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### Chapter 911: Zhang Jisheng Courting Disaster

Hualing left, and Chen Shouwang was often nowhere to be seen. Their house was frequently shut tight. Sometimes when Cheng Su looked, she felt a bit stifled, but she also knew that it was someone else's family matter, and she couldn't interfere.

Since she couldn't meddle, she didn't. Cheng Su focused on her own business. She had already discussed the Joy Soon Loy Restaurant's plan with Qi Taiguo, including buying land and reconstruction. As she expected, since she had a plan, he had no objections.

Thus, Cheng Su formally put the Joy Soon Loy Restaurant's construction plan on the agenda.

First, there was the matter of shares. Ning Ge was still in Beijing, busy with who knows what, and had not been seen for a long time. He only sent a remittance of twenty thousand yuan to Cheng Su, saying he wanted to buy shares.

As for Luh Kai and Old Song, it had already been agreed upon. Cheng Su prepared detailed shareholder agreements, with Ning Ge's to be signed upon his return, whereas Old Song's side signed after reviewing it.

With both parties signing the shareholder agreement, it meant that Joy Soon Loy Restaurant now had three additional shareholders, and the annual revenue would be distributed according to the number of shares.

With the funds in place, Cheng Su found Dazhi to help and secured a reliable construction team to undertake the new Joy Soon Loy Restaurant.

The old restaurant was to be torn down, with only the side buildings remaining in business, so it wouldn't be as busy. There seemed to be extra staff in the restaurant, so Cheng Su rearranged the shifts, assigning some employees to help at the fast food place near the train station, and scheduled more breaks.

The construction started on the tenth day of October. Everything in the old building had to be moved out, and there were various materials to be purchased. Sometimes Cheng Su had to attend classes and wished she could split into two to handle the workload.

Seeing this, Qi Taiguo offered to help. He applied for more night shifts so he could assist in managing Joy Soon Loy during the day.

Initially, Cheng Su was worried he didn't understand the business, but while Qi Taiguo might not understand the business, he had the authority. His decisions were firm, and almost no one dared to procrastinate or deceive due to his military aura, which was quite imposing!

With this, things actually went more smoothly. Cheng Su teased him, saying if he ever stopped being a soldier, becoming a security big shot was certainly within his reach.

Qi Taiguo, pleased with the compliment, put all his effort into seeking more praise, so often Cheng Su ended up rosy-cheeked, and everyone asked her what skincare she was using.

Of course, Cheng Su only responded with a smile to such questions.

On the tenth day of October, a good day to begin work, Cheng Su personally paid respects to the gods, and Joy Soon Loy officially started construction. They began by demolishing the building, and due to the dust from demolition, Joy Soon Loy intentionally halted operations for a few days.

One day, when Qi Taiguo returned home from supervising, his face showed displeasure. He found Cheng Su and asked, "Tell me, is Zhang Jisheng getting fed up working in the renovation team?"

Cheng Su was startled, "What happened?"

"I went with the construction team leader to find that renovation leader, named Dazhi, and saw him confronting the renovation leader," Qi Taiguo said with a stern face.

Cheng Su's expression changed several times, then she sneered, "He is fed up for sure. Didn't I tell you? He thinks it's tough over there and wants to replace Song Xiaojang as the purchaser for our family cafeterias."

Qi Taiguo's face turned ugly, annoyed, "Why didn't you tell me earlier."

He really didn't know Zhang Jisheng had such nerve. Today, seeing him stand up to his boss, it was like he was asking for trouble, as if he had become a different person. How can someone change so quickly?

#### Chapter 912: Kick Him Out

Regarding the tiresome Zhang Jisheng, Cheng Su originally didn't want to bring him up, but since Qi Taiguo mentioned him, she explained how Zhang Jisheng came to her doorstep.

"...Since that time, I haven't seen him. He's been avoiding me, not daring to face me. I thought that after breaking his hopes, he might settle down and work seriously, but who knew..." Cheng Su let out a derisive laugh.

Some people aren't worth helping. When you support them, the moment you let go, they can't stand on their own.

Zhang Jisheng is exactly that kind of person.

"If that's the case, let Dazhi fire him." Qi Taiguo said with a stern expression, "In any case, he won't behave here. Let him go back to his hometown and see if he has any skills left. Anyway, the two kids there can't be left unattended. If he stays here, he'll keep consuming your favor. Psychological support is rare, don't waste it. Just let him get lost. People like this aren't worth helping."

Cheng Su was slightly stunned: "But the Elder Sister over there..."

She was thinking of Qi Fenglian and didn't want to be hard on Zhang Jisheng. She also knew how Qi Fenglian's life was at the Zhang family. She empathized with her and hoped this Elder Sister could become independent and escape her marital family, living a better life.

And having a better life requires money as a foundation. Can she manage with just her own work?

"If something happens with Zhang Jisheng, will Elder Sister still be smooth sailing?" Qi Taiguo snorted and said, "Don't worry, I'll talk to Elder Sister."

Since he said that, Cheng Su had no choice left. After all, it was his own doing that ruined a good job, can't blame anyone else.

The next day, Cheng Su called Dazhi, apologized, and then delicately suggested firing Zhang Jisheng.

Yuan Dazhi had long wanted to dismiss Zhang Jisheng; who would want an employee that constantly complains, only chooses light tasks, right? It was only out of consideration for Cheng Su, wanting to secure her upcoming projects, that he tolerated it. Now that she brought it up, it made things easier!

On that very day, he settled a full month's wage to Dazhi and kicked him out.

Zhang Jisheng never expected to be fired; getting the wage was both embarrassing and infuriating. He was the first person to be fired from the renovation team.

He had thought that since he got into this renovation team through connections, the boss would somehow consider Cheng Su's reputation and not dare do anything to him.

Besides, he had just talked back a few times, is dismissal such a severe consequence?

Then thinking of Yuan Dazhi, wasn't he somewhat friendly with Cheng Su? To the extent that he wouldn't even give her any face? Apparently, her influence isn't that great...

With the wage in hand, Zhang Jisheng walked out of the renovation team, spat back at them, "If the east doesn't strike, the west does, what's so special?"

This is what he said, but next, what should he do? How was he going to explain to Qi Fenglian?

If she found out he was fired, she'd surely make a big scene. Would she go to Cheng Su to plead?

No, that woman, she's not so kind-hearted, that woman is the most merciless.

"Hey, big brother, why didn't you've come to see me for so long."

Zhang Jisheng was stopped on his way home; a whiff of cheap perfume wafted over, making him feel weak all over—it was Fangfang.

Zhang Jisheng was simmering with anger, with nowhere to vent, and now that he had wages in hand, certain desires were stirring, so he let Miss Fangfang pull him into the house.

After venting all his anger, Zhang Jisheng returned home content, yet his face was drawn with worry, wondering how to explain things to Qi Fenglian.

#### Chapter 913: Come With Me to Deal With the Fox Spirit

Zhang Jisheng has already been dismissed. Cheng Su got the news from Yuan Dazhi and didn't have much thought about it. Anyway, she didn't want to help someone like that in the future, so as not to upset herself.

But no news had come from Zhang Jisheng or Qi Fenglian's side. Presumably, Zhang Jisheng hadn't told Qi Fenglian yet; otherwise, it wouldn't be so calm and quiet.

October has entered autumn, and Joy Soon Loy Restaurant has started construction, everything is progressing smoothly.

Hualing, who had disappeared for ten days, suddenly appeared in front of Cheng Su.

Hualing, standing before her, had a sallow complexion, a thin and weak figure, and slightly swollen eyes. Her past beauty was completely gone.

"You, what's wrong with you?" Cheng Su was taken aback. How did she become like this? What happened?

Hualing raised her head, staring at her, and said, "Come with me to a place."

Cheng Su was startled?

Accompany her? Where?

Hualing didn't explain, only walked ahead. Seeing this, Cheng Su felt uncertain, afraid something might happen, so she set aside her things, locked the door, and followed her.

Over an hour later, Cheng Su was standing with Hualing in front of a small pub with fluttering wine banners, her mind full of questions. What is this place?

She wanted to ask Hualing, but seeing the look of crazed hatred in Hualing's eyes, her heart suddenly skipped a beat, as if some truth was about to be revealed.

Hualing went forward, and Cheng Su followed closely behind.

There were no customers in the pub, only a woman and a little girl. The woman also looked listless and raised her head when the light was blocked. She froze upon seeing Hualing.

Cheng Su was shocked because the woman in front of her was the one she had seen pulling with Chen Shouwang before.

Cheng Su felt chills over her scalp. She felt she had already guessed the truth.

Before she could finish thinking, Hualing rushed forward and gave Liu Li two slaps, then grabbed her hair and pushed her hard.

The incident happened in an instant; Hualing came up and started hitting, and the child was scared into loud crying.

Cheng Su exclaimed, wanting to swear. So, Hualing brought her to be a shrew and beat the homewrecker.

"What are you still stunned for? Smash it, smash this fox spirit slut's shop. I want to see how she seduces men." Hualing yelled when she saw Cheng Su still in a daze.

Cheng Su was at the point of tears. This kind of thing was not her strength at all!

Moreover, there was a child here.

Hualing couldn't care about so much. She had thought for ten days, held back ten days of anger, but couldn't vent it. She didn't understand what was wrong with herself, what was so good about this woman, that Chen Shouwang betrayed her.

She hated, she was angry, she just wanted to tear this fox spirit apart.

Liu Li, being hit left and right by Hualing, struggled to resist after quite some time and forcefully pushed her away.

That child was standing on the side wailing, making Cheng Su feel heartbroken. She could only go over and separate the two.

She also hated this kind of shameless woman, but why should women make things difficult for women? In the end, wasn't it Chen Shouwang who was the jerk? He wronged both his wife and his lover.

"Bitch, whore, shameless." Hualing viciously kicked Liu Li in the stomach.

She hadn't forgotten that this slut was carrying a bastard.

"Hualing, that's enough, enough." Cheng Su saw Liu Li's face turning pale and desperately pulled Hualing back.

"Let me go, I want to beat this husband-stealing fox spirit to death." Hualing screamed.

Cheng Su saw that she was completely out of control like a madwoman and couldn't help but scold loudly: "Hualing, it takes two to tango. What's the use of hitting her?"

#### Chapter 914: The Mistress Has No Right to Judge Right or Wrong

With Cheng Su's harsh rebuke, Hualing stopped her actions, her lips tightly pressed together as she glared fiercely at Liu Li.

Liu Li got up from the ground, wiped the blood from the corner of her mouth, and then pulled her daughter over to comfort her. The little girl was obviously terrified, burying herself tightly in her mother's embrace, her small hands clutching her clothes tightly.

"What's so good about you? What's so good about you? He could have plenty of young girls. What is so good about a woman like you?" Hualing asked coldly.

But as Cheng Su listened, she seemed to be asking that woman, rather than herself, seeking an answer.

Having soothed her daughter, Liu Li looked up and sneered, "What's so good about me? I can't compare to you in any way, except I'm not like you, always demanding this and that from him, always comparing."

Hualing's expression changed slightly.

"He's such a good person, treating you so well, and it's you who didn't cherish him, you pushed him away, it has nothing to do with anyone else," Liu Li added.

Hualing trembled with anger, raising her hand to rush forward, "Bitch!"



Cheng Su hurriedly held her back, staring coldly at Liu Li, saying, "Is he good? A truly good man wouldn't betray his wife, wouldn't betray his marriage."

Liu Li looked at her and slightly bowed her head, "It's her who doesn't appreciate him, doesn't understand his pressure, always arguing with him, never satisfied, which is why he lost his heart."

"You're talking nonsense, what do you know? You know nothing!" Hualing screamed.

"Isn't it true? You come from a good background, a good family, you think marrying him is beneath you, you're condescending, you actually look down on him, look down on his family, he only satisfied your vanity. You wanted a fan, he even took out high-interest loans to buy it for you, when you asked for anything, he tried his best to fulfill it, but you never stopped to think from another angle, how much money he could possibly have for you to squander on your vanity. And yet, you always compared him to others, don't you know that comparisons are odious? Chen Shouwang's change of heart, most of it is your fault, you pushed him to this. Can you dare say otherwise?"

Hualing was rendered speechless.

"No matter how wrong she is, it's not a reason for Chen Shouwang to cheat. If he thinks Hualing is not good, he can divorce, but he didn't divorce and messed around outside, that's a big mistake," Cheng Su said coldly, "Whether a woman is good or not cannot justify his cheating, it's his disloyalty to marriage, his lack of principles. And you, a home-wrecking mistress, have no right to argue right and wrong here."

If you feel your wife is bad, feel unhappy, you can divorce and remarry, but not mess around while being married, Chen Shouwang is just a scumbag.

Liu Li, once again rebuked by Cheng Su, merely said indifferently, "It takes two to tango, I know I'm not good, but the situation is like this, what can I do?"

"You want me to divorce and give him to you? Do you know, Chen Shouwang knelt in front of me and my parents, swearing he would never divorce. Let me tell you Liu Li, even if it kills me, I will never let you have your way, I want to see how long you and the bastard in your belly can hold on," Hualing coldly dropped a line and turned away.

Cheng Su looked at Liu Li in shock, bastard? She's pregnant too?

Liu Li showed no expression, only biting her lip and saying nothing.

"You reap what you sow. My advice to you is to get the best benefits you can, money or whatever, then leave here and live!" Cheng Su said indifferently, chasing after Hualing.

Once they left, Liu Li collapsed on the table and cried bitterly.

Chapter 915: I May Lose the Man, But Not the Pride

Qing City, in a café in the city, Cheng Su and Hualing sat facing each other.

Cheng Su handed over two more paper napkins to Hualing, sighing inwardly.

Hualing took them and wiped the tears from the corner of her eyes.

"Isn't it funny?" Hualing suddenly said, laughing self-deprecatingly, "I still confidently told you that Chen Shouwang wouldn't dare to mess around outside, that he didn't have the guts. But the truth is..."

She patted her own face and said, "My face, slapped hard by my own words, isn't it hilarious?"

Cheng Su felt a pang of distress and said, "Don't be like this!"

She was not good at comforting others, especially with such a mess where anything said seemed pale and meaningless.

For a moment, Cheng Su didn't know what to say, thinking of what Chen Shouwang had said that day, she asked, "Are you pregnant?"

"Yes!" Hualing showed a bitter smile and said, "I've been longing for a child for so long, I didn't expect him to come at this time. Do you think the heavens are playing tricks on me? Not coming sooner or later, but right now."

That woman has a child, and now I have a child too. Haha, isn't that a pretty ridiculous joke?

Hualing's tears fell again.

"Really dramatic!" Cheng Su muttered, inwardly cursing Chen Shouwang as a real scumbag.

"So what's your plan? Now, you've dealt with the Fox Spirit, and you have a child. This thing needs to be resolved." Cheng Su asked her, "And what's Chen Shouwang's attitude?"

Hualing sneered, "Him? He begs me every day not to divorce!"

"What about that woman? What's his stance?"

"He says he'll break it off with her, make her get rid of that bastard child, and won't do anything to betray me again. But once a man's done such disgraceful things, who wouldn't say? Once unfaithful, always unacceptable. Can I trust him?" Hualing huffed.

Cheng Su pursed her lips, not knowing what to say. She had heard that infidelity has only zero and countless times, so she didn't know how to respond.

"You've heard what that woman said, only then did I realize how much resentment he had against me. But if he was looking, he should at least find someone better than me, right? Look at that woman, she's a widow and has a daughter. Why doesn't he find that repulsive?" Hualing fumed, this was something she couldn't understand; if that woman were prettier, smarter, more dignified, she could have accepted it, but it was such a person.

Cheng Su coughed and said, "As they say, beauty is in the eye of the beholder..." Catching Hualing's icy glare, she quickly changed her words, "I mean, two people's meeting is also arranged by heaven, just

happening to meet at that time. As they say, when a toad sees a green bean, they look eye to eye, it's probably this, regardless of whether the other person is good or bad."

"Whose side are you on?" Hualing was furious.

"Of course yours, we are the original wife's side, we must defend our rights. So I ask you, what are you thinking, what will you do?" Cheng Su immediately said.

"I don't know!" Hualing looked dejected.

"But you just said you would never divorce, that you'd drag that woman to death?" Cheng Su said.

Hualing glared over, "Normally you seem so smart, but can't you see I was bashing her? That lowlife stole my man, can I let her have it easy? What does it mean to fight until the end, don't you understand?"

Uh, well, she really didn't understand, if it were her, if Qi Taiguo had really cheated, she'd be too lazy to go settle accounts with the so-called mistress, not wanting to lower herself.

#### Chapter 916: No Hypotheticals

After being interrupted by Cheng Su, Hualing felt less sorrowful and melancholic. Her mood improved significantly, and she could discuss the issue of forgiveness with Cheng Su.

"Actually, I really don't know what to do. When I think of his betrayal, I hate him so much it gnaws at my insides. I cry day and night, feeling like the sky is falling, I can't eat, and I can't sleep well. You've seen the sorry state I'm in, haven't you? That's how it started." Hualing pointed to her own face and said, "Because of this, I've thought about divorce countless times. When I think about him being intimate with another woman and then with me... I just find him filthy, disgustingly filthy, and I can't stand it."

Cheng Su remained silent. She could understand. So-called marital fidelity means being faithful in both body and mind. When one party opens up to a third party, the other is bound to feel uncomfortable.

"I hit him, I cursed him, even my parents scolded him for being heartless. My dad even smashed an ashtray on his head, leaving a wound. But in the end, what my parents said was, as long as he completely cuts ties with that woman, for the sake of the child, forgive him this time." Hualing chuckled, touching her still undisclosed belly, and said, "You see, having a child becomes a leverage. Even divorce becomes difficult."

Cheng Su listened and wasn't surprised. In the 21st century, this kind of thing is common. How many couples make do just for the sake of the kids? And how many parents advise to let it go, for the kids' sake?

Not to mention, this is the mid-1980s, where the divorce rate was incredibly low, and such matters were typically swept under the rug.

"And what about you? What's your own thought? Do you want to leave?"

Hualing shook her head, "I'm not sure, I don't know. Sometimes I think, if I leave, wouldn't that be letting that woman have her way? Why should I give in to such a shameless person and her illegitimate child? Then my child would become fatherless. If I don't leave, how do I face Chen Shouwang? I really find it disgusting. Moreover, can I even keep the child in my belly?"

Cheng Su pursed her lips and said, "Actually, the key is you, not the child. The most important thing is yourself. Do you think that by choosing to forgive and having a child, this thorn will be removed? In the future, will you not keep picking at this thorn looking for trouble? Hualing, this will be a chasm between you and Chen Shouwang, child or no child. If you choose forgiveness, can you confidently overcome this? If you can't, then you both will suffer for the rest of your lives."

Those who cannot move past it will, in love and hate, keep clinging to this thorn, like two hedgehogs wanting to get close but ending up getting hurt.

Does such a marriage make sense?

Hualing's face changed slightly.

She understood what Cheng Su was saying; this was exactly what she was considering and struggling with.

"I know, I know it all." Hualing muttered, "I have been struggling with it, and it's so painful. If it were you, what would you do?"

Cheng Su immediately said, "Hualing, there's no hypothetical scenario here, everyone's character is different, and it's hard to generalize. But if it were me facing this problem, I would absolutely divorce Qi Taiguo immediately, that's a non-negotiable choice. Infidelity to me is not a question of whether there are surprises or reasons, it's just about whether or not it happened. This is a matter of principle and my bottom line."

Hualing looked deeply at her, "Yes, everyone has different characters."

#### Chapter 917: Scumbag

After breaking up with Hualing, Cheng Su went home. She couldn't do much to help Hualing, just sat with her for half the afternoon, so by the time she got home, it was already dark.

Qi Taiguo had already come back, and when he heard the sound of keys, he looked up.

"Isn't today the weekend? You don't have to go to school, so where did you go? You're only back now."

Cheng Su hung up her bag and keys, sighed deeply, "Don't even start, I went to help someone fight!"

Qi Taiguo was stunned and sat up straight: "What did you say?"

Fight, did he hear that right?

Cheng Su sat down and said seriously, "What I'm about to say, you better keep your mouth shut, don't let it reach the military."

Qi Taiguo immediately felt something bad was coming, sensing that what she was about to say was certainly not good news.

"Chen Shouwang really cheated, and that woman is pregnant with his child. You say, isn't this a big deal?" Cheng Su said heavily.

"What?" Qi Taiguo's eyes widened like he'd seen a ghost, full of disbelief.

Chen Shouwang, he actually dared, how foolish he is!

"It's true, today Hualing dragged me to help her fight that Fox Spirit, it's the one I told you about before, and it's really that woman I saw." Cheng Su recounted the day's events one by one.

As a woman, she genuinely sympathized with Hualing, no matter how she acted usually, how spoiled she was, in this matter, she's the victim.

And Chen Shouwang, regardless of his reasons, cheating is his fault, he's the scumbag!

After hearing this, Qi Taiguo jumped up, furious: "Chen Shouwang, he's such a bastard, a fool!"

As a soldier, to betray his marriage, is he out of his mind!

"What a fool, he's a scumbag!" Cheng Su said, "Pity the two women, now both are pregnant, you say, what is this mess?"

Regardless of who's right or wrong, the children are innocent, this Chen Shouwang is really making a mess!

Qi Taiguo was truly angry, "And then? What happened? Hualing didn't come back?"

"Still making trouble, will she come back? I heard she's taken a long leave from the hospital on the grounds of pregnancy care, staying at her parents' home for the time being, I don't think she'll be back anytime soon!" Cheng Su said.

"She wants a divorce?"

"That's the conflict! With a child, it's always a problem, sigh, it's a big mess." Cheng Su sighed, then added, "But from what I see, she doesn't want this to get out, so before deciding, I guess she won't go to the leaders."

Qi Taiguo understood what that meant.

Military marriages are protected, if this gets out, Chen Shouwang would definitely have his future ruined, so Hualing wouldn't rashly go to the leaders to tell them.

But if she thinks it through and really wants a divorce, Chen Shouwang might be done for.

"He's really foolish, how did he become so possessed?" Qi Taiguo had a grim expression, a face full of disappointment, for all the advice he gave him before, turns out it was all pointless.

Cheng Su snorted, eyeing him, "Men, when they think their wife at home isn't good, they go out seeking comfort, and an outside Goblin is gentle as water, they think it's 'true love', wanting the best of both worlds."

Qi Taiguo felt a bit uncomfortable at this: "Look at you, you can't generalize, not everyone is like that."

"Hmph, there's no cat that doesn't steal fish. Not to mention far ones, just take Zhang Jisheng..." Cheng Su saw Qi Taiguo's face darken, knowing he despises this person, quickly changed the subject, "Forget it, let's not talk about him. What do you think, how will Chen Shouwang handle this?"

Qi Taiguo pursed his lips, how would he know?

Chapter 918: A Kneel That Ends All Ties



Chen Shouwang was now in utter turmoil. He had never felt life so bleak, even somewhat despairing, all stemming from his momentary desires.

Now both Hualing and Liu Li were pregnant at the same time. His choice? In fact, he had made it long ago. Regardless of Hualing's pregnancy, he was inclined towards her, let alone now that she was also pregnant.

But Liu Li's side...

Chen Shouwang, with his scruffy chin, pushed a large envelope in front of Liu Li.

Liu Li glanced at it, understanding what it meant. Was it filled with money? In the end, he chose to dismiss her with money? Ha.

"My allowance isn't high, and this is all I can offer." Chen Shouwang said with his head lowered, "I have wronged you."

Liu Li laughed, saying, "What if I don't accept it?"

Chen Shouwang looked up at her.

Liu Li's face was cold as she said, "If I report this to the military district leaders, you'd be dismissed, wouldn't you?"

Chen Shouwang's expression changed drastically. The Liu Li before him was no longer the gentle woman of the past, but more like a vengeful demoness, dragging him down into the abyss.

"Once I report our relationship to the military district, your position as a platoon leader will be over. But that's okay, I have this little tavern, so we won't starve." Liu Li said, lowering her gaze.

"I can't be with you," Chen Shouwang said. "My wife is pregnant. Even if I lose my position, I can't divorce her to be with you."

Hualing is pregnant too!

Liu Li's face finally turned pale, her voice sharp, "She's pregnant, you can't divorce her, her child is precious. But what about me? When you were with me, why didn't you think of her?"

Chen Shouwang said, "I know, I'm a scumbag. If you want to curse me, go ahead."

Liu Li laughed through her tears, pointing at him: "You are a scumbag, haha, you finally admitted it. I was the fool, blind enough to think you were responsible. You're just an indecisive, irresponsible bastard."

"You've wronged her, and you've wronged me. You've let down two women, Chen Shouwang, you won't have peace. You won't!" Liu Li's eyes turned red: "I won't let you live peacefully, never."

Chen Shouwang's face shifted multitude times, and suddenly, he knelt before her.

Liu Li was stunned, then felt as if her heart was shattered by a sharp weapon.

She knew clearly. His kneeling signified an end to all their past moments together, kneeling them away. It meant he truly chose to abandon her.

Liu Li's tears fell like rain.

"I'm sorry, I've wronged you. I know you resent me, I'm sorry. If you go to find our leaders, I can't stop you. It's my own fault, I deserve it. I respect your decision." Chen Shouwang said, "This is my last time coming. As for the child, you should consider it? You are already raising one child alone, having another would be too hard."

After speaking, he stood up from the ground, saying, "When you're ready, if you need, I'll accompany you to the hospital."

Having said that, he bowed deeply and said, "I'm leaving!"

Liu Li said nothing, silently crying.

Seeing this, Chen Shouwang said no more, turning to leave the place.

This was truly his last visit.

After a while, Liu Li came to her senses and ran out, but there was no trace of him. She couldn't help but sit on the ground wailing, "Come back, come back!"

The mournful cries, heart-wrenching to all who heard them, but this was a sin she brought on herself.

#### Chapter 919: Ruined Future

After the grief, Liu Li still chose to go to the hospital. It was her only option, but she asked Chen Shouwang to accompany her one last time.

Chen Shouwang breathed a sigh of relief and did not refuse. After all, it was the last bit of responsibility he could manage.

Yet, someone saw Chen Shouwang accompanying Liu Li to the hospital for an abortion, and this incident quickly spread throughout the compound. The rumors of Chen Shouwang's messy relationships had a deep impact.

Cheng Su learned of the news and immediately informed Hualing.

Hualing was stunned for a moment, then said, "He brought this on himself. I can't be bothered if he dies," and hung up the phone.

Cheng Su sighed. It seemed that anger was hard to dispel.

The rumors spread more fiercely, causing severe repercussions. Related leaders had already approached Chen Shouwang for a talk and temporarily suspended him for investigation, requiring him to write a self-defense report.

Qi Taiguo, who was in the military, received the news first and was extremely disappointed in Chen Shouwang.

"...I think his brain must have been kicked by a donkey. At such a critical moment, the peak of his career, he still gets entangled with that woman?" Qi Taiguo sneered, "I think he's itching to strip off that uniform."

"That side has a child on the way, and he's not taking care of it, can it work?" Cheng Su sneered as well, "I say, even if he does take it off, it's no loss. Does someone like him still deserve to wear a uniform?"

In her view, Chen Shouwang's character was lacking. After such a vile act, he didn't deserve to be a soldier anymore.

Poor two women!

Qi Taiguo said, "Now that the incident has blown up, even if he doesn't want to take it off, the choice isn't his. We'll see what the investigation results show. Even if he doesn't get stripped, he'll surely face demotion and disciplinary actions. His career is over."

Cheng Su understood.

With such a stain, he wouldn't have a chance for promotion in the future. To keep his current position would be lucky, and if heavier, he'd be expelled.

Now it all depends on the investigation results.

"He climbed to his position out of the countryside after so many years, and now with one mistake, he's back to square one. Truly muddle-headed," Qi Taiguo regretted a little.

Many soldiers work hard to accumulate military merits to rise up. It's rare to even become a platoon leader or company commander. Chen Shouwang's actions clearly ruined his future.

"Since he dared to do it, he should have the courage to face the consequences. Some people just need a hard lesson," Cheng Su sneered.

Hualing was right. He brought this on himself, and it's self-inflicted.

What surprised Cheng Su was that the woman named Liu Li claimed to the organization that they were just ordinary friends and that Chen Shouwang helped her out of duty.

And Chen Shouwang's written apology also stated they were friends, but he neglected the military's image, willing to accept disciplinary education from the superior organization.

Since the parties involved said this, the final outcome was demotion and disciplinary action, along with having to receive further education.

"This is too childish!" Cheng Su was full of disbelief and hurriedly asked Qi Taiguo.

Qi Taiguo said, "It was Hualing's parents who intervened, likely offering some benefit to that woman to keep quiet. I reckon Hualing's parents don't want her to get divorced. If there's no divorce, they need to protect Chen Shouwang. But even so, his life will be this way, with little chance for future promotion."

Cheng Su was speechless. It was too easy for that scumbag.

But looking at it from another angle, is it that many parents in this era can't accept their children getting divorced?

So what about Hualing? Was she compromising for the sake of the child in her womb?

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Cheng Su wasn't sure if Hualing compromised or not, because she hadn't come back, and even Chen Shouwang was rarely at home. Their house felt dead quiet, with no trace of life, making it exceptionally dull.

But even though this matter concluded this way, everyone felt there was more going on beneath the surface.

Even Chunhua and Guiying thought so.

"Pfft! Just regular friends, huh? How can regular friends be this close? If you ask me, there's definitely something secretive going on, they're just calling it a friendship for appearances' sake," Chunhua snorted. "I mean, how can there be just regular friends between a man and a woman?"

Guiying agreed, saying, "I never thought Platoon Leader Chen would be that kind of person."

"That's why they say there's no cat that doesn't steal fish. Men, it's easy for them to have wandering eyes. You better keep an eye on your Dahe, especially since you just had a son and your body hasn't bounced back yet!" Chunhua glanced at Guiying and said.

Guiying blushed and said, "Dahe isn't like that."

"Did you think Platoon Leader Chen was that kind of person? Men need to be managed." Chunhua pouted.

Guiying said nothing.

"Alright then, let's not talk about this anymore. Even if others gossip, stay out of it. We live on the same floor, seeing each other every morning and night, no need for awkwardness," Cheng Su reminded them.

"I know, we're just chatting here. Not that Hualing isn't known to be stingy!" Chunhua said. "Let's see, after this incident, if she still keeps acting high and mighty?"

"Watch your mouth, going through something like this is already enough trouble, and we're women too," Cheng Su shot her a glare.

Chunhua sheepishly replied, "Just speaking casually here."

"Who knows when she'll come back, or even if she will," Guiying sighed.

Everyone fell silent; if it were anyone else, having something like this happen at home would certainly be humiliating. It seemed likely Hualing was still deciding whether to continue with their relationship or not.

Cheng Su didn't ask Hualing anymore. Everyone has a different personality, and everyone has their own path to choose. Others can't provide advice.

The situation with Chen Shouwang slowly subsided, but many families in the compound used this incident to remind their own husbands.

Cheng Su was no exception.

"Let me tell you, this is a matter of principle. If it turns out to be true, there's nothing to say other than the word 'divorce.' Keep that in mind," Cheng Su poked his chest and said.

"I'm not an idiot like Chen Shouwang, destroying my own future," Qi Taiguo chuckled and couldn't help but be delighted, "I'll tell you something. My name is on the nomination list for the next deputy battalion commander."

"Really?" Cheng Su's eyes lit up.

Qi Taiguo nodded and said, "It's just a nomination; whether I get promoted or not depends on the higher-ups' research and evaluation."

"How likely do you think it is? How confident are you?" Cheng Su asked excitedly.

Being nominated for deputy battalion commander meant a promotion, which was a big deal.

Qi Taiguo, feigning calmness, said, "I guess it's a fifty-fifty chance. Gao Linbing's name is also on the list!"

Cheng Su raised an eyebrow and said, "Actually, the chance is more than fifty percent, right? Both you and he participated in the training camp and achieved excellent results. It's a big opportunity, right?"

Qi Taiguo's eyes filled with laughter, he pinched her cheek and said, "Has anyone ever told you you're very clever?"

She wasn't wrong; based on his intuition, the chance of promotion was quite high, but he downplayed it to avoid disappointing her. Little did he know, upon hearing Old Gao's name, she immediately grasped the key point.

Seeing how excited she was, Qi Taiguo felt immense joy in his heart too. He knew he'd have to work even harder in the future, for her and for their family.