

Destined Wife: The Apple of My Eye

Chapter 22 Stepmother of Lang Ruoxian

“I am now not suspecting you,” Yan Hua smiles, looking quite innocent.

Lang Ruoxian sneers and says, “You don’t dare to suspect me, or have someone else to suspect?”

“No. I really don’t think it has something to do with you.” Yan Hua now understands that Lang Ruoxian won’t do that to her, though they stand on opposite sides.

But he doesn’t have to make detours like that. Besides, she has nothing valuable except the baby in her womb.

“The hotel is owned by Lang Family. Only Lang Family members can buy over the waiter,” Yan Hua thinks for a while, “I guess this person must be Lang Jia.”

Lang Ruoxian looks at her in the ironic way, which sinks her into depression. This man looks psychotic only in front of her. Does he have the dual personality?

“Am I wrong?”

“Why should I tell you?” Lang Ruoxian raises corner of his mouth and smiles in a weird way, “Don’t forget that we have different positions.”

Yan Hua nods, “I know. But I also know you won’t do anything to a pregnant woman. At least not now.”

“Who gives you the confidence?” Lang Ruoxian stands up, “Do it on your own if you want to know something. But I propose you should do nothing.”

Yan Hua frowns and asks, “Why?”

“You are not smart enough. You might trap yourself.” When saying this, Lang Ruoxian makes a killing gesture, looking extremely handsome.

Yan Hua stares at him, without knowing what to do. When the man walks to the door, he turns and says, “Did you forget someone?”

“What?”

“You forgot Lang Jia’s mother.”

Yan Hua repeats the sentence for two times. She did forget a person!

“Yan Hua, Yan Hua!” Someone presses the doorbell. It is Lang Hongyue.

Yan Hua opens the door and Lang Hongyue looks at her, “You are awake? Well, it is good. We are home.”

“It is later than 10 pm. Is Grandpa sleeping?”

“He is not leaving. We go back first,” Lang Hongyue pushes her into the room, “Change your clothes, please.”

Yan Hua follows Lang Hongyue out of the hotel, finding all Lang Family members in the cars, except Lang Cha. She and Lang Hongyue share one car. After the car starts, Lang Hongyue says,

“My sister-in-law is back.”

Yan Hua’s body freezes for a while. The sister-in-law of Lang Hongyue...

“She was traveling overseas in the past few months. She was expected to come back by the end of this month. But she called and said she is now at home.”

Deng Jingjing is the sister-in-law of Lang Hongyue, wife of Lang Li, mother of Lang Jia and stepmother of Lang Ruoxian.

She has been neglected by Yan Hua for a long time.

“I didn’t tell you about my sister-in-law...” Lang Hongyue starts a long talk.

Yan Hua understands. In short, Deng Jingjing’s family has some connections in Beijing. The mayor of G City is the student of her father.

Government officials and business people are always connected, since the ancient times. After Lang Li takes over Lang Family's business, he has received a few big deals from the government through Deng Jingjing.

"My eldest brother does not have extramarital affairs. Do you really think he is loyal to the family?" Lang Hongyue says in the gloating voice, "He is afraid Deng Jingjing won't forgive him."

Yan Hua doesn't know what expression to show. She just nods.

"By telling you these things, I am trying to alert you. She is special in Lang Family. Even I don't want to get into conflict with her."

Lang Hongyue does not want to say Deng Jingjing would not give her the face. She would not give face to Lang Li, let alone Lang Hongyue.

"You don't have to be afraid. Lang Ruoxian has even worse luck," Lang Hongyue looks at Yan Hua, "The illegitimate son versus the marriage wife. Isn't it fun?"

Lang Hongyue continues, "Deng Jingjing never considers the consequences. She doesn't care about the reputation of Lang Family, daring to make sensations."

Yan Hua, "..."

That explains why she gave her a gift as soon as she came back.

"After all, you are the daughter-in-law of my second elder brother. I don't think Deng Jingjing would go too far."

Three cars stop in front of the townhouse of Lang Family. After getting off the car, Yan Hua finds Lang Li hurrying inside. And Lang Hongyue chuckles behind her.

"This is the life of my eldest brother, always apple-polishing this woman..."

Yan Hua peeps at Tian Bocheng, who is getting off the car in front of her. Obviously, he has heard the sentence. But he looks calm, even smiling at Yan Hua.

Tian Bocheng is married into Lang Family. It is said he came from the rural areas. With excellent academic performance, he was loved by Long Hongyue at school, who helped him open a company after graduation.

“Let’s get in. Why are you looking so dumbfounded?” Lang Hongyue hurries Yan Hua at the entrance.

Yan Hua responds and follows people in.

“Why didn’t you tell us you are back? Well, just now no one was at home...” Lang Li sits on the sofa, holding a woman in his body.

Just like in the photo, the woman wears decent makeup and plain dress. She has an ordinary face, which does not look quite pretty. However, the woman looks like coming from a top-class family.

“How do I know what kind of banquet you were in?” Deng Jingjing has her legs crossed, giving a look at the incoming Lang Ruoxian.

“Why do you remain silent?”

Lang Ruoxian smiles, “Auntie.”

“Why is my sister-in-law coming back earlier than scheduled?” Lang Hongyue steps in, holding Yan Hua intentionally, “Well, I want to introduce you to...”

Deng Jingjing interrupts her, “I know her. Yan Hua, right?”

“Hi, Auntie,” Yan Hua gives a polite smile.

Soon she finds Deng Jingjing looking at her, without covering up the disgust in her eyes.

“You are really courageous to keep such a woman at home!” Deng Jingjing says, “Are you sure her baby belongs to Second Brother’s family?”

“Mom!” Lang Jia, who went upstairs to change her clothes, runs to give Deng Jingjing a hug, “Do you have gift for me?”

Deng Jingjing gives her a pat, “It’s in my suitcase. You can take it by yourself later.”

Lang Li looks at his daughter in a satisfied way, saying, "You must be tired after the long flight. I will accompany you upstairs to have some rest. Let's go now."

"Ah..." Lang Hongyue spits at the back of the three family members, "Who do they think they are?" She turns and finds Lang Ruoxian is about to leave, she says,

"Ruoxian. Your stepmother just behaves like this. You should forgive her."

Yan Hua looks at Lang Ruoxian, wondering if he will be psychotic again and say something impolite to Lang Hongyue. However, Lang Ruoxian smiles generously.

And his smile looks so pretty.

"That's OK. She is a senior and can say anything."

Lang Hongyue looks bad and wants to say something more to alienate them. But Lang Ruoxian turns and leaves. She looks back, "You see it?"

"What?" Yan Hua shows an innocent face.

Lang Hongyue says angrily, "That's OK. Just go upstairs and sleep."

After having the shower, Yan Hua lies on the bed, unable to fall asleep. It seems that Lang Ruoxian and others don't know what Deng Jingjing has done to her.

"If Lang Ruoxian didn't reach me today, what would happen in the end?"

He Mingkai was arranged by Deng Jingjing. But Guo Xiaotong's appearance was accidental. If she didn't get inside and cause sensations, it would be difficult to let He Mingkai go.

Yan Hua shivers. Since Deng Jingjing doesn't care about the reputation of Lang Family, probably she would tell He Mingkai that Lang Family would expel her as soon as she is found staying with him...

"This woman is nothing but a time bomb!" Yan Hua turns her body and closes her eyes. She suddenly thinks of Lang Ruoxian when falling asleep.

Just let him attract the hatred of Deng Jingjing so that she will not have time to pay attention to me.

Soon her wishes are realized. Deng Jingjing goes to the company the next day, arguing with Lang Ruoxian about something trivial.

“It seems an employee favored by Jingjing was demoted by Ruoxian. She went to argue with Ruoxian, demanding him to apologize to the employee in front of all people at the meeting.”

Tian Bocheng sits opposite to Yan Hua, telling her the general picture.

In the afternoon when Yan Hua is reading in the small hall, Tian Bocheng approaches to chat with her. Then he says something about the first battle between Deng Jingjing and Lang Ruoxian today.

“Hongyue has been busy these days. You can tell me for anything you need,” Tian Bocheng pours a glass of milk for her, “You just tell me what you need...”

After a while, he adds, “You don’t have to be afraid of me.”

“I am not afraid,” Yan Hua feel strange. Why did he say this?

Tian Bocheng smiles, “I was not as calm as you when I first came to Lang Family.”

“...” Yan Hua does not know from what time is she so familiar with the uncle-in-law. They can even say something so private.

It seems that Tian Bocheng fails to understand the embarrassment of Yan Hua, continuing to recall the past days.

“As a young man from rural areas, I felt upset for a long time after coming to Lang Family. No people dare despise me because Hongyue is so nice to me.”

“But we have to consider for ourselves. Otherwise we will have nothing in the end. After all, we should have things of our own. Don’t you think so?”

Yan Hua looks puzzled. Her pretty eyes blink.

Tian Bocheng coughs and looks at Yan Hua, “You are so pretty. You don’t have to worry about your future because many people would be willing to support you.”

Yan Hua doesn't quite understand his intention. She just smiles and tries to divert the topic, "I will receive medical examination two days later. If Auntie is not back, do I have to go there alone?"

"Oh, she told me," Tian Bocheng says in a hurry. "The driver will take you to the hospital at noon time. She would go to the hospital directly from the company."

Even after Tian Bocheng leaves, Yan Hua doesn't know what is the purpose of his visit. In the afternoon, Lang Cha goes back to the countryside. So Yan Hua has supper alone.

She goes back to her room early, missing a wonderful scene. On the next morning when she goes out of the room, she finds Lang Ruoxian going out with his suitcase.

"...Are you going to travel on business?" Yan Hua has to say this because she cannot pretend not to see him.

Lang Ruoxian looks at her, with his eyes becoming darker. Yan Hua makes the leaving step.

"Last time Deng Jingjing failed to trap you," he says in a low voice without showing his emotion, "If I were her, I would dose you and put you on the bed of He Mingkai."

Yan Hua feels annoyed and shows a cold face, "You feel disappointed?"

"Stupid woman," suddenly Lang Ruoxian approaches her and his warm breath blows into the ear of Yan Hua.

Yan Hua is shocked. Before she pushes him away, she hears his low voice.

"I am moving out. Can you tell me whether she would do it again?"

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