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Chapter 1931. Liuyun In the Light of the Setting Sun (1)

“Why me?” Dongfang Liuyun asked with a smile.

Hearing that, Qi Lei smiled and looked at her calmly, “Why do you think?”

Dongfang Liuyun finished reading the document before taking a deep breath. Seeing that he had lowered his head, she could not help but feel a faint warmth in her heart.

After thinking for a while, she said calmly, “Actually, you don’t have to do so much for me. This proposal is very beneficial to your Tai Yu Corporation.”

“You’re wrong. Tai Yu Corporation is also half yours. Moreover, you’re my greatest benefit, more than anything else...”

You are more important...

Qi Lei did not say the last few words, but Dongfang Liuyun could tell that he cared. Moreover, it seemed like she did not doubt the authenticity of his words at all.

“You...” Dongfang Liuyun muttered and took a deep breath. She could not hide the feeling of being touched, “Sometimes, I wish that you weren’t so good to me. I’m afraid that I’ll feel too guilty towards you, especially since I didn’t do anything for you.”

When she said this, Qi Lei’s eyes darkened. For some reason, the smile on his lips seemed to have a hint of desolation. “I thought that you would feel entitled to all of this.”

“I didn’t mean that. It’s just...”

Dongfang Liuyun wanted to explain, but she did not know how to do so. “I just can’t bear it. It’s hard on you alone. After all, we...”

“Otherwise, what do you think I could do? Let you do it alone? What should I be doing then?” Qi Lei said disapprovingly.

“One day, when you find that everything I do is matter-of-fact, I’ll at least feel at ease.”

Qi Lei was a little tired now. He could not help but raise his hand to rub the space between his brows. “Liuyun, I think that in your heart, if you encounter a problem and need someone to help you solve it, who would be the first person to come to mind?” Qi Lei asked in a deep voice.

The first person that came to mind?

Dongfang Liuyun was stunned for a moment. She thought about it seriously before suddenly looking at him and saying quietly, “You...”

“Me?” Qi Lei narrowed his black eyes and muttered softly. He looked at her silently as well.

Dongfang Liuyun lowered her eyes and did not nod. Instead, she said plainly, “You... In fact, I have never liked to trouble others. Ever since I was young, my father told me to solve things on my own. So, I have always been used to carrying it on my own. I didn’t have a deep understanding of the concept of helping, until I got together with you...”

“Maybe it’s because I feel that I can get too much from you, so sometimes, I really do rely on you. It’s not a good thing.”

“Why isn’t it a good thing? Isn’t it a good thing to have someone to rely on?” Qi Lei asked.

Dongfang Liuyun sighed softly. “Isn’t it better to have the courage to take charge on your own? Do you want me to be your burden?”

“You wouldn’t be a burden.” Qi Lei replied with certainty.

“Qi Lei, actually, I’ve always felt that we’re not on the same level. You’re one of those people who live a more carefree life. The things you’ve experienced have made you more profound. Time has settled you down. It should be for you to enjoy life more blissfully in the future. “As for me...”

Dongfang Liuyun had a lot of emotions in her heart at this moment. “I want to work hard to chase after your footsteps, but it seems that every time, it’s because of the things on my side that bring you endless trouble.”

“There’s no need to say the rest.”

Before Dongfang Liuyun could finish her sentence, Qi Lei had already cut her off.

“I don’t know when you, Dongfang Liuyun, have started having such a guilty conscience.” Qi Lei frowned.

“Hear me out.”

Dongfang Liuyun also frowned and glanced at him. Only then did Qi Lei slightly stop speaking.

“I already know that the thing with Lin Yuanyuan was all thanks to you. Now that things have come to this, I don’t know what to say. I just want to say that no matter what happens in the future, I hope that we can trust each other. And I, I think that I really care about you. At the very least, during the days when you weren’t around, I thought that our home felt empty. After work, I didn’t really want to come home...”

This was the first time Dongfang Liuyun had said something like this to Qi Lei, and she had always been someone who did not easily reveal her feelings, even when she was with Fujiwara, she might not have said such things. Yet when it came to Qi Lei, Dongfang Liuyun’s heart always softened.

She always subconsciously wanted to give him a response or something, but she felt somewhat helpless.

“You missed me?”

Qi Lei's eyes suddenly lit up when he heard this. He stared at Dongfang Liuyun and asked in a low voice, "When I asked you if you missed me on the phone before, you didn't say anything."

"It's not like we're young and have just started dating," Dongfang Liuyun replied as she closed the document in her hand. After a moment's thought, she suddenly said, "If you want to experience this feeling, I might be able to satisfy you."

"Hmm?"

Dongfang Liuyun's words surprised Qi Lei. He looked at her in confusion.

Dongfang Liuyun raised her beautiful eyebrows and said coolly, "Do you want to enjoy the feeling of being chased by me? Let me give you the feeling of being in a fresh new relationship?"

"Chased by you? You courting me?"

Qi Lei could not react in time.

Dongfang Liuyun smiled and nodded. "I've never chased anyone before, and I want to experience this feeling. However, President Qi, are you interested?"

"Yes! Of course I am. Being courted by you is definitely my greatest fortune."

Qi Lei smiled cooperatively. He was looking forward to her performance.

Hearing this, the smile on Dongfang Liuyun's face became more obvious. "Alright, I'll let you enjoy this feeling then."

"Well, what do you plan to do now?" Qi Lei asked with interest.

The game between the husband and wife quickly entered its prelude.

“Well...”

Dongfang Liuyun threw the document in her hand onto the table at the side. After thinking for a moment, she glanced at him and said softly, “Follow me!”

As she said that, he reached out and grabbed Qi Lei’s large hand.

Qi Lei followed her lead and stood up as well. Dongfang Liuyun pulled him directly to the backyard.

“What for?” Qi Lei asked in confusion.

“You’ll know later.”

Dongfang Liuyun smiled mysteriously and pulled him tightly as he sped up.

“So mysterious? What could there be in the backyard?” Qi Lei said softly.

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“Be patient.”

That was all Dongfang Liuyun said to him. The two of them walked unhurriedly to the backyard.

The scenery in the backyard was great. Previously, Qi Lei knew that Dongfang Liuyun would occasionally play some music, so he specially arranged a room in the backyard with a few musical instruments for Dongfang Liuyun to play.

Qi Lei did not expect that Dongfang Liuyun would bring him to this room.

“Why are we here?”

Standing at the door, the doubt in Qi Lei's eyes became even stronger. He fixed his gaze on Dongfang Liuyun and asked.

Dongfang Liuyun raised her eyebrows and smiled at him indifferently. Then, she slowly let go of him and pushed the door open to enter.

Qi Lei paused. He watched as her figure disappeared through the door, but he did not follow her in until he heard the elegant sound of a piano playing...

Qi Lei could not help but be stunned.

He did not remember Dongfang Liuyun playing the piano before, and it was obvious that this familiar tune must have been played by her.

Qi Lei was in a daze for a moment. He quickly walked forward and looked over to the sound of the music. Indeed, he saw Dongfang Liuyun sitting quietly in front of the piano by the window. Her ten fingers were skillfully playing the black and white piano keys.

The winter sun outside the window had already shone in diagonally. It landed on her without any deviation. In the light of the setting sun, she was as elegant and indifferent as when he first met her—

She wore a long white blouse, and her long hair hung down. Her eyes were as clear as water.

The tune was an oldie, but it was very pleasant to listen to.

"Valderfields."

Her soft singing voice too—

Previously, he had heard it played in her car.

Her singing was very pleasant. Although he always heard her say that she could not sing well, now it seemed that he did not think that those professional singers were any better than her. At the very least, he was very moved by her as he looked at her.

The smile on Qi Lei's lips slowly widened. He simply leaned against the door frame and looked at her calmly while listening.

Dongfang Liuyun played and sang as she subconsciously looked up at him. The smile on her beautiful face was very brilliant.

At this moment, Qi Lei had to admit that her appearance made his soul tremble.

When the song was finished, Qi Lei did not calm down for a long time. After an unknown period of time, he slowly opened his eyes. When he lowered his gaze to look at her, he realized that she was also sitting there, quietly looking at him.

He laughed softly and suddenly walked over. He reached out to touch her head and sat down beside her. He stretched out his slender fingers and placed them on the black and white piano keys in front of him. A string of beautiful music was heard again—

It was the song that Dongfang Liuyun had just played.

He did not play any worse than her. Dongfang Liuyun enjoyed listening to it. She lowered her eyes and smiled. When the music stopped, she looked up and turned her head to look at him. Seeing his calm expression, she suddenly turned her head, kissed the corner of his mouth gently, like a dragonfly skimming the water. She quickly moved away and smiled, "Your reward."

"So precious?"

Qi Lei smiled. Clearly, he was very satisfied with her reward.

"Mr. Qi Lei, are you willing to date me? To be my boyfriend?"

Dongfang Liuyun blinked her clear eyes and looked at him without blinking. She asked very seriously.

Qi Lei's handsome brows were raised high. He could not react to Dongfang Liuyun's words. After a long while, he held her hand and smiled, "Of course, it's my honor. However, I'm not too satisfied with this relationship. Why not husband? Aren't we already married?"

"Don't you want to enjoy the feeling of being chased by me?" Dongfang Liuyun smiled.

Qi Lei smiled in surprise before nodding. "Of course. However, I'm afraid that I'll directly agree to it if you just ask."

"Then can't you be a little more pretentious?" Dongfang Liuyun said with a slight frown.

"It depends on your performance, Ms. Dongfang." Qi Lei answered very cooperatively.

"Well, do I have the honor to have dinner with you tonight? I'll take you to the beach and bring you to eat something delicious." Dongfang Liuyun said seductively.

"Really?"

Mr. Qi Lei's eyes instantly lit up. He smiled cooperatively and said, "If it's not expensive or high-end, I won't go."

"Would I make you suffer?"

Dongfang Liuyun glanced at him and reached out to fix his slightly wrinkled jacket. "Finish the documents first. We'll go out later and see if there are any good movies that have recently been released."

Qi Lei nodded happily. "I'll go with your arrangements then."

Dongfang Liuyun suddenly smiled. She slowly stood up and reached out to him.

Qi Lei very straightforwardly handed his hand to her.

Dongfang Liuyun then pulled him up and returned to the living room. Qi Lei was very obedient all the way as he let her hold his hand.

“Master, Missus, President Shu is Here!”

The couple held hands. They had just turned the corridor and were about to walk into the room when the butler’s voice suddenly came from behind them. The couple paused and immediately exchanged a look. Then, they turned their gaze and looked down the stairs, as expected, they saw Dongfang Shuman slowly walking towards them with Ah Cai accompanying her.

Those sharp eyes subconsciously sized up Dongfang Liuyun’s two hands that were entangled together. The light in her eyes flashed.

“Greetings, Grandmother!”

Qi Lei was the first to react. He gently knocked on Dongfang Liuyun’s arm. Dongfang Liuyun recovered from her daze and said calmly, “Grandmother.”

Dongfang Shuman secretly sized them up and nodded.

“Fourth Lady, Fourth Son-in-law!”

Ah Cai also greeted them respectfully.

Qi Lei nodded modestly and said, “It’s cold outside. Grandmother, Auntie Cai, come in and sit.”

The group then walked into the house.

Dongfang Shuman briefly sized up the Grand Lake Villa area. She was quite satisfied with this place. When she saw the couple holding hands just now, she felt much more at ease.

“Grandmother, Auntie Cai, have some tea.”

Qi Lei made tea politely. Dongfang Liuyun sat across from Dongfang Shuman. She was secretly guessing Dongfang Shuman’s intentions for coming over today.

“You can sit too.”

Dongfang Shuman took the tea and took a simple sip. Her old voice could be heard.

Qi Lei nodded and sat down next to Dongfang Liuyun. “How’s Grandmother’s health these days?”

Dongfang Shuman’s aged face softened a little when she heard the concerned greetings. “It’s nothing serious. I’ll be fine as long as I get some rest. I haven’t seen you two come back for a visit these past few days, so I came to visit you.”

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Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun exchanged a look as soon as Dongfang Shuman said this. Dongfang Liuyun then replied softly, “Grandmother, take care of yourself. We’ll go back when we’re free.”

Dongfang Shuman glanced at her and asked calmly, “Has your mother come to look for you? I heard that she’s very busy recently?”

“Mother has decided to leave the legal world. She’s been busy with the handover of work these days. “My father may be back in a few days. Mother has decided to stay by his side and focus on being the company’s legal consultant. Staying by Father’s side would also reduce the pressure on Father.”

Dongfang Liuyun recalled what Song Siting had said before and was filled with emotions. For Song Siting to have clarity in thought and come to such a compromise was not an easy thing. Perhaps it was also because she had a very deep relationship with Dongfang Gan, when it came to Dongfang Gan, Song Siting could not remain calm.

Hearing this, Dongfang Shuman's tensed old face eased up a little. "She still has some conscience. Your father has done many things for her. If she only knows how to ask for things, then she is not worthy of being your mother. She is even less worthy of being the daughter-in-law of our Dongfang family."

"Grandmother has a deep prejudice against Mother. I have always known this, but Mother has also hoped that you can sincerely accept her all these years."

Dongfang Liuyun thought for a moment and could not help but speak up for Song Siting.

"Some people forgive her too easily, and she will never realize her mistake. You know what kind of person your Mother is best. She is the kind of person that even your father wants to control. The things she has experienced make her self-esteem stronger and more sensitive than the average person. She is so rude to me. Do you think I can be magnanimous enough to tolerate her?"

Dongfang Shuman said disapprovingly, "I have to kill her spirit. You have to think about this kind of person. There must not be such an employee in the company. Otherwise, it will be very detrimental to the management of the company. If you want to control it, it will be very difficult. What the company needs is a harmonious group and not a person who stands out from the crowd. It's the same for the Dongfang family."

"Don't blame me for saying it so harshly. If you don't accept it, you can only blame yourself for being born into a family like the Dongfang family."

Dongfang Shuman's tone was naturally very sharp, causing Dongfang Liuyun to feel that it was very piercing to the ear. However, she could not deny that her words were indeed very reasonable. Was she, Dongfang Liuyun also unable to control herself?

Unless, she, Dongfang Liuyun, was willing to go out on her own and admit that she was no longer a descendant of the Dongfang family. However, this was impossible because her roots were here. Moreover, if her late grandfather knew about this, he would definitely not forgive her.

"Mother is actually quite good to Father. It's just that it's not an easy thing to make her accommodate in such a short period of time. She has always liked her job, so..."

"I don't accept any excuses. Your Father is just too indulgent with her. All these years, because of your Father, I haven't really made things difficult for her. I just hope that one day, she can think clearly and stand on her own side. Otherwise, do you think that with my methods, it would be difficult for me to get her to get out of the Dongfang family?"

Dongfang Shuman's aged tone was very sonorous. Dongfang Liuyun was also stunned when she heard it—

She naturally knew that what Dongfang Shuman said was true. She was very clear about her grandmother's iron hand!

"I couldn't believe that she was still too self-righteous. Not only did she not think it through clearly, she even became even worse. Back when your father married her, I had hoped that she could join the Dongfang Group, but she insisted on going out and starting her own law firm. Hmph, this kind of person is too selfish."

Speaking of Song Siting, Dongfang Shuman was still extremely dissatisfied. If it were not for her son liking her, she would not have been able to tolerate Song Siting.

"Grandmother, it's been so many years. Mother and Father are used to each other. Moreover, women always want to have their own careers. Just like now, when I married Qi Lei, I didn't enter Tai Yu Corporation but stayed in Dongfang Group, right?"

Dongfang Liuyun could not say anything. From another perspective, it seemed to make sense. However, some of Song Siting's actions did disgust her.

"I won't say anything about the responsibility she should be taking on. If your mother still won't consider the two of you, then she really needs to reflect on herself."

"Grandmother, have some snacks."

Sensing that the atmosphere was not right, Qi Lei quickly broke the deadlock and spoke in a timely manner. As he spoke, he moved the snacks in front of him over. "Liuyun doesn't really like food that's too sweet, not sure if Grandmother is used to it."

At this moment, the two of them stopped talking. Dongfang Shuman averted her gaze and glanced at Qi Lei before speaking, "You know about these things anyway. If her mother feels that she's not easy to get along with, you don't have to bother with her. Since you've become my Dongfang family's grandson-in-law, you have to think about Liuyun more. Sit with your father often. It's always good to talk about some business matters."

Dongfang Shuman did not reject Qi Lei anymore. In fact, she had originally come to ask about the matters in the newspapers, but looking at the couple now, nothing seemed to have happened. When she came over, she even heard from Ah Cai that the two of them had even filmed a daily life music video this morning. It was probably to clarify this matter. Dongfang Shuman heaved a sigh of relief.

"Got it. Thank you for your concern, Grandmother." Qi Lei replied humbly.

"He has a good relationship with my father. He's even better than my daughter. Don't worry, Grandmother."

When she mentioned Qi Lei and Dongfang Gan, Dongfang Liuyun could not help but feel a little jealous. Sometimes, Dongfang Gan would call Qi Lei directly when he came back. There was no need for him to call her.

Hearing this, Dongfang Shuman was also a little surprised. She looked at Qi Lei very seriously—

She did not expect Qi Lei and Dongfang Gan to get along so well?

That was good too. At least, she, Dongfang Shuman, thought well of Qi Lei. This way, Dongfang Gan would not have to work so hard.

"Since that's the case, I'm relieved. In addition, Rou'er is going to have her wedding with Jin Sheng soon. You should make proper preparations. Your wedding will need to be held later. You should also appear with your father during your wedding. After all, the Dongfang Corporation will still be in your hands."

Dongfang Shuman felt her energy decreasing. She had too many things to worry about. She had to hurry up with these things. Otherwise, she did not know how long she could hold on.

“Hmm, is Aunty coming back?”

Dongfang Xue, the daughter of Dongfang Shuman and Elder Dongfang, had always been doted on by Dongfang Shuman.

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Aunty?

When Dongfang Liuyun mentioned this, Qi Lei was a little surprised. Only then did he remember that he had not met this legendary aunt, Dongfang Xue.

He had heard of Dongfang Xue from Dongfang Liuyun before, but he could not tell if she was a good person or a bad person. He only knew that Dongfang Xue seemed to be quite ambitious. Most of the time, she was not in the company, but outside, her business ability was very strong, but there were many people in the company who trusted her. In addition, Dongfang Shuman had doted on her all these years. Many people were secretly wondering if Dongfang Xue would become a dark horse in the future?

“Her? She will be back in a few days. Naturally, she will be back to attend Rou’er and Jin Sheng’s wedding. In addition, the end of the year is approaching. We haven’t celebrated the new year together for so many years. I told them to come back for the new year no matter what.”

Dongfang Shuman said this because she was looking forward to the new year. Her physical condition was getting worse and worse. After surviving this year, it would be difficult to see the next year. She was just taking advantage of this new year to leave some memories behind.

Dongfang Shuman’s expression was very calm when she said this. There was no emotion in her old eyes. However, Ah Cai’s expression had dimmed. Her eyes could not hide the pain in them

No one knew more about Dongfang Shuman’s condition than she did. Previously, Dongfang Shuman was very weak. It was fine if she had to continue living. However, she could not feel rest assured about the

Dongfang family. Hence, she asked the doctor to administer medicine, it was as if she had exhausted her body to maintain her current condition.

Everyone in the Dongfang family had been kept in the dark about this matter. Even Dongfang Gan and Dongfang Xue did not know about it.

“She has been wandering around the world for the past few years. She is a woman of a great age and has yet to form a family. Sigh, you have to take care of her more in the future. In a few days, ask your father to arrange a position for her in the company. You have to interact with her more often. Her abilities are quite good. It is not easy for an older lady. All her hard work has been handed over to the Dongfang Group. This is the fate of the Dongfang family’s women.”

Dongfang Shuman lowered her head and took a sip of tea. She could not help but cough a few times. Ah Cai quickly came over and patted her back to help her breathe.

“Grandmother, don’t worry. Auntie is our elder. We will naturally respect and take care of her,” Dongfang Liuyun replied.

“The road ahead will be very difficult. I can’t do much. You can only rely on yourselves. All these years, I believe that you will still blame me. Your father is the biological son of your grandfather and I. You are also my biological granddaughter. Logically speaking, I should be on your side, right?”

Speaking up to this point, Dongfang Shuman suddenly asked.

Hearing this, Dongfang Liuyun paused for a moment before replying, “That’s not necessary. You are the ruler of the entire Dongfang clan. I understand what you are carrying on your shoulders. If I were to stand on your side, I would understand. Furthermore, who says that one can demand that the other party do something for you just because they have a blood relationship? In this world, no one is born to owe anyone. Everyone has their own standpoint.”

“It’s great that you can understand. You know the current situation very well. In the future, when you reach my position, you will understand my position and my considerations. There are some benefits that you can only understand after you come into contact with them and reach a certain level. Only then will you understand the situation and those considerations,” Dongfang Shuman said faintly.

Her gaze shifted to Qi Lei who was beside her, "And Qi Lei, it's not easy to be the son-in-law of the Dongfang family. You have to take care of her in the future. Now that you two are married, I won't say anything else. The most important thing is for the family to be harmonious and united. Since Ah Gan is very satisfied with you, I'm relieved. You don't have to mind too much about her mother. She has always been short-sighted. She might not know about business matters. It's good that you guys know what to do."

"Yes, we all know what to do in our hearts. Don't worry, Grandmother," Qi Lei agreed.

"I came here today because of the scandals over the past few days. I was worried that there would be any unhappiness between the two of you, but now it seems like I worried too much. Qi Lei, Liuyun, listen up. Since you're willing to choose this marriage, you must be loyal to it and work together to stabilize the company. I don't want any clues to appear. I don't care what kind of past you have. Since you've chosen to start over, don't look back. Just look forward, understand?"

Dongfang Shuman's words were rather sincere. Listen up, Dongfang Liuyun could also catch a hint of concern from her words. She was not as cold and indifferent as before, at this moment, Dongfang Shuman appeared to be indifferent and human. This was the most cordial Dongfang Liuyun had ever seen Dongfang Shuman.

"I know about those things. Grandmother, don't worry. Liuyun has told me about them. I have also met Mr. Fujiwara. He is a very outstanding person. I hope that we can become good friends too. Those things were exaggerated by the media with ulterior motives. There is no need to take it seriously. I have already sent people to investigate this matter. When the time comes, the truth will definitely be clarified. This matter won't affect us too much."

"At this time, it's not surprising that there's some news. We know how to deal with it. Grandmother, don't worry."

As Qi Lei finished speaking, Dongfang Liuyun followed up. The husband and wife exchanged a look. Their eyes were filled with trust, which made Dongfang Shuman feel comforted in her heart. However, there was no expression on her face, she only turned to look at Ah Cai, who nodded at her with a smile.

At this moment, Dongfang Shuman took a deep breath. She slowly put down the teacup in her hand and slowly stood up, "Since you guys are fine, that's good. be more careful in the future. It's a rainy season now. It's always good to have a heart, especially in the company. You should find out for yourself who

should be closer to. Manager Xu from the HR department is about to take maternity leave. I don't have to remind you what to do, right?"

As Dongfang Shuman spoke, her elite eyes were also looking at Dongfang Liuyun with an unfathomable gaze.

Dongfang Liuyun frowned and thought for a moment before replying, "I have already mentioned this matter to my father. Father's intention was to arrange for Auntie to go over. Is Grandmother's opinion the same?"

Dongfang Liuyun's words seemed to have a probing meaning. As she asked, she quietly looked at Dongfang Shuman.

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Hearing this, Dongfang Shuman's gaze fell silent for a moment, as if she was considering something. After a moment, her old eyes regained their calmness—

"What do you think?"

"I want to hear Grandmother's opinion." Dongfang Liuyun also said so.

Dongfang Shuman stared at Dongfang Liuyun for a long while before she said, "Sometimes, it's not so easy to nurture your own people into confidants. The key chess piece is placed in the key position. This chess piece requires you to be able to fully control it. You're not one of those unwise people. You should know in your heart how to arrange these chess pieces."

"Your father placed too much importance on relationships. Apart from being calm, he also placed some importance on kinship. Hence, it was fated that there were some things that he could not part with and could only compromise. It was not easy for your Auntie either. For the sake of this family, inheriting the family business is not something that can be messed around with. Of course, if you can't do it, I don't mind helping her ascend the throne. Do you understand what I mean?" Dongfang Shuman said without hiding anything.

Dongfang Liuyun's gaze changed before she replied, "I understand."

"It's good that you understand. I won't forcefully defy your grandfather's wishes, but I can't watch the Dongfang family decline in your hands either. Everyone has paid too much for it. This is no longer the will of one person. Once the Dongfang Group declines, how many people will face being laid off? You know how many families will be affected by this. Also, have you paid attention to how many out-of-school children are supported by the charity work of the Dongfang Group in the northwest border?"

Dongfang Shuman spoke earnestly, took a breath, and blinked, "Your grandfather often said before he died that one always wants to live a colorful life. When he was alive, he was dedicated to charity, and I was in charge of the Dongfang Group. That was his wish. You need to continue his spirit. Although I know that I, Dongfang Shuman, am not a good person myself. However, there are some things that I think should be done."

"I've already asked someone to follow up on this matter. Grandmother, don't worry," Dongfang Liuyun said.

"It's good that you guys are more attentive. I'm going back."

At this moment, Dongfang Shuman slowly walked towards the door.

Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun also stood up and followed, sending Dongfang Shuman out the door.

"Alright, let's go back. I'm not old enough for you to send me off. Let's go."

When they reached the door, Dongfang Shuman said the same thing. Then, without turning back, she walked towards the car.

The husband and wife stopped and watched the car gradually disappear into the distance.

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The car drove smoothly on the road. Dongfang Shuman sat quietly with a piece of tissue in her hand, covering her mouth and coughing gently. Ah Cai, who was sitting at the side, kept helping her with her back as she said worriedly, "President Shu, you have to go back to Canada to recuperate properly."

Otherwise, your condition will get worse and worse. I'm very worried. The doctor has called more than once. I'll make arrangements right away. Let's go back. We'll come back when the Fourth Miss' wedding happens. You really can't work hard anymore."

Ah Cai's eyes were full of worry, but she was also helpless because she knew Dongfang Shuman's character very well.

Dongfang Shuman coughed violently before saying weakly, "It doesn't matter, I'm afraid we don't have much time left. Let's hurry up and get down to business. We don't want to leave behind any regrets. We won't be able to explain things to him even if we go there. I've been too busy all my life. Sometimes, I really want to stop and experience life. I want to get close to the children, so that we're not like this."

If she could do it all over again, she might not want to be as strong and tired as she was now.

"I'm thinking that I have left a lot of regrets in my life. I might be a qualified manager, but I'm not a qualified mother or a qualified wife. In the past, when your Elder President was still around, I didn't match him well either. After we got married, all of our energy was focused on our careers. Now, we have to work harder so that our children won't have to worry so much in the future. We won't leave them with such a mess, just like when your Elder President took over the family business," Dongfang Shuman said. Now that she recalled those past events, she could only sigh with emotion.

"President Shu, President Gan will understand your good intentions. Therefore, over the years, President Gan has also respected you," Ah Cai replied.

"It doesn't matter whether they understand or not. After you get over it, you will realize that some feelings are not as important as you thought. The most important thing is to live well in the present and leave something for them in the future. After all, there are many things that you do. It's not necessarily to let them understand you or to be grateful to you."

As she said this, Ah Cai might not be able to understand it even if she heard it now. It was not until many years later that she understood the meaning of what Dongfang Shuman said at this moment—

It was a kind of sublimation of the realm of life. When you give, you do not care about the so-called response, do what you should do, and do not think about the future.

“President Shu...”

“I’m afraid that I won’t be able to hold on for too long. Right now, I have to race against time to live. After living for so long, I’m satisfied. Of course there are regrets. If I could see Ah Xue get married and Liuyun and Qi Lei have a child, it would naturally be the best. But now, I’m afraid I won’t be able to see it. My health doesn’t live up to expectations.”

“No, President Shu. As long as you pay attention to rest and don’t work too hard, you’ll definitely be able to see that day.”

Ah Cai could not help but feel a little sad. She took a breath and said, “You have to think about yourself, President Shu.”

“I don’t want to go back there. It’s pretty good here. I’ll let you clean up the manor in the next two days. Have you given the order?”

“I’ve given the order, they’re preparing the things. President Shu can move there in two days,” Ah Cai replied.

“Well, that’s good. That place was where I used to live with your Elder President. I left a lot of memories there. Now that I’m old, I keep thinking about the past. I want to go back and take a look.”

“President Shu, don’t worry. The things inside haven’t been moved. Let the servants clean it up. Manager Ah Xue has been doing well recently. She seems to be dating someone. Maybe...”

“She has been dating quite a few people these years. I haven’t seen her satisfied with anyone. Let’s wait until she has settled down. In addition, you have to watch out. I don’t want anyone to target the Dongfang family. I won’t forgive her so soon after that painful lesson. He has to take it as a warning. These aren’t child’s play.”

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Dongfang Shuman’s words made Ah Cai start to worry. She also remembered the things that happened before, and her expression became a little heavy. Those memories were really not a good thing.

“President Shu don’t need to worry too much about Manager Ah Xue’s matters. After a lesson, she will definitely understand a lot more. Moreover, she is already at this age. She should be able to handle emotional matters better. We can’t worry about it,” said Ah Cai.

“It’s not up to you, especially at this time. This child is still my child after all. You can’t really not worry about it. It’s fine if you don’t talk about it. Let’s take it one step at a time.”

“Yes. President Shu, you still have to take care of your health first. For other matters, do your best.”

“All these years, it’s all thanks to you. In the future, when I’m not around anymore, you should also stop and rest. You’ve been tired after following me all these years. It’s good to return to a small town in the countryside and live a peaceful life,” said Dongfang Shuman.

“President Shu, please don’t say that. I can still serve you for many years. After so many years, I don’t know where else I can go besides being by your side. So, President Shu, don’t say these things anymore.”

Upon hearing this, Dongfang Shuman glanced at her and finally did not say anything else.

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When they returned to the house, the tea had already cooled down. Dongfang Liuyun brewed a new pot of chrysanthemum tea. It was made by the fire without sugar, and it tasted a little bitter. She poured Qi Lei a cup and made him drink it. Then, she poured a second cup, “Drink more. The weather has been dry these past two days. You even had hotpot. Drink more to lower the heat.”

“Didn’t I drink two large cups last night? I’ve become a water bucket.”

Qi Lei frowned as well. As he spoke, he took the tea from her hand and drank it all in one gulp.

“Being a water bucket is better than enduring the pain later on. Don’t you care about your health?”

As Dongfang Liuyun spoke, she took the cup from his hand and poured it for herself. After drinking two cups, she sat down and continued to work on the documents.

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Night fell quietly. By the time the couple came back to their senses, the sky had already fallen silent. They hurriedly packed the documents and left.

They did not go anywhere else. Dongfang Liuyun brought Qi Lei to Debao House to check on the recent business situation. Later on, the couple went to a university's cafeteria for dinner.

The night was already very dark. When they walked out of the cafeteria, it was already night time. The campus was quite quiet for a while. When they walked past the sports field, they even saw the students who were not in class playing ball in the stadium.

"Do you know how to play ball?"

Dongfang Liuyun, who was walking beside him, suddenly stopped and asked the man beside her.

Qi Lei was stunned. He turned to look at Dongfang Liuyun. After some thought, he asked, "You want to watch?"

Dongfang Liuyun's eyes lit up. She looked at him expectantly. "With someone performing, I'll definitely be a good audience. But this time, I want you to watch me charge. What do you think?"

"It's so cold. I'm afraid you'll hurt yourself." Qi Lei thought about it and replied.

However, Dongfang Liuyun had already taken off her windbreaker and handed it to Qi Lei. She tied up her long hair and wore combat boots, that was convenient. She was only wearing a loose shirt.

"No, I haven't played for a long time. It's rare for me to be interested. I used to spar with Lan Xiu and the others."

Dongfang Liuyun smiled at him as she spoke. "Now, let me show you a few moves. Although my skills might not be very good, I'll show you some."

Qi Lei suddenly smiled when he heard this. Seeing that she was in such a good mood, he nodded in acquiescence. "I'll wait and see. However, you have to be careful. The weather is cold, and it'll hurt when the ball touches your hand."

"I'm not that delicate. Sit aside, I'll consider it a warm up too."

As Dongfang Liuyun spoke, she pointed at the stone bench behind Qi Lei and walked towards the basketball court.

On the basketball court, the game was ongoing. However, they happened to be students from Dongfang Liuyun's elective class. The students recognized Dongfang Liuyun at a glance.

Dongfang Liuyun was the most beautiful teacher in the school back then, and she was very outstanding. Many students had a deep impression of her. So, when Dongfang Liuyun walked over, the students had already gone up to greet her.

Dongfang Liuyun briefly explained her purpose for coming over, then she quickly joined the game.

Dongfang Liuyun's basketball skills were indeed not that great, but they were still passable. With this kind of ability, she could still play as the main force in the women's team of the previous school.

Of course, this was only in front of a basketball expert like Qi Lei. Qi Lei himself was similar to Mu Yuchen, who loved basketball. Previously, he would occasionally spar with Zhou Zimo, Mu Yuchen, and the others.

Dongfang Liuyun's movements were very smooth. It could be seen that she was having a good time.

Qi Lei sat like this and used the bright light to see the smile on her face. The corner of his heart suddenly became exceptionally soft as he looked at her with enjoyment.

It was as if he had suddenly returned to his student days. At that time, he was the one running wildly on the basketball court. Now, it was the other way around. He had become the audience, and she was the main character. In his heart, or perhaps in his life, the only main character.

If he had met her at that time, it would have been such a wonderful thing. He would have been like those young couples on campus, having a little relationship and adding a bright color to his youth.

However, there was nothing wrong with meeting her later. After all, she was the one who was by his side now.

Every day, he would take another look at her, and the feelings in his heart grew with each passing day. Qi Lei could feel that she was holding more and more weight in his heart. Now, he did not dare to explore the answer.

There was no way to explain how deep the feelings were.

Just as Qi Lei was quietly looking at her, his phone in his pocket suddenly vibrated. A call came in.

Qi Lei quickly took it and saw that it was from Vice President Wang Chun.

"Hello? It's me."

Qi Lei's deep voice was heard.

Just as Qi Lei finished speaking, Wang Chun's excited voice came from the other end

"Second Master, hurry and come to the hospital. The doctor said that President Qi has woken up. The doctor is examining him now."

Qi Qiming has woken up?

As soon as Wang Chun finished, this information still took a long time to reach Qi Lei's mind...

"Second Master, I told you that President Qi would definitely wake up!"

Seeing that Qi Lei did not speak, Wang Chun said excitedly on the other end.

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Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun rushed directly to the hospital. When they arrived at Qi Qiming's ward, the doctor was still examining him. The attending physician was also Zhou Zimo's mother, Liang Jing.

At this moment, Qi Qiming's eyes were still tightly shut. However, when Liang Jing instructed the nurse to examine him, his hands were moving. He was not as unconscious as usual.

"Auntie Liang, how is he?"

Seeing Liang Jing put away the medical records and asked the nurse to leave, Dongfang Liuyun also went up to her.

Liang Jing frowned and said with a heavy tone, "He was awake just now, but he must have lost his memory. When he woke up just now, he didn't even know who he was. The situation is not very optimistic."

"Lost his memory? How can this be? It can't be that serious, right?"

Dongfang Liuyun immediately frowned and could not help but ask.

Liang Jing took a deep breath and sighed. "I was also very surprised that this happened. When I examined him, all his indicators were normal. Perhaps, it's just temporary amnesia because he had been unconscious for too long."

"Can't you find out the reason? Is there a blood clot in his head, or..."

“We’re not sure yet. Perhaps it’s because he’s been through too much pain, and his subconscious mind has chosen to forget it. It’s not impossible. However, don’t worry. I’ll try to understand the situation with the expert group as soon as possible and see if there’s anything we can do. In addition, there’s nothing serious with his body. You can be rest assured. He still needs to stay in the hospital for observation during this period of time. I’ll let you know if there’s any news,” said Liang Jing.

At this moment, Dongfang Liuyun nodded. “When will he wake up?”

“In another hour. The nurse will come back for a check-up later.”

“Thank you, Auntie Liang.”

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The entire process was Dongfang Liuyun and Liang Jing’s conversing. Qi Lei, who stood at the side, did not say a word. He only looked at Qi Qiming, who was on the bed across from him.

Liang Jing told them about the things that they needed to pay attention to before she left.

The ward instantly fell silent. Other than Dongfang Liuyun and Qi Lei, there was also Wang Chun, who had just called. Wang Chun was also looking at Qi Qiming, who was on the bed nervously.

He had always been on good terms with Qi Qiming. They were not brothers, though more often than not, they were like brothers. Qi Qiming had helped him in the past, so he was loyal to Qi Qiming.

Now that Qi Qiming had finally regained consciousness, he was naturally very happy. However, Qi Qiming actually lost his memory...

Was it because he was afraid of facing the pain that he had to endure?

Wang Chun could not help but sigh in his heart. He turned to look at Qi Lei behind him. Seeing Qi Lei's calm expression, his pitch-black eyes seemed to capture a hint of emotion. He thought about it and said, "Second Master, you don't have to worry. Since President Qi can wake up, it's a good thing. The doctor also said that all of his physical indicators are normal. This means that this memory loss should be temporary. In the future, President Qi might be able to remember everything."

"Is it important whether he remembers or not? Some things are better forgotten," Qi Lei said calmly. It was hard to tell what he meant by his tone. However, it sounded cold and distant. Wang Chun did not feel good about it—

The Second Master must still be brooding over Qi Qiming's previous actions, right? It was only because he could not change his background and Qi Qiming's identity as his father that he was willing to give up on himself. He did not want to expose himself too much in front of them

Thinking back to what had happened before, Qi Qiming was really unfair to Qi Lei and Wang Qin. However, considering that Qi Lei was also his son, Qi Qiming did not make things difficult for him. Otherwise, with Qi Lei's personality, it was hard to guarantee that he would not be kicked out.

"Second Master, President Qi..."

Wang Chun wanted to say something, but Qi Lei interrupted him—

"You can go back first, Vice President Wang. I'll take care of things here. You must complete the tasks that are assigned to you as soon as possible. With other unnecessary matters, leave them be."

"Second Master, but..."

"Go back." Qi Lei coldly said these two words. He moved his feet and sat on the sofa at the side as he raised his hand to rub the aching part between his brows.

Seeing this, Wang Chun did not insist anymore, "Alright then! But, Master Qi, why don't you let the past go? This time, President Qi chose to forget everything, maybe he wants to start afresh? Why don't you give President Qi a chance? You said before that if President Qi wakes up, you can forgive him, right?"

Wang Chun fought for Qi Qiming in the end.

Qi Lei's expression darkened when he heard that. He did not say anything after that. He just remained silent.

Wang Chun finally left the ward helplessly.

The ward was even quieter. All that could be heard was the sound of the equipment beeping.

Dongfang Liuyun walked towards the bed instead.

Qi Qiming had actually lost a lot of weight. His face was very pale, and his eyes were still tightly shut. However, the hand that was placed at the side moved gently from time to time. It was obvious that he was not sleeping well.

Dongfang Liuyun had naturally heard about the matter between Qi Qiming and Qi Lei. Qi Lei was not too willing to talk about the matter between the father and son. Dongfang Liuyun knew that the death of his mother, Wang Qin, had dealt a great blow to Qi Lei. What followed after was that Qi Qiming had been in a car accident, and Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha both passed away...

No matter how strong a person was, after experiencing such a blow, they might not be able to withstand it.

After taking a deep breath, Dongfang Liuyun turned to look at Qi Lei. Only then did he realize that Qi Lei was looking at the teacup in front of him silently with his head lowered. He looked like he had a lot on his mind.

After hesitating for a moment, Dongfang Liuyun walked over.

"What are you thinking about? He's already awake. This is a good thing."

There was some comfort in her calm voice. It was quite pleasing to Qi Lei's ears.

Only then did Qi Lei raise his gaze slightly and look at Qi Qiming on the opposite bed. He did not look at her and said in a deep voice, "Nothing. I'm just a little surprised."

"I know that you must be feeling conflicted right now. There are some things that the more you struggle with, the more uncomfortable you feel. Just let nature take its course. If he really lost his memory, just treat him as a brand-new person. Actually, losing one's memory may not be such a bad thing. At least he doesn't have to bear..."

"No, I think he should just bear the truth and not avoid it. Isn't that how I'm facing it too?"

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Qi Lei lowered his gaze after Dongfang Liuyun said that. He thought about it and did not say anything. He suddenly got up and walked out of the ward.

Dongfang Liuyun frowned as she watched his figure disappear outside the door. After thinking for a long time, she finally could not help but get up and follow him out.

She had just walked out of the door to look around. When she turned around the corner of the lounge, she could smell the faint smell of smoke in the air. She subconsciously looked up and saw Qi Lei standing in front of the window in the lounge across from her, he had a lit cigarette between his fingers and was smoking it intermittently.

Dongfang Liuyun was silent for a while before walking over.

"Smoking is bad for your health."

Dongfang Liuyun stopped beside him, turned to look up at him indifferently, then reached out to take the half of the cigarette between his fingers and brought it to her mouth. She took a light puff before putting it out in the ashtray with a frown.

Qi Lei coughed lightly. He turned his head and looked at her silently. Seeing her frown, he asked in a low voice, "How does it taste?"

"It's quite bitter." Dongfang Liuyun replied directly.

Qi Lei chuckled softly. He extended his long arm and pulled her into his embrace. "It's bad indeed."

"Didn't you wish for him to regain consciousness?" Dongfang Liuyun asked calmly.

Qi Lei was silent for a moment before replying, "You're right. No matter what, he's still my father. Naturally, I wish for him to wake up. However, there are many things that I have to face later on. I already thought that I was left with nothing."

"You... sometimes, you're quite pessimistic. I can understand that. That's just the past. Am I not still here? As long as you don't lose me, you can slowly manage the rest."

Dongfang Liuyun seemed to be able to capture Qi Lei's mood. He must be worried that if he were to put in the effort to manage this kinship again, when the time came...

Some people, if they were constantly being attacked by the storm, would become braver the more they fought and endure it as if it was nothing. However, once they had a sense of warmth and a certain expectation in their hearts, they would not be able to endure it when they returned to how it was before.

Qi Lei was clearly like this.

"It's not that I hope that you can respect or love your father. In life, other than feelings, there are often obligations and responsibilities that need to be taken on. If you are like this, then it's the same for me."

Dongfang Liuyun sighed and reached out to grab his arm. Her eyes were as bright as the stars. "So, don't think too much. Just let nature take its course."

"You're more optimistic than I am."

There was a faint light in his deep eyes. He felt a little helpless, "It would be best if he wakes up. When his condition is stable, let him be discharged from the hospital. My mother used to have a villa in the west side of the city. When my mother was still around, she often lived alone there. My father wanted to go there before, but my mother didn't agree. The environment there is pretty good. Let him rest there."

When Qi Lei said this, his tone was a little relieved. His voice sounded quite calm.

"Mm, make the arrangements. As long as you're happy, it'll be fine. I haven't seen you relax at all recently."

As Dongfang Liuyun spoke, she reached out to tap on his tightly furrowed brows.

Qi Lei only smiled at this moment.

"You're really forcing this smile. It's my fault for making you so unhappy. Tell me, how do I make you smile?"

Dongfang Liuyun's tone had a teasing hint. As she spoke, she reached out to gently lift his chin.

Qi Lei then glanced at her and said nonchalantly, "Save it. You're no match for me when it comes to acting like an overbearing president."

"Is that so?"

Dongfang Liuyun shrugged.

"Otherwise, let's see how you'll pursue me."

"I don't believe that someone like you won't be moved by my beauty." Dongfang Liuyun raised her eyebrows and said plainly.

"I really don't dare to refute what you said."

Qi Lei could not help but laugh.

Because once he refuted, he would probably have to suffer when he went back at night. So, it was better to just let her be.

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The night was getting late. The stars in the distant night sky were a little lonely. The cold wind kept flapping the curtains by the window.

When Dongfang Rou'er dragged her exhausted body back to her room, she had just turned on the lights when she unexpectedly saw Lin Yuanyuan, who was waiting on the sofa at the side.

"Mother? Why aren't you asleep yet? You scared me!"

Dongfang Rou'er looked at her mother who had suddenly appeared and asked in surprise.

Lin Yuanyuan then raised his eyes to look at Dongfang Rou'er who had just walked in. "You're back so late. Where have you been? Ah Sheng called you a few times but you didn't pick up. He just left not too long ago. What's up with you?"

Her questioning tone naturally made Dongfang Rou'er feel a trace of disgust in her heart. She frowned and put the bag in her hand into the cabinet at the side before saying, "There was an event at the company. Do you think I'm very free? What did he come over for? Didn't I tell him that I would be very busy in the next two days? The wedding photos have been taken and sent over. The wedding date is right in front of me. I have to try my best to arrange things. It's the end of the year and the New Year is coming soon

"You know that your wedding date is coming soon. Have you taken some time to visit the Jin family in the coming days? Why don't you care about your own wedding? Ah Sheng is still accommodating you, but you can't do this!"

Lin Yuanyuan's tone was full of dissatisfaction.

"What about me? I already said that I'm very busy! Did Jin Sheng tell you about me? All of you know better than me what this marriage is all about. I sacrificed myself to fulfill my brother's wish and fulfill my father's wish. What did I get? All of you knew long ago that the reason I agreed to Jin Sheng's proposal was not for love!"

Dongfang Rou'er's tone was unusually cold and hard. As the wedding date approached, she felt more and more indignant. She did not love Jin Sheng at all, but because of their interests, she had to marry Jin Sheng?

On what basis?

On what basis could she, Dongfang Liuyun, control her own marriage and marry an outstanding person like Qi Lei, while she, Dongfang Rou'er, had to marry someone she did not love?

Moreover, after marrying him, she had to fight still. The whirlpool of the Jin family was not necessarily simpler than the Dongfang family's.

"What are you saying? You're crazy! Your wedding with Ah Sheng is happening soon, and you're still saying such things! Did I force you? Didn't you say you were willing to accept this marriage? I didn't see you unhappy back then. What's wrong with you? Why do I find that you've become a little strange lately, you're not like the usual you!"

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Lin Yuanyuan angrily rebuked, her beautiful eyes filled with disbelief.

Hearing this, Dongfang Rou'er took a deep breath and closed her eyes to calm herself down for a long time. Then, she opened her eyes and walked towards the sofa. She sat down and unhurriedly poured a glass of water.

"Mother, when you married Father, was it because you loved him deeply?" Dongfang Rou'er asked.

Lin Yuanyuan nodded. "Of course it was. Your Father and I were truly in love at that time. Because we married into the Dongfang family, we suffered a lot."

"That's right. You and Father married because you were in love, but what about me? Now that I think about my future life, I feel scared and uneasy. Why can't I marry the person I like?" Dongfang Rou'er said bitterly, "Life is so long. Mother, I really can't accept it."

"Ah Sheng is very good to you. Listen to me and don't worry anymore. Not everyone has the good luck of that witch Dongfang Liuyun. If you miss this, there might not be another one. You're not young anymore, so it's hard to find such a suitable match. Don't think too much about it. Look at your father and me now. No matter how sweet our relationship is, it's all gone."

As Lin Yuanyuan spoke, she fixed her gaze on Dongfang Rou'er.

"Isn't your father still flirting with other women behind my back? Love? Rou'er, this is how it is after marriage. The passion will be diluted very quickly. Do you think that the so-called love will continue so easily? Ah Sheng is really suitable for you. At a time like this, you should stop letting your imagination run wild."

At a time like this, Lin Yuanyuan naturally could not allow Dongfang Rou'er to have such thoughts. Otherwise...

"I'm not letting my imagination run wild. I'm thinking, what exactly am I doing this for? Mother, are you and Father sacrificing me to help my brother?"

"Why would you think such nonsense! What do you mean to help your brother? Isn't your father your parent too? If it weren't for him, you wouldn't be able to live a life of luxury. Rou'er, our family can't have such thoughts like yours. We have to be united, understand?"

When Lin Yuanyuan heard Dongfang Rou'er's words, she was so scared that her heart almost slowed down.

"Think such nonsense? You know what you're thinking. All these years, I've been busy working in the company. When something went wrong with my brother, it was always me and Father who helped him

settle it. What about me? Every time I face a difficult problem, I don't see Father being so enthusiastic. I finally understand what Dongfang Liuyun said before. I'm indeed a fool!"

"Rou'er! You're crazy! Nonsense! How could you have such thoughts!"

Lin Yuanyuan looked at Dongfang Rou'er in disbelief. Suddenly, she felt that her daughter was very unfamiliar.

"You two didn't consider me at all. What you said before about being my strong backing was just you two painting me an illusion!"

As Dongfang Rou'er spoke, she raised her head and drank up the water in her cup. She took a deep breath and continued, "I want to see the real thing. Even if I were to marry into the family, seeing these things would be of value to them. That's why they would give me some face, isn't it?"

Dongfang Rou'er spoke without any trace of politeness. She had thought a lot during this period of time. She also felt that she should fight for something?

The reason why she lost to Dongfang Liu Yun was because she did not fight for these things like she did. If she could really occupy a position in the Dongfang Group, she believed that her own worth would definitely rise. It would not go as far as feeling like she was like a flower vase that was being manipulated at will, and her ability was clearly not inferior to Dongfang Liuyun's!

"What do you want then?"

Lin Yuanyuan looked at Dongfang Rou'er in shock. The daughter in front of him made her feel very unfamiliar.

"What I want is very simple. If you really want me to continue to serve you, then I must get what I should get. I want half of the shares in Father's hands!"

Dongfang Rou'er's words were very straightforward.

However, upon hearing this, Lin Yuanyuan's eyes widened—

“Impossible! Get half? Your father will never agree to it! You'll become a member of the Jin family when you marry over, what would happen once those shares are handed to you?”

Lin Yuanyuan naturally would not agree.

“You can't? Are you planning to leave all these things to that trash, my brother? What has he done for the company all these years? What right does a hardworking person have to protect a trash like him? Other than playing office romances with those flamboyant little secretaries, or flirting with those famous models, what else did he do? All these years, wasn't it father who protected him? Otherwise, Grandmother would have long sent him away! Just like Dongfang Yu!”

Dongfang Rou'er's heart was filled with grievance and dissatisfaction!

“You only have eyes for brother! Mother, why? Even you two are like this, why am I much better than him, yet you won't support me?”

Dongfang Rou'er's eyes were filled with incomprehension, “I'm just a commodity for you guys to weigh the benefits. Mother, look at Dongfang Liuyun, how did Third Uncle and Third Aunt treat her? Whether it's marriage or work, they let her make her own decisions. They won't let her marry someone she doesn't love. Mother, we're both daughters of the Dongfang family. Why should I have to bear all of this? Have you all thought about me?”

As Dongfang Rou'er spoke, tears welled up in her eyes uncontrollably. The grievance and pain that she had suppressed for a long time was suddenly released.

Only she herself knew how unwilling and wronged she was to marry Jin Sheng. The person she loved was Fujiwara, Fujiwara...

When she thought of this, she could not help but feel a dull pain in her chest.

“Rou’er... you know the situation in our family the best. Dongfang Liuyun is just a Dongfang Liuyun. Your father’s side isn’t good to begin with. It’s not good for you to say this now... Your father...”

“I didn’t ask my father to give me those shares right now. I just hope that after he retires, he can take care of me a little. I can’t have nothing! I didn’t get anything from the Jin family! Do you think that Jin Sheng didn’t marry me with ulterior motives?”

Dongfang Rou’er looked at Lin Yuanyuan with some sarcasm.

Lin Yuanyuan’s eyes darkened, and she was actually a little speechless.

“So, do you still think that I can really live the good life of the Eldest Mistress just because I married over? Mother, I’m not a fool. How can I not understand living in such a big family? Why does Second Aunt have a higher status in the company and even in the family than you and Third Aunt? Isn’t it because she has all the shares of the Li family’s company in her hands? Although Second Uncle is fooling around outside, at home, it is not Second Uncle’s decision.”

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Dongfang Rou’er’s words caused Lin Yuanyuan to fall silent.

Lin Yuanyuan’s expression changed several times before she raised her head to look at Dongfang Rou’er. Seeing the unusually cold expression on her face, she knew that she had probably thought about this for a long time.

“Rou’er, did someone say something to you? You have to know that the rumors outside are terrifying. You must not listen to the instigation of those villains. Father and Mother are doing this for your own good. With just you and your brother, who else can we love if not you?”

“It’s not that people are saying terrible things and I don’t care about other people’s affairs. However, even if you think that way, it’s still very reasonable. Why isn’t Dongfang Liuyun able to rise to the top smoothly now? Isn’t it because she’s a woman? Why can’t I fight for what she’s fighting for too?” Dongfang Rou’er said disapprovingly.

“Rou’er, this...”

“Alright, it’s very late. I’m very tired too. Go back and rest. If there’s anything else, we’ll talk about it tomorrow.”

Dongfang Rou’er was also a little tired as she gave the order to leave.

Lin Yuanyuan’s expression darkened for a moment, but when she saw her daughter’s cold expression, she suddenly did not know what to say. Only then did she quietly leave.

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In Qi Qiming’s ward at the hospital.

When Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun returned, Qi Qiming was still in a deep sleep. The nurse gave him a simple check-up. Qi Lei was about to pull Dongfang Liuyun to sit down when Dongfang Liuyun, who was beside him, said in surprise...

“He seems to be waking up!”

As Dongfang Liuyun said this, Qi Lei turned his gaze to look at the hospital bed. Indeed, he saw Qi Qiming, who was lying on the hospital bed, frowning slightly. His skinny hands moved as well. He gently grabbed the bedsheet and it looked like he was indeed about to wake up.

The husband and wife exchanged a look and quickly went over.

Qi Qiming felt a lightness in his entire body and he was a little dizzy. He had used all his strength to open his heavy eyes...

“You’re awake?”

Seeing that Qi Qiming opened his eyes, Dongfang Liuyun glanced at Qi Lei. Seeing that he did not have any reaction, she could only go forward and ask.

The sudden voice naturally stunned Qi Qiming. His eyes were a little dazed as he looked around in realization. His gaze swept past Qi Lei and finally landed on Dongfang Liuyun.

“Who are you...”

The hoarse voice was very dry. Qi Qiming silently looked at Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun in front of him. His eyes were filled with doubt. As he asked, he looked left and right before continuing to ask, “Where’s Wang Chun? Where’s my wife?”

You still remember Wang Chun and Wang Qin?

Dongfang Liuyun’s eyes were filled with surprise. She subconsciously turned his head to look at Qi Lei, but she saw that Qi Lei’s eyes seemed to be filled with a hint of mockery?

“Why aren’t you saying anything? Who are you? Why are you here?”

Qi Qiming looked at the two of them with some alert and vigilance. He tried his best to remember something, but he felt that a corner of his mind seemed to be empty, it was just a vast expanse of whiteness. He had a strange feeling in his heart. He felt as if he had missed something.

“Hello, may I ask if you still remember who you are?” Dongfang Liuyun asked.

Qi Qiming frowned and looked at Dongfang Liuyun silently. Then, he looked at Qi Lei. He vaguely felt that Qi Lei looked familiar.

“Nonsense. Why wouldn’t I remember who I am? Who are you? Where is this place? Where is my wife?”

Qi Qiming’s expression was a little ugly.

"I'm Dongfang Liuyun. The person next to me is Qi Lei. Don't you remember him? Take a good look. Do you have some impression of him?"

"I don't know you."

Qi Qiming stared at the two of them for a long time before replying coldly.

"Vice President Wang Chun has went back. He's Qi Lei, the son of you and Vice President Wang. Don't you remember him?" Dongfang Liuyun asked very patiently.

"My son?"

Qi Qiming was in a daze for a moment. He thought for a moment before staring at Qi Lei. "Impossible! How can I have a son? How can I have a son with Wang Qin? Impossible! She didn't let me touch her. How can I have a son?"

Qi Qiming's memory was a little incomplete. It seemed to be stuck in the past, and he could vaguely remember some of the later events. There were many incomplete fragments interweaving in his head. He had a headache, and his heart was in a daze.

"He's your son. You just woke up. Let the doctor examine you first."

Dongfang Liuyun looked at Qi Lei, who had been silent the entire time. She frowned and could only reach out to pull on his sleeve.

Qi Lei then glanced at her and said in a deep voice, "You just woke up. Wang Chun will come over later. Let the doctor take a look at you first."

After that, he took two steps forward and pressed the call button on the bedside.

Qi Qiming was in a daze. He stared at Qi Lei quietly for a long time and said unconfidently, "Are you really my son?"

There were some fragments of Qi Lei in his mind, but he could not remember the specifics.

Qi Lei glanced at him but did not say anything. The person who replied was Dongfang Liuyun—

“Yes, he’s your son.”

“What about you?” Qi Qiming looked at Dongfang Liuyun and asked.

“She’s my wife, your daughter-in-law.”

A deep voice sounded. When Dongfang Liuyun looked away, she realized that Qi lei had already poured a glass of water and handed it to Qi Qiming.

Qi Qiming’s movements were slow for a moment. It took him some effort to hold the glass firmly.

The doctor quickly came over and examined Qi Qiming again.

“The patient has just woken up. We still need to do some specific examinations, but based on the current situation, he should be in good condition. He still needs to rest and recuperate. We shouldn’t overwork him.”

The doctor gave a simple order.

Qi Lei nodded. “Thank you.”

The doctor gave a simple order of things to take note of before he left.

In the ward, only Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun were left. There was also Qi Qiming, who was lying on the bed, looking a little tired.

Qi Qiming was still sizing up Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun. He seemed to be a little curious about his son and daughter-in-law.

“Rest first. You can’t eat for now. Wang Chun will send breakfast over in the morning.”

As Qi Lei said this, he bent down slightly and pulled the blanket for him.

Qi Qiming paused for a moment and did not say anything else. He looked at the two of them for a while before quietly lying down and falling asleep again.

“Go to the sofa and sleep first. I’ll watch. Otherwise, Yang Sheng can send you back.”

“It’s okay. I’ll just stay here with you.”