

Chapter 191: Anger

"I'm sorry, Song Ning. My mother's emotions aren't very stable, and she's agitated because of my sister's matters," Ye Cheng said apologetically to Song Ning.

Song Ning glanced at the messy ward and simply said, "You should go and see your mother."

Ye Cheng did not have any objection. He was indeed worried about Gao Wen, hence, he lowered his head and turned to leave.

Mu Chen who was holding onto the wheelchair tightened his grips; blue veins could be seen on his arms due to the force he exerted. His expression was still dark.

Meanwhile, the onlookers had already left after the hospital personnel persuaded them to leave.

Su Tong and Liang Zhou who blended into the crowd left without being detected as well. Even if they wanted to watch the show, they did not dare to offend Mu Chen.

Song Ning patted Mu Chen's hand and said, "Let's go home. Don't tell Grandma about what happened here lest she gets angry..."

Mu Chen sighed. Then, he squatted down to face Song Ning and held her hands before he said, "Ningning, you're Madam Mu now that married me. There's no need for you to suffer or endure anymore. I won't let you suffer any grievances..."

Song Ning smiled as she looked at Mu Chen. "Alright, I understand. However, there's no need for us to argue with fools or those who try to compete with us because of shared interests. There's no need for us to bother with those who are unrelated to us. It'll just cause more trouble if we get involved with them..."

Mu Chen remained silent; what else was there to say? What more could he ask for since he had such an understanding wife?

At this moment, Jiang Jin walked out of the elevator, clearly furious, while a nervous Sister Yu trailed behind her.

"Grandma?"

Mu Chen and Song Ning looked at the old woman, surprised.

When Jiang Jin looked at the ward that resembled a disaster area after an earthquake, she said angrily, "Is this place lawless?"

"Grandma," Song Ning called out softly.

Jiang Jin softened her tone and said, "Girl, stay out of this!" Following that, her voice turned stern again as she said, "Ah Yu, tell Lawyer Zhao to meet me here; tell Ah Jiang to call the police. Is there no law in this place? Mu Chen, summon the director of the hospital here and transfer Ningning to a new ward. Do

you need me to wait for me to arrange such small matters? If I didn't come, would you have waited until next year?"

Sister Yu immediately did as she was instructed.

Meanwhile, Song Ning looked at the domineering Jiang Jin with her mouth agape.

Mu Chen squeezed Song Ning's hand, indicating for her to remain silent.

After a while, the director of the hospital rushed over.

Secretary Zhang who was trailing behind wore an unsightly expression on his face. He did not stop moving as he ordered the nurses, "Quickly arrange a transfer of ward. Why is everyone standing around? Arrange for the cleaners to clean up the place."

Upon hearing these words, Jiang Jin interjected, "No, leave the ward as it is. Let the lawyer and police have a look and collect evidence. The broken things must be compensated by the culprit. What's wrong? Is the hospital so rich that you don't even want to seek compensation from the culprit?"

Secretary Zhang's face paled immediately. He smiled apologetically and said, "No, no, no. Old Madam Mu, I just thought the ward looked unsightly since it's in such a mess..."

"Unsightly? Is that your priority? Such a huge incident happened, you didn't even think about calling the police first; the first thing that occurred to you is to clean the place up? Is your head filled with cotton? Oh, don't tell me you think it's because this is the VIP ward so you have to quickly clean it up? Let me tell you: I won't let the culprit get away with this. Even if it's the emperor itself, I won't let this matter slide..." Jiang Jin said; her momentum was unstoppable.

The hospital director mustered up his courage before he stepped forward and said, "Old Madam Mu, please calm you. Why don't you accompany Dr. Song to the new ward to rest? We'll deal with everything here. Don't worry, I'll make sure to handle this matter properly." After he finished speaking, he shot Mu Chen a pleading look.

Subsequently, Mu Chen stepped forward and held Jiang Jin's arm before he said, "Grandma, why don't you accompany Song Ning? I'll handle this matter..."

Jiang Jin glared at Mu Chen.. "If you let the culprit go, I won't show you mercy! Is the Mu family so easily bullied? Call the police and file a lawsuit!"

Chapter 192: Eavesdropping

Jiang Jin angrily followed the nurse into the new ward. When she saw the young nurses putting away all kinds of items, looking as though they did not even dare to breathe loudly, her expression eased up.

Song Ning tugged on Jiang Jin's hand and softly said, "Grandma, don't be angry."

How could Jiang Jin still be angry? She could only feel her heart ache. "Silly child, you're really too honest and easy to bully. Your mother raised you to be too sensible. No wonder you're bullied all the

time; those people only dare to take advantage of you because you're easy to bully. This won't do! With Grandma around, no one can even think about bullying you!"

Song Ning massaged Jiang Jin's hand as she gently said, "Grandma, it's not a big deal. I wasn't in the ward earlier; Mu Chen accompanied me out for a walk. Can't you see that I'm fine? Don't get angry because of irrelevant people."

Jiang Jin looked at Song Ning's skinny face and could not help but feel distressed. "You're such a good granddaughter-in-law. I really can't let them bully you. Now that you're pregnant, I'll have to protect you even more!"

Song Ning was incredibly moved by these words.

Coincidentally, these words were heard by Liang Zhou who had just arrived. She was shocked when she heard Song Ning was pregnant. Initially, she had come to enquire about Song Ning's well-being, but after thinking about it, she slowly backed away and made her way to Ning Zhe's ward.

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At this time, Su Tong was sitting next to Ning Zhe's bed, scrolling through her phone.

Ye Xin's matter had spread like a wildfire, and Su Tong could not help but feel sorry for Ye Xin. Initially, she had planned to use Ye Xin to deal with Song Ning, but she did not expect Ye Xin to be as useful as a decorative vase. Ye Xin looked good, but she was useless. Song Ning had yet to make a move, but Ye Xin had already lost the entire game. How weak!

Fortunately, Su Tong had already gotten what she wanted. She felt that God treated her really well. When she wanted a son to tie Ning Zhe down, she was given a son. When she wanted to bring her son into the Ning family to prevent him from being labeled as an illegitimate son, she was successful as well. She hated Zhuang Yi to the bones and wished Zhuang Yi would die, Zhuang Yi really died. When she found out Zhuang Yi had died, she even had to shut herself in the room so she could laugh. God had really taken that annoying woman away! Now that she had obtained Song Ning's signature and agreement to give up the right to inherit the Ning family's assets, she felt incredibly at ease.

Song Ning had pointed out that the agreement was useless since Ning Zhe would not allow for something like that to happen. However, Su Tong had no intention of bringing the agreement out now. She would wait and bid her time, bringing it out when the time was right. For example, when Ning Zhe was no longer around. At that time, she wanted to see who else could stand up for Song Ning.

Everyone thought Su Tong was stupid and greedy, but she did not care. She only cared about practical things. For example, her status in the Ning family. Zhuang Yi thought she had foiled her plans by stripping her off her status in the Ning family for ten years, but she lived carefreely during those ten years and waited for her son to grow up. Who cared about status? Moreover, revenge was a dish best served cold.

Su Tong had no intentions of letting Song Ning go in the future. As long as she was alive, she would not let Song Ning live in peace. Song Ning would have to suffer for her mother's actions. She thought Song Ning was really like Zhuang Yi when she saw the news praising Song Ning. The pair of mother and daughter really knew how to win people's hearts.

Su Tong sneered before she glanced at her unconscious husband. She thought it would not be a bad thing if her husband continued to remain unconscious.

At this moment, Liang Zhou pushed the door open. "Su Tong, do you know..."

Liang Zhou's voice trailed off when her gaze fell on Ning Zhe.

Su Tong glanced at the unconscious Ning Zhe before she said with a smile, "Don't worry. Even if you beat the drums and gongs, he won't hear you.. He's just like the living dead now!"

Chapter 193: Envy

Liang Zhou asked regretfully, "He's still not awake?"

Su Tong nodded and sighed. With a long drawl, she said, "The doctor he might remain like this forever."

Liang Zhou could not help but widen her eyes. "Then... T-then, what about you and your child."

Su Tong shrugged. "There's no point worrying about it now. After all, my husband isn't dead yet. As long as he's alive, there's nothing to worry about..." She no longer wanted to speak about this so she changed the topic and asked, "What did you say earlier? I didn't hear you..."

With these words, Liang Zhou finally remembered the purpose of her visit. She moved closer and said in a lowered voice, "Do you know that Song Ning is pregnant?"

Su Tong looked as though she had been struck by a bolt of lightning as soon as she heard these words.

This was the reaction Liang Zhou wanted.

Su Tong asked in a trembling voice, "W-what did you say?"

Liang Zhou pursed his lips. "You don't know about it? The Old Madam is really something; she kept such joyous news from the world. If I didn't happen to overhear their conversation, we would've been kept in the dark. Tell me, what reason is there for her to keep it a secret? Shouldn't such joyous news be made known to everyone?"

Su Tong muttered to herself, as though she did not hear Liang Zhou's words, "Why is she so lucky? Why is her life so good?"

Liang Zhou smiled disdainfully. "So what if she's pregnant? Haven't you been pregnant before? There's still such a long time before she gives birth; who can guarantee there won't be any accident during that time? Even if she safely gives birth; we still don't know if it's a boy or a girl. Apart from that, it takes a long time for a child to grow up. Who knows if it'll be able to grow up safely and healthily. Su Tong, don't you agree?"

Su Tong looked at Liang Zhou in a daze. "Accident?"

Liang Zhou nodded and smiled sweetly. "Yes, accident. There are many kinds of accidents, don't you think?"

Su Tong said solemnly, "Old Madam protects her like a treasure; she won't even let anyone see her. How can there be an accident? Similarly, Mu Chen protects her as though she's his life as well. Liang Zhou, how can someone be so lucky? She's born into a wealthy family and married into a wealthy family. In her maiden home, she was treated like a princess; in her husband's home, she's treated like the empress..." She grabbed Liang Zhou's hand tightly and said fiercely, "Liang Zhou, tell me! Why do you think God favors her so much? Why is she given everything that's good? Why? What did she do to deserve all these things?"

Liang Zhou's hand hurt from Su Tong's grip; she had to exert some force to remove Su Tong's hand. After she suppressed the annoyance that rose in her heart, she led Su Tong to sit on the couch. "Su Tong, calm down. What God's favor? It's just a little luck. You believe in fate? Well, I don't believe in it. Whether it's mine or not, as long as it's something I like, I'll fight for it. I thought we're the same kind of people..."

Su Tong's eyes gradually lit up and he muttered, "Right, right, we have to fight for the things we want. If we don't fight for it, no one will give it to us. For lowly people like us, how are we going to get anything if we don't fight for it?"

Liang Zhou looked at the dazed Su Tong, greatly satisfied. Now that her objective had been achieved, she quietly left the ward.

As soon as the door closed, the wooden expression on Su Tong's face vanished immediately. She said to herself icily, "You're just an unacknowledged mistress, and you think you can trick me? With your ability, you think you can use my hand to act?"

After a moment, Su Tong's voice turned even colder as she said, "That Ning Xia is really lucky. After I asked her to give up the right to inherit the Ning family's assets, she's pregnant with the heir of the Mu family. She makes me so envious that I've no choice but to plot against her.. Why? We're both humans, but why is she so lucky?"

Chapter 194: Jealousy

When Liang Zhou brought the news back to Mu Qing, his hand that was holding the book tightened, tearing half the page from the book.

Liang Zhou was slightly taken aback but did not say anything. She turned around and poured Mu Qing a glass of water.

Mu Qing's faint voice rang from behind her. "You have to prepare a big gift for Song Ning to show our concern. She's pregnant with my grandson after all."

Liang Zhou turned around and awkwardly said, "The old lady has yet to announce this to the public; I overheard this. I think she's afraid of mishaps so she's keeping it under wraps for now. That old lady really loves her grandson and her granddaughter-in-law a lot; her great-grandchild is naturally precious."

Mu Qing nodded and smoothed the torn page as though nothing had happened. "Alright. Then let's pretend we're not privy to it. Send some fresh fruits over. You can chat with them and build a good relationship as well..."

After passing the glass of water to Mu Qing, Liang Zhou said with a sigh, "If only things were so easy. They don't like me very much..."

Mu Qing said plainly, "Regardless, it's best to continue trying. Relationships aren't built in a day. The more you invest your time, the greater the returns. Doesn't Song Ning have Zhuang Ji? It's good if you visit more often and help her attract more businesses..."

Liang Zhou did not say anything else. She knew it was pointless to say anything at this moment because Mu Qing was feeling uneasy. No matter what she said now, he would have something to say in return. What she was most concerned about now was to make sure Song Ning's child was not born.

This thought gnawed at Liang Zhou's heart like a ferocious beast. Song Ning was too happy, and it reminded her of her sister, Liang Zhen. Seeing this happiness, she was incredibly jealous. She could not bear to see those people happy; their happiness made her unhappy.

Liang Zhou could not help but smile when Gao Wen's ferocious expression flashed in her mind. She thought to herself, 'What a good knife!'

Song Ning had just gotten pregnant. Liang Zhou thought she still had almost ten months to act. There would be many opportunities for her since there were many people who could not bear seeing Song Ning happy.

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At this moment, Song Ning, who was being envied and hated, was happily leaning against the headboard of the bed as Jiahui gently massaged her legs. She held a small plate of walnuts that Mu Chen had shelled for her.

On the other hand, the only person Cheng Che could see at this moment was the busy Jiahui.

Mu Chen pushed Cheng Che aside and handed him a handful of walnuts because he did not want Cheng Che staring at Song Ning's legs. Nevertheless, he knew Cheng Che was just staring at Jiahui's hands, and Song Ning's legs were probably no different from a block of wood in Cheng Che's eyes.

After Jiahui was done with the massage, she raised her hands and asked, "Your Majesty, do you still feel uncomfortable?"

Song Ning pointed at her head. "I'm lying down so much that I feel dizzy..."

Before Jiahui could speak, Mu Chen had already reached out and placed his hand on Song Ning's forehead. "Do you have a fever?"

Upon seeing this, Jiahui did not know if she should laugh or cry. "What fever? She's pregnant; it doesn't mean she's as fragile as a piece of paper. President Mu, she still has seven to eight months left before giving birth. If you continue to be like this, I'm afraid you'll go crazy even before the child is born..."

Mu Chen did not mind Jiahui's words. He said, "It's better to be careful..."

Cheng Che placed a handful of walnuts into the small plate and said, "Brother, I suggest you keep an eye on sister-in-law 24 hours a day from now on. Don't blink!"

Mu Chen rolled his eyes. "What do you know? You don't even have a girlfriend!"

Cheng Che was rendered speechless by those words. He instinctively glanced at Jiahui from the corners of his eyes.

At this time, Jiahui was massaging Song Ning's head.

Cheng Che said dejectedly, "Brother, how can you discriminate against single people?"

Mu Chen retorted, "Then you should work harder to change your single status..."

Cheng Che stopped talking immediately.

Jiahui could no longer stand it. She said, "President Mu, you're in the wrong. Now that you're a father-to-be, you're mercilessly mocking your brother who's single.. This isn't good!"

Chapter 195: Hope

Cheng Che's eyes sparkled when he heard Jiahui defending him.

Song Ning patted Jiahui's arm. "You're so righteous. Why don't you save Cheng Che from his suffering then?"

Jiahui asked casually, "How?"

Song Ning smiled. "You can just become his girlfriend. Won't it resolve his problem then? You can save him from being bullied by Mu Chen every day. Even Grandma teases him and says he's incapable of giving her another granddaughter-in-law. Jiahui, you're so righteous; you should hurry up and save Cheng Che from his misery..."

As expected, Jiahui instinctively said, "Sure, I won't say no to helping others..."

Song Ning immediately seized the opportunity. She grabbed Jiahui's hand and said to Cheng Che, "Cheng Che, she's agreed!"

Cheng Che, who was at a loss over how to respond, only smiled innocently.

Jiahui asked curiously, "What's wrong? Why are you acting weird?"

Song Ning smiled and said, "Jiahui, you can't go back on your words. Since you've agreed, you can't back out of it. Mu Chen and I are witnesses for Cheng Chen!"

Jiahui said disapprovingly, "I've already agreed to it. I'm not someone who..." She paused for a moment as though realization had just dawned on her at this moment. She seemed a little dumbfounded as she said, "I agreed to what?"

Cheng Che, who was standing behind Jiahui, said in a faint voice as he suppressed the excitement he felt, "You agree to be my girlfriend."

Jiahui turned her head to look at Cheng Che, who wore a shy and excited expression like a teenager, with her mouth agape.

Song Ning smiled and patted Jiahui's hand. "You can't go back on your words!"

Jiahui's face reddened immediately as she stammered, "I... I... I promised to save Cheng Che from his suffering, but..."

Song Ning interjected, "That's right. The best way to save him from his suffering is to become his girlfriend..." She could not help but chuckle when she saw the dazed expression on Jiahui's face.

Jiahui shook off Song Ning's hand and said, "I... I'm leaving now. I'm not going to talk to a group of scoundrels! I'm leaving!" With an embarrassed expression on her face, she grabbed her bag and pushed Cheng Che, who was standing in her way, aside before she rushed out.

Cheng Che looked at Jiahui's retreating figure, not knowing what to do.

Mu Chen lightly kicked Cheng Che as he said, "What are you doing standing here? If you can't catch her, don't come back! Otherwise, I'll tell Grandma about this..."

Cheng Che rubbed the spot where Mu Chen had kicked him and looked at Song Ning as though he was asking for her help. "Sister-in-law, what if Jiahui ignores me?"

Song Ning smiled. "Beg her. The more pitiful you are, the more she won't be able to refuse you, understand?"

"Sister-in-law, you're much wiser than my brother!" Cheng Che rushed out, not waiting for Mu Chen to kick him again.

After Cheng Che left, Song Ning sighed in relief. "Finally, there seems to be some progress. It really hasn't been easy..."

Mu Chen smiled. "Cheng Che is a fool!"

Song Ning said in defense of Cheng Che, "He's not a fool; he's just innocent. Although he's shrewd and capable in regard to his work, relationship-wise, he's innocent and simple-minded. He's rather similar to Jiahui in this regard. Both of them are a good match..."

Mu Chen nodded. "Grandma likes Jiahui too. Grandma will be happy if she knows about this..."

Song Ning's eyes flashed as she asked teasingly, "So you only like me because Grandma likes me?"

Mu Chen smiled and reached out to pat Song Ning's head. Ever since she had gotten pregnant, he felt she had gotten livelier and more playful. He secretly hoped Song Ning would give birth to a lively daughter who was as good-looking as her. He would dote on his daughter and give her the whole world.

"Am I right?" Song Ning asked, refusing to let the matter rest until she obtained an answer.

Mu Chen leaned over and sneakily kissed her on the lips before he said, "I fell in love with you at first sight. It has nothing to do with anyone..."

Song Ning was satisfied with this answer.

Mu Chen was inwardly delighted. After all, Song Ning did not act like this usually. He really liked how tender and soft she was now.. With this, he placed his hand on her still-flat belly and said with a hint of eagerness, "Song Ning, I hope you give birth to a daughter..."

Chapter 196: Wishes

Song Ning pouted slightly. "What if I'm pregnant with a boy now? What if he hears these words now? He'll be unhappy because Daddy doesn't like him..."

Mu Chen's hand that was only Song Ning's belly paused for a moment before he said firmly, "It's better to have a daughter first. We'll have a son in the future. I want a daughter first!"

Song Ning could not help but laugh; she found him cute. She patted his hand and said with a sigh, "Based on my pulse-taking experiences, I'm afraid your firstborn will be a son..."

Mu Chen said stubbornly, "No, your experiences might not be accurate. I want to have a daughter first..."

Song Ning laughed out loud as she thought to herself, amused, 'What a stubborn man!'

At this moment, the door to the room opened before Jiang Jin walked in followed by Sister Yu.

Jiang Jin said to her grandson, clearly pleased, "Hmm? You did well today; you made Song Ning so happy today. I could hear her laughter in the corridor..."

Mu Chen rose to his feet and helped his grandmother to a seat as Song Ning recounted their earlier conversation to his grandmother.

After listening to Song Ning, Jiang Jin laughed. "How can a father behave this way? What if the baby hears you? He'll feel unhappy and unwanted..."

Mu Chen smiled but did not say anything. He would not argue with his grandmother about this matter. He would never hear the end of this if he argued with her.

Song Ning could not help but ask, "Grandma, do you want a granddaughter or a grandson?"

Jiang Jin smiled before she seriously replied, "I'm fine with any one. Both are delightful in different ways. As long as the baby is healthy, I'll be happy!"

Mu Chen smiled and said, "Then, we'll just have a daughter and a son!"

Jiang Jin hit him gently. "Do you think you have a choice in this matter? This is a gift from God; don't be picky!" Then, she turned to look at Song Ning and said with a smile, "Ignore this fool. He just wants a daughter who looks exactly like you because he's too in love with you."

Mu Chen smiled when his thoughts were exposed by Jiang Jin.

On the contrary, a hint of sadness flashed in Song Ning's eyes. She could have had a younger brother. If her younger brother was still around, as his older sister, she would definitely dote on him and treat him well. She would have been incredibly happy to be an older sister. It was unfortunate her brother left

before he even had a chance to see the world. She only hoped her brother was happy with their mother now.

After a moment, she reached out and stroked her still-flat belly and asked, “Grandma, when will the baby start growing. I can feel the baby’s faint pulse, but I still can feel the baby...”

Although Song Ning was a doctor and knew the answer to the question, it was a different experience being pregnant herself. Moreover, this was her first time being pregnant.

Sister Yu said with a smile, “Young Madam, don’t be anxious. Although you can feel it now, the baby is growing as we speak... Moreover, if you feel anxious, the baby will feel anxious as well...”

“Will he feel anxious as well?” Song Ning asked as she looked at Sister Yu in confusion.

Sister Yu nodded. “Of course. The baby is connected to the mother after all.”

Jiang Jin said tenderly, “Song Ning, you’ve worked hard. Being a mother is a difficult job. In the future, Song Ning has the final say in the family. Mu Chen, do you understand?”

Mu Chen hurriedly nodded.

Jiang Jin was very satisfied with Mu Chen’s response. After a moment, she said, “That’s right. Mu Chen, accompany me to visit the doctors. I lost my temper previously, and I think they’re a little afraid of me. I should speak to them so they won’t say I’m bullying them...”

Jiang Jin did not wait for Mu Chen’s reply. She rose to her feet and dragged him out of the room. Before leaving, she said to Sister Yu, “Ah Yu, remember to accompany Song Ning out for a walk. The fresh air will do her good...”

As soon as the door to Song Ning’s room closed, Jiang Jin’s smile vanished from her face immediately as she said, “Mu Chen, I’ve already sent a lawyer’s letter to the Ye family. The police will handle the matter with Ye Xin, but the Ye family has to give us an explanation in regard to Gao Wen’s actions..”

Chapter 197: Exhortation

Mu Chen looked at his grandmother and calmly said, “Grandma, don’t worry about these things. Leave it to me and Cheng Che...”

“Then tell me how you plan to deal with the matter. In the past, our Mu family was criticized because of your father’s actions. Now, everyone thinks they can just bully us; I won’t allow this. Now that you have a family of your own and you’re about to be a father, I want everyone to put away those dirty thoughts. I want to let everyone know they can’t just mess with the Mu family without any repercussions,” Jiang Jin said in a tone that brooked no arguments.

Mu Chen nodded. “Don’t worry, Grandma. I know what to do.”

Jiang Jin glanced at the other end of the corridor, “Your father is staying in that ward over there. I know you won’t visit him, but you should at least pay attention to details. Make sure you know who has been

visiting him, regardless if it's an outsider or someone from our family. I don't want anything to happen to the Mu family. Do you understand what I mean?"

Mu Chen nodded. "Grandma, I understand."

Jiang Jin looked at her tall grandson and hesitated for a moment. There were some words that were better left unsaid. She loved both her son and her grandson, but what could she do if the father and the son were like enemies? Moreover, apart from kinship, she had to consider the interests of the entire Mu family. She would not allow anyone to mess around. In the end, she only sighed and no longer said anything else.

Upon seeing this, Mu Chen reached out and gently hugged his grandmother. "Grandma, don't worry. I won't let you down."

Jiang Jin returned the hug, patting Mu Chen's back. "You've always been Grandma's pride and joy..."

At this moment, the elevator doors opened with a ding. Following that, Cheng Che emerged from the elevator with a smiling face.

Upon seeing Cheng Che, Mu Chen leaned in and whispered something to Jiang Jin.

After listening to Mu Chen's words, Jiang Jin immediately said, "You rascal, where's my Jiang Jin immediately said to Cheng Che, "Rascal, where's my granddaughter-in-law?"

Cheng Che asked in confusion, "Isn't sister-in-law in her room?"

Jiang Jin glared at him. "I'm talking about the other one?"

Cheng Che was further confused. He looked at Mu Chen and asked, "What other one?"

Jiang Jin tugged on Cheng Che's ear and said, "What other one? Are you playing dumb? Don't tell me you failed to chase Jiahui. Otherwise, I'll skin you alive!"

Cheng Che did not dare to resist or move. He hastily said, "Grandma, Grandma, I got it, I got it! It's done"

Jiang Jin let go, pleasantly surprised. "Really? She agreed to marry you?"

Cheng Che replied, slightly embarrassed, "She agreed to be my girlfriend."

Jiang Jin said disdainfully, "She only agreed to be your girlfriend? Why can't you act quickly like your brother?"

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen resentfully before he said, "Brother is lucky that sister-in-law was fooled by him. Moreover, sister-in-law is so gullible. How can I handle Jiahui who's so sharp?" However, when he saw the slight change in Jiang Jin's expression, he hurriedly said, "Don't worry, Grandma. I'll definitely work hard to marry Jiahui!"

With these words, Jiang Jin's expression eased before she said with a smile, "Alright. You better not go back on your words; your brother will be a witness to this. If you mess up, I'll let your brother deal with you!"

Cheng Che smiled foolishly, "Don't worry, Grandma!"

After Jiang Jin returned to the room to accompany Song Ning, Cheng Che exhaled in relief.

Mu Chen asked with a faint smile, "Is there really no problem?"

Cheng Che rolled his eyes as he said, "You and sister-in-law have worked so hard to help me. How can I face both of you if I fail?"

Mu Chen smiled. "That's more like it. My wife is worried about you even though she's pregnant. If you don't live up to our expectations, not only will you disappoint us, but you'll disappoint your little niece as well!"

"Little niece? How do you know it's not a little nephew?" Cheng Che asked curiously.

Mu Chen said confidently, "I'm sure you'll have a little niece!"

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen's confident expression and did not have the heart to break Mu Chen's illusions. Therefore, he swallowed the words hanging on the tip of his tongue..

Chapter 198: Tendencies

After Mu Chen and Cheng Che left the hospital, Mu Chen asked as soon as he got into the car, "What's going on?"

After taking a seat in the driver's seat and closing the door, Cheng Che replied, "Mr. Mu has already contacted most of the elders of the Mu family."

Mu Chen sneered. "Hasn't he been in the hospital all this time?"

"It's because he's living in the hospital that it's convenient! This month, the number of members from the Mu family coming to the hospital for a check-up has obviously increased. All of them who came to the hospital would visit him without fail," Cheng Che said nonchalantly as he rested his hand on the steering wheel.

Mu Chen nodded before he calmly said, "Pay attention to all the projects that these people are handling. Help me find two backup candidates for the respective projects..."

Cheng Che raised his hand to wipe the sweat off his face as he asked, "Brother Chen, are you going to purge the company of these people?"

Mu Chen said indifferently, "What can I do since they're forcing my hand? Since they like Mr. Mu, they should follow Mr. Mu; I have no objections as long as they don't regret their decisions."

Cheng Che sighed. "I can't even sympathize with them since they're all jumping around impatiently, seeking death! I can't even stop them..."

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che. "Did you stop them?"

Cheng Che smiled. "I'm not stupid. Why should I stop them if they're intent on courting death? Moreover, they left a lot of messes for me to clean up. Now that they'll be leaving, I can't wait to celebrate!"

The corners of Mu Chen's lips curled up slightly. After a moment, he asked, "What about Ye Cheng?"

Cheng Che's expression stiffened slightly as he said, "Ye Cheng seems to have chosen to join the Ministry of Public Security. The results should be out soon..."

"He chose to join the Ministry of Public Security?" Mu Chen raised an eyebrow.

Cheng Che nodded. "I thought he would join the Ministry of Finance or Economic Affairs. I didn't expect him to choose the Ministry of Public Security."

A thought appeared in Mu Chen's mind before he said, "It should be for Ye Xin's sake..."

Cheng Che nodded. "That's what I think as well. Ye Xin is still in the ICU. When she wakes up, she'll definitely have to deal with the aftermath. Moreover, there's Madam Ye as well. Grandma has given the order, after all; the hospital has no choice but to pursue this matter to the end. In my opinion, Ye Cheng must be in a terrible state now. After scheming and planning for so long, he has to choose a completely unfamiliar field. I almost feel bad for him..."

"He should feel great since he chose to sacrifice himself for his family," Mu Chen said indifferently. Following that, as though he just recalled something, he said, "Find a way to get hair samples from Ning Zhe and Ye Xin to conduct a DNA test."

Cheng Che was stunned. "What? Whose hair samples?"

"Ning Zhe and Ye Xin," Mu Chen said again.

Cheng Che was baffled. "Brother, what are you trying to do?"

When Mu Chen recalled the conversation between the nurses he overheard the other day, he added, "Apart from that, investigate who has recently conducted a DNA test on those two. If I'm not mistaken, it should be Ye Cheng."

Cheng Che's eyes widened slightly as the implications behind Mu Chen's words dawned on him. "Brother, don't you think this is a little far-fetched?"

Mu Chen said simply, "It's too early for you to come to a conclusion now. Wait until the results come out before you say it's far-fetched..."

With these words, the events over the past few days began to replay in Cheng Che's mind. After a moment, he exclaimed, "Brother, you're really a genius! How did you string everything together and come to this conclusion?"

Mu Chen shook his head. "It's just something that appeared in my mind. Investigate properly. Who knows if there'd be some unexpected gains."

Cheng Che's curiosity spiked; he was rather excited by this mystery. He hurriedly brought his phones out and issued out a series of orders.

Following that, Mu Chen said, "If Ye Cheng tries to look for me in the coming days, try to stop him. I don't want to see him for now."

Cheng Che nodded. "Understood. Whether it's Ye Xin or Madam Ye, they've all behaved atrociously. If he wants to reconcile, he'll have to beg and grovel..."

Mu Chen shook his head slightly. "I have no intention of reconciling.. Even if I want to, Grandma will never allow it..."

Chapter 199: Seeking Peace

Cheng Che nodded. "Yes. Grandma is really angry this time. After all, sister-in-law is like her heart now."

Mu Chen glanced at Cheng Che, abruptly changing the topic. "Did Jiahui really agree to be your girlfriend? You better not be lying to Grandma. Otherwise, Grandma and I will never let you off; we'll skin you alive!"

"Hey, don't keep threatening me!" Cheng Che said with a hint of dissatisfaction. Then, he patted his chest and continued to say, "I'm really envious of you; you're too lucky. Although your marriage is an accident, you still managed to pick the right person. However, I don't dare to act recklessly. After all, the matter between you and sister-in-law is something that will only happen once in a blue moon. Therefore, I'll take my time to win Jiahui over. You and Grandma can rest assured!"

Mu Chen had once wanted to help Cheng Che investigate Jiahui, but Cheng Che had stopped him. Cheng Che said love should be pure, and he felt that investigating Jiahui was like violating love.

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The next day, Ye Cheng found Mu Chen. As soon as he met Mu Chen, he bluntly said, "Mu Chen, this time it's Ye Xin and my mother's fault. However, for the sake of the relationship of the two families and for the sake of so many years of friendship between us, can you please let them go? No matter how much compensation you want, I'll acquiesce to you. Is that okay?"

Mu Chen looked at Ye Cheng as he said indifferently, "Ye Cheng, you're begging the wrong person. Ye Xin tried to run Song Ning, and your mother was targeting Song Ning as well. It's not up to me to forgive anyone on Song Ning's behalf. Apart from that, my Grandma has always been the type to protect her family regardless of reason. Moreover, this time, Song Ning almost lost her life..."

Ye Cheng smiled bitterly. "Mu Chen, I know you feel unwilling as well. However, I have no choice but to beg you? Can't you agree to this?"

"Ye Cheng, we've known each other for so many years. Have you seen me let off those who wrong me in the past? It's the same then and now..." Mu Chen replied indifferently.

Ye Cheng looked at Mu Chen meaningfully. "Mu Chen, you should know that I'll do anything for my mother and my sister. I won't allow them to go to jail..."

Mu Chen raised an eyebrow and said fearlessly, "So what? You want us to pretend that nothing happened? Ye Cheng, based on the fact that Ye Xin was bold enough to run her car into the defenseless

Song Ning, I advise you not to spoil her anymore. You'll only harm her in the end. They think you're omnipotent so they act unscrupulously, expecting you to magically clean up all their messes. It's not a bad thing to teach them a lesson this time."

Ye Cheng did not respond to Mu Chen's words directly. Instead, he said, "Mu Chen, if you do this, both sides will only end up suffering heavy losses."

Mu Chen shook his head indifferently. "It's fine. We have to face what we have to face. We each have our family to protect so I understand you have to do what you have to do."

Ye Cheng took a deep breath and looked at Mu Chen. In the end, he failed to persuade Mu Chen.

Mu Chen watched Ye Cheng leave like a defeated rooster without batting an eyelid.

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Ye Cheng and Mu Chen received the results from the DNA test almost at the same time.

Ye Cheng was so shocked by the results that he could not speak for a long time. After a long while, he asked Chen Chen in a trembling voice, "A-are you certain?"

Chen Chen did not know what to say. After thinking about it, he only nodded.

Ye Cheng collapsed limply on the sofa. The results of the DNA test showed that the probability of Ye Xin and Ning Zhe being father and daughter was more than 96%.

Although Ye Cheng had mentally prepared himself before he instructed Chen Chen to do a paternity test, he found the result difficult to accept. He really did not have the strength to accept something like this.. What was wrong with the people around him?

Chapter 200: Awake

Cheng Che trembled in shock. When he raised his head to look at Mu Chen, he discovered Mu Chen did not seem surprised at all.

"Brother, don't you think this is unbelievable?" Cheng Che asked.

Mu Chen did not speak.

Cheng Che sighed before he said, "Those two don't seem like they have any intersection in their lives; how did they even get together? If sister-in-law finds out about this, will she be sad?"

Upon hearing these words, Mu Chen looked up and said, "Don't let Song Ning find out about this."

Cheng Che nodded. "Of course. Who can accept this? Ning Zhe is really a scumbag!"

Mu Chen was very worried. He could keep this matter from Song Ning for now, but there was definitely a risk of exposure. Secrets would not stay buried for long, after all. Since Song Ning was pregnant now, he did not want to upset her over these meaningless things.

After mulling over it for a moment, Mu Chen asked hesitantly, “Cheng Che, do you think we should slowly reveal this matter to Song Ning? I’m afraid if she finds out about this matter from someone else, it’ll be even harder for her to accept it.”

Cheng Che fell silent for a moment. After a moment, he nodded slowly. “You have a point, but... no one else knows about this so there’s no risk of her finding out about this matter, right?”

‘Ye Cheng knows...’ Mu Chen was certain that Ye Cheng knew about this matter. However, he was also rather certain Ye Cheng would try to keep this matter a secret. After all, if this matter was made known, it would be detrimental to Ye Cheng. With this thought in mind, he calmed down quite a bit.

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At this time, Ning Zhe was lying in his bed in the ward, but his eyes were already opened.

Ning Chun stood next to Ning Zhe, looking very alert as he would check the entrance every so often to make sure there was no one while he listened to Ning Zhe’s instructions.

“No one can know that I’ve regained my consciousness. Look for Ye An as well...”

Ye An was Ning Zhe’s personal attending doctor.

Ning Chun nodded. “Yes, Master.”

“Let Su Tong bring Ning Dong to the company; reduce the time they visit me. Investigate everything that happened to Zhuang Yi before she died; don’t miss out even on the smallest detail. Make sure to find the whereabouts of the books as well...” Ning Zhe said, a little out of breath by the time he finished speaking.

Upon seeing this, Ning Chun said worriedly, “I understand, Master. You should rest; don’t tire yourself out. You have to get well as soon as possible. Otherwise, you won’t be able to do what you want to do.”

Ning Zhe nodded with difficulty. “I know, I know. Even if I make a will now, the legitimacy of it might be questioned.”

Ning Chun’s eyes reddened slightly as he remained silent.

At this time, Ning Zhe suddenly reached out and grabbed Ning Chun’s hand. “Ah Chun, Xiaxia, is pregnant!”

Ning Chun looked up in shock at the weak Ning Zhe.

A genuine smile appeared on Ning Zhe’s face before he said, “Xiaxia is pregnant so you must make sure to protect her.”

Ning Chun nodded solemnly. “Yes, I’ll send someone to watch over Young Miss.”

Ning Zhe tightened his grip on Ning Chun’s hand as he said, “Ah Chun, if I’m not around, you’ll have to shoulder the responsibility of the Ning family. You have to treat Xiaxia like family. Can you do that?”

Ning Chun hurriedly replied, “Master, Ah Chun will risk his life to protect the Young Miss if necessary...”

Ning Zhe smiled. "Ah Chun, remember to protect Ning Xia. You have to treat her like your little sister. You must protect her well. Remember these words."

Ning Chun could no longer hold back his tears. His tears rolled down his face and dripped on the back of Ning Zhe's hand.

Ning Zhe sighed softly. "The car accident this time was too dangerous. When I still had a little bit of consciousness left, I wondered to myself what I should do. I haven't told Ning Dong many things, and I wondered if he'd understand... Fortunately, I didn't die. I still have many things to do so I can't die yet..."

"My life was given by you, master. I know your intentions, and I won't go against Master's wishes. Don't worry, Master, even if I have to give up my life, I'll definitely protect the Young Miss."

With these words, Ning Zhe nodded, clearly relieved..