

Chapter 27: Longing for a Reason

Old Master Ji suddenly stood up and threw the cane he had just replaced onto the ground. He said in a dignified manner, "Shut up, Fang Xiaonuan. Apologize to your sister-in-law!"

"I didn't do anything wrong. She was the one who scolded me first. Why should I apologize?" Fang Xiaonuan immediately said. She had deliberately avoided quarreling and did not step out of the door. She did not see anyone all day long, but Feng Qi had brought up her parents. She did not want to stir up trouble, but Feng Qi just had to antagonize her.

Fang Xiaonuan considered everyone in the Ji family. As her husband, Ji Lingchen was completely indifferent to the matter and acted like a spectator. Ji Kangde and Feng Qi had been husband and wife for many years. Naturally, he would protect his wife. Old Master Ji and Feng Qi had been in-laws for many years. As an outsider who had just married into the Ji family, how could she get justice?

Until now, Fang Xiaonuan still could not figure out how she had offended Feng Qi so badly. The two of them had become arch-enemies.

Old Master Ji could not bear to see Fang Xiaonuan argue with him. "Fang Xiaonuan, look at how restless the house has been since you moved in. You better reign in your personality. I've indulged you long enough."

Fang Xiaonuan responded, "Indulged? You're really indulging me, but I don't care."

Old Master Ji said, "Fang Xiaonuan, do you understand what respect is?"

Fang Xiaonuan said, "The prerequisite for respect is to be respected. I want to ask, do you all respect me?" Old Master Ji immediately asked, "You think we don't respect you?"

"How do you respect me?" Fang Xiaonuan's question made the Ji family members fall silent. For a moment, no one answered.

After a while, Old Master Ji said slowly, “The rules of the Ji family are reasonable. Now that you are a member of the Ji family, you must obey our family’s rules and apologize to your sister-in-law.”

When Feng Qi heard that Old Master Ji was still on her side, her face was full of pride. She looked at Fang Xiaonuan provocatively.

Fang Xiaonuan looked straight at Feng Qi and said to her patiently, “I’m sorry.”

“Since the Ji family’s rules are based on appearances, then I would like to ask when sister-in-law will apologize to my parents. After all, this is what the oldest person in the Ji family said.” Fang Xiaonuan tried her best to quell her anger. She spoke slowly too.

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Feng Qi said, “You’re simply delusional. Your mother is younger than me. It’s impossible for me to apologize to her.”

Fang Xiaonuan said, “The Ji family’s rules are based on appearances. Isn’t that a matter of appearances too? Age? Then, let’s put aside Old Master Ji’s previous instructions. Just based on the fact that I’m already married to Ji Lingchen, my parents are of the same seniority as Old Master Ji. The last time my parents came to visit, sister-in-law did not treat them well. If that’s the case, didn’t sister-in-law violate the rules of the Ji family? The Ji family is strict. Sister-in-law must abide by the rules of the family! Father, do you think I’m right?”

Everyone in the family knew that they wanted to treat the previous incident as a small matter, but Fang Xiaonuan was the only one who was unwilling to do so. She had said these words to Old Master Ji’s face now to intentionally embarrass him. In any case, they had already shed all pretense of cordiality. Fang Xiaonuan no longer cared.

Seeing that Old Master Ji was silent, Fang Xiaonuan asked again, “Dad, did I say something wrong?”

“Scram, all of you, Scram!” Old Master Ji roared angrily.

When Fang Xiaonuan was about to speak again, the butler gave a look to the few servants. Someone immediately held onto Fang Xiaonuan and brought her out of the dining area. The atmosphere was already ice cold.

Feng Qi did not dare to breathe, but Ji Lingchen did not move at all. His fingers tapped the table rhythmically. Mayor Ji knew his younger brother's temperament very well. He was afraid that he would cause any more trouble, so he said, "Lingchen, quickly go and see Nuannuan."

Ji Lingchen's gaze swept to the entrance of the restaurant. He quickly retracted his gaze and then looked at everyone at the table. He sneered and said, "Don't you have to look at the owner before hitting a dog? Bullying my wife, isn't that just slapping my face? Sister-in-law, is what I said reasonable?"

Feng Qi did not say anything. Ji Lingchen's gaze was too fierce, so she did not dare to meet his gaze.

Ji Lingchen spoke again. "Sister-in-law, I saw you humiliate my wife just now and talk a lot. Now, why have you become mute in front of me?"

Feng Qi said, "Lingchen, that's what she deserves. Just listen to her. She really can't compare to Rou'er."

Ji Lingchen looked at Old Master Ji and said, "I wonder if my in-laws, the in-laws of Ji Lingchen, CEO of Ji Corporation, are worthy of an apology from the mayor's wife."