

Chapter 281: Safe and Sound

When Song Ning woke up, she saw a group of people standing around her bed. Mu Chen, Jiang Jin, Sister Yu, Jiahui, Cheng Che, and her senior brothers, Yang Yi and Du Feng were all present. She instinctively reached out to touch her stomach.

“You’re awake! You’re finally awake. You’re fine,” Jiahui said after she heaved a sigh of relief.

“My silly child...” Jiang Jin said with tears brimming in her eyes.

Meanwhile, Song Ning’s hand moved from her stomach to her wrist to check her pulse.

Upon seeing this, Mu Chen hurriedly said, “The baby is fine...”

Song Ning sighed in relief when she heard these words. She gently rubbed her stomach and thought to herself, ‘Thank you, baby!’

Jiang Jin gently smacked Song Ning’s hand as she said, “You don’t even care about your own baby, but you care so much about another person’s baby. Grandma is really angry!” After she finished speaking, her eyes reddened again.

Song Ning hurriedly held Jiang Jin’s hand and said in a soft and coquettish voice, “Grandma, I’m sorry for making you worry. It happened so suddenly, and I didn’t think too much about it. I’m a doctor, and it’s my instinct to save people. Moreover, my baby is very strong. The baby knows how much Great-Grandma cares so the baby doesn’t dare to cause trouble...”

Jiang Jin pretended to be angry. “You only know how to coax me!”

Jiahui understood Song Ning’s intention so she hurriedly chimed in, “Don’t worry. She’s fine. Both mother and child are fine...”

Song Ning nodded.

Yang Yi said, “You’re a pregnant woman. Can you please look after yourself? From now on, apart from the hospital and home, don’t go anywhere else. Mu Chen, as fellow men, can you please make sure she listens to this advice? Don’t let her run around here and there...”

Mu Chen nodded immediately.

Song Ning could not help but laugh.

With these words, Jiang Jin seemed to have found a new target. She turned around and said to her grandson, “That’s right! This is all your fault!” Then, she turned to Yang Yi and said with a smile, “All of you are like Song Ning’s family. In the future, I’ll have to trouble you to look after Song Ning more and make sure Mu Chen stays in line...”

Everyone did not know whether to laugh or cry. The old woman in front of them really did not hold back when scolding her grandson.

Du Feng said with a smile, "Old Madam, don't worry so much about them. We'll look after them for you. It's more important for you to take care of your own health..."

Jiang Jin said with a sigh, "Mu Chen is really lucky to have a good wife and a group of reasonable and kind friends..."

Jiang Jin was indeed worthy of being a prominent figure in the business world. Her words and actions made the people around her feel at ease and happy. Yang Yi and Du Feng were helpless against her.

Yang Yi was slightly embarrassed by Jiang Jin's praise. He hurriedly said, "Alright, we'll take our leave first. Jiahui, you stay here and look after Song Ning. If there's any problem, look for us immediately."

Jiahui quickly agreed. After her two senior brothers left, she sighed. "This is the first time I've seen my two senior brothers so nervous. It's as though they're your biological brothers. They were really worried. Song Ning, you did not help them take notes and tutor them in vain!"

Song Ning smiled and patted Jiahui's hand and said teasingly, "Is it okay for you to talk about them like this?" Then, she reached out to hold Jiang Jin's hand and said to Jiahui and Cheng Che, "Both of you should send Grandma home. Let Mu Chen accompany me. I'll have to stay the night for observation..."

As a doctor, Song Ning naturally knew what was best for herself.

After everyone left, Mu Chen sat down on the chair by Song Ning's bed. He held her hand against his face, looking as though he had just survived a huge disaster.

Song Ning naturally knew Mu Chen's feelings. She smiled warmly and said, "Don't worry. It's just a small matter..."

Mu Chen shook his head gently. "I was so worried that I was about to go crazy. If anything happens to you or the baby, I really don't know what I'm going to do.. I'm really frightened..."

Chapter 282: Scandal

Song Ning understood Mu Chen's feelings. She knew how dangerous her actions were earlier as a pregnant woman. After a moment, she said softly, "Mu Chen, the Fu family is behind this..."

Mu Chen's hand froze for a moment.

Song Ning looked at him and continued to say, "Find out what happened to Feng Man. Before we left, I saw Feng Man and Ye Cheng standing with the crowd, watching the show. Fu Ting shamelessly asked me to give Fu Le a share of Zhuang Ji, saying that Fu Le deserves it. I refused and told her to take legal action if she's dissatisfied. However, I heard that Ye Cheng holds a position in the government now. Moreover, Fu Ting's father is the Vice Mayor. I'm slightly worried..."

Mu Chen nodded. "Don't worry. I've been keeping an eye on this matter. Fu Guo ran into some problems with his business. His family is just a side branch of the Fu family, and he doesn't hold much weight in the family. Therefore, he used Zhuang Ji as a means to meet Fu Ting. Fu Ting and Vice Mayor Fu are ambitious people; the father is determined to rise higher in ranks while the daughter is

determined to get richer. However, too many wicked deeds will lead to one's undoing. Don't worry, I'll handle this matter carefully..."

Song Ning felt reassured after listening to Mu Chen's words. She trusted him completely. After a pause, she asked, "What happened to Feng Man?"

Mu Chen said, "After she got pregnant with Fu Le's child, she thought she would be able to marry into a wealthy family. The elders of the Fu family disdain and despise her family background and objected to her marrying into the family. Since Fu Guo ran into problems and needed to rely on the elders, he naturally did not dare to object to the elders' wishes. Feng Man was unwilling to be without a name and a status so she made all kinds of troubles... I think, for Feng Man to take the risk this time, the matter must have been instigated by Fu Ting..."

Song Ning sighed. "She chose this path so she has no choice but to bear the consequences. If the Fu family really doesn't care about her and her child, what is she going to do?"

Mu Chen squeezed her hand. "Don't worry about these things. Rest well and take care of my daughter. After doing various check-ups earlier, Jiahui told me our daughter is very resilient. Look at how sensible my daughter is even before she's born. She's really the most precious treasure..."

Song Ning could not help but laugh when she heard Mu Chen's words. He was certain that they were going to have a daughter. Every time he spoke about the future, he would keep on talking about his daughter. However, she already knew the baby she was carrying was a boy. She thought now was not the best time to shatter Mu Chen's beautiful dreams and that it was better to wait for the baby to be born.

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Feng Man's matter shocked everyone. Unfortunately, Mu Chen was dragged into the matter.

In just a matter of hours, people were already making wild speculations on the Internet.

"The new Chairman of the Mu Corporation is really lucky! His wife even personally delivered the child of his mistress!"

"The Mu family's illegitimate child has been exposed. Her mother is a nurse!"

"To think the young Chairman is having an affair and had gotten his wife and mistress pregnant at the same time..."

"The Young Madam of a wealthy family actually delivered her love rival's child on the beach..."

"That scumbag Mu Chen is truly blessed. He has two women serving him!"

"Looks like the ugly secret of the wealthy family is out! The wife and the mistress are pregnant at the same time. The mistress even gave birth outdoors!"

"The lives of these wealthy families are really chaotic and messy. It's been like this for generations..."

For a time, the Mu family was pushed to the center of the storm.

Previously, everyone was filled with praise for Mu Chen. He was the youngest Chairman in the history of M City. The moment he assumed his new position, he brought the Mu Corporation to unprecedented heights, causing all the movers and shakers in the business world to regard him highly. Apart from that, his love for his wife was very touching as well.

However, no one expected that in just a few short months, Mu Chen's messy private life would be exposed. As it turned out, all the deep affections for his wife were fake. He married a former actress who was now a doctor but had an affair with a young nurse and even made her pregnant..

Chapter 283: Humiliated

Rumors were flying that the young nurse had risked her life to look for Mu Chen's legal wife and asked to be given status in the family. In the end, she even gave birth in front of the legal wife.

Such explosive news had the media rushing to report the matter.

Reporters and paparazzi gathered at the hospital and the Cloudy Peak Villa, hoping to find a scoop.

Song Ning's past was ruthlessly uncovered. Mu Chen's love declaration in the past was also dug out and reprinted again. Reports of the end of the fairy-tale love were rampant in the media.

Although this matter did not affect the Mu Corporation's stocks to drop, Mu Chen's image had hit rock bottom. The Mu Corporation was mocked and ridiculed.

When Cheng Che read all the groundless reports, he was so angry that his blood pressure spiked.

However, Mu Chen forbade Cheng Che from releasing a statement. He did not allow the Mu Corporation's PR team to take action as well. He allowed the rumors to continue.

Cheng Che was puzzled and frustrated.

Mu Chen was afraid the reporters and paparazzi would harass Song Ning so he insisted on staying by her side and letting Jiahui accompany Jiang Jin.

As a result, Cheng Che was busy running to and fro from the hospital and the Mu family house. It was not convenient for Mu Chen to move around since he might cause a stampede among the reporters if he made an appearance.

At this moment, Cheng Che paced back and forth in Song Ning's ward. He really wanted to throw something to vent his anger. Alas, he was in Song Ning's ward, and there was nothing for him to throw. He could only pace around angrily. "Brother, we really have to sue them for defamation and slander! These unscrupulous media! If they look for our company to sponsor advertisements in the future, I'll beat them until they bleed!"

Song Ning looked at Mu Chen. Similar to Cheng Che, she did not understand what Mu Chen was trying to do. She said, "I'll speak to Feng Man. If she has any conscience left, she should step forward and reveal the truth. Since she's involved, the media will only believe it if she speaks up. Although I helped her to deliver the baby because it's my duty as a doctor, I think it's not too much for me to use this to ask for a favor..."

Cheng Che clapped his hands. "Sister-in-law is right. This is a good idea! She owes sister-in-law a life-saving grace after all. It's not like we're forcing her to act against her conscience; we're just asking her to tell the truth."

Mu Chen said, "Both of you mustn't forget about human nature. What if Feng Man agrees in front of you but turns around and insists the child is mine? At that time, the situation will be even worse than it is now..."

"Then what should we do?"

Song Ning and Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen leaned against the back of the chair and found a comfortable position before he said, "Wait."

"Wait? Wait for what?" Cheng Che was baffled.

Mu Chen looked at Song Ning.

Song Ning reached out to hold his hand and said, "Hurry up and tell us. Don't keep us in suspense."

Mu Chen was slightly dissatisfied with Song Ning's usage of the word 'us'.

Cheng Che knew what Mu Chen was thinking. He sighed dramatically and said, "Little Niece, your father gets jealous too easily. Both you and mother can only belong to him completely..."

Song Ning pursed her lips, trying not to smile as she glared at Mu Chen.

Mu Chen reached out and gently stroked Song Ning's stomach. "My baby daughter, you don't have to care about your uncle in the future. All you need to care about is your father, understand?"

The baby kicked Song Ning's belly, causing her to cry out in surprise.

Mu Chen rose to his feet immediately and said proudly, "Look, my daughter promised me! She kicked in response to words! She understood what I said and promised me!"

Chapter 284: The Waiting Game

Cheng Che looked as though he had nothing left to live for as he said, "Sister-in-law, you should control him. His IQ seems to have fallen quite a bit."

Song Ning stroked her belly, comforting the baby. She smiled and said, "Don't bother with him. He's possessed."

Mu Chen's expression was one of excitement as he gently placed his hand on Song Ning's belly again.

Cheng Che sighed. "Other fathers would tell stories or play music for their babies in the belly, but you, on the other hand, are already teaching your son all sorts of nonsense..."

Mu Chen corrected Cheng Che immediately. "Daughter!"

Cheng Che raised his hands in surrender. "Fine, fine, fine, daughter! Brother, can you be serious?"

Mu Chen replied, "I am serious."

Song Ning patted Mu Chen. "Alright, stop fooling around. Hurry up and tell me what you're waiting for..."

The baby was probably exhausted since it had stopped kicking and responding to Mu Chen.

Mu Chen finally withdrew his hand and said, "Feng Man is a nurse. It's impossible she was unaware of her own conditions. She was about to give birth so why did she still go to the beach that day? It's obvious that she had a motive, and she also had no choice. That beach is private. With Feng Man's identity, even if Fu Le brought her, she wouldn't be able to enter easily. So, who let her in?"

Song Ning understood the implication behind Mu Chen's words. "It's Fu Ting."

Song Ning turned to Cheng Che and explained, "Before the incident, Fu Ting was talking about Zhuang Ji. She felt that since Zhuang Ji was founded by my mother and Fu Le's mother, I shouldn't monopolize Zhuang Ji even if Fu Le and I didn't get married. She thinks half of Zhuang Ji rightfully belongs to Fu Le. Since Fu Le is now working with her, she's stepping in to help Fu Le get his shares."

Cheng Che was stunned. He said sarcastically, "Can she be any more shameless? She should've just said Zhuang Ji belongs to Fu Le and the Fu family alone! She's just the Vice Mayor's daughter; does she think she owns the world? Is she mentally ill?"

Mu Chen and Song Ning watched as Cheng Che ranted. They thought he looked rather cute and that he and Jiahui were a perfect match.

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen and said, "Then, there's no doubt Feng Man had acted under Fu Ting's instructions. Brother, what are you waiting for? Sue her! We should sue her for slander and defamation! It's easy to verify if she's carrying your child or not. We'll definitely win the lawsuit! Let's apply for a paternity test immediately!"

Mu Chen said calmly, "People will believe what they want to believe. Even with a paternity test, people will still talk..."

"What do you mean?"

Cheng Che and Song Ning looked at Mu Chen in confusion.

"Rumors are a terrible thing, and people like gossiping the most. Moreover, the more I explain, the more people will doubt my words. Therefore, we might as well wait and see..." Mu Chen said.

"Wait and see? Wait for what?" Song Ning did not understand. At this point, if they did not speak up, what changes could there be?

Cheng Che frowned as he fell deep into his thoughts. When realization dawned on him, he asked, "Brother, are you waiting for Feng Man and Fu Ting to fall out?"

Mu Chen smiled and nodded.

Song Ning was puzzled. "Why would they fall out?"

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che.

With a proud expression on his face, Cheng Che asked, “Sister-in-law, think about it. What’s Feng Man’s biggest wish?”

After thinking about it briefly, Song Ning replied, “She had said the Fu family won’t let her marry into the family. Hence, her biggest wish should be to marry into the Fu family...”

Cheng Che explained, “That’s right. That’s probably why Feng Man has to listen to Fu Ting. However, Fu Ting definitely won’t let Feng Man marry into the family as well. Now that Feng Man’s child has been born, she’s likely most afraid that Fu Ting will go back on her words. If Fu Ting wants Feng Man to continue pestering you, Feng Man will definitely make demands. If Fu Ting doesn’t agree to it, Feng Man will refuse to pester you. With all this back and forth, Brother, you’re waiting for their alliance to break, right?”

Mu Chen nodded with a faint smile on his face.

Song Ning was still slightly worried. “But we can’t be sure Fu Ting won’t agree to Feng Man’s demands...”

Mu Chen calmly replied, “No. In Fu Ting’s eyes, Feng Man is nothing. She has no regard for Feng Man at all.. Even if she agrees, it’s nothing but empty promises...”

Chapter 285: State of Mind

Song Ning was still worried. “What if Feng Man really believes Fu Ting will help her marry into the Fu family?”

Upon hearing these words, Cheng Che seemed a little worried as well. “That’s true. That woman doesn’t seem very smart.”

Mu Chen placed his hand on Song Ning’s stomach again and said, “Don’t worry. I’ve placed a nurse, whom Feng Man is on good terms with, by Feng Man’s side. Either Fu Ting sincerely agrees to Feng Man’s demands or Feng Man will betray Fu Ting. Let’s just wait patiently. I don’t think Fu Ting and the others are as patient as I am.”

Song Ning and Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen in surprise. They were both speechless.

Mu Chen ignored their gazes and said indifferently, “I’ve said before not to test human nature. Human nature can’t stand the test...”

Cheng Che finally reacted. “Brother, you’re amazing! How did you come up with such a shrewd idea?”

Mu Chen ignored him.

Cheng Che sighed and continued to say, “To think I’ve been racking my brains, thinking of how to deal with this. I was prepared to expend a lot of effort to deal with the media. I thought once the results of the paternity test is out, the media will definitely believe me. I decided to split the matter up and deal with them one by one. Just thinking about it makes my head hurt. However, your method is so much easier!”

When Song Ning regained her senses, she asked, "But, what if Fu Ting agrees to Feng Man's demands? You can't be 100% certain that Fu Ting won't agree to Feng Man's demands..."

When Cheng Che saw Song Ning's confusion, he eagerly explained, "No, sister-in-law. Fu Ting is very proud. There's no way she'll allow Feng Man to enter the Fu family. On the other hand, we have Feng Man whose lifelong wish is to marry into the Fu family and become the Young Madam of the Fu family. Neither of them will give in."

Following that, Mu Chen added, "I've asked the young nurse to fan the fire at the side. I told the young nurse to say that if Feng Man keeps insisting that the child is mine, it'd be even harder for her to enter the Fu family in the future. Even if the paternity test proves that the child isn't mine, Feng Man would never be able to dispel the rumors that she's having an affair with me. I don't think she's that stupid that she'll fail to see this matter is extremely disadvantageous to her..."

Song Ning exclaimed, "Your plan is too meticulous! How did you think of all this? I didn't even consider so many things..."

Cheng Che said proudly, "It's not surprising. My brother is very smart, after all."

Mu Chen, who did not appreciate Cheng Che's praise, rolled his eyes and said, "Brown-noser."

Cheng Che did not care about Mu Chen. He was in a good mood.

Mu Chen asked, "Do you know what to do now? Just get everything together and prepare to counterattack..."

Cheng Che made an 'OK' sign as he said, "Don't worry. You've already done so much preparation so let me handle the rest... I understand your thoughts..."

However, Song Ning said, "I... still don't understand..."

Cheng Che was stunned.

Song Ning asked curiously, "Cheng Che, what are you going to do?"

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen first before he said, "As long as Feng Man isn't stupid, she'll end up looking for us to cooperate. Before that happens, I'll have to make the necessary preparations. I'll have to thoroughly investigate Fu Ting as well. When the time is right, I'll give her such a thorough beating that she won't be able to scheme against us anymore."

Song Ning sighed and placed her hand on her belly. "Baby, you have to learn from your father and uncle in the future. In any case, Mother isn't as good as them in regard to scheming. Mother can't keep up with their trains of thoughts at all..."

Mu Chen shook his head. "You don't have evil thoughts so you naturally don't understand these people. Fu Ting is too greedy so she should be taught a lesson."

Song Ning asked, slightly worried. "Her father is the Vice Mayor, right? Will this affect the Mu family?"

Cheng Che smiled. "Don't worry, sister-in-law. The Mu family isn't made of paper. If the Vice Mayor wants to oppose the Mu family, he'll have to consider his future..."

Song Ning only sighed in response..

Chapter 286: Abandoned

Mu Chen patted Song Ning's head. "Stop sighing. What's wrong? Why do you seem down? This isn't a big deal. The most important thing is the baby and your safety. Nothing matters in the face of that."

Cheng Che seemed to recall something. "Brother, Jiahui has said that it's normal for pregnant women to have mood swings and that they'll get emotional easily..."

Mu Chen looked skeptical. "Really?"

Cheng Che nodded.

Mu Chen shifted his gaze back to Song Ning.

Song Ning realized her mood was not very good as well and nodded. "As the baby continues to grow, the hormone levels in my body will change and affect my mood as a result."

Song Ning sighed again and said, "I feel sorry for Feng Man. She tried so hard to be with Fu Le, but Fu Le isn't even trying at all now. For the sake of the child, she can only continue to insist on marrying into the Fu family. With her ability, it won't be easy for her to raise a child alone. Her personality is a little extreme. Back then, she did not consider the future and quit her job immediately after announcing she was going to marry into a wealthy family. What's she going to do now?"

'This topic again?' Mu Chen was now sure that Jiahui was right. He had never seen Song Ning so sentimental before. If he was honest with himself, he was slightly happy as well. Based on how sentimental Song Ning was, there was no doubt that the baby was a caring and kind girl!

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While Mu Chen and the others waited patiently for things to develop in the direction that Mu Chen had predicted, Feng Man's life was not easy.

Feng Man was naturally upset that she went into early labor. Fortunately, her pregnancy was full-term. Although the birthing process was messy, at least she safely delivered the baby. Although she was unwilling to admit it, she knew it was all thanks to Song Ning.

She could not help but think about how big the difference was between Song Ning and her; the difference was like heaven and earth.

Song Ning was the high and mighty Young Madam of the Mu family; she was the wife of the Chairman of the Mu Corporation.

On the contrary, Fu Le still refused to marry Feng Man. Even when she was about to give birth, he refused to marry her. He even went missing recently and refused to see her.

Feng Man was filled with sorrow as she looked at her daughter lying in the cot. If she had a son, at the very least, she still had a chance of entering the Fu family. After all, Fu Le was the only son.

With a daughter, Feng Man did not think she could do much.

Tears rolled down Feng Man's face as she wondered about what to do in the future. Day by day, her panic grew. It grew even worse now that Fu Le was refusing to see her or answer her calls.

Fortunately, she had her good friend, Ding Ling, who was working as a nurse in the hospital. Otherwise, she would be even more depressed.

With this thought in mind, she could not help but press the bell next to her bed. Ding Ling had promised to come as long as she pressed the bell. She needed to speak to Ding Ling now; after all, Ding Ling was the only person she could trust now.

Sure enough, it did not take long before Ding Ling came.

"What's wrong, Manman?" Ding Ling asked as she walked over to the cot to check on the baby first. When she saw the baby was sleeping soundly, she moved to Feng Man's side and touched Feng Man's forehead. She asked, "What's wrong? Do you feel unwell?"

Feng Man's tears fell again. Apart from Ding Ling, no one cared about her and her daughter.

"Why are you crying? It's not good to cry when you've just given birth. You're a nurse so you should know that. It's normal for you to be emotionally unstable after childbirth. Why don't you talk to me? If you have a problem, we can discuss it together," Ding Ling said as she handed Feng Man a piece of tissue so Feng Man could wipe her tears away.

Upon hearing these words, Feng Man cried even harder..

Chapter 287: Getting In Touch

"Sister Ling, I can't get in touch with Fu Le anymore." Feng Man was filled with grievances.

Ding Ling's expressions turned solemn upon hearing these words. She asked, "Have you tried calling his family or the company? Did you try calling his father?"

Feng Man nodded.

Ding Ling reached out and held Feng Man's hand before she said with a sigh, "They're bullying you. Didn't Fu Le's aunt say that she'll let you marry into the family if you're willing to confirm your relationship with Chairman Mu? Have you thought about what she said?"

Feng Man's gaze fell on the cot. She did not say anything for a long time.

Ding Ling looked at Feng Man worriedly.

Feng Man finally asked, "How's Song Ning?"

Ding Ling looked confused by the question but replied, "She's okay. The fetus was disturbed so it was a little dangerous in the beginning. However, the director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department stepped in, and her professor, Professor Li Sen, administered the acupuncture needles for her. In the end, everything went well..."

“Was Chairman Mu with her?” Feng Man asked again.

Ding Ling nodded. “Yes, he never left her side.”

Feng Man smiled bitterly. “Tell me, why is her life so good? I used to envy her. I used to wonder how someone so cold and aloof like her could have an outstanding boyfriend like Fu Le.” After a beat, she continued to say, “After I seduced Fu Le, he fell in love with me. At that time, I felt really proud. In fact, I felt especially proud that I managed to snatch Song Ning’s man. Moreover, not only does Fu Le come from a wealthy family, but he has very good qualifications as well. Sister Ling, I’m not ashamed to tell you that it was the best time of life. I look forward to our future every day, and I especially looked forward to seeing Song Ning sad and disappointed.”

Feng Man sniffed. After a moment, she said, “Sister Ling, can you help me make an appointment with Chairman Mu? I want to see him.”

Ding Ling was taken aback. “Make an appointment with Chairman Mu? You want to see him?”

Feng Man remained silent. After a moment, she raised her head in a daze and muttered, “That’s right. Even if I make an appointment, he likely won’t meet me? Who am I? Why would he meet me?”

Ding Ling kept quiet; she did not know what to say.

Feng Man smiled bitterly. “Forget it. Let’s talk about it later. Sister Ling, can you use your phone to call Fu Le? Tell him that if he doesn’t come and see me, he’ll regret it for the rest of his life.”

Ding Ling took out her phone hesitantly before she called Fu Le in front of Feng Man.

The phone rang a few times before it connected.

“Hello?”

Feng Man hurriedly snatched the phone out of Ding Ling’s hand. “Fu Le, it’s me!”

That was all Feng Man said before she burst into tears.

“Man... Manman...” Fu Le called out hesitantly.

“Fu Le, I gave birth to our daughter. Aren’t you coming to visit us?” Feng Man said through her tears.

There was no sound on the other end of the line.

Feng Man sobbed. She said pleadingly, “Fu Le, have you forgotten your promise to me? Why are you avoiding me? I gave birth to our daughter! Why aren’t you here to see me and our daughter?”

Alas, only the sound of the call being disconnected rang in Feng Man’s ears.

Feng man looked at the screen of the phone that had turned black in disbelief. Fu Le did not say a word and hung up on her.

Ding Ling could not hold back anymore and said, “Feng Man, don’t call him anymore. You’re only hurting yourself.”

Feng Man returned the phone to Ding Ling and smiled sadly. "Alright. I won't disturb him anymore, and I won't hurt myself anymore. I've been so stupid..."

Feng Man reached out and gestured to Ding Ling to bring her daughter to her. Her daughter was sleeping so soundly. She pressed her cheek against her daughter's cheek as tears rolled down her face. "Some people are just born with a hard life..."

Ding Ling comforted her. "Don't think like that. There are thousands of paths in this world! You can rely on yourself; you don't need to rely on a man! Look at how cute your daughter is! You have to be strong for her!"

Feng Man nodded with tears in her eyes..

Chapter 288: Jumping Off a Building

On the rooftop balcony of the inpatient building.

Feng Man carried her child as she walked back and forth along the ledge of the balcony of the hospital she once worked at. She looked down at the bustling street and thought about the time when life was good.

Her family had given everything they had to find her a stable job. With that, a new chapter of her life had begun.

At that time, her Seventh Aunt and her Eighth Aunt had said places like hospitals were the easiest to meet the wealthy. After all, illnesses did not discriminate between the rich and the poor. One could have all the money in the world, but one would not be able to avoid falling sick, right?

Her aunts fervently prayed she would meet a rich man. Perhaps, he would fall in love with her while he was getting treated and marry her. They urged her not to be picky and to seize the chance as soon as possible. At that time, they would be able to bask in her glory.

Indeed, Feng Man had met many rich men. However, she did not like any of them. The person she liked was that golden boy with a bright and gentle personality. It did not matter that he had a girlfriend. She successfully snatched him over and became his girlfriend. Moreover, he was from a wealthy family! Therefore, she did not take her aunts' words to heart; she did not believe them! She only believed in herself; only she would be able to seize happiness for herself.

At this time, the security guards and a few medical staff came up to the rooftop. However, they did not dare to approach her.

Feng Man lowered her head and looked at her infant daughter with a smile. "Your life is really bitter. It's as bitter as coptis. Do you know what's a coptis? It's the most bitter thing in the world. You have the Fu family's blood coursing through your veins, but they don't want you. Your life is really bitter. Both of us can't enter the Fu family..."

"Feng Man! What are you doing?!"

It was Ding Ling.

Feng Man looked up and smiled sadly, "Sister Ling, call Fu Le now. Tell him I want to see him one last time."

"Alright, alright, I'll call him. Why don't you step back from the ledge first?" Ding Ling said anxiously.

Feng Man shook her head. "No need. Don't come over. I haven't seen the person I want to see most yet so don't force me, okay?"

Naturally, no one dared to corner her. They could try to persuade her and coax her to step back from the ledge.

However, Feng Man was determined. She stood on the ledge, rocking the infant in her arms gently as she stared at Ding Ling.

Ding Ling anxiously dialed Fu Le's number a few times, but the call did not go through. After thinking about it for a moment, she borrowed a security guard's phone to call Fu Le. This time, it started ringing. Then, she hurriedly shouted at Feng Man, "It's ringing, it's ringing!"

After a few rings, the call finally connected.

Ding Ling hurriedly put the phone on speaker mode.

However, instead of Fu Le's voice, a woman's soft and charming voice rang in the air.

"Hello? May I know who's looking for President Fu?"

Ding Ling could not care less about the woman and hurriedly said, "Can you please tell Fu Le to come to the phone? Lives are at stake!"

The woman on the phone laughed. "If lives are at stake, why are you looking for President Fu? You should look for someone else. President Fu is very busy and doesn't have time to care about other people's affairs."

Ding Ling was afraid the woman would end the call so she hastily shouted, "Fu Le! Feng Man is going to jump off the building! Please come to the hospital now!"

Upon hearing these words, the woman laughed again. "Jump off the building? Then, it's even less of President Fu's problem. If the person has yet to jump, call the firefighters; if the person hasn't jumped, then call the police. Why are you calling President Fu?"

Ding Ling's hands trembled, but she knew she could not turn the speaker mode off no matter what. She said angrily, "Feng Man is going to jump off the building with Fu Le's child! Tell Fu Le to hurry over! Otherwise, both mother and daughter will be lost!"

"Crazy!" The woman cursed before she ended the call.

A slight breeze blew past.

There was a moment of silence before Ding Ling anxiously said, "Manman, don't be rash. I'll definitely find Fu Le. I'll accompany you to his company to find him.. Why don't you just step back from the ledge first?"

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A forlorn smile appeared on Feng Man's face. "Sister Ling, he didn't even want to come to the phone..."

Ding Ling hurriedly said, "Manman, come here. We'll return to the ward and come up with a plan..."

Feng Man shook her head. "Plan? It's useless. We're over." An expression of despair appeared on her face as she continued to say, "Sister Ling, I want to meet the reporters and Chairman Mu. Can you help me invite them over? Don't worry, I won't jump."

Ding Ling said anxiously, "Alright, alright. Don't think too much. We can definitely find a solution. We can ask the reporters for help, right? I'll go look for Chairman Mu. Manman, why don't you step back first? Let's... Let's find an empty ward downstairs and hold a press conference... Okay?"

Feng Man shook her head. "Sister Ling, who am I? What right do I have to hold a press conference? I just have a few words to say, and I want them to be witnesses. It's not easy to live in this world. Sister Ling, please help me..."

"Alright, alright. Manman, wait for me. Don't do anything reckless... Please just wait for me!" Ding Ling said. Then, she let the security guards and medical staff take over before she rushed down to look for Song Ning.

Ding Ling did not expect Feng Man would choose to go down a dead end. She was extremely anxious; lives were at stake after all.

When Ding Ling ran into Song Ning's ward, Jiang Jin was present as well.

When Jiang Jin heard about what happened, she sighed and said to Mu Chen, "You and Cheng Che should go over first. This child is right. Human lives are at stake. See what she wants, and we'll do our best to help her..."

Mu Chen and Cheng Che rushed first while Jiang Jin, Song Ning, and Jiahui followed from behind.

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Feng Man sat cross-legged by the ledge as she cradled her daughter in her arms and gently coaxed her. Then, she smiled faintly at the few people holding recording pens and microphones.

"I heard the rumor flying around outside is that the father of the child in my arms is Mu Chen, Chairman Mu?" Feng Man looked at her daughter in her arms and began to laugh. Her laughter went from low to high before it turned sharp. Then, she continued to say, "If only the rumors were true. If my child is from the Mu family, wouldn't she be a little princess? It's a pity. How many women in this world are as lucky as Song Ning?"

Feng Man wiped away the tears of laughter from her face before she continued to say, "How can my daughter have a good life when her mother has such a black heart? Only kind people are rewarded. I've never been kind so I definitely won't be rewarded. Not only that, but my child's father is useless and irresponsible as well..."

She looked at the reporters and asked, "Do you want to know who her father is?"

The reporters tried their best to move the recording equipment in their hands closer and said with a hint of shock and excitement, "Come here! Step back from the ledge and have a good talk with us. No matter who's the father, we'll help you think of a way..."

Feng Man chuckled. "Do you really think I'd believe such nonsense?"

The reporters were rendered speechless.

"I don't have much value left, but I can reveal a secret to you. The father of my child is called Fu Le. That's right, he's Fu Le from the Fu Corporation. He's the ex-boyfriend of Chairman Mu's wife!"

Feng Man laughed hysterically as she continued to say, "It seems like I have a connection to Chairman Mu from that. It's really a pity my child isn't Chairman Mu's. Do you want to know why there are rumors the child belongs to Chairman Mu?"

"Let me tell you. The elders of the Fu family said that my family is too poor so I'm not qualified to marry into the Fu family. However, they told me that although I can't be the Young Madam of the Fu family, as long as I help them with something, I won't have to worry about my finances my whole life.. Have you already guessed what they wanted me to do?"

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Feng Man continued to laugh hysterically before she continued to say, "I'm all of you must have figured it out by now, right? They're trying to use me and my child to frame Chairman Mu. Even if a paternity test is done, they're not afraid. After all, they know people are going to believe what they want to believe. At that time, they knew there would be no way for Chairman Mu to clear his name. Isn't it such a brilliant idea? How high must one's IQ be to come up with such a brilliant idea? As long as my daughter and I are alive, Chairman Mu won't be able to clear his name completely..."

At this time, a reporter could not help but ask, "Then, why did you choose to speak up now?"

Feng Man shouted, "Because of Fu Le! Do you know that since I gave birth until now, Fu Le hasn't come to visit at all? He won't even answer my calls. He's too cruel! How can he be so cruel to me and our daughter?"

"They threatened me using my child. If I didn't do my job well, put aside marriage, they wouldn't even let him see me. Most importantly, they would refuse to acknowledge my child. If I do my job well, at least, my child won't be an illegitimate child..."

"However, Fu Le won't even answer my calls now! He won't even pretend to coax me. What else can I do? That's why I invited all of you here. It doesn't matter if you don't believe me. I'll use my death to prove my innocence. No... what innocence do I have? I'll use my death to prove my words are true!"

Following that, Feng Man rose to her feet with her daughter in her arms. She caught a glimpse of Mu Chen and Cheng Che immediately. After all, the two men were too eye-catching. She smiled slightly and said, "Chairman Mu, I'm sorry for dragging you into this matter. Although Song Ning saved me and my

child, I don't want to thank her. She's a doctor, after all; it's her duty to save lives. I'm really jealous of her. Why does God look after her so much? Why are all the good things given to her?"

Mu Chen did not say a word, but the crowd automatically opened up a path for him. He strode forward before he finally said in a deep voice, "I don't care about these things. You only have one life so I hope you'll think twice. The child has gone through so much to come into this world and become your daughter. She hasn't had a chance to see the world, and yet, you want her to leave so soon? Don't you think you're too ruthless?"

"You said Fu Le doesn't want you. However, is it worth dying for that scumbag? There are so many men in this world so why must you waste your time or life on a scumbag who doesn't love you? Don't you think you're very stupid?"

Although Mu Chen's voice was deep and mellow, his words were harsh.

Feng Man's tears fell even faster than before as she pressed her cheek against her daughter's cheek and cried loudly.

Mu Chen raised his voice slightly and continued to say, "Feng Man, our family is willing to help you if you're in trouble. However, you need to calm down and think this through. Don't be so quick to throw away your life and your child's life!"

Feng Man continued crying her heart out. She had expended so much effort to snatch Fu Le from Song Ning just to end up in this sorry state.

A reporter hurriedly chimed in, "Young Lady, Chairman Mu is right. You must calm down. Why don't you come here? Move away from the ledge... We'll report your story and help you get justice, alright? What do you think?"

Another reporter added, "That's right. Step back from the ledge. We've heard what you said. We'll clear Chairman Mu's name and help you seek justice. You don't have to use your life and your child's life to prove your words.. You mustn't do anything stupid..."