

Loving 1151

Chapter 1151. Bicker (2)

Ji Zitong stared at him for a long while, then her eyes turned cold.

“Are you going to go or not?” she asked as she stared at him dangerously. Her tone became hostile while her eyes revealed dissatisfaction.

Su Chen frowned and sucked in a deep breath before quickly explaining, “This is not about whether I’ll go or not. Alright, fine, I’ll arrange for help. You don’t need to go tomorrow either then. How’s that?”

“Aren’t you happy being with me, Chief Su?” Ji Zitong squinted at him.

“Not happy? How could that be?! You think too much, Missus Su...”

“I think too much? Don’t you realize that every time I ask you to come help, you never seem happy to do so? Do you feel like you’re being forced to?” she demanded.

Su Chen’s handsome brows furrowed into a knot as he cleared his throat and said, “Where did you come up with that? Why would I feel forced? You’ve been thinking badly of me recently. I asked you to go to a banquet with me, but you didn’t come either. Did you see me making any comments?”

“So, after all that was said and done, it’s because of this?”

Ji Zitong looked at him. “I didn’t realize that you were so petty. You never seem to be considerate about me. You’ve been leaving early and returning home late, and once you get home, you fall asleep right away. Even when I told you that my mother hasn’t been feeling well these past few days, you don’t seem to care or want to go home to visit with me, yet they think of you as a filial son-in-law.”

“That’s because I am a filial son-in-law! Alright, this is just a small matter. Don’t be like that. Wasn’t that just oversight? Oversight! We aren’t united at all! Drive. Let’s get going!”

Master Su knew that if this woman was going to start arguing, she could really go on and on until he got terrified.

“Just one word—‘oversight’—and you think you can let it pass? Horrible!” Annoyed, Ji Zitong turned her head away and looked at the streetlights out her car window, refusing to look at him although she did not start the car either.

Su Chen frowned at her for quite a while before he sighed. He took the keys as he said, “Okay, don’t be angry now. If you don’t want to drive, then let me. Let’s swap seats—”

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Su Chen had just reached out when Ji Zitong hit his hand away and looked at him with a poker face.

His expression darkened. Nonetheless, he did not want to fight, so he sighed and opened the car door before alighting without a word.

Bam!

The door was slammed so hard that it almost frightened Ji Zitong. She looked at him and realized that he was walking ahead with huge strides as he whipped out his cigarette box and took out a stick to light up. Without a second look at her, he continued storming ahead.

“Su Chen!”

Then, Ji Zitong shouted for him, but he did not turn around. Draping his coat onto his shoulders, he put out a hand to get a cab, then got into the car.

Ji Zitong had a headache now!

She fell silent for a moment and then cursed herself for being too serious. After that, she had no choice but to start the car and go after him.

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She was close to the house now. After another two more traffic lights, the villa area would be ahead.

After Ji Zitong parked the car in the garage and went to the room, Su Chen had already showered and gone straight to the study room to continue with his work.

He did not say a word to Ji Zitong.

Actually, he was not angry. He just felt that he wasted too much effort and time to be tangled up in these problems, so he felt that he should let her calm down. He was not someone who liked fighting. Usually, at such a time, he would only keep quiet.

Of course, within the six months since Ji Zitong married him, it would be impossible to say that the couple did not have any conflicts, but usually, when they were about to start arguing, Su Chen would behave like this and keep quiet. He would let Ji Zitong go on complaining by herself because no matter what she wanted to do, it took two to create a quarrel.

1With women, Su Chen was rather patient because he always thought that it was useless to bicker with them. After all, did he not have a classic example in his own home?

After Ji Zitong took a bath, the bedroom was still quiet. She struggled inwardly for a bit, and finally decided to go over to take a look.

She pushed open the study room door and heard Su Chen's voice. Then, she looked up and saw that he was sitting at his desk, talking to someone on the phone, "Okay, I'll report in the day after tomorrow. I need to arrange some things in the bureau. Mm, okay, see you!"

Then, he hung up. When he turned to look at who had entered, Ji Zitong was already at his desk and frowning slightly at him, without saying anything.

Su Chen tossed his phone onto the table, his sharp gaze falling on Ji Zitong. He said in his deep voice, "What's wrong? Are you still angry? Can we talk calmly now?"

Ji Zitong sighed. "You're the one who's angry!"

"I'm not going to argue with you. Fine, it's me. Okay, I'll go with you tomorrow, but we have to bring two people along to help out. The day after tomorrow, I have to go to the political party school for a while," Su Chen said and then reached out as she silently stopped by his side too.

"Political party school? Where?" Ji Zitong asked, "Didn't you just go recently? Why are the classes so frequent?"

"This time, I'm going to understand some awareness of traffic precautions and discuss the update of the traffic monitoring system. It's just in the city, but I'll need to stay there for quite a while and might need to visit other cities with the inspection team to observe and emulate others. If you're not up for it, then you can go home to be with Mother-in-law or go home to visit Grandfather. My sister's out of the country for the next two days. Otherwise, you could ask her to come over to hang out with you."

Su Chen was a little worried about her. Although they had been married half a year now, they had not been separated before. However, this time his study mission was quite intense, so he would be fully occupied for many days.

Then, Ji Zitong fell silent as she thought about it, then said, "Don't worry. Go and settle your stuff. I'm used to it anyway. How long will you be gone for?"

"I'm not too sure yet. Half a month if it's a short one, a month if it's a long stint," Su Chen answered calmly.

Recently, he had been busy with this with the headquarters too. Even though they had already completed City Z's road planning again, in the past one to two years, there had been an increase in private cars, so work at the traffic bureau had not been easy.

"What? That's long!" Ji Zitong immediately frowned.

"The matters I need to handle are very complex. I just need to understand them," he said and then closed his document.

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Ji Zitong lowered her gaze, pondering for a moment, then said softly, "Hmm, we'll get two people to go over and help tomorrow. Let's drop by at home. We'll have lunch with Grandfather, and then visit my parents at night."

Su Chen fell silent for a moment, then nodded happily. He looked up at her and reached out his long arm to circle her slender waist, letting her sit on his lap. "You arrange it then. Are you still angry about today?"

"No, you're the one who's angry. I just feel like you're too egoistic sometimes. Also, are you getting impatient now?" Ji Zitong stared into his eyes with her clear gaze.

"Egoistic? Aren't you the one telling me to cut flowers or whatnot like forcing Zhang Fei to do embroidery? The last time, I came back with ten fingers that couldn't even grip a pen. You can't expect me to go to work with all fingers bandaged up, can you?"

Su Chen looked helplessly at her. Soon, he calmed down and said, "Zitong, I didn't marry you to hustle for me or anything. Just be a good lady boss. Why aren't you happy with that? Didn't Mother ask you to go work at her office? What's wrong about going over to learn from her? Do you find it hard to get along with her?"

His words surprised Ji Zitong who then responded, "It's not that. I just feel like I might not be able to handle it, so I might as well manage my flower shop well."

"What are you worried about? With Mother around, it won't be that hard. She won't gobble you up." Su Chen shot her an unhappy glance. "Even though the florist business isn't bad, you have been doing everything on your own, and you aren't happy just supervising. You should be more self-aware. I'm not a businessman and I'm different from Ah Chen. I don't know how to teach my wife to be good in the business world. If you were an office-bearer, I might be able to transfer you to my side and be my secretary1..."

"I wouldn't want to be your secretary!" Ji Zitong shot him a cold look at him.

Su Chen chuckled as he hugged her tightly. "What's wrong with becoming my mistress? I could bring you everywhere."

"I just don't like being with people like you who speak politics. It's tiring to handle them."

Ji Zitong had attended banquets with him before. With all the bureaucratic rules, it made her feel stifled and she did not like it. After that, she had not been very willing to attend such occasions with him.

"I didn't tell you to handle them. Haven't I been doing it?"

"Well, I can't just keep quiet. Remember the last time the person with whom you had an unhappy encounter? Sometimes, I wish you weren't that kind of person too. When I returned to the old residence, Mother complained about Father to me."

Ji Zitong recalled her mother, Xie Jiajia, and right then, she could not help but smile.

"Mother? How did she complain about Father?" Su Chen was obviously clear about how his parents were. They seemed to be playing house.

Su Zhengxun was more serious, cautious, and inflexible, yet when he was around, Xie Jiajia would always act like a little girl that never grew up. She would always act childish and complain that Su Zhengxun was not romantic or gentle enough.

Sometimes, Su Chen thought that it was quite hard to believe that his parents could have gotten to where they were, but later he could only lament that everything was destined.

"I'm saying that Father's rigid. he didn't give her flowers this year, what more considerate words, just like you."

"Flowers and kind words? Do I dare say that I've never given you flowers? Also, what is considered considerate words? Even if I say it, you'll probably call it cringy. I don't understand you women. Can you not be so fickle all the time? The other night when we were getting all affectionate, I said I..."

Before Su Chen could finish, Ji Zitong had already frowned and covered his mouth. She already believed that he was indeed not a romantic person!

“Alright, pretend I didn’t say anything. I’m going to go down and heat up two cups of milk. Don’t look at these anymore. It’s quite late. Rest earlier.”

Ji Zitong shot him a helpless glance. She was about to get up when he pulled her into his arms.

“Don’t get the milk anymore. Go to sleep earlier.” Then, he held her by the shoulders and slowly stood up.

“Don’t drink so much next time. Every time you and your buddies gather, you and Zimo always drink too much.”

“We drink more when we’re happy, Ah Chen hasn’t been doing well recently, so I think it’s good to drink to our heart’s content. Still, I’m happy to see that he can walk away from his grief. Grandmother Mu loves Ah Chen very much. Among us buddies, he’s the one with the most on his mind, unlike me and Zimo. If we have any issues, we’ll mostly just voice it out, but he usually keeps it to himself. Otherwise, he wouldn’t still be holding onto Lingtian’s issue after so many years.”

Su Chen had mentioned Mu Lingtian and Mu Yuchen’s matters briefly to Ji Zitong, so she more or less knew about it.

“Mmm, Chairman Mu’s quieter, but he’s really good to Xiaye. The last time when we were at Maple Residence, I chatted with Xiaye and I think he treats her really well.”

Then, Ji Zitong could not help but sigh. “It’s just that I didn’t expect someone like him to deal with such a frustrating matter. It’s true that everyone’s got an unforgettable past.”

“How easy do you think he’s got it? Among us buddies, he’s probably the one who’s got it toughest. But mostly because of the way he was brought up, he’s got a strong sense of responsibility although that doesn’t benefit him. That’s the only flaw he has, yet that’s what makes him Mu Yuchen,” Su Chen said as he could not help but sigh and hold Ji Zitong as they walked towards the door.

Ji Zitong nodded gently. "That's true. I feel like he's the same as Xiaye. They've got endless things to worry about."

She recalled the time when she had protected Xi Xiaye.

"Now it isn't that bad. Since Ah Chen married Xiaye, he's changed a lot. He's the father of two boys now. When Lingtian just passed away, Zimo and I were really worried that he would...forget it. Let's not talk about this anymore and rest earlier."

Su Chen suddenly felt like there was no need to continue talking about it, yet he was thinking to himself that right now would be a good time to investigate the car accident.

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Gu Qiwu rested for two days and recovered quite a bit. The situation on Doris's end was within his control as well. Of course, that included Doris meeting up with a lawyer.

Doris was determined on getting a divorce. In fact, she did not care about Gu Qiwu's subordinates stopping her and she met her lawyer brazenly. Outside her ward now were two groups of people: the people that Gu Qiwu sent and Doris's own bodyguard!

Chapter 1153. Marital Strife (1)

Inside the ward, the experienced Lawyer Li handed the drawn-up divorce papers to Doris who sat on the sofa, dressed gracefully and elegantly. He smiled and said respectfully, "Miss Doris, these are the divorce papers that have been written up based on your orders and consultation. Please approve of them. If all is good, we can hand them to Mr. Gu."

Doris took the contract leisurely, flipped it open, and carefully began to browse through the contents. Then, she nodded happily. "Mmm, not bad. This is roughly what I mean. Bring this to him to sign. If he won't sign it, just hand it to the court."

Then, she put the document before Lawyer Li once again and continued in a cold tone, "Have you prepared all the evidence I told you to gather? You're a top lawyer that I hired at such a costly price. You won't let me down, will you? Your law firm is one of the best in the industry. If you really have to bring this to the court, what do you think my chances are of winning?"

Lawyer Li kept away the document and got up with full confidence. “Don’t worry, Miss Doris. Our law firm has never lost cases and we’ll definitely fight for the most benefits for you. Mr. Gu shouldn’t be able to take any advantage. After all, we do have solid evidence.”

“That’s good. You’ve set my mind at ease. If this is done well, I’ll bank in the rest into your account. Also, I’ll reward you separately, but if anything goes wrong, you should know how my wrath is!” Doris’s eyes instantly turned cold as she looked at Lawyer Li.

“Don’t worry. We will definitely get it done. Also, Miss Doris, please be careful for the time being. Try not to meet anyone just in case.”

“Got it. I know that. Go meet Gu Qiwu. You should know where his ward is.” Doris leaned back against the seat in a hostile manner as her blue eyes were filled with a chill, yet at the same time, there was a mix of emotions.

“Alright, I’ll go right away!” Lawyer Li answered and quickly left the ward.

When she heard the door close, Doris massaged the space between her brows that was fatigued. Gloominess gathered on her exquisitely beautiful face.

It was not Doris’s wish to be where they were today, but right now, they could only end like this. Despite having been married for close to 30 years, nothing remained.

A sneer curved on the corner of Doris’s lips before she breathed in and slowly closed her eyes.

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Inside Gu Qiwu’s ward, when Lawyer Li brought over the divorce papers, Gu Qiwu had just finished a conference call with the office.

Ah Yong kept the laptop away and said carefully, "Boss, the lawyer that Madam has hired is right outside. He says that he wants to talk to you about the divorce contract. I told him to leave, but he refuses to. He says he must meet you. Otherwise, he'll hand it to the court and let them resolve it."

Gu Qiwu's expression instantly turned cold. The sudden drop of pressure in the air made Ah Yong shudder involuntarily.

For a moment, Gu Qiwu fell silent before sneering, "That witch couldn't stand the loneliness after all! Divorce? Since she dares to bring it up, we'll see what her conditions are. Let him in!" He lifted his glass of water and drank it nonchalantly.

"Yes, Boss!" Ah Yong responded, then waved to the door, so the black-clothed bodyguards outside the door then let Lawyer Li in.

"Mr. Gu, I believe that Miss Doris has mentioned this to you. At this point, you and Miss Doris will probably find it hard to keep going. Mr. Gu, you're a smart and frank person as well. For the sake of your relationship of many years, she's willing to compromise. This is the divorce contract. If you don't have any thoughts about the terms, then please sign it. That would be best for you and Miss Doris."

After Lawyer Li said all of that, he took the divorce papers out from his briefcase and handed it to Gu Qiwu.

Ah Yong promptly took it and handed it to Gu Qiwu whose expression sank. He casually flipped through it for a look and a smirk appeared on the corner of his lips.

"505? How greedy of her. I think she just wants the whole of the Hui Gu Corporation!" Gu Qiwu snorted. His hand flew out and then the document instantly was flung at Lawyer Li. Suddenly, Gu Qiwu leaned forward and stared at the lawyer before saying coldly, "I won't accept these conditions. Tell her that she's only got two choices right now. Firstly, leave with nothing, or secondly, forget the divorce and just waste each other's time."

Then, Gu Qiwu straightened up and gave Lawyer Li a glance of disdain. "If she wants to bring this to court, I don't mind playing along. We'll just fight to the end at the most, but you tell Doris to think this through. It won't benefit anyone to cause such a scene. Just the matter on England's end will be hard for her explain. Also, don't just assume that you're the only ones with excellent odds of winning!"

Lawyer Li did not appear panicked at all as he calmly picked up the documents that Gu Qiwu had tossed at him. With a smile, he said, "Mr. Gu, I think you should know that with your problem, you probably don't have such large odds at court. In fact, we can easily get the DNA report of you and Mu Lingshi. I hope that you'll think of your own benefits. You know well enough whether you should sign these papers or not."

"Did you not hear me properly? I can repeat myself. I won't sign it. Go back and tell Doris exactly what I said."

"Mr. Gu..."

"Ah Yong, see the guest out!"

Without waiting for the lawyer to say anything more, Gu Qiwu dismissed him. Ah Yong quickly went up to escort the lawyer out.

"This way, Lawyer Li!"

"Mr. Gu, I hope you will think this through. Otherwise, we'll have to just meet in court."

"I'll be waiting for my letter from court!" Gu Qiwu said indifferently, and then picked up his cup of water to drink it nonchalantly again.

Lawyer Li did not look very pleased, but he could not fend Ah Yong off, so in the end, he could only say, "We'll give you three days to consider it. If you still insist after three days, then we will..."

"Get out!"

"Someone, drag him out!"

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Then, Lawyer Li was pulled out by the bodyguards outside.

Bam!

Just as the door closed, the glass in Gu Qiwu's hand was flung to the ground hard, so it shattered all over the floor!

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Lawyer Li immediately went back to Doris with what Gu Qiwu said, and naturally, she was furious!

"Gu Qiwu, since you want to be so cruel, then don't blame me for being disloyal!" Doris condemned as she ruthlessly tore up the divorce papers into pieces. Then, she turned to look at Lawyer Li. "Get all the evidence, and send them to the court as soon as possible. I'm determined to get this divorce. Gu Qiwu, you betrayed me first, and now you want to go back on your word. I have the documents that he signed when he first transferred the shares. I'm sure I won't leave empty-handed! Gu Qiwu might not be the one who gets Hui Gu Corporation in the end!"

"Miss Doris, do we want to reconsider it?" Lawyer Li tried to confirm once again.

"There's no need for further consideration. This is the only way! I know Gu Qiwu too well. He won't easily change things that he's set his mind on, so since he won't willingly sign the papers, we'll just give him a cardiac stimulant and just get the results we want."

"But, Miss Doris, you have to think this through. If this thing gets blown out of proportion, it won't be beneficial for you either. On England's end..."

"That's my problem. Just do as I say. Also, I hope that you can increase your work efficiency. I don't have too much time to waste here. Later, get Linda to help me arrange things. I want to be discharged in two days. Gu Qiwu should really examine his capabilities before even thinking of grounding me!" Her cutting voice spoke again before she averted her gaze.

Her arrogance made Lawyer Li shudder and he quickly answered, "Alright, then I'll get it done right away."

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After Lawyer Li left, Doris appeared gloomier. Her exquisite little face was covered with frost and her blue eyes were as frigid as snow.

Leave with nothing?

Gu Qiwu, oh, Gu Qiwu, is this your so-called love?

When that man wanted to be cruel, who said that he would admit defeat to women?

Thankfully, Doris never believed him. Otherwise, she might have ended up like that dumb and slutty woman, Mu Zi!

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On July 15th of the lunar calendar, which was also the Hungry Ghost Festival, Xi Xiaye woke up very early. After she helped Mu Xiaocheng clean up, she handed him to Sis Wang.

Then, she left the house to visit Xi Jiyang. She did not bring many people along with her. There were only two bodyguards and Chauffeur Wang who drove.

At the end of the staircase, Xi Xiaye suddenly said softly, "Wait for me here. I'll go up alone."

"Yes, CEO Xi."

The two bodyguards quickly stopped before Xi Xiaye reached out to take the bouquet and paper basket and continued to walk ahead.

Very few people visited Xi Jiyang's gravestone, but it was clean thanks to the sexton.

She stopped at Xi Jiyang's tombstone and studied the face in the photo for a long while before she slowly bent down and put the bouquet on the tombstone.

"It's been more than a year now. Grandfather, are you doing okay over there?" Her calm voice could not hide the faint bleakness and sorrow in her tone.

"In this short year, too many things have happened. Now that I think about it, I suddenly feel like things have remained the same, but people have changed...Father and Mother have reconciled. Ah Chen and I had a son too. He's your great-grandson. Ah Chen named him Mu Zicheng. Also, we adopted a son whose name is Mu Zirui. They're both very smart children. I think if you were still around, you'd definitely have loved them very much, but..."

Xi Xiaye smiled sadly while she gently wiped away the marks on the photos.

"Grandfather, I heard Father say that you actually loved my biological grandmother very deeply, but...I think you might have never felt happiness in your lifetime. I hope that over there, you'll meet her again and continue your fate that couldn't be completed in the last lifetime," she said as she squatted down and lit up the ritual money and joss sticks in the paper basket.

"This world is always changing. Now, Ah Chen's grandmother has passed away too. Grandfather, if you do meet her, please tell her to rest well and that we'll handle all those things..."

As she watched the swaying flames slowly swallow up the joss sticks and ritual money, Xi Xiaye silently put both palms together and softly muttered a prayer.

After a long while, she silently opened up her eyes. The sound of familiar footsteps was heard, and there was a familiar fragrance in the air. She did not have to turn to know who had come.

"What did you say to Grandfather? I saw you silently praying for so long."

His deep and sensual voice was heard. There was another bouquet of beautiful flowers that leaned beside Xi Xiaye's bouquet.

She then averted her gaze from the tombstone and looked at him to ask calmly, "Why are you here?"

"I was worried, so I came to take a look," Mu Yuchen answered in a low voice.

"Have you paid your respects?" Xi Xiaye asked again softly.

Mu Yuchen obviously knew who she was referring to. He thought for a moment, then shook his head. "I'm not going this year."

Then, his profound gaze moved away from Xi Xiaye's face and silently fell on Xi Jiyang's tombstone.

Stunned, Xi Xiaye waited for a long while, but he did not continue. She inhaled and said softly, "I suddenly remember that it's the Qingming Festival...It might be good not to go too. It's time to let go of those unhappy things."

He did not reply, but after a pause, he suddenly reached out to hold her cold hand that lay by her side.

"What about you?" he asked.

She suddenly turned and her beautiful, elegant face looked up at him. Her beautiful gaze stared and met with his equally profound eyes.

"I've long let go of it. It's you who hasn't been able to get over it and worrying everyone," Xi Xiaye said and calmly averted her gaze before lowering her lashes. "There might not be a right and wrong for everything. Not everything I've done towards the Xi family was right. Right now, West Park is empty and will no longer experience the cheerful laughter of the past. I can't deny that I played a huge part in that."

"It was not our choice, Xiaye," Mu Yuchen said in a deep voice while his hand that held hers tightened slightly, "Just like how I..."

"Mmm, I know. It's only right now that I seem to be able to see you more clearly, and empathize." Xi Xiaye sighed softly and smiled. "Has there been progress with Gu Qiwu and Doris's matter? You look like you're in quite a pleasant mood."

She knew that this matter had been on his mind recently.

Chapter 1155. Knot (1)

Her calm voice gradually floated away with the cool breeze amidst the mountains. It was silent for a long while, yet he did not answer.

Xi Xiaye looked at him with her bright eyes for a long while, but his gaze only remained on the burning flames. She thought about it, then slowly reached out to gently put her hand on his. The answer was abundantly clear.

After some time, he said softly, "Doris has already gotten a lawyer to write up the divorce papers. As expected, Gu Qiwu rejected it. Right now, she's probably gathering evidence to submit to the court."

"I heard that they loved each other. It's only now that I truly understand that no matter the pledge for eternal love, in the end...I heard that, when Gu Qiwu and Doris first got married, the entire City B was shaken by the news. The wedding was extremely grand...Everyone knew how much Gu Qiwu doted on Doris. Who would have expected them to end up like this?"

You could hear that hint of bleakness in Xi Xiaye's voice. Her clear gaze slowly looked up as she spoke and she looked into his eyes. "How does such deep love become a weak piece of paper when it comes to benefits?"

"Because of desire and greed," he answered very quickly as he lowered his gaze silently and watched her. "Everyone desires for different things: money, power, and even more for love. It's also related to how you were raised and your own nature. We can't just deny all kinds of loves' sincerity because of their example."

When Xi Xiaye heard that, she fell silent for a moment and finally nodded in agreement. "You once told me that a love that could change might not have been such a sincere one. Mr. Mu, there's a question I've been meaning to ask you."

Her eyes brightened up as she looked at him.

He shot her a side look and nodded. "What is it?"

Xi Xiaye hesitated for a moment, lowered her gaze, and then silently stared at their overlapping hands. "How...how much can you put up with me? What if..."

"You know that I don't like answering such hypothetical questions. Even if I gave you the courage to, you wouldn't dare do such things, my dear. I know too well what you want. So, sometimes, I'm grateful."

"You know what I want?" Xi Xiaye's brows were raised and a faint curve appeared at the corner of her lips.

"Isn't it me?" His deep and sensual voice came through while his handsome face beamed with delight. His smile contained doting and warmth like the winds that passed through a field of flowers, bringing a mesmerizing tenderness.

Xi Xiaye was stunned by his words. Moments after that, she realized what he said and looked at him while blushing as she then turned away. "Are you tooting your own horn?"

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"Aren't I also tooting your horn while tooting my own? I packaged myself so well. That way, you'll look good when you bring me out, won't you, Missus?"

Mu Yuchen chuckled as he bent down and picked up a piece of ritual money to toss into the fire.

"You're always asking me to go for a facial or dress up and all that because of this?"

"Don't all you women like these things?"

Mu Yuchen straightened up as he watched the ritual money that had been burnt to ashes. He looked at Xi Jiyang's photo on the tombstone, then said, "Alright, we're done here. Let's go home sooner. Let's head to the old residence for dinner tonight. Mother just called me."

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye's little face fell silent and she quickly returned to her calmness earlier. She looked at Xi Jiyang and put her palms together to mutter something again...

After a while, Mu Yuchen held her hand and was about to leave.

However, just as they turned, they saw Xi Xinyi.

She wore a light white muslin dress that day. Her blonde hair was casually tied at the back, and she seemed much more mature, but compared to before, she seemed to look more spirited and there was less vicious energy around her. In the white dress, she looked much more comforting.

It had been quite a while since they last met, so when Xi Xiaye saw Xi Xinyi, she was surprised. She stayed quiet for a while before remembering that Xi Xinyi had probably come to pay respects to Xi Jiyang too...

She held a beautiful bouquet in her arms.

When she saw Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye, Xi Xinyi was obviously startled. She immediately stopped walking and silently looked up at the couple who was walking over while holding hands. A mix of emotions flashed in her beautiful eyes.

Xi Xiaye wanted to just walk past her, but for some reason, when she was about to pass Xi Xinyi, she suddenly stopped.

Mu Yuchen stopped with her too. He looked at Xi Xinyi who could not help but shudder, but she did not say anything. She just looked past Mu Yuchen before her gaze silently fell on Xi Xiaye.

After a pause, it was Xi Xinyi who softly spoke up first, "You're all...here..."

"I'll wait for you down there," Mu Yuchen said softly. Before Xi Xiaye could answer, a coat was draped around her shoulders. "The wind is cold here. Be careful."

Then, he walked past them.

Only the sisters, Xi Xinyi and Xi Xiaye, were left. They looked at each other for a long while. No one spoke, so only the sounds of the cool breeze brushing through the dense forest could be heard.

"I didn't think that we would bump into each other here," Xi Xianyi laughed, then said softly. Xi Xiaye could hear a hint of loneliness in her voice.

Xi Xiaye silently examined her, and then lowered her gaze. "I'm surprised too."

"I haven't visited Grandfather in a long while. I thought about how my days feel like a dream that I haven't been able to wake up from in a long while recently, but all of this is probably fate." Xi Xinyi's smile faded as she bent down to put the bouquet of flowers on Xi Jiyang's tombstone.

When she straightened up, she looked at Xi Xiaye and asked, "When will Father be back?"

Xi Xiaye fell silent for a while and stared at her.

Xi Xinyi smiled and said sadly, "I don't have any intentions. I was just asking. My mother hasn't been well recently, so I wanted Father to visit her. They used to be husband and wife after all, so they shouldn't need to cut off all contact. My mother's already in that state anyway. Will he still be worried that she'll do something? In fact, do you know who caused my mother to become like this?"

Then, her dim gaze met Xi Xiaye's.

Chapter 1156. Knot (2)

Xi Xiaye's eyes seemed neutral, so it was hard to tell what she was thinking about.

Yue Lingsi became like because she had amassed huge debts at the casino.

Xi Xiaye forgot about the details since it happened too long ago, but she remembered that she had been pretty concerned about Shen Wenna at that time, so she had left everything to Mu Yuchen to take care, so...

"It seems like you already know the answer." Xi Xinyi suddenly laughed. She took a deep breath and said, "Xi Xiaye, I admit that I've lost, or maybe I've never actually won against you, but I've never regret taking Yifeng away from you. I love him far more than you loved him. I've loved him since a long time ago. I love him now, and I'll love him forever."

She paused and turned towards Xi Xiaye. "You don't really love Yifeng. If you were telling the truth, then why did you fall for Mu Yuchen so easily? I don't think me fighting for my love was wrong. It's just..."

"You weren't wrong to fight for your love, but your methods were wrong. You can't step on others to achieve your goal. What did I do to hurt you that you had to plot against me every time? If you really love Yifeng, you could've always opted for fair competition. I wouldn't have interfered if Yifeng and you were truly in love with each other just like how I let go back then."

Xi Xiaye only felt a tiny bit uncomfortable when she mentioned the past. "Things could've ended right there. Don't forget who kept pushing my limits. While I care about my family, that doesn't mean that I don't have a bottom line and will just let you trample on me. Why should I still be loyal to Han Yifeng after he abandoned me? What's the point of me waiting for something unfruitful?" Her tone was calm.

"Perhaps what happened to us was just the sequel of our parents' tragedy. I can't comment on their behavior, but from my own perspective, finding a partner with methods like that won't last long. You need to learn how to love before being loved. Have you not learned anything from our parents' incident? Our grandparents? Or even Han Yifeng and you?"

"Yifeng and I are in love. I know that he loves me..." Xi Xinyi could feel her heart aching at this moment as she was reminded of the past...

It had been so long. Would she be able to see Han Yifeng again? Could she still meet her son?

Mu Yuchen said he would give her a chance, but how?

The painful sensation in Xi Xinyi's chest grew stronger.

"A lot of things can be lost throughout the span of a relationship. Han Yifeng told me before that he gave you too many chances, and you never appreciated any of them." Xi Xiaye did not feel pitiful for Xi Xinyi at all, and her feelings were growing numb.

"Did he call you to say that? How's my child?" Xi Xinyi quickly grabbed Xi Xiaye's hand and asked.

"You should call him and ask yourself."

"Do you think I'd be asking you these questions if he was willing to talk to me?" Xi Xinyi yelled impatiently, seeming defeated.

Han Yifeng had ignored her completely ever since he left. He would hang up on the call the moment he heard her voice. This kept on repeating every time she called, so she had no way to find out about how Han Yifeng and her son were doing over there. Besides that, the Han family would only give her a half-hearted reply when she approached them.

On top of Han Yifeng's secrecy, Xi Xinyi really had no idea what was going on with them.

Xi Xiaye could sense the sorrow from her. She caught a glimpse of struggle and pain in her eyes. Eventually, she started to find her relatable. Perhaps the memories of the past were beginning to surface. She took a deep breath and turned around to say, "They are great. Father will be coming back at the end of this month."

Then, she left her alone.

Xi Xinyi was stunned for a moment while she wondered what she meant. She turned around and saw that Xi Xiaye had already walked down the staircase.

Xi Xinyi just remained stationary as she watched her leave, and she started to feel a little lost.

What had she been working hard for?

Maybe there was no need for the two of them to be enemies from the beginning. If only she had been more forgiving, if only...

Unfortunately, they could never go back in time.

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Mu Yuchen was waiting in the car when Xi Xiaye arrived. He quickly handed her a wet towel when she entered.

Xi Xiaye took it and cleaned herself, her little face seeming bleak.

"What's the matter? Did she say something?" Mu Yuchen noticed that something was amiss, so he frowned. "I'll get someone to bring her over..."

"It's not about her. Let's go." Xi Xiaye put the towel aside. "We talked about the past and I don't feel that comfortable. I'm not sure if I'm happy to see her like this too. I'm sure Father has similar feelings as me."

"Are you pitying her?" He tilted his head and glanced at her.

Xi Xiaye shook her head. "That's not it—"

She suddenly grabbed his hand and looked at her. "Xi Xinyi just told me that Yue Lingsi isn't doing well. I heard that she wanted Father to go visit her, but I'm worried that Mother might...I hope the three of them could have a talk together, at least, to put an end to this."

Chapter 1157. The Past Stays In The Past (1)

The conflict between Xi Mushan, Shen Wenna, and Yue Lingsi had been around for the past few decades, and there was still no resolution until today.

Xi Xiaye knew very well that even though her parents were doing well right now, they would still feel uncomfortable whenever Yue Lingshi's name was mentioned. Meanwhile, Yue Lingshi kept finding excuses for Xi Xinyi to visit Xi Mushan as well.

Xi Mushan had mentioned it the last time she visited them at school.

Xi Xiaye nodded. It was their affair after all, so it did not feel right for Mu Yuchen to say something about it. "Alright, don't worry. I guess they can understand. I suppose Grandpa isn't feeling that great about what happened to Grandmother. They are probably heading back to France right now. Make the arrangements and let them rest for a few days before coming back."

"You don't have to worry about that." He wrapped his arm around her shoulders, and she rested her head on it.

"I think that guys can be really cruel and scary sometimes. Han Yifeng never contacted Xi Xinyi ever since he left, but she's still his child's mother no matter what...I can understand what Xi Xinyi is feeling."

"That's Han Yifeng. If he could do that to you, it's no surprise that he could do it to Xi Xinyi too. You should be glad that you left him early, or else, you'll surely be cheated by men like him dozens of times over."

Master Mu was mean and sharp when he talked about Han Yifeng. He was still unhappy with Han Yifeng no matter how much time passed because he was still Xi Xiaye's first love, and there was no way he could change that!

Xi Xiaye pursed her lips and smiled helplessly. "It's been so long already. You really have to get over it! If I were to meet you first, I'd have fallen head over heels for you!"

"That's more like it. Quite a number of ladies pursued me. If you had done that, we would've been married for ten years already."

"Ten years? I was still a student ten years ago!"

“We could’ve gotten married when you were still studying too...”

“I wasn’t at the legal age yet...”

“An engagement...”

The smile on Xi Xiaye’s face grew wider. “I think it’d be great if we were actually childhood friends...”

“We can’t, but maybe our sons...”

When he gave her a long, meaningful glance, Xi Xiaye was instantly reminded of Su Chen and Ji Zitong.
“We’ll have to wait for Su Chen or Zimo’s children then.”

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They returned to the Mu residence for dinner. Mu Tangchuang and Zhuang Shurong were there as well.

Ah Mo and Lingshi had been staying over at the Mu residence lately since everyone was pretty worried for Mu Lingshi to stay alone since she was pregnant. Besides that, Mu Lingshi was worried about Mu Yanan after Wang Hui passed away, so she just moved back for now.

Mu Tangchuan and Zhuang Shurong usually left the house early in the morning and would only come back home late at night, so there were hardly any people at home during the day. The house only became slightly livelier ever since Mu Lingshi moved back.

After dinner, Mu Tangchuan summoned Mu Yuchen and Ah Mo over. Zhuang Shurong was inside the study room as well. It was obvious what they were going to discuss.

Only Xi Xiaye, Mu Yanan, and naughty little Mu Xiaocheng were left on the large sofa in the living room.

Xi Xiaye brewed a cup of flower tea and handed it to Mu Yinan. "Grandfather, have this. I'll bring more over soon. Tell the servants to prepare some for you every day since it's good for your health."

Wang Hui always made this for Mu Yinan when she had still been alive.

Mu Yinan knew what Xi Xiaye was trying to do. He took a sip from the tea and turned towards Mu XiaoVheng who was having fun on his own. He then held Mu Xiaocheng in his arms.

"Just bring this little guy over to visit me as much as possible. I'm just getting old. There's nothing to worry about when it comes to me. Just focus on your priorities. I'm still healthy, and I guess I can still hang on for a few more years."

"Please don't say something like that. If you're healthy and maintain a positive attitude, I'm sure you'll live long. You might even get to see Xiao Rui and Xiao Cheng get married!"

"Watch them get married?" Mu Yinan laughed as he touched Mu Xiaocheng's little hands. "I'd be an ancient monster by then, wouldn't I? My little sweetheart..."

"You siblings should always be united. Make the younger generation understand the importance of being together as a family. Talk it out if there are problems. Don't be like your aunt or Lingtian..."

It was Mu Yinan's first time mentioning Mu Zi and Mu Lingtian ever since Wang Hui had left. Xi Xiaye felt a little awkward. She saw Mu Xiaocheng cheekily scratching Mu Yinan's face and she quickly held the little guy in her arms.

"Your grandmother and I are partly responsible for what happened. We didn't communicate enough with your aunt as her parents, and with the increased tension between the Mu family and the Gu family, of course, we didn't want her to be in contact with anyone from the Gu family, but sometimes things just don't turn out the way you want."

"It's not like I'm trying to find fault. I just hope you can all remember this lesson. Both Xiao Rui and Xiao Cheng are great children, and your job is to educate them and make sure to not let Lingtian's incident repeat in the future. It's been tough for Ah Chen over the years. Please be good to him, Xiaye. He's beginning to soften ever since he got married."

Mu Yinan somehow knew about things between Mu Yuchen and Mu Lingtian.

“Don’t worry, Grandfather. Xiao Rui and Xiao Cheng won’t become like that. Just look at how great Ah Mo and Ah Chen are doing...”

Chapter 1158. The Past Stays In The Past (2)

“That’s why you don’t have to worry about anything, Grandfather.”

Xi Xiaye found herself empathizing with Mu Yinan’s feelings. After going through so much together, it must have been a really tough period of time for him.

“Ah Chen and you have to stay together from now on too. I’m sure you know him really well now after being married for two years. I guarantee that he will make you happy.”

“I know, Grandfather.”

“We’ve been married for fifty over years. My heart has been empty after she left. Although we argued with each other from time to time, that was the life I loved.” Mu Yinan stared into space blankly as he spoke.

Mu Yinan chatted a lot after that. Mu Yuchen had Ah Mo bring him back to his room as they came down. Meanwhile, Mu Xiaocheng had already fallen asleep.

Mu Yuchen carefully took Mu Xiaocheng from Xi Xiaye’s arms. “Be careful. Let me hold you...He feels heavier now...”

“Don’t wake him up.”

Xi Xiaye grabbed the car keys on the coffee table as she turned towards Sis Wang. “Sis Wang, please stay here for the time being. I’ll be fine with Aunt Lin around. Please take care of Grandfather and Lingshi.”

“Don’t worry, Missus, I will.” Sis Wang was a gentle and kind person, and Xi Xiaye was relieved to have her around.

“Thank you for your hard work.”

“You guys should head back soon. It’s getting late.”

Xi Xiaye nodded and handed the stuff to the bodyguard nearby before the family of three then left the Mu residence.

It was almost 11 p.m. when they arrived at Maple Residence. Xi Xiaye quickly gave Mu Xiaocheng a quick shower before taking one herself.

When she came out of the shower refreshed 20 minutes later, she heard the voice of the baby squealing when she stepped out. She looked over to see the two of them playing on the bed.

Mu Yuchen seemed to be playing a game on the tablet while Mu Xiaocheng sat on his lap and watched intently.

Xi Xiaye went downstairs and grabbed some warm milk the servant had prepared before going back up. She let them both drink a little and proceeded to sleep after that.

Mu Xiaocheng was really close to Mu Yuchen, so he wanted his father to hold him as he lay on the bed. Then, Mu Xiaocheng slept in his arms, and his wife ended up being separated from him with their son in between them.

Xi Xiaye looked at the two of them. Mu Xiaocheng did not look like he would be sleeping anytime soon. He glanced between Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye as he mumbled to himself.

“I noticed that he’s beginning to stand when he holds onto something. He might be able to start standing on his own after a month or two, this little guy is pretty strong. I remember he weighed six kilograms when he was born.” Xi Xiaye chuckled when she saw the gentle gaze Mu Yuchen had for their son.

“He’s just a little too naughty, unlike me at all.” Mu Yuchen smiled as he held the little guy’s hand.
“When are you going to grow up? I can worry less if you can start walking and talking.”

“We’ll have other worries when he grows up. We’ll be getting old by the time he enters school. On one end, I hope time passes faster. On the other hand, I’m worried that we might be getting old too quickly. What Grandfather told me tonight made me think about our future.”

Mu Yuchen took a pause before looking at her. “We definitely won’t suffer like them.”

“How can you be so sure? We might have an even tougher times than them, I just hope our children won’t worry us too much...”

“I’ll fix them if they get naughty!”

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Although he rejected Gu Qiwu’s invitation the last time, he still came over.

There were two luxurious black cars parked by the roadside and Ah Yong was standing outside.

Mu Yuchen frowned when the car suddenly stopped. He looked up as Li Si in the front passenger seat who had turned his head around.

“Master, it’s Gu Qiwu’s people. They seem to be waiting for you!”

Mu Yuchen looked forward and noticed Ah Yong coming near, but the bodyguards from the car in the back stopped him.

Mu Yuchen gave it some thought as his eyes darkened before he said, “Go down and find out what they want.”

“Yes, Master!”

Li Si got out of the car while Mu Yuchen returned to looking through his documents.

Moments later, Li Si came back with Ah Yong. He knocked on the window and Ah Yong stepped forward as the window rolled down.

“Morning, Chairman Mu, our boss has been waiting here for a long time, hoping to have a good discussion with you.”

“Master?” Li Si sounded worried.

Mu Yuchen raised his head and looked at Li Si. “Tell him to meet at the usual spot.”

He then told the chauffeur to start driving, and Li Si quickly returned into the car as well.

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An hour later, in a field in the west.

Mu Yuchen was not fond of meeting Gu Qiwu, but since he came all the way here, they might as well talk it out.

Gu Qiwu just got out of the hospital. He looked pretty weak overall, and there were some bruises on the back of his hand from the insertion of the needles. Compared to before, he also seemed much older.

The sun at 9 a.m. was pretty comfortable, and the weather was not as hot as before, so it was a good start to the day.

As Gu Qiwu and Mu Yuchen stood side by side, the older man could sense the coldness from Mu Yuchen. Still, neither initiated the conversation...

Chapter 1159. The Past Stays In The Past (3)

The air in the morning was refreshing. Standing right there during the farming season granted them the view of hardworking farmers plowing their fields. Mu Yuchen just stood there and watched them quietly.

Gu Qiwu kept his mouth shut, and so did he.

When he glanced over, he noticed the complicated expression that surfaced on Gu Qiwu's face...

The two of them stood there in silence for a long time before Gu Qiwu finally spoke up, "Why did you do that? Are you taking revenge on me? You know very well that exposing me like that doesn't do any good. Did you see what happened? Even if you don't care about your aunt, can't you be considerate about Lingshi? Doris and I are in a mess right now. She's already submitted a divorce request to the court. What do you think you can get out of this?"

Gu Qiwu's voice continued in a steely tone, "Don't even try to deny what you did! Mu Yuchen, your behavior against Lingtian is enough for me to hate you as his father. I let you go for Lingshi's sake. Otherwise, do you really think you'd have survived until today?"

Mu Yuchen grinned at him in mockery. "So, are you saying you're the one behind the accident in City B? And it was for Lingshi's sake? Look at you trying to be a kind father here!"

"Mu Yuchen, don't test my patience. You know I don't have much, to begin with! I kept quiet about what happened back then and calmed Lingsha down. It was all for Mu Zi and Lingshi's sake!"

"Really? I think you're just worried that people might find out about your relationship with my aunt. Are you angry because you think this incident destroyed your relationship with Doris? I can't believe that you still tolerate Doris after what she's done. You sure have my respect as a man."

Mu Yuchen put on the perfect smile as he looked at him.

Gu Qiwu's expression darkened instantly. Which man could have accepted this? He clenched his fists, his expression seeming like he was about to kill someone!

"Don't be so arrogant. I'm sure you know what kind of woman Doris is if you've investigated thoroughly. I know you're forcing me to make a choice. You don't have to pretend anymore. Tell me what you want. I'll give you anything as long as you're willing to cooperate!" Gu Qiwu clenched his teeth.

"Forcing you to make a choice? You're mistaken, Uncle Gu. You're in need of a favor here, not me. Lingshi is the Mu family's daughter, and it doesn't seem like she wants to reunite with you. Maybe you could forgive Doris and continue your life with her. I know you've been tolerating her all these years, so it's not that difficult to do the same again, is it?" Mu Yuchen glanced at Gu Qiwu coldly.

"You don't have to work me up like that. I admit that I owe your aunt, Lingtian, and Lingshi a lot. I'm happy with Lingtian as my son. I planned to take the two of them in after I took care of everything. Do you really think I wish to abandon them? You know how bold Doris can be. It's a distant dream for me to reunite with them with Doris in between us!"

Gu Qiwu's eyes darkened when he spoke, and he took several deep breaths before he continued, "The Hui Gu Corporation was in a financial crisis back then, so I asked your father for help, but he declined. I had no other way. I got to know Doris and hoped to get her help, then...I had to pay the price for the help I got. As the relationship between the Gu family and the Mu family worsened, Doris was on the rise and she tired me out.

"Your aunt was an understanding woman. She comforted me every time I got exhausted. She never thought about getting anything from me. I've never given her anything else except Xiang She Residence. She's a fool. She thought she could make me change my mind while I never said I'd marry her. At least, we were happy while we were together."

Gu Qiwu's eyes stared blankly into space as if he was chasing into his past. "She thought she'd be able to get me back if she gave birth to my children...I care for her, but..."

"You shouldn't have gotten involved with her if you didn't love her. She would probably be living a great life now if it weren't for you."

"I didn't expect to meet Doris. If the Mu family agreed to Mu Zi and I being together, there's a good chance that we might get married, or even fall in love with her for real!"

Gu Qiwu interrupted Mu Yuchen—

"Especially after Doris gave birth to Lingsha...Lingtian is my son, his surname should be Gu, I did have thoughts of having him take over the Gu family's business."

"You think Doris would have agreed to that?" Mu Yuchen asked coldly.

"She wouldn't. That's why I had to think of another way."

Mu Yuchen's voice contained anger as he said, "Did you hope that Lingtian would get something from the Mu family and join forces with you to take Doris on? Or that you could even get that document and start working with Qi Kai? What a perfect plan you had! However, if that's the case, you should have never made Gu Lingsha marry me!"

His eyes darkened as he thought about the past incidents.

"Who said that I wanted Lingsha to marry you?" Gu Qiwu gave him a stiff reply. He turned towards Mu Yuchen and gave him a sly look. "It seems like you have no idea what happened in the dark back then."

"What do you mean?" Mu Yuchen squinted his eyes.

"Lingsha was already pregnant before she was about to marry you. You should've at least known about that, didn't you?"

Gu Qiwu's expression was cold as he looked at Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen's expression froze and he did not say anything.

Then, Gu Qiwu took a deep breath and looked away.

“Well, let’s talk about what happened then...”

Chapter 1160. The Past Stays In The Past (4)

The breeze blew past the field. Qingshan cemetery was just right across them and they could sense the quietness from afar.

Mu Yuchen took some time before replying to Gu Qiwu, “I only found out that Gu Lingsha was pregnant afterward, but it seems like you already knew about it a long time ago.”

His eyes turned cold suddenly as he looked at the older man. “The last time we met, you mentioned that you wanted Gu Lingsha to marry me in order to eliminate Doris’s suspicion of you.”

“That’s right. That’s what I originally intended. I was fully prepared back then. Either Qi Feng and you could work. I was more inclined towards you, so Doris started taking action the night you agreed to stay over. She genuinely hoped for Lingsha and you to be together. That’s why she did what she did.

“However, we never expected you to get Lingtian to replace you. I had no idea until the butler told me about it. I know how Lingtian felt towards Lingsha, so I feel uneasy when I was reminded of Doris’s intention. I’m worried that bad things might happen, so I quickly gave Lingtian a call and told him to leave the Gu residence and visit me. I wanted him to call you back, but I didn’t expect him to call Qi Feng right after that...”

Gu Qiwu put on a bitter smile. “It might’ve just been fate. Qi Feng came over that night and they just happened to be together after that. Doris thought I had no idea what happened, but I knew full well. Alas, there was no way I could say a word about it. I also lied to Lingtian that there were some misunderstandings between Doris and me, and I told him to not tell anyone about me calling him. Otherwise, the secret I’ve been keeping for so long would have been exposed.”

“This matter would have gone by without anyone noticing. Even if you didn’t like Lingsha, I suppose you wouldn’t mistreat her if she married you. I was sure you’d grant her wish if she requested to join Glory World although I know you don’t fully trust her. However, all of that didn’t really matter because Lingtian was part of Glory World at that time. I’m sure the two of them would’ve been able to rise to a powerful position within Glory World, and then I’d have waited for an appropriate moment before

revealing to Lingtian that I'm his biological father. He's been having a good impression of me after all, so perhaps I'll get his support that way..."

"However, you didn't expect your plan to fail because of me. Instead, you matchmade Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha. You also didn't expect Gu Lingsha to be pregnant with Qi Feng's child, but you didn't want to let this chance slip away, and you didn't want Doris to be suspicious either, which is why you still made Gu Lingsha marry me. Weren't you worried about me finding out?" Mu Yuchen's expression was icy cold.

"I already thought of a contingency plan to abort the child...I just didn't expect Qi Feng to pry on Lingsha. I wanted Lingsha to stay put and take action later, but they freaked out when they found out about their children. Plus, you have eyes all around, so they were worried that it might get exposed. Shasha took the info from you following Qi Feng's encouragement."

Gu Qiwu took a deep breath as his grip on the railing tightened. "She was caught in the end, thus she panicked and ran away with Qi Feng. Of course, your subordinates wouldn't let them get away so easily. That's why Qi Feng asked Lingtian for help! Lingtian had totally fallen for Lingsha by that time, and he couldn't bear to see Lingsha be caught by you. In addition to his friendship with Qi Feng, he told Lingtian that Lingsha was pregnant. He also promised Lingtian that he would support him to lead Glory World in the future..."

"I know about this part, but what happened after that?" Mu Yuchen's face turned slightly pale.

He did not want to believe it. He did not want to believe that Mu Lingtian had betrayed him just to take Glory World away, but it seemed like benefits and feelings weighed more than his family...

"Tragedy happened in the process of your pursuit...Lingtian was already dead when he shielded Lingsha with his body. It was only then that I realized how much Lingtian loved Lingsha. Although I was in deep grief, there was nothing I could do. I told Doris what happened and eliminated her doubts. I couldn't be angry at you as well. Lingtian was from the Mu family after all, so I could only endure the anger within myself."

"I hate you! You are responsible for Lingtian's death." Suddenly, Gu Qiwu gave him a sharp glance. "I hate your intelligence and how you skipped the normal path. Things would've turned out differently if you married Lingsha earlier. Lingtian wouldn't have fallen in love with his own sister, and even paid for it with his life."

“Are you blaming it all on me now?” Mu Yuchen put on a sly smile as he looked into his cold eyes. “Don’t speak as if you’re doing everything for Lingtian and Lingshi’s sake! The fact that you’re using your children as your gambling chips disqualifies you as a father!”

“I’ve been trying my best to get them back into the Gu family, but, Ah Chen, you of all people should understand my situation!”

“You’re just giving excuses. If you’re really worried about Doris, why do you tolerate her to this extent?” Mu Yuchen’s voice had zero warmth.

“If Xi Xiaye acted like Doris and constantly plotted to take Glory World away from you, I believe you’d make the same choices as me! I want to get away from her, but I can’t forget my feelings for her! Ah Chen, I admit that I have disappointed your aunt, but the woman I truly love is Doris. I wish it wasn’t real. I too wish that it was just an illusion—”

Gu Qiwu seemed to be suffering.

“Shut up!”