

Chapter 501: A Bad Man

With this interview, everyone was thoroughly convinced that Song Ning was fake.

After all, Mu Qing was Mu Chen's father. Although Mu Qing was not involved in the Mu Group's operations, the fact that he could freely visit the Mu family house showed that his relationship with his mother had improved. It was not like before when their relationship was estranged. Moreover, his wife, Liang Zhou, was often seen next to his mother in recent times. It seemed to everyone that his mother had also begun to accept his wife as her daughter-in-law.

For these reasons, when Mu Qing's interview was aired, it pushed the 'Fake Young Madam case to the forefront again.

At this time, Ye Xin looked the calm and wise Mu Qing on the television. Her heart was filled with mixed feelings. Only she knew that she had truly fallen in love with him. Unfortunately, she was not the only one he loved. She felt her heart break when Liang Zhou showed her evidence of his relationships with other women. She did not understand how he could treat her in such a manner.

Admittedly, in the beginning, they had used each other for mutual benefits. She used him to get out of the predicament she was in, and he used her to create an opening into the Mu family. They both got what they wanted.

However, humans were not devoid of emotions, and emotions were not something that could be controlled. She ended up falling in love with him, but he had never taken her to heart from the very beginning.

Now that she thought about it, she realized he was trying to play hard to get so she would fall into his trap. Which man could easily reject a woman's embrace? She was truly stupid.

Nonetheless, Ye Xin would not admit defeat. She was not going to take this lying down. She wanted to find him, confront him, and seek revenge.

She moved to stand in front of the floor-to-ceiling mirror and looked at herself. The wounds on her face had not completely healed, and the scars were still there. The doctor had said that there were some parts that would never heal. After all, with her skin's current condition, she really could not undergo any more plastic surgery. However, it did not matter. She would use makeup; she was skilled in applying makeup, after all.

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Half an hour later, Ye Xin had already packed her things up. She put on her mask and looked at the time. She was just in time to wait for him at the villa.

She sighed inwardly. Having a good father was more important than anything else. When she was living a life worse than death, her father had taken her in without any question. Furthermore, he was even helping her fight for the assets she deserved. Apart from her biological father, who else would be so good to her?

Her father had also told her that Mu Qing was the best breakthrough point in this matter even if Mu Qing was difficult to deal with.

Ye Xin took Ning Zhe's words to heart. Mu Qing's ability was certainly good. It was not something Ye He, her cheap father, could compare to. However, she disagreed that Mu Qing was hard to deal with. In her opinion, there was nothing that was difficult to deal with. She was confident she would be able to deal with Mu Qing. She absolutely could not tolerate a man who fell in love with other women after having her. Hence, she was determined to grasp Mu Qing tightly today and force him to help her and her father.

'Mu Qing was shocked when he saw Ye Xin.

Ye Xin stood two steps away. Although her gaze was icy and held traces of stubbornness and the final traces of her dignity, they brimmed with tears.

A thousand thoughts flashed in Mu Qing's mind before he stepped forward and held Ye Xin tightly in his arms. When Ye Xin's arms slowly tightened around his waist, he relaxed.

Ye Xin raised her head and kissed Mu Qing's lips.

'Mu Qing's grip on Ye Xin's waist tightened as well.

In the depths of their hearts, a passion like never before suddenly burst forth.

Ye Xin's clothes were taken off one after another as they made their way to the bedroom.

Ye Xin glanced at the half-closed window and thought about Liang Zhou's binoculars. With this, her competitive spirit was instantly aroused. She would let that old hag watch how her man became putty in her hands.

Chapter 502: An Empty House

After the passing of the beautiful spring scene, Ye Xin's body and mind were finally satisfied.

'Mu Qing hugged Ye Xin in his arms and whispered in her ear, "Where did you go? Do you know how worried I was?"

All the grievances seemed to flow out of Ye Xin at this moment as she bit Mu Qing's arm.

'Mu Qing endured the pain silently.

Ye Xin inhaled deeply before she said as tears rolled down her face, "I must have owed you in my previous life. In this life, you have to make it up to me!"

Following that, she recounted what had happened to Mu Qing.

'Mu Qing broke out in cold sweat immediately. He asked in disbelief, "Liang Zhou? You said everything was her doing?"

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Ye Xin nodded. She could not help but gnash her teeth when she thought about that old hag, "That's right. She admitted it herself."

'Mu Qing leaned back against the pillow. His mind was in a mess.

'Liang Zhou? Is it even possible?"

"She had videos of you with other women. Her goal must be to destroy you," Ye Xin said when she saw Mu Qing had fallen silent.

'Mu Qing placed one hand behind his head, thinking about the things that happened to Liang Zhou recently.

'since when did Liang Zhou stop asking me about my whereabouts? Since when did she get closer and closer to the Mu family? So she's already been tamed by my mother?

'Mu Qing did not believe Liang Zhou would harm him. From the beginning to the end, based on Ye Xin's words, Liang Zhou never did anything that would harm him. He knew Liang Zhou's feelings the best. For so many years, as much as believed in himself, he believed that Liang Zhou would not betray him.

However, what if Liang Zhou found out he had betrayed her? A woman's heart was hard to predict. He had to guard against her.

After a moment, he asked, "You said that you stabbed her?"

"What? Do you feel distressed?" Ye Xin said unhappily.

'Mu Qing quickly said, "No, you're overthinking things. Think about it. If you stabbed her, why didn't she report it to the police? Where is she now?"

Ye Xin said sulkily, "Who knows? Anyway, the police didn't come looking for me likely because she didn't dare to report it to the police. After all, she had abducted me and imprisoned me against my will. If she dares to go to the police, I'll report her as well!"

'Mu Qing sighed. "Ye Xin, calm down. With the current situation, going to the police will only make things more chaotic."

Ye Xin remained silent. After thinking for a moment, she whispered, "Since she didn't go to the police, it only means she has a guilty conscience."

'Mu Qing asked, "What if she's dead?"

Ye Xin fell silent and looked at Mu Qing fearfully.

'Mu Qing sat up at this moment and said, "Let's go. Bring me to the villa opposite to have a look."

Ye Xin's eyes widened immediately. "You..."

'Mu Qing said as he put on his clothes, "We have to see what's going on. Otherwise, we won't know what we're up against."

Ye Xin stood in front of the locked entrance of the villa.

'Mu Qing called the security guard over and claimed that he saw someone climbing in through the balcony.

Frightened, the security guard immediately called in to report the matter before forcefully breaking the door open.

The villa was empty, showing no signs of anyone living there.

Ye Xin was dumbfounded.

'Mu Qing looked at Ye Xin with an unperturbed expression on his face.

Ye Xin pulled him to the balcony and pointed at their villa before she said, "Look here. If you stand here, you can clearly see our villa. There used to be a pair of binoculars here!"

Then, she pulled Mu Qing to the living room and bedroom, telling him about what used to be there. She felt like she was going crazy. How could everything disappear? Did Liang Zhou go crazy? What happened during this time? Apart from the scars on her face, there was nothing that spoke of her time when she was gone.

The team of security guards looked at Ye Xin and Mu Qing strangely while the head of security's expression had already turned unsightly.

Chapter 503: Removing Her Makeup

After Mu Qing came up with an excuse to fool the head of security, he dragged Ye Xin back to their villa. A dark cloud seemed to hang over his head at this moment.

'When Ye Xin saw Mu Qing's expression, she knew she had fallen into Liang Zhou's trap again.

"Sir, everything I said is true! She really imprisoned me!" Ye Xin said as she tugged on the hem of Mu Qing's shirt. She did not know what else to say to convince Mu Qing.

'Mu Qing looked at her and asked, "Where's the evidence? I believe you, but without the evidence, who else will believe you?"

Ye Xin said through gritted teeth. "Alright! I'll give you the evidence!"

She entered the bathroom, bringing out cotton pads and her makeup remover before directly removing her makeup in front of Mu Qing.

'Mu Qing was shocked when he saw the hideous red scars on her face. The meticulously re-sculpted face was scarred to this extent?

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'When Ye Xin saw Mu Qing's expression, she did not say anything. Instead, she lifted her skirt up and used the cotton pad to wipe her thigh.

Again, Mu Qing was shocked beyond words when he saw the ugly scar on her originally smooth and fair thigh. When he thought about how he had been intimate with such a terrifying and ugly woman, he shuddered in disgust.

Ye Xin could not care about what was in Mu Qing's mind at this moment. She asked anxiously, "Do you believe me now? I really had a car accident that involved two wanted criminals in Cloud Peak. I don't know who saved me, but when I woke up, I was already in the neighboring city's hospital. Then, that Song Ning suddenly returned to the Mu family. After that, I was abducted by Liang Zhou from the hospital. I even saw you with my mother here. Sir, do you believe me now?"

Mu Qing felt his body grow cold. If Ye Xin was telling the truth, it meant that Liang Zhou pulled a switcheroo like he did. However, he really did not believe Liang Zhou was smart enough to come up with such a plan. Then, who was behind Liang Zhou? Who was helping Liang Zhou to take revenge on him? This was a complete copy of his scheme; it was clearly targeted at him.

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Ye Xin looked at Mu Qing's bewildered expression and said anxiously, "Sir, what I said is true! Liang Zhou is behind this! She wants to harm us, and she hates us to the core!"

'When Mu Qing regained his senses, he hurriedly ordered people to look for Liang Zhou.

Upon seeing this, Ye Xin sighed in relief. Mu Qing finally believed her.

After Mu Qing calmed down, he said, "You have to stay in the Ning family. You can't let go of Ning Zhe!"

After receiving what she perceived as Mu Qing's affirmation, she could not help but feel proud. She sneered. "I already know this. Ning Zhe's greatest desire is to mend his relationship with Song Ning, Since I'm now Song Ning and I took the initiative to extend the olive branch, Ning Zhe's naturally overjoyed. Right now, I can do whatever I want in the Ning family. In the future, the Ning family will be mine. I'll chase that cheap woman and her son out of the family at that time!"

'Mu Qing looked at the smug Ye Xin as she told him about her plan. He wanted to say something but decided against it in the end. He could not tell her about Ning Zhe's ambition now. He was afraid she would question Ning Zhe later. At that time, who knew what kind of trouble she would create again? He had to admit that Ye Xin's IQ was really much lower than Liang Zhou's..

Chapter 504: The Puppet Master

After sending Ye Xin away, Mu Qing rubbed his temples, exhausted.

Things had gone completely off the rails. The switcheroo plan he had come up with to replace Song Ning with Ye Xin was completely replicated. The other party had secretly swapped Song Ning and Ye Xin back. Who was behind this? Apart from knowing about the switch, what else did the other party know?

He suddenly felt as though there were countless pairs of eyes staring at him, watching his every move. This feeling made him break out in cold sweat.

After a while, he called Ji An.

“Find Liang Zhou for me. No matter what, you have to find her!”

“Yes, boss! There’s another matter I want to report,” Ji An said tentatively.

“Speak.”

“The two wanted criminals who were involved in the car accident were hired by Ning Dong.”

“What did you say?” Mu Qing was shocked.

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Ji An gulped. “Ning Dong asked me to recommend two people to him, and I did. However, he did not use those two people I recommended. Instead, he found the two wanted criminals somewhere else and orchestrated a car accident. That kid is really terrifying. At such a young age, he’s already so scheming and ruthless. If it weren’t because I overheard this, I would’ve been kept in the dark as well.”

“Then, did you know that apart from the two wanted criminals, there was another person in the car crash?” Mu Qing asked.

“Huh? No, I know nothing about that,” Ji An said, shocked. He did not expect there to be another twist.

‘Mu Qing calmed down and said, “Investigate Ning Dong. We’ve clearly misjudged and underestimated him. That kid is even more vicious than his father.”

Ning Zhe was focused on his business while Ning Dong was doing all these things behind his back. Mu Qing knew very well that Ning Dong’s target was Ye Xin. However, the person who took Ye Xin away was not Ning Dong. After going to such lengths, how could Ning Dong let Ye Xin live?

While they were busy pursuing their goals, they were unaware of a greater danger lurking behind them. Like a puppet master, someone was watching them while pulling the strings from behind the scene! Who was it?

‘Mu Qing’s palms were sweating, He could only continue to advance. It was not the end yet, and the outcome had not been decided.

He would not allow Song Ning to return to the Mu family so easily. Mu Chen and his mother clearly hoped to let Song Ning return seamlessly and quietly. No matter how much Song Ning had suffered, they planned to bear with it. Naturally, it was also for the good of the Mu family.

‘Mu Qing sneered. Song Ning was truly virtuous. She was actually willing to make such a huge sacrifice for Mu Chen.

Right now, the most important thing was to find Liang Zhou. As long as Liang Zhou was not colluding with Mu Chen and Jiang Jin, it would mean that he had not been exposed. With that, he could continue to advance. After all, he had his trump card, Ye Xin, and behind his trump card was Ning Zhe. Now, he could pull Ning Zhe firmly to his side.

Ye Xin was ignorant, but Mu Qing could clearly see that Ning Zhe’s goal was Zhuang Ji. Everyone was busy scrambling for benefits.

After that, he made a few more calls to send more people to look for Liang Zhou.

Finally, he called home.

'The helper who answered the call said, "Master, Madam brought Xiao Yu to the mountain to meditate. Don't you know?"

Mu Qing was stunned. Liang Zhou had gone to the mountain to meditate?

The helper continued to say, "Madam kept having nightmares about something bad happening to you. She couldn't sleep well and her spirits were low. Hence, she brought Xiao Yu to the temple in the mountain to pray for blessings and meditate. Did Madam want to surprise you? After all, she performed many rituals for you, but she didn't want us to tell you about them.."

Chapter 505: Calculations

'Mu Qing was stunned again.

'What was the truth? Should he believe Liang Zhou or Ye Xin?

Liang Zhou had been through thick and thin with him for so many years. Moreover, she hardly left his side. He knew her like the back of his hands so he was naturally aware of her feelings for him.

If Ye Xin was not so confident and certain, he would not have believed Ye Xin.

However, when he heard that Liang Zhou had gone to the mountain to pray for him and meditate, he could not help but want to believe Liang Zhou. He was certain of Liang Zhou's feelings for him. After all, he knew how much she had gone through in the past just to be with him.

He understood women very well, especially those like Liang Zhou. Liang Zhou was someone who prioritized love in her life. She might have been selfish and arrogant in the past, but she had betrayed everyone for the sake of love. With that, her love for him was even stronger.

It was due to Liang Zhou's love that he was able to use her as a shield, portraying her as a femme fatale while he established his image as someone who chose love over wealth.

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However, if Liang Zhou truly planned all this, then for so many years, the biggest joke was him, Mu Qing.

"Impossible!" Mu Qing shook his head. He had to find Liang Zhou as soon as possible. Whether she had gone to the mountain or was six feet under the ground, he had to find her to confirm everything.

Needless to say, Ning Zhe had his own plans. His priority now was to obtain Zhuang Ji.

However, Ye Xin's temper was very bad. She kept insisting on returning to the Mu family. She even promised him that as long he helped her to return to the Mu family, she would not only transfer the ownership of Zhuang Ji to him, but she would also help him to seize the Mu family's assets bit by bit. Upon hearing that, Ning Zhe thought that she was indeed his daughter.

Ning Zhe felt as though the heavy pressure that had been pressing down on his heart for years had been alleviated when he thought about his daughter.

How dare the Mu family treat his daughter so atrociously? Mu Chen was truly heartless. He had to vent his anger. Otherwise, people would think he was afraid of the Mu family.

The public opinion was getting more and more heated. A large number of reporters would wait outside the Mu family house every day.

Considering the public's furor, Song Ning decided to take temporary leave from the hospital. She did not mind. After all, this meant she had more time to spend with Jiang Jin and the baby.

The baby was very happy. He could walk and run now. He was filled with energy and curiosity. He was interested in everything. A Nuan dared not leave him alone for even a moment, afraid that he would fall or knock his head.

Song Ning reassured A Nuan and told A Nuan to not be too nervous. She would accompany A Nuan as they watched over the baby. She also told A Nuan to not interfere when the baby was exploring. She said it was normal for babies to fall. It was fine as long as it was not serious.

However, how could A Nuan relax? She continued to watch the baby anxiously. Whenever she wanted to stop the baby, Song Ning would stop her instead.

At this moment, Jiang Jin was watching the trio happily.

A Nuan said helplessly, "Old Madam, please do something. The Little Master will hurt himself if this continues."

Jiang Jin smiled. "Don't be so anxious. The Young Madam isn't even anxious so why are you so anxious? The baby is her flesh and blood after all."

A Nuan knew how precious the baby was. Otherwise, the Old Madam would not have given such instructions to look after the baby in the beginning. She also knew the Young Madam was two different people before this. Although the two women looked the same, previously, the entire family treated the other woman like an enemy.

Although the outside world was chaotic, the atmosphere at the Mu family house was very peaceful...

Chapter 506: Anxious

The Mu family was not anxious, but other people were.

Since Mu Qing's interview had caused a huge uproar, he waited for Jiang Jin to summon him and for Mu Chen to fly into a rage. However, there was no movement from the family house at all.

'Mu Chen had stopped going out and held all his meetings online. To the outside world, this was a sign of guilt.

What Mu Qing wanted was not Mu Chen's silence and inaction. He wanted a chaotic and turbulent situation. Mu Chen's calmness made him feel more and more uneasy.

Ye Xin was even more anxious. However, the only thing she could do now was to complain to Ning Zhe.

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Ye Xin said, "Daddy, when I return to the Mu family, we'll notarize it when I let you take over Zhuang Ji. Although Grandma said she'll let me run the business, I feel that the staff only listens to her. I feel quite uneasy about this. Without real power, I'm just a pawn. It doesn't even matter if I'm capable."

Ning Zhe was pleased by these words. He said earnestly, "Xiaxia, you've finally grown up. This is what I've always wanted to tell you. Zhuang Ji was left to you by your mother; it's yours. You can't let the Mu family have it!"

Ye Xin hurriedly nodded before she said, "Daddy, I'll deal with this matter as soon as I return to the Mu family!"

Ning Zhe nodded in satisfaction.

Ye Xin sighed. "But what should we do now? The Mu family hasn't made a move yet. They really don't want me anymore. What should we do, Daddy?"

Ning Zhe scoffed. "Just because they don't want you, do we have to let them have their way? Don't worry. I'll definitely seek justice for you. It's not just about you now. They're trampling on our entire Ning family as well!"

Ye Xin nodded and hurriedly hugged Ning Zhe. "Daddy! Only you are good to me!"

Ning Zhe was very happy. For the time being, the scars on Ye Xin's face and body could not be removed. After all, they would be useful in their lawsuit against the Mu family.

After a moment, Ning Zhe told Ye Xin to go and rest. He still had some matters to discuss with Ning Chun.

Ye Xin left, satisfied.

Ning Zhe sat behind his desk with his eyes closed when Su Tong came in with a cup of coffee. He opened his eyes and nodded at her without saying anything.

After setting the cup down on the table, Su Tong sat at the side.

Ning Zhe was slightly surprised that she did not leave immediately.

Su Tong organized her thoughts before she softly said, "Hubby, although Xiaxia isn't my biological daughter, I've never thought about harming her. As long as she's willing to accept me, I'll definitely treat her like my own."

Ning Zhe took a sip of the coffee as he waited for Su Tong to continue.

"People say it's the most difficult to be a stepmother. It's really true. As a stepmother, I've always been observing Xiaxia, making sure I don't upset her. However, because I spent a lot of time observing her and am familiar with her, I can't help but feel that something is wrong. Hubby, do you want to investigate her? I really feel like she's not our Xiaxia," Su Tong said tentatively. Her attitude was humble, and her tone was gentle.

Ning Zhe set the cup down heavily on the table and said in a gloomy voice, "What exactly are you trying to say?"

Su Tong was startled.

"Don't think I'm unaware of your petty tricks and schemes! Xiaxia is my daughter.. Do you want me to get a paternity test?"

Chapter 507: Provocation

Su Tong was shocked by Ning Zhe's reaction.

Ning Zhe scoffed before he coldly said, "Do you really think I'm stupid? Do you think I'll mistake someone else for my daughter just because they look the same? Moreover, do you think I haven't investigated the matter? I've already done a paternity test without telling her anything."

Su Tong did not expect Ning Zhe to have done such a thing. Her eyes widened in surprise as she asked, "Then, what's the result? That woman... Shes..."

"Of course, she's my daughter!" Ning Zhe said disdainfully to Su Tong.

Su Tong could not even pretend to smile at this moment. She muttered, "How's this possible?"

Ning Zhe glared at her. "Why isn't it possible? I know you're always thinking about Ning Dong and trying to plan for him. I'm his father. Do you think I'll harm him? Don't meddle in this matter, and keep your thoughts to yourself. Do you understand?"

Su Tong left the study in a daze. She could not figure out what was going on. She dared to bet her life that the woman in their house was definitely not Ning Xia or Song Ning.

She entered her room and sat on the bed, still in a daze.

At this moment, Ye Xin pushed the door open and entered the room.

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Su Tong was startled. "Why are you here?"

Ye Xin smiled contemptuously as she said, "I came to see the outcome of you complaining to my father. Did he believe you?"

Su Tong's expression changed immediately.

Ye Xin took a seat across from Su Tong and said unreservedly, "It looks like my father didn't believe you. What to do? You and your son are convinced I'm not Ning Xia, but my father thinks otherwise. What does it matter as long as my father believes me? In this family, who's the boss? Don't tell me you still don't understand it after so many years?"

Su Tong looked at Ye Xin and coldly said, "Ning Xia wouldn't have spoken in this manner."

Ye Xin was briefly taken aback. Then, she said viciously, "Then, how would she have spoken? I'm Ning Xia. Even if the way I speak changes, I'm still Ning Xia. What can you do? Don't bother playing your

cheap tricks on me. I'm the Eldest Young Miss of the Ning family. This family is mine. You and your son better follow the rules. Otherwise, I'll chase both of you out of the family."

Ye Xin was very happy and satisfied when she saw the furious expression on Su Tong's face. She rose to her feet to leave, but when she turned around, she almost walked into another person.

Ning Dong stood in front of Ye Xin silently.

Ye Xin let out a cry in fear. Then, she scolded shrilly, "What's wrong with you? Are you a ghost? Why are you so quiet? Are you trying to scare people to death?"

Ning Dong calmly said, "Why don't you try to chase us out right now?"

Ye Xin was speechless.

Ning Dong looked at her with a frosty gaze as he said, "If you don't have the ability to chase us out now, you won't have any opportunity to do so in the future. You don't get to make the decisions in this family, impostor!"

Ye Xin looked up at Ning Dong, who was a head taller than her, and said angrily, "Who's an impostor? You're a bast*r

Pa!

Su Tong slapped Ye Xin. She stood in front of Ning Dong, and her gaze was sharp as she asked, "Speak clearly. Who's a bast*rd?"

Ye Xin held her cheek as she stared at Su Tong viciously and said, "If he's not a bast*rd, why do you have such a big reaction? Do you feel guilty?"

"Guilty? Who feels guilty?" Su Tong said, raising her hand to slap Ye Xin again.

Contrary to expectations, Ye Xin did not shrink back. Instead, she leaned over and said, "You want to hit me? Come, I'll let you hit me. I'll just let everyone know about my vicious stepmother. Your actions will only help me."

Su Tong could barely suppress her anger and moved to slap Ye Xin again.

At this time, Ning Dong grabbed Su Tong's hand and calmly said, "Mom, what's the point in arguing with a lunatic?"

Chapter 508: Adding Fuel to the Fire

"Who's a lunatic? You and your mother are lunatics!" Ye Xin cursed as she glared at Ning Dong.

Ning Dong only smiled and said, "You stole Song Ning's life and insists you're Song Ning, but you don't have Song Ning's abilities at all. If you're not a lunatic, then who is? I really want to see how you'll end up. The Mu family doesn't even want you. If it were anyone else who has a sense of shame, they would've found a tree to hang themselves. But you, you act as though you want everyone to know you're a fake. You're so shameless you even dare to distort the truth, act brazenly, and flaunt your fake self everywhere. Ha! You're even trying to drag the Ning family with you in your quest to embarrass yourself. You don't even understand that you're courting death now."

“You!” Ye Xin pointed at Ning Dong, at a loss for words.

Ning Dong reached out and pushed Ye Xin’s hand aside and said, “Get out! You’re Miss Ning now, but my mother is Madam Ning. No matter what, she’s still your stepmother. What’s the point of acting so arrogant in front of my mother? You’re really brainless!”

Then, Ning Dong reached out to drag Ye Xin out of the room.

Ye Xin almost fell when she was pushed out of the room. She rose to her feet, intending to continue arguing with Ning Dong but was only met with a slammed door.

Ye Xin really wanted to scream, but she forced herself to hold back.

‘Based on that little bast*rd’s words, it seems like he knows something...’

Ye Xin gritted her teeth. It was not time to completely shed pretenses with the pair of mother and son yet. The Ning family was her only support now so she could not afford to make any mistake at all.

With that, she stomped her foot and returned to her room.

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Su Tong stared at the closed door. After confirming Ye Xin had left, she said in a lowered voice, “Look, look, she definitely has a guilty conscience. She left just like that because she’s afraid your father will overhear her! Ning Xia is definitely not unruly and arrogant like her! Son, I’m really worried. I’m afraid your father will listen to her and destroy this family in the process.”

With that, Su Tong grabbed Ning Dong’s arm, looking at him tearfully.

Ning Dong helped Su Tong to the couch as he said, “Mom, don’t be anxious. Don’t meddle in this matter. Trust me. The Ning family will definitely be mine. I won’t let it fall to another person.”

When he saw his mother looking at him skeptically, he patted her shoulder and continued to say, “Mom, just wait and watch the show.”

After Ning Dong comforted Su Tong, he returned to his room.

As soon as he entered the room, his phone began to ring.

“Young Master, Mu Qing has sent people to investigate you.”

Ning Dong raised an eyebrow before he said, “Let him investigate then. There’s no need to stop him.

Let’s help them. It’s time for us to push their plan forward on their behalf.”

His subordinate asked respectfully, “Then, what should we do?”

Ning Dong sneered. “Find a media outlet and slowly expose the matter.”

“Understood. I’ll arrange for someone to handle it immediately,” the subordinate said before disconnecting the call.

Ning Dong scoffed as he thought to himself, “These people have so much time to investigate me? At this juncture, they still have the mood to investigate me? No wonder Mu Chen didn’t make a move; they’re not Mu Chen’s opponent at all. It’s only a fool’s dream if they think they can fight Mu Chen.’

Overnight, shocking headlines popped up again one after another, stirring up the issue again.
“The Young Madam of the Mu family is an impostor! She’s just Mu Chen’s lover who has taken over the legal wife’s identity! Mu Chen is trying to cover this matter up and to continue deceiving everyone!”
“How pitiful is the real Young Madam of the Mu family? She must be crying every day in her maiden family’s house!”

“Mu Chen is truly cunning! Not only is he cunning when doing business, but he’s equally cunning in her personal life! Look at how he switched his wife for his lover!”

Just like a stone that stirred up a thousand waves, the public’s anger reached an unprecedented peak..

Chapter 509: Anger

Although things had already escalated to this point, there was still no movement from the Mu family.

Ning Zhe was angered by this.

Coincidentally, the team of the financial program that interviewed Mu Qing invited Ning Zhe to their show as well.

Many people were rather excited when it was revealed that the usually low-key Chairman of the Ning Group had accepted the invitation and agreed to an interview. He even decided to hold the interview at his house.

The production team was naturally ecstatic, certain that the ratings of their show would shoot through the roof.

The interview went very smoothly. After all, the topics and questions had already been discussed beforehand.

At the end of the interview, the host naturally segued to the topic of Song Ning.

“Theard you had some disagreements with your daughter during the early years?”

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Ning Zhe answered truthfully, “Yes. My first marriage ended in a divorce. My daughter was very young at that time, and there was some misunderstanding between us, which caused a rift to form between us for years. It was only after she became a mother that she understood the feelings of a parent. With that, our father-daughter relationship was slowly mended. My daughter is really sensible and excellent.”

“After being estranged for so many years, do you really not mind her cold treatment of you in those years?”

Ning Zhe smiled and shook his head before he said, “The people who love you the most in this world are your parents. No parents would bear a grudge against their children. In the eyes of parents, their children are the best.”

The host gave Ning Zhe a thumbs-up as he said, “You’re a really good father!”

Ning Zhe nodded and said, "I might not be the most successful businessman, but I'm quite confident as a father. After reconciling with my daughter, I realized even more how important family is. It's also important for parents to teach their children properly."

At this time, the host hesitated before he asked, "I heard that Miss Ning is staying with you and not her husband? This matter has been widely discussed. Can you tell us what's happening?"

Ning Zhe's expression darkened as he said, "I've wanted to clarify this matter a long time ago. This matter should have only been between the Ning family and the Mu family. We could have settled this privately, but the Mu family refuses to give us an explanation. Hence, I have no choice but to announce it to the world, and let everyone judge for themselves."

The host listened with a solemn expression as Ning Zhe continued to say, "My daughter's real name is Ning Xia. She later changed it to Song Ning before she married the current Chairman of the Mu Group, Mu Chen. They were a match made in heaven. I really didn't expect Mu Chen to turn out to be a hypocrite. He cheated on my daughter with another woman while my daughter was pregnant. Not only that, but he even replaced my daughter with his mistress. While my daughter was in the hospital, he took advantage of the fact that my daughter was injured to let his mistress replace her! Then, he abandoned my daughter at the hospital!"

"My daughter was in a car accident. She has scars all over her body, and her appearance is completely ruined. That woman, on the other hand, had already undergone plastic surgery to look like my daughter. She quietly replaced my daughter and became the Young Madam of the Mu family. This matter is absolutely infuriating!"

"I'm here to inform Mu Chen for the last time. If he doesn't step forward to confess his crime, I'll no longer be courteous!"

Although the host was mentally prepared, he was still stunned by the fantastical story.

"C-chairman Ning, this is too unbelievable, isn't it?"

Ning Zhe nodded. "Indeed. Even we can't accept it, but alas, it's the truth. Right now, my daughter is crying at home every day, but the Mu family is happily living their lives in silence... This is simply intolerable!"

Chapter 510: Another Interview,

The host mustered up his courage and asked, "Chairman Ning, I have a presumptuous request. Is it possible for us to meet Miss Ning, ah, I mean, Young Madam Mu?"

Ning Zhe thought about it for a moment before he said, "Alright, but since this is a personal matter, I hope it will be separate from our interview."

"Of course, of course," the host hurriedly said.

Thus, Ye Xin, who had dressed up meticulously, was invited down by the helper.

Before the host could even say anything, Ye Xin had already shed tears. Half of it was due to genuine feelings, and the other half was from her skill. After all, she used to be an actress. She cried as she said,

"I miss my child the most right now. Mu Chen is too ruthless. He had already planned this in advance when I was pregnant. He had gotten that woman plastic surgery while he quietly waited for a chance to switch us. It must be that woman's idea."

The scars on Ye Xin's face made her look slightly terrifying when she cried.

The host asked tentatively, "Then, how did you get injured?"

Ye Xin continued to sob as she said, "That day, I called for a car and got into an accident near Cloud Peak. When I woke up, I found myself in a hospital in the neighboring city. I was penniless and had nothing. My injuries weren't even treated in time. I was afraid of embarrassing the Mu family and the Ning family so I didn't dare to say anything nor did I dare to make a police report."

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"It wasn't easy for me to return. When I did, I realized I can't go back to the Mu family. There's a woman who resembles me at home. My face is ruined, and I didn't know what to do. In the end, I could only look for my father. During the toughest time in my life, only my father is on my side."

Everyone was moved by these words.

The host said, "This matter is really too bizarre. It's best to let the police deal with it."

Upon hearing this, Ning Zhe said from the side, "So much time has passed since then. Although the truth is self-evident, I have no choice but to swallow my anger for my daughter's sake. After all, this concerns her happiness. If Mu Chen is willing to make concessions, I won't pursue the matter any longer. Even if I don't consider anything else, I still have to consider the child at home, right?"

The host nodded. "A father's love is really amazing. I understand Chairman Ning's feelings. However, there are many doubts in this matter. If... If Chairman Mu is really involved, this will.

"This is my concern as well. If I send him to prison, I'll be happy. However, what about my daughter and my grandson? Even now, I hope we'll be able to resolve this matter. As long as Mu Chen sends that impostor away and brings my daughter back to the family, I'll let this matter go. It's best if their family of three can live harmoniously. After all, family is the most important. It wasn't easy for the Mu family to come this far. I hope Mu Chen won't be like the previous generation and go overboard. I've always respected Old Madam Mu so I hope she'll advise Mu Chen."

Ning Zhe did not want this interview to be placed together with his first interview so it would not affect him. Moreover, he also wanted to use the second interview to pressure Jiang Jin and the Mu family..

Chapter 511: Negotiation

The production team of the finance and economy show thought they had struck gold. They thought they would be able to get on both the Ning family and the Mu family's good side by acting as peacemakers.

After reporting to the higher-ups, two representatives who were eloquent and had high EQ were selected to bring the videos to the Mu family, hoping to broker peace.

'When the two representatives arrived, they were flattered to see that Mu Chen, the fake Song Ning, and Jiang Jin had personally come out to receive them.

'Mu Chen was as cold and expressionless as usual. He only sat quietly, emitted waves of coldness that made the two representatives unable to meet his eyes. Hence, they placed their hopes all on Jiang Jin. Whether it was subconscious or not, they hoped Song Ning would leave.

Song Ning naturally could tell what was on their minds. She rose to her feet and said, "I'm going to check on the baby."

Mu Chen pulled her back down and said, "Sit down and listen. They're likely slandering you again."

After Song Ning sat down, Mu Qing said, "This is my wife, Song Ning. I know why you're here. I'll give you a chance to speak, but it doesn't mean I'll agree to what you say. Speak."

The atmosphere turned tense immediately. The little warmth that came out of their exchange with Jiang Jin vanished immediately.

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Jiang Jin smiled and smoothed things over for them. "Don't mind him. He's always been like that."

The two representatives laughed awkwardly. For a moment, they did not know what to say.

Song Ning understood their thoughts so she said, "Speak freely. After all, there has to be an end to this matter."

The two representatives could not help but feel curious about Song Ning, After all, the impostor was so calm and composed and had an extraordinary bearing. In comparison, the original, who cried so pitifully about how she had no one to turn to, looked more like the mistress.

The two representatives quickly gathered their thoughts and politely told the trio about their intentions and showed them the videos. Contrary to their expectations, the trio did not react much to the videos at all.

Jiang Jin and Song Ning exchanged a smile, completely unconcerned.

As for Mu Chen, he said with a dark expression, "Call the police."

The two representatives were stunned.

"C-chairman Mu, Chairman Ning hopes to settle this matter privately since you're all famil

Mu Chen said frostily, "After doing an interview, can it still be considered as settling the matter privately? Isn't he just trying to threaten me? I'm sorry, I'm not someone who gives into threats and flattery. Let them call the police."

"Chairman Mu, calm down. T-this matter is indeed unbelievable, but I'm certain everyone's goal is the same, which is to solve this problem. If this matter continues, it won't be good for anyone..."

"I don't think there'll be a problem," Mu Chen interjected.

One of the representatives hurriedly said, "Chairman Mu, the public opinion is overwhelmingly against the Mu Group at this moment. Shouldn't you deal with this matter as soon as possible to appease the shareholders?"

Mu Chen smiled contemptuously. "All of you really have nothing better to do. I'm not even worried, but you're so worried about me? Don't worry, I'll give them an explanation, but it has nothing to do with my

personal matters.”

It was truly difficult to talk to Mu Chen. He gave them no room to reply at all. Their faces turned red, and they looked at Jiang Jin imploringly, asking for help.

At this moment, a panicked voice rang in the air as a small figure jumped into Song Ning’s arms.

“Little Master, slow down! Be careful!”

“Mommy, hold me!” The baby’s voice was clear.

Song Ning reached out to hug the baby and gently said, “Baby shouldn’t run around when there are guests.”

At this time, the baby turned around in Song Ning’s arms and said in his childish voice, “Hello, uncle!”

Chapter 512: Sighing

The two representatives were overwhelmed by the favor and quickly responded.

After that, the baby lay quietly in Song Ning’s arms while A Nuan stood next to her, slightly anxious.

“What’s wrong?” Mu Chen asked when he saw that A Nuan was acting strangely.

“The baby looked for the Young Madam as soon as he woke up so he hasn’t had his milk yet,” A Nuan hurriedly replied.

‘Mu Chen’s expression eased immediately. He reached and patted his son’s head as he asked, “Are you hungry?”

The baby nodded. “Yes.”

Mu Chen said softly, “Accompany him to drink his milk. A Nuan won’t be able to handle him alone if you weren’t around?”

Upon hearing this, the baby reached out and hugged Song Ning’s neck as though he understood his father’s words.

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Song Ning kissed the baby’s cheek before she rose to her feet with the baby in her arms. “Then, I’ll bring the baby to drink his milk first. All of you can take your time chatting.”

‘Then, Song Ning looked down and said to the baby, “Alright, say goodbye to the guests.”

The baby said obediently, “Byebye.”

Song Ning smiled and brought the baby upstairs with A Nuan in tow.

Without waiting for the two representatives to speak, Jiang Jin said, “The Mu family appreciates your kindness, but we don’t need your help to prove our innocence. My granddaughter-in-law isn’t an impostor. As for the rumors outside, what the Ning family says is their business and has nothing to do with us. If they have evidence, they can report to the police or sue us; we have nothing to fear. There’s no need for us to release a statement regarding this matter.”

The two representatives were rendered speechless and could only leave in defeat.

After the duo left, Jiang Jin asked Mu Chen, "Aren't you going to make a move?"

Mu Chen smiled. "Grandma, there's no need for me to make a move now. They're more anxious than I am. I'm waiting for them to expose their own shortcomings. That'll save me a lot of energy."

Jiang Jin said, "However, both Song Ning and your jobs have been affected. This can't continue for long..."

Mu Chen looked at Jiang Jin and said, "You won't be able to guess who leaked the news on the Internet."

Jiang Jin raised her eyebrows. "Isn't your father?"

Mu Chen smiled faintly before he shook his head and said, "He can't find Liang Zhou yet so he doesn't dare to make a move. The one who leaked the recent news is Ning Dong. Ye Xin is now hiding in the Ning family. With her attitude, she's definitely bullying Ning Dong and his mother. To begin with, Ning Zhe isn't very satisfied with Ning Dong, thus, making Ning Dong feel uneasy. Ning Dong's worried that Ning Zhe will hand the company over to Ye Xin. For this reason, Ye Xin has become the thorn in Ning Dong's side. Moreover, I think he has already discovered that Ye Xin is a fake. Hence, he's anxious to expose the matter and bring Ye Xin down. With this, apart from getting rid of Ye Xin, he can further widen the distance between Ning Zhe and Song Ning. He's quite smart."

Mu Chen evaluated Ning Dong fairly.

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Jiang Jin sighed before she asked, "How's Liang Zhou?"

Mu Chen's expression turned solemn as he said, "She's not completely out of danger yet, but her vitals are stable."

Jiang Jin continued to sigh as she said, "She... I thought she'd be able to let it go. I didn't expect her to do that. In the end, she ended up like this. This is all fate."

Mu Chen gently patted Jiang Jin's hand and said, "Grandma, everyone has their own way of dealing with their problems. She couldn't let go of the matter, and I think she planned to hold Ye Xin captive until the last moment before exposing everything."

Jiang Jin shook her head slightly and said, "What's the use of seeking revenge when she could've just tried to live a good life on her own. You gave her a house, and I gave her a large sum of money that's enough for her to support herself for her entire life. Moreover, with her life-saving grave toward the baby, we won't mistreat her.. Why bother seeking revenge?"

Chapter 513: Dignified

Mu Chen said softly, "She's the same as my mother. Love is the most important thing to them. Everything she does is because of love. My mother dealt with her problem by hurting herself while she

chose to seek revenge instead.”

Jiang Jin shook her head and sighed again.

“Don’t worry, Grandma, Xiao Yu is very loyal, and she’s by her side. She’ll definitely be fine since she still has something to live for,” Mu Chen said in an attempt to comfort Jiang Jin.

The pair of grandmother and grandson both knew that Liang Zhou truly cared about the baby. Apart from that, Mu Qing and Ye Xin had yet to receive the punishment they deserved.

Ning Zhe angrily smashed the cup in his hand on the floor. He did not expect the Mu family would not yield at all.

Ye Xin was flustered and anxiously asked, “Father, what should we do? Mu Chen, he, he’s determined to abandon me!”

Ye Xin’s tears began to fall again. She had to return to the Mu family; she had to continue living as Song Ning. Her reputation was already in tatters, and she had ceased to exist in this world. Only with Song Ning’s identity could she continue to live. She did not know what to do now.

Ning Zhe felt distressed for his daughter, but when he saw how panicked she was, he felt a little strange. He had never seen his daughter panicking before. Zhuang Ji had raised Ning Xia to be calm, steady, and dignified. Hence, since she was young, she had never panicked and would instead focus on solving the problem instead. She knew that crying would not solve the problem.

At that time, Ning Zhe had thought that Zhuang Yi had taught their daughter to be too independent. He had thought that their daughter was not cute or gentle at all. In his mind, girls were supposed to be delicate. His daughter would be carefully cared for by the family, and when she got married, her husband would care for her.

However, Zhuang Yi had always instilled in their daughter that it was best to rely on oneself than to rely on men.

Ning Zhe grew absent-minded as he thought about this matter. He had to admit the current Ning Xia was more like his ideal daughter, but she was not like his daughter at all. Then, he began to wonder if it was possible for someone to change so much after getting married and having a child.

“Dad...” When Ye Xin saw that Ning Zhe was lost in his thoughts, she reached and shook Ning Zhe’s arm.

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Ning Zhe was abruptly pulled back to his senses. He was slightly stunned when he looked at his spoiled daughter. He had spent countless days and nights wishing Ning Xia would behave in such a manner to him. However, Ning Xia would never do something like that.

Complicated emotions rose in his heart, but he still reached out to pat Ye Xin’s hand to comfort her as he said, “Don’t be afraid. Since the Mu family is so stubborn, we’ll just report it to the police.”

“No! Daddy, you can’t call the police!” Ye Xin exclaimed in shock and instinctively tightened her grip around Ning Zhe’s arm.

Ning Zhe frowned slightly in pain.

Ye Xin panicked and hurriedly let go of Ning Zhe’s arm. Then, she said, “Daddy, you can’t call the police. Didn’t we agree that calling the police isn’t beneficial to the Ning family? I don’t want to embarrass the family any more than I already did.”

Ning Zhe said solemnly, "Silly girl, what's there to be embarrassed about? You're Mu Chen's legitimate wife, and yet, he's so ruthless to you. Hence, there's no need for us to show mercy. Otherwise, you'll lose everything if this continues. If we lodge a report, at least we can save your reputation. With that, when you get a divorce, your pre-marital assets will be preserved. Have you forgotten what your mother taught you? You have to know when to cut your losses."

Ye Xin was rendered speechless by these words. Her mind was racing as she hastily said, "Daddy, don't call the police just yet. Let me think of other ways. I'll definitely come up with a solution.."

Chapter 514: An Idea

Naturally, when Ye Xin said she would think of a way, she meant that she would ask Mu Qing to think of a way. Mu Qing would definitely be able to think of a way to resolve this problem.

She could not let Ning Zhe call the police. The matter would escalate out of control once he involved the police. Who knew what the police would find out after their investigation. She did not know what Mu Qing had done previously to let her replace Song Ning, and she did not know what had gone wrong that Song Ning would suddenly return.

Then, she said bitterly, "Daddy, the Mu family isn't as important as our Ning family. You've worked so hard for so many years so you can't ruin the Ning family's reputation because of me."

"How can I let you suffer such a grievance?" Ning Zhe asked, feeling his heart aching when he looked at his daughter.

Ye Xin hurriedly wiped her tears away as she said, "Daddy, I know you feel sorry for me. Although I'm your daughter, I can't be selfish. I have to think of the Ning family as well. Daddy, let's just wait first. We'll think of another way to resolve this matter."

It was not easy for Ye Xin to dissuade Ning Zhe from involving the police. When she finally succeeded, she hurriedly contacted Mu Qing and asked him to help her think of a way.

After disconnecting the call, she paced around the room anxiously. She thought about the entire matter from the beginning to the end and told herself to calm down.

She had both Mu Qing and Ning Zhe's support, but after the incident with Liang Zhou, she deeply understood that she had to have her own plans as well.

She sat on her bed and leaned back, looking at the ceiling. She had to become Song Ning; she was Song Ning. She could not go back to being Ye Xin so she had to become Song Ning at all cost.

Then, a thought suddenly flashed in her mind. A smile appeared on her face before she began to laugh.

"That's right! What about Ye Xin? Isn't it the best way to let Song Ning become Ye Xin? This is brilliant!"

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If Song Ning became Ye Xin, she would naturally become Song Ning. Once Song Ning became Ye Xin, Song Ning would know what it felt like to have everyone speak against her!

The next day.

Gao Wen had arranged to hold a small press conference in a conference room in a hotel.

Gao Wen had appeared in the media many times over the past two years, and every time, she did not fail to cause a commotion. Hence, many reporters came with the intention to watch another show and dig up scandals regarding wealthy families. Moreover, it was also a way to show their goodwill by showing up.

After all, the Ye family might not be one of the top families among the elite, but based on the fact that Ye Cheng held a high position in the government and the wealth of the family, the Ye family was considered not bad. The family was still something ordinary families could not compare to. Gao Wen did not think about anything at all. All she had in her mind was to complete the mission her daughter had given her. With this, her daughter would acknowledge her again.

She looked at the people in front of her and cleared her throat. When everyone's attention was on her, she said, "I want to announce something today. Something very important. I hope everyone can help me."

As she said this, she suddenly choked up, confusing everyone.

"I'm sure everyone has heard of the current Young Madam of the Mu family being an impostor, right? It's true."

Everyone straightened their backs immediately upon hearing these words. These matters had not been resolved until now. The Mu family had yet to give any explanation, and the Ning family did not report the matter to the police. Everything was just a rumor at this point.. Was it possible that the Madam of the Ye family, who always made a spectacle out of herself, had information about the matter?

Chapter 515: Accusation

Gao Wen straightened her back and continued to say, "Like I said, the current Young Madam of the Mu family is a fake. She's actually my daughter, Ye Xin. I've done a DNA test to confirm this, but she refused to acknowledge me. I went through a lot of trouble to find her, but she refused to recognize me."

Gao Wen burst into tears after she finished speaking.

The reporters were dumbfounded by the sudden twist.

Gao Wen waved a document in her hand as she said through her tears, "This is the result of the DNA test. The current Young Madam of the Mu family is my daughter, Ye Xin! This is true. All of you must help me. She's clearly my daughter, but the Mu family refuses to admit it. I know very well she's my daughter! All I want is for my daughter to not sever ties with me!"

Gao Wen cried as though she was going to die; it was as though the sky had collapsed.

At this time, realization dawned on the reporters. With this revelation, everything made sense.

Everyone knew how much Ye Xin had loved Mu Chen. Who knew that in the end, she would end up with Mu Chen? However, it was truly despicable that they would get together using such a despicable method/

Needless to say, Gao Wen generated a lot of headlines. It was reported by all the major media outlets. Those on the Internet fully unlocked their imagination and writing skills, writing about the secrets of the

wealthy and influential families.

Just like before, the matter pushed Mu Chen and the Mu Corporation to the center of the storm again.

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On the other hand, Gao Wen received the support of many people. She even appeared on many programs, retelling the tragic story of how she was abandoned by her daughter with tears in her eyes.

On the third day of the incident, Mu Chen finally left the house in the morning with Cheng Che. He was dressed neatly in his suit and looked like he was in high spirits.

Jiang Jin looked at the backs of her two grandsons and sighed. "I really don't understand what those people are thinking. Why do they have to make things even more difficult for themselves?"

At this time, Song Ning came downstairs. She handed the baby to A Nuan as she softly said, "Don't spoil him and coddle him. It's fine to let him run around and explore."

A Nuan had been completely won over by Song Ning, but she still could not help but worry about the baby. She said in a small voice, "Til... I'll just carry him for a little while more..."

Song Ning smiled and patted A Nuan's shoulder. Then, she stepped forward and supported Jiang Jin. "Grandma, are you worried about them or the others?"

Jiang Jin pulled Song Ning to sit next to her before she said with a sigh, "I don't know what those people are thinking, initially, I thought we'd just resolve this matter quietly after you've returned. The only thing is that it would've been unfair to you. However, I didn't expect that before you even have a chance to say anything, those people would start jumping around like clowns. They're really foolish."

Song Ning understood Jiang Jin's thoughts. She said, "Grandma, let Mu Chen and Cheng Che do what they want. Although we didn't want to cause a huge commotion, it doesn't mean we're afraid of a commotion. Mu Chen's truly angry. I was worried he would be too extreme so I've asked Cheng Che to keep an eye on Mu Chen and make sure Mu Chen doesn't act too ruthlessly."

Jiang Jin nodded. "Song Ning, you're too magnanimous. When I was your age, I don't think I had such magnanimity. You must believe that good people will definitely be rewarded. Those who have good lives but insist on doing evil things definitely won't be able to escape justice."

Song Ning knew Jiang Jin was mostly thinking about Mu Qing when Jiang Jin said those words.

There would definitely be retribution for those who committed evil deeds..

Chapter 516: A Challenge

When Mu Chen arrived at the Mu Corporation, he was surrounded and blocked by the reporters at the entrance of the building.

"Chairman Mu, can you comment on the matter regarding the real and fake Song Ning?"

"Chairman Mu, do you have a response to Madam Ye's accusation?"

“Chairman Mu, if you don’t love Song Ning anymore, why don’t you just divorce her? Is there a need to replace her with an impostor?”

“Chairman Mu, don’t you think what you did is against the law?”

Mu Chen stopped in his tracks suddenly, causing the reporters to stumble. Like dominoes, the group of reporters bumped into each other and almost fell. The scene was chaotic.

The security guards had already run out of the building and formed a barrier around Mu Chen and Cheng Che, keeping them a safe distance away from the members of the press.

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The duo stood quietly in the middle as though they were waiting for everyone to quiet down.

The reporters in front seemed to understand and fell silent one after another. This created a domino effect. Shushing noises could be heard for a while before everyone finally fell silent.

Then, Mu Chen brought his phone out in front of everyone and dialed a string of numbers. When the call connected, he said, “Ye Cheng, this is Mu Chen.”

The reporters looked at Mu Chen, who never acted according to common sense, with wide eyes. They did not understand why he was calling Ye Cheng. In fact, they had almost forgotten about Ye Cheng. For the sake of his career, Ye Cheng had maintained a low profile.

Over the past two years, Ye Cheng’s sister had been plagued by scandal, and his mother had dominated the headlines. Then, there was his father who was a womanizer. In the beginning, he could still take care of his sister’s affairs. However, after the incident with his girlfriend and after his sister was admitted into the mental hospital, he had gradually withdrawn from the public eye.

With just a phone call, Mu Chen dragged Ye Cheng back to the public eye.

Mu Chen smiled frostily as he said, “If you’re still living on earth, you must know about your mother spreading rumors that my wife is your sister. I’m going to settle this matter through legal means now. Since we were classmates, I thought I’ll give you a heads-up. When the time comes, don’t say that I didn’t consider our relationship as classmates.”

After Mu Chen disconnected the call, he looked at the silent crowd in front of him and said, “Before the legal proceedings start, I hope you’ll help me convey a message to Madam Ye. I’d like to invite her to do a live broadcast of her and my wife doing a DNA test!”

After a while, someone asked in a small voice, “Chairman Mu, are you saying the DNA report in Madam Ye’s hand is fake?”

Mu Chen calmly replied, “I don’t know if it’s fake, but I know it’s definitely not my wife’s DNA that was tested. In order to ensure fairness and transparency, this is the best way. I’m sure all of you agree, right?”

Everyone revealed an expression of excitement immediately.

‘Mu Chen continued to say, “As for the matter regarding Mr. Ning Zhe...”
Everyone’s ears perked up immediately.

“I officially invite Mr. Ning to also do a DNA test. He kept insisting my wife isn’t his daughter and is a fake. Hence, he should verify the matter and do a DNA test to see if my wife is an impostor or not.”

An uproar broke out again when everyone heard Mu Chen’s words.

However, before they could discuss this among themselves, Mu Chen said again, “The legal department of the Mu Corporation has been mobilized to collect evidence of slander by the media and individuals. Hence, everyone better look for evidence that my wife and I have lied to the world and committed crimes. Otherwise, they would have to answer to the law..”

Chapter 517 steps

It was a public challenge.

‘Mu Chen had waited so long to speak. Could it be that he was gathering evidence and waiting for the perfect time to make a comeback? Was this not too domineering?

“Chairman Mu, what do you mean by this? Are you saying everyone wronged you and your wife?” someone asked, displeased.

Mu Chen looked over and said coldly, “Otherwise, am I supposed to let everyone slander me?”

Someone argued, “We’re just trying to get the truth for the public!”

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Mu Chen did not back down. “Well, I’ll be giving you the truth. However, my truth is backed with evidence. Do you have evidence for the so-called truth you’ve been spreading?” He paused and swept his gaze across everyone.

Everyone averted their eyes, uneasy.

Mu Chen continued to slowly say, “You’re all adults. Making up stories without evidence is just rumor-mongering. Am I wrong? As the person involved, am I not allowed to seek justice for myself?” Everyone was rendered speechless by these words.

Mu Chen smiled contemptuously as he said, “The Mu family has come this far; ordinary people can’t imagine the storms we had to weather through. Everyone suffered an unexpected calamity due to this matter. The shareholders of the Mu Corporation have been implicated as well. Shouldn’t I seek justice for this? Shouldn’t I teach those who took advantage of the Mu Corporation’s previous shares turmoil a lesson?”

Mu Chen took a few steps forward and raised his voice as he said, “In an hour, my wife and I’ll be waiting at the testing center. If Madam Ye dares to come, we’ll earnestly conduct a test with everyone as a witness. We’ll show the public the truth. We also hope that Mr. Ning Zhe will come and be tested as well so as to resolve all doubts. The elites of the media are all here today. I’ve read all the articles you’ve written recently, and I admire your abilities. Now, let’s see if you have the capability to invite Madam Ye and Mr. Ning over.”

With that, Mu Chen strode into the building.
No one chased after Mu Chen.

Some of the security guards escorted Mu Chen into the building while some stayed back since Cheng Che had not left yet.

Cheng Che reached out and adjusted his glasses. He wore his signature gentle smile on his face as he said, "My friends from the media, please don't take this to heart. Recently, Chairman Mu was angered by the negative news that he didn't sleep very well for a few days. After all, everything that has been written and published isn't real. Who would be able to endure such a thing? Please put yourselves in his shoes and think about it. With that, I'm sure you'll be able to understand his feelings."

Cheng Che was like a fire extinguisher. His words put out the fire in everyone's hearts.
"Understand and support your work. I know all of you are curious. Why don't we act together and reveal the truth? It's just a few people conducting a test. What's so difficult about that? I hope everyone can help us achieve this."

Cheng Che hurriedly bowed to everyone, and the reporters all bowed in return.

At this time, someone said, "Mr. Cheng is right. We have a responsibility and obligation to shed light on the truth!"

With this, everyone agreed one after another.

Since Cheng Che had paved the way for them, how could they not walk the path he had opened up for them? Otherwise, were they going to wait for Mu Chen to take action? It was good enough if Mu Chen did not sue them. At that time, they could only pray for their lives..

Chapter 518: Unease

Ning Zhe smacked his hands heavily on the table and rose to his feet. This had simply gone too far. Even Mu Qing would not have dared to challenge him in this manner. Moreover, Mu Chen was clearly in the wrong. Did Mu Chen think he was blind? Did Mu Chen think he would mistake someone else for his daughter? Did Mu Chen think he was so stupid that he did not even conduct a DNA test? He had already confirmed Ning Xia was his daughter before he went to speak to the Mu family. Who knew Mu Chen would be so stubborn and try to drag everyone down?

"That brat needs to be taught a lesson. Since his father doesn't care, I'll teach that arrogant thing a lesson on his father's behalf!

Ning Zhe ordered Ning Chun to bring Ye Xin to the testing center.

Ning Chun looked at the furious Ning Zhe and hesitated for a moment before he asked, "Master, if the Young Miss of the Ning family is Ye Xin, and..."

Ning Zhe sneered. "I'm testing my and Ning Xia's DNA. As long as we can prove Ning Xia is my daughter, that's enough..."

Realization dawned on Ning Chun immediately.

On the other hand, Gao We was panicking. Others might not know it, but she knew everything very clearly.

Before she looked for Ye Xin, Mu Qing came looking for her first.

“Don’t worry. Go and do the test.”¹

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With this, Gao Wen calmed down slightly. She inhaled deeply and told herself that she would do anything for Ye Xin.

Ye Cheng rushed back at top speed.

After receiving Mu Chen’s call, his heart had sunk. He was well aware of Mu Chen’s ways of handling things.

The Ye family had crossed Mu Chen’s bottom line multiple times that it was no longer possible to hope that Mu Chen would let go of the matter.

As Chen Chen drove, he looked at the gloomy Ye Cheng through the rearview mirror and could not help but sigh inwardly. He knew if his boss could not resolve his family matters, it would be difficult for his boss to rise.

Ye Cheng closed his eyes and rested. He had not slept well for two days. However, his phone rang, interrupting his rest. He instinctively brought out his phone and was surprised when he saw that the caller was Ning Dong.

Ye Cheng hesitated for a moment before he asked Chen Chen, “Is there anything from Ning Dong’s side?”

“Everything is normal. Ji An is keeping an eye on him,” Chen Chen replied as he drove.

Ye Cheng nodded before he answered the call. “Hello? Ning Dong? It’s been a long time since we last spoke.”

Ning Dong’s voice sounded a little unsteady as he said, “Brother Cheng, I discovered that Brother Ji An has dealings with Mr. Mu.”

Ye Cheng frowned. “Mr. Mu? Which Mr. Mu?”

The first person who appeared in Ye Cheng’s mind was Mu Chen.

“It’s Mu Chen’s father. That old man called Mu Qing,” Ning Dong said, clearly anxious.

Ye Cheng was confused.

“Brother Cheng, you told me that if there’s anything, I can ask Brother Ji An for help. Recently, I was targeted by a few thugs so I asked for Brother Ji An’s help to look for someone to teach those thugs a lesson. However, I discovered the person Brother Ji An found is a wanted criminal. It almost scared me to death so I didn’t dare to use him. Later, I managed to find someone to tail them and found that they were working for Mr. Mu. Brother Ye Cheng, you better watch out for Brother Ji An. I know you wish to advance your career in the Public Security Bureau so it’s best not to get involved with Brother Ji An. Otherwise, you’ll be implicated by him in the future,” Ning Dong said, sounding very sincere.

Ye Cheng felt his body grow cold. He did not even hear Ning Dong's other words and disconnected the call in a daze.

After that, Ye Cheng felt his heart sink again when he saw the videos and photos that Ning Dong sent him.

Ji An had betrayed him..

Chapter 519: Rerouting

'How's that possible?'

Ye Cheng said frostily, "Chen Chen, turn around and return to the office!"

"Young Master, what happened?" Chen Chen asked, stunned. Ye Cheng's voice had dropped to the freezing point.

Chen Chen did not dare delay and hurriedly turned around at the closest intersection and headed to the office. Then, after looking at Ye Cheng, he asked tentatively, "Then, Young Master, what should we do about Madam?"

Ye Cheng said in a low voice, "Ning Dong told me that Ji An has dealings with Mu Qing. Did Ji An say anything about this to you?"

Chen Chen was shocked. "No, no, that's impossible. Young Master Cheng, Ji An, he..."

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Chen Chen's hands that were gripping the steering wheel were drenched in sweat. He did not know what to say. After all, the human heart was unpredictable. It was impossible to vouch for another person. He could not help but wonder about Gao Wen as well. Mu Chen was not someone to be trifled with.

Ye Cheng's voice was brimming with exhaustion as he said, "Find someone to bring her away. How could Mu Chen not know his wife? If he loved Ye Xin, he would've announced it to the world. Is there a need for him to create so many problems for himself? I'm afraid my mother is being manipulated by someone. I don't have the time to care about this for now. Let's deal with Ji An's matter first."

Chen Chen quickly responded and made the call.

"Stop the Madam from leaving. Send her to the house in the suburbs first."

"B-brother Chen, it's too late. Madam has already left," the subordinated stammered.

"Who's so daring to bring the Madam away?" Chen Chen asked, slightly annoyed.

The subordinate hurriedly said, "Brother Chen, I'll investigate this matter immediately.

Chen Chen frowned after disconnecting the call. He said, "Young Master Cheng, there's something not quite right with this matter."

Ye Cheng's expression was dark. "It's too late that we realized something's not quite right now. In any case, the most important thing is to deal with Ji An first. If he's compromised, we have to get rid of him immediately. He knows too much about us. If he sells us out to Mu Qing..."

Ye Cheng did not continue to speak.

Chen Chen knew that if Ji An sold Ye Cheng out, Ye Cheng's career would be doomed. The only way left was to get rid of everyone who was privy to the matter. In the end, he could only say in an attempt to comfort Ye Cheng, "Young Master, perhaps, there's a misunderstanding. Ji An has performed very well all these years. Moreover, we've not suffered any loss recently so there's a chance Ji An did not sell us out."

Ye Cheng said angrily, "You've grown too complacent! Wouldn't it be too late if we wait for Ji An to betray us? Since he's working for Mu Qing, it's just a matter of time before he betrays us. We should be prepared for the worst. What good is hoping for the best? Are we going to wait for something to happen before we take action?"

Chen Chen no longer dared to speak. Ye Cheng who had nowhere to vent his anger slammed his phone down on the seat. At this time, he could only hope that the matter with Mu Chen's side would end up like a melodrama. At worst, he would just have to embarrass himself again and find someone to diagnose Ye Xin with schizophrenia before sending her to a mental hospital again.

Speaking of which, it was all thanks to Fu Ting that he discovered he could use this way to deal with people.

Ning Dong smiled when he received news that Ye Cheng had suddenly changed his route, no longer going to the testing center. It was a pity that Ye Cheng would not be able to watch such a lively show. However, he knew if Ye Cheng came, there might not be a show to watch at all.

Ning Dong did not understand what Mu Chen was trying to do by involving Ye Cheng. After all, Ye Cheng would only hinder Mu Chen's plan. He thought Mu Chen was an idiot.

Now, he was waiting for the big show to begin. He really wanted to see how all those big shots were going to resolve this matter and how they adapt on the spot. He needed to learn from them, after all..

Chapter 520: Gathering

Most of the members of the media were gathered at the testing center. The testing center had never seen such a huge crowd before.

The first to arrive was Mu Chen and Ning Zhe.

'Mu Chen said frostily, "Chairman Ning arrived so quickly."

Ning Zhe wore a fake smile on his face and said, "Of course, this concerns my daughter's lifelong happiness, after all. No matter what you do, I won't allow my daughter to suffer."

'Mu Chen's expression grew even frostier as he said, "All of Song Ning's sufferings are caused by you."

Ning Zhe's expression changed upon hearing these words.

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At this moment, Cheng Che hurriedly stepped in to defuse the tension. "Brother, Chairman Ning, calm down. We're here to solve the problem, not to create more problems."

'Mu Chen naturally listened to Cheng Che's advice.

Ning Zhe felt that Cheng Che had a point so he suppressed his anger as well.

Since the testing center had been co-booked by the Mu family and the Ning family, there was no need to worry about foul play.

Soon after, Ning Chun brought Ye Xin over.

Faced with the camera, Ye Xin looked sorrowful. The scars on her face made her look even more pitiful. She had meticulously applied makeup to make herself look pitiful, after all.

Ye Xin looked Mu Chen, looking heartbroken. As though she could not endure the sorrow, she threw herself into Ning Zhe's arms.

Ning Zhe hugged her and comforted her softly. His expression was one of love.

Everyone pointed their cameras at Mu Chen at this moment.

Mu Chen only wore a mocking smile on his face.

Some female reporters found this unpleasant to the eyes, and one of them said, "Chairman Mu, there's a limit to being unfaithful. Don't you think you're being too hurtful by discarding the old for the new?" "That's right! No matter what, you're once husband and wife. Don't you think you're too heartless?"

Mu Chen looked at them indifferently but did not speak. He was not one to argue with fools.

Soon enough, Gao Wen arrived. The crowd surrounded her immediately. She did not dare to meet Mu Chen and Ning Zhe's eyes and tried to hide behind a few reporters.

At this moment, a reporter said self-righteously, "Don't be afraid, Madam Ye! We'll be your witnesses today! When the result of the test is out, we'll definitely support you!"

"That's right, Madam Ye! Don't be afraid! Let alone becoming a Young Madam of a wealthy family, even if your daughter becomes the President, she will still have to acknowledge you as her mother! You have our support!"

Gao Wen lowered her head and thanked everyone in a small voice. At this time, anxiety burned her heart.

Soon enough, another group of people arrived, causing an uproar.

This group of people consisted of three elders from the Mu family with the highest seniority, and the person who accompanied them here was Mu Chen's biological father, Mu Qing.

'Mu Chen looked slightly startled, as though he did not expect them to show up. Even someone as arrogant as him had no choice but to stand up and greet the elders. "Granduncles, why are you here?"

Second Granduncle Mu stopped in his tracks and looked at Mu Chen as he said in a deep voice, "This matter concerns the Mu family's reputation. For such an important matter, you didn't inform the family at all. Although you're the head of the family, you can't bear this matter alone. Mu Chen, the Mu family's reputation cannot be tarnished! Since we could make you the head of the family, we can also remove you from that position."

'Mu Chen's expression darkened upon hearing this rebuke as he shifted his eyes to Mu Qing.

'Mu Qing calmly said, "Mu Chen, this matter has nothing to do with me. There's no point venting your anger on me."

Mu Chen sneered. "You better pray it has nothing to do with you."

Second Granduncle Mu said angrily, "Mu Chen! How can you speak to your father like this? No matter what, he's still your father! Our Mu family can't tolerate unfilial descendants!"