vain.

With a nod, Huangfu Ruiling turned his attention to Li Yiran and asked, “You are also one of the parties involved. What are your thoughts?”

Li Yiran clenched her teeth, then finally turned to Huangfu Ruixiang, her eyes brimming with tears. She said, “Ruixiang, I love you, so I don’t care about titles. As long as I can remain by your side, I’m content.”

With things having progressed to this point, she had no other choice. If she decided to leave now, the chances of her returning in the future would be slim. Hence, even if she had to remain a lover, she was determined to stay.

Furthermore, although she wasn't Huangfu Ruixiang's wife at present, he had no wife either, did he? Given the circumstances, she still had an opportunity. She hadn't lost yet and wasn't ready to concede at this moment.

Upon hearing Li Yiran's words, Huangfu Ruixiang was touched. He held Li Yiran's hand and assured her, "Yiran, rest assured. While I can't give you a formal title, I will provide you with everything that my wife should have." Li Yiran nodded, deeply moved.

Since Huangfu Ruixiang had made his decision, and it was the best one,

Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying didn't say anything more. However...

"Li Yiran, I will inform everyone tomorrow that you no longer deserve the surname Zhongyu," Zhongyu Liuying declared when she looked at Li Yiran, her eyes filled with disdain. "Our Zhongyu family will not tolerate a shameless girl like you."

Li Yiran opened her mouth as if she wanted to say something but ultimately remained silent.

She understood full well that losing the surname Zhongyu meant losing a lot. But with her current circumstances, she was powerless to alter this reality. At this point, all she could do was hold onto Huangfu Ruixiang.

In the Huangfu family, he was the only lifeline she had left to secure her livelihood.

And thus, this spectacle came to a close. Both parties had come to an agreement, so there was nothing more for outsiders to say.

Huangfu Ruiling arranged for someone to escort Li Yiran back first. As for Huangfu Ruixiang, he didn't leave. As the second young master of the Huangfu family, he wouldn't casually depart from such an event.

To be frank, Li Yiran's position in his heart hadn't reached a level where he would abandon his responsibilities and go look after her.

Li Yiran felt her heart turn cold, struggling to accept her relatively insignificant place in Huangfu Ruixiang's heart. However, given the current circumstances, she had no choice but to accept it.

Upon returning to the banquet venue and sitting down, Ye Lengan couldn't help but express her discontent.

"Ruiling, your little brother is really a bad guy!" Ye Lengan shook her head. "In the circumstances just now, any responsible man would have definitely promised to marry the other person. However, Huangfu Ruixiang was very straightforward, stating his unwillingness to marry."

Huangfu Ruiling calmly said, "Li Yiran's social status doesn't warrant such a sacrifice. Huangfu Ruixiang is a pragmatic person who knows precisely what he wants and won't permit significant deviations from his life plan."

However, speaking candidly, Li Yiran had brought this upon herself! Ye Lengan pursed her lips and continued, "I dare say that everything that happened tonight was undoubtedly orchestrated by her. She correctly anticipated the beginning but was utterly clueless about how it would conclude..

“She overestimated Huangfu Ruixiangs feelings for her.” Huangfu Ruiling didn’t harbor any sympathy. “Huangfu Ruixiang is very clear-headed. He won’t make any choices that don’t serve his best interests. This time, Li Yiran’s troubles are self-inflicted.’

Ye Lengan nodded and remarked, “To be honest, she was too hasty. She might be stunning, but it’s not so easy to win Huangfu Ruixiangs heart based solely on her looks. That’s why, after the incident, Huangfu Ruixiang wasn’t inclined to grant her a formal status.”

“It’s her own choice,” he continued. “After tonight, her days of prosperity are likely over. My mother will undoubtedly make her life difficult.”

“Li Yiran can’t endure much more turmoil.” Ye Lengan shrugged, adding, “After the poisoning incident, her vitality was severely compromised. She didn’t recover properly afterward, and at this rate, her life might be near its end.’

“She has no will to live, so no one can change that.” His tone remained aloof.

“Whether she continues to exist or not, it’s her fate and doesn’t concern us.’

“Indeed.” She nodded in agreement, then sighed and said, “It appears you’ve won this bet. Li Yiran truly can’t marry into the Huangfu family.”

It might have been possible, but Li Yiran’s impatience ruined it all in an instant. Now, not only can she not marry, but it will be even more improbable in the future.

He observed her and raised an eyebrow but didn’t continue the conversation.

“So, what would you like me to do?” She looked at him and emphasized, “Ruiling, let’s be clear about this. Your request mustn’t be overly demanding!

Otherwise, I reserve the right to refuse.”

Hearing her resolute words, he chuckled. “An’an, are you openly trying to weasel out of it?”

“How could I be that kind of person?” she vehemently denied. “I’m just stating a precondition. And, in my opinion, the terms I’ve presented are quite reasonable! Or are you seriously planning to request something I can’t do?”

“Rest assured,” he said as he reached out and embraced her. “Even if my demands prove challenging for others, I won’t make them difficult for you. I’m confident you can meet my requirements.”

“So, what is this request?” she immediately inquired. “Tell me!”

She was not accustomed to owing anyone anything, even though he was her boyfriend. However, since they'd entered into a bet, she was more than willing to accept defeat. Still, she hoped to resolve the matter swiftly and not have it hanging over her head.

"I can't tell you now," he declared. "Let's wait a few days, and then I'll disclose my request."

"A few more days!" She frowned and cast a skeptical glance at him. "You're not hatching some devious plan, are you?"

"What kind of devious plan could I possibly have?" He was candid. "I'm just delaying it for a few days. Or are you considering reneging on our agreement once I've delayed it?"

"I'm not that sort of person." She rolled her eyes and retorted, "A few days' delay is fine. However, I must clarify upfront that you can't impose any burdensome demands! You mentioned that. Don't contradict yourself!"

"Absolutely not," he asserted.

The banquet proceeded smoothly, barring a couple of minor hiccups earlier in the evening. After tonight, it was clear that the matter of the Huangfu family's patriarch had been sealed. Despite any reservations that Huangfu Jingzhang may have, the situation couldn't be altered.

The next morning, Ye Lengan had intended to attend her classes at school. However, just before leaving, she received a phone call.

"Hello, who is that?" Ye Lengan found the caller's number unfamiliar.

"Miss Ye, please save my father!" The voice on the other end of the line carried a note of urgency. "He suddenly fell unconscious, and none of the doctors dared to proceed with surgery. You're his only hope now.."

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"Shu Hui?" Upon hearing the voice on the other end of the phone, Ye Lengan couldn't help but furrow her brow. "You're calling at this hour because of your father's illness, right?"

If it weren't for this call today, she would have almost forgotten about this person. He had called her before, and back then, she had mentioned a one-billion-dollar consultation fee.

However, Shu Hui had been out of touch for a while. She figured it was probably because Old Master Shu disagreed or was hesitant about the hefty medical fees. She wasn't particularly concerned. After all, medical treatment was a matter of mutual consent. She wasn't a globally renowned doctor but merely an alchemist, with medical practice being a secondary pursuit. She wasn't the type to chase after patients to provide treatment.

So, Old Master Shu's condition had been long forgotten by her. Whether he lived or died had no bearing on her.

However, she hadn't expected to receive Shu Hui's call early in the morning.

"That's right, Miss Ye. I apologize for our past interactions." Shu Hui's tone was quite humble. "My father is in critical condition now. I want you to save him."

"I have no plans to go to Jin City lately," Ye Lengan replied dispassionately.

"And, I suspect Old Master Shu doesn't trust my medical skills, right?"

"Miss Ye, we're currently at the Central Hospital of the capital," Shu Hui implored urgently. "My father is now in a coma. Doctors have stated that his tumor is severely compressing his nerves. If this continues, he might not make it. You're the only one who can save him."

He wasn't familiar with Ye Lengan's medical skills, but among all the doctors he had consulted, only Ye Lengan could provide assurance that his father would recover. No other doctor was confident enough to perform the surgery. So, he had reached out to Ye Lengan.

In fact, he had mentioned Ye Lengan to his father previously. However, as soon as his father heard about the one-billion-dollar treatment fee, he scolded her, stating she was money-driven and adamantly refused. There was nothing he could do but accede to his father's wishes.

But just a few days ago, his father suddenly collapsed. After a hospital examination, they determined that the tumor had severely compressed the nerves, yet no doctor dared to perform the surgery. That was when he remembered Ye Lengan and immediately contacted her.

Since his father had fallen ill, the company's stock price had become quite volatile. If his father were to pass away, the entire group might be in turmoil.

After a brief consideration, Ye Lengan finally replied, "I'll go and take a look now."

With that, she hung up without waiting for Shu Hui to respond.

After ending the call with Shu Hui, Ye Lengan promptly requested a leave of absence. However, she didn't seek leave from her form teacher, but directly from the principal. Ever since she decided to participate in this year's college entrance exams, she was no longer under the purview of her form teacher.

Therefore, when requesting leave, she had to approach the principal directly.

After the principal heard Ye Lengan's request, he sighed in resignation. "Ye Lengan, don't you think you should attend school and let your teachers know you are still a student of theirs?"

His remark wasn't meant as criticism. He simply wanted to express his frustration about Ye Lengan's frequent absences.

"Hehe, Principal, I had no other choice!" Ye Lengan said somewhat helplessly.

"I really have something important to deal with when requesting leave. Otherwise, I'd certainly be studying hard. You know, I'm the most passionate about learning."

“Heh,” hearing Ye Lengan’s self-assured response, the principal chuckled. “Do you believe that yourself?”

“Principal, whether I believe it or not doesn’t matter.” Ye Lengan grinned. “As long as you believe it, isn’t that enough?”

“Why do I feel like I must’ve done something wrong in my past life to end up with a student like you!” the principal couldn’t help but continue grumbling. He wasn’t genuinely irritated with Ye Lengan.

“Alright, Principal, I won’t say more. I genuinely have an urgent matter to attend to.” Ye Lengan quickly added, “I’m taking two days off for now, and we can discuss the rest after those two days.”

She knew the principal was merely expressing his thoughts in a lighthearted manner. In reality, he had no objections to her taking leave.

“Okay, I got it.” Zheng Anyangs grumbling voice came through the phone. “Even though you’re on leave, you must study at home. Don’t forget that your goal is to be the top scorer in this year’s college entrance exams!”

“Don’t worry,” Ye Lengan pledged confidently. “I’ll definitely become the top scorer in the college entrance exams and bring glory to the school.”

Having said that, Ye Lengan hung up the phone and took a taxi to the Central Hospital. While in the car, she couldn’t help but ponder whether it might be a good idea to buy a car. But considering her age, she hadn’t even obtained her driver’s license yet, so even if she did buy a car, it would be futile. She could only abandon that thought.

Soon, Ye Lengan arrived at the Central Hospital. Without inquiring from anyone, she proceeded directly to the VIP single room within the hospital. People with some wits would understand how she knew.

The Shu family was financially well-off, and even while hospitalized, they would undoubtedly choose the best room.

As expected, upon arriving at the VIP single room, she encountered the agitated Shu Hui pacing back and forth by one of the ward’s doors.

“Miss Ye, you’ve finally come,” Shu Hui eagerly welcomed her the moment he saw her. It was as if he had just seen a savior.

“Let’s go in and have a look,” instead of having small talk with Shu Hui; she spoke directly.

Shu Hui pushed the door open, and the two of them entered.

Upon entering, Ye Lengan took in the situation in the ward. She didn’t know the identities of the individuals there, but she assumed they were likely Shu t s family members.

This was unsurprising. Old Master Shu's condition was dire, and he could pass away at any moment. It was only natural that these people would want to be by his side during this time. Otherwise, when it came time to dispose of his fortune, they might suffer losses..

Chapter 485: The Second Treatment Plan 1

"Why are you here?" It was Shu Yaqi who spoke first.

As soon as she saw Ye Lengan walk in, she immediately jumped up, almost ready to scold her on the spot. In the past, she had been the Shu family's spirited eldest daughter. However, due to Ye Lengan, she had become something of a black sheep in the family. Even Shu Mei'er, the illegitimate daughter, had somehow risen above her. And all of this could be traced back to Ye Lengan. Yet, here Ye Lengan was, daring to show up before her.

Seeing Ye Leng'an's expression darken, Shu Hui promptly interrupted, "Yaqi, shut your mouth."

"Dad, I..." Shu Yaqi began, feeling aggrieved and wanting to defend herself, but she was reprimanded once again by Shu Hui.

"If you continue to babble here, then go back home," Shu Hui warned her. "Or perhaps you've grown tired of being the Shu family's young lady and want to experience an ordinary life."

Sensing the undertone of Shu Hui's warning, Shu Yaqi promptly shut her mouth and dared not say anything more.

Shu Huang adjusted his glasses and turned his gaze toward Ye Leng'an. He spoke in an appraising tone, "You must be Miss Ye Lengan, correct? I've heard that you have the ability to cure our father. Is that so? I'd like to know how confident you are about his recovery."

"If this were half a month ago, I would have had complete confidence in curing him," Ye Lengan replied, shrugging her shoulders. "However, his condition has worsened, and I'll need to examine him before making a definitive judgment."

"You are playing mysterious games!" Shu Yao sneered in disdain. "You're quite young, yet your words are grandiose. Even internationally renowned doctors don't dare to make such bold claims regarding our father's condition, but now you're boasting."

Listening to her third uncle's taunting words, Shu Yaqi also felt quite pleased. When she heard Ye Lengan claim that she could cure her grandfather, she wanted to expose the lie. However, she refrained from doing so due to her father's earlier threat. Now, her third uncle had expressed her inner thoughts perfectly.

"I've never believed that a person's ability is tied to their age," Ye Lengan responded nonchalantly to Shu Yao's disdain. "Besides, I'm not forcing any of you to accept my treatment. Whether it's in business or medicine, it's all a matter of mutual consent."

With that, Ye Lengan turned to leave. She wasn't one to tolerate ridicule from others, and her involvement in Old Master Shu's life and death was minimal in her eyes.

“Miss Ye, please wait.” Shu Hui hastily stepped forward to block her path. “My third brother is just concerned about our father’s health, which made him speak harshly. Please don’t take offense. We do have faith in your medical skills, which is why we invited you to treat our father.”

While speaking, Shu Hui discreetly sent a warning look to Shu Yao.

Shu Yao chuckled but refrained from further comments. However, his gaze towards Ye Lengan remained filled with disdain. In his view, someone as young as Ye Lengan couldn’t possibly possess profound medical skills.

Shu Huang also stepped closer and said, “Miss Ye, we sincerely invited you to treat our father. As for my brother, he can be a bit rash, and his words may be unpleasant. Please forgive him.”

Ye Lengan showed no hurry to leave. She approached the bedside, took a glance at Old Master Shu lying there, and immediately assessed his condition.

Then, she retracted her gaze and turned to Old Master Shu’s three sons. She spoke slowly, “I’ve already grasped Old Master Shu’s condition. His illness has taken a turn for the worse, and without treatment, he might have about half a month left. However, for the next half a month, he will remain in a state of deep slumber.”

“Miss Ye, do you have the means to treat our father?” Shu Hui asked anxiously.

“Yes.” Ye Lengan nodded. “However, the situation has changed, and his condition has deteriorated further. The previously discussed medical expenses are no longer valid. If you genuinely want me to cure him, it will cost 1.5 billion US dollars..

Chapter 486: The Second Treatment Plan 2

“What, 1.5 billion?” Shu Yao was the first to jump up, and when he looked at Ye Lengan, his expression was filled with suspicion. “Why don’t you go rob someone?”

Not only Shu Yao, but everyone else had a similar reaction upon hearing this price. They all began to doubt their hearing. How could the other party demand such an exorbitant sum of 1.5 billion for mere medical fees?

If the Shu family were still in their prime, coming up with 1.5 billion wouldn’t be an issue. However, after the incident at the birthday banquet, the Shu family suffered a significant setback. They had only recently stabilized, and things were far from what they used to be.

Allocating 1.5 billion at this time would be detrimental to the group, and it could potentially disrupt their capital flow.

Furthermore, they questioned whether Ye Lengan had the actual ability to back up her demands. After all, they had already consulted renowned doctors from around the world with no success. Now, Ye Lengan arrived, glanced at the situation, and promptly requested 1.5 billion. It seemed like daylight robbery.

“Robbing is illegal,” Ye Lengan calmly stated. “Besides, I never said you must choose me to treat your father. If you’re unwilling to pay the medical fees, you can consider me as if I never came today.”

She didn’t pressure them to seek her treatment. She simply stated the required treatment fee and was indifferent to their decision.

“Miss Ye.” Shu Hui looked troubled. “The price you’re asking for is quite high. We currently can’t come up with that amount. Doctors should be compassionate. Can we discuss the consultation fee?”

Shu Hui was only moderately convinced of Ye Lengan’s medical abilities. However, the substantial consultation fee she requested posed a real challenge. He also feared that if they agreed and Ye Lengan managed to cure his father, but they failed to pay, the consequences would be dire.

He hadn’t forgotten that the young woman before him was backed by the young master of the Huangfu family, or rather, the family head now, as the handover ceremony had supposedly taken place yesterday.

“Sorry, I don’t think so,” Ye Lengan asserted straightforwardly. “This isn’t a market where you can haggle over prices. However, I have an alternative treatment plan that costs only 500 million dollars.”

“What’s the plan?” Shu Hui inquired eagerly. However, the others, unlike Shu Hui, cast scrutinizing glances at Ye Lengan. They seemed to doubt her ability to cure Old Master Shu, especially considering her swift reduction from 1.5 billion to 500 million.

“I can help Old Master Shu regain consciousness without any illness,” Ye Lengan continued. “But his life expectancy would be limited to three months.

I can only extend his life for three months, and after that, he will pass away immediately.”

The room fell into a heavy silence.

No one knew if Ye Lengan could deliver on her claims, but they couldn’t deny that her second proposal was enticing. They could manage 500 million dollars, and three months should provide ample time for Old Master Shu to settle his affairs.

“Miss Ye, I can’t make a decision right now,” Shu Hui said with a troubled expression. “Furthermore, I’m unsure of Father’s thoughts.”

“That’s simple,” Ye Lengan replied directly. “Why don’t you ask Old Master Shu directly?”

“Can you really wake Father up?” Shu Yao leaped up, his expression marked with excitement. “You’re not deceiving us, are you? The doctors have already said that Father’s tumor has compressed his nerves, and unless surgery is performed to remove it, he won’t wake up.”

Of course, none of those doctors were willing to perform the surgery.

Ye Lengan paid no heed to Shu Yao and turned to Shu Hui, inquiring, "So, are you interested in hearing Old Master Shut's opinion now?"

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"Yes," Shu Hui promptly responded, "Thank you, Miss Ye."

Instantly, all eyes focused on Ye Lengan. Everyone wanted to ascertain if Ye Leng'an's medical skills truly lived up to the hype.

Everyone was well aware that Shu Hui had previously sought out Ye Lengan. However, back then, when the proposed treatment fee was one billion dollars, almost everyone had objections. Old Master Shu, in particular, was opposed.

Putting aside the fact that he held no favorable opinion of Ye Leng'an, the primary issue was his disbelief in her capabilities. Consequently, the matter remained unresolved.

However, they hadn't anticipated Old Master Shu's condition suddenly deteriorating, leading Shu Hui to once again consider approaching Ye Lengan. Although many remained skeptical, they didn't obstruct his decision. Still, the thought of the one billion fee left them uneasy.

Surprisingly, Ye Lengan, upon arriving, demanded an even steeper fee of 1.5 billion dollars. This was a 50% increase that left them entirely uncomfortable with the proposition.

However, now Ye Lengan claimed she could temporarily awaken Old Master Shu. If she truly succeeded, it would imply her medical skills were indeed exceptional. At the very least, she surpassed the famous doctors they had consulted because none had been able to rouse Old Master Shu, even briefly. Ye Leng'an approached the bed and removed the oxygen mask covering Old Master Shu's face.

"Ye Lengan, what are you doing?" Shu Yaqi was the first to react. "Are you trying to harm Grandpa? You must be holding a grudge from before and intend to harm him."

The others remained silent, although Ye Leng'an's actions had made them nervous. Nevertheless, they were in a public setting, and no matter how skilled Ye Lengan might be, she wouldn't dare harm Old Master Shu so openly, especially with the support of the Huangfu family.

"Be quiet." Ye Lengan cast Shu Yaqi a chilling look. "If you keep shouting and cause your grandfather harm, it won't be my concern."

"Don't slander me," Shu Yaqi protested. "It was clearly you..."

"Shu Yaqi, have you forgotten what I just said?" Shu Hui pulled her aside and warned, "If you delay your grandfather's chance of recovery, I'll kick you out of the house, and you'll have to fend for yourself."

Hearing the gravity in Shu Hui's words, Shu Yaqi reluctantly kept quiet but continued to glare at Ye Lengan with resentment.

Ye Leng'an theatrically retrieved a silver needle box from her bag. She then extracted a needle and inserted it directly into Old Master Shu's head. Quickly, she administered a second, and a third, and only ceased after applying five needles.

Once Ye Lengan ceased her actions, all eyes were riveted on Old Master Shu.

Soon, they observed Old Master Shu's eyelids flicker and slowly open.

"Dad, you're awake," Shu Hui exclaimed with surprise. "You're really awake."

"How are you feeling? Do you recognize me?"

At that moment, others also approached. This was a golden opportunity to express their filial piety; they couldn't allow others to overshadow them.

Subsequently, a cacophony of voices filled the room. While each utterance was filled with concern, the sincerity behind the words remained uncertain.

Although Old Master Shu had awoken, his awareness was still somewhat muddled. Coupled with the commotion of numerous people surrounding him, his headache seemed to intensify.

"Enough, be silent," Ye Lengan couldn't help but reprimand them upon hearing the clamor. "The patient has only briefly awakened. Do you want to make him faint again? If the patient indeed loses consciousness once more, I won't take responsibility!"

Hearing her words, everyone promptly fell silent. None of them wanted to shoulder that responsibility.

However, as they looked at Ye Lengan, their demeanor had undergone a complete transformation. If they were once skeptical, they were now utterly astonished. Although they still didn't know if Ye Lengan could cure Old

Master Shu, her medical expertise was irrefutable. Those renowned doctors hadn't managed to temporarily rouse Old Master Shu, but Ye Lengan had succeeded. What did this signify? It demonstrated that Ye Lengan indeed possessed the requisite skills..

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However, as soon as they thought of Ye Lengan demanding a 1.5 billion USD treatment fee, their initial enthusiasm waned.

"Why are you here?" Old Master Shu's voice was still weak. When he saw Ye Lengan, he couldn't help but question.

Worried that Ye Lengan might change her mind, Shu Hui quickly stepped forward to explain, "Dad, I brought Miss Ye here, and thanks to her, you've been able to wake up temporarily."

"He can remain awake for approximately fifteen minutes. You all should discuss your decision!" Ye Lengan announced. "But do not touch that needle; otherwise, you will bear the consequences. I'll go out for a walk, and I'll be back in ten minutes."

After making this statement, Ye Lengan left the room, seemingly unconcerned.

In reality, she truly wasn't concerned about the matter. Regardless of what decision the Shu family made regarding treatment, it had little bearing on her. Though she was a medical practitioner, her heart was far from compassionate.

Ye Lengan hadn't gone far. She sat in a chair nearby in the corridor, passing the time with her phone.

After approximately ten minutes, she rose and returned to the ward.

As she entered the room, all conversation abruptly ceased. Every eye in the room was fixed upon Ye Lengan.

Unfazed by the scrutiny, Ye Lengan walked directly to the bedside and looked at Old Master Shu. "Have you reached a decision? I don't have much time to wait. If you don't intend to proceed with treatment, I will depart."

"Miss Ye, if I select the 500 million USD treatment plan, will I be pain-free until my life's end in the next three months? Or, if you can preserve my life for three months, will I need to remain bedridden, struggling for survival?" Old Master Shu inquired, despite having already learned about the treatment options from others. His current circumstances made him acutely aware of the importance of health and life.

Ye Lengan's response to Old Master Shu's choice came as no surprise. "During these three months, as long as you follow the doctor's advice, you'll enjoy good health without the torment of illness. But if you insist on disregarding medical advice and go your own way, I can only guarantee your survival."

After a moment of silence, Old Master Shu declared, "Miss Ye, I choose the second treatment plan. However, I hope that you won't deceive me because of past grievances. Otherwise, even with the support of the Huangfu family, we, the Shu family, won't let this matter rest easily."

In truth, he would have preferred to select the first treatment option. After all, everyone desires a healthy life. However, he was well aware of the Shu family's current predicament. Following the earlier setbacks and turmoil, the Shu family was in a weakened state and no longer as illustrious as before.

If they had to raise 1.5 billion USD for treatment at this juncture, it would deliver a substantial blow to the Shu family. Inadvertently, the entire family might face ruin.

In contrast, 500 million USD was a sum the Shu family could afford without significant harm. Moreover, a three-month window would enable him to make arrangements for the Shu family.

Three months later, even if he passed away, the Shu family would not experience any tumult or upheaval.

"Rest assured," Ye Lengan told Old Master Shu. "The animosity between me and your Shu family is long behind us. Right now, you're just an ordinary patient to me. I will do my utmost as long as I've accepted the responsibility." Soon, Ye Lengan administered the first treatment for Old Master Shu.

Upon concluding the treatment, Old Master Shu felt remarkably relaxed. He even sensed that he was more at ease than when he was in good health.

During this period, although his tumor had not advanced, he frequently experienced headaches. Even during his normal days, he often felt a heavy head and at times, confusion in his mind.

However, after just a single treatment, he could discern an evident improvement in his health.

Following this initial treatment, Old Master Shu developed a newfound respect for Ye Lengan. Despite his lack of personal fondness for her, he had to acknowledge her highly advanced medical skills.

At this moment, he was beginning to experience a tinge of regret. If he had agreed to the 1 billion USD treatment fee when Ye Lengan first proposed it, would the outcome be different now?

Back then, the Shu family could have afforded the 1 billion USD. If he had undergone treatment at that time, would he have been able to continue living healthily for another decade or two, even until natural death? Instead of his current situation, where he only had three months to live, with each passing day marking his life's countdown.

"I will return over the next two days," Ye Lengan explained. "After two more treatments, you'll be able to return home. Following that, I'll prescribe a course of Chinese herbal medicine to support your recovery. You can continue taking it at home."

She then turned to Shu Hui and continued, "You now need to make the first payment, covering half of the treatment fee. Two days from now, once the treatment concludes, you'll need to settle the remaining treatment fees."

"Certainly."

Shu Hui promptly requested Ye Leng'an's bank account details and assured her that he would transfer half of the treatment fee within the day.

Ye Lengan nodded and organized her belongings before departing.

She had no concerns about the Shu family reneging on their payment. After all, members of such a prominent family wouldn't breach their word. Moreover, if the Shu family failed to transfer half of the treatment fee today, she would not return tomorrow. In that case, they would have to deal with the consequences on their own.

On the other hand, Shu Hui certainly had no intention of going back on his commitment. After Ye Leng'an's departure, he immediately instructed his secretary to proceed with the payment.

Others couldn't help but feel a twinge of heartache. Just like that, 250 million USD had been spent..

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At noon, Ye Lengan had already received the 250 million USD from the Shu family. As she looked at the bank balance on her phone, she promptly dialed Huangfu Ruilings number.

“An’an,” Huangfu Ruilings voice, laced with tenderness, greeted her as soon as the call connected. ‘E Is there something you need?’”

“Hey handsome, how about going for a meal?” Ye Leng’an’s tone was cheerful. “I had a big win today and I’m in a great mood! Whatever you feel like eating, it’s on me.”

Huangfu Ruiling couldn’t help but chuckle upon sensing her good spirits. “It seems like you’re in a good mood today! Did you stumble upon some money?”

“Hehe, it’s the Shu family in Jin City,” Ye Leng’an replied with a mischievous smile. “You remember them, right? Old Master Shu’s illness. Shu Hui approached me today, and I’ve promised to extend Old Master Shu t s life by three months for a treatment fee of 500 million USD.”

“Three months?” Huangfu Ruiling was somewhat surprised. “Aren’t they planning to cure Old Master Shu?”

This came as a bit of a surprise to him. He had assumed that the Shu family would be aiming to cure Old Master Shut

“Old Master Shu t s condition has already worsened,” Ye Lengan explained further. “To completely cure him, it would cost 1.5 billion USD. This is because it involves the use of very rare medicinal herbs. But this is Old Master Shu t s decision. We can discuss it when we meet.’

“Understood,” Huangfu Ruiling replied in his deep voice. “Aryan, since you’re not planning to go to school today, why don’t you come to the company and see me?”

“That works for me,” Ye Lengan agreed. “I’ll head over now; I don’t have anything pressing at the moment.”

“Great, I’ll be waiting for you.”

After ending the call, Ye Lengan exited her place and hailed a taxi.

During the ride, the idea of getting her driver’s license crossed her mind once again. Even though she was still a bit young for it, she believed that Huangfu Ruiling might be able to help with that. Having a car would make her daily life much more convenient. She realized she should mention it to Huangfu Ruiling later.

As Ye Lengan pondered this, the car had already arrived at the entrance of Huangye Group.

Ye Lengan got out of the car and headed straight into the building.

Upon seeing Ye Lengan enter, neither the security guards nor the receptionists attempted to stop her. Those who worked at Huangye Group were discerning individuals, and their memories were sharp. Ye Lengan had been there before, and she had taken the CEO’s elevator directly upstairs, signaling her significant status. Her beauty also left an impression, so they didn’t take any action despite noticing her.

“Why didn’t you stop her?” A sharp voice suddenly rang out in the lobby.

Hearing the familiar voice, Ye Lengan couldn’t help but look up and saw Li Yiran at the front desk. She held what appeared to be a lunchbox bag. The piercing sound came from her.

“This is discrimination,” Li Yiran accused, addressing the receptionists who had tried to prevent her from going upstairs. Her tone was far from friendly.

“Why is it that when she arrives here, you don’t even ask her anything and just watch her go to the elevator? But when I came here, you guys were putting up resistance.”

Li Yiran hadn’t expected to encounter Ye Lengan here. The thought that Ye Lengan had already been fully accepted into the family filled her with jealousy and frustration. Although she didn’t wish to see Ye Lengan, she wanted to witness Ye Lengan being treated as she had been, rejected, and marginalized.

Even after what had happened, Huangfu Ruixiang still refused to marry her and insisted on keeping her as a hidden lover, unseen in public. She was far from satisfied with this situation. Her ultimate goal was to marry into the

Huangfu family. Otherwise, why would she have seduced Huangfu Ruixiang? Wasn’t it better to wait quietly and become Huangfu Ruilings secret lover?

She was well aware that Zhongyu Liuyings opinion of her had plummeted to an all-time low. The only thing she could grasp now was Huangfu Ruixiangs heart. She was not ready to accept defeat. Her determination was to become

Huangfu Ruixiangs lawful wife and the second madam of the Huangfu family.

To demonstrate her feelings for Huangfu Ruixiang, she prepared a special lunchbox and brought it over at noon. However, upon her arrival at Huangye Group, she had been stopped. She was told to contact Huangfu Ruixiang first and could only go upstairs after confirming it..

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Although she felt uncomfortable, she didn’t say anything. She knew very well that a large corporation like Huangye Group had very strict systems in place.

However, what she didn’t expect was that while those people had stopped her, they didn’t stop Ye Lengan. She couldn’t accept such preferential treatment that created an obvious double standard.

“Miss, please don’t make a scene here,” the receptionist frowned, trying to dissuade Li Yiran upon seeing her actions. “You’re not the same as that other young lady.”

Of course, they weren’t the same! That lady had access to the CEO’s exclusive private elevator with her fingerprint entry privileges. Even other high-level company executives weren’t qualified to ride in the same elevator as the CEO whenever they wished. Yet that lady could use the CEOs elevator at her leisure – how could they possibly be the same?

“What’s the difference?” Li Yiran glared fiercely at the receptionist. “Could it be that she gave you some kind of favor or benefit that made you willing to turn a blind eye to her actions?”

Hearing Li Yiran’s completely unreasonable words, the receptionist felt wronged. Everything she was doing now was strictly following company policy – she wasn’t deliberately trying to make things difficult for anyone. The young lady in front of her was very beautiful, but why were her words so abrasive and aggressive?

Ye Leng’an walked over. “Li Yiran, are you trying to cause a scene here?”

Originally, she hadn’t wanted to get involved with Li Yiran. However, it was obvious that Li Yiran was now putting the receptionist in an awkward position because of her presence. She couldn’t claim this had nothing to do with her. Therefore, after thinking about it, she still came over.

“Don’t talk nonsense here, Ye Lengan,” Li Yiran quickly retorted. “I just can’t tolerate these people looking down on me. Why should you be allowed to go directly upstairs while I have to stand here and submit to their interrogation?”

“If you’ve come here to see Huangfu Ruixiang, then call him to come down and get you,” Ye Lengan glanced coolly at Li Yiran and said. “If you insist on making a scene, then leave now. I assume you wouldn’t want me to inform

Ruiling about what happened here and have him properly discipline Huangfu

Ruixiang over this whole affair! ”

“Ye Lengan, are you threatening me?” Hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, Li Yiran was so angry her teeth ached. “What right do you have to lecture me here?”

“Whether or not I have that right isn’t for you to decide,” Ye Lengan continued calmly. “However, I’m not threatening you, merely stating a fact. I just don’t know what kind of position you occupy in Huangfu Ruixiang’s heart, or whether you could withstand tests like this over and over again.”

Li Yiran was furious to the point she couldn’t speak. At this moment, she had absolutely no way to refute Ye Lengan. Ye Lengan had witnessed her at her most pathetic and desperate just yesterday. Now, standing in front of Ye Lengan, she felt as if she had to bow her head.

“If she continues causing trouble, you can report directly to your superiors,” Ye Lengan ignored Li Yiran and addressed the receptionist. “I believe your manager will know how to handle things. If Huangfu Ruixiang really believes she did something to you, just tell him it was at Ye Leng’an’s direction.”

Having said that, Ye Lengan turned around and walked straight to the CEO’s private elevator. She pressed the button and entered, riding up.

Initially, the receptionist had also been in a difficult position. But after hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, her attitude became resolute once more.

Although she still didn't know exactly who this Miss Ye Lengan was, the fact that she dared to directly address Huangfu Ruixiang by his given name and had just invoked the CEO's name indicated her relationship with the CEO was clearly not simple. Now that the other party had already spoken in this manner, she naturally would no longer fear the person standing in front of her.

Seeing that the receptionist's attitude now seemed even more unmovable than before, Li Yiran clenched her fists tightly until her knuckles turned white, gritting her teeth as her breathing grew ragged – clear evidence of just how furious she was at this moment.

Even so, she didn't dare say anything more. She could only call Huangfu Ruixiang. After last night's incidents, she now clearly understood that while she did occupy some position in Huangfu Ruixiang's heart, her importance was definitely not substantial. Therefore, she absolutely could not do anything now that might cause Huangfu Ruixiang to lose his favorable impression of her..