

## A Marriage 561

### Chapter 561 Showdown

Mu Chen smiled. "You're asking if I have a heart? Do you have it? If you have it, then I don't have it either. After all, I'm your son. Isn't this what you want to hear? I've never denied that you're my father, but it doesn't mean I have to accept the disgusting things you've forced on me."

Mu Chen's smile deepened when he saw the livid expression on Mu Qing's face. He said, "It's true that I found the lawyer for Ms. Liang. However, there's something that you've gotten wrong. It seems like you think I'm trying to force you to get a divorce..."

"You should know in your heart that no matter what I do, it'd be impossible for me to force her to divorce you if that's not what she wants. There are always people in this world who value feelings and loyalty above everything else like her and my mother. They'd rather die than give in. Isn't this what you like? I can only say that you reap what you sow."

Mu Qing sneered. "I don't understand what you're saying. You're talking nonsense. Although the Mu family is in your hands now, sooner or later, you'll lose everything."

Mu Chen smiled. "You don't have to worry about that. That's the Mu family's business."

Mu Qing said disdainfully, "Don't be too smug. Your happiness can come crashing down at any time."

Mu Chen's expression turned solemn as he looked at Mu Qing and said, "You're hoping that the spies you planted in the Mu Group will help you turn the tide, right? I'm sorry, but they've disappointed you. Cheng Che and I have already begun to remove those people when Ye Xin met you for the second time. We've changed many of our employees, and we made sure you didn't receive news of it. Give up. There's no way you can make a comeback. Your twenty-odd-year plan has failed."

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As Mu Chen spoke, he handed Mu Qing a piece of A4 paper. It was filled with names, positions and jobs, contact details, and home addresses.

Mu Qing's expression changed immediately, and his hands trembled slightly upon seeing this. This was his blood, sweat, and tears; his kingdom, and his chance to make a comeback!

Mu Chen added casually, "Oh, we've found evidence of some people breaking the law here and have handed them over to the Public Security Bureau."

"You!" Mu Qing glared at his son.

Mu Chen smiled faintly as he said, "There's also this..."

Mu Chen handed Liang Zhou's medical report to Mu Qing.

Mu Qing's eyes widened.

"She's entrusted Song Ning with her funeral procedure. She said that after she dies, she doesn't want to be buried in the Liang family's ancestral grave or the Mu family's ancestral grave. She wants her ashes to be scattered in a quiet river."

"In the past, she yearned to enter the Mu family and to be acknowledged by the Mu family. All she wanted was my mother's position. However, in the end, you caused her to feel so disheartened that she'd rather her ashes be scattered after her death. She's anxious to divorce you because she wanted to leave with a clean slate. She doesn't want to have anything to do with you," Mu Chen said before he rose to his feet and left without looking back.

When the door closed, Mu Chen heard a howl from behind the closed door. He paused for a brief moment before he walked away expressionlessly.

Xiao Yu pushed Liang Zhou over in a wheelchair.

Although Liang Zhou looked frail, she did not look haggard since she wore light makeup. She looked at Mu Qing, who was sitting across from her, calmly as she asked, "The lawyer said you'd only sign the papers after seeing me?"

Mu Qing looked at Liang Zhou as mixed feelings surged in his heart. He could not speak for a moment. He wanted to ask her why she did not tell him about her illness but found that he could not ask her that. How long had it been since he last looked her in the eyes? He could no longer remember.

Over the past few days, he had tossed and turned at night. He found that the Liang Zhou in his mind had become blurrier and blurrier. He remembered more of their younger years. The younger they were, the more vivid his memories were. The lively Liang Zhou of the past gave rise to a hundred different kinds of feelings in his heart.

## Chapter 562 Farewell

Mu Qing cleared his throat and said, "That's right. I wanted to see you."

Liang Zhou looked at him calmly as she said, "Alright, I'm here now. If you have anything to say, just say it. When you're done, please sign the papers." "Liang Zhou, I'm sorry," Mu Qing said in a slightly hoarse voice.

Liang Zhou was momentarily stunned. When she recovered her senses, she laughed before she softly said, "Mu Qing, when we first met, I told you that the thing I hate most is apologies. That's why I never apologize to others. Even if I'm not wrong, I also hate it when others apologize to me because I'll never forgive them. If one makes a mistake, and one can obtain forgiveness just by apologizing, don't you think the price of making a mistake is too low?"

"It's a pity that you don't remember my words. You and I have been together for more than twenty years. My soul was slowly chipped away, leaving only my physical body on auto-pilot. You're really amazing. You molded me bit by bit, making me your accessory. I haven't been myself for a long time now. Liang Zhou is no longer Liang Zhou. Now that I've sobered up, let's put an end to this. Don't blame me for adding salt to injury at this time. There's no love between us anymore." Mu Qing placed one hand on the table and used the other to rub his face before he said, "Liang Zhou, I'm truly sorry. All these years, I'd been fighting for my goals, and you've stood by my side without any complaints. I thought you understood me. I thought that you supported me unconditionally..."

Liang Zhou interjected, "I did understand you, and I did support you. However, all those things were born out of love. Mu Qing, you don't love me; you're just using. Do you understand? Your Liang Zhou died when she found out that you had women outside. She's gone and no longer exists."

Liang Zhou's expression was very calm. It was as though she was talking about something that had nothing to do with her at all.

A piercing chill seeped into Mu Qing's heart as he looked at Liang Zhou. The Liang Zhou in front of him now was like the Liang Zhou from more than twenty years ago; the Liang Zhou whom he had fallen in love with. He knew better than anyone that the Liang Zhou he had fallen in love with would never turn back. With that, Mu Qing slowly picked up the pen and signed the papers with great difficulty. This was the first time his heart had felt so heavy when signing something.

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After a while, Liang Zhou reached out and took the divorce papers. Then, she smiled and said, "Thank you."

Subsequently, she motioned Xiao Yu to push her out. At this time, Mu Qing rose to his feet and grabbed the armrest of the wheelchair from across the table. Then, he said, "Liang Zhou, treat yourself well. Don't worry about money. If there's a need, you can go overseas for treatment. The doctors and environment there are better. You have to live well..."

Xiao Yu stopped moving.

Liang Zhou turned around and met Mu Qing's concerned gaze. Then, she said with a smile, "There's no need to act anymore. Our relationship ends here. You should save such warm words for others to hear."

Mu Qing said with a helpless expression on his face, "Liang Zhou, believe me. I'm sincere."

Liang Zhou looked at him intently as she said, "Once you're unfaithful, it's not enough even if you atone for it 100 times. In certain ways, Mu Qing, we're the same kind of people." Mu Qing finally withdrew his hand.

As Xiao Yu pushed Liang Zhou out, Liang Zhou did not turn back at all.

Mu Qing sat down dejectedly before he ran his fingers through his hair. For some reason, when Mu Chen had told him that he had gotten rid of all his spies in the Mu Group, he did not feel as terrified and sad as he did now. He felt as though a piece of his heart had been gouged out, and it hurt.

He wondered what he had been doing all his life? He had carefully planned every step, but every step was not in place. Along the way, he had lost more than he had gained. This time, he knew it was his and Liang Zhou's farewell.

Chapter 563 Chatting

Liang Zhou left peacefully.

Her divorce certificate with Mu Qing was placed next to her pillow, severing her ties to the world before she left.

Mu Qing was sentenced to two years in prison. Considering his offenses, the sentence was very light.

Mu Chen did not bring up other matters out of consideration for his grandmother. He did not want his grandmother to feel sad. Even then, she suddenly fell sick.

Song Ning stood by the bed, perplexed. She knew that Jiang Jin was very angry. Once the anger was gone, perhaps, she would be better. However, due to her advanced age, her body could not withstand such strong emotions.

When Jiahui got off work, she would rush over and replace Song Ning.

Jiahui said in a low voice, "I'll stay here and look after Grandma for the next two days. You should rest well. Look at how thin you've gotten."

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Song Ning nodded and smiled slightly. "I'm relieved now that you're here. Otherwise, I won't feel at ease. Grandma has worked hard all her life, and she's too exhausted now. Nobody can withstand such pressure for such a long time. Let's do more research and see if we can find a suitable prescription. Apart from that, we have to look after her diet as well. Apart from that, we have to keep an eye on Sister Yu as well. She can't be so careless about her own health. She's Grandma's companion; both of them are like soulmates. Nothing can happen to either of them."

Jiahui nodded. "Just like the two of us. Do you think we can be without each other? When we're away from each other, something will definitely happen. Look at what happened when I was away last year. Just thinking about it again makes me angry." Song Ning smiled. "Everything is fine now. We're married into the same family. It's fate that we worked hard to cultivate in our past lives!"

Jiahui patted Song Ning's hand gently with a sweet smile on her face.

Song Ning suddenly recalled something and asked, "Did the principal ask you about Cheng Che's background?"

Jiahui nodded. "I told my dad he's an orphan raised by the Old Madam of the Mu family. I told him that Grandma treats him like her biological grandson. My dad doesn't have objections. He thinks the men who are willing to marry me are all very courageous."

Song Ning chuckled and nudged Jiahui. "That's not true. I can tell the principal is satisfied with Cheng Che. However, I feel like I should tell you this. Although Grandma and Mu Chen have never treated Cheng Che as an outsider, the others from the Mu family are different. Sometimes, they'd even openly embarrass Cheng Che. Things aren't easy for him." Jiahui patted her chest and valiantly said, "It's okay. I'll protect him from now on!"

Song Ning smiled and leaned against Jiahui. "Cheng Che is really lucky to have met you. Although his life was tough in the beginning, I feel that his life is quite good with people who love him."

Jiahui nodded. "Although he doesn't have any blood relatives, Grandma and Mu Chen are no different from blood relatives. They're very good to him. He's also the kind who knows how to cherish his blessing. It's fine. In the future, when we have our own home, it'll make up for his regret of not having a home of his own." Song Ning agreed. "Our small little family is fine now. We'll make up for our loved

ones' regret. In fact, this time, apart from Grandma, the person who hurts most is Mu Chen. Every step he took was like a knife cutting into his flesh. After all, the person he was dealing with is his biological father. How deep his hatred is now is how much he had loved his father."

Jiahui said reassuringly, "The matter of the previous generation is over. Let's look after the next generation. The baby and Mu Chen will never let history repeat itself. Although Mu Chen had wanted a daughter in the beginning, he's clearly not disappointed that he had gotten a son instead. He's very good to the baby. I really didn't expect him to be such a good father."

The two women were so engrossed in their conversation that they did not notice that the eyelids of Jiang Jin, who was lying on the bed, twitched slightly as tears slid down the sides of her face.

#### Chapter 564 Husband and Wife

Jiang Jin had long woken up. When she heard her two granddaughters-in-law speaking in hushed voices, she did not want to disturb them. She could not help but sigh inwardly. The heavens had been kind to her. Although she lost her son, the heavens had given her two outstanding grandsons. Not only that, but she was also given two sensible granddaughters-in-law. What more could she ask for?

Jiang Jin knew that her turbulent emotions this time were caused by Liang Zhou. She felt like she had let down Liang Zhou and Liang Zhen. Both of them were dragged down by the Mu family, and she felt that it was her fault. Although the two sisters had never blamed her, she still felt responsible.

At one point when she was ill, she could not help but think that she should use her life to repay the two sisters. It would be the last thing she could do for the Mu family. She would help the family repay their debts. However, under Song Ning and Jiahui's care, Jiang Jin had gradually recovered.

Now that Jiang Jin heard the two young women's words, she slowly began to feel at ease. When one had lived a long time, one would learn to accept things more easily. Since she managed to recover this time, she decided to live well and do more good deeds for the future generation.

Ye Xin was sentenced to ten years in prison. When she received the sentence, she finally understood Zhuang Ning's words. Hence, she decided to file an appeal.

She did not expect her brother to be so ruthless, and she did not expect Ning Zhe and Mu Qing to ignore her. She was really a chess piece. Everyone was using her. Everyone had benefited from her, but she was the only one who had to bear all the consequences. She felt unresigned. She would not let go of anyone who harmed her, especially Song Ning and Liang Zhou. She swore that she would make those two live a life worse than death in the future!

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On the other hand, Gao Wen was not imprisoned. In the eyes of the law, she did not do anything deserving of a harsh punishment. At most, she had a bad character. Gao Wen did not care about her reputation. All she cared about was Ye Xin and saving Ye Xin. Hence, she went to look for the master.

The master did not come out to meet Gao Wen. She sighed from behind the curtains and said, "Everything is fated."

In the end, Gao Wen returned home in a daze. However, when she saw Ye He, whom she had not seen in a long time, she was stunned.

Ye He sat on the couch, smoking a cigar. He seemed slightly surprised to see Gao Wen as well.

At this moment, a seductive voice rang from the top of the stairs.

“Dear, who’s here?”

Following the sound of footsteps, a beautiful woman with a graceful figure walked down the stairs. When she saw Gao Wen, she frowned in disgust before she threw herself into Ye He’s arms. Then, she asked in a soft voice, “Who’s this old woman?”

Upon hearing these words, Gao Wen burned with fury. Just as she was about to speak, she heard Ye He say indifferently, “She’s the madam of the house.”

When Ye He looked at Gao Wen, there was no trace of warmth in his eyes. The words ‘madam of the house’ were clearly said through gritted teeth and emitted a bone-piercing chill.

Gao Wen was shocked. She did not expect Ye He to admit that she was the madam of the house.

Upon hearing these words, the beautiful woman was stunned as well. Then, she hurriedly left Ye He’s embrace and moved to stand at the side with an unnatural expression on her face.

Ye He looked at the woman and smiled. “What are you afraid of? Come here. Come into my arms.”

The beautiful woman hesitated briefly before she snuggled into Ye He’s arms.

Ye He took a puff from the cigar and exhaled a wisp of smoke before he looked at Gao Wen and smiled without any trace of warmth. “The madam of the house is very magnanimous. She doesn’t care who I sleep with. In the past, she was very jealous and controlling. However, I was like a fool, thinking that she loved me. I didn’t expect her to be a hypocrite. She disliked me looking at other women, but she slept with another man behind my back.”

#### Chapter 565 Beaten Up

The beautiful woman in Ye He’s arms was stunned as well. Then, she looked at Gao Wen in disgust before she asked in a coquettish voice, “Then, why did you let her into the house? Shouldn’t you abandon such a woman with no morality?”

Ye He laughed loudly. “Even you know she has no morality. Unfortunately, Ms. Gao is unaware of that. She doesn’t have high moral standards. Not only did she cheat on me, but she also made me raise her daughter who’s a result of her affair with the other man for more than twenty years. I’m a f\*cking idiot! I’m a joke in M City. My reputation, pride, and dignity have all been trampled on!”

Gao Wen looked at her Ye He silently. Her body was cold, and she had nothing to say

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At this time, Ye He stopped smiling and looked at Gao Wen coldly.

At this time, Gao Wen also knew that there was no way she could ask for help from Ye He. She sighed lightly before she said, "Ye He, let's get a divorce then."

Gao Wen thought it was not difficult to say these words at all.

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"Divorce? In your dreams!" Ye He spat out. Then, he said through gritted teeth, "If I grant you a divorce, won't you be free to do as you wish? After sending me to hell, you want to leave me alone in hell? Impossible!"

Ye He's eyes looked as though it was going to shoot out fire at this moment.

Gao Wen asked, exhausted, "Then, what do you want?"

Ye He scoffed before he said frostily, "What do I want? We'll continue on as normal. You'll continue being Madam Ye. Oh, wait, it should be Ms. Gao. After all, you always thought that your Gao family is more prominent than our Ye family. As long as you're alive, you'll continue bearing this identity. As for me, I'll definitely go to the Gao family and demand compensation until I'm satisfied."

Gao Wen closed her eyes, tired.

"I'm a businessman. When I married you back then, it was also for the sake of business. Our marriage is a business marriage. I don't squeeze out all your uses, won't I suffer a loss? As for you, since you dare to do such a thing, you'll have to pay for it eventually. What kind of man am I if I let you get away with this? What man can endure this? However, I have no choice but to endure this. At least, I have to endure it when I'm outside. However, when I come home, I have no intention of enduring it at all!" Ye He said furiously.

"Just tell me what exactly do you want?" Gao Wen asked, trying her best to endure.

Ye He laughed. "Look, look, it's coming. Why don't you lose your temper like before? Act as arrogantly as you did before!"

Then, Ye He turned to the woman next to him, who looked slightly frightened now, before he said, "You're unaware of this, but when she lost her temper in the past, I was actually happy. I thought she must have loved me for her to be so angry."

Ye He laughed after he finished speaking

The woman tried to laugh along, but she found it difficult to do so.

Gao Wen finally could no longer suppress her anger. She raised her voice and said, "Ye He, enough! What exactly do you want? Speak clearly!"

Following that, a fierce slap landed on Gao Wen's face.

Gao Wen's vision blurred, and she fell to the ground. She clutched the side of her face, shocked. When she recovered her senses, flames of fury burned even hotter in her heart. However, before she could

rise to her feet, Ye He kicked her stomach. She could not even cry out in surprise due to the pain. She instinctively curled up as tears streamed down her face.

Ye He squatted down and held her chin firmly as he said, "How is it? Does it hurt?" Gao Wen stared at the man in front of her with hate and tears shining in her eyes. Ye He shook her fiercely before he rose to his feet and kicked her again. "B\*tch! You dare to return to the house? Why? Let me guess! You want me to save that little b\*tch, right? Or, do you want to use my son again? Since you came back on your own accord, you can rot here. I won't let you harm my son again!"

#### Chapter 566 Imprisoned

Ye He called out loudly, "Someone, come over!"

A helper ran over anxiously. "What are your orders, Master?"

"Lock this b\*tch up in the master bedroom. Don't let her out!"

The helper hurriedly responded and stepped forward to help Gao Wen to her feet.

"Is everyone dead? Bring a few more people over!" Ye He said angrily.

With this, another helper ran over to pull Gao Wen up. Gao Wen struggled as she rose to her feet with the help of the two helpers. After she found her footing, she pushed the helpers away and said angrily, "What do you think you're doing? What are you going to do to me?"

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Ye He smiled sinisterly. "What am I going to do to you? Do you expect me to do something to you? Have you looked at yourself in the mirror? Trash like you should be tossed out. However, no matter what, you gave birth to my son. Hence, I won't mistreat you. Instead of tossing you out to the streets, I'll just keep you in the house"

With that, Ye He waved his hand at the helpers. "Bring her away."

The helpers ignored Gao Wen as she struggled to free herself. They forcefully dragged her upstairs and pushed her into the master bedroom before locking the door.

The master bedroom was Ye He and her room. However, at this time, there was nothing in the room. The luxurious decorations had been removed, and only the bed without a quilt or sheets was left. There were only four bare walls and a bare bed in the room. Even the bathroom had been stripped clean.

Gao Wen pressed her hand against her aching stomach. She looked around, feeling her heart turn cold. She could not believe that idiot Ye He actually imprisoned her. Moreover, he did not even leave anything in the room. When she looked at the windows, she was thick iron bars that had been recently installed. He did not even leave her with a chance to jump out. She discovered even the lower half of the bedroom door had been modified. There was a small opening at the bottom to deliver food.

Gao Wen sat limply on the ground. She did not expect Ye He to be so ruthless. It seemed like she never knew Ye He at all.



Meanwhile, Ye He sent the beautiful woman away and called Ye Cheng.

“Son, I’ve picked your mother up. Her health isn’t very good so she’ll be living in seclusion at home to recuperate. You don’t have to worry about the media. I’ve already made arrangements, and there won’t be any negative effects. Don’t worry. I promise you that from now on, you won’t be burdened by our family matters. All you need to do is focus on the Ye Group. Son, don’t worry, and concentrate on your job!”

Ye Cheng responded in a low voice, sounding perfunctory.

Ye He lowered his voice as well before he said, “Alright, since you’re busy, I won’t talk so much. There’s no need for you to visit the house. If you need to see me, just look for me at the company. Or you can send Chen Chen. Alright, I won’t bother you.”

After disconnecting the call, Ye He leaned back against the couch and let out a long sigh.

At this time, Ye He’s assistant, Zhou Nan, walked in hurriedly and said, “Sir, the embroidery manual that Ning Zhe wants is a priceless treasure!”

“What embroidery manual?” Ye He furrowed his brows.

Zhou Nan straightened his back and inhaled deeply before he said, “Previously, you asked me to investigate why Ning Zhe is so persistent about mending his relationship with Song Ning and obtaining Zhuang Ji. I found out why.”

Ye He’s ears perked up immediately. “So what’s going on?”

Zhou Nan hurriedly replied, “Ning Zhe’s first wife was called Zhuang Yi. She inherited an ancient embroidery manual that’s a priceless treasure. It’s said that the embroidery manual contains the best embroidery techniques. Somehow, a few foreign companies heard about it so they have been trying their best to get their hands on it. The prices they’re offering are extremely high. Since the Ye Group has no business in the textile and clothing industry, we didn’t pay attention to the matter and were unaware of it. Ning Zhe is going crazy over the embroidery manual. If he gets the embroidery manual, he’ll easily dominate the entire M City.”

Chapter 567 Embroidery Manual

Ye He’s eyes grew brighter and brighter as he asked, “What about the embroidery manual? Oh, right, it’s with Song Ning! Ha, this Ning Zhe really deserves it! His legitimate daughter doesn’t want to acknowledge him, but his illegitimate daughter couldn’t wait to rely on him!”

Zhou Nan did not dare to speak.

Ye He said, “Go on. What else did you find out?”

With this, Zhou Nan said, “After Zhuang Yi left the Ning family, she founded Zhuang Ji with a woman called Yun Yao. Later on, Yun Yao passed away in a car accident. Not long after that, Zhuang Yi passed away as well. Hence, Zhuang Ji and the embroidery manual were left to Song Ning. Yun Yao’s son is called Fu Le, and he was once engaged to Song Ning. After they broke up, due to the manual, the Fu

family caused a ruckus but was unable to move Song Ning. Young Master also found out about this through the Fu family. Unfortunately, Young Master is too busy with other matters so he could not deal with this matter, and the Fu family was no help at all. Hence, until today, there's no conclusion to the matter."

Realization dawned on Ye He. "No wonder Ning Zhe was so good to that little b\*tch! It's nothing to do with him recognizing his daughter or not. To him, it didn't matter if his daughter was real or fake, as long as he could get Zhuang Ji! Heh, as expected of that cunning old fox! He's really manipulating to the bones!"

Zhou Nan silently agreed.

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Ye He rubbed his temples and pondered on the matter for a moment before he said, "It's impossible for us to get the embroidery manual directly from Song Ning. Go and investigate the Fu family again. Perhaps, we might find an opening. As for Ning Zhe, continue keeping a close eye on him. Don't forget about Ning Dong as well."

Zhou Nan responded and left.

Ye He lit up another cigar and took a long puff. A cold smile appeared on his face. He thought that he would be able to continue being a wealthy and idle man at his age. Who knew he still had to get involved in messy affairs like that? Nonetheless, he could not tolerate what Ning Zhe had done.

'Ning Zhe! I really didn't expect you to do such a thing! I don't make you pay for it then I'll really be wronging myself!'

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Meanwhile, since the explosive incident, Ning Zhe had not recovered. How could he put out the fire in his heart? He had become a laughingstock in M City. For a long time to come, he would be the talk of the town!

He did not expect this to happen. He had been too impatient and careless.

On the other hand, Su Tong, whose anger had been vented, did not care about what was happening outside at all. Now that the fake Song Ning had been chased out and the real Song Ning had no intentions of returning, the house would belong to her and her son, Ning Dong.

She thanked and worshipped Buddha for allowing her and her son to avoid a disaster.

She no longer cared about Ye Xin. What she cared about most now was to let Ning Dong amass as much power as possible in the shortest time.

She felt more and more that Ning Zhe was unreliable. The scars on Ning Zhe's heart that had been left by Ning Xia could not heal, giving her a sense of crisis. Hence, she had to make sure her son gain power as soon as possible. If anything happened to Ning Zhe, she had to make sure Ning Dong's position was immovable. Her son was the heir of the Ning family. She would kill anyone who dared to oppose her regarding this matter!

## Chapter 568 Premiere

Although Su Tong spoke to Ning Dong, he did not take her seriously. After all, he knew his mother very well. Her harsh words were just a means for her to vent her anger; in reality, she did not have the capability to help him at all. It would be good enough as long as she did not cause any trouble for him. Although the incident this time was shocking, it was not dangerous to Ning Dong. Now that the incident had been solved, he was not in a hurry to take over the Ning Group. After all, he had not even graduated from the university yet. It might not be a good thing for him to take over the Ning Group so early.

Through this incident, he had seen the means employed by adults, and it was really an eye-opener. He did not think he was capable of contending with them. It was best for him to hide his strength and bide his time. Currently, he wished more than ever for Ning Zhe to live a healthy life.

Ever since Ning Zhe had gotten ill previously, he had been putting some medicine into Ning Zhe's tea and coffee. There were no obvious effects. He was not so stupid to do that kind of thing, after all. Since he needed Ning Zhe to be healthy and to live a little longer now, he naturally stopped tampering with Ning Zhe's beverages.

Ning Dong was very happy with the feeling of having everything under his control.

Jiang Jin grew healthier and healthier day by day. She had said that it would be a waste of her two granddaughters-in-law's efforts if she did not get better.

When Jiang Jin could finally get out of bed and move around, and her appetite finally returned, Song Ning and Jiahui finally heaved a sigh of relief.

The duo had been exhausted recently. Apart from working and taking care of Jiang Jin, they also spent their time catching up.

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At this time, the baby tottered around Jiang Jin on his short and chubby legs, giving his snacks to her.

Jiang Jin was so happy that she could not stop smiling

The baby said in his childish voice, "Great Grandma, eat! Not sick. Great Grandma, strong!"

The current Mu family no longer carried Liang Zhen's past sorrows or the bloody storm that Mu Qing stirred up. Instead, they were filled with happiness.

The drama that Cheng Che invested in was finally aired.

Jiang Jin and Sister Yu were his most ardent supporters. They would watch every episode of the drama and review it religiously.

Today, when Song Ning got off work, the two elderly ladies pulled Song Ning to discuss the drama with them.

Upon seeing this, Cheng Che could not help but smile.

Jiang Jin asked, "Song Ning, is that Zhuang Ning a friend of yours?"

Song Ning nodded. "Yes, Grandma."

"Why don't you invite her over? I think she's quite good. She's very popular now, right? Does she have a boyfriend?" Jiang Jin asked, looking like an enthusiastic fan.

Song Ning could not help but laugh. "Grandma, why are you asking if she has a boyfriend? You only have two grandsons, and both of them are taken."

Jiang Jin smiled. "It doesn't matter. I might only have two grandsons, but there are many talented young men in our company! Let her choose! I'll be her matchmaker!"

Song Ning said with a smile, "Grandma, why don't you open a matchmaking company with Sister Yu?"

Sister Yu nodded. "I think it's a good idea. This can be considered as doing good deeds. What do you think, Old Madam?"

Jiang Jin thought about it for a moment before she said, "I think it's feasible. Think about it. After we successfully match a couple, we can introduce them to Zhuang Ji to make their wedding dresses. Traditional red Chinese wedding dresses and their exquisite embroideries are so beautiful, after all. Just thinking about this makes me happy!"

Song Ning said, "Grandma, I really have to take note when I'm with you. You have so many brilliant business ideas. If I listen carefully, I'll definitely be rich!"

#### Chapter 569 Tenderness

Early in the morning.

Song Ning was woken up by Mu Chen's restless hands. She pushed his hands away in a daze as she mumbled groggily, "Have mercy on me, and stop fooling around. Let me sleep for a while."

Mu Chen grew even more enthusiastic upon hearing her sleepy voice. He coaxed her in a deep voice, "Then, just give me a kiss, okay?"

"No," Song Ning said decisively. Even if she was drowsy, she knew the consequences of agreeing to his request.

Every night, Mu Chen would not let her go. She tried to reason with him and tried to move him with pitiful words, but they were futile. Only when she was angry would he restrain himself slightly.

Mu Chen also learned many ways to persuade her. He used gentle and tender words to persuade her, and due to her soft-heartedness, he succeeded again and again.

Last night, Song Ning had given in to his soft pleadings and was kept awake by him for half the night. She really did not expect him to start again in the morning. She pushed his hands away and said determinedly, "Mu Chen, go take a cold shower or something."

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Mu Chen hugged her and kissed her neck before he said with a smile, "I'll catch a cold if I take a cold shower. You told me to take care of my health, remember?"

Song Ning sighed. "You're not taking care of your health when you're over-indulging as well..."

"Didn't you say that people shouldn't suppress their desires because it's bad for their bodies? I'm very honest. If I want it, then I'll try and get it," Mu Chen said before he nibbled on Song Ning's collarbone.

Song Ning trembled slightly. Her arms and feet felt weak as she said, "You're nit-picking my words..."

Mu Chen smiled and did not say anything as his hands trailed down her back.

Song Ning's breathing grew slightly rapid as his arms tightened around her. Then, when she briefly regained her senses, she protested weakly, "No, Mu Chen. I, I have something serious to speak to you about..."

Mu Chen knew Song Ning was about to give in so he leaned down and said, "There's nothing more serious than this..."

Then, he kissed her, sealing her objections.

The faint morning light illuminated the beautiful scenery in the bedroom.

Mu Chen wore a satisfied expression on his face as though he had eaten a sumptuous feast as he leaned against the headboard.

Song Ning panted slightly as she lay in his arms.

Mu Chen's hands stroked her smooth back as he asked, "What did you want to talk about?"

Song Ning reached out and pinched his waist lightly before she said, "I don't want to talk to you anymore."

Mu Chen's laughter rang from above her head.

She raised her head and glared at him. "You dare to laugh? If you don't listen to me, I'm going to sleep with Nuan tonight!"

Mu Chen tightened his hold against her and calmed his surging emotions before he said, "Nuan and the baby are sleeping well. If you sleep with them, you'll mess up the baby's schedule. Don't cause trouble for Nuan. It's better for you to focus on your husband."

Song Ning kicked his shins lightly and said, "Then, I'll sleep with Grandma!"

Mu Chen feigned a shocked expression as he said, "How can you do that? You'll make Grandma worry. She'll think we're fighting. Do you really want Grandma to worry?" Song Ning's expression turned gloomy. Naturally, she did not want to worry Jiang Jin. She kicked him again as she said, "Then, you better learn to control yourself."

Mu Chen smiled and nodded vehemently. "Alright, alright. I'll control myself. Wife, I really love you so much!"

Chapter 570 Arrangement

Recently, Mu Chen had been very enthusiastic when expressing his love.

Song Ning could not help but sigh as she wondered where the aloof man had disappeared to. He was childish, and when he played with the baby, it was like he was a child as well. No one would believe her if she had told them about it.

Now that his goal had been achieved, Mu Chen asked, "Honey, what did you want to talk about?"

Song Ning no longer quibbled with him and said, "I want Xiao Yu to work in our house. Sister Yu is so old now so it's best for her to only accompany Grandma and not do anything else. The baby can run and jump now so it's getting harder and harder to look after him. A Nuan can't handle it by herself. I think Xiao Yu is quite good so I want her to help Sister Yu and A Nuan. What do you think?"

Xiao Yu had last taken care of Liang Zhou.

Mu Chen frowned. "Didn't she receive a huge inheritance? Is she willing to be a helper?"

Song Ning reached up and tried to ease the frown on Mu Chen's face as she said, "She donated it all to an orphanage. She came from an orphanage. She said that she didn't have any other work experience and that she's good at housekeeping. She's very organized. We need more helpers in our house, and I think she's very suitable. Moreover, we're familiar with her."

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"Alright. As long as she does a good job," Mu Chen said with a nod. Then, he kissed her on the forehead before he got up to shower. Song Ning swallowed the words hanging off the tip of her tongue as she looked at Mu Chen's muscular back.

Xiao Yu had said that the only person Liang Zhou could bear to part with was the baby. Liang Zhou had always thought of the baby as her lucky star and wanted to protect the baby with her life. Now that Liang Zhou was gone, Xiao Yu was eager to protect the baby on Liang Zhou's behalf. She wanted to look after the baby.

Apart from that, Liang Zhou had been very grateful to Jiang Jin in her final days so Xiao Yu wanted to repay Jiang Jin as well.

Song Ning could not refuse Xiao Yu. Even if Xiao Yu did not work as a helper in the Mu family house, she was determined to look after Xiao Yu based on Xiao Yu's loyalty to Liang

Zhou.

Xiao Yu was only three years older than A Nua. The duo had very sad pasts, but they were hardworking. Not only that, but they were capable as well. For all these reasons, the duo got along like old friends as soon as they met. Sister Yu smiled. "The two of them are like long-lost sisters."

Jiang Jin nodded, satisfied. "Now you don't have to worry so much anymore. You just need to guide them."

Sister Yu understood Song Ning's intention. She also knew Jiang Jin's health was the most important now so she did not dare to let her guard down. She had long accepted that age could be unforgiving so she gradually put her mind at ease and left everything to the two girls. Since the baby took up most of A

Nuan's time, Xiao Yu very quickly took over most of the housekeeping. She had followed Liang Zhou for some time so she was very experienced and responsible. In fact, her temperament was quite like Sister Yu's when Sister Yu was young.

With everything going smoothly at home, Song Ning felt even more at ease when she went to work.

Cheng Che had been very busy recently. The viewership ratings were particularly good so he became even busier. Moreover, he had to deal with Zhuang Ji's affairs as well.

Although Ye Xin did not manage to burrow her way into Zhuang Ji, she still managed to influence some of the superficial aspects of Zhuang Ji.

However, Cheng Che's public relations methods were top-notch. He led a team and hurriedly took action.

When Song Ning realized how busy Cheng Che was, she said guiltily, "I feel so bad for troubling Cheng Che."

Mu Chen rolled his eyes at Cheng Che before he said to Song Ning, "This is just a small matter; it can't be considered as troubling him. Why are you being so polite with him? You can just treat him like a bull or a horse."

Cheng Che had wanted to reassure Song Ning, but when he heard Mu Chen's words, he said indignantly, "Brother, do you have a conscience? How can you say words like these?"

#### Chapter 571 Sharing

Mu Chen did not even turn his head as he said, "No, I don't have such a thing when facing you."

Cheng Che said exasperatedly, "You're really too much of a bully!"

"Uncle," a childish voice called out.

The gloomy expression on Cheng Che's face vanished immediately as he turned around and said with a wide smile, "Why is the baby here?"

The baby walked over on his short legs and stumbled into Cheng Che's arms before saying, "Mall!"

Cheng Che raised his eyebrows. "Does the baby want to go to the mall?"

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The baby nodded before stuffing a piece of candy in his hand into Cheng Che's hand and said, "Uncle, eat the candy!"

"Baby is really precious!"

Cheng Che was very moved. After all, the baby had been very reluctant to share his things and food. Apart from Song Ning, up until now, the baby had refused to share his belongings.

Children could read the expressions and emotions of the people around them. With the way everyone in the family had indulged in the baby, it was inevitable that the baby would be slightly spoiled.

Song Ning knew it would be futile to speak to Jiang Jin regarding this matter so she had spoken to A Nuan and Xiao Yu to quietly correct the baby's bad habits.

Nuan and Xiao Yu were very sensible. Moreover, they were fans of Song Ning. Although they found it difficult to be strict with the baby, they still hardened their hearts and did as they were told. After all, it was too difficult to refuse the cute baby's request.

The baby was smart, and the results of their education were very obvious.

Currently, the baby had learned to share. Naturally, the prerequisite was the things he had to share were not unique. As long as there was a surplus, he was very willing to share.

After receiving the 'honor', Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen smugly before he said, "Thank you, Baby!" At this time, the baby turned around and pounced at Mu Chen. "Daddy, hug!"

Mu Chen hugged his son, delighted. He remembered Song Ning's reminder so he said, "Baby is very obedient and kind."

Song Ning had told Mu Chen that it was important to give positive reinforcements to the baby.

The baby grew even happier when he heard Mu Chen's praise. Then, he struggled out of Mu Chen's arms before he ran to A Nuan and took a bag of candy from A Nuan's hand. Following that, he distributed the candy to everyone. He even gave them to the helpers who were just passing by. The baby was clearly happy after receiving a string of thank-yous. He puffed his chest as he walked around, looking proud.

Jiang Jin was extremely happy. As expected, a mother knew what was best for their children.

At this time, the baby brought out three hairpins from his pocket. He stood in front of Jiang Jin and tiptoed as though he was trying to pin it on Jiang Jin's head. "Grandma, looks beautiful!"

Jiang Jin gently took the hairpin and pinned it on her hair before she asked, "Does Grandma look beautiful?"

The baby looked at Jiang Jin seriously before he nodded and said, "Yes." Then, he patted his chest and said, "Baby chose the hairpin."

Everyone could not help but laugh at the baby's antics.

The baby then tottered over to Song Ning before motioning for Song Ning to squat down. He wanted to personally pin the hairpin for his mother. After his mother hugged and kissed him, he was very satisfied.

Then, the baby turned around to Cheng Che and said, "Uncle, put it on for Aunty!"

Jiang Jin was pleasantly surprised. "Baby, you know that Aunty is Uncle's wife?" The baby nodded. "Uncle's wife... Aunty..."

The baby's words were still a little vague, but they caused everyone to laugh.



## Chapter 572 Preparation

The baby seemed confused by everyone's laughter. He thought that they were laughing at him so he was slightly unhappy.

Upon seeing the expression on the baby's face, Song Ning hurriedly hugged him and kissed him on the forehead before she said, "My son is really amazing! When Uncle gets married, you can be his ring bearer, okay?"

The baby did not know what a ring bearer was, but everything his mother said was good so he nodded seriously and said, "Okay!" Jiang Jin wiped the tears of happiness from her eyes before she said, "Cheng Che, you better discuss this with Jiahui. Help me make an appointment with her parents so we can discuss the wedding. You don't have to worry about anything except for showing up."

Cheng Che scratched his head, looking embarrassed.

Jiang Jin said, "There's another thing I'd like to discuss."

Everyone turned to look at Jiang Jin in unison.

Jiang Jin looked at Mu Chen and Song Ning before she gently said, "Mu Chen and Song Ning have yet to hold a wedding as well. The baby is already so big, and the two of you have experienced life and death together. It's not easy for both of you to get to where you are today. Grandma wants to hold a grand wedding banquet for both of you as well. I want to officially tell everyone that my grandson has married a wife and that Song Ning is the Young Madam of the Mu family. From now on, those groundless rumors shouldn't be directed at my grandson and granddaughter-in-law. Otherwise, I'll take legal action without any mercy."

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Mu Chen was the most excited among everyone present. He said, "Okay! Grandma, I agree, I agree. Thank you, Grandma!"

Song Ning stepped forward and squatted down to hold Jiang Jin's hand before she said, "Grandma, we don't care about what others say."

Jiang Jin patted Song Ning's hand and replied, "But I care. It's the Mu family's blessing that Mu Chen's able to marry you. I must attend your wedding banquet in my lifetime."

Song Ning knew this was Jiang Jin's wish. Even if she did not care about such things, she would respect Jiang Jin's wish.

Jiang Jin said to Sister Yu, "We'll start planning for Mu Chen and Song Ning's wedding first. Then, after meeting Jiahui's parents, we'll set a date for Cheng Che and Jiahui's wedding. We'll plan the weddings in succession! The four of them can focus on their work and leave these matters to us. Moreover, the employees of Zhuang Ji are very reliable as well."

The more Jiang Ji spoke, the more enthusiastic she became.

At this time, Cheng Che asked tentatively, "Grandma, why can't Brother and I get married at the same time? That way, you'll only have to plan one wedding. A wedding with two couples; isn't it very lively?"

Moreover, the guests that Brother and I will invite are mostly the same as well. Isn't it better to just have one wedding banquet?"

Jiang Jin's eyes and face lit up immediately. She said, "Good, very good! Why didn't I think of that? Yu, Yu, hurry up and get in touch with a few wedding planners so we can start planning as soon as possible! Let's meet with a few of them to see which one is the best!"

Then, Jiang Jin turned to Mu Chen and said, "Look at how good Cheng Che is! You couldn't even think of such an idea!"

Mu Chen, who was innocent, vent his anger on Cheng Che. "You're too cunning! Couldn't you have discussed this with me privately before telling Grandma? You just want to claim all the credit!"

Cheng Che glared at Mu Chen and said, dissatisfied, "I only agree to have one wedding because of sister-in-law. You don't have the right to say anything!" The duo had been bickering since they were young, and Jiang Jin found it amusing when the duo bickered. Hence, she said, "That's right! You don't have a say. You're just coming along for the ride!"

#### Chapter 573 Analysis

Mu Chen did not mind being embarrassed as long as his grandmother was happy. When he returned to his room, he suddenly thought something and asked, "Song Ning, you already have a wedding dress. Why don't we get Anran and the others to make one in a similar style for Jiahui?"

Song Ning pursed her lips before she said with a smile, "Look at what you're saying. What do you mean by making one in a similar style? Marriage is an important thing; it's a once-in-a-lifetime event. How can we be careless? Of course, I'll get Anran to design a wedding dress for Jiahui, and my wedding dress can be used as a reference for hers."

Mu Chen smiled sheepishly.

After a moment, realization dawned on Song Ning, and she asked, "Despite your words, you don't want Jiahui to wear the same wedding dress as me, right?"

Mu Chen only smiled, but he did not say anything

Song Ning patted Mu Chen's hand and allowed Mu Chen to hug her waist as she softly and solemnly said, "The wedding dress that my mother made for me is one of a kind. No one can imitate it. I can't even imagine how much time she spent on it, sewing the pearls on the dress one by one."

Mu Chen placed his chin on Song Ning's shoulder and said, "I'm really looking forward to seeing you in a wedding dress. Why don't we bring the dress back home first so you can look at it often?"

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Song Ning knew Mu Chen was afraid she was sad so she tried to change the topic. She thought about it for a moment before she said, "Why don't we bring it back and put it in Zhuang Ji? Let Anran have a look. Perhaps, she'll be able to draw inspiration from it."

Mu Chen nodded as he said, "That's a good idea. I'll hire some guards to guard the store and insure the dress."

Song Ning felt like she was going to have a headache when she heard Mu Chen's words. After a moment, she compromised and said, "Alright, alright. I'll listen to you, and keep the dress at home."

Mu Chen said, "That's even better. Anran can come over to have a look if she wants to. We can't keep such a precious thing in the store."

Song Ning was quite happy seeing that Mu Chen was so cautious about the dress.

After Song Ning and Mu Chen retrieved the wedding dress and a few things from the safe, they brought the dress home.

The others could not help but sigh in amazement when they saw the dress for the first time.

Jiang Jin said with a hint of regret, "Your mother's craftsmanship is second to none in this world. What a pity. She must have loved you so much to prepare such a wedding dress for you. Song Ning, you'll definitely live happily for the rest of your life after suffering so much."

Song Ning and Jiang Jin hugged each other emotionally.

After everyone left, Song Ning's gaze fell on the empty box. She still could not understand why her mother left her an empty box.

Mu Chen, who seemed to have thought of something, pulled Song Ning to the couch before he said, "Ningning, recently I found out that someone's trying to buy Zhuang Ji's embroidery manual from Ning Zhe at an exorbitant price. Previously, it's not that Ning Zhe didn't suspect Ye Xin. He knew that it could only be you or Ye Xin so he did not care. He only wanted a puppet that trusted him. What he truly wants is to gain control of Zhuang Ji so he can obtain the embroidery manual. However, I've never heard you mention anything about an embroidery manual."

Although Song Ning was not surprised by Ning Zhe's purpose, her heart still could not help but turn cold. She truly did not know what to say about that person's greed. She said in a low voice, "I know about the embroidery manual, but I don't know where it is. Even Lawyer Yang didn't say anything about it. Now that you've mentioned it, I do think it's strange. Logically speaking, the embroidery manual is the most important thing. The wedding dress holds my mother's feelings for me, but the embroidery manual is different. It's a priceless treasure. Where would my mother put it? Who would she entrust it to?"

Mu Chen said, "I don't think she'd entrust it to another person. Did she have anyone she could fully trust? Think about it carefully. Perhaps, she had left clues for you. I think this is the most likely scenario, don't you think so?"

#### Chapter 574 The Box

Song Ning fell deep into her thoughts. After a moment, she said, "I can't really think of anything now. The embroidery manual was passed down from my grandmother's side of the family. It was part of my grandmother's dowry. Traditionally, it was passed down to female descendants. Each generation would choose an outstanding daughter to inherit the embroidery manual. In the olden days, the person who inherited the embroidery manual had to marry a husband into the family instead of the other way around to ensure that the embroidery manual stayed in the family. In any case, my grandmother had always been open-minded. Hence, when it came to my mother, my grandmother didn't say anything when my mother married my father. She told my mother that when she was no longer around, if I

wasn't good at embroidery, the embroidery manual should be donated to the country since it's the quintessence of the nation."

Song Ning continued to say, "Embroidery is all about talent. Unfortunately, I don't have that talent. Moreover, my interest lies in traditional Chinese medicine. No one pressured me. My grandmother decided to donate the embroidery manual to the country if we didn't have any use for it because she didn't want to pressure me or my mother."

Mu Chen felt rather speechless. Such a precious thing that people were clamoring to buy ended up with Song Ning who was disinterested in it. After a moment, he said, "Like I said, an overseas buyer wanted to buy it from Ning Zhe at an extremely high price..."

Song Nong nodded. "That's why he did all those things..."

Mu Chen nodded as well.

Song Ning sneered. "He's really too shameless! What right does he have to the embroidery manual? It would be fine if my mother had always been the Madam of the Ning family. However, he betrayed my mother and acted so self-righteously until now. He doesn't even feel remorse. How dare he even think about the embroidery manual? I'm really so angry that I don't even know what to say about him!"

Mu Chen quickly held her hand and said, "Don't be angry, don't be angry. He's not worth it. I'm just worried he won't give up on the embroidery manual. Currently, everyone thinks that the embroidery manual is with you so all of their attention is on you."

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Song Ning said, slightly anxious, "But I really don't know where the embroidery manual is..." "It's okay. Take your time to think about it. We have the time to deal with this matter. Don't be anxious," Mu Chen said reassuringly. Song Ning gradually calmed down after Mu Chen reassured her. She looked at the camphor box again as she muttered to herself, "Why's the box empty? Why was it placed with the wedding dress my mother made for me? Why?"

Mu Chen thought the matter was strange as well. He went forward and opened the camphor box.

The box was similar to the other two. It was just that the other two boxes contained a white wedding dress and a red wedding dress respectively, and this box was empty.

Upon seeing the frown on Song Ning's face, Mu Chen tried to lighten the mood. He patted the box and said, "Box, I wonder what secret you're hiding. Don't make things difficult for my wife. It'll make her unhappy."

Song Ning could not help but smile. Ever since they had a child, she felt that Mu Chen's words and actions were becoming more and more childish. She asked with a smile, "What did the box say?"

Mu Chen did not respond. He studied the box and touched all its sides. Then, it removed the wedding dresses from the other two boxes and began to study them as well.

Song Ning went forward and looked at him curiously.

After a moment, Mu Chen looked up and said, "The sound this box makes when you knock on it is different from the other two boxes..."

As he spoke, he reached out again to touch the four walls of the box.

Chapter 575 Embroidery Manual

Mu Chen's hands suddenly stilled before he looked at Song Ning.

"What's wrong?" Song Ning asked.

Instead of replying, he held her hand and placed it on the spot that he had just touched.

Song Ning was stunned.

The inner lining of the three boxes was silvery white silk. This was not strange since the silk was used to protect the clothing.

However, the inner wall of the empty box felt different, and it sounded different when they knocked on it.

Song Ning reached out and tore off a corner of the silk lining. She slowly pulled the silk off, revealing a hidden compartment on the inner wall of the box.

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The two of them looked at each other.

The workmanship of the box was really exquisite. No one would be able to guess there was a hidden compartment. Even Song Ning would not have guessed it.

There was even a fingerprint lock on the hidden compartment.

Song Ning's hand trembled slightly as she placed her ring finger on the small display screen. At the same time, she explained, "We used to have a fingerprint lock in our house. I once asked my mother why she used her ring finger to unlock the lock. After all, it's more convenient to use one's index finger. At that time, my mother said she liked the ring finger because she said the ring finger is connected to one's heart. It seems like my mother had been prepared since a long time ago."

At this time, a beep rang in the air as the hidden compartment unlocked itself.

The duo sighed in relief upon seeing this. As expected, the embroidery manual was with Song Ning all along. Song Ning was very careful as she brought the embroidery manual out of the hidden compartment and placed it on her knees. She stroked it gently as she said, "This is the Zhuang family's heirloom. Those people who covet it are really delusional. I won't allow them to get their hands on it for their selfish interests. I won't let them profit from it..."

Mu Chen nodded and patted her shoulder. "Fortunately, it's with you. You can rest assured now."

Song Ning nodded. After a moment, she called out, "Mu Chen..."

"Hm?" Mu Chen was putting the box back together. After all, it was something left behind by Song Ning's mother. Not only was the embroidery manual important, but the box was important as well.

“I’m afraid those people won’t stop until they get their hands on the embroidery manual...”

Mu Chen stopped moving and looked at Song Ning. “You want to lure them out and deal with them in one fell swoop?”

Song Ning hesitated for a moment before she nodded. “I want to put an end to this matter. Draw out all the hidden dangers and deal with them. If we don’t remove these hidden dangers, I’m afraid there’ll be a disaster sooner or later. Apart from Zhuang Ji, there are many small ethnic companies that make a living from embroidery. They’ll be affected as well if we don’t do something...”

Mu Chen hugged Song Ning and gently said, “Alright, I’ll help you think of something.”

Song Ning looked up at Mu Chen and said, “Thank you. I thank you on behalf of my mother and grandmother.”

Mu Chen kissed her forehead. “Silly, why are you being so polite with me?” Then, he looked at the embroidery manual in her hands before he said, “Go and speak to Grandma.”

Song Ning nodded. “Alright. We’ll need Grandma to help us with this matter as well. Moreover, if I’m going to donate it to the country later, I’ll also need Grandma’s help.” Mu Chen smiled as he stroked her head. “Grandma really didn’t love you in vain.”

Jiang Jin stroked the embroidery manual before she looked at Song Ning and sighed. “Song Ning, I really admire you, and I’m really proud of you. This honor belongs to Zhuang Ji. Even if you donate this to the country, you have to think of Zhuang Ji as well. We have to properly develop Zhuang Ji. Only then it’ll be worthy of the skills passed down from the Zhuang family.”

Song Ning said as she lowered her head, “It’s a pity I’m not talented in embroidery or managing a business...”

Jiang Jin said in feigned anger, “Is there a need for you to worry about this? You’re married to Mu Chen so he’s obligated to help you with this. Otherwise, what’s the point of keeping him around? We have to make use of his abilities.”

Song Ning laughed. “Grandma, how can you say that?”

Jiang Jin did not say anything nor did Mu Chen care about her words. It was fine as long as everyone was happy.

#### Chapter 576 Wedding Planning

Jiang Jin and Jiahui’s family met, and the atmosphere was very harmonious. In the end, they decided to hold the wedding in six months. During that time, Jiahui’s mother agreed to prepare Jiahui and Song Ning’s dowries.

“Old Madam, you’ll have two granddaughters-in-law soon while our family is marrying off our two daughters. Song Ning has been with Jiahui since their university days. We’ve always treated her as our daughter. It’s only natural for us to prepare her dowry.”

Song Ning was stunned by those words. Her eyes shone with tears. “Madam...”

Jiang Jin was also moved by Jiahui's mother's words. In fact, this had been troubling her recently. Jiahui and Song Ning would be married on the same day, and Jiahui would have her parents attending the wedding, but Song Ning did not have anyone. After all, there was no way Song Ning would allow Ning Zhe to attend the wedding.

Meanwhile, Jiahui's father was having a lively conversation with Cheng Che and Mu Chen. When he heard his wife's words, he laughed and said, "When the time comes, I'll give my daughter away!"

Jiahui's mother rolled her eyes and said, "Look at how happy you are! Most fathers are reluctant to part with their daughters when their daughters are getting married. However, as for you, I think you're very happy."

Jiahui's father laughed heartily before he said, "Of course, I'm happy. Why would I be reluctant to part with her? I finally found someone to deal with her! If anything, I'm more reluctant to part with Song Ning. Fortunately, Old Madam Mu is open-minded and has no objection to Song Ning continuing to work after marriage. With this, we can keep this rare and talented doctor. Otherwise, I would have mobilized everyone to separate her from Mu Chen!"

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Everyone laughed.

Jiang Jin smiled. "I think girls should do what they want. It's best if they can contribute to society. Our family is really blessed to have two Young Madams who are doctors."

Jiang Jin's words made Jiahui's parents very happy.

Jiahui placed her hand on Song Ning's shoulders and said, "Look at how happy my father is. It's as if marrying two daughters off at the same time is the most glorious moment of his life."

Song Ning and Mu Chen were both moved by Jiahui's parents. For a moment, none of them knew what to say. Regardless of the value of the dowry, the most precious thing was Jiahui's parents' intentions.

Jiang Jin said happily, "Alright, we can start planning and preparing for the wedding then. I want them to have a great wedding."

Jiahui's mother said with a smile, "You can take over the planning. We'll invite our relatives. Anran can be in charge of the wedding dresses."

Anran said, "Leave it to me. Song Ning's dresses were personally made by her mother. They're so beautiful that I feel like crying when I see them! I'm not as skilled as Song Ning's mother, but I promise to do my best to make our Jiahui look beautiful as well."

Jiahui toasted Anran and said, "Thank you, Sister Anran!"

Everyone was happy and harmonious as they discussed the division of work.

At this time, Cheng Che's phone began to ring. Due to the noise, he excused himself and went outside to take the call after gesturing to Jiahui and Mu Chen. After closing the door, he listened to his assistant's report and nodded from time to time.

At this time, two girls who were walking nearby suddenly stopped in their tracks and looked at Cheng Che in a daze.

Cheng Che, who was still on the phone, thought he was blocking their path so he hurriedly stepped aside before he nodded and smiled at them politely. Then, he said to his assistant, "Forget it. Previously, Grandma said it's good to be forgiving him. Let him off. Tell him not to be ungrateful and that I'm doing it for Grandma." After listening for a while more, Cheng Che disconnected the call. He could feel someone's gaze on him so he turned around and saw that it was the two girls from earlier. He did not think much of it and smiled at them before he returned to the private room.

#### Chapter 577 Self-Deprecation

However, before Cheng Che entered the room, someone called out from behind him.

"President Cheng, wait a minute!"

Cheng Che turned around and saw a man walking over quickly. He called out, "President Lin."

President Lin shook hands with Cheng Che before he said with a smile, "President Cheng, I was just about to invite you out. I didn't expect to run into you here. I have something to ask of you."

Cheng Che said, "Look at how polite you're being. Do you want to speak to my brother? We're having a family gathering today, but we can spare some time for business." President Lin's eyes lit up immediately. "That would be great!"

When Cheng Che turned around to return to the room to call Mu Chen out, he discovered the two girls were still standing there. He looked at them curiously. One of the girls looked slightly familiar, but he could not remember when he had seen her. He did not dwell on the matter and entered the room to call Mu Chen out.

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Ye He raised his glass and toasted the dignified middle-aged man in front of him. "President Yin, it's a pleasure working with you."

Yin Bin, the dignified middle-aged man, raised his glass as well and said, "President Ye, thank you for taking care of me."

The two men clinked their glasses and finished the wine in one go.

After setting down his glass, Yin Bin said, "Good wine."

Ye He said with a laugh, "To be honest, I'm not really good at running businesses. However, when it comes to wine, I have absolute confidence. You've just returned to China so you don't have a good grasp of the situation yet. When you understand it more, you'll know that I'm a famous drunkard in M City!"

Ye He did not have any emotional baggage when it came to being self-deprecating.

Yin Bin laughed. "President Ye, you're too modest. I think you're just a wise person who pretends to be a fool.:"



Ye He laughed heartily before he said, "That's only because you have a good impression of me. After socializing in our circle for a while, you'll see that I'm not very popular in M City."

Taking a step to advance and being modest had always been a good way to make people unable to refuse.

Even Madam Yin smiled at Ye He's words. As the President of the Ye Group, Ye He was really modest. This was definitely not something ordinary people could do. Upon seeing the meaningful look from her husband, she tried to make conversation with Ye He. She asked, "I heard that President Ye has a son and a daughter? Are they around the same age as our Yin Yi and Guan Tang?"

Ye He's expression darkened immediately. He said, "Madam Yin, you might not be aware of this. I'm not as fortunate as President Yin. My daughter isn't my biological daughter. Her mother had an affair during our marriage. I've raised her for over twenty years, but in the end, she committed a crime and was imprisoned." He sighed before he continued to say, "Her mother isn't mentally stable. However, I don't want to commit her to the mental hospital. No matter what, she had also given me a son and an heir for the Ye family. I have the obligation to take care of her for the rest of her life."

The Yin couple was stunned.

Ye He took a sip of the wine, looking lonely.

Ye He knew very well that Yin Bin would find out about all these sooner or later. Even if Yin Bin did not ask, there would be no lack of people who would tell Yin Bin on their own accord to sabotage him. Hence, it was best for him to take the initiative to tell Yin Bin about this matter. With this, he could appear honest. Not only that, in the future, if someone tried to discredit him in front of Yin Bin, they would only be at a disadvantage and might even be despised by Yin Bin.

Madam Yin's expression was one of sympathy and shock at this moment.

Yin Bin gave Ye He a thumbs-up as he said, "President Ye, you're truly a gentleman."

Ye He smiled bitterly. "My reputation has long been ruined in M City since everyone knows that I've been cheated on. Even my son is affected by this matter. Fortunately, my son is sensible and constantly comforts me. He told me that no matter what happens, I'll still have him. If it weren't for him, I'm afraid I would've drowned myself in wine. Hence, for his sake, I have to pull myself together."

Ye He wiped his face before he forced a smile and said, "I'm sorry about bringing the mood down with my family's misfortunes. It's all in the past. I promised my son to work hard and not to waste my life away!"

After Ye He finished speaking, a silly smile appeared on his face.

The Yin couple could not help but feel moved by Ye He.

Chapter 578 Foreshadowing

Madam Yin hurriedly said, "Don't say that. It's really rare to meet someone as kind-hearted as you."

Yin Bin nodded in agreement as he said, "I've looked at the reports and proposals you sent. President Ye, I'm very interested. Why don't we set a date to discuss them in detail? I'll have my most trusted team handle them."

Ye He set his wine glass down immediately and said excitedly, "Great! President Yin, that's great! It's really out of my expectations that you think so highly of me!"

Yin Bin raised his glass and said, "There's no need to be so polite."

Ye He was flattered.

While they were chatting, the door opened, and two girls entered.

"Yin Yi, Guan Tang, where did you two go for so long?" Madam Yin asked in a slightly reproachful tone.

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"Mom, Guan Tang and I met someone outside," Yin Yi quickly said.

"Oh, who did you meet?" Madam Yin asked with a smile.

Yin Yi was about to speak when Guan Tang tugged Yin Yi's sleeve before she casually said to Madam Yin, "We don't know him, but he looks really familiar. We were just curious how we'd find someone familiar in a new place like this."

Yin Yi looked at Ye He before she finally said, "That's right, Mom. There are quite a lot of handsome young men here." Ye He chimed in, "The scenery in M City is quite good. Whether it's the commercial districts or nature, they're all good. It's worth taking a stroll to have a look around. Ah, in the city center, there's a popular store that's very popular with young girls."

Yin Yi said, "I know that place. A few celebrities frequent that place. I have to say the clothes designed by Zhuang Ji are quite good. Guan Tang and I are planning to visit the store. However, I heard it's a member-only place. It's quite exclusive. I heard the owner used to be a famous actress. I really can't wait to go to the store." Ye He did not like the Eldest Young Miss of the Yin family due to her similar temperament to Ye Xin. Now that he was standing on the sidelines, he realized how disgusting women like Ye Xin were. In the past, he had been blinded due to his role as her father.

After a brief moment, Ye He said with a smile, "It seems like Miss Yin is really knowledgeable. Zhuang Ji is indeed rather popular among celebrities. Whether it's their work or owner, there are many things to talk about. I have to say their marketing strategies are brilliant and advanced. Young people nowadays are really amazing. Even an old man like me is impressed and dazzled."

Upon hearing this, Madam Yin said immediately, "It sounds like a complicated place. Both of you should be careful."

Ye He and Yin Bin found other topics to talk about after that.

Ye He was not in a rush; he would slowly weave his web.

When Ye He and the others left, they coincidentally ran into Jiang Jin and Jiahui's parents.

Ye He said in a low voice, "That white-haired old lady is Old Madam Mu, the former Chairman of the Mu Group. The current Chairman is Mu Chen, her grandson. To be honest, if it weren't for the past, I would've gone up to say hello. However, due to my family affairs, I feel embarrassed, and as such, had less contact with them."

The Yin couple felt even more sympathetic upon hearing Ye He's words. When the two groups walked past each other, Yin Bin looked at Jiang Jin with a somewhat unfriendly gaze.

At this time, Jiang Jin suddenly asked, "Hm? Where are Mu Chen and Cheng Che? Where did they disappear to?"

Song Ning replied, "Grandma, both of them have something to do so we can go back first."

Jiang Jin sighed. "What's so important that they left so quickly? How insensible."

Chapter 579 Cheng Che

Jiahui's father smiled and said, "Old Madam, it's fine. They're busy with work, after all."

Jiang Jin could not help but smile. "Where did Cheng Che get his luck from? He has such a good and considerate father-in-law. It seems like it'll be up to Madam An to keep Cheng Che on his toes. When Cheng Che gets busy, he forgets about everything else. If he neglects Jiahui, you can just discipline him."

Jiahui's mother laughed. "You might not be aware of this, but Jiahui and her father are like this as well. I'm afraid if I try to discipline him, the pair of father and daughter will only stand on his side."

Everyone laughed.

When the Mu family's chauffeur drove over, Mu Chen and Cheng Che rushed over from afar.

Jiang Jin said angrily, "Both of you have gone too far. How can you just leave? Cheng Che, quickly apologize!"

Cheng Che turned to Jiahui's parents and said, "Uncle, Aunt, I'm really sorry..." Jiahui's father immediately said, "What are you apologizing for? We're a family. There's no need to be so polite. Old Madam, it's really fine."

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Jiang Jin smiled. "I'm just afraid that you'll be angry at my grandson and don't want him as a son-in-law anymore."

Everyone laughed before bidding farewell to each other.

Meanwhile, Yin Bin and the others did not leave. They watched the group of people silently.

Ye He wanted to speak, but Yin Bin stopped him with a wave of his hand.

Ye He looked at the Yin family furtively and discovered they were all looking at the Mu family. He thought they wanted to get to know the Mu family. While he was thinking if he should brazenly go over and say hello, he suddenly discovered their expressions were not quite right.

Yin Bin looked happy and excited while Madam Yin's lips were pursed and her face was pale.

Yin Yi, on the other hand, kept stealing glances at Guan Tang while Guan Tang looked as though she was in a daze.

'What's going on?'

After observing for a moment, Ye He suddenly discovered the Yin family's eyes were not looking at Jiang Jin or Mu Chen at all. They were all looking at Cheng Che. Upon discovering this, he was even more confused. Why was the Yin family so interested in Cheng Che.

On the other side, Cheng Che considerably opened the door for Jiang Jin and helped her into the car while Mu Chen took care of his wife, Song Ning

Ye He pretended as though he did not notice anything and said, "The gentleman in the black suit is Mu Chen, the current Chairman of the Mu Group. His wife is Song Ning, the owner of Zhuang Ji. She's also a doctor in the M City Hospital's traditional Chinese medicine department. She has a very good reputation and is a young and promising doctor. As for the young man in the white suit, his identity is quite special..."

Yin Bin asked, "Why is it special?"

With this, Ye He confirmed that there was something going on with Cheng Che. Outwardly, he explained, "He's Mu Chen's special assistant in the Mu Group. Mu Chen trusts him the most. He was adopted by Old Madam Mu, and she treats him like her grandson. However, the other relatives in the Mu family don't acknowledge him. Fortunately, Mu Chen and Old Madam Mu treat him very well. They helped him start a company over the years. He likes movies so he founded an entertainment company. His company is doing very well. He's very capable, after all. It's said that he handles two-thirds of Mu Chen's work. That's also one of the reasons the others from the Mu family dislike Cheng Che. After all, there are many young people in the Mu family who don't share the same treatment as Cheng Che."

Yin Bin remained quiet. Although Cheng Che and Mu Chen's cars had driven away, he stood there in a daze. Moreover, his family did not seem to be in a hurry to wake him up from his trance.

Chapter 580 Gifts

Jiang Jin, who was sitting in Cheng Che's car, was in a very good mood. She sighed emotionally as she said, "Jiahui's parents and her uncle and aunt are very reasonable and educated; they're very good people. It's truly our fortune to have them as in-laws."

Cheng Che smiled. "It's because Jiahui came from such a family that she's the way she is. They're all very straightforward and not pretentious at all."

"That's right!" Jiang Jin nodded. After a moment, she said, "Your sister-in-law's family is unreliable. I didn't expect Jiahui's family to be so big. They all treat your sister-in-law so well. If your family is still around, I wonder how happy they would be."

Jiang Jin was slightly sad when she thought about this.

Cheng Che said to comfort Jiang Jin, "Grandma, they're all watching me in heaven. I'm sure they know I'm doing very well."

Jiang Jin sighed. "You and your brother really never let me worry about anything."

Cheng Che smiled. "You can just treat us as gifts from heaven! Not only do you have Brother, but you have an extra gift as well!" "What extra gift? How can you refer to yourself like that? In my eyes, you and your brother are the same. You're both gifts from the heavens. The heavens are really good to me. Sometimes, I wonder if the heavens mistakenly gave me two gifts." Cheng Che smiled. "Grandma, you've done many good deeds so the heavens rewarded you accordingly."

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The pair of grandmother and grandson laughed.

In Mu Chen's car. "Jiahui's family is very good," Mu Chen said. He was very touched by Jiahui's family as well.

Song Ning nodded. "After my mother passed away, the dean and his wife often invited me to their house. Whatever they bought Jiahui, they would buy for me as well. They treated me really well. Jiahui may look carefree, but she's really observant. She always protects me and worries about me getting bullied. When Fu Le and I..." She paused for a moment to look at Mu Chen before she continued to say, "When Fu Le and I were dating, she told me more than once that there was something strange about Fu Le and Feng Man. She was really relieved when we broke up. She was angrier at Fu Le than I was. It's my fortune to have Jiahui as a friend in this life."

After a moment, Song Ning added, "There are also my seniors. They treat me very well. I'm truly blessed."

Mu Chen reached out and stroked Song Ning's hair before he said, "Kind people are blessed. That's why you and Cheng Che are blessed."

Song Ning could not help but ask, "Is Cheng Che not going to look for his relatives? He's getting married, after all." Mu Chen replied, "Grandma has never hidden his family background from him. In a family like ours, such things can't be hidden anyway so it's best to be honest with him. Cheng Che's grandmother and Grandma were good friends. Back then, Cheng Che's grandmother fell out with her family and brought her pregnant daughter-in-law to seek refuge with Grandma."

"Then, didn't Grandma help them make peace with their family?" Song Ning asked curiously.

Mu Chen nodded. "Of course, she did. However, there was no news after that. I was very young at that time. Later, I heard Sister Yu say that Cheng Che's grandfather met someone outside so his grandmother fell out with him. Cheng Che's mother was adopted and raised by his grandmother. For that reason, his grandfather chased both Cheng Che's grandmother and mother out of the house. At that time, his mother was about to give birth so they thought his grandfather would be soft-hearted. Alas, Cheng Che's grandfather was rather hard-hearted. Cheng Che's father was afraid of Cheng Che's grandfather so his father did not dare to look for Cheng Che's mother. Due to all the stress from trying to mediate, she gave birth prematurely. When she gave birth, she bled heavily..."

Song Ning frowned. "This... This is too ridiculous."

Mu Chen sighed. "Cheng Che's character should be like his mother. They're always thinking about others."