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Chapter 631 Disgusting

Ning Ge rushed to Joy Soon Loy Restaurant with a look of urgency on his face, sweeping over to Cheng Su like a gust of wind: "Where is he?"

He looked around but didn't see that playboy scoundrel anywhere.

"Who are you looking for?" Cheng Su asked, puzzled, and then it dawned on her, "Are you asking about Chiang Tian? He's gone!"

"He's gone just like that?" Ning Ge frowned and then scrutinized her, "He didn't do anything to you, did he!"

Cheng Su scoffed, "This is my turf; what could he possibly do to me? Besides, I think he's a bit of a dimwit."

"Don't be negligent. Even if Chiang Tian isn't smart, he's no fool. Tell me, what did he come here for?" Ning Ge asked as he sat down.

He hadn't caught the whole conversation on the phone but heard her say that Chiang Qing's brother, Chiang Tian, had come knocking, scaring him into thinking Chiang Tian was here to cause trouble, so he hurried over.

Cheng Su repeated the conversation, and said, "See, isn't he a dimwit? I think his sister is not right in the head, and neither is he. I really don't understand how this family's brains work?" They are all eccentrics.

Ning Ge, however, shook his finger and said, "You shouldn't underestimate him. Chiang Tian is known in Capital's circles as a notorious playboy. He has played with countless women, good or bad, and there aren't many he has set his sights on that he hasn't gotten. And don't be fooled by his messy ways; when it comes to business, the kid has some brains. Even though his transportation company started with the help of his external family, it's running very smoothly."

Cheng Su's brows raised, "So, you mean he was just playing dumb in front of me?"

"I don't know if he was pretending to be dumb, but there's a saying you know, right?" Ning Ge looked at her, "Good people don't come uninvited."

"Is he really here on behalf of his sister?" Cheng Su's face darkened, "When will they ever stop bothering me!"

"That's why I told you to stay away from Chiang Qing. She's crazy, and now you understand. I don't believe for a second that her brother's visit was something Chiang Tian didn't know about. It's very likely she's the one who sent him!" Ning Ge analyzed.

"Come here for what? It can't be like what he said, coming to hit on me?" Cheng Su said sarcastically, "What do they take me, Cheng Su, for? Just because they have no shame, do they think I am as shameless as they are?"

It was ludicrous. What made Chiang Qing think that by pointing her brother her way, Cheng Su would really get hooked?

She really wanted to confront Chiang Qing and ask where she got such self-confidence from.

"That's the cleverness of Chiang Tian, real and fake, hard to distinguish. Even you can't guess his true intentions, and doesn't that concern you?" Ning Ge said lightly, glancing her way, "Maybe that kid is still smug about it!"

"Pfft! What a joke. Why would I care? I'm not three years old to be swayed by anything he says!" Cheng Su rolled her eyes.

"If you can't figure it out, then he has already won one over on you. Anyway, you shouldn't interact with Chiang Tian. If he comes to you talking about business again, tell him to come to me," Ning Ge said coldly.

"No way. Even if he really wants to collaborate with us, I would never dare. Who knows? He might stab me in the back at any moment. It's not worth it over a bit of money. I don't care for it!"

Cheng Su was extremely repulsed and even more irritated. Whatever game this sibling duo was playing, they both disgusted her and made her nauseous.

"Mhm, leave this matter to me," Ning Ge said, stroking his chin.

That little bastard Chiang Tian, not staying put in Capital and stirring up trouble, what is he up to? Is he itching for a beating or what?

Chapter 632: Never Give Up

Just thinking about what Chiang Qing and her brother might be conspiring together made Cheng Su so agitated she wanted to explode.

Those people from the Chiang Family, like flies, constantly buzzed around her, creating an incessant din that was beyond annoying.

Seeing the rage rising in her face, Ning Ge said, "Why bother getting upset? Just ignore them and that will be the end of it!"

"What do you know? They're like flies and mosquitoes that keep circling around. You never know when they might sting you. It might not hurt, but it's irritating enough to drive you crazy," Cheng Su retorted.

That's precisely why the Chiang Family must fall, Ning Ge thought to himself.

"Don't worry, they won't be able to hop around for much longer." As long as someone has done something, they were bound to leave some traces, and he was certain he would find them.

Cheng Su looked over with a face full of confusion.

Ning Ge chuckled slyly, saying ambiguously, "Who knows when she might make a big mistake and get transferred away!"

Cheng Su scoffed lightly, then sighed, "She's just a paranoid nutcase; it's impossible to reason with her."

If she were normal, how could she repeatedly fail to understand clear messages? People have openly rejected her, even her pride has been wounded, yet she still doesn't get it. She's still hell-bent on destroying someone's family and the love between a husband and wife. What is she if not a paranoid nutcase?

Meanwhile, the Chiang siblings being discussed were also having a conversation.

"So, have you managed to connect with Cheng Su?" Chiang Qing asked Chiang Tian urgently.

"Who do you think I am? Is there any woman I can't strike up a conversation with? I've connected with her today. Remember to contact uncle," Chiang Tian said.

Chiang Qing's eyes widened: "I won't forget your part. Quickly, tell me, how did you talk to her?"

"I just said I was sent by you to hit on her," Chiang Tian shrugged.

"What? Are you insane!" Chiang Qing leapt up and screamed, "How could you say I sent you? How would she ever believe you? I'm telling you, Cheng Su is a cunning fox."

"Sis, you know she's cunning, then you shouldn't have come up with such a rotten idea. How could Cheng Su easily betray Qi Taiguo?" Chiang Tian said, lost for words.

"What do you know? That woman isn't enamored with looks or money. Isn't she doing business? We have plenty of money, you use it to approach her, and she'll definitely take the bait. You should use your skills that you usually use to charm women!" Chiang Qing said, almost maniacally.

Chiang Tian stared blankly at his sister, who was pacing the room in a frenzy, feeling that she had truly gone mad.

Seeing the insanity in her eyes, where was the slightest hint of rationale? She was completely mad; could it be that she had some mental issues?

Chiang Tian felt a knot in his stomach and swallowed hard, saying, "Sis, maybe we should just drop it? I don't think Qi Taiguo is all that special, and Cheng Su is just a peasant woman, a perfect match for him coming from the countryside. Sis, you're a lady of wealth and standing. There's no need to stoop so low. Why don't you come back to Beijing with me? Name your criteria and I guarantee all the eligible bachelors in the Capital will be lining up for you to choose."

"Shut up, how do you know what I want? Don't talk nonsense when you know nothing!" Chiang Qing snapped coldly, glaring at him with bloodshot eyes: "What do you mean 'just drop it'? Are you telling me to admit defeat, that I've lost?"

Facing the crazed look deep in her eyes, Chiang Tian found himself speechless.

"How could I possibly lose? My surname is Chiang; we are the Chiang Family. How could I lose? Impossible, I can't lose. I, Chiang Qing, have never lost since I was born, and I absolutely will not lose to a country bumpkin, I won't!" Chiang Qing shrieked shrilly.

Chiang Tian was pushed to the point where he collapsed onto the couch. She's mad, damn it, my sister has really lost her mind.

Chapter 633: You Are a Poor Soul Just Like Me

Chiang Qing was informed by the signalman that someone was looking for her at the main gate, and she couldn't help but wonder who it was. Xiao Tian?

As she arrived at the main gate and saw the person waiting there, Chiang Qing's face immediately darkened. It wasn't Xiao Tian, but Ning Ge, that shameless rogue.

Chiang Qing turned around to leave.

"Stop right there!" Ning Ge called out, quickly striding forward in three long steps to intercept Chiang Qing, "I haven't even spoken, and you're leaving? What's the matter, feeling guilty? Afraid to see me, Fourth Young Master Ning?"

Chiang Qing stepped back, dodging his hand, "What do you want to do?"

"Where is Chiang Tian?" Ning Ge glared at her, demanding, "What kind of shenanigans are you two siblings plotting now?"

Chiang Qing let out a cold laugh, "Fourth Young Master Ning, aren't you interfering a bit too much? What do my brother and I have to do with you? Do you need to breathe down our necks? Who do you think you are, extending your hand too far, aren't you?"

"Whatever you're planning, I advise you not to act rashly. It's better to think things through before you act, or else you might drag down the entire Chiang Family," Ning Ge warned with narrowed eyes.

Chiang Qing laughed mockingly, saying, "Fourth Young Master Ning, are you here to warn me in such a hurry to stand up for Cheng Su? Are you afraid that we might do something to her? Or do you intend to protect her? Tsk tsk, I didn't realize Fourth Young Master Ning could be so deep in loyalty and sentiment."

A light bulb went off in her head. Perhaps, she didn't need Xiao Tian at all, having Ning Ge was enough. He was Cheng Su's business partner, accompanying her day and night. It was common for feelings to develop over time.

Moreover, Ning Ge was also someone from Qi Taiguo's inner circle, a trusted person. If Qi Taiguo were to find out that this 'younger brother' he held dear had hooked up with his sister-in-law... tsk tsk, what an entertaining and lively drama that would be!

Excitement gleamed in Chiang Qing's eyes, and the more she thought about that scenario, the more exhilarating it felt, even seeming to make her blood boil.

One of the hardest things for a person to accept is betrayal by someone they trust.

If such a thing really happened, Qi Taiguo would surely divorce Cheng Su!

Ning Ge's brow furrowed deeply upon seeing the crazed light in Chiang Qing's eyes, contemplating what malicious ideas she could be concocting. He watched her coldly, noting that she seemed even more deranged than the last time he saw her.

Could it be that Chiang Qing always had a mental issue?

Otherwise, could a person really sink into madness from unrequited desire?

"I am warning you..."

"You don't need to warn me," Chiang Qing said coldly, looking at him with disdain, "Go ahead and protect Cheng Su all you want, fiercely if you must. If you can't express your feelings for Cheng Su, I can lend you a hand."

Ning Ge's expression shifted slightly, "What nonsense are you talking about?"

Chiang Qing laughed harshly, pointing at his chest with her finger, "You can fool others, but you can't fool me. Ning Ge, you're just as pitiable as I am, so stop pretending to be Big Head around me."

"You..." Ning Ge grabbed her hand, demanding, "What exactly are you scheming? What is the real purpose of Chiang Tian's visit here?"

Chiang Qing shook off his hand, replying, "Can't my brother come to see his sister? Qing City isn't owned by the Ning Family, nor can you cover the sky with one hand. It's none of your business."

Ning Ge glared at her with piercing eyes, and Chiang Qing stared back defiantly, without a hint of fear. She had discovered Ning Ge's secret; what was there to be afraid of? It would be best if something happened between Ning Ge and Cheng Su – that would truly be a sight to see!

After Chiang Qing left, Ning Ge watched her retreating figure disappear, his expression darkening as much as the bottom of a pot.

Chapter 634: Sister is Sick!

Just as Chiang Tian was debating whether to call his parents to inform them about Chiang Qing's situation, she cheerfully approached him again, signaling that he could go back.

"Go back? Wasn't I supposed to lure Cheng Su?" Chiang Tian looked utterly dumbfounded, wondering how women could change so quickly.

"No need anymore. I've found a better candidate," Chiang Qing said with a smile, her mood extremely pleasant. If she could tell Qi Taiguo now, what would happen? Too bad he was off to training.

But how could things change so drastically overnight? What had happened?

"Sister, what happened?" Chiang Tian asked cautiously, truly a bit worried.

"Nothing, and if anything, it's good news," Chiang Qing replied, her lips curling up. "Just go back already and keep Mom company. Right now, it seems like Dad is getting cozy with our dear step-brother. I've no clue how he's been sweet-talking Dad, causing fights with Mom all the time."

Upon hearing this, Chiang Tian's expression darkened as he said, "That bastard, daring to show off in front of us? He's really asking for it, even getting into the transport business. I'll make sure he regrets it."

"That's why you need to keep an eye on things back home," Chiang Qing now seemed less crazy.

"Even if he does show off, he'll only reach knee-high to me. Just a dog that can bark a bit, never going to achieve anything significant," Chiang Tian said, resting his head on his hands. "This small city is kind of interesting, though. I'll play around for a few days."

"You..." Chiang Qing glared at him, her scheming mind quickly twisting as a wicked smile formed on her lips.

"Fine, you stay for a few days. However, during these days, I want you to pursue Cheng Su relentlessly," Chiang Qing instructed.

"What?" Chiang Tian asked, confused as to why things were reverting back.

"Do as I say. You don't need to do much—just use your usual tactics for charming women," Chiang Qing advised with a sly grin.

Once Chiang Tian made his move, Ning Ge would be anxious. That's exactly what she wanted, to see him reveal his feelings in his impatience. Then, he'd have to explain himself, and she'd see how Cheng Su wriggled out of it. If some scandal erupted, even better. She'd love to see how Cheng Su would explain to Qi Taiguo!

The more Chiang Qing thought about it, the more satisfied she felt, and she began to giggle to herself. Chiang Tian, looking on, felt a chill down his spine—seems like he really needed to call their parents.

The sister must be sick!

Ning Ge had Chiang Qing's words swirling in his head, frowning so deeply that he couldn't even hear Cheng Su's questions until a cold hand touched his forehead.

Ning Ge shuddered and looked up.

"What's wrong with you? I've called you several times," Cheng Su said with a furrowed brow, leaning in to ask him.

Ning Ge jumped up and asked, "Why are you so close?" His heart started beating rapidly.

"I should be asking you what's got you so distracted!" Cheng Su rolled her eyes and said, "If you're thinking about Chiang Qing and her brother, just stop. It's not like they're going to beat me up or anything, right?"

"Beat up, maybe not, but I'm worried about being taken advantage of," Ning Ge said.

"I'm not afraid of them," Cheng Su snorted, then irritably said, "Let's not talk about them anymore. They just make me feel annoyed. But what about what I just said to you, what do you think?"

"What?"

"Taking over Happy Soon Loy, I'm thinking of buying that restaurant and moving our main store there to operate it formally as a restaurant," Cheng Su asked.

"Big sister, you've just opened a fast food joint, and now you want to stir things up again. Not to mention the funds, do you have the energy for this? Go look in the mirror. You're so haggard; you practically look like a different person," Ning Ge disapproved. "Plus, don't you have exams in a couple of months? Where are you going to find the time and energy, especially with your recent confrontations with Chiang Qing?"

Chapter 635: The Takeover Plan Falls Through

Cheng Su's face turned bright red from Ning Ge's scolding, making her seem as if she were insatiable in her greed, when all she thought was that this was an excellent opportunity not to be missed, right?

"My energy," said Cheng Su with a sense of grievance, "is not only for dealing with mistresses, but also for building my career and investing in myself."

How could she possibly spend all day emulating others in fighting mistresses? She had far more things to keep her busy, grander dreams; she was very busy!

Ning Ge was amused by her and said, "I'm not saying you use it only for fighting mistresses, but maybe you can take a break for now. You should know, haste makes waste."

Cheng Su pursed her lips.

Seeing her look so aggrieved, without her usual assertiveness, like a child unhappy about not getting candy, Ning Ge couldn't help but soften, saying, "Look, our jam business has just received investment and is developing. Your fast food store at the train station has just opened. Is the cash flow sufficient? If something goes wrong all of a sudden with one of them, do you have the funds to address the issue?"

Cheng Su's face flushed even deeper.

"It's not that the place isn't good, but we can't put ourselves in an awkward position. Although it's an opportunity, I prefer to wait until our business model is more mature before we transform. First, with standardized management, our cash flow will be healthy, and expanding the business will have a solid foundation." Ning Ge continued, "More importantly, you'll have the energy, won't you?"

Cheng Su bowed her head and, after a long while, nodded, sighing, "I also know I am a bit hasty."

It truly felt a pity not to acquire such an excellent location.

"Gold will always glitter. For now, focus on building the brand. Once the brand is established and money is being made, there'll be no concerns about expanding the business later, will there?" Ning Ge said, "If you build the brand successfully, Joy Soon Loy could work on just one order a day and still get reservations. So, the size of the location doesn't necessarily determine the success of the business; it's all about the quality."

His words were very sensible, and Cheng Su looked at him and said, "I wouldn't have guessed, but you seem to have it all figured out."

"Of course," Ning Ge straightened his back, exuding pride as he advised, "Don't think about anything else for now. Just focus on managing these businesses, getting ready for the exams, and preparing to go to university in September. Once the business is established, then it's not too late to think about expanding."

After thinking for a moment, Cheng Su said, "Alright, I'll consider it more carefully."

Ning Ge nodded and then seemed distracted again.

Two days later, Old Song passed on some news to Cheng Su that he had gathered. The place was sold for a whopping one hundred thousand yuan, not a penny less, including the restaurant and all the equipment and sundries inside.

"They're really asking for the moon," Li Dan exclaimed, eyes wide open, upon hearing this.

Old Song smiled wryly, feeling regret as well; it was indeed expensive.

"One hundred thousand, considering the location and the size of the restaurant, as well as the fixtures, isn't particularly expensive," Cheng Su estimated, shaking her head. "But unfortunately, we can't afford it."

Such a large restaurant, with all sorts of equipment, really only needed a renovation, a change of sign, and new staff to reopen.

And the decor of the establishment wasn't too shabby, but one hundred thousand yuan was indeed a large sum for Cheng Su. Considering Ning Ge's earlier advice, it really wasn't the right time to take it over. After all, one hundred thousand wasn't a small amount, and there would probably be no cash flow left if she did go ahead and buy it.

"Let's put it aside for now. Let's first focus on running Joy Soon Loy well, and there will be other opportunities in the future," Cheng Su comforted Old Song and herself as well.

It was still the mid-1980s, with the economic boom still far off. No need to rush; she had plenty of time.

Chapter 636: Mouse Sees a Cat

Cheng Su was on this end, sighing with regret that she couldn't take down the Fa Ji hairpin salon. As she glanced over, she saw Chiang Tian approaching again, and her already irritable heart immediately spiked.

"What are you doing here again? Why haven't you left?" Cheng Su stood up.

Chiang Tian raised his hand with a smirk, raising his eyebrows as he spoke, "President Cheng, saying that truly hurts my feelings. I really do want to cooperate with you in business." His eyes shifted to Qiulan, to whom he waved and greeted, "Hey!"

Qiulan turned her face away with a blush.

Cheng Su had already walked over, her face full of displeasure, "Then there's no need for you to come, I'm not interested in doing any business with you. Please leave!"

"Why is that?"

"No reason. I just don't like you, nor the Chiang family, so please don't show up again." Cheng Su was blunt.

Chiang Tian shrugged, an indifferent look on his face, "Alright then. But, it's odd to turn away business when you've opened your doors, isn't it? I'm not someone who can't pay."

With that said, he flung out several large bills, indeed, they were hundred yuan notes.

"This money should be enough for this young master to have several big meals here, right?" Chiang Tian looked at Cheng Su provocatively.

Cheng Su glanced at the money and laughed, "Enough. What would you like to eat?"

Chiang Tian snorted, "Don't bother yourself." Then he called out loudly to Qiulan, "Little Sister Qiulan, come and take my order."

Cheng Su's brows furrowed slightly, glaring at him.

What was he plotting?

Standing at a distance, Cheng Su watched Chiang Tian with a cold eye. He was all smiles, apparently joking with Qiulan, making her blush and shy beyond measure.

After Qiulan took the order and came back, Cheng Su asked, "What did he say to you?"

Qiulan, her face red, said, "Nothing much. He's just not very decent with his words."

Cheng Su's expression turned even uglier as she spoke, "Stay away from him. That man is a playboy and a profligate, smooth-talking, and can sweet-talk his way through anything. You're young, don't let him deceive you."

Qiulan retorted, "Sister Su, what are you saying!"

"Just don't believe a word he says. Even one-tenth belief will cost you." Cheng Su warned.

"Got it."

Cheng Su had said she wouldn't do business with Chiang Tian, but this man, as if he couldn't understand human speech, arrived punctually for lunch and dinner, and then spent his time chatting up Qiulan.

Unable to figure out Chiang Tian's intentions, Cheng Su grew more agitated.

And then, Ning Ge finally caught up with Chiang Tian. Upon seeing Ning Ge, he wanted to run.

"Why are you running? Got a guilty conscience?" Ning Ge grabbed his collar with a smile.

Chiang Tian forced a smile, barely managing to greet with "Fourth Brother."

No wonder he reacted to Ning Ge like a mouse seeing a cat. In fact, he had been humiliated by Ning Ge before, a humiliation he still remembered!

"Come on, tell your brother, what are you doing here? What mischief do you and your sister have in mind? Eh? Xiao Tian, don't you know your Fourth Brother is making a name for himself in Qing City? Or do you want to continue being strung up naked by a window?" Ning Ge mockingly wrapped an arm around Chiang Tian.

Chiang Tian's complexion shifted slightly—it was that very humiliation. Back then, Ning Ge and he had a disagreement, which led to a fight. Chiang Tian was no match for Ning Ge's cunning and ended up

stripped and hung out a window by him and a few of his friends for all passersby to see, a major loss of face. Ning Ge had told him never to appear before him again.

Pah! They were all children of officials; who was lesser than whom? Yet at that time, he truly was a little inferior to Ning Ge, and the matter ended there after Ning Ge left the country. Still, some people hadn't forgotten about it and even talked about it.

That's why he hated and feared Ning Ge.

Chapter 637: See a Psychiatrist for a Brain Check

Listening to Ning Ge's question, Chiang Tian said with a smile, "Fourth Brother, what are you talking about? I just can't rest assured about my sister, so I came to check on her."

"Wow, who would've thought you two share such a deep sibling bond!" Ning Ge said with raised eyebrows and a hint of sarcasm.

"I didn't want to come either. This broken city can't compare to the Capital at all, right, Fourth Brother? But my sister, the way she's acting, has driven our parents crazy. They're also worried, so I just came to have a look," Chiang Tian laughed, thinking to himself that 'a companion dies a thousand deaths, the survivor not one.' If he blamed everything on his sister, would Ning Ge bother questioning her?

"Cut the crap, tell me the truth, what does your sister want to do?" Ning Ge glared at him.

At that glare, Chiang Tian immediately thought of the time when he was hung naked out of a window freezing his butt off, and he shuddered with a near-crying expression, "Fourth Brother, there's really nothing. My sister, she's just being stupid... okay, okay, I'll speak."

Chiang Tian swallowed hard and half-truthfully said, "My sister wants me to woo Cheng Su. She's thinking, if I could charm Cheng Su and get her hooked, she could get a divorce from that Qi Taiguo! Tell me, isn't she foolish?"

Ning Ge almost laughed out loud but restrained himself and said, "You're not lying to me?"

"I swear!" Chiang Tian was about to lift two fingers in promise.

Ning Ge let go of his collar and said, "Your Chiang Family really has some skills, refreshing my view on life. Each one of you is either stupid or foolish, truly a remarkable family."

Chiang Tian's eyelids drooped, a glint of annoyance flashing in his eyes.

"Get back to Beijing immediately, don't let me see you around here again," Ning Ge said sternly.

"Fourth Brother, I still want to play for a couple of days. I'm also worried my sister might do something stupid!" Chiang Tian said with a laugh, joking aside, he had only been here a few days, and he hadn't succeeded with that girl yet!

"That's your problem. If you're worried she'll do something stupid, you'd better drag her back and find a psychiatrist to check her brain!" Ning Ge said.

That was calling Chiang Qing a lunatic, suggesting she had mental issues.

Chiang Tian's lips tightened as he clenched his fists, a flicker of resentment swiftly passing through his eyes.

Ning Ge, what was he, after all? Nothing more than an illegitimate child. Even though his mother was buried in the Ning Family's cemetery, it couldn't cover up the fact that he was born out of wedlock, huh.

An illegitimate child—what right did he have to insult the Chiang Family?

Chiang Tian felt bitter, but he didn't forget that Ning Ge was a skilled fighter, and with his own tender skin and flesh, he couldn't afford a head-on confrontation.

"Aren't you leaving yet?" Ning Ge watched him intently.

"I'm leaving, I'm leaving right now!" Chiang Tian nodded hurriedly and scurried away.

Ning Ge walked into the restaurant, and Cheng Su came up to him and asked, "How did it go, what did he say?"

"Nothing much, but I really didn't expect the Chiangs to be so low on intelligence. Calling them 'as dumb as pigs' is actually accurate!" Ning Ge said with a mocking shake of his head.

Cheng Su uttered a surprised sound. What did that mean?

Ning Ge looked at her and said, "Don't get angry when you hear it, just take it as a joke."

"Spit it out, don't beat around the bush; you're such a nag!" Cheng Su said impatiently.

Ning Ge repeated what Chiang Tian had told him, adding, "Although I don't know whether it's true or false, such a stupid idea does seem very in keeping with Chiang Qing's current level of intelligence."

Cheng Su pursed her lips.

Seeing her solemn expression, Ning Ge said, "Don't take it to heart. Anyone with clear eyes knows that such a beauty trap is impossible, only she is foolish enough to believe it."

Cheng Su scoffed and shook her head, "You don't understand. By resorting to such twisted schemes, she's trying to plant a seed of suspicion in Taiguo. It's her way of making him think I'm a woman who cannot be contented, creating a rift between us."

Ning Ge furrowed his brow.

Chapter 638: I'm Beating You

No matter whether Chiang Tian's words were true or false, Cheng Su found them utterly disgusting as soon as they came out of his mouth, and the very thought of Chiang Qing's intentions filled her with rage.

She felt like a snake, its tongue flickering, eyes glowing green, coiling beside her, ready to strike and bite at any moment, nauseating and vexing to no end.

Time and time again, it wasn't just that she was shameless, but rather she had no shame at all, nothing but a pile of rotten flesh.

Cheng Su, thinking of this snake, felt restless all over and was so annoyed she wanted to kill.

Spring had arrived, the snow had melted, and on rainless days, there were more people sitting around and chatting in the courtyard.

When Cheng Su finished work, she deliberately waited in the courtyard; if she was uncomfortable, Chiang Qing would be too.

So, while chatting with others, she waited on the path Chiang Qing had to take to go home.

The military doctors all finished work at five o'clock, and Chiang Qing was no exception. At half-past five, Cheng Su saw her appear with two nurses.

Cheng Su's eyes narrowed – perfect timing!

Chiang Qing also noticed Cheng Su, her lips curving into a slight, ambiguous smile that irritated Cheng Su's eyes even more.

Cheng Su quickly walked over and, without waiting for Chiang Qing to greet her, slapped her across the face.

Shrieks erupted instantly, and the crowd of onlookers swarmed over. Guarded by two nurses, Chiang Qing stood, shocked, staring at Cheng Su: "You hit me. How could you hit someone?"

Chiang Qing was stunned by the blow; she had been hit? She had been slapped by Cheng Su, that shrew?

"You slapped me? You dare hit me? What right do you have to hit me?" Chiang Qing pushed away the two nurses and glared at Cheng Su fiercely.

"I did hit you." Cheng Su glowered back, raising her hand to strike again.

Chiang Qing, now prepared, wasn't about to just keep taking the hits, and with others pulling her and Cheng Su apart, they pleaded.

"Hey, hey, no need for violence, can't you just talk it out?"

"Right. We all live in the same courtyard, we're like family!"

"Pah!" Cheng Su spit in Chiang Qing's direction, saying, "Who's family with her? This shameless bitch, deliberately trying to wreck someone else's family, who would consider her family?"

"You're crazy, spouting nonsense!" Chiang Qing's face changed colors.

"Oh? You do the deed but can't admit it?" Cheng Su sneered, calling out, "Everyone, come judge for yourselves. It's her, this shameless woman who's desperate for a man, who's taken a fancy to our Old Qi. Old Qi has rejected her openly and covertly countless times. Anybody with a shred of decency would get the hint, wouldn't they? But not her, she's shamelessly clinging on. Now she's playing dirty, trying to ruin the relationship between my spouse and me. You tell me, don't I have the right to hit her? I'm just teaching her a lesson her parents failed to give her about decency!"

"You're talking rubbish, all rubbish!" Chiang Qing screamed shrilly.

"Am I talking rubbish? Your own brother confessed that it was you who sent him to find me, planning to cause some misunderstanding while we were out on training. How can you be so vile? You think everyone lacks the decency that you, Chiang Qing, discard? Disgusting! You have no shame, but I do!" Cheng Su spat at her again, "Old Qi made it clear that he only sees you as a colleague, nothing more.

You, however, insist on hanging on. Furthermore, if Old Qi had the slightest affection for you, I would have stepped aside immediately. But since he clearly has none, you remain unrepentant and conniving. Tell me, are you sick in the head, or do you think you'll die without a man? If so, go find someone else instead of coveting another woman's husband. Are you ill or what?"

Cheng Su grew more agitated as she spoke, "If you're sick, go get treated instead of acting like this, you shameless thing!"

"No, it's not like that; he likes me!" Chiang Qing covered her ears and screamed loudly.

Chapter 639: Chiang Qing Goes Crazy!

Chiang Qing couldn't stand the thought that Qi Taiguo didn't like her, that her love was unrequited and her dreams were just fantasies.

Parents saying this in the past had already made her extremely repulsed and irritable. Later, when Qi Taiguo himself said it, it became even more unacceptable to her. Her inner resentment built up deeper and deeper with each passing day.

And now, Cheng Su announced in front of everyone that Qi Taiguo simply didn't like her, that it was her unrequited love, and her wishful thinking.

It was as if someone had ignited her fuse that could blow at any moment, hitting that spot in her heart full of hate, and it had just exploded.

"He likes me. If it wasn't for you getting in my way, we would have been together long ago, it's you, you're the shameless 'Fox Spirit' home-wrecker!" Chiang Qing pointed at Cheng Su, screaming like a madwoman.

Chiang Qing had gone mad!

Cheng Su, including everyone else, took a step back, watching her in horror.

"It's all you, all because you are here. Why don't you just die, wouldn't it be great if you were dead, why must you keep living?" Chiang Qing's eyes were bloodshot as she shouted loudly.

The two nurses that were with Chiang Qing were extremely frightened and cautiously stepped forward to pull her away: "Military Doctor Chiang, let's go back, stop talking!"

Heaven, if she keeps talking, there will be no turning back.

They all vaguely knew Chiang Qing's thoughts, but those were never spoken out loud, and now, she had aired everything out. How would she face others in the future? How could she stay in the army camp!

"Get lost!" Chiang Qing shook off their hands and glared at Cheng Su viciously, her voice piercing: "You, this vulgar woman, worthless and crass, how are you better than me, Chiang Qing? In what ways am I inferior to you? Family background, appearance, upbringing—how do I fall short to you, a village woman coming from nowhere?"

She had gone mad!

Cheng Su widened her eyes and subconsciously took a step back; this was a real lunatic. She had no idea what she was doing.

Could it be that her mental state was truly disturbed?

Cheng Su didn't respond to Chiang Qing's accusations. A sane person can never outfight a madman, and if she really creates a scene, what would Cheng Su do?

And as for making Chiang Qing lose face, she had already succeeded.

It wasn't Cheng Su who had caused her to lose face now, but Chiang Qing herself who had exposed her own thoughts.

"Can't speak anymore? Admit it, you Cheng Su, you're no match for me, Chiang Qing, you scoundrel! Qi Taiguo must have been blind to marry you! That's right, back then, you forced that marriage so you could be with him, ha-ha, a coerced marriage, how shameless!" Chiang Qing burst out laughing, tears streaming down her face as she laughed.

Watching Chiang Qing become more and more unhinged and showing no signs of clarity, one of the spectators couldn't stand it anymore and quickly instructed the two nurses, "You, quickly take your Military Doctor Chiang back!"

They also advised Cheng Su, "You should stop too, this commotion is too ugly and not good."

Cheng Su released the person's hand and only stared at Chiang Qing: "Do you know what you're saying? Do you know who you are?"

"Who am I? I am Chiang Qing, 'The Proud Daughter of Heaven.' I alone am Qi Taiguo's confidant, and I alone am his perfect match," Chiang Qing said proudly, lifting her chin.

Indeed, she had gone mad!

Cheng Su sneered and turned to leave; she had no further need to continue the conversation.

"Thinking of leaving? Don't you dare!" Chiang Qing was quick to grab Cheng Su's hair, pulling hard.

Cheng Su was caught off guard, and though Chiang Qing was a military doctor and got regular exercise, her strength was not small. With a single yank, she pulled Cheng Su to the ground.

Chapter 640: Fight Begins

Cheng Su had her hair tied in a ponytail, and as Chiang Qing pulled and tugged at it, she couldn't hold on to Cheng Su, falling to the ground first, with Cheng Su being dragged down with her.

Falling from a height, landing on her buttocks, feeling pain at the roots of her hair, she also felt a slight pain in her stomach from the fall.

"Don't you dare walk away, explain yourself before you leave," Chiang Qing demanded, refusing to let go of Cheng Su's hair.

Cheng Su, in pain, wrested back her hair and screamed, "You lunatic, you're insane!"

Hearing the words "insane," Chiang Qing's eyes immediately changed, and she kicked out, "Who are you calling insane? Say it again!"

Cheng Su took her kick and, furious, turned around, grabbing Chiang Qing's face with both hands, leaving two long scratches.

It was serious now; these two were really fighting!

The onlookers who were initially just spectators quickly became worried, clumsily attempting to separate the two.

Cheng Su's hair was disheveled, and she was clutching her stomach, gasping for breath, thinking to herself, damn, impulsiveness took over today. I didn't expect Chiang Qing to go crazy on the spot. I'm at a disadvantage!

Chiang Qing didn't fare any better, with two bloody scratches on her face and several shoe prints on her clothes.

"Chiang Qing, if you want to go crazy, that's your problem. If you're ill, go see a doctor, don't have a fit here," Cheng Su pointed at Chiang Qing, angrily saying, "You've got a problem in your head. You've got hysteria, and you should see a doctor."

To say that Taiguo likes her, isn't that hysterical!

"I'm not crazy; it's you, it's you who's getting in our way. Why don't you just die, why don't you go die?" Chiang Qing became increasingly unhinged.

"Sister!"

Chiang Tian rushed over in a panic, pulled Chiang Qing aside for a look, and then glared fiercely at Cheng Su.

Cheng Su was not afraid of him and said, "You're just in time. Hurry up and take your sister to see a doctor. She's seriously ill!"

"Shut up!" Chiang Tian shouted angrily, then took hold of Chiang Qing, "Sister, let's go!"

"I won't leave, I won't go! It's her, it's her..." Chiang Qing struggled.

Chiang Tian immediately delivered a chop to the back of Chiang Qing's neck, catching her as she slumped.

Picking up Chiang Qing in a princess carry, Chiang Tian gave Cheng Su another cold glare and quickly walked toward Chiang Qing's dormitory.

Cheng Su felt a chill through her body at his glare and thought, why the hell is he glaring at me, I'm the innocent one here!

Oh, my stomach hurts so much, that damn fox, she really is a lunatic!

"Sister-in-law Qi, are you alright?" someone came to anchor Cheng Su.

Cheng Su forced a smile and said, "I'm fine."

"Who would have thought Doctor Chiang could be..."

Cheng Su's lips twitched slightly and said, "I'm also annoyed. What kind of mess is this? It's just ruined a perfectly quiet life!"

"Yeah, haha!"

"I'm going up." Cheng Su didn't bother to interpret that smile.

As she walked a few steps away, she could hear the people behind her discussing. Needless to say, the commotion of the day would surely become the talk of every household in the complex.

This was what she initially wanted, to make Chiang Qing lose face.

However, she truly hadn't expected Chiang Qing to be so unable to withstand the provocation, to become so unhinged. She couldn't really have a mental issue, could she?

Cheng Su climbed the stairs with a frown, went into the bathroom, and took off her clothes to inspect herself. There were no injuries, just a little pain in the stomach.

While thinking about Chiang Qing, Cheng Su didn't pay it much mind. She found some medicated oil, applied it carelessly, and thought of calling Ning Ge. Then she remembered he was probably not at the company anymore and dropped the idea.

If Chiang Qing truly had mental issues, that would be serious. The insane cannot be reasoned with like normal people.