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Chapter 1141: Not Revealing All the Cards

Since everything about him was now laid bare, Ning Ge no longer concealed anything and presented his thoughts to the two heads of the family.

"I just told the big brother, our Ning Family is already flourishing enough. With Xiao Le joining the military, if I also come out into the open, our family's entire foundation will be exposed to others," Ning Ge said.

But Ning Gang countered, "What's the big deal? This isn't ancient times where you need to hide your strength."

Old Master Ning fell into deep thought.

"Big brother, don't you know the saying 'Don't put all your eggs in one basket'?" Ning Ge said, "Being cautious is better than being careless. If I'm in the shadows, it's more convenient for me to do certain things. Being in the open, I'd only be hindered at every turn."

Ning Gang fell silent.

"Have you been investigating a case these past few days?" Old Master Ning asked.

Ning Ge nodded, hesitated for a moment, then disclosed his investigation into the Loo Family and Jiang Conghe, saying, "The person who died at the restaurant tonight was the Loo Family's accountant, but he was murdered. I suspect it was the Loo Family's own doing."

Ning Gang frowned, "Why go after the Loo Family out of the blue?"

"Big brother, Jiang Conghe and the Loo Family are one. No matter which side falls, the other will inevitably be implicated. Are you sure you won't act?" Ning Ge raised an eyebrow and sneered.

Ning Gang said nothing. Now, his conflict with Jiang Conghe had surfaced from the shadows to the open, and eventually, one side would certainly be toppled.

Could he possibly want to be the one to fall? No!

"The Loo Family's business surely has its shady dealings. I'm starting from this angle to breach their defenses. But if I'm in the open, investigating would be less convenient," Ning Ge explained, revealing information they could understand.

Old Master Ning listened, then looked at him and asked, "Don't you feel wronged yourself?"

"What's there to feel wronged about?" Ning Ge shrugged and said, "I'm just doing what I love."

The game of cat and mouse was something he enjoyed, and even from an open stance, he intended to catch those big mice.

"Since you don't feel wronged, do as you wish, but make sure you ensure your safety. In the future... if you still want, you could go to National Security as well," Old Master Ning said.

"Dad." Ning Gang furrowed his brows slightly.

Old Master Ning raised his hand and said, "Your little brother is right; this is good. One in the open, one in the shadows—if you don't reveal all your cards, others won't know your play. Let's keep it that way."

With the elder saying so, Ning Gang had no more arguments and could only agree, "Very well. But in the future, Xiao Si, you should report more frequently to me about your missions."

"Big brother, not each organization functions the same; remember, I'm not one of your soldiers!" Ning Ge smiled playfully.

"You!" Ning Gang's face darkened, yet he knew Ning Ge was right. Certain things, not even he, as a Commander, could pry into.

Ning Ge yawned, feeling relieved now that he understood the true story from back then. It was time to catch up on some sleep. "I'll go take a nap; won't join you for breakfast."

With a wave, he left the study.

"That brat, Dad, look at him—where's the seriousness? It's hard to believe Pan Gongnian took a liking to him!" Ning Gang spoke, exasperated by his demeanor.

"That's how it should be. This kind of disguise is less likely to be seen through. There's no need to disclose Xiao Si's identity to anyone. Don't tell your wife either; just hint a little to the second brother, but don't mention anything to Zhener!" Old Master Ning instructed.

Ning Gang nodded and continued discussing Ning Ge's matters with him.

Chapter 1142: You Don't Have to Hide Anymore

Having let go of a great burden, returning to his room, Ning Ge stared blankly at the ceiling for a while. The moment he closed his eyes, he fell asleep, and when he awoke, the sun was already high in the sky.

After washing up and going downstairs, Old Master Ning was at the doorway playing with the parrot he kept. Hearing movement, he peeked over and, seeing that Ning Ge was up, said, "Your sister-in-law went out to buy some groceries. There's congee and buns left in the kitchen!"

Just like every other day, as if nothing had happened, as if no one knew his true identity.

"Oh right! Remember to call Xiao Cheng back, don't wait until she needs something and can't find you," Old Master Ning added.

Ning Ge acknowledged with a sound, thinking to himself what matter could Cheng Su have, for he had more important things to attend to now.

After hastily eating the congee and buns, Ning Ge went out.

When Cang Ying saw Ning Ge, his expression changed several times before pulling him into a back alley.

"Didn't I tell you not to come looking for me again? What do you mean by this? I said I know nothing, stop asking me," Cang Ying gritted his teeth as he spoke.

"Don't worry. You're very safe now, and there's no need to hide anymore. You can live your ordinary life in peace," Ning Ge said, looking at him.

Cang Ying was taken aback, "What do you mean?"

"About that matter, I know now," Ning Ge replied.

Cang Ying looked at him, waiting for his explanation.

Ning Ge relayed what he had heard from his elder brother, that the traitor was not him but someone else, including the truth about that incident.

Cang Ying leaned blankly against the wall for a long while before asking, "Got a smoke?"

Ning Ge took out a cigarette and tossed it over. Cang Ying pulled out a stick, put it in his mouth, and then took out a lighter to light it. After taking a couple of deep puffs, he tossed the pack back to him.

"So, my name's been cleared?" Cang Ying let out a mocking laugh, "Who was I carrying this stigma for?"

"I don't know, I really don't," Ning Ge replied, somewhat dejected, "No matter who it was, they're dead now. Does it even matter anymore?"

Cang Ying laughed bitterly again.

Whether it matters or not, so many years have passed. It's just that he felt a sense of injustice, having lived in fear for all these years for nothing.

The two stood silently against the wall, smoking. Cang Ying finished his cigarette and then snuffed it out on the ground underfoot.

"Since the truth is out, there's no need for us to meet again. Don't come back!" Cang Ying said this and turned to leave.

"Cang Ying, do you want to return to the organization?" Ning Ge asked.

Cang Ying turned his head slightly, saying, "In their eyes, I'm a dead man. What's the point in going back? Now, I have a wife and a child. I have my responsibilities. The great responsibilities of the country? Ha, I'm just an ordinary citizen and powerless to help."

Ning Ge pursed his lips, took a letter from his pocket, and stuffed it into Cang Ying's hand.

"What's this for?" Cang Ying frowned and could tell what it was just by the feel.

"A gift for my nephew, congratulations on your wedding and having a son!" Ning Ge said.

Cang Ying's eyes grew complicated, recalling the jokes they would make back when they were on missions, about how they must all send gifts and congratulations if anyone ever got married or had a child.

Now, among them, some were dead, some were crippled. He no longer had the courage or passion, now just an ordinary father.

But Ning Ge still remembered.

Cang Ying put the envelope into his pocket, saying, "Thanks!" Then headed for the back door, after a few steps, he paused again and said, "Take care."

Ning Ge said nothing, leaning against the wall. He listened to the back door open and shut, silently smoking until the cigarette was down to the end before leaving.

From then on, they would forget each other amid the jianghu, never to meet again.

Chapter 1143: Let's Hitch a Ride Too, Ning Family

Cheng Su waited for two whole days before Ning Ge finally called her back. Her yelling almost shattered Ning Ge's eardrum.

This woman is getting more and more unruly!

"What's the matter? You're in such a hurry to find me. You don't even know I was almost wanted by the whole town because of my brother." Ning Ge dug in his ear and asked, without bothering about the unfriendly glance his brother gave him.

Cheng Su stammered out her thoughts.

"What, you need a loan? Did the company's business fall apart while I was away for a few days?" Ning Ge sat up straight. Although he wasn't focused on the business, it was still his property, and he had to care a little.

Ning Gang and Old Master Ning both looked over. Is the company in trouble?

"No, it's that I want some money and need to use the company as collateral," Cheng Su said. "Don't worry, I'll definitely pay it back. It might take a while, but it won't shortchange you. You name an interest rate, and I'll calculate the interest for you."

"It's not a company problem, then why do you need the money?" Ning Ge couldn't understand.

Ning Ge wasn't an outsider, and Cheng Su didn't intend to hide it from him, so she simply explained why she needed the loan.

She's buying land, and it's in Guangcheng.

This woman, why does she have so many ideas?

"You want to use the company as collateral, I don't have any objection, and there's no need to calculate any interest rate. But with this land purchase, are you confident?" Ning Ge asked.

Listening to Cheng Su enthusiastically talk about future development over the phone, Ning Ge finally said, "Since you've thought it through, go ahead. I'll return in a few days; there are still things to handle here."

After hanging up the phone, Old Master Ning asked, "Why, is your company having problems? Do you need your second brother to step in and help?"

"It's not our company; it's Cheng Su who wants a loan to buy land, using the company as collateral," Ning Ge replied.

"A loan to buy land?" Ning Gang was a bit surprised, "How much does she want to borrow?"

"About a hundred or two hundred thousand."

"Does she have the ability to repay it?" Ning Gang raised an eyebrow. That amount is no small sum.

Ning Ge shrugged, "I don't know, but since she has the thought, she should have the confidence and ability to repay it. Besides, I think she has a bit of luck."

"How do you mean?" Old Master Ning was a bit curious.

Ning Ge then talked a bit about their company's current development and then mentioned Cheng Su's adventures in Guangcheng, saying, "Back then she met you, Old Master. Now, she's met a Cheng family. Wouldn't you say that's good luck?"

"The Cheng family..." Old Master Ning thought for a moment and asked, "Could it be the Cheng family of Old Red Army Cheng Jiasheng?"

"Dad, you know them too?" Ning Gang was curious.

"To say I know them is a stretch, but how many Old Red Army soldiers are there nowadays? Just a few, so I have some impression," Old Master Ning said. "But from what I hear, this girl indeed is well-connected."

"Stepping in dog poop, walking with dog luck," Ning Ge shrugged.

But Old Master Ning tapped his fingers lightly on his leg and said, "Xiao Cheng said she wants to buy land; what's that supposed to mean?"

Ning Ge was taken aback, then repeated what Cheng Su had just said.

Old Master Ning listened, his eyes lit up slightly, nodded quietly, and said, "If that's the case, our family should ride on Xiao Cheng's coattails and see if we can buy two pieces of land over in Guangcheng."

This time, it was Ning Gang and Ning Ge who were shocked, looking at their family's old man. Cheng Su is crazy, why is he following suit?

Chapter 1144: Crowds Buying Land

According to Old Master Ning of the Ning Family, Cheng Su may have luck, but what truly impresses people is her boldness and vision.

Cheng Su is only twenty-two this year. As a young woman her age, most are either focused on family matters or busy with daily meals.

But when it comes to vision and ambition, Old Master Ning has seen many girls, yet the only one who truly impresses him is this young girl, Cheng Su.

Her perspective is much broader than that of ordinary men.

Now, when she talks about the future development of Guangcheng, Old Master Ning can see a flourishing picture, plus the country's leaders are vigorously promoting economic reform.

"Our family's foundation is all here in the Capital, but for long-term plans, investing a bit in the South isn't a bad idea," Old Master Ning said. "This is the principle of not putting all eggs in one basket."

"But won't this cause disturbances over there?" Ning Gang was cautious.

"It's just privately buying two pieces of land, what's the disturbance? Just use the fourth son's name, like Cheng Su, and take a loan," Old Master Ning said. "The funds are clear, what can move a businessman?"

Ning Gang thought for a moment, and had nothing more to say. Once the old master decided something, it was rarely changed. He looked at Ning Ge, meaning to say it was up to him to handle.

Ning Ge, helplessly, had to call Cheng Su again.

At Cheng Su's place, Qi Taiguo noticed that after Cheng Su had just finished a call with Ning Ge, he called again, which aroused his curiosity.

After Cheng Su hung up, hearing her talk about the Ning family's plans, Qi Taiguo found it amusing.

"Why does it sound like buying land is as simple as buying vegetables, and you're even buying in bulk?" Qi Taiguo said.

Who buys land like this? It's not like going to the market to buy vegetables, you buy, I buy too.

And from the looks of it, the Ning family seems to be following Cheng Su's actions. Whatever she does, they do too. It's a bit absurd.

"Are you sure I'm the only one who knows you're from the future?" Qi Taiguo asked.

Cheng Su said, "Of course, am I going to shout it on the streets?"

She gave him a look of 'are you dumb?', then suddenly felt something was off, squinting her eyes and asking, "What do you mean by that? That it's not right for people to follow me in buying land?"

"No, it just seems, uh, quite blind," Qi Taiguo laughed.

"That's because they're smart, knowing following Cheng Su brings benefits," Cheng Su said with a proud smile.

Qi Taiguo snorted and said, "Don't be too smug just yet. The land hasn't been bought yet. Are you sure you can get it?"

"That's where networking comes in," Cheng Su's eyes sparkled as she said, "The head of the Cheng family is quite influential."

"Are you exploiting the common people?" Qi Taiguo was a bit disapproving.

He was a soldier, full of integrity, and didn't like exploiting the people's resources.

"What exploitation? I'm promoting economic development, you know? The wool comes from the sheep's back. I bought the land, and that money will be used for construction, thus boosting the economy. I'm just changing the name of the landowner to mine. I'm buying with real money, not robbing. Maybe the government has been waiting for wealthy groups like us to make a move!" Cheng Su scoffed.

What's money for? It should be used wisely. Leaving it in the bank is just like a piece of paper. It can't do anything. What if everyone just hoarded their money? But if it circulates in the market, that's a different story.

Chapter 1145: Have You Done It Yet?

Since Ning Ge also agreed to use the company for a mortgage loan and he is interested in buying land, both parties are willing, and it's a perfect match, making it the easiest to handle.

Cheng Su immediately had Ying Xiaoya help prepare the company's materials and estimate the market value. If this money comes through, it will be split between the two families.

However, these days, the little girl's emotions seem a bit low!

Cheng Su asked her what's wrong, and Xiao Ya's eyes turned red.

"Did you have another argument?" Cheng Su asked at first glance.

Ying Xiaoya said, "We might break up!"

Cheng Su was stunned: "What happened? So serious?"

She had been busy with classes, managing the factory affairs remotely on the phone, and hadn't been to the company much, so she wasn't aware of their issues.

"His daughter has been hostile towards me. She was fine before, but now she keeps calling me the Fox Spirit who stole her father. Such words hurt deeply. I said a couple of things back to her, and she immediately went to complain to him. At first, he would scold the child, but he couldn't withstand her pulling her grandmother in for support. Later on, he felt I was petty, saying I shouldn't bicker with a child." Xiao Ya said, tears streaming down her face.

Cheng Su sighed and said, "You know how hard it is to be a stepmother, right? You haven't even gotten married yet, and she's already rejecting you. What will you do after you get married?"

"I don't know. I think the sudden hatred from the child is definitely instigated by her mother. But he said he can't stop them from meeting." Ying Xiaoya huffed, "It's only natural for them to meet; they act like close family while I'm the unreasonable one, lacking common sense."

Cheng Su had long anticipated this kind of thing happening, but she never thought Xiao Pinshan could be so capable in his work yet have such low emotional intelligence when it came to handling relationships.

They really aren't suitable. Xiao Ya is simple-minded and straightforward; she calls it like she sees it and doesn't overthink things. What she needs is a man who can completely tolerate her temperament.

It's not that Xiao Pinshan is a bad person; he's responsible in his work and also in his relationships. But his marital history and family make him unsuitable for Xiao Ya.

"Have you talked about it?" Cheng Su felt a bit uncomfortable inside; she hoped Xiao Ya could be happy.

"We've talked. He always tells me to be tolerant of his daughter, saying the child is young and has been through her parents' divorce, making her more sensitive. Over time, she'll warm to me," Ying Xiaoya said mockingly. "He never stops to think. We're worse off than before, constantly asking me to put up with it, not considering where the real problem lies, or that I'm exhausted too."

Cheng Su patted her on the shoulder and said, "That's what it's like dating someone with a child from a previous marriage. This is just the beginning. I won't make the decision for you. It's up to you to choose whether you want an easy life or to continue living this way."

Ying Xiaoya bit her lip and nodded, "I understand. I'm just annoyed and wanted to vent to you."

"Yeah, when you have something on your mind, it's good to vent to a good friend." Cheng Su said, "I can't decide for you, but I can help analyze the situation and listen to you vent."

"Thank you."

"What are you thanking me for? When I have something on my mind, don't I come to you too!" Cheng Su suddenly thought of something else, leaned in, and asked quietly, "So, how far have you two gone? Have you... done it?"

Ying Xiaoya was taken aback, then her face turned bright red as she swung her fist at her, "Cheng Su! Can't you say something nice for once?"

"I'm reminding you, before you decide to get married, even if you guys have done it, make sure to take precautions so you don't end up with a baby, forcing you into it!" Cheng Su said.

Ying Xiaoya's face tightened, and she nodded, "He does respect me, saying he won't do it before marriage."

Cheng Su breathed a slight sigh of relief, at least he has some decency.

Chapter 1146: Are You Trying to Ruin the Qi Family?

Having resolved Ying Xiaoya's emotional issues, Cheng Su instructed her to prepare the materials she needed, saying, "Once you're busy, you won't have time to dwell on things."

Ying Xiaoya rolled her eyes at her and just buried herself in work.

Cheng Su stayed for a while before leaving. During that time, Xiao Pinshan talked to her about work, but he seemed a bit uneasy, probably guessing that Xiaoya had told her about their situation, hence he felt awkward.

Cheng Su had no intention of blaming him, nor did she plan to teach him what to do. Privately, in her eyes, she naturally sided with Xiaoya, hoping Xiaoya could make a better choice.

So, she wouldn't instruct him on what to do.

But seeing his unease, to avoid affecting work, Cheng Su still said, "I don't care who you are or who you're dating. What I care about is your work ability. I only need you to give me satisfactory results. As

for other matters, I don't care and I don't plan to. Work, if you can complete it, that's fine. If not, I'll find someone else, got it?"

Xiao Pinshan nodded in a daze, "I will keep work and personal matters separate!"

"Good!" Cheng Su said a curt "Good" and left.

After walking a couple of steps, she couldn't help but turn back and said, "Xiaoya is a good girl. I don't want her to be let down. I hope you both consider if you're truly suited for each other. If not, then I think you should seriously consider what's best for her, and how she can be happy! Isn't this the basic thing about loving someone, considering what's best for them?"

Xiao Pinshan's expression changed slightly, and after a long while, he said, "I will."

Cheng Su patted his arm and nodded slightly.

Xiao Pinshan stood there, lips pursed for a long time, lost in thought.

Cheng Su returned home, deciding to give the Cheng family a call to maintain the relationship for future convenience.

But before her hand could reach the phone, it rang first.

As she picked up, just after she said hello, her mother-in-law's yelling came through, the decibels almost hurting her eardrums.

"Mother-in-law, Taiguo isn't back yet. When he returns, I'll have him call you back!" Cheng Su moved the phone away from her ear.

"I'm not looking for Taiguo, I'm looking for you." Mother Qi's voice was sharp.

Cheng Su frowned slightly, looking for her, what for?

"What's the matter?"

"I'm asking you, are you planning to borrow money from the bank?" Mother Qi asked loudly.

Cheng Su was taken aback. How did she know? Did Qi Taiguo tell her?

"Answer me, are you going to borrow money from the bank?"

Cheng Su didn't answer but asked back, "Mother-in-law, how did you know?"

"So it's true, you're really going to borrow money from the bank?"

A shocked voice traveled through the phone, and Cheng Su could almost imagine the thunderstruck look on her mother-in-law's face.

"I need the loan for something..."

"Shut up!" Cheng Su's explanation was barely a sentence before Mother Qi's curses interrupted her, "Are you crazy, woman? Instead of asking friends, you're borrowing from a bank? Are you trying to ruin our Qi family? Huh, ruin our Qi family, what good does that do you? You crazy woman, you brainless fool, have you gone mad thinking about money?"

Hearing this barrage of curses, Cheng Su almost threw the phone in anger, coldly asking, "Mother-in-law, please stop spouting nonsense! What does my borrowing money have to do with the Qi family? How am I trying to ruin the Qi family?"

It's ridiculous, her borrowing money, what does it have to do with the Qi family, for her to say such things!

Chapter 1147: Driven Mad with Rage

Cheng Su was angry, and Mother Qi was even angrier. She heard Fenglian calling back to say that Cheng Su might borrow money from the bank, and it was a large sum. She was stunned immediately.

Borrowing money from the bank is like dealing with the devil, isn't it? It's not just a few hundred or thousand, but tens of thousands. How will it be repaid later? If it's borrowed, wouldn't the family's future generations be crushed by this debt?

Everyone knows that debt-free is carefree, but Cheng Su doesn't seem to understand that. And to think she's a college graduate, yet she doesn't understand this basic principle, actually considering borrowing money from the bank — she's gone mad.

She wants to ruin the Qi family, ruin Taiguo, ruin the future generations of the Qi family.

"You still won't admit you're wrong? You're my son's wife, and the money you borrow, won't he have to repay it? Won't my grandchildren have to repay it? You just want to ruin them, make them bear a lifetime of debt! You're a crazy woman, you're mad!"

Cheng Su laughed in anger. "I want to borrow money in my own name; who said they have to repay it? Who says I can't repay it myself? If you don't know the ins and outs, don't blame me here!"

"Bah! Don't take advantage of me being an uneducated old woman. Even if I'm uneducated, I know that a father's debt is repaid by the son. With so much money, how can you repay it? Do you think you're a bank yourself, saying you can repay it? If you can't repay it, won't they have to?" Mother Qi was so angry she almost wanted to crawl through the phone line to strangle Cheng Su and said, "Let me tell you, if you borrow money from the bank, then divorce Taiguo. Our Qi family doesn't need a daughter-in-law who brings catastrophe to the family!"

Cheng Su felt thunderstruck; talking to such a person really wasted her breath and intelligence.

"Then just tell Qi Taiguo to divorce me!" Cheng Su said coldly and hung up heavily.

Mother Qi was about to curse when she heard the busy tone from the phone, stunned for a moment, and after saying 'hello' several times with no response, she realized Cheng Su had hung up on her.

"Outrageous!" Mother Qi picked up the telephone book beside her and dialed again.

Cheng Su was already annoyed, and when the phone rang, she picked up, but just as Mother Qi started yelling, she hung up again.

After hanging up, she put it aside.

It infuriated her. How could there be such an unreasonable and distorted old woman?

After Mother Qi was cut off again, she persevered in dialing back, but this time, no matter what, she couldn't get through.

She was so angry her heart and liver ached. It was truly a misfortune for the family to have such a daughter-in-law. Such misfortune!

Unable to reach home, Mother Qi dialed Qi Taiguo's office, but again no one answered, and in anger, she slammed down the phone.

If she couldn't deal with Cheng Su, she didn't believe her family couldn't.

She wanted to see if the Cheng family was also so crazy, not caring about such a big mess.

This borrowing from the bank is a big deal. That one family borrowed a few thousand to do business, ended up losing and couldn't repay, and ran away. Didn't they? Leaving behind a bunch of widows and orphans, constantly chased by the bank for debt, almost driven to suicide!

That damn Cheng Su just wants the Qi family to suffer, wants to ruin them!

Mother Qi gritted her teeth in hatred, locked the door, and rushed to the Cheng family to ask how they taught their daughter to ruin their Qi family.

Chapter 1148: Bold as Brass

With the fury of a storm, Mother Qi stormed into the Cheng family home. The place was filled with laughter and joy; Cheng Su's parents were busy slaughtering chickens in the yard, and her brother Cheng Zhi, along with two other cousins, were laughing and joking loudly.

Seeing the scene, Mother Qi was even more infuriated, thinking: Your daughter is about to ruin our Qi family, yet you're all laughing happily.

With sharp eyes, Cheng Zhi saw Mother Qi and shouted, "Mom, sister's mother-in-law is here."

Mother Cheng turned her head, saw Mother Qi and exclaimed, wiping her wet hands on her apron, "Oh, in-law mother is here, come on in."

Mother Qi stepped into the yard, ignoring Father Cheng's welcoming smile, with her hands on her hips and a dark face, she snorted heavily.

Father Cheng frowned slightly at this, wondering what had happened now.

Mother Cheng noticed too and asked cautiously, "In-law mother, what's the matter?"

"What's the matter? In-laws, you've raised quite a daughter, taught her well. She's got such big ideas!" Mother Qi's words came out like firecrackers, popping explosively, "She's been married into the Qi family for three years, hasn't even laid an egg, but I didn't mind, she's got strong ideas, and I can't argue with her. I'm an old woman with only a few years left to live, I can wait for a grandson!"

Mother Cheng and Father Cheng exchanged a glance.

"But she absolutely shouldn't drag the entire Qi family into hell. We've done nothing wrong to her, right? Why is she so bent on ruining our family? What good does it do her if our family collapses?" Mother Qi vented all her anger at their daughter not answering her phone onto Cheng Su's parents.

"In-law, don't be hasty, let's talk this over. If Cheng Su has done something wrong, I'll definitely teach her a lesson later. But what do you mean by causing harm, what's going on?" Father Cheng asked, bewildered.

"What's going on? Cheng Su has lost her mind, wants to borrow money from the bank, do you know how much? Not just thousands but tens of thousands." Mother Qi screamed, "Tell me, is she crazy, borrowing that much money? Does she want to ruin the Qi family for generations, destroy our family?"

What, Cheng Su wants to borrow tens of thousands from the bank?

Father Cheng and Mother Cheng's expressions changed; that's an astronomical sum, what does she want with so much money, and if she can't return it, then...

"In-law mother, don't be anxious, I'll ask Cheng Su what's going on!" Father Cheng immediately instructed, "Cheng Zhi, call your sister, see what's the matter? Why borrow so much money?"

"Okay!" Cheng Zhi ran into the house.

Mother Cheng had Mother Qi sit on a small stool, soothing her with kind words.

Mother Qi calmed down a bit, and said, "I'm not just criticizing her, but how can a woman have such big ambitions—tell me, borrowing so much money, how will they repay it? Won't the children be crushed by debt their whole lives? Her ideas are too big, if she dares to do it, our Qi family wouldn't dare keep such a daughter-in-law."

Mother Cheng's face turned several shades; it didn't look good, wondering if it was really that serious.

Father Cheng's expression wasn't good either, realizing that borrowing such a large amount was frightening, what was she borrowing it for? Could it be that they ran into trouble with their business dealings?

Cheng Zhi ran out from the house and said, "Dad, I can't get through to sister's home phone."

Hearing this, Mother Qi started shouting again, "See, see, I knew you couldn't get through, she's got the nerve of a bear and the heart of a leopard, intending to doom our Qi family!"

Chapter 1149: The United Front of the Cheng Family

While Mother Qi was speaking, she didn't realize this was the Cheng family, not the Qi family, and all those standing here were Cheng family members.

The first one who couldn't listen anymore was Cheng Zhi. He couldn't help but say, "Dear mother-in-law, even if my sister wants to borrow money, she must have her reasons. Besides, if she's daring enough to borrow, she can definitely pay it back. You're exaggerating, saying she'll burden the whole Qi family!"

This is outrageous!

Mother Qi glared, saying, "You brat who's not fully grown, how many days have you lived to know anything? What's being debt-free is like having a lightweight body; with debt, you'll never stand straight in your life. What, just because she says she can, she can pay it back? Unlike a few hundred or thousand, we're talking tens of thousands. In this life, who can earn that much?"

Cheng Zhi sneered and said, "I don't dare say whether the Qi family can earn it, but my sister certainly can."

"Cheng Zhi!" Father Cheng mildly reprimanded.

Cheng Zhi puckered his lips.

Mother Qi was so angry her mouth twisted. This little brother-in-law was just like his sister, same attitude.

"If she can earn, why borrow?" Mother Qi snapped. "Isn't it because she has big ambitions?"

"Borrowing money must have a purpose. Who would borrow for no reason? As for earning it back, haven't you seen how my sister's business is doing?" Cheng Zhi argued. "Don't always say my sister harms your Qi family. Since she married in, how many hardships has she endured? Whereas your Qi

family, you've been enjoying more day by day. Qi Fengping and Qi Jianguo's clothes have increased each year, haven't they? Before my sister married in, how long did you all wear a patched-up piece of clothing?" Cheng Zhi mocked.

He couldn't stand the old lady's attitude, benefiting yet pretending to be honorable!

"You, you... that money comes from my son!" Mother Qi grinded her teeth in anger, but saying this made her feel guilty.

"Brother-in-law's monthly allowance is only a few tens of yuan, could that buy so many clothes? Could that buy such good food? Isn't it all from my sister's business earnings?" Cheng Zhi snorted. "Spending the money my sister earns and claiming she harms your family, what's that logic?"

Father Cheng glanced at his son, with a hint of pride in his eyes.

His two children always quarreled when they were young, even as adults, but since Susu married, they got better, and his son now knows to defend his sister.

"Fine, you're all articulate, sharp-tongued as ever." Mother Qi couldn't win the argument, so she just glared daggers at him.

"Dear mother-in-law, don't say just because my sister wants to borrow money that you'll forsake her as a daughter-in-law. Such a fortune-maker, even if your Qi family doesn't want her, many others would. Can you find another daughter-in-law as capable of making money?" Cheng Zhi continued, "Even if my sister borrows money and can't pay it back, it won't be your Qi family repaying, I'm here as her brother to help her pay it back!"

"And us two brothers!" chimed in the two kids from the third uncle's family, thumping their chests.

Cheng Zhi looked at them and nodded. In times like these, the Cheng family must stand united against outsiders.

Mother Qi was stunned looking at these few teenagers in front of her. Suddenly she realized, Cheng Su isn't without support, her own family backs her, and she won't be bullied that easily.

"Fine, so what if she can earn money? My son is still a battalion commander, and many women want to marry him, ones with money and status. Hmph!" Mother Qi huffed loudly and was about to leave.

Father Cheng, having watched enough, stopped her and said, "Mother-in-law, the young ones are naive and just talking, don't take it to heart. But as for borrowing money, I think we should see what Taiguo thinks, don't you agree?"

Chapter 1150: With Me as Your Shield

Cheng Su was at home feeling sulky, she never imagined that borrowing money from the bank would lead to such a scolding.

What? Bringing disaster to their whole Qi family, ha, it's really such a huge accusation.

What made her angrier was the claim that borrowing money meant she had to divorce Qi Taiguo, it was simply... what nonsense.

After the initial anger, Cheng Su started thinking, she'd just begun the process of borrowing money, hadn't told anyone, so who mentioned it to her mother-in-law?

Was it Qi Taiguo? She had just told Qi Taiguo after all.

Cheng Su was a bit uncertain, there was no reason for Qi Taiguo to casually mention it, right?

Then who else could it be, Elder Sister? But she didn't know that she was going to borrow money!

As she was wildly speculating, the door lock rattled, Qi Taiguo came in, and saw her hugging a pillow sulking, he asked, "What's wrong?" His eyes shifted, then he saw the phone off the hook, and asked, "Why isn't the phone back on the cradle?"

He walked over and hung up the phone.

"Your mom knows about me borrowing money from the bank!" Cheng Su said.

Qi Taiguo let out a sound, looked at her, "Ah? How did mom know?"

Was it not him who said?

"You didn't say anything?" Cheng Su said, "She just called and scolded me, saying I'm bringing disaster to the Qi family, harming future generations, and even said..."

Qi Taiguo's brows knitted into a frown, intuition told him the next words wouldn't be pleasant, he asked carefully, "What else did she say?"

"She also said if I insist on borrowing this money, I should divorce you." Cheng Su said.

"That's nonsense!" Qi Taiguo immediately snapped.

Cheng Su looked at him with a half-smile.

"Did she really say that?" Seeing her expression, Qi Taiguo felt inexplicably guilty, said, "Mom doesn't know the reason behind it, let me explain to her. We're using it to buy land, it would only be beneficial, who would complain about having less land?"

"Do you believe, even if you said it was to buy gold, in her eyes, only money is valuable." Cheng Su said.

Qi Taiguo grabbed the phone and put it down again, said, "Then what do you think we should do!"

"We're not doing anything, anyway, I must borrow this money, and as for having to get divorced first to borrow, well..." She gave Qi Taiguo a sidelong glance, said, "It depends on whether you also think I'm bringing disaster to the Qi family!"

"Aren't you talking nonsense?" Qi Taiguo hugged her, said, "Others don't know, but don't I know you? We both know the future development, I'm not stupid enough to say you can't repay the money!"

"Then what about your mom..."

"We borrow here, how could she know? To be honest, whether we borrow or not, if we don't say anything, who will know?" Qi Taiguo said, "When they find out, the money would already have been borrowed, what could happen then?"

"I get scolded like a dog even before borrowing, imagine if they knew, they'd probably kick me out of the Qi family!" Cheng Su pouted.

"Don't worry, with your husband here as a shield, if anyone wants to kick you out, they'll have to kick me out first, how about that!" Qi Taiguo soothed her.

"That's about right!" Cheng Su leaned into his embrace, said again, "Hey, who do you think told her that I planned to borrow money? I only told you."

Qi Taiguo saw her suspicious gaze, said, "It wasn't me!"

Cheng Su was just about to speak when the phone rang again, she said, "You answer it! I don't want to get angry again!"

Qi Taiguo had no choice but to pick up the phone, but it wasn't Mother Qi calling, it was Qi Fenglian, asking if he knew about Cheng Su borrowing money from the bank.