

Loving 1121

Chapter 1121. A Slap, Witch! (4)

Gu Qiwu's gloomy and fierce expression greeted Doris's sight, yet she did not seem worried at all. Instead, her exquisitely beautiful face broadened with a smile.

"You should think about how to deal with your problem with Mu Zi. Everyone's probably talking about last night's incident. You didn't even dare acknowledge your own daughter. How dare you accuse wildly at me here?"

Pa!

Doris only felt a cool breeze graze the pain on her skin that had yet to fade from earlier when another burning ache came. The loud slap made her ears ring!

"Witch, shut up!"

Gu Qiwu returned those two slaps from last night hard. There were traces of blood at the corner of Doris's lips as her beautiful face swelled and her messy blonde hair fell all over the place. Even in that sorry state, it could not conceal her outstanding beauty.

"Why do you think I did it? Witch? Who are you calling witch?"

Gu Qiwu was grinding his teeth!

As for Mu Zi and the rest, Doris should know very well what mattered most to him!

"Zixi has always known about your existence. When I asked for a breakup back then, she didn't want to make things hard for us either. Shouldn't you be deeply grateful for her? She was even willing to address you as 'sister-in-law' while she swallowed all of the pain herself. Now, she has to endure your name-calling. Doris, this is the last straw!"

Gu Qiwu was flipping out in anger now.

Upon hearing that, Doris immediately chuckled and looked at Gu Qiwu with ridicule in her eyes. She said with contempt, "What? Just a few words from me and already you're hurt? Did you say you love me? How do you love me?! All these years, I was wondering why every time either the Mu family or Mu Zi are involved, you'd act so weirdly! That night six years ago, when you knew that Mu Lingtian had come along with Mu Yuchen, no wonder you looked so flustered. I think I began to suspect things from that moment on!"

"Gu Qiwu, don't always talk about how much you care for me. If you could've done that to Mu Zi, would there ever be such thing as true love from you? I do hate Mu Zi, but I also pity her and even find it tragic. From the start, I could already feel that you and Qi Qiming treated her in a special way. Unfortunately, I didn't believe much of it then. Otherwise...hmph!" Doris scoffed.

Her pale face was covered in hostility. She wiped away the blood on the corner of her lips and endured the pain from all over her body as she breathed in. "And do you dare to promise that when you married me, it was solely because of me? Don't lie to yourself now. Even if you and Mu Zi wanted to get together, it wouldn't have been easy, and you probably cared about my background more. Gu Qiwu, I'm not such a brainless woman. I grew up in environments like this. I'm not Mu Zi who knew nothing because she was overprotected by the Mu family. She was so innocent that she was brainless. Do you think you deserve to talk about love? Don't make me laugh at you, alright?"

Gu Qiwu was stunned while that stern face of his was as dark as the bottom of a pot. "You arrogant woman! Cruel and shameless women like you won't understand! It was you who eroded all the feelings I had for you bit by bit. All these years, you should know best if I've been true to you! From now on, you'd best behave and stay right here. Don't think about going anywhere!"

Gu Qiwu held Doris by her hand and coldly threatened before he let go of her hand. Without a second look at her, he turned to leave the ward!

Bam!

The door was slammed loudly and Doris jumped at the sound.

Doris bit on her pale lip and looked up at the tightly shut door, yet there was a sneer across her lips. She reached out to touch her flattened belly while her blue eyes glimmered with a cold light!

Shasha...

No, it was Mu Lingshi!

She would pay the price!

Doris had waited so long for this child.

Who would have thought...?

When she thought about this, a chill settled on Doris's face again. She could not care less about how she looked at the moment. A sinister sharpness flashed in her eyes.

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Indeed as expected, the incident from the night before made it to the papers the next morning. Even the television was reporting about it everywhere!

Inside the quiet Maple Residence, when Mu Yuchen woke up, Xi Xiaye was gone, but the sweet scent of hers covered the entire room. She rarely woke up earlier than him, but his slumber did feel quite nice. He slept without dreams and slept very well.

It had been a while since he had such quality sleep, especially these past few days. After Wang Hui passed away, he had actually never let go. That was a grandmother that he loved deeply, an elder that had been the best to him, so how could he have so easily let it go?

However, he could only endure this because he had to be strong for everyone to walk out of this haziness together.

He thought about it, then slowly pulled his blanket away. He took the pajamas on the side and put it on, got off the bed, and then walked to the bathroom.

When he reached the bathroom, the water was ready. Mu Yuchen had just taken off his bathing robe and was ready to take a bath when suddenly he seemed to hear something at the door. He thought it was Xiaye, so he simply put on some clothes and opened the door.

“Mm-hmm—”

The door had just opened when a soft little bun walked towards Mu Yuchen!

In shock, Mu Yuchen quickly bent down to pick up the clothes behind the little bun and picked him up!

“Wah ee!”

Who else could that little figure be but Mu Xiaocheng?

When he realized that he was in his father’s arms, the little guy even began to giggle while flailing his hands all around.

“Son, why are you here? Where’s your mother?”

Mu Yuchen raised his brows in surprise. He looked outside and did not see Xi Xiaye. When he saw that the little guy had already reached out to put his arms around his neck, he pinched the boy’s soft and cute little face as a heartwarming smile flashed on his face.

“Alright then, since you’re in such a mood, take a bath with me then.”

The bathroom was warm and it was a sunny day, so he was not worried that the little guy would catch a cold.

Then, Mu Yuchen turned around to take off the little guy’s clothes before carrying him into the bathtub.

Once Mu Xiaocheng was bathed in the water, he immediately got excited. His gem-like eyes were bright as he began to babble unintelligible things while he played around with Mu Yuchen.

Chapter 1122. My Honor (1)

When Xi Xiaye walked into the bedroom, she could hear the sound of the father and son playing with each other. Peering around, she soon saw the half-closed bathroom door. When she walked over to look, the father and son pair were having lots of fun in the bathtub.

Mu Xiaocheng sat on his father's tummy while Mu Yuchen steadied him with one hand. His other was scrubbing his little delicate body clean.

"Don't let him play for too long. He might catch a cold!" Xi Xiaye knocked on the door. Before walking over to pick her son up, Mu Xiaocheng started to wriggle unhappily.

"Son, Mother's going to put on clothes for you. You might catch a cold!" Mu Yuchen said.

"Dry him!"

Mu Yuchen quickly took the towel from the side to wrap his little body while he took another towel for himself too.

"Xiao Rui and the rest will probably only be back in a while. I've already told Li Si to contact the school. When we return and school reopens, we can go take a look at the school and adapt in advance," Mu Yuchen said as he picked up to put on the clothes that had been prepared.

Xi Xiaye swiftly put some clothes on her son as she responded, "Okay, I'll leave it to you then. They'll probably be back in a few more days. They know about Grandmother too. Grandpa's been saying that he's been having lower back pain again. He needs to rest for a few more days before returning. He's probably worn out from the vacation."

Mu Yuchen thought about it, then said in a lowered voice, "Find some time for Grandpa to get a full body checkup."

As he thought about Wang Hui's abrupt passing, Mu Yuchen realized that when it came to Shen Yue and the rest, it was best to always pay attention to their health. He did not know that Wang Hui's health had been faltering. As their grandson, he felt like he had not done this role well.

Otherwise, some things may have turned out differently. Unfortunately, it had happened, and there was no more chance of saving things anymore.

When he said that, Xi Xiaye subconsciously paused. When she saw the faint sorrow that gathered on his handsome face, she inhaled slightly and said softly, "Don't worry. On the first of May a while back, I brought Grandpa for a full body checkup. The doctor says that he's quite healthy, but he just needs to maintain a joyful state of mind. Grandpa's a very strong person and great at self-regulation, so he'll take good care of himself. Don't be too worried. I believe that Grandfather will be able to walk out of this sadness soon."

"Mmm, I'm not worried about that. Grandmother used to always say that she was already over 70 years old and was considered long-lived. Thankfully, she could see us, and Lingshi and Ah Mo get married and have children. In the future, if I ever get to witness this, I think that we should be quite happy—" he spoke, yet before he could finish, she suddenly reached out to stop his words.

There was an afflicted light in her twinkling eyes. "I'm hoping that we'll live to a ripe old age. We'll see lots of children and grandchildren. Also, even when we grow old, I want to leave before you so that you won't leave me all alone in this world."

Upon hearing that, he suddenly chuckled. He picked up the tie and handed it to her as he smiled. "Live to a ripe old age? Doesn't that mean we'll have to become old monsters and become rotten old men and women?"

"Please, even when I'm old, I'll still be a composed and graceful madam, but I can't guarantee if you'll become a rotten old man!" Xi Xiaye laughed gently, then helped him fix his tie.

"Alright, let's go down for breakfast. Are you going to the office? I wanted to return the old residence to visit Ah Shi. Can you take care of our son?" Xi Xiaye looked to him and asked.

He raised his brows and turned to look at the toddler lying on the bed with wide eyes watching them and muttering unintelligible words only he understood.

Mu Yuchen picked his son up and walked outside as he answered, "Mmm, I'll have to make a trip to the office. I'll bring him with me. You go home for the visit."

Xi Xiaye swiftly tidied up before she followed him out.

The family had a simple breakfast before they left the house.

Xi Xiaye drove while the bodyguards followed them in another vehicle behind. She sent the father and son to Glory World first.

In the car, Mu Yuchen sat quietly at the front passenger seat while Mu Xiaocheng sat on his lap and quietly stared at the road ahead with googly eyes on the side. The radio was droning on with reports about the incident at Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha's wedding last night, as well as Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi's matter, and Doris. Naturally, the media came up with all sorts of speculations.

Xi Xiaye listened for a while before switching it off and putting on some music instead.

"I can't believe that last night's incident caused quite a ruckus. Gu Qiwu was quite heartless too. However, for Doris, he really did let Aunt and Lingshi down completely. I think that from now on, Lingshi will definitely..." Xi Xiaye sighed and turned to look at him.

Mu Yuchen looked quite calm while he gently held Mu Xiaocheng's soft little hands and teased them as if he had not heard the radio earlier.

"Aren't you worried?"

"If worrying was useful, I wouldn't mind worrying. Okay, don't think too much about it. We'll just see how things go. Father, Mother, and Grandfather knew about this. In fact, it's a secret that can't be kept forever. Today's outcome isn't too bad. The ones who should worry are them. I'll get Li Si to visit Doris in another two days," Mu Yuchen answered with a calm expression. He seemed to be quite indifferent to this, taking on the attitude of a spectator.

Xi Xiaye obviously understood what he meant, so she nodded. “Mmm, we should go over to visit and see if the child made it. I’m quite worried that she’ll blame this all on Ah Shi. Ah Shi shouldn’t have gone over.”

“She understands what she should be taking on. No matter what, we can’t change the fact that her biological father is Gu Qiwu. It might not be a bad thing that she found the courage to stand up like this.”

When he said this, Mu Yuchen suddenly paused and sighed before he continued, “After everything that has happened recently, I realized that I’ve got limited capabilities. Many times, it’s not about me wanting to protect you all. The key still lies with me. As for Aunt, I’m afraid this is as far as I can go.”

“Oh, you, sometimes I feel like you’ve lived quite a tiring life, but you’ve done well. When I see you, no matter what happens, I won’t be flustered...”

Chapter 1123. My Honor (2)

Her gaze was gentle and clear whilst her smiling face contained a faint warmth as she watched him with a fixed gaze.

“I’m not God. Does looking at me really raise your spirits that much?” He chuckled, cleared his throat, and then pinched the silent Mu Xiaocheng who cried out. His little paws caught him, catching Mu Yuchen’s hand to put into his mouth.

Mu Yuchen then picked up the warm milk bottle and fed him with it. Only then did the little fellow stop creating such chaos.

“Well, of course, Mr. Mu is a Prince Charming that can easily steal the hearts of many girls. I adore you like the sun,” she said, pursing her lips and smiling as she sped up the car.

Chuckling without a word, he only hugged his son tighter and lowered his head to plant a kiss on the little guy’s cheeks.

The car still drove on steadily. After a while, Xi Xiaye suddenly called out to him softly, “Mu Yuchen...”

“Hmm?” He did not look up as he softly responded before taking the handkerchief to wipe away the saliva at the corner of his son’s mouth.

She slowed down the car and turned to look at him as she asked softly, “I was complimenting you earlier. Why didn’t you respond? Are you tired of hearing them?”

He then looked up and met her clear gaze. A faint ripple crossed his handsome face quickly as he said softly, “It’s my honor.”

She pursed her lips slightly and smiled, then she shrugged and slowly drove faster.

Soon, the car steadily stopped at Glory World Corporation.

Xi Xiaye swiftly put the bag aside and handed it to the bodyguard by the door, then planted a kiss on Mu Xiaocheng’s cheeks before reaching to help Mu Yuchen open the car door.

However, just as she opened the car door, there was a commotion from afar. She looked toward the source of the sound and saw that at the staircase by the entrance, a group of reporters was stopped by the security and bodyguards.

It must be because of the incident with Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi!

Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye did not show up at last night’s banquet, but the ruckus at the wedding was directly related to them. Mu Lingshi was pregnant, so to take care of her, Ah Mo had relocated her work to the office headquarters. These reporters were probably coming for them. Of course, for them to be able to catch Mu Yuchen and their news would be great too!

Mu Yuchen picked his son up and looked at the reporters who were snapping away. He immediately frowned.

“Go in. I’ll come to pick you guys up this evening. I’ll probably have lunch at the old residence today. Here, I’ll leave our son to you.”

Xi Xiaye took their son before he nodded with an indifferent expression.

1“Be careful. Make Lingshi stay at home for the next few days. As for our parents’ end, I’ve already told them about it. It’ll be okay after a while, so don’t worry, hmm?”

“Mmm, go up then!”

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Afterward, Xi Xiaye drove straight back to the Mu family’s old residence.

When she walked through the door, it was almost past 11 a.m. and lunch was being prepared in the kitchen, there were not many people at home, it was only Mu Yinan and Mu Lingshi, the grandfather and granddaughter were walking around in the backyard, Xi Xiaye did not bother them either, she went to help out in the kitchen instead.

“Madam, I can see that the old Master and Missus are in a good mood today. In just a few days, I feel like the old Master has become thinner. I was really worried that he wouldn’t make it through this. He’s been married to Elder Madam for decades. Sigh!”

Every time Aunt Wu, who helped out in the kitchen, thought of Wang Hui, she could not help but sigh. “Now everyone knows about Miss Zixi. It’s no wonder...”

“Did Grandfather and the rest see the news about last night’s incident?”

“The old Master knows about it. This morning’s news and the papers are all reporting about it, but although the old Master saw it, he didn’t seem to react too much to it. I think he’s already numb to it. Miss Lingshi woke up really early today. They had breakfast together today, and then the old Master called Miss Lingshi to the backyard, asking her to walk around with him and chat with him. He looks pitifully sad to me.”

When Xi Xiaye heard that, her expression froze, then she nodded. “I got it. Steam this fish for a while more. Remember to put in the seasoning after five minutes. I’ll go to the backyard to take a look.”

Then, she took off her apron and left the kitchen.

At this moment, in the backyard of the Mu residence that was shrouded by the radiant sunlight, Mu Yinan was trimming the potted plant before him while Mu Lingshi sat on the table beside to help steep the tea.

“Grandfather, have some tea. It’s a little warm today. It’s good for your health to drink more herbal tea. You need to take good care of yourself too. Don’t let everyone worry about you.” Mu Lingshi’s slightly raspy voice was heard as she filled the teacup up.

When Mu Yinan heard that, he set the scissors aside after a while and put the pot back to where it was. He then turned around and slowly walked over to take the wet towel from Mu Lingshi to wipe his hands.

“I haven’t worked on these for quite a while now. Your grandmother was always very worried about the potted plants. In a while, when they grow better, you should bring a few home. It’s good for you to have some of these plants at home,” Mu Yinan said as he sat down.

“Grandfather...” Mu Lingshi looked a little worriedly at him.

Mu Yinan picked the teacup up leisurely and had two sips as he lifted a hand to stop Mu Lingshi from continuing. “I’m fine. You lot don’t need to worry about me. Your grandparents are old. This day was going to come sooner or later. We’re already past 70 years old, and our departure isn’t too far away. Just keep an open mind. Look at your Grandpa Shen. Didn’t he get through it like that? Actually, your grandmother didn’t leave us either.

“The best way to commemorate someone is to live well and remember them happily. Your grandmother’s an optimistic person, so there’s no need for you to guilt yourself over it. Forget about all those things.”

Mu Yinan’s aged voice came through. The gloominess from a few days ago was gone from his wizened face, and he seemed to look much more at ease now.

Mu Lingshi nodded. “That’s great that you can think like that, Grandfather. I was just worried that you...”

“There’s nothing to be worried about. Your grandfather’s someone who’s gone through much as well. I was with your grandmother for more than 50 years. From when we met to falling in love, and then having children, to raising your parents to adults, and then watching all of you grow up, get married and have children, we’ve lived all the happiness of a prosperous life, so we should be content.”

Chapter 1124. My Honor (3)

Mu Yinan spoke earnestly as rueful sentiments gathered in his aged eyes.

Mu Lingshi thought for a moment, then could not help but voice out what she had been keeping in mind for a long time, “Grandfather, you and Grandmother must’ve been very loving. Even though the two of you usually bickered, I could feel your love for Grandmother. Sometimes, I do envy the two of you. All these years, I’m most thankful for you and Grandmother, and Father and Mother for being a role model to us. It was all of you who gave us a happy and warm family.”

She finished the tea in her cup in a few gulps before she continued, “Sometimes, I think about how we seem like we don’t quite know how to be contented. We’re always wanting more without learning how to appreciate what we have, and that’s why we sometimes don’t get to keep all that we have instead.”

Suddenly, she laughed at the irony of things, then poured more tea for Mu Yinan. She was about to pour herself another cup when at this moment, a fair and slender hand stopped her from behind.

“Be careful with your health. You can’t just drink tea as you wish right now, even if it’s floral tea. Drink more nutritious things.”

When the calm voice came through, the two of them turned to see Xi Xiaye’s slender figure greet their sight.

“Sis-in-law, why are you back?” Mu Lingshi looked at Xi Xiaye in surprise.

Xi Xiaye beamed happily and sat down on the empty space beside her as she looked at Mu Yinan and responded, “I came back to visit. I was worried that you two would be too bored at home. Grandfather looks much better today.”

Mu Yinan chortled. "I'm alright. I know what you mean. I know what happened last night. You're all too considerate. Because of your aunt's matter, everyone's been worried. I hope that there'll be an explanation too, but I don't want this to continue its vicious cycle either.

"Many times, fate has its reasons for the way things unfold. We shouldn't ask for too much and can only go with the flow. This was also your aunt's choice back then. As they say, a child's errors are the father's fault. It's not just your aunt that caused the tragedy today. As parents, your grandmother and I are responsible as well, so you must learn a lesson from this. Don't let anything come between you and your children."

Mu Yinan was a very wise person. Since the matter had progressed the way it had, there was actually nothing else they could do but to reflect and learn from it. Everything we went through could become a wealth of experience if we reflected on it.

Xi Xiaye and Mu Lingshi exchanged a look and quickly nodded. "Yes, Grandfather. We'll remember!"

"Good, good that you'll remember. Just let this be a thing of the past. Let's not talk about it anymore. Lingshi, you have to be careful, Doris might not let go of you so easily because of what happened to her. All these grudges and resentments may not be resolved so easily, so don't go out if you don't need to. Wait until you've given birth."

"Yes, Grandfather, I got it!"

"Let's go back. Lunch should be ready by now. Xiaye, accompany me to pay respects to your grandmother in the afternoon. It's time to go visit her!" Mu Yinan said as he slowly stood up and walked ahead with his hands behind his back.

"Got it, Grandfather!" Xi Xiaye answered, then helped Mu Lingshi to follow the old man.

After lunch, Xi Xiaye left the house with Mu Yinan. The butler had prepared joss sticks for them.

At Qingshan Cemetery that stood in the tranquility that transcended the mortal world, Xi Xiaye accompanied Mu Yinan to the cemetery. Only the two of them went over.

Xi Xiaye went to buy a bouquet of white daisies from the florist beside the cemetery. When she came back to Mu Yinan, she noticed that there was another person by his side.

Dressed in a white, long, loose blouse with a simple belt to accentuate the waist, her beautiful, dark hair cascaded over her shoulders and she wore a pair of sunglasses. Her slender figure looked very familiar.

Who else could this be if not Dongfang Liuyun whom she had met the other day?

She was talking to Mu Yinan, and it seemed like they had bumped into each other.

“Hello, Missus Mu!” When she saw Xi Xiaye walk over, Dongfang Liuyun took off the sunglasses on her and politely greeted her.

“Hello, Miss Dongfang. Just call me Xiaye! What are you doing here?”

“Okay, Xiaye, then you should just call me Liuyun like Grandfather Mu does! I just came back from City C and I usually take this route. I saw Grandfather Mu, so I decided to come down to take a look. Are you visiting Grandmother Mu?”

Dongfang Liuyun noticed the bouquet in Xi Xiaye’s arms.

Mu Yinan nodded. “We’re here to visit her. Go on home. Xiaye and I will go up now. We’ll drop by your place for some tea in a bit.”

Dongfang Liuyun smiled serenely. “Sure, you’re welcome anytime!”

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When they were walking up the stairs, Xi Xiaye finally could not help but ask, “Grandfather, are you very close to Miss Dongfang?”

Xi Xiaye could tell that Dongfang Liuyun was quite a humble person, but recently Father Su had been having a headache about her because she did not seem willing to be stationed in University A. Father Su had even called her twice but she did not seem to relent.

Xi Xiaye naturally hoped that someone like her could stay at University A.

“We’re not that close, I guess, but she’s quite an easygoing person. Your grandmother admired her. Not long ago, she joked about introducing someone to Zhou Zimo, and she was referring to Dongfang Liuyun.”

“Zhou Zimo? Him and Dongfang Liuyun?” Xi Xiaye widened her eyes as a scene suddenly flashed in her mind. It seemed like Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun were quite close. He actually seemed quite suitable for her!

“Yeah, but I told your grandmother not to cause trouble over it. Miss Dongfang is already taken. I heard from a while back that she’s with a rich merchant from abroad, Fujiwara-something. Her relationship with her family’s been quite strained because of that recently. That’s why she’s been staying a lot in her shop.”

Most of what Mu Yinan knew about was from Wang Hui, so he did not know that much either.

“She’s quite a good girl. She’s ambitious and generous. Your grandmother says she’s very knowledgeable and humble too. You should be friends with her if you have the chance.”

“Mmm, I’d like to get to know her. My father’s recently been trying to persuade her into being a lecturer at University A too.”

“Be a lecturer at University A? Well, I could talk to her about it.”

“Really? Well thank you then, Grandfather.”

Chapter 1125. Ridiculous Joke! (1)

Compared to the peace on Xi Xiaye’s end, things were not going as well on Doris and Gu Lingsha’s end.

In the afternoon, Gu Lingsha rushed nervously to Hospital T to visit Doris.

Early in the morning, the news from yesterday was plastered all over the media. Qi Kai Corporation was surrounded by a group of reporters too, but Gu Qiwu was nowhere to be seen.

When Gu Lingsha delivered the soup that she brewed herself, she could see quite a few bodyguards in the corridor from afar. Things did not seem right, so she tried to find out what happened. Eventually, she found out that Gu Qiwu had left angrily in the morning because he seemed to have fought with Doris.

Gu Lingsha obviously did not know about the conflict between Doris and Gu Qiwu. She did not know about all the things Doris had been doing behind Gu Qiwu's back!

2However, she felt oddly uneasy and even a little terrified right now!

She had caused the miscarriage, and from what she knew about her own mother, Doris, she would not let her off so easily! She was too familiar with Doris's temperament.

She stood at the door and hesitated for quite a while, unsure whether she should go in. She lifted her hand and stayed there for a long while because she could not bring herself to knock.

After a while, as she was thinking about putting her hand down, there was suddenly a stern shout from inside. "You either come in or go away!"

The unfriendly voice frightened Gu Lingsha. She trembled as she pushed the door open with shaking hands.

"Mother..." Gu Lingsha stopped walking and carefully looked up at the bed.

Doris was wearing a loose patient's gown as she leaned against the redhead. Her blonde hair spilled and complimented her frailness. There was a paleness on her face which looked a little swollen, but it did not diminish her beauty at all as she just sat there with a tablet in her hand while looking on

unenthusiastically. Before she could move closer, Gu Lingsha could already feel the hostility radiating from her.

When she heard Gu Lingsha call out to her, Doris did not immediately look up. She merely took a look at the tablet screen, then her silent blue eyes shifted from darkness to light!

She did not see any speculation or scandals about her miscarriage and the child she bore! She kept thinking about it, then she realized that Gu Qiwu had not revealed this! Obviously, it was probably for the sake of whatever kinship that was left between them.

Doris knew men like Gu Qiwu well. For him to accept news like this was equivalent to killing him!

Doris was not terribly worried. Since she had made such a choice, she was ready for it all to be exposed, but right now, she was also curious to see how much Gu Qiwu would care for her!

When she did not hear Doris's response, Gu Lingsha called out softly again, "Mother..."

Then, Doris looked up indifferently and coolly at her daughter. Her gaze instantly turned sharp and was mixed with suppressed anger.

"Why are you here? Shouldn't be at home reflecting deeply right now? Gu Lingsha, you're so clumsy. Were you trying to kill me?" Her cold voice was filled with disappointment as she coldly questioned her.

Gu Lingsha's little face instantly turned a bit pale as she quickly went up to her. "I made you some soup, Mother. You haven't recovered yet, so you can't be triggered. I know that I was wrong. I was clumsy. You can hit me or scold me, but don't torture your own health. Here, have something to eat first," she said as she quickly poured the soup out and sat down beside Doris. She wanted to feed her, but—

Dang dang!

Bam!

Pa!

Gu Lingsha had just moved closer when Doris's hand pushed the soup in Gu Lingsha's hand away, so the bowl toppled over, and then came the sound of a tight slap!

"Argh!" Gu Lingsha cried out in pain. However, she could not care less about the pain on her face as she quickly flicked the boiling hot soup on herself away!

"Mother!"

Gu Lingsha endured the burning pain that stung her as she held her face. She gazed sadly at Doris, and her blue eyes could not help but tear up.

"Don't call me. I'm not your mother! How could I have given birth to such a dumb daughter like you?! Do you know that your clumsiness could've killed me?! Lingsha, when are you going to succeed and show me what you've got? Do you know how long I've been waiting for this child?" Doris's anger-laden voice was extremely dissatisfied and furious. She glared at Gu Lingsha who stood embarrassed by the bed. When she saw that cowering demeanor of hers, she looked even worse!

"You're just like your father. You're all useless! You can't do anything right, and you only mess things up!"

"Mother, I really didn't do it on purpose. I didn't know you were pregnant. In fact, I was just worried that Mu Lingshi was really going to hurt you. I saw that she even had a knife in her hand! Mother, I was just worried about you. I didn't do it on purpose, Mother. Forgive me, Mother!" Gu Lingsha's eyes were teary as she ran to the bedside and held Doris's hands tightly while speaking sadly and pitifully.

"Enough! Get out! You spoilt child! I don't want to see you! Get out!"

When Doris heard her soft plea, she felt even more annoyed and angry! She wanted to explode when she felt the anger, but this was her daughter. This was the first time Doris was feeling such pent-up frustration! One could not imagine how she was feeling!

“Mother, I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I’m sorry! Mother, don’t be angry. It’s all my fault...”

When Gu Lingsha saw Doris like this, she felt jittery, so she held her mother’s hand tightly and begged, “Mother, don’t be angry with me. I really didn’t do it on purpose! It’s all Mu Lingshi’s fault. If it weren’t for her, things wouldn’t have turned out like this. She was clearly there to ruin the wedding! Mother, is she really my sister? What’s up with Father and Mu Zi? Mother, tell me. I’m going insane from all of this. The reporters are everywhere outside, but I don’t know what’s happening...”

“Get out! I want to be alone in silence! If you want to know the truth, go and ask Gu Qiwu! He knows the truth better than anyone else! Get out. I don’t want to see you!” Doris’s expression was morose as she shouted. Finally, she lay down wearily and turned her head, refusing to take another look at Gu Lingsha.

“Mother...”

“Someone, take her out!” Doris shouted coldly.

Chapter 1126. Ridiculous Joke! (2)

Gu Lingsha bore the grievance and pain as she walked out of Doris’s ward.

The second she walked out, she saw Ah Yong talking to the bodyguards.

She thought about it before wiping away her tears and forgetting about the pain on her face. Then, she walked up in a few huge strides and called to interrupt him, “Ah Yong! Hold on! Where’s my father? Why isn’t he with my mother? Where did he go?”

If it were in the past, Gu Qiwu would have been right by Doris’s side by now, but now he was nowhere to be found. Gu Lingsha thought it was very weird, so she could not help but question.

When Ah Yong heard Gu Lingsha’s voice, he turned to look and saw the clear mark of a slap on her face. Evidently, it was Doris’s work.

Doris was always like that. Even in a public place with everyone around, she did not give Gu Qiwu any face at all, much less Gu Lingsha.

However, from the looks of this, Gu Lingsha seemed to be unclear about what had happened. He thought about it before responding, "Miss Lingsha, Boss isn't too feeling too well, so he went out..."

"I'm asking you where he is right now. My mother's in such a state. Where else would he have the mood to go? What's the deal with the thing with Mu Zi? Do you know about it as well? Tell me!"

"No, no! Miss Lingsha, I'm just a subordinate. I don't know anything! Boss has already returned to the mansion. It's best if you ask him these things yourself!" Ah Yong was quite confused about everything, so he naturally dared not comment much.

Gu Lingsha took a deep breath and said a few more things to him before she left the hospital.

Nonetheless, she had barely stepped out when the reporters that were stationed outside immediately surrounded her, obviously, to ask about Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi, as well as how she had pushed Doris down the stairs.

"Miss Gu, what do you know about Mr. Gu and Mu Zi?"

"Are you and Mu Lingshi really sisters?"

"Did Madam Gu's child make it?"

"You accidentally pushed Mrs. Gu down the stairs. Did you know about her pregnancy before that?"

"Mr. Gu didn't acknowledge Mu Lingshi. Is it because of Mrs. Gu's pregnancy? Why won't you all accept Mu Lingshi?"

...

"I don't know, I don't know anything! I don't know!"

The questions came one after another, each sharper than the last. Gu Lingsha felt like her head was about to explode!

By the time the bodyguards managed to get her out, she was already in a sorry state to the point that when she reached Qi Feng, she started to sob uncontrollably.

Qi Feng's eyes were profound as he looked at the vulnerable Gu Lingsha. After a while, he sighed helplessly and handed her a tissue. His raspy voice was filled with emotional concern. "Alright, don't cry now. Get in the car first."

As he said this, he shifted and made space for her.

Gu Lingsha sniffled as she sobbed. She blinked her reddened eyes and felt extremely sad. "Ah Feng, I really didn't do it on purpose. I was just worried that Mother was going to be hurt by Mu Lingshi. I didn't know Mother was pregnant. I hurt her, but I really didn't do it on purpose!" Gu Lingsha explained sadly. Her voice had become hoarse from all the crying too. Right then, she was filled with guilt every time she thought of Doris. She felt like a knife had been plunged in her heart. Initially, their relationship had already been strained because of Weiwei and Qi Feng, and now from the looks of things...

"Alright, Mother's still angry now, but you should calm down too. Go over in a few days." Qi Feng did not know how to console her either. He lowered his gaze and advised her calmly before getting the driver to start the car.

Gu Lingsha wanted to find out what exactly was the deal with Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi. Last night was a mess and she could not get things straight!

How was Mu Zi suddenly related to Gu Qiwu now?

Was Mu Lingtian her brother? And Mu Lingshi her sister?

How could this be?

“Chauffeur Li, go straight to the Gu Mansion!” Gu Lingsha had just instructed when Qi Feng immediately spoke up with a different order, “Back to the Qi residence right away!”

“Ah Feng, no, I want to go to the Gu mansion. I want to ask about all of this!” She quickly held onto Qi Feng’s arm and said uncontrollably.

“Shasha, I think right now you need to calm down. Now’s not the time to ask about these things. There are still those reporters following us behind. If you want to make things worse, you can go. I won’t stop you! Weiwei’s frightened and still hasn’t woken up till now. You should care about her first.”

“Weiwei...right, there’s still Weiwei...” Gu Lingsha was dazed as she muttered before suddenly turning to look at Qi Feng. “Ah Feng, I’m sure that Mu Lingshi and the rest were behind this. We can’t let them off! I don’t believe that Father would do that to Mother! Tell me, this must be a hoax, isn’t it?”

When she asked that, Qi Feng’s eyes darkened and he fell silent for a long time without answering her.

“Answer me!” Gu Lingsha urged anxiously while uneasiness gathered in her blue eyes! She was afraid of knowing the answer!

If Mu Lingshi really was her sister, that meant...

“I hope that this all isn’t true too, but based on my understanding of Mu Yuchen and the Mu family, no one would joke about this. The thing with Mu Zi has always been a secret. It’s not a bad thing to let it remain a secret. Mu Yuchen was just a step ahead of us. He really gave it a lot of thought!”

You could not quite tell how Qi Feng was feeling underneath that distant tone of his.

“Does that mean all of it is real? Is Lingtian my older brother? And Mu Lingshi is my younger sister from the same father but a different mother?” Gu Lingsha widened her eyes at Qi Feng as her hands that lay on her knees suddenly tightened!

“Mu Yuchen has no doubt tossed us a bomb this time. I heard about it from Morrison too. A while ago, Mu Yuchen had already sent Father and Mu Lingshi’s DNA for a test, and the results showed that...he

was probably holding back till this day. He put all of the wrongdoings on Father and Mother to show that Mu Zi was the innocent one. I didn't know that Mu Yuchen could pull such a despicable move."

Chapter 1127. Ridiculous Joke! (3)

Qi Feng's voice was hostile. Even Gu Lingsha could feel the chill from the side.

"Ah Feng, what should we do now? We can't just sit around and do nothing. If we let things progress like this, I'm worried that things will get worse. With all those reporters behaving like that now, they will kill for things to get stormier. I'm worried..." Gu Lingsha sniffled and said worriedly.

"We'll see how things go. Right now, it's still too early to tell. We'll have to mainly see how Father and Mother react. I've already told Morrison to suppress it. The good thing is that Qi Kai isn't implicated, so let's see how Father reacts to it," Qi Feng thought for a moment before answering.

When Gu Lingsha heard that, she nodded silently. "Mmm, it looks like Father won't agree either. Mu Lingshi can dream on about wanting to trample over us!"

"Okay, go home first. We'll go over to father's a little later."

As Qi Feng finished his sentence, the chauffeur sped up.

Inside the office of Glory World Corporation's Chairman.

After Mu Yuchen brought Mu Xiaocheng to his office, he set him down on the table. Since the office was covered in a thick carpet, he did not worry about the little fellow catching a cold. He casually picked up a sketch and tossed it to him to play by himself. With the milk bottle set aside on the low stool, he let the little guy pass the time on his own while he began to work on the documents piled up on his desk.

Once he got busy, he worked all the way to the afternoon until it was close to 1 p.m. Li Si was worried that he was hungry, so he ignored the order earlier and braced himself to send some delicious dishes over.

He had just entered the office when he saw Mu Yuchen changing Mu Xiaocheng's diapers for him. The toddler was lying on the clean office table, and Mu Yuchen's movements were skilled as he handled

everything. He put Mu Xiaocheng's clothes back on, but before he could react, the little guy had flipped over swiftly and quickly crawled forward.

"Son, be careful!" Frightened, Mu Yuchen's long arm quickly caught the little body that rolled off the table as he broke out in a sweat!

This little fellow was extremely naughty!

Even though he did not cry or make any noise that morning, he crawled all over the office. Earlier, he even climbed to the window. Those hanging orchids that Xi Xiaye had put there were now a mess as a result of this little one's recklessness!

Mu Xiaocheng did not know how to walk yet, but he could already crawl quickly. When he held onto things, he could somehow stand. Despite his short limbs, he was clever. In fact, he seemed to know how to read facial expressions, so when Mu Yuchen frowned at him, he would widen his eyes and stare at him!

Like he was doing right then!

The little one fixed his gaze on the frowning Mu Yuchen, then slowly put his fat little hand into his mouth and began to wail like he was trying to say something to his father.

"You're so little and already so naughty. How are you going to be when you're older? Be good. Let Father and Mother rest a little. You're really not easy to deal with. I wasn't that naughty when I was as young as you!"

Mu Yuchen helplessly knocked Mu Xiaocheng's head lightly. Immediately, Mu Xiaocheng's hand immediately felt his head, and he blinked his bright eyes, staring at Mu Yuchen.

Li Si, who had kept quiet at the door, suddenly chuckled.

“Master, I think that the Little Master’s mischief now means he will be very clever in the future. In fact, now that he’s slightly older, he really looks like you. It’s as if the two of you came from the same mold!” he commented before Mu Yuchen looked up.

“Master, have something to eat. It’s already past 1 p.m. Even if you’re not hungry, the Little Master should be. I’ve told the canteen to make some pumpkin porridge since he seems to quite like it. Feed him some. The last time I saw the Missus feeding it to him, he had half a bowl!” Li Si continued as he brought lunch over.

Mu Yuchen thought about it, then nodded and carried Mu Xiaocheng to the sofa. He took the wet towel from Li Si and clumsily fed his son.

Usually, at home, apart from changing the diapers and mixing the milk powder, the feeding would usually be done by Aunt Lin and Xi Xiaye. That was why...

However, he caught onto it soon. Mu Xiaocheng was clearly hungry too, so he ate happily while Li Si held hand the towel, handkerchief, and whatnot.

“Right, Master, the hospital called. Gu Lingsha did get scolded by Doris, then she left the hospital sadly. She was surrounded by reporters outside the hospital. After Gu Qiwu left the hospital early in the morning, he’s been nowhere in sight. It looks like they’re planning on using the silent way to evade questions from the media. The reporters downstairs from earlier have all been dismissed,” Li Si lowered his voice and reported.

Upon hearing that, Mu Yuchen paused what he was doing. He fell silent for a moment, then continued to feed his son. Eventually, he said in a low voice, “Just observe things after this. There will be even bigger news for them to dig up after this.”

“Yes, Master! Right, Master, as for Chief Zhuang, earlier...”

“My father will explain it to her. Just watch Qi Feng.”

“Master, if Qi Feng knew about it, do you think he was planning on using it against Gu Qiwu? After all, he’s not an easy one to deal with. We’ve probably ruined his plans.”

“Qi Feng isn’t such a fool. It wouldn’t benefit him to use it against Gu Qiwu now. In fact, he should understand that this was going to be exposed sooner or later. If we hadn’t been quick enough, then he would definitely have been the one to do the exposé. That way, the meaning would no longer have been the same. I’m not worried about him finding a breakthrough in these things. I’m just worried about the dirty tricks he’ll use.”

When Mu Yuchen said this, a deep whirlpool gathered in his dark eyes. His gaze was hard to fathom.

“Master, what do you mean?” Li Si squinted with vigilance as he wanted to grasp the message in Mu Yuchen’s words.

Mu Yuchen sighed and looked down at his son who had his mouth open, waiting for him to feed him. As he put another spoonful into the toddler’s mouth, he did not answer.

Li Si thought about it for a while, then asked, “Master, are you worried about Miss Lingshi?”

“Call Qi Lei. Tell him I want to meet,” Mu Yuchen said.

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Meet Master Qi?

Li Si was stunned, but he dared not ask further and just nodded gently. “Yes, Master! I’ll call Master Qi right away!”

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When Qi Lei received Li Si’s call, he was busy in his own office, yet when Yang Sheng announced it was Mu Yuchen calling, he immediately answered the phone.

It was past 5 p.m. on the balcony of the chairman’s office at Glory World Corporation.

When Qi Lei rushed over, Mu Yuchen was sitting leisurely on the rattan chair, drinking tea, and watching the sunset.

“Things are a mess on my end while you have the mood to drink tea and watch the sunset. I thought you were planning to hide and not let me find you,” Qi Lei said as he sat down on the rattan chair by Mu Yuchen’s side with a light-hearted laugh.

Mu Yuchen turned to look at him. He straightened up slightly and handed the other cup of tea to him as he said calmly, “The person who should be hiding right now isn’t me.”

Qi Lei took the tea and had two sips as he squinted at Mu Yuchen and decided to be frank. “I know that it was you, but I don’t understand. How did you know Doris was pregnant? Even from the way Gu Qiwu looked, he didn’t seem to know either. Having a child at such an old age should be a joyful occasion, but it looks like they weren’t happy at all!”

He would not have known then Doris’s child was not Gu Qiwu’s. When he had gone over from Qi Kai earlier, he even heard Yang Sheng say that Gu Lingsha was troubled by Doris. Recalling the moment Doris had fallen over, and how Doris had slapped Gu Lingsha twice on the spot, he figured that this must have taken quite a huge toll on Doris and Gu Qiwu.

When Qi Lei said that, Mu Yuchen did not immediately respond. There was only a smile from the corner of his lips which Qi Lei could not help but find odd.

“Why aren’t you saying anything? Do you think the whole thing is quite amusing?” Qi Lei raised his brows at Mu Yuchen and cleared his throat as he said in a lowered voice.

Mu Yuchen’s handsome face then flashed with a faint smile that looked cold to Qi Lei. “Amusing? I’m afraid it’s not as simple as being amusing. It’s a ridiculous joke instead.” Then, he gave Qi Lei a side-eye.

Qi Lei immediately widened his eyes and stopped what he was doing, waiting for him to continue explaining.

“The child that Doris carried hasn’t even reached the second month of the pregnancy term while Gu Qiwu has been living in City Z this entire time. Do I need to continue?”

Pfft!

Before he finished, Qi Lei had already spat out his tea!

Thankfully, Mu Yuchen was quick enough to put up the magazine in his hand, so the tea did not spray him as it was blocked by the magazine!

“Cough, cough! Cough, cough!” Qi Lei choked a little, his eyes filled with disbelief!

“What did you say? Are you saying that the child isn’t even Gu Qiwu’s?” Qi Lei cried out. He was stupefied. “How could this be? Don’t tell me that at Doris’s age, she has an affair, and even got herself pregnant! Isn’t that too much of a stretch? She’s quite a valiant one too. She’s already past 50 and she was still planning on having another child? What about Gu Qiwu? This world is crazy!”

He still could not quite believe it. It was very hard for him to accept this as he stared at Mu Yuchen in bewilderment.

Nonetheless, Mu Yuchen’s reaction was calm. He set the magazine in his hand aside, and slowly stood up to walk to the balcony railing and look out at the setting sun leisurely. “Anything can happen.”

“But such a surprise is too difficult to accept! Haven’t Gu Qiwu and Doris always been loving? Could Gu Qiwu not have satisfied her? This is preposterous!” Qi Lei widened his eyes with curiosity. He could not help his vice of gossips as he began to analyze, “There are only a few reasons for cheating to happen within a marriage. The first is that Gu Qiwu couldn’t satisfy Doris with material and wealth. Secondly, Gu Qiwu couldn’t satisfy Doris with that thing, which is definitely not a first, since everyone knows that he’d even bring the stars from the sky to her! It’s only the second possibility left. You’re a married man, so you should know this very well, shouldn’t you?”

When he heard Qi Lei, Mu Yuchen immediately frowned and looked at him through squinted eyes. His deep voice was colored with a chill. “I didn’t know that you had this ability to gossip, Master Qi.”

“Did I analyze it right? You and Xiaye love each other. Could you accept another woman? Unless Doris and Gu Qiwu only seem harmonious!”

“You’re getting close now.” Then, Mu Yuchen breathed in slightly and slowly averted his gaze.

Qi Lei took the napkin and wiped the moisture from his lips before he shrugged and reflected, “If you’re right, then they’re in big trouble. Wouldn’t Gu Qiwu and Doris have a fallout now? The fact that you exposed this would no doubt be like throwing a bomb at them.”

“They’ve always wanted to control each other. If I didn’t accidentally find out about this secret, I really wouldn’t have known that Doris would have such meticulous plans thought out.” A thought gathered between Mu Yuchen’s brows.

Qi Lei thought about it for a while, then asked, “What do you mean?”

“Do you think that Doris doesn’t know about Gu Qiwu and Lingshi’s relationship?” Mu Yuchen said, turning to look at him.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei started to ponder.

When Doris found out about the news of Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi, she did indeed act erratically. However, it was not how she would usually act in public. From what Qi Lei remembered, she would maintain her reputation no matter when and where. If she lost control like that, that must mean...

“From a while ago, the information that we investigated in City B has shown that Gu Qiwu and Doris have had a weird relationship, especially after this year’s auction.”

Qi Lei’s expression froze for a moment, then he nodded. “If that’s true, then I think I understand something now. The child that Doris had wasn’t Gu Qiwu’s. In fact, the main reason she returned this time was to use the affair between Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi as momentum to get a divorce from him, so Gu Qiwu would definitely have needed to compensate her!”

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Qi Lei came up with his theory, and towards the end, his brows furrowed into a knot.

“Thus, even if you didn’t reveal everything about Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi then, she would’ve found a way to expose it. Of course, the outcome of her exposè would’ve been different! That way, not only could she rightfully step on Mu Zi, but she would also be showing the Mu family a thing or two. Most importantly, she could easily get what she wanted from Gu Qiwu. Meanwhile, the child inside her should be who she would meticulously nurture afterward.”

Qi Lei was not dumb either. With a hint from Mu Yuchen, he promptly thought it all out!

“Doesn’t that mean that all of us have become her chess piece?”

When Qi Lei thought about this, he could not help but get goosebumps.

This woman was too terrifying!

Who was Gu Qiwu to her?

What about Gu Lingsha?

“If that’s true, does that mean she knew about this six years ago? Could Lingtian’s death be related to her?”

Qi Lei dared not think further because the more he did, the more he was scared witless! If women wanted to get vicious, even he would be terrified.

Mu Yuchen’s hand casually held the railings as he let the cool night breeze brush past his skin. He calmed down and responded, “It’s been too long. I don’t know what the truth is now, but I’ll get someone to investigate it again. I actually asked you to come over because I need a favor from you.”

“A favor from me?” When Mu Yuchen said that, Qi Lei shot Mu Yuchen a side look and fell silent for a moment before he spread open his hands. “What is it.”

Mu Yuchen inhaled slightly and turned to sit on the rattan chair behind him. "You should seize this opportunity, and this time, I might not be able to support you for much longer. Once Gu Qiwu and Doris fall out, we don't know what the outcome will be, but from what I can see, the person who'll benefit the most should be Gu Lingsha, and you should know well enough who is standing by Gu Lingsha's side."

At this, Qi Lei's eyes darkened slightly. He said helplessly, "Shasha wouldn't have thought that she was only a pawn among Doris, Qi Feng, and Gu Qiwu. Gu Qiwu's not too bad. After all, he does only have one daughter. Oh, there's also Mu Lingshi now, so two daughters. She might even get some sort of compensation later on. If it was Doris or Qi Feng..." Towards the end, he helplessly forced a laugh.

"So, on Qi Feng's end, you'll have to take on more trouble."

Qi Lei shook his head. "No trouble. It's what I should be doing. Right, let me tell you something. Qi Feng's receiving treatment from a certain Professor Terl in the next two days. I heard that he might have a chance of recovering. What do you think?"

"A chance of recovering?" Mu Yuchen pondered for a moment, then smiled. "If we put aside those grudges, Qi Feng's someone that I do admire. He's a very interesting opponent. However, someone like him can only be an opponent and not a friend."

Suddenly, he paused and turned to look at Qi Lei, his eyes containing profound meaning. "Qi Lei, if you had half his temperament, you wouldn't have lived such a difficult life."

"It should be us! If we had half his temperament, we wouldn't be toiling this hard!"

"This matter won't die down so fast. I hope that you can wait and see what pans out with us. Of course, I'm hoping to get some useful intel from you too."

"I know. Don't worry. I'll do my best. Oh, Gu Lingsha's having it bad with Doris and Qi Feng continues to be hypocritical. Of course, the matter with Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi won't pass so quickly! You're not planning to just leave it like that, are you?" Qi Lei asked.

"Gu Qiwu will come back to beg for Lingshi's forgiveness. In fact, he'll acknowledge her." Mu Yuchen's eyes were filled with certainty.

“Alright, since you’re so sure, I won’t worry about it then. I’ll just watch out instead.”

When Qi Lei finished, there was suddenly a soft sound from the side. He subconsciously turned to look and realized that not too far away from the door, a chubby little one was working hard on crawling over.

“Done sleeping?”

Before Qi Lei could respond, Mu Yuchen had already walked up to pick that little bun up.

Mu Xiaocheng hugged Mu Yuchen by the neck and immediately cried out loud as his father carried him back into the office!

“Hey, Mu Xiaocheng! Mu Yuchen, let me carry him! Let me!” Qi Lei’s eyes brightened up as he swiftly followed after them.

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Xi Xiaye came over to pick up the father and son when it was close to 6 p.m. Qi Lei had just left too.

“I went to visit Grandmother with Grandfather. That’s why I returned a little late. The little guy’s sleeping quite soundly!”

Inside the car, Xi Xiaye who was in the driver’s seat helped him buckle up before she pinched Mu Xiaocheng’s cheeks while he lay in Mu Yuchen’s arms and laughed gently.

“Grandfather went to visit Grandmother?” Mu Yuchen was surprised.

Xi Xiaye nodded. She relaxed and said, “Don’t worry. Maybe Grandfather isn’t as vulnerable as we think. It’s a good thing that he can be okay again. Let’s not go home for dinner tonight. I’ve informed Sis Wang earlier. We haven’t gone out in a while. Let’s eat out and walk around before going home. Our son

hasn't even had any pictures with us, so let's take a few. Sadly, Xiao Rui isn't around. Otherwise, it'd be nice to have a little family picture too."

"I'll let you decide," he answered softly without any opinion.

Upon seeing him answer so simply, she turned to look at him. "Are you tired? If you're tired, we can just go home."

"Just drive. We don't go out much together anyway."

He then smiled gently. He could not help but admit that he was enjoying this very moment.

To him, a man's success was not about how high he stood, how far he could look, or how many assets or women he had. Instead, it was about how high he could stand with his woman.

Starting the car, Xi Xiaye caught the smile in his eyes, so she asked, "What are you smiling about?"

He turned to silently watch her for a while before he grinned. "Nothing. I just suddenly remembered some things that Su Chen said. Right now, I feel like he makes sense."

Su Chen?

Xi Xiaye raised her brows and sped up the car. "I want to hear it. What did he say?"

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Xi Xiaye then looked at him.

He lowered his gaze and chuckled as he took his blazer from the side to cover Mu Xiaocheng.

"Missus Mu, let's probe into some life philosophy." His deep and sensual voice came through.

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye immediately rolled her eyes at him. "What life philosophy could I be looking at? Your wife, Mu Xiaocheng's mother, and the daughter of my parents, Father and Mother's daughter-in-law, all of these are my life philosophies."

"You do think of it too simply," he said good-naturedly and fell silent for a moment before continuing, "Do you remember how you were like when we'd just met?"

"I don't remember how things were in the past anymore, and I don't want to think about those things. I just want to be the way you want me to: a simple person. Right now, my convictions are my relatives, my marriage, and my family. Sigh, Mr. Mu, do you realize that after we got married, our state of mind has changed so much? Had it been in the past, we were so carefree and fine no matter how hard things got. Now after being married, I feel like it's always on my mind. The first thing I want to do after work is to go home unlike the past when I'd join a gathering to work overtime."

"It's where your duty lies, Missus," he answered simply.

"Duties?" She thought about it then agreed as well, "Oh, right, you were talking about what Su Chen said. Tell me! I was talking to Ji Zitong a few days ago. I think that their relationship is going pretty well."

"He and Ji Zitong was a pair of enemies, but thankfully things worked out. A while ago, Su Chen asked me and Zimo what we thought was a man's most important achievement, but I couldn't immediately answer him then," Mu Yuchen lowered his eyes and said calmly.

"Money and beautiful women? Power and status?" She squinted at him and probed.

He immediately rolled his eyes at her. "Have you fallen into a pit of clichés?"

"If not, what then?" Xi Xiaye shrugged as she asked.

"How honorable that you're like that foolish Zhou Zimo who'd think people were complimenting him by calling him Bro Da Li [1]!" Mu Yuchen said unhappily.

"May I then ask the elegant and unconventional Mr. Mu what your thoughts are?"

“It’s just like right now. I’m with a wife who likes cheap humor while she’s dressed up all beautifully and driving a nice car while I sit aside and watch her.”

“Likes cheap humor? Mu Yuchen, are you calling me corny?”

“What do you think?”

“You can sleep in the study room tonight. Don’t get into a corny woman’s bed!”

“Pretend I didn’t say that...”

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The situation did not calm down with time. Instead, it became worse!

Doris was grounded by Gu Qiwu.

After Gu Lingsha stayed at home for a whole, she received this news! When she heard about it, she had no idea what was going on, so she called Doris but her mother did not pick up. Meanwhile, Gu Qiwu was nowhere in sight either.

It was then that Gu Lingsha could vaguely feel that something was off with Gu Qiwu and Doris. She struggled for a while, and in the end, she could not help but rush back to the Gu family mansion. She needed to talk to Gu Qiwu!

“Miss Lingsha, the boss is in the study room, but he says he doesn’t want to see anyone. How about you go home first?! When the boss is calmer, I’ll talk to him.”

In the living room, Ah Yong stood there while looking troubled in front of the anxious Gu Lingsha.

Gu Lingsha's heart was already all clenched up with anxiety. When she heard Ah Yong say that, she felt even more nervous. She quickly looked up and asked, "What's wrong with Father? I've called many times, but he didn't pick up. Why is he grounding Mother? She's already in such a state! If he's angry, he can come for me!"

Upon hearing that, Ah Yong looked helpless. "Miss Lingsha, you can't blame the boss for this. He's been drinking himself drunk. He just woke up, so he's in a poor state. In fact, shouldn't you be asking Madam about this?"

"Drinking himself drunk?" Gu Lingsha's eyes widened!

What did he mean by that?

From what she remembered, her father, Gu Qiwu, had always maintained his elegant image. She had never seen him drink excessively. Could Doris's miscarriage be the cause of her parents' falling apart?

Gu Lingsha thought about it and suddenly felt bad!

Was she not their daughter?

Also, she had already said that she did not do it intentionally, but her mother still would not forgive her whereas Gu Qiwu...

When she thought about it, Gu Lingsha could not help but feel sad. She gave it more thought and could not hold herself back as she ran upstairs.

"Miss Lingsha, you..."

"Go down! I want to see my father!" Gu Lingsha demanded and picked her skirts up to run upstairs!

Bam!

The study room door was not locked, so Gu Lingsha pushed it hard and the door opened!

A strong light entered her eyes, then the strong smell of alcohol assailed her. Gu Lingsha felt nauseous by this smell!

She calmed herself down for a while, and finally, after letting the nausea settle, she breathed in and looked up and around to find signs of Gu Qiwu. At that instant, she saw Gu Qiwu sitting in the chair before his work desk, his back facing her!

“Father!”

Gu Lingsha walked up anxiously and reached Gu Qiwu’s side.

He appeared wan and sallow at the moment while he propped his head up with one hand with his eyes shut, sitting there frozen.

When Gu Lingsha saw him like this, she could not help but speak angrily, “Father, what’s wrong with you?! Why are you grounding Mother? She’s still so weak. Shouldn’t you be taking good care of her?”

“Why are you here? Get out. I don’t want to see anyone.” Gu Qiwu’s raspy voice was filled with fatigue as he said coldly. When he spoke, he did not even open his eyes.

Gu Lingsha’s slightly pale face looked miserable as she breathed in deeply. “Father, if you and Mother are like this because of Mu Zi, then you shouldn’t be angry with Mother. Don’t you understand what state she is in right now? You’re the one in the wrong. I don’t care if it’s a baseless claim. Whatever it is, everyone’s talking about it right now, so we need to face it, resolve it, and not be hiding here like this!”

Gu Lingsha’s eyes contained some reprimand. She paused before continuing, “Besides, shouldn’t you be giving me and Mother an explanation about Mu Zi and Mu Lingshi?”