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As soon as Qi Qiming finished speaking, he turned around and walked out of the door.

Dongfang Liuyun glanced at Qi Lei, and Qi Lei followed suit.

The few of them walked towards the hospital's backyard.

Qi Qiming walked in front unhurriedly, while Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun followed behind in silence.

The weather today was quite warm. It was almost noon, and there were quite a number of people who came out to take a walk and bask in the sun. Qi Qiming walked along the cement path in front of him.

"Things at the company are going well, right?"

After walking for a long distance, Qi Qiming, who had been walking in front with his hands behind his back, suddenly stopped. He turned his head to look at his son who was following behind him and asked in a deep voice.

The sudden question made Qi Lei pause for a moment, then he said, "It's going well."

"That's good. Wang Chun has already roughly told me what happened. I didn't expect so many things to have happened recently. There are so many things that I can't remember. Your mother, she..."

Qi Qiming suddenly stopped speaking. His pale face froze for a moment, and he did not continue speaking.

He already knew about Wang Qin from Wang Chun. Of course, there was also the matter with Qi Feng. Although he could not recall what happened, the information that he had found and the things that Wang Chun had told him personally should not be lies.

“I have already done the examination several times, and there are basically no problems. I want to be discharged from the hospital tomorrow. Since Qi Kai has already been taken over by you, I don’t need to worry about it anymore. You should take good care of it.”

Qi Qiming did not continue to talk about Wang Qin. However, Dongfang Liuyun could see the bleak and dejected look in his eyes when he looked away. Faintly, there seemed to be a hidden... pain?

Was it because of Wang Qin?

Dongfang Liuyun could not tell.

Qi Qiming retracted his gaze and continued to walk forward, “I’m old, and there are many times when my strength isn’t up to my expectations. Moreover, the situation is like this now. The burden of the Qi family is still on your shoulders. Don’t think about the past anymore.”

“Do you think that you can just pretend like nothing happened and that others could do the same as you?” Qi Lei replied indifferently after Qi Qiming’s words. Dongfang Liuyun frowned slightly and tugged at his sleeve.

Qi Qiming suddenly turned to look at Qi Lei. Facing Qi Lei’s silent gaze, Qi Qiming’s eyes were as clear as water.

“Since I can, why can’t you?”

A moment later, Qi Qiming averted his gaze and replied.

“As people we have to always look ahead. Now that you have a wife, you still have a long way to go, no need to focus on those things in the past. I know you’re not satisfied with me as a father, but a father is a father, and a son is a son. This fact cannot be changed.”

Qi Qiming’s tone was very calm. Although his words sounded a little uncomfortable, Dongfang Liuyun did not notice any excessive emotions.

“I know you’ve arranged other accommodations for me. I want to return to the Qi family’s old mansion,” said Qi Qiming.

“After all, that is the Qi family’s hundred-year-old mansion. It has the efforts of several generations of the Qi family. Just let them renovate it. It’s not good to have the house too quiet, rear a few Huskies. I remember that you’ve always liked this dog. Previously, when you wanted to rear them, I objected because your mother didn’t like these pets very much, and it was too noisy.”

Qi Qiming also vaguely remembered these things. He could not be too sure about the incomplete fragments, but he would not be so lonely if he kept a few pets like this.

When he said this, Qi Lei’s expression became gloomy and uncertain.

“Huskies are quite cute, it’s good to have a few. Why didn’t I know you liked Huskies before? I didn’t see you having them either.”

Dongfang Liuyun’s calm voice broke the deadlock. As she spoke, she glanced at Qi Lei with some confusion. She had a feeling that he would not like Huskies.

“You’ve never asked me either?”

Qi Lei glanced at her with annoyance. He could sense that Dongfang Liuyun seemed to be quite protective of Qi Qiming. He knew that she seemed to be trying to ease the relationship between the father and son, however, Dongfang Liuyun was also not good at managing relationships. She did not know what she could do apart from saying some comforting words.

“Can’t you speak properly? There’s no point to being dissatisfied right now.”

Dongfang Liuyun leaned over and whispered into his ear.

Qi Lei slowed down and glanced at her.

“Speak properly.”

Dongfang Liuyun frowned slightly.

Qi Lei cleared his throat, and his expression eased up a little.

Qi Qiming turned and saw the couple whispering to each other. His dark eyes froze for a moment, and his pale face relaxed a lot.

“Let Qi Lei arrange this. He’s worried that the old mansion is too big. He and I also live in the Grand Lake Villa area. It’ll be a little lonely for you to stay there alone. Mother’s villa area is a little livelier, and it’s quite close to us. It’s easier for us to take care of you.” Dongfang Liuyun explained in a neither servile nor overbearing manner.

Qi Qiming glanced deeply at Dongfang Liuyun. His gaze shifted and he sized up Qi Lei. Seeing that his gaze had been fixed on Dongfang Liuyun, he began to have some thoughts in his heart.

When he woke up, he saw Dongfang Liuyun. Everyone said that she was Qi Qiming’s daughter-in-law. She seemed to have a pretty good personality. Moreover, it looked like his son liked her very much. From the way he looked at her, he could tell.

He really did not expect that so many things had happened while he was unconscious.

He had asked his people to investigate and sort out all the missing information. He also asked Wang Chun to briefly tell him about the things that had happened during this period of time. It was roughly the same as the information he had sorted out.

There were also some fragments that occasionally appeared in his mind. It made him realize that too many things had happened during this period of time that he could not control.

Moreover, Qi Kai had already been taken over by Qi lei.

In that case, Qi Qiming seemed to be able to breathe a sigh of relief. He could slow down his pace and live a few peaceful days.

“It’s quieter over at the old residence. It’s better. You young people should have your lives too. You don’t have to worry about me.” Qi Qiming refused.

After some thought, he added, “I can take care of myself. I’m more used to the environment over there. You’re Dongfang Liuyun, so Song Siting, Lawyer Song, should be your mother, right?”

“Yes, my mother has also mentioned you.”

The reason why Qi Qiming had a slight impression of Song Siting was because Song Siting was Gu Qihao’s lawyer during the dispute between Gu Qihao and Doris.

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After Qi Qiming woke up, he had also sent people to investigate Dongfang Liuyun’s background. It seemed that they were all old acquaintances in the circle.

Qi Qiming naturally knew about Dongfang Gan and Song Siting, as well as the Dongfang family.

However, it took him a lot of time to digest this news. He felt that a lot of things had happened too quickly, and he found it hard to believe.

“Father, there’s a bench in front. Take a seat.”

Dongfang Liuyun pointed to the bench in front of her and pulled Qi Qiming back to reality.

Qi Qiming followed Dongfang Liuyun’s gaze and looked over. He nodded and walked over.

“It’s rare to see such good weather today. You guys can sit too. Sit!”

Qi Qiming sat on the bench. He looked up and saw that Qi lei and Dongfang Liuyun were still standing. He quickly pointed to the seat next to him and gestured for them to sit.

Dongfang Liuyun glanced at Qi Lei and saw that he had already quietly walked over to sit down. Only then did she sit down on the other side.

“It’s been hard on both of you during this period of time. I only found out later that so many things had happened. Fortunately, everything is peaceful now. Your wedding seems to be after the new year. Take advantage of this time to recuperate. I can help take care of it, so you guys can continue to work.”

When Qi Qiming mentioned his son’s wedding, he seemed excited.

“Father, you should take good care of yourself. We’ll worry about these things. You can’t work too hard.”

There was some gratitude in Dongfang Liuyun’s words. “It’s a very fortunate thing for us that you’ve woken up. There’s still a long way to go. You have to take care of your health.”

When Dongfang Liuyun said this, Qi Qiming was taken aback as well. He seemed to be thinking about something as he turned to look at Qi Lei. Seeing that he was silent, his gaze darkened as he slowly leaned back in his chair.

“My health is pretty much alright, I can hold on. I’ll probably have a lot of free time when I get back, there’s nothing wrong with finding something to do. Qi Kai left behind a lot of problems. Those old guys from before were all pretty good, you need to learn how to use their abilities...”

Qi Qiming could not help but remind Qi Lei. Even though he did not remember many things, he was still very clear about Qi Kai’s situation.

Qi Lei did not say anything. He just listened quietly.

“Wang Chun has been by my side for many years. He has always been loyal. You have to communicate with him more. He has more experience in handling many things. Also, I believe that you know what to do with some of the Qi family’s business matters. You have to be more attentive.”

“Father, you don’t have to worry about work matters. He will take care of it. You just focus on recuperating.”

Qi Qiming’s voice fell for a long time. When Qi Lei did not respond, it was Dongfang Liuyun who spoke up to break the awkwardness.

Qi Qiming was stunned for a moment. He turned to look at Qi Lei, who had been silent. He sighed in his heart and finally said nothing more...

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When they left the hospital, it was already noon. The couple found a restaurant nearby and had a simple lunch. Then Dongfang Liuyun sent Qi Lei straight back to Tai Yu Corporation.

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Xi Xiaye did not expect to see Xi Xinyi again. She thought that the two sisters would never see each other again in this lifetime.

When Secretary Ding brought her in, Xi Xiaye was stunned.

“Sis, long time no see. How are you?”

There was a hint of grace in her gentle voice. Her long hair had been cut off, and her simple layered hair made her look very energetic. She also looked very capable.

She was currently wearing a camel-colored woolen coat. She looked travel-worn, so she must have just rushed back.

“Xi Xinyi? How is it you?”

Xi Xiaye looked at the woman who suddenly appeared in front of her in surprise.

Xi Xinyi put her handbag aside and looked at Xi Xiaye. There was a faint smile on her beautiful face—

“It’s me. The head office here is holding an annual concluding meeting. I’m back to report on the work situation over the next few days. I wanted to take advantage of these few days to come over and see you, Brother-in-law, Father, and the rest. Have you guys been doing okay?”

Xi Xinyi was more modest now. She no longer had the arrogance and fierceness from before. It could be seen that she had settled down a lot over the past few days, and she seemed like a completely different person.

“We’re all fine. Why didn’t you tell me you were coming back? I could’ve arranged for someone to pick you up.”

Xi Xiaye then came back to her senses. She slowly stood up from the chair and pointed at the sofa beside her. Have a seat. Secretary Ding, please make a cup of hot tea.”

“Okay, President Xi!”

Secretary Ding quickly went over to make tea while Xi Xinyi followed Xi Xiaye to sit on the sofa.

“That’s not necessary. Anyway, I’m quite familiar with City Z. I just wanted to come over to see you, Sis, and Father.”

“Are you getting used to living there? About you and Han Yifeng...”

Xi Xiaye had actually almost forgotten the words ‘Han Yifeng’. It had been a long time since she had last thought of this name. She had once thought that she could not forget it, but now, it was just that.

When Xi Xiaye asked this, Xi Xinyi's eyes immediately darkened, but she quickly returned to normal with a faint smile on her face—

“Sis, you shouldn't worry about this. I can go see Xiao Zhe anytime now. I'm already very satisfied with that. I'm quite satisfied with this situation, but I need to thank you for all of this. Of course, there's also Brother-in-law. Thank him for helping me back then. Every time I think about those things in the past, the person I feel most guilty about is you. I...”

When she reached the end, Xi Xinyi could not continue.

“Forget about those things. As long as everyone's doing well, it's fine. How many days do you plan to stay this time?”

Xi Xiaye looked at Xi Xinyi calmly. Seeing that her expression was a little stiff, she could only persuade her.

“I'm not sure yet. The report might take about three days. After I'm done, I plan to go back. Things over there are also very busy, so I definitely can't stay here,” Xi Xinyi replied.

“What do you plan to do today then? Have you arranged the hotel you're staying at?”

Xi Xiaye took the tea from Secretary Ding and brought it to Xi Xinyi. Have a cup of hot tea.”

“Thank you.”

Xi Xinyi took it and said softly, “It's already arranged. I'm staying at Emperor Hotel.”

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Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye nodded.

“What other arrangements do you have today? For a work report, at this time, you'd probably have to wait for tomorrow, right?”

Xi Xinyi looked at the time on her wrist and replied, "It was quite late when we get off the plane. The meeting will only start tomorrow."

"Alright, it's getting late. Since you're back, let's get together. I'll call your Brother-in-law now, let's have dinner at University A tonight. They probably don't have classes tonight," Xi Xiaye suggested.

Xi Xinyi thought about it and then nodded in agreement.

"Then, I'll pack up. Let's go to the mall to buy groceries together and pick up your Brother-in-law at the same time."

Xi Xiaye got up slowly and went over to pack up the things on the table.

"Sure. I even prepared some small gifts for Xiao Cheng and Xiao Rui in the car downstairs. I left them inside because they were too heavy. Xiao Cheng should have grown quite big, right?"

Xi Xinyi's eyes were filled with care.

"Mmm, he's already walking steadily. He can speak clearly too, but sometimes he's too naughty. Your brother-in-law and I weren't like him when we were younger. I wonder whose personality he followed," Xi Xiaye said helplessly.

"It's alright. It's good for boys to be naughty. However, I think Xiao Cheng should be more like Brother-in-law. When he grows up, he'll definitely be very handsome."

Xi Xinyi looked at the family photo on Xi Xiaye's table and smiled.

Xi Xiaye followed her gaze and smiled calmly. "Mmm, he is more like your brother-in-law in terms of silhouette. If he were like your brother-in-law in terms of temperament, then we can worry less."

As Xi Xiaye said this, she swiftly packed her things.

“Brother-in-law is really good to you, Sis. I often envy you for meeting someone like Brother-in-law. However, everyone has their own fate. Now that I’m at this point, I should be satisfied too,” Xi Xinyi sighed.

“It’s good to be content. I should feel lucky. Alright, let’s go. Let’s chat while we walk.”

Xi Xiaye carried her briefcase and walked out of the door.

Xi Xinyi took a sip of tea, then put it down and followed.

Then...

The black Cayenne quickly drove towards Glory World Corporation. Xi Xinyi sat in the back seat while Xi Xiaye drove. The car had just started when Xi Xiaye picked up her phone and dialed Mu Yuchen’s number.

After the ringtone rang a few times, the man on the other end picked up too

“What’s up?”

There was some concern in his low and gentle voice. “Calling at this time?”

When the familiar voice entered her ears, Xi Xiaye’s beautiful face quickly showed a sense of warmth. “What are you doing? At this time, it seems like it’s almost time to get off work.”

“I just finished a meeting. Are you going to treat me tonight, Missus? Usually, you’ll only call me at this time for that? Or do you want me to take you somewhere to relax?”

Mu Yuchen’s teasing voice traveled over as he leaned back in his chair, looking very satisfied.

When she heard this, Xi Xiaye could not help but roll her eyes, “Don’t think that you can guess it. But it is about dinner, Xinyi’s back and she’s in my car right now. I’ve planned to go to my parents’ place for dinner together. I’m driving over to pick you up now so you don’t have to drive and go to the supermarket to buy groceries. My parents probably don’t have any classes tonight,” said Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xinyi?

When he heard this name, Mu Yuchen was stunned too. He could not react in time!

It had been such a long time. He had almost forgotten about this person.

He wondered how she was getting along with Han Yifeng and if they had gotten back together.

“Also, bring down our son’s bag of toys. I’ve already packed them and put them in the second closet in your lounge room.”

Xi Xiaye did not forget about this either.

“Mmm, got it.”

“Then, come downstairs in 20 minutes. I’ll wait for you at the entrance.”

Xi Xiaye said this last sentence before hanging up the phone.

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Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen had been married for quite a few years. Not only did the relationship between the husband and wife not fade, it even became stronger. Xi Xinyi had always been paying attention to Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xinyi was very envious of such a relationship. Of course, at the same time, she felt a little bitter.

Her days over there were not considered short. In such a long time, she had not been able to get Han Yifeng's heart back. The only thing that made her happy was that her relationship with her son had deepened a little.

Han Yifeng had another woman by his side. There were often rumors about him having dinner with a certain socialite or attending some charity dinner together.

In the beginning, Xi Xinyi was really heartbroken when she heard such news, but as time passed and she heard it more, she seemed to have become a little numb. Now, her thoughts were all on her son. With regards to Han Yifeng, she did not expect too much anymore.

"Sis, has Brother-in-law always been like this with you? Look at the two of you. You've been married for so long, yet your relationship is still the same as before. It makes me envious."

Xi Xinyi watched Xi Xiaye put away her phone and asked softly.

Xi Xiaye paused for a moment. She glanced at Xi Xinyi through the car mirror in front and seemed to be able to catch the darkness on her face.

"He's always been pretty good to me."

"Brother-in-law is a good person. He's worthy of you cherishing him, sis."

"I know. What about you and Han Yifeng?"

Xi Xiaye asked the same question.

"I'm afraid that that is all to us. No matter how hard I try, I still can't get back into his heart. Sister, he's already completely removed all the memories about me."

As Xi Xinyi said this, her lips curled into a bitter smile. "I don't dare to expect too much anymore. After all, I'm such a sinful person."

"Don't talk about yourself like that. You're very good, there are many things that we can't hold on to. We're not saints."

"But now that things have become like this, even if I want to make up for it, there's nothing I can do. Han Yifeng isn't willing to accept me back at all. I don't want to lower my self-esteem and humiliate myself. Sis, actually, I'm really doing pretty well now. I've seen through many things, things are just that to me."

Xi Xinyi's voice sounded even more bitter and helpless.

"Don't think too much. This time, just spend some time with Father. He sometimes think of you, and he hopes that you can live well too," Xi Xiaye said with some concern.

"Mmm, I did come back to see him anyway."

Xi Xinyi took a deep breath and then eased up a little.

"Is everything going well over there?"

"Everything's pretty good. President Qi's decision-making is very prescient. When I took over, my performance went up very quickly as well. Everything is going very smoothly."

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Chapter 1974. Harmony (1)

When the car arrived at Glory World Corporation, it was already time to get off work. Many employees walked out of the company as Xi Xiaye parked the car in front of the entrance.

Not long after, a man walked out with Li Si beside him. He walked over with a document in his hand and was explaining something to Li Si while Li Si nodded.

When they reached the car, Mu Yuchen closed the document in his hand and handed it to Li Si. Li Si took it and waved at Xi Xiaye respectfully before sending the big bag of Mu Xiaocheng's toys to the trunk.

Xi Xiaye smiled and nodded in response.

The car door was opened very quickly. Mu Yuchen sat in the passenger seat as he put on his seatbelt. He turned to look at the woman in the driver's seat and asked, "Have you been waiting for long?"

"I've just arrived. Has everything been arranged?"

As Xi Xiaye spoke, she started the car as well. She glanced at Mu Yuchen and gestured to him. He quickly turned to look at the back seat as well. Sure enough, he saw Xi Xinyi sitting quietly.

"Brother-in-law!" Xi Xinyi quickly greeted him.

Mu Yuchen nodded. "When did you come back? Have you arranged for a place to stay?"

There was some care in his polite words, just like what Xi Xiaye had asked earlier. Although it was not a very thoughtful question, when Xi Xinyi heard it, she did not know why, but she suddenly felt like crying.

She took a deep breath and then nodded. In a slightly hoarse voice, she said, "I just arrived today. The company has arranged a hotel over at Emperor. Thank you for your concern, Brother-in-law."

"Mmm, since you're back, stay for a few more days. While your sister isn't very busy these few days, she can take you out. Also, go visit Grandfather and Grandmother along the way, as well as West Park." Mu Yuchen thought about it and said this.

"I know, but..."

Xi Xinyi was about to say something when Xi Xiaye spoke up from the side, "It's the weekend these two days. Now, the students are studying for their final exams. There should be no more classes for our

parents. Later on, go back and see if Father is free. Let's go to Grandfather and Grandmother's graves and burn some incense together. You haven't been back for a long time."

Xi Xinyi naturally could not reject this. Her eyes were filled with warmth as she nodded. "Alright, I'll see what you can do. I'll arrange the time and report to President Qi."

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The car quickly quieted down after a few words.

Xi Xiaye was still focused on driving while Mu Yuchen leisurely closed his eyes to rest. Xi Xiaye turned on the music player in the car when she saw how relaxed he looked.

"Qi Lei called me just now. He said that Qi Qiming is recovering well and has been discharged from the hospital. He's staying in sunny new city, which is near the Grand Lake Villa area. It's the villa that Wang Qin bought previously. Take advantage of these two weekends to see if you can arrange for Wei'er to go back and visit him. Wei'er is already cheerful now. She can play with Xiao Rui and the other children too. You can ask Xiao Rui to go along too."

Mu Yuchen suddenly remembered about this.

"Qi Qiming?"

Xi Xiaye frowned and almost forgot about this.

She was stunned for a moment before she said absentmindedly, "Didn't you say that he has amnesia? Can he remember Wei'er? Will Wei'er..."

"Don't worry. Even though he has amnesia, he already has a rough understanding of what happened these past few days. Qi Lei didn't intend to hide it from him. Even though Wei'er is living with us, the Qi family is still her home. Although Qi Lei feels passive, he hopes that Qi Qiming and Wei'er can get along well."

Mu Yuchen nodded slightly.

Xi Xiaye immediately understood. She quickly glanced at him and said, "You mean that Qi Lei hopes that Wei'er can still go back to accompany Qi Qiming in the future?"

"Mmm, of course, everything is based on Wei'er's wishes. After Qi Qiming retires, he'll be like Grandfather. He'll be able to understand if he's in a grandfather's shoes. So, when you have time in the future, try to let Wei'er get familiar with that place. We also need to think about her future."

Mu Yuchen's words made Xi Xiaye have no reason to refute. She thought about it and sighed, "I know, but I feel a little selfish. I don't really want Wei'er to get involved in our circle anymore. A few days ago, I asked Wei'er. She seems to be like Xiao Rui. She's a military fan. Haven't you noticed that she's been asking for those camouflage clothes recently? She hasn't been wearing her princess dresses."

"She's a girl, why is she playing with those? How tiring."

Mu Yuchen frowned.

"It's tiring, but I think we shouldn't interfere too much with the children's interests. I think Wei'er might be able to fulfill my dream that I've never realized." Xi Xiaye smiled as she said this.

"Are you planning to fulfill your own regrets on your daughter?"

Mu Yuchen gave her a side glance.

"As long as she likes it, of course, I'll support her! There's also Xiao Rui. He's so self-motivated and says he wants to be a mighty General, so why don't I respond positively?"

Xi Xiaye spoke confidently. Regarding the child's education and development, the husband and wife were very concerned about it now. They probably did not realize that the topic between them now was more about business, or about the children and family matters.

“If you push them all to that side, who will take over the family business in the future? With your response method, be careful that the little brat follows too. I don’t want to be fighting on the front lines while dragging my old bones.”

“Didn’t Father not take over the family business too? There will be grandchildren in the future!” Xi Xiaye glared at him and said disapprovingly.

When the man heard this, his handsome brows raised and he could not help but chuckle, “Missus, you’re really thinking far ahead. If our sons are like us and only get married when they’re in their thirties, then we’ll have to be in our sixties before we can have grandchildren. According to you, won’t you have to last until you’re in your seventies or eighties before you can rest? I know that you’re wholeheartedly thinking of being with me until you’re old.”

“My skills are still not as good as yours. I don’t think too far ahead. You win, Mr. Mu!”

When Xi Xiaye heard this, she naturally looked a little unhappy.

Xi Xinyi, who had not spoken all this while in the backseat, could not help but chuckle. At this moment, the husband and wife realized that there was someone else in the car too.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and glanced at him before speeding up.

Chapter 1975. Harmony (2)

In a sunny new city, in a certain independent villa district.

This was Wang Qin’s former residence. In fact, Wang Qin had several villas under her name. After Wang Qin passed away, Qi Lei did not manage them. He had Yang Sheng sell a few of them. The only reason why this one was kept was because of its name.

Qi Qiming’s insistence was not approved by Qi Lei. After he was discharged from the hospital, Qi Lei arranged for him to stay here.

It was not that he did not want Qi Qiming to return to the Qi family’s old mansion. He just felt that the negative energy in the old mansion was a little too heavy, and it made one feel very depressed. There

were too many memories there, and it was very far from Grand Lake Villa district, so it was also convenient to take care of him.

Qi Lei's decisiveness left Qi Qiming no room to refute, so he could only follow Qi Lei.

However, there seemed to be a lot of Wang Qin's memories here. The style and decorations that Wang Qin liked, as well as some things that she liked. As Qi Qiming looked at them, he was surprised to find it feeling warm and familiar.

When night fell, Qi Qiming sat on the sofa and watched TV. Wang Chun was beside him. Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun were busy preparing dinner in the kitchen. From Qi Qiming's perspective, he looked in the direction of the kitchen, he could vaguely see the busy figures of the young couple.

"President Qi, Second Master still cares about you very much. You should take good care of yourself. Look at how well he and Missus are getting along. Those things are all in the past. Everything is fine now."

Wang Chun also followed Qi Qiming's gaze and looked over. When he saw the two faint shadows reflected on the door, Wang Chun also smiled and said.

"This place is more suitable for you to rest and recuperate. Over at the old residence, the Second Master is also worried that you'd be too lonely, and it's not convenient to take care of you. I think the environment here is quite good, and it's quite lively occasionally. Staying here will make you feel more comfortable." Wang Chun continued.

After a moment of silence, Qi Qiming took a deep breath and lowered his head to take a sip of hot tea, "I can't say anything more. Let him make the arrangements. I'm a little tired, and I can't even muster the strength in my heart. My body and mind are exhausted. I've worked hard for my entire life, and I'm afraid that this is the end."

Speaking of which, Qi Qiming's heart was also a little dejected. He did not expect that Wang Qin would actually leave just like that...

During the time he woke up, the person he thought about the most was Wang Qin. He always had a vague feeling that Wang Qin would come to visit him. Only when he woke up would he remember that Wang Qin was gone.

He could not describe what he felt in his heart. There was some heartache and some regret. Every time he thought about it, there was an invisible pain in his chest. Just like now, he felt like he had lost something very important.

“This is my life. I’ve been too harsh on people all my life, especially my wife and Qi Lei. Sometimes I think about how no matter what, they’re still my woman and my son. As long as they are capable, why should I care too much? Why should I be wary of them? After all, they are my people.”

When Qi Qiming said this, his pale face suddenly looked as if he had aged by many years. Wang Chun could not bear to look at him.

“I am a person who is too suspicious and narrow-minded.”

Qi Qiming calmly pointed out his flaws. “From now on, you should follow him well and assist him. He is much stronger than a father like me. be it his wisdom or his bearing, I should be proud of him.”

“President Qi, you don’t have to think too much. No matter what, I still believe that the Second Master is protecting you. The blood relationship in your bones can not be erased. You have to pull yourself together for the future of the Qi family, Miss Wei’er, and even the Young Masters and Miss in the future,” Wang Chun said with a smile.

Hearing this, a look of anticipation appeared in Qi Qiming’s eyes

“Wei’er? Oh, I remember. She’s Qi Feng’s daughter, my granddaughter, right?”

A little girl’s figure faintly flashed in Qi Qiming’s mind. He thought seriously, but he could not recall anything.

“Yes, President Qi! and the Second Master and Missus are still so young. In the future, the Qi family will definitely have many children and grandchildren.”

“Is that so! Many children and grandchildren... they’re already married, I’ve probably have grandsons soon, soon, right...”

Later on, Qi Qiming muttered to himself in a daze. Seeing that his expression had eased up a little, Wang Chun also relaxed.

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The dinner was not very sumptuous, but they were all some of Qi Qiming’s favorite dishes.

Qi Lei and Dongfang Liuyun personally cooked. Wang Chun, the butler, Yang Sheng, and the other two old servants also sat down to eat.

Qi Lei took the bowl, filled half a bowl of soup, and personally delivered it to Qi Qiming. His handsome face was no longer as cold as before. It was a little more peaceful now.

“Drink some. Liuyun specially stewed it for you.”

A low voice was heard. Qi Qiming also raised his gaze and locked onto Qi Lei’s face.

Qi Lei lowered his eyes and moved the bowl over. He did not care about the look in his eyes as he took Dongfang Liuyun’s bowl and served it to her.

“Second Master, Missus’s culinary skills are amazing. Just looking at and smelling it makes one feel a little out of control. I’m sure it smells, looks and tastes great.”

Wang Chun smiled and said at the right time.

“He’s the one who did it. I’m just a helper. If you like it, eat more. Father, I heard that you like this. I’ve asked the doctor, you can eat all these dishes, eat more. You’ve been staying in the hospital for a while now, it isn’t as good as staying at home.”

Dongfang Liuyun picked up her chopsticks and added some good dishes to Qi Qiming’s bowl.

“Okay,” Qi Qiming responded softly and picked up his bowl as well.

The family then began to eat in silence.

Qi Lei took the wine bottle by the side and poured wine for everyone present. Then, he held a full wine glass and said to everyone in a deep voice with a calm expression...

“Many things have happened recently. Up until now, it hasn’t been easy for me to have...”

“I, Qi Lei, have been unruly and unruly since I was young, causing everyone to put in a lot of effort. My mother used to hate me for not living up to my expectations. I always disapproved of it. Now that so many changes have happened, I... I think I will always remember these lessons. From now on, I will no longer care about the past. I will only strive for the present and the future.”

At this point, there was no one who did not understand.

Dongfang Liuyun reached out and gently held his hand under the table. She put it on the large hand on his knee and gave silent comfort as she also raised his wine glass in response.

Qi Lei suddenly turned his head to look at her. Seeing that her eyes were filled with encouragement and gentleness, his black eyes immediately lit up with warmth.

“Alright, then there’s no need to say anything. After this glass of wine, everything will begin anew.”

As Qi Qiming said this, his eyes began to heat up.

“Cheers!”

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Chapter 1976. Crisis (1)

After drinking a glass of wine, all the past was melted into it, and it was completely wiped out.

Wang Chun laughed out loud first—

“This feels really great. I haven’t felt this comfortable for a long time. President Qi, Master, Missus, I look forward to our future lives. Now that Tai Yu Corporation’s business is thriving, the supply chain is becoming more and more stable and bigger. It’s the end of the year, and I have already received some news from that department. The data is very gratifying. For this year’s annual meeting, I suggest that we, Tai Yu Corporation hold a grand banquet!”

As Wang Chun spoke, there was a hint of excitement in his voice.

“President Qi, Master Qi, I’m happy too. It’s been a long time since I’ve been so happy. Seeing all of us sit down in harmony and have a meal together, such an opportunity is really rare. I’ve forgotten the last time we had this.”

Yang Sheng quickly chimed in. He was sincerely happy for this moment.

“Since we’re so happy, there’s no need for more words. Hurry up and pick up your chopsticks. This meal is all about your Master’s cooking. He always tells me that he’s good at cooking, today you can all be the judge, you have to tell the truth, understand?”

Dongfang Liuyun had a faint smile on her lips, but she was looking at Qi Lei beside her as she said this.

Qi Lei gave her a disapproving glance and said rather confidently, “Even if they were telling the truth, it would definitely be an extremely high evaluation.”

“Let’s give it a try then!”

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The dinner was rather harmonious. After Qi Lei instructed the butler and the servants on some things to be aware of, he left with Dongfang Liuyun. Qi Qiming, who had been waiting in the living room, also sent them out.

This time, Qi Lei took the initiative to take the car keys. Dongfang Liuyun walked behind him with Qi Qiming by her side.

“Liuyun, I’ll leave Xiao Lei to you to take care of him. Come and visit often when you have time. Don’t worry about the wedding, I’ll help you get it sorted. You two can just focus on your work.”

Qi Qiming’s low voice traveled over. Dongfang Liuyun stopped in her tracks in an instant and turned to look at him. She could see a glimmer of hope in his eyes.

Dongfang Liuyun thought for a moment and nodded gently, “Don’t worry. We’ll definitely come back to visit often. You don’t think too much either, rest well. Qi Lei said that he’ll bring Wei’er back to visit you soon once you’ve stabilized. She’s a very cute little girl, you’ll definitely like her very much. Besides, I think you might even remember her,” Dongfang Liuyun consoled him.

“Alright, call ahead when you come back so that I can prepare. What does Wei’er like? I’ll see if I need to prepare any toys or things that little girls like.”

A rare smile appeared on Qi Qiming’s silent face.

“There’s nothing to prepare. Wei’er is very obedient. If you have to prepare anything, why don’t you prepare some seven-colored candies that aren’t too sweet for her? The last time I bought them for her, she seemed to like them.”

Dongfang Liuyun was worried that Qi Qiming would be disappointed, so she thought about it and answered that.

“Alright, then I’ll prepare this seven-colored candy for her.”

As soon as Qi Qiming said that, the sound of a car horn could be heard not far away. Dongfang Liuyun looked over and realized that Qi Lei had already driven the car over.

“Father, rest well then. Rest early. We’ll leave now.”

Dongfang Liuyun quickly said goodbye.

Qi Qiming nodded. “Be careful on the road.”

“Okay.”

Dongfang Liuyun then walked towards the car.

Just as she fastened her seatbelt, the phone in her handbag immediately vibrated. Dongfang Liuyun quickly took out her phone...

Qi Lei also tacitly turned down the volume of the radio.

Dongfang Liuyun answered the phone, and Qi Lei drove out.

“What did you say? There’s a fire at De Bao House? What about Uncle Ming? How’s Uncle Ming? He’s not in the shop, right?”

Dongfang Liuyun’s shocked voice was laced with nervousness.

“Okay, okay, I’ll be there right away!”

Before Qi Lei could say anything and react, Dongfang Liuyun had already hung up the phone. She said hurriedly, "Hurry, go to De Bao House, something might have happened!"

"De Bao House? Fire?"

Qi Lei frowned and his expression turned serious.

"The police called, we'll only know when we go over. It's the weekend. Uncle Ming usually stays in the shop to rest. I'm worried..."

"Don't be anxious. Let's go and take a look first."

Qi Lei's expression tensed up as he sped up.

On the way, Dongfang Liuyun was naturally a little uneasy. She kept calling Uncle Ming, but the person on the other end did not answer. The phone in the shop could not be reached.

Qi Lei rushed over as fast as he could.

He had just arrived near the main street. From afar, he could already see the flames in front of him. Two fire engines and a few police cars had already set up the road in front of them. The noise was incessant.

Dongfang Liuyun did not even need to identify it to know that it was definitely her De Bao House!

Just as the car stopped on the side of the road, Dongfang Liuyun rushed out of the car anxiously and quickly squeezed into the crowd in front. Qi Lei also quickly followed behind.

"Excuse me, please excuse me—"

Dongfang Liuyun squeezed in. Looking at the raging sea of fire in front of her, her body trembled. She wanted to get closer, but she was stopped by the police ahead.

“Uncle Ming! Uncle Ming! Is He still inside? Uncle Ming!”

“Liuyun! Calm down! Let’s see what the police say. Maybe he’s not inside.”

Qi Lei, who caught up from behind, quickly pulled her into his arms.

“Let go of me! Uncle Ming is still inside!”

“Are you the owners of this shop?”

The police quickly went forward to ask.

“Yes, what’s going on? Why is there a sudden fire? Is there someone inside?” Qi Lei held Dongfang Liuyun as he asked.

“Our preliminary judgment is that it might have been a natural gas explosion. The source of the explosion is in the backyard of this shop, there should be someone operating inside. Right now, our firefighters are searching for any survivors...”

“Impossible... this is impossible...”

Dongfang Liuyun could no longer listen to the rest of the sentence—

If that was the case, then Uncle Ming...

Uncle Ming should still be inside. Then, where is he now? Where is he?

Dongfang Liuyun’s body tensed up. She was stunned for a moment before she hurriedly squeezed forward. “I’m going to save him! He’s still inside!”

“Liuyun! Calm down!”

Qi Lei quickly pulled her back.

Just as he was about to say something, there was a commotion ahead. Before they could react, a white stretcher had already rushed forward, and yet...

Chapter 1977. Crisis (2)

The person who was carried out was Uncle Ming. Of course, there was no need to resuscitate him, because he was no longer breathing.

The person on the stretcher had lost consciousness. Many parts of his body were charred, and one could barely recognize his old face. When Dongfang Liuyun saw him clearly, his entire body went limp.

It was Uncle Ming.

He had been by Elder Dongfang’s side for many years and was alone. After Elder Dongfang passed away, he retired. All these years, he had been working for the Dongfang family and treated Dongfang Liuyun very well.

Uncle Ming was Dongfang Liuyun’s most respected elder apart from Elder Dongfang, so she could hand De Bao House over to him with ease. She did not expect such a thing to happen...

A few days ago, when she came over, this amiable elder had said that he would definitely attend her and Qi Lei’s wedding, but now...

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This disaster came very suddenly, and the losses were huge. Dongfang Liuyun’s De Bao House was almost destroyed, and even the other shop next to it was affected.

The fire spread from around 10 p.m. until it was almost midnight before it was extinguished.

Dongfang Liuyun felt like she was in a daze and stood there the whole time.

Qi Lei was very worried. If Yang Sheng rushed over to deal with the funeral, there would be a lot of disputes. Of course, the main reason was the accident.

Qi Lei himself knew very well that the maintenance workers had personally come to check on the natural gas pipeline a few days ago. Uncle Ming was also such a careful person. He would not have made such a big mistake.

“Master Qi, why don’t you send Missus back to rest first? Leave this to me. I’ll take care of Uncle Ming’s funeral matters. Also, don’t worry about the matters here.”

Yang Sheng saw that Dongfang Liuyun looked very pale, and his eyes were naturally filled with worry.

“Mmm, call us if there’s anything.”

Qi Lei left this sentence and helped Dongfang Liuyun to the car.

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Everything happened so suddenly that Dongfang Liuyun was caught off guard.

In the car, Dongfang Liuyun did not say anything. She was in a state of deep thought. Qi Lei did not disturb her.

There was no expression on her face. He could only see a hint of pain between her brows.

“Drink some water. Don’t be too sad. The police will investigate thoroughly. I’ll draw you a bath. Take a good bath and rest early, okay?”

In the Grand Lake Villa area, Dongfang Liuyun was sitting on the large sofa in the living room. Qi Lei thoughtfully poured her a glass of water.

Dongfang Liuyun weakly reached out to prop up her slightly drowsy head. She took a few deep breaths before speaking in a hoarse voice, "I still can't believe that this is real. Uncle Ming is a very cautious person. How could he..."

"Don't think about anything. I can see that you're not in great condition, go upstairs and rest for a while. Let me arrange the details."

"Mmm, I just keep feeling like I can't breathe. Don't let Grandmother know about this for now. I was planning on going back to visit her tomorrow."

Dongfang Liuyun thought about it and gave the order. She took the water and drank a mouthful.

"Let's sleep first. Uncle Ming... I'll make the necessary arrangements."

"Mmm, I find this too sudden. I'll have to trouble you, help me find out what happened. Recently, these ominous feelings have been getting more and more intense. I have a feeling that this matter isn't simple. Uncle Ming... I'm a little... sad..."

As Dongfang Liuyun spoke, her voice could not help but contain some bitterness. She could not continue speaking.

"Let's see what happened first. If anything, we'll talk about it tomorrow. Go up and rest for now."

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The dazed Dongfang Liuyun finally went upstairs under Qi Lei's urging.

Such a huge matter naturally could not escape the media. Even though Yang Sheng had tried his best to suppress the news, the incident had already been reported the next morning.

Yang Sheng had not slept the entire night and rushed over early in the morning.

Yang Sheng had already arrived at Grand Lake Villa area when the sun had just risen.

Qi Lei also woke up very early. When Yang Sheng came over, he had already prepared breakfast.

“Sit down and have breakfast together. Let’s talk.”

Qi Lei placed the plate in his hand on the table in front of him. He pointed to the seat opposite him and gestured for Yang Sheng to sit down.

Yang Sheng naturally did not stand on ceremony and sat down as well. Qi Lei poured warm milk for him.

“Thank you, Master Qi.”

Yang Sheng took the milk.

“How did it go?”

Qi Lei picked up his knife and fork and began to enjoy his breakfast elegantly as he asked.

Yang Sheng took a sip of milk before he spoke, “The police are already investigating the cause of the accident. I got someone to investigate the surveillance cameras in the vicinity overnight. A few hours before the accident, they did not find anything unusual. De Bao House had its door open as usual. There were also a lot of customers coming and going, especially now that it’s near the end of the year. A large antique auction will be held at the International Art Exhibition Hall in a few days, so that street is livelier than usual.”

“Also, the police are going to send Uncle Ming’s body for an autopsy, so...” Yang Sheng said with some hesitation.

“Then try to cooperate with the police. We must get to the bottom of the matter. Go and check if there are any unusual people who have entered De Bao House recently. Also, go and find out about the natural gas company. Make sure to appease the family members involved, don’t let the matter get into a conflict.” Qi Lei instructed him very quickly.

Yang Sheng nodded. “Don’t worry, Master Qi. I’ve already made the arrangements. The police are quite efficient. We’ll just have to pay more attention. The person investigating this matter this time is Captain Wang from before.”

“Captain Wang, who was in charge of my mother’s investigation?”

Qi Lei listened and raised his eyes to look at Yang Sheng indifferently.

Yang Sheng nodded. “Yes, it’s him! The reason we were able to get to the bottom of things back then, apart from everyone’s hard work, was also thanks to his hard work.”

“Speaking of which, I haven’t thanked him properly yet,” Qi Lei said in a low voice. He looked down thoughtfully. After thinking for a moment, he continued, “Filter through the recent matters of the Dongfang family and see if anyone has been acting oddly.”

“Master Qi, are you suspecting that someone is targeting Missus again?” Yang Sheng frowned.

“Too many things have happened around her recently. We can’t help but be suspicious. Even if it’s not, it’s still good to be careful. Go ahead and do it.”

Qi Lei took a deep breath. When he thought of Dongfang Liuyun, he naturally felt uneasy.

Chapter 1978. Indifference (1)

After receiving Qi Lei’s instructions, Yang Sheng also nodded.

“How’s the Missus?” Yang Sheng asked with concern.

“Let her rest a little more. If there’s anything, just tell me directly.”

“Jin Sheng and Dongfang Rou’er’s wedding is coming soon. Master Qi, I’ve already prepared the gift.”

Yang Sheng, on the other hand, thought of this matter.

“You can decide,” Qi Lei agreed and continued to enjoy his breakfast. Yang Sheng knew that he was not in a good mood, so he did not say anything else.

After breakfast, Yang Sheng left. After Qi Lei finished packing, Dongfang Liuyun came downstairs in a neat outfit. She looked a little disappointed. With such an incident, it would be impossible to say that she was doing just fine.

“I called Grandmother this morning and told her that we’ll only be back in the afternoon. We’ll have dinner there tonight. Come with me to the company today. Don’t go over to the Dongfang Group for now. I’ve already applied for leave for you. At the same time, take it as an opportunity to understand some of Tai Yu Corporation’s affairs.”

There was a meeting in the morning. Xi Xinyi still had to do work reports, so she was naturally a little busy.

As Qi Lei said this, he pulled out a chair for her and gestured for her to have breakfast.

Dongfang Liuyun thought about it for a while before sitting down quietly. She took the milk he handed over and took a sip before asking, “What’s the situation at De Bao House?”

“The losses are huge. The police are already investigating Uncle Ming’s matter. I’ve already asked them to speed things up. Don’t worry too much.”

“Even if I want to worry, I don’t know where to start,” Dongfang Liuyun said helplessly.

“Then, don’t think about anything. Rest well and finish your breakfast first.” Qi Lei said very considerately.

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Dongfang Liuyun also attended the morning meeting.

Dongfang Liuyun’s appearance naturally surprised everyone. After all, their President’s wife and the company’s second-largest shareholder rarely attended their meetings. However, today was the year-end summary, so it was not surprising that she was present.

Xi Xinyi was also a little surprised by Dongfang Liuyun’s appearance, but she had already known that their young President Qi got married when she was overseas, so she was not too shocked.

After the meeting, Xi Xinyi went straight to Qi Lei’s office to report on her work for the past year.

“Your performance this year has been pretty good, and your accomplishments have been great too. You can stay here for a few more days this time. Xiaye probably hopes for that too.”

After he finished browsing through the documents, Qi Lei slowly closed the documents in his hands as he looked up at Xi Xinyi.

“Mmm, I’ve already seen my sister, brother-in-law, and the others yesterday. However, it’s enough that I’ve seen them once. I should go back to see Grandfather and Grandmother later before I leave. President Qi, I know that you gave me and my uncle a chance back then on account of brother-in-law and sister. Thank you... I’ll definitely cherish this opportunity.”

Xi Xinyi was very confident about what happened back then. Now, apart from gratitude, there were more emotions in her heart. Fortunately, she had met people like Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen, so she had a chance at a new life.

“You don’t have to thank me. If you want to thank someone, then thank your brother-in-law, Mu Yuchen, and your sister, Xi Xiaye. The reason I agreed to arrange for you to go over there was just to

fulfill the agreement I made with Mu Yuchen. It has nothing to do with you personally. However, your abilities are sufficient for this job. I'm relieved to hand it over to you."

Qi Lei leaned back slightly and looked at Xi Xinyi calmly. "You should be thankful that you have a generous and kind sister, thankful that you're not blinded by the fog of hatred, so you need to thank yourself too."

Xi Xinyi nodded and smiled, "Yes, after experiencing so many things, I've come to understand a lot of things. If I was like my sister back then, to be more open-minded and magnanimous, perhaps we'd all be fine now. At least, we can all live together in harmony as a family. It's a pity that one only cherishes the value of something after losing it. Otherwise, even if she knew this principle, it would be hard for her to understand until she experienced it. By the time she came to her senses, it was already too late..."

Xi Xinyi did not know why she had said these things to Qi Lei. Perhaps the pain in her heart was too repressed and she wanted to find someone to confide in.

"It's never too late to come to realization. I'll use your sister's words to encourage you."

Qi Lei could see Xi Xinyi's sincere repentance. He also caught the disappointment in her eyes, so he said that...

"Memories, or the past, are more often used for reference. It can help us reflect on how we can walk the path of the present and the future. A lifetime is very long, our footsteps wouldn't stop here forever, don't you think so?"

When Qi Lei said this, Xi Xinyi was suddenly stunned, and her eyes could not help but become teary.

Who knew that after such a long period of time, she had been silently enduring the pain and regret and was unwilling to tell anyone. Now that she had returned and said this out loud, she felt much better.

Yes, our footsteps would not stop in the past forever, or stop in the present. There is a very long way to go, and she was still young. How could she deny herself everything because of these things?

Love was only a part of life. She still had many things that she could have and cherish.

“I understand. Thank you, President Qi! I feel much better after hearing what you said. Actually, I admire you more because...”

“Because I went from a hedonistic and unruly scum to the way I am now?”

Before Xi Xinyi could finish, Qi Lei had already taken over her words, and a rare smile appeared on his handsome face.

Xi Xinyi did not expect Qi Lei to be so direct. She was stunned and her expression froze instantly.

Qi Lei, on the other hand, did not think much of it.

He spread his hands casually and took a deep breath before replying, “Since you know this, then you should understand it very clearly. Look, even a person like me can even make it through, so why can’t you?”

This was the first time Qi Lei had been so patient in persuading someone. For some reason, he did not have this kind of patience in the past. Perhaps it was because he had experienced a lot in the past few years that he had calmed down, naturally, he hoped that everyone would do well too.

Xi Xinyi then nodded gently. “Thank you, President Qi. I understand.”

“Mmm, that’s good. Arrange your work well. I’ll give you a few days off to walk around the city.”

Chapter 1979. Indifference (2)

Xi Xinyi carefully left Qi Lei’s office. When he heard the door close, Qi Lei leaned back in his chair. At this moment, the door to the lounge suddenly opened and Dongfang Liuyun slowly walked out.

“She’s Xi Xiaye’s sister, Xi Xinyi, right?”

Those things that happened were in the past now. Even though Dongfang Liuyun was not close to them, she seemed to have heard about some of those things that happened. When Wang Hui passed away, she had gone to attend the funeral. She more or less heard some rumors from some people.

Qi Lei turned around when he heard this. When he saw her walking over, he nodded. "That's her."

"She looks quite disappointed, but listening to her speak, I can tell that she's quite strong now."

Dongfang Liuyun listened to most of their conversation from the lounge.

"What she did to Xi Xiaye back then was unspeakable, but Xi Xiaye never thought of taking revenge on her. Mu Yuchen even thought of ways to give her a chance. Back then, after Han Yifeng left City Z, he made a deal with me. That was how things ended up like today. Actually, Mu Yuchen was only thinking about Xi Xiaye's feelings back then. Xiaye is a very kind person, and Mu Yuchen is the same. They can't bring themselves to be ruthless with their own people."

"And I've learned a lot from them."

"Then, I should be glad that you met them before me. You should be grateful that they influenced you."

Dongfang Liuyun came to the table and propped her hands on the table as she looked down at him.

Qi Lei smiled. "Actually, I'm pretty good. I just haven't met anyone who can make me be obedient. If only you had married me earlier."

As he said that, he could not help but stand up straight. He could not help but reach out to touch her cold face. The gaze in his black eyes was as soft as the warm sun, and his voice was emotional and soft—

"You are the most beautiful woman I have ever met. Even though I have seen countless women, only you can amaze me. I admit that I am a little shallow, but I do not want to hide it from you. After getting to know you, I realized that you are too good. You are so good that I am not sure if I have the qualifications to have you. Fortunately, I had the courage to take the first step."

“Am I really that outstanding to you?”

Dongfang Liuyun’s lips curled into a smile.

“Of course, no matter how much I doubt it, I wouldn’t doubt my own judgment.” Qi Lei answered with certainty, looking at her with an unusually frank gaze.

Dongfang Liuyun chuckled softly, and the gloom on her face faded slightly. She sighed softly. “I’m afraid that I’m not that good. It’s impossible for a person to only have good points. I have quite a lot of shortcomings.”

“It’s alright. I’m so magnanimous. I’ll definitely be tolerant.”

“It’s hard to say now,” said Dongfang Liuyun.

“Let’s wait and see then. I’ll use my entire life to prove this to you.”

Qi Lei was full of confidence in the future of the two of them. He was filled with hope and anticipation.

Dongfang Liuyun chuckled quietly. After a while, she reached out to grab his hand that was gently touching her cheek. “Then, I’ll trust you.”

“Thank you for your trust, Mrs. Qi. Alright, it’s about time. Let’s take you out for a meal. Then, we’ll go shopping to see if there’s anything you like. It’s been so long since we went shopping.”

Qi Lei raised his hand to pat her shoulder and slowly stood up.

Dongfang Liuyun stood up as well. “Then, let’s go for hotpot. I feel like eating something warm right now.”

“As you wish.”

Qi Lei said this, then took the coat on the shelf and handed it to her. He also took his own coat and put it on, before the couple left the office unhurriedly.

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In the afternoon, in Dongfang Shuman's study.

A violent cough was heard. Ah Cai was shocked when she walked in. She quickly quickened her pace and walked in. Before she got close, she saw Dongfang Shuman struggling to hold the table and gasp for breath.

"President Shu!"

Ah Cai rushed forward in a panic and supported her.

Dongfang Shuman took a few deep breaths in a row before she calmed down slightly. There was still a sickly weakness on her old face.

"President Shu, let me help you back to the bed. You shouldn't be wearing yourself out."

Ah Cai was very worried, especially since the weather was getting colder and colder these days. Dongfang Shuman's health was also getting worse and worse. Doctor Zhong had come over several times in the past few days.

"It's okay. I don't feel comfortable laying in bed for too long. Help me sit on the sofa," Dongfang Shuman said with some difficulty.

Ah Cai nodded and quickly helped her to sit on the sofa. She even poured her a cup of warm water.

"President Shu, drink some water."

Dongfang Shuman took it and took a sip.

“Ah Cai, I feel that my days are coming to an end, especially recently. I can’t even concentrate. Your old President has been away for a long time, I’m afraid he won’t have the patience to wait for me for too long.”

Dongfang Shuman held the armrest of the sofa with one hand and sighed.

“No, President Shu! You have to live a long life. You haven’t seen Miss Liuyun have her wedding and have a cute great-grandson with her husband! You won’t go so fast. As long as you take good care of your health, you will definitely get better and hold on...”

A Cai naturally could not stand hearing such words. Now that she said this, her throat was filled with bitterness.

“I’m still clear about my health. Now that even Uncle Ming has left, I feel lonely holding on by myself.”

As Dongfang Shuman said this, her gaze fell on the newspaper on the low table in front of her.

Ah Cai was stunned!

She had forgotten about the newspaper?

She had also found out about the fire at De Bao House last night, and it was the first time she had heard about it. The reason why she did not dare to tell Dongfang Shuman so quickly was because she was worried about how she would react emotionally...

“President Shu, this...”

“You don’t have to say anything else. I have already inquired about the general situation. That old fellow, he’s served our Dongfang family for many years. We can’t treat him unfairly. Help me take care

of his funeral. He was very respectful to Elder Dongfang when he was alive, so let's bury him next to our Dongfang family's cemetery."

As Dongfang Shuman spoke, she took a deep breath and slowly closed her eyes.

Ah Cai was in a trance for a moment. She felt like crying, she had suppressed her emotions for a long time, and now she could finally vent them. She sniffed and could not help but say in a hoarse voice, "Yes, President Shu. I understand. I'll go arrange it."

"Mmm, don't be too sad. There will always be such a day. He's lived for so long, sometimes, it's also a kind of relief."

Chapter 1980. Indifference (3)

The words of Dongfang Shuman made Ah Cai very sad, but she did not know how to comfort her.

She felt a snuffle and her eyes were very hot. She did not even dare to raise her head to look at Dongfang Shuman. She was very afraid that if she looked up, the tears in her eyes would not be able to be controlled.

In fact, even if she did not look up, she could barely control it.

With a 'Pa' sound, the burning tears fell on the back of her hand. She didn't dare to make a sound. She was afraid that if Dongfang Shuman saw it, the master and servant would feel even worse.

Meanwhile, the sound of footsteps outside saved her.

There was a knock on the door and Dongfang Liuyun's voice came in—

"Grandmother? Are you in there?"

Dongfang Shuman immediately looked up at the door. Her old eyes were filled with joy. "You're back!"

Ah Cai quickly wiped her tears and took a deep breath—

“The Fourth Miss and Master are back, I’ll go get the door!” Ah Cai replied and quickly went up to greet them.

Meanwhile, Dongfang Liuyun had already pushed open the door and walked in. Qi Lei followed behind him.

“Grandmother, Auntie Cai!”

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Dongfang Liuyun and Qi Lei greeted them one after another.

“You’re back, come and sit.”

Dongfang Shuman’s face was a little amiable. She patted the seat beside her. Ah Cai hurriedly poured them water and then left.

“I heard that you haven’t been feeling very well recently. How are you feeling now?” Qi Lei asked with concern.

“It’s not a big problem. It’s just that my immunity has decreased as I get older. It’s easy to catch a cold when the weather turns cold. It’s not easy to get well either. You guys have to be careful to guard against the cold.” Dongfang Shuman coughed a few times and said weakly.

“Grandmother, you should take care of your health. Liuyun has been worried about you for a while. A few days ago, she was thinking of coming back to see you. It’s just that...”

“You guys just keep busy with your matters, especially since your mother has just entered the company. Although you guys can convince her, it’s not easy to get her recognition from everyone. Didn’t Liuyun take quite a long time to get to this point too?”

Speaking of Song Siting, although Dongfang Shuman still felt a little uncomfortable, since Song Siting had made some concessions, she naturally would not be stubborn too. She was a very wise person, she definitely would not make things difficult for those who sincerely wanted to repent.

“Grandmother, don’t worry, Mother is very diligent. She is very familiar with some of the Dongfang Group’s affairs. We can feel rest assured that she will handle the matters related to legal consultants.”

Dongfang Liuyun was very clear about her mother’s ability, so she naturally trusted her.

Dongfang Shuman nodded lightly, lowered her head and drank two mouthfuls of water. She let out a long sigh. “You also have to pay more attention to yourself and be wary of the people around you. I also know about your Uncle Ming’s matter. I know that you all want to hide it from me.”

When Dongfang Shuman said this, Dongfang Liuyun was momentarily stunned. She raised her gaze and looked quietly at Dongfang Shuman.

“You all need to pay more attention to this matter. I haven’t been feeling very well recently. Your father isn’t around either. Your mother has just entered the company and you have already received a lot of attention. You should still be smart when it comes to it.”

Dongfang Shuman did not say anything else after that. She did not say anything more.

Dongfang Liuyun naturally understood what she meant. She nodded happily. “I understand. I know what I’m doing.”

“Yes, you have to take care of your own matters. Don’t think too much about the De Bao House matter. Let the police investigate what needs to be investigated. This matter can not be blown up. Qi Lei has already gotten someone to calm things down for now, I’m relieved.”

At this point, Dongfang Shuman coughed again. Dongfang Liuyun quickly patted her back to help her breathe.

After a while, Dongfang Shuman raised her hand to stop her, "I know that you and Uncle Ming had a good relationship. Since this has already happened, you don't have to be too sad. I can tell from your face that you're just putting up a strong front. Just take it that he's going to accompany your grandfather. I've already asked Ah Cai to handle it. He will be buried right next to the Dongfang family cemetery. He's been with your grandfather for so many years. It's not bad for him to accompany him there."

"A few days ago, he even told me that he wanted to be there for my wedding with Qi Lei, unexpectedly, life is unpredictable. He left just like that. It was so fast that no one had time to react. Furthermore, he left in such a way."

When Dongfang Liuyun talked about this, she could not help but feel a little bitter in her throat. She said with some difficulty, "I have to investigate this matter clearly. I have a feeling that it's not that simple. Grandmother, you know that Uncle Ming is such a cautious person. He wouldn't have accidentally caused this disaster. Moreover, the natural gas pipeline was just repaired a few days ago, I'm sure there's nothing wrong with it."

Dongfang Liuyun could not sit still when this matter is brought up.

Qi Lei reached out and held her down, signaling for her to calm down.

"You should handle this matter yourself. There are some things that you have to bear on your own. You can't be like your mother. Otherwise, you won't be able to truly sit in that position and take charge on your own."

Dongfang Shuman sounded very serious.

"Yes, I understand."

Dongfang Liuyun's gaze was a little dark, but she could only tell herself in her heart that she had to be strong.

“Rou’er and Jin Sheng’s wedding is coming up soon. Your aunt will be back in a few days. After she comes back this time, I’m afraid that she won’t be able to leave City Z for a short period of time. You guys should consider what position you should place in the company.”

“Didn’t I say before that it’s all up to Grandmother?”

“The person in power in the company now is your father, and the person in power in the future will be you. Although I’m more partial to your aunt, I’m not a person who can’t distinguish between right and wrong. She can only be arranged in a suitable position for her. You’d better think it over carefully. You might not be able to make an appearance on this matter. You two father and daughter should arrange a position for her. I’ll arrange for her to take up the position.”

When Dongfang Shuman said this, her old eyes were filled with the radiance of an elite.

The Elder Madam’s wisdom, breadth of mind, and foresight made even Qi Lei, who was sitting at the side, very impressed.

Even though the Elder Madam had previously appeared to be very distant from Dongfang Gan and Dongfang Liuyun, in the end, she still sided with the father and daughter in her heart. However, the old man had never revealed himself. It was not easy for him to maintain his balance in such a complicated whirlpool.

Dongfang Liuyun was naturally shocked by Dongfang Shuman’s words. She looked at Dongfang Shuman in surprise...

“I know what kind of person your aunt is. However, no matter what, you must remember that she is after all your aunt and your father’s sister.”

Dongfang Shuman’s tone was also a little solemn after that.