

Hidden 1311

Chapter 1311: What Sin Had She Committed?

The beer-bellied man pointed to the bar filled with glasses of white wine and shouted roughly, "You just want money, don't you? I've got the money! You just have to finish all these wine and I'll invest \$ 50 million in your show!"

Because he was causing a huge commotion, everyone was startled, including the one who was being surrounded by an admiring crowd...

Ning Xi was furious. Bloody hell! What sin had she committed to deserve this?

Trouble was bound to come whenever that guy was around.

"Wow! \$ 50million!"

"For the female artistes in the entertainment industry, it's actually quite profitable for them to get such an advantage just by drinking and sleeping with people!"

"That girl has Ning Qitong's support!"

"I think Ning Qitong has ulterior motives in supporting this girl too... She's just an adopted daughter. Everyone knows what an adopted daughter is best for."

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Ning Xueluo watched the commotion happen not too far away and listened to all the discussion around her. She looked pleased as punch.

"Ning Yaohua, you'd better watch your daughter. I already told you to find a way to chase her away, yet you said nothing would happen!" Zhuang Lingyu looked incredibly upset.

Even if she was just an adopted daughter, the situation was embarrassing enough. If people knew the truth about her being her biological daughter, she could not imagine the shame.

Ning Yaohua did not look satisfied. He only looked sternly at Zhuang Lingyu and said, "What are you scolding me for? This is unexpected to me too! How could I have predicted this?"

Ying Fanglin advised, "Aiyo, Uncle, Aunty, don't be angry. Ning Xi works in the entertainment circle after all, and she's pretty. Such things are inevitable!"

Jin Xuanxuan quickly said, "What? Then why doesn't Xueluo meet with such issues? Things don't happen for no reason! It's all because she doesn't have any self-restraint!"

The two echoed one another, causing Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua to look increasingly unsettled. However, at this moment, none of them wanted to rescue her. They would need to face the onlookers' watchful gazes waiting for them to slip up if they did.

Since Ning Qitong had brought her, it had nothing to do with them anyway, so they decided to just stay in the clear and save themselves the trouble.

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu exchanged glances, both firm about not intervening.

Not too far away, the drunk beer-bellied man did not give up. "Drink! Think it's too little? You're just an actress! Do you really think you're a prestigious, hoity-toity lady?"

Around them, many people looked towards Ning Xi and whispered.

"Do you guys think the girl will drink?"

"There's so much wine. It'll kill her..."

"But this is \$ 50 million! Who could resist? I'd drink even if I died! Why would I care about face?"

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Since she had already been noticed, Ning Xi was not going to pretend to be noble. She immediately smiled coldly and drawled, "What a coincidence! I quite like to watch people drink too, Mister. If you finish all the wine in this bar, I'll give you \$ 10 billion. How about that?"

The moment she finished issuing her challenge, the crowd fell silent, then came the buzzing of chatter.

"Hey! This lil girl is quite daring! \$ 10 billion! Where's she getting the \$ 10 billion from?!"

"So what if she doesn't have it? Qian Caijun won't drink it all anyway!"

"I'm suddenly impressed by this young lady. She's got quite the guts!"

"Hahaha... I had those who use drunkenness to go crazy and even insult others. Even if you wanted to mess with girls, you don't need to cause such a ruckus in public for a lady, do you?"

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Meanwhile, a dazzling radiance flashed across the white-haired man's eyes and he chuckled.

Chapter 1312: I'll Give You \$ 1 Billion

The day she had chosen to enter the entertainment industry, Ning Xi was already mentally prepared.

These sort of occurrences were common, and the situation before her now could merely pass as a small case.

Had it been in the past, she might have chosen to keep the peace, but today, she was here with Ning Qitong. If she did nothing and let this man get away with it, Ning Qitong would be humiliated.

In fact, before she said this, she had already secretly asked one of the hotel employees to get her Ning Qitong.

Now, she just needed to deal with this for a while. She just had to delay it for a while till Ning Qitong rushed over.

"One...one billion? Bitch! You're messing with me, aren't you?!" The beer-bellied man suddenly flew into a rage.

Ning Xi innocently said, "Sir, I'm serious, or else, you could try finishing the drinks and see if I'm messing with you!"

When she finished, everyone roared with laughter again.

"This young lady is quite interesting, aye!"

"She is! She's pretty and quite smart!"

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Ning Xi was obviously speaking boldly because she knew Qian Caijun would definitely not drink up.

"You...stop talking nonsense here! Are you drinking or not?!" There was a viciousness in Qian Caijun's eyes. How could he be willing to let it go now that he had been humiliated by a woman in front of hundreds of watchful eyes?

Actually, based on the situation, many people were already on Ning Xi's side. Even if Ning Xi was an adopted daughter and a female celebrity, Qian Caijun's tactics were just stooping too low.

Instead, Ning Xi's neither servile nor overbearing ways of handling the situation received many praises.

Still, Qian Caijun had quite some influence in Imperial. He had a brother in politics, which was why no one dared to offend him either. They only silently sighed about the girl's unfortunate luck.

Qian Caijun continued on incessantly, while Ning Xi continued to delay the time as well. Not too far away, a pathway had suddenly opened in the midst of the surrounding crowd.

The white-haired man that she had been avoiding earlier was passing through the crowd and walking towards her and Qian Caijun.

Ning Xi's attention was suddenly heightened, the grade one warning bells in her head ringing.

What was this guy trying to do?

When the others saw Yun Shen walk over, all of them subconsciously looked over too.

"CEO Qian," greeted the man when he stopped in front of Qian Caijun.

When Qian Caijun saw Yun Shen, his expression changed and he instantly sobered up. "C-CEO Yun!"

He did not think that Yun Shen would take the initiative to talk to him. Qian Caijun quickly wiped his hand on his shirt and held it out. "Nice to meet you! I've long made an appointment to meet you, but you attend to a myriad of affairs every day. Truly a busy person..."

Qian Caijun was not sure the reason Yun Shen had suddenly walked up to him, but he just quickly brownnosed him.

Yun Shen did not offer his hand in return, but Qian Caijun did not care either. He had completely forgotten about Ning Xi and continued to eloquently dive into his proposal, "CEO Yun, if you invest in my project, you definitely won't lose. You don't have to worry about relationships with the government's side either."

Before he could finish, the handsome white-haired man said to him, "It's not an issue to invest."

Qian Caijun instantly looked delighted, "CEO Yun, you're saying..."

Ning Xi was nervous too, on standby to deal with any unexpected circumstances.

With everyone's attentive eyes on him, Yun Shen said slowly, "Well, I don't have any other hobbies. I just like watching people drink. If you can finish all of this wine, I'll give you...\$ 1billion!"

Chapter 1313: Acting Unconventionally

These...

These words...were practically the exact same words as what Ning Xi had said to Qian Caijun!

The crowd exchanged glances. All of them thought it was odd.

Could CEO Yun be...trying to play the hero that saves the damsel?

According to the normal plot line, it seemed that way, but based on Yun Shen's short appearance earlier, the crowd pretty much understood his temperament. He was ever-changing and unpredictable. One could not use common sense to pass judgment on him.

Thus, they dared not to be certain about what he meant either.

Ning Xueluo watched as Ning Xi was about to be publicly humiliated. Who would have thought that someone would turn up unexpectedly and disrupt the plan, and this person had to be Yun Shen?! She bit her lips until they turned purple.

Before the situation could even clear up, Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were still full of doubts and did not act rashly.

"How then?" Yun Shen sipped on his wine, unknown motives flashing across his eyes.

Qian Caijun was thoroughly clear-headed now, his thoughts moving fast in his head.

What was this man trying to do?

Was he really here to help the woman, or just purely having an idle conversation? Or did he really like watching people drink?

He...could not see him through!

But! \$ 1 billion! This was \$ 1 billion!

Initially, he had thought about how the project could be started with \$ 300 to 500 million, but now that he was thrown with such a huge number, he was tempted.

Besides, for someone like Yun Shen, his words lent enormous weight. He would not just blurt something out like this girl, would he?

He had to thank this girl for creating such a good opportunity for him!

When he thought about this, Qian Caijun was promptly decisive. "That's nothing. As long as you fancy, such a small feat is easy, CEO Yun! Coincidentally, I'm not good at anything but drinking!"

Then, Qian Caijun took a deep breath and took up one of the wine glasses, downing it in one go before he very quickly picked up the next one...

Yun Shen smiled faintly as he watched from the side. The corner of his eyes was hooked on a certain someone...

When everyone around saw Qian Caijun down the wine like water, they found it a ghastly sight.

"Bloody hell, so much wine! Isn't Qian Caijun worried that he'll die drinking all those? There's no way he can be that good at drinking even if he has a high tolerance!"

"I think he's drunk quite a bit before this. If he continues like this, I'm worried it'll really be fatal..."

"But Qian Caijun is really short on money, and this is such a good opportunity. It's just drinking a few glasses. Who wouldn't be willing?! Are you unwilling?"

"Nonsense, of course I'd be willing!"

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As he watched Qian Caijun's eyes turn increasingly glassy and his entire body ready to topple any moment, Yun Shen had no change in his expression. There was a frightening iciness in his eyes.

Everyone had suddenly lowered their voices.

Ning Xi pinched the space between her brows as she watched Qian Caijun continue despite his belly turning into a bloated ball.

Finally, Qian Caijun finished all the wine on the bar and mumbled incoherently, "C-CEO Yun...are you satisfied from watching?"

Yun Shen raised his brows at this, then he slowly scoffed, "Pfft, I was just kidding! I didn't think that you'd really think I was serious! CEO Qian, you're too cute."

These words... If he was just kidding, why did he not stop him halfway and even continued to watch for so long?

These words were clearly meant to make someone puke blood!

"You..." Qian Caijun's eyes instantly widened in disbelief. He wanted to throw a fit but he could not. His entire face was distorted with drunkenness and fury.

Had he just been fooled?

He did not think that Yun Shen would actually have a slip of the tongue on the spot. The others were dumbfounded at this too. At the same time, they actually thought it was expected. This was more like the kind of thing someone as unconventional as him would do.

Chapter 1314: Almost Passed Out

As Qian Caijun almost passed out of anger, Yun Shen turned around and said, "Ah, I have limited resources, \$ 1 billion is impossible, but something lesser is doable."

Qian Caijun was revived as he heard Yun Shen. "Of course, I understand! It's alright for you to invest any amount!"

From his tone, he would probably give \$ 300, or even \$ 500 million!

Yun Shen then gave a word to the stern bodyguard beside him, and the latter left afterwards.

It seemed like he had gone to prepare the money!

Soon, the bodyguard came back. Qian Caijun was full of expectations as the bodyguard extended his hand out without any expression on his face.

Qian Caijun opened his palm, practically hyperventilating in excitement.

The next moment, a silver coin dropped onto Qian Caijun's palm.

Everyone was taken aback!

One...one dollar!

Did their eyes fail them?

"Uh, \$ 1? Is that a single dollar? Or am I mistaken!"

"That's...right, it is!"

"CEO Yun is so cruel! You'll never guess what he's going to do next!"

"Is there some vengeance going on between CEO Yun and Qian Caijun?"

"Who knows!? But seems like it!"

"Qian Caijun deserved it. It's not the first time he looked for trouble with this girl. He tried to insult her by offering a \$ 1 bid at the charity auction last time. This is karma!"

"Now that you mentioned it, why does it seem like CEO Yun has something going on with this girl?"

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Thud! Qian Caijun had fallen backwards. This time, he had really passed out.

Ning Xueluo was hopping mad!

The hotel manager quickly had several waiters send him out, then he carefully apologized to Yun Shen, "I'm sorry to let you experience this! Really sorry!"

As the drama garnered more attention and everyone was stealing glances at her and Yun Shen, Ning Xi was having a headache with all the sprouted discussions and suspicions. She took the opportunity to flee when Qian Caijun passed out.

Ning Yaohua could not wait any longer. He went up to Yun Shen excitedly and said, "Thank you for helping my daughter, CEO Yun!"

Ning Yaohua then handed his name card. "CEO Yun, I'm the president of Ning International, Ning Yaohua. I've submitted a project proposal to your company before. I wonder if you remember anything about it?"

Who cared why Yun Shen helped Ning Xi? This was a hard-earned chance for him.

There were so many people around him just now, so Ning Yaohua did not have the chance to even speak.

Ning Xi's expression darkened when she saw Ning Yaohua swiftly go up to Yun Shen at this point but had ignored her when she needed help just now.

Yun Shen glanced at the girl, then he took the name card. "Ning International, I remember."

Ning Yaohua looked overjoyed. He then described the proposal details, "I didn't expect you to remember! Although we might not be the best in the country, we're one of the oldest in the industry, plus we have very close ties with the Su family..."

Chapter 1315: My Dear, I'm Your...

In the hall, everyone was jealous at how close Ning Yaohua could get to Yun Shen effortlessly.

"How cunning! He doesn't even know he was helping his daughter by going up to him so quickly!"

"Great, we tried for so long and now he's getting everything!"

"What a lucky man!"

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Yun Shen was listening to Ning Yaohua patiently, making some comments and replies from time to time.

Ning Yaohua was ecstatic as he inquired after that, "What do you think, CEO Yun?"

Zhuang Lingyu was enjoying the looks of jealousy from everyone else, feeling really proud of her husband. Even Ning Xueluo forgot about Ning Xi at that moment, focusing on the man with white hair in front of her.

If this project were to happen, it would be a big step for Ning International. Most importantly, after the elder made his will, Ning Yaohua needed strong backing for him to hold power against the other shareholders.

Finally, Yun Shen spoke up, "President Ning's projects are not bad, so..."

So...?

As the three of them stared at him nervously, Yun Shen smiled, then looked at Ning Xi and said, "So, my dear, what do you think? Should I invest in your father's company?"

Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu, and Ning Xueluo were speechless. Ning Xi was confused.

She had already tried to make her presence less obvious. Why was she being involved again?!

She knew it! She could not run away from it.

This guy had done it on purpose.

Suddenly, Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu, and even Ning Xueluo all stared at her in disbelief.

What was happening?

Ning Xi took a deep breath, suppressing her own emotions. "You really like to joke around, CEO Yun. This seems to be unrelated to me."

Ning Yaohua nervously yelled at her, "Xiao Xi, stop talking nonsense!"

"Too bad then. If that's how it is, then we'll let this matter go," Yun Shen casually rejected Ning Yaohua.

Ning Yaohua's expression darkened while Zhuang Lingyu did not look very happy as well.

Ning Xueluo clenched her fists and asked, "Actually, what's your relationship with my sister, Mr. Yun?"

Ning Xi replied instantly, "No relationship at all!"

Yun Shen smiled. "How could you say that? My dear, I'm your..."

Ning Xi glared at him. Bastard! If he dared to say anything weird, she was going to kill him!

"Ah..." The man had enough fun and he looked at Ning Xi's glare gladly. "I'm your most loyal fan!"

Ning Xi was speechless.

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu looked at each other. Ning Xueluo's face went pale as she remembered something.

Ning Xi's fan...

She was reminded of what happened at the charity auction.

Could he be the one that had bought the crown at \$ 100 million?

The host had mentioned it was a fan of Ning Xi's...

Chapter 1316: Shameless

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were apparently reminded of the same event as well, and they were shocked. They could never have guessed that the person they had been trying to look for would turn out to be Ning Xi's fan!

And it seemed like he would listen to anything Ning Xi said!

Ning Yaohua was really outraged by Ning Xi's reply just now.

This damn brat! If she had just agreed, he could have gotten the billion-dollar investment already!

As far as he knew, none of Yun Shen's investments would be worth less than a billion...

As Ning Yaohua was trying to make amends, Yun Shen had lost interest in him. The man turned around and left.

Before he left, he stopped and stared intensely at Ning Xi. "My dear, don't miss me too much. We'll meet again soon."

Ning Xi remained silent.

When Yun Shen left, Ning Yaohua could not hold it in anymore. Zhuang Lingyu vented her anger together with him.

"Ning Xi, how could you do that!?"

"Why didn't you say you wished he would invest just now? Do you know how much loss that cost the company?"

"Sister, you really went overboard just now."

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Ning Xi glanced at the three of them in obvious disgust as she said coldly, "When I was in trouble with Qian Caijun just now, all three of you feigned not to know me at all, and now you're expecting me to ask such a big favor from a stranger. Are you going to use me to pay him back?"

"Xiao Xi, I was about to stop the person just now. Don't be so immature! Why not schedule a time, and ask CEO Yun out for dinner? Then, talk to him again about my projects." Ning Yaohua did not want to infuriate Ning Xi as he knew how Yun Shen doted on her, so he tried to be as kind-sounding as possible.

"So what if we didn't go over earlier? You want us to be embarrassed as well?" Zhuang Lingyu did not bother to disguise the brutality in her tone. She was furious as she thought of what had just happened.

Ning Xueluo was patting her back, trying to cool her down.

Suddenly, a sharp voice came from the back. "How shameful!"

"Aunt..." Ning Xi looked over.

Ning Qiotong had heard about everything from the waiter. She patted Ning Xi's head, then glared at the three of them. "It's an embarrassment for Ning Xi to have you two as her parents! You guys ran away the quickest whenever anything happened, and when she has some semblance of value to you, she suddenly becomes your daughter again! I've witnessed a new level of brazenness today!"

"You..." Zhuang Lingyu's expression darkened.

"What? I'll tell you what. You've never acknowledged Ning Xi as your daughter, so you have no right to ask her to do anything!"

"Qiotong, be quiet!" Ning Yaohua hissed, looking around carefully.

There was a fire of rage in Ning Qiotong's eyes, but her outlook was as cold as ice. She held Ning Xi's hand and walked towards the crowd.

"She...what is she trying to do!?" Zhuang Lingyu had a strong sense of unease.

Ning Xi frowned and looked at Ning Qiotong. "Aunt..."

Ning Qiotong interrupted her, "Xiao Xi, don't say anything. I'm here for you."

Then, she addressed the crowd, "Everyone!"

At that moment, the crowd all looked to her.

Chapter 1317: The Lady Of The Ning Family

With the sound of Ning Qiutong's voice, everyone instantly glanced over with questions in their eyes, not sure about what Ning Qiutong wanted to do.

The crowd exchanged glances and were murmuring amongst one another, then they heard Ning Qiutong say, "I heard about the situation earlier. Regarding Qian Caijun's actions and harassment towards my niece, I will do a thorough investigation, and of course, it won't be limited to legal consequences."

This clearly meant that she was going to mess with him.

Did Ning Qiutong have to go this far for an adopted daughter from the village?

Even Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu had not said anything earlier.

In that instance, the crowd was clearly baffled.

"Other than that, I think everyone has misunderstood, so I feel the need to explain to those of you present. Earlier, as I already introduced, Xiao Xi is my niece, my biological niece. She's not adopted!"

The moment Ning Qiutong said that, it caused a commotion.

Ning Xueluo immediately turned pale. Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu wanted to stop her from saying anything further but it was too late. Ning Qiutong swiftly continued, "When Ning Xi and Ning Xueluo were born, they had been taken home wrongly from the hospital. We only got Ning Xi back to the Ning residence from the countryside when she was 18! Ning Xi is my biological niece, our eldest granddaughter of the Ning family! Today, don't talk about Xiao Xi's identity at hand. Even if she was just a regular girl, Qian Caijun's actions earlier were still despicable! I trust that no one here would disagree!"

Zhuang Lingyu's pupils abruptly contracted in ire. "Ning Qiutong! She dared! She really dared to do that! I'll tear her apart!"

Ning Yaohua pulled Zhuang Lingyu back roughly. "Calm down! Look at what occasion it is! Don't you think we've caused enough of a ruckus? If you fight with her now, what good would you do? Everything she's saying is true! How about we just wait for things to calm down?"

At this moment, no one cared about Qian Caijun. Everyone's attention had turned to Ning Qiutong's shocking exposé.

"What...what's going on? Ning Xueluo's not their biological daughter? It's actually Ning Xi?"

"Wait, wait, my head's about to go dizzy. So, you're saying that Ning Xi is the real lady of the Ning family and that Ning Xueluo's just a countryside girl that was brought home wrongly? This is just crazy!"

"No wonder Ning Xi's charisma and poise are so outstanding! Who would have thought there would be another layer of secrecy in this?!"

"Pfft, he actually publicly messed with the real lady! He's dead this time. No wonder Ning Qiutong is this angry!"

"I think the situation's not that simple. If it really was as Ning Qitong said, why did the Ning family not announce Ning Xi's identity earlier? Instead, they pampered Ning Xueluo like she's their real daughter. Are Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu cuckoo in the head?"

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Ning Xueluo's best friends, Ying Fangli and Jin Xuanxuan, exchanged looks, then they looked to Ning Xueluo with an odd expression.

Ning Xueluo was not even the biological daughter of the Ning family, but was an actual hillbilly? On the contrary, Ning Xi was actually the real daughter?

This... How could this be!?

If that was the case, what was the meaning of all those times they had hung out with her, treated her like a princess, and even laughed at Ning Xi together?

If that was the case, Ning Xueluo must have been in the loop herself, yet she had not said anything while she watched them like fools?

What was actually going on here?!

Chapter 1318: Is She Any Nobler?

"Xueluo, what's this? Is your aunt crazy? She actually said Ning Xi is the real lady of the Ning family, and that you got mixed up with Ning Xi?" Ying Fanglin asked in bewilderment.

Ning Xueluo squeezed her nails into her palms and said sadly, "I don't know why Aunty's saying that either..."

Ying Fanglin and Jin Xuanxuan looked at each other, only believing half of Ning Xueluo's words. There were just too many irregularities in this situation...

"I apologize for disrupting everyone's mood. I hope that everyone will have a pleasant night. Next time, I'll organize a banquet to make it up to everyone!" Ning Qitong finished flawlessly, then she led Ning Xi to leave, leaving a shocked crowd, and an anxious Ning Yaohua and his wife.

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu would not just let things go. They would want to bring this up to the elder.

Obviously, Ning Qitong let Ning Yaohua and the rest tell one side of the story, then she had quickly brought Ning Xi to the Ning family's old residence.

Coincidentally, it was time they clarified about tonight's incident!

"It's already late at night. What's everyone making so much noise for?" The elder looked angrily upon the commotion in his house.

It was not only Ning Yaohua and Ning Qitong; even Ning Yaobang who loved chaos had come too. He had already received news about what had happened. Ning Qitong had actually publicly announced Ning Xi and Ning Xueluo's mix up, while Ning Yaohua and Ning Qitong had gone against each other. What a show! Obviously, he would rush over to watch!

Zhuang Lingyu was going crazy with fury. 'Father, why don't you ask what your niece has done?! Ning Qitong has gone too far! She didn't even greet us and even brought Ning Xi to Mingyuan Technology's cocktail party without our permission tonight.'

Ning Qitong sneered, "Without permission? Sis-in-law, watch your choice of words. It's my freedom to bring whomever wherever I like. There's no reason for me to report what I do to you."

"Shut up! Ning Xi is my..."

"Mmm? She's your what?"

Zhuang Lingyu took a deep breath. "Don't change the topic!"

Then, she looked to the elder and spoke again, "Father, it's fine if she brought Ning Xi to the cocktail party, but she even announced there that Ning Xi is my biological daughter, saying that Ning Xi and Ning Xueluo have been mixed up!"

Ning Yaohua spoke up too, "Father, Qitong has really gone too far this time!"

The elder's gaze swept across everyone, then he said, "How's that overboard? Qitong was just telling the truth!"

"Father..." Zhuang Lingyu immediately cried out in defiance.

Ning Xueluo's eyes were filled with gloom in that instant as well.

"Enough, don't fight anymore. Even though it wasn't the best time to do it, this should've long been announced. I've already given you both such a long time to prepare, for you to settle it well, yet what did you have to show? Do you want to wait for the day that I die before I can see Xiao Xi come back home?" The elder stomped hard with his walking staff, furious.

Zhuang Lingyu roared, "Father, you might be a little too biased! Now that Qitong has caused such a commotion, how's our Xueluo supposed to go on? What would others think of her?"

Ning Qitong scoffed, "Then, why don't you think about Xiao Xi, whom you've titled as the adopted daughter, and how she's been living her life? What others think of her!? What's wrong? Xiao Xi can suffer, but she can't? Is she any nobler than anyone else?"

As she continued to be rendered speechless by Ning Qitong, Zhuang Lingyu finally could not hold back and ran over. The situation turned into instant chaos...

Ning Yaohua quickly went up to hold her back, not bothering about his strength either. Ning Qitong was almost elbowed by Ning Yaohua. At last, he was flung away by Ning Xi by the wrist, then she pulled Ning Qitong to protect her behind her...

"You...you unfilial child! How dare you do that to your old man?!" Ning Yaohua only felt pain shoot up his wrist amidst his hot anger.

Chapter 1319: Share Transfer Agreement

"Everyone, stop! Look at you!" The elder cried out in anger.

Ning Yaohua stared at Ning Xi as if he was staring at an enemy. "Unfilial child, don't think I don't know your motives. You've gotten close to your aunt by every possible means just for that bit of shares, haven't you? You thought that if you could deceive your aunt for those shares, you can inherit the company! You think that those old guys in the company are easy to deal with? Without my protection, you'd be swallowed whole!"

Zhuang Lingyu looked on mockingly, "You keep on saying that you don't want Ning assets, and you don't want to acknowledge us as your parents. What're you doing now then?"

"The two of you, shut up! Even if Xiao Xi inherits the company, it's right and proper!" The elder had rage written all over his face.

Amid the arguments, Ning Xi suddenly spoke up, "Regarding the shares, I was intending to invite everyone out to clarify it once and for all. Since the two of you are now so impatient, let's just settle it now. Plus, it's good that Grandfather is here too."

The elder frowned. "Xiao Xi, you're..."

Ning Xi gave her grandfather a consoling glance, then she took out a stack of documents from her bag.

In that instance, Ning Yaohua, Zhuang Lingyu, Ning Xueluo, and Ning Yaobang turned their attention to the documents in her hands.

On the first page of that document, it was clearly stated in black, bold words: Share Transfer Agreement!

Suddenly, everyone's eyes widened, especially Ning Yaohua and Ning Yaobang's.

"The share transfer agreement!" Ning Yaobang exclaimed. Was Ning Xi planning to transfer her shares?

Ning Xueluo looked nervous. Could Ning Xi have been persuaded by her offer from before?

That was not right... This witch had never wanted anything beneficial to her. There was no way she would sell the shares to her!

Bam! Ning Xi just flipped open the share transfer agreement and slammed it onto the table.

The contents were instantly presented before everyone.

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Ning International Private Limited Company Share Transfer Agreement

Transferor: Ning Xi (Party A)

Assignee: Ning Qiutong (Party B)

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Ning Qiutong!

When they saw that name, Ning Yaohua and the rest were stupefied.

Yet, there was more that shocked them after that.

The agreement stated that Party A would be transferring 10% of Ning International's shares to Party B at no cost.

At no cost!

"Ning Xi! You're crazy!" Ning Yaohua could not take this.

Zhuang Lingyu was in disbelief too. She did not think that Ning Xi would transfer all of her shares to Ning Qitong for free!

She would rather give it for free to Ning Qitong and not sell it to them?

Ning Qitong looked at the share transfer agreement and felt a mix of emotions. Clearly, she did not expect for Ning Xi to do that either. They had only met a few times, yet she had trusted her so much and just transferred all of her shares to her.

Ning Yaobang looked on in pain. "Sigh, my niece, even if you're not interested in the company and don't want to sell it to my brother, you could sell it to me! It's just too stupid to give it to someone else not even for a single cent!"

"Father, are you just going to let Ning Xi mess with the shares like that?" Ning Yaohua anxiously pleaded.

Ning Zhiyuan looked at Ning Xi, and when he saw her determined demeanor, he took a deep breath and said, "Since I've already given the shares to Xiao Xi, they are hers. Whatever she wants to do with them is up to her."

Zhuang Lingyu hated Ning Qitong the most. There was no way she would allow Ning Qitong to take up 20% of Ning International's shares and immediately step over Ning Yaohua. She immediately roared angrily.

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"Father, Qitong is an outsider anyhow. Do you really think it's alright for her to hold onto such a large amount of shares?!"

Ning Zhiyuan looked at Ning Xueluo's direction. "You know very well who the outsider is here. I don't want to say any harsh words. One is my biological granddaughter, another one I've been taking care of since young. They're both the same to me, but what you guys did to Xiao Xi is really too much!"

Ning Zhiyuan then stared harshly at Ning Xueluo. "Xueluo, our household is in a mess now because of you. If you feel grateful towards us, or if you feel any guilt towards your sister, please convince your parents!"

If Ning Xueluo was as innocent as she looked and did not covet anything, Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu would not need to act this way.

This girl, he could not just let her be anymore...

Now that Xiao Xi had handed her shares over to Qitong, and Qitong was looking after her, it was the best arrangement as of now.

Five years ago, when the elder had realized that his sole granddaughter was not blood-related, he had fallen sick. After they took Ning Xi in, he was ignorant about many things and was too tired to care as well, which led to the situation today.

"Then, what about the Su family? How do I tell the Su family about this!?" Zhuang Lingyu felt really anxious about what was about to ensure. She hated Ning Xi and Ning Qiotong so much! "She caused such a mess tonight. The Sus will surely hear about this, and if they know Xueluo isn't my real child..."

Ning Qiotong glanced at Zhuang Lingyu in disdain. "You can't hide it forever. I'm just helping you to face the truth earlier so that she doesn't get chased out after marriage!"

Zhuang Lingyu pointed her finger at her shakily. "You...Ning Qiotong! Are you happy that you're making us miserable?! Can you really be glad that you're taking these shares?"

Ning Qiotong shrugged innocently. "My niece gave it to me. Why not?"

The elder sighed, "I've already told you to tell the truth from the very beginning. The three of you begged me to hide it. Now, you bear the consequences on your own."

"Father, if the marriage with Su family is called off, that will affect the whole of Ning International!" Ning Yaohua was apprehensive. Not only was Xueluo's real identity exposed, his position as the top shareholder would not be secure as well. Even more so, the marriage matter was uncertain at this point.

"Although we're not the best family around, we don't need some marriage to hold our stand. Didn't you all say that the Sus like Xueluo as a person, and it's not related to the Ning family at all? Does her real identity really matter?" Ning Zhiyuan looked exhausted. He did not want to listen to Ning Yaohua anymore, so he signaled to the caretaker to help him up.

Ning Yaohua could not refute his statement, but how could a foster daughter compare to a biological daughter in this matter!?

Ning Yaobang laughed coldly, "You said that it'll affect the whole of Ning International, but it's just a matter of you losing your stand!"

Although Ning Qiotong was not at an advantage this time, he was happy as long as Ning Yaohua suffered.

Ning Xueluo calmed herself down, then she turned to Ning Xi. "Xiao Xi, think carefully. Everything is my fault. It's nothing to do with Father and Mother. They are still your parents and they would never do anything bad to you. Don't be deceived!"