

On the contrary, Ma Panhan was calm and composed. She raised her brows and asked, "What are you doing? We had an agreement yesterday. You agreed to give us one week."

Hong Bin bowed to her with courtesy. "Sorry, gorgeous! Yesterday, I've had too much to drink and I've caused you guys some trouble. I'm here today with all my brothers to apologize to you. Do forgive us, please."

With that, he bowed once again.

The several gangsters started forming a line behind him and followed his cue to bow to Ma Panhan and Chen Che with courtesy all at once.

All the surrounding onlookers, as well as the couple themselves, were astonished by the unexpected treatment.

It was common for a group of gangsters to come and look for trouble, but it was a rare sight to see a group of gangsters come and make an apology.

Furthermore, everyone knew that the troublemaker would only be brazen when they were making troubles, while the apology would only be done in private.

Men needed to keep their reputation and dignity to survive.

Especially those from the underworld. Making an apology to someone publicly was certainly going to challenge their reputation in the underworld.

The nosy onlooker began to talk noisily when they saw the rare sight.

“Hey, what’s that?”

“What do you mean? Can’t you tell they are making an apology?”

“Are you sure? It looks like an act. Could it be that Mr. Chen wants to show off in front of us so he hired a group of gangsters to pull a stunt?”

“Nonsense. Rumors have it that yesterday some people were causing trouble in his shop yesterday. They caused a mess in the shop. The fact that they are here today to apologize shows that there must be a big shot standing up for him.”

“Yes, I heard that as well. If I’m not mistaken, Mr. Chen has a classmate named Mr. Qiang who is doing pretty well in the underworld.”

“Are you sure? Look at Mr. Chen. He is shaking with fear and his face is ghastly pale.”

“Maybe his wife is the one who has a backup. Look at his wife, she definitely looks like a tough nut to crack!”

“Are you saying Mr. Chen got cuckolded?”

“Hehe, don’t simply spread any rumor.”

Chen Che was totally confused. He racked his brain and yet he couldn’t figure out why Hong Bin would come and make an apology. Is this jackass

messing with me? There are so many onlookers watching. Is he pretending to apologize with the plan of humiliating me afterward?

Ma Panhan thought that it was Chen Che who had found some help somewhere. She asked in a whisper, "Who did you look for last night?"

Chen Che found it both funny and troubling. He replied, "No one. All I did was having a drink with a few of my classmates."

Ma Panhan shot him a glance and she immediately figured it out. If it wasn't Leopard, then it must have been Fan Hunjun who stood up for them.

However, her thought was more inclined to Leopard. Leopard had bragged about Fan Hunjun's capability, but she had yet to see it for herself, so she wasn't convinced.

From Ma Panhan's point of view, it was actually a small matter. Hong Bin just overreacted yesterday. The fact that he came and apologized personally in front of their shop—not to mention that he did it in front of all the owners of the shops nearby—made her swell with dignity.

"Mr. Hong," Ma Panhan wasn't an unreasonable person—especially when she hadn't figure out what was happening—so she was very polite when she spoke to Hong Bin, "it's just a small matter. You don't have to make such a big deal out of it. It makes us look petty. How about this? Since you and your brothers are all here, why don't you guys

have a coffee at the coffee shop across the street? It's my treat!"

To Hong Bin's surprise, Ma Panhan was very reasonable.

In his impression, usually, the woman was the one making a scene. After Fan Hunjun took the glorious win in their fight yesterday, he must have mentioned it to Ma Panhan after he went back.

Based on his understanding of women, he was expecting a different attitude from Ma Panhan. He expected her to be condescending and arrogant. Maybe she would not come down on him like a ton of bricks, but she definitely would be criticizing his wrongdoings in all high and mighty manner.

Hong Bin was already mentally prepared for that. He would smile politely no matter how badly Ma Panhan and Chen Che taunted and jeered at him. All he wanted to achieve was to please Fan Hunjun.



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That was why today he only brought along several underlings; none of the fellows who got beaten yesterday night was here. He was afraid that they couldn't swallow their pride.

To his surprise, as compared to Chen Che who hadn't stop trembling with fear since he was there, Ma Panhan was way more composed in handling the issue. It was almost like she belonged to the underworld.

Hong Bin recalled Fan Hunjun's actions last night; he suddenly felt that Ma Panhan and Fan Hunjun were more like a couple while Chen Che was a wuss.

"Thanks, gorgeous. We will skip the coffee. The main purpose of me visiting you today with my brothers is to make a sincere apology to you."

With that, he took out 20,000 from his pocket and handed it to Ma Panhan.

When Chen Che saw that, he realized that Hong Bin was indeed here to apologize. That was strange though, for he didn't look for help from anyone besides Liu Zhenqiang. Liu Zhenqiang told him to look for Fan Hunjun, which of course, pissed him to no end.

Because of that, he asked a few classmates out for a drink yesterday night, and berated Liu Zhenqiang in front of them.

Afterward, the other classmates started to call Liu Zhenqiang and scolded him. It was fine that he

didn't want to help, but why must he disgust everyone by bringing up Fan Hunjun?

Liu Zhenqiang didn't bother to explain the truth. He merely cursed Chen Che inwardly. You are digging your own grave. Don't blame me later on.

When Ma Panhan heard that, she faintly smiled. "Mr. Hong, let's forget about money. Despite starting off on the wrong foot, we get to make things right now. Let's be friends. In the future, whenever you and your brothers want to shop for clothes, they can come to my shop. As long as they mention your name, I will sell them the clothes at cost price."

There was code of honor in the underworld.

Even though Hong Bin had been fighting and killing for his whole life, he was essentially a decent person. He was the one who stirred up the trouble anyway. Fan Hunjun's action yesterday and Ma Panhan's reaction today, both made Hong Bin felt ashamed of himself.

He knew that if he insisted on giving the money, he would look pretentious.

Hence, he turned around and told his underlings, "The lady boss has made her stance clear. If any of you need some clothes, pants or shoes, you can go inside the shop and grab one. Put it all under my tab."

All the gangsters stared at each other blankly as they heard that. They couldn't fathom Hong Bin's

order.

“What’s wrong? Did you not understand my words?”

It was then that the gangsters swarmed into the shop and started looking for cheap items. The thing was, despite being a small boutique, all the items were branded products. The cheapest t-shirt could easily cost 700 to 800.

So they could only pick some suitable clothes and pants from the sales section. Two of them took two pairs of leather shoes as well.

When Chen Che saw that, he started getting anxious.

Based on what he heard from Liu Zhenqiang, he knew that Hong Bin wasn’t someone he could mess with. Even though Hong Bin looked sincere and tried to give them money as compensation, Chen Che still panicked when Hong Bin’s underlings entered the shop and started picking clothes. What if they don’t pay the bill? Should I call the police?

After all the gangsters came out from the store, Hong Bin made a calculation based on the price tags. The total bill came up to nearly 7,000, and the t-shirt he took yesterday was another 1,000.

Hong Bin immediately handed the 10,000 to Ma Panhan before saying, “Gorgeous, if your shop encountered any trouble in the future, you can directly look for me—Hong Bin of the east district!”

His words instantly stirred up the crowd.

“What? He is Hong Bin of the east district?”

“I heard that he is some kind of badass, even Mr. Hui has to show him some respect!”

“Indeed. Or else how does this gang of people who came from the county survive in River City?”

“Isn’t that how it is now? The gangsters in the city are retiring, while the gangsters from the county are starting to take hold of the city.”

“All these years, only Hong Bin managed to establish and guard his turf in River City.”

“Now that Mr. Chen becomes acquaintance with him, Mr. Chen’s life will be easy.”

“Am I the only one who thinks that Mr. Chen’s wife is the one who worked things out with this Hong Bin of the east district?”

“Hehehe...”



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The nosy onlookers always behaved this way. Not only did they enjoy blowing things out of proportion, they also liked to stir up troubles. While they were gloating over Ma Panhan and Chen Che's trouble, the truth was they were also secretly fueled with admirations and envious toward the couple.

After all, these people were businessmen. They would certainly hope to have a connection with someone from the underworld just in case they encountered any trouble in the future.

When they saw Hong Bin of the east district bringing along so many underlings to come and make an apology, their eyes turned green with jealousy.

Before Hong Bin left with all his underlings, he once again bowed to Ma Panhan in all respects, and only then did he turn away to get into the car.

Ma Panhan immediately chased after him and quietly asked, "Mr. Hong, may I know which one of my friends went looking for you?"

Hong Bin smile slightly, "Mr. Fan. He said he was your classmate."

A look of surprise crossed Ma Panhan's eyes for a moment. Even though she heard Hong Bin mentioned the name of Fan Hunjun, she was still astonished by the unexpected answer.

After Mr. Hong and his gang left, Chen Che finally able to man up a little. He couldn't hide the smug

on his face.

He took out a pack of cigarettes and distributed them to all the onlookers. He was trying hard to be low-profile, but everyone could tell that he now saw them as beneath him.

Ma Panhan thought about Fan Hunjun's behavior in the hotel yesterday, and she couldn't help but chuckle as she mumbled the word 'fool'. She instantly took out her phone and started dialing Fan Hunjun's number.

Fan Hunjun was about to visit Li Haobo when his phone started ringing. Since he didn't have Ma Panhan's number saved in his phone, he didn't know who the caller was.

"Hello, bro, where are you?"

Bro?

When he heard the caller addressing him this way, the first person he thought of was Hu Ying from Music Factory Karaoke last night.

However, on second thought, she didn't know his phone number.

After thinking it over, he figured that it was Ma Panhan.

"Oh, Panhan, what happened?"

"What do you mean by 'what happened'? We have some unfinished business last night! Hehe!"



What the hell!

Did she call early in the morning just to discuss that?

"Let's talk about it later. I'm in the middle of something. I will give you a call when I'm free."

"It's a promise then. Please don't forget about your promise later, bro."

Fan Hunjun frowned. Why did she keep calling me bro? She was still calling me Thoughtless Hun yesterday. Could it be that...

The moment Hong Bin flashed across Fan Hunjun's mind, Ma Panhan said, "Thanks bro. I am swelling with pride today. Hong Bing brought along a group of underlings and came to apologize. I've never expected you to have such capabilities."

Drop the pretense. Leopard must have mentioned it to you!

"Alright. You carry on with your business. I don't want to disturb you. I will wait for your call. It was such a waste to pay River City Hotel for nothing yesterday night. It was 1,000 per night and yet we didn't get anything done. Hehe!"

Fan Hunjun shook his head and simply hung up.

Ma Panhan smiled and kept her phone away. Chen Che came to her and dragged her back to the boutique before asking, "Dear, did you look for

someone?”

“Of course. If I hadn’t looked for some help, do you think that Mr. Hong would be so well-behaved?”

“Who did you look for?”

“Definitely a badass. He is different from the fraud you mingled with who claimed himself as the kingpin of First Street. Pfft!”

“Just drop it about Liu Zhenqiang. Tell me, who did you look for?”

“Don’t worry. I didn’t cuckold you.”

“Why are you being so defensive? I only want to know who you looked for.”



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“Can’t I keep it to myself?”

Chen Che shook his head. He knew he was the one in the wrong and he didn’t have the right to question closely. However, he felt rather uncomfortable not knowing the answer.

After all, Hong Bin was kind of a big shot. If big shot like him was even willing to make an apology, it meant that he must have been pressured by someone even more powerful.

When he realized that his wife actually knew someone so powerful in the underworld, he felt unsettling.

Even though Ma Pahan assured him that she didn’t cuckold him, he felt otherwise. There was a high chance that she had already cheated on him and made him a cuckold since a long time ago.

Seeing the jealous look on his face, Ma Panhan rolled her eyes at him. “Stop letting your imagination run wild. The one I looked for was the cop!”

Chen Che finally let out a sigh of relief as he heard that. At least he could be sure that he wasn’t cuckolded. Little did he know that Ma Panhan was already planning on cheating on him behind his back anytime soon; she was just waiting for the right chance.

When Fan Hunjun was walking in the aisle of the hospital, he heard a woman scolding in the room nearby.

All the doctors and nurses in the admission department were surrounding that room. It seemed like there was a doctor who was mediating the fight, but the woman kept on berating harshly and came down on him like a ton of bricks.

Why does it sound like Zhang Junhao's mother?

Fan Hunjun trotted to the room to check it out. It was indeed Mrs. Chang. She was flying off the handle. A few doctors were there but they failed to calm her down. Zhang Junhao was blocking her way, but she was attempting to push Zhang Junhao away to hurl herself toward the hospital bed.

Fan Hunjun entered the room and had a quick glance, only to see a pale Li Shanshan sitting on the bed that Mrs. Chang was trying to hurl herself onto. She looked as though she was filled with grievances, but she did not dare to defend herself, and she certainly didn't intend to talk back.

Li Haobo, who was getting ready for surgery sat at the bedside, slumped with disappointment, as he kept quiet.

"Mom," Zhang Junhao was slightly irritated. "Are you done?"

"Shut up! She has a husband. If her father is going to have surgery, her husband should be the one taking care of him. Why do you have to be here?"

Just when she had said that, she saw Fan Hunjun.

"Young Fan, it's good that you are here now!" Mrs. Zhang immediately walked over to Fan Hunjun. "I'm helping you to discipline your wife. You have to pay more attention to her. I don't get it. Your father-in-law is going to have a surgery, so why did your wife asked my son to visit him instead?"

"Mom, what are you talking about?" Zhang Junhao did not dare to meet Fan Hunjun's eyes. He told his mother, "I heard that Uncle Li is having surgery today, so that's why I came and checked on him to see if they need any help."

"You can drop it. You are hospitalized anyway, so how are you going to help them? Let's go!" Mrs. Zhang grabbed Zhang Junhao by his arm and dragged him out of the room. She turned around and told Fan Hunjun, "Young Fan, as your former neighbor, I have to remind you for old-time sake. Don't let a shameless woman ruin the happiness of a few families!"

Anyone would be offended by such a harsh remark from Mrs. Zhang.

To Fan Hunjun's surprise, Li Shanshan didn't utter a word, as though she was guilty as charged.

Based on Li Shanshan's frank confession yesterday, Fan Hunjun knew it very well that she would never call and ask Zhang Junhao to come over. Besides, Li Shanshan had asked Fan Hunjun to drop by the hospital.

Hence, he believed that Zhang Junhao was telling the truth. Zhang Junhao knew that Li Haobo was

going to have his surgery today and he wasn't aware that Fan Hunjun would drop by, so it was no surprise that he would come to visit Li Haobo.

He didn't expect his mother to follow him to the ward and make a scene in front of everyone.

Fan Hunjun knew that there was only one plausible explanation why Li Shanshan endured the false accusation—she still had Zhang Junhao on her mind. She rather stomached the injustice than pushing the blame to Zhang Junhao.

Li Haobo certainly knew what was in his daughter's mind. He always felt that he was a burden to the daughter. Now that he saw his daughter protecting Zhang Junhao, he just played along and kept quiet.



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Fan Hunjun could have stood up and defended Li Shanshan in front of all the doctors and nurses. He could even fly off the handle at Mrs. Zhang.

After all, he was Li Shanshan's husband, and Mrs. Zhang was making wild assumptions without any concrete proof. If Fan Hunjun told her off in the public, the onlookers would be on Fan Hunjun's side as well.

Fan Hunjun chose not to do that because he hoped Mrs. Zhang would always be on the alert when it came to Li Shanshan's matters. Li Shanshan would only be able to leave Zhang Junhao completely under the pressure and the outrageous outburst of Mrs. Zhang.

It was then that everyone in the room learned that Fan Hunjun was the husband of Li Shanshan.

Before that, Zhang Junhao was the one keeping Li Haobo accompanied in the hospital every night; almost all of the medical staffs and the patients knew him.

Everyone in the room couldn't help but feel sorry for Fan Hunjun. Not only did they feel that he had been cuckolded, they also assumed that it had been going on for quite a while.

The doctor-in-charge asked, "Mr. Li, do you still want to carry on with the surgery today?"

Li Haobo was trying to protect her daughter just now. As for right now, he felt that he couldn't face Fan Hunjun. He sat there, slumped with

disappointment without giving any response.

Li Shanshan's dignity was shattered in pieces, as she sat there with a ghastly look on her face. Clearly, she was still in a daze and she didn't hear a word from the surgeon.

Fan Hunjun replied, "Surgery is not a trifling matter. Since everything is ready, then we might as well proceed with the surgery now!"

The nurses of the surgery room pushed the wheeled stretcher over.

Fan Hunjun immediately walked over and helped Li Haobo to lie down on the stretcher.

Li Haobo was too shy to say anything as all eyes were on them. So he just held Fan Hunjun's hand and gave it a squeeze, his eyes filled with gratitude. All that he wanted to say was conveyed in silence.

Fan Hunjun followed the nurses and sent Li Haobo to the surgery room. Nobody in the room made fun of Fan Hunjun; instead, they were all secretly admiring his kindness.

After everyone left the room, the patient in the next bed gave Li Shanshan a gentle nudge and reminded her, "Girl, your father has been sent to the surgery room. Why are you still zoning out here?"

Li Shanshan instantly came back to her senses. Her face was soaked with tears as she bolted out

of the ward.

When the elevator was about to reach the floor of the surgery room, she quickly took out her handkerchief and wiped off her tears. She didn't want anyone to see this vulnerable side of hers.

When she got out of the elevator, she saw Fan Hunjun standing by the window looking outside. Her father was already in the surgery room.

She quietly walked up to Fan Hunjun and softly said, "Thank you."

Fan Hunjun was still contemplating whether he should go downstairs and call Li Shanshan to come over. When he heard her voice, he immediately turned his head and flashed a smile. "No worries. Hopefully, your father's surgery will go well."

Li Shanshan forced a smile and then quietly took a seat at the chair next to the window.

Though she disliked Fan Hunjun, Zhang Junhao's true colors had been exposed. Furthermore, Li Haobao had been helping her for half a day yesterday.

Despite all the unwillingness, Li Shanshan decided to force herself to try to accept Fan Hunjun for a period of time. After all, they had already registered their marriage. If things didn't work out, she would just make do with it for the rest of her life!

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However, never in a million years did she expect that Zhang Junhao would drop by this morning.

For some reason, she hated Zhang Junhao's guts when she didn't meet Zhang Junhao, but once she saw his face, her resolution instantly melted.

Li Shanshan hated to admit it, but she had to accept the fact that she'd never be able to get over Zhang Junhao no matter how deceptive he was.



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After Zhang Junhao came into the room, he didn't speak to her. He only checked Li Haobo out.

Li Shanshan wanted to tell him that Fan Hunjun would drop by in the morning, and wanted to ask him to leave earlier. However, with every glance of Zhang Junhao she stole, she felt sheer bliss. She tried to ask him to leave but she did not have the heart to do so.

However, things spiraled out of control. She didn't expect Mrs. Zhang to storm into the room moments later and started berating her without getting to the bottom of the matter, causing her to be in complete shock.

Li Shanshan thought about fighting back.

The problem was Zhang Junhao was just standing right there. She loved Zhang Junhao and because of that, she had to respect his family. She would never argue with Zhang Junhao's mother in front of him.

Zhang Junhao's explanation had been misunderstood by Mrs. Zhang. She thought that he was taking Li Shanshan's side, so she got even more fired up. It was only when Fan Hunjun arrived that she was finally willing to leave the room with Zhang Junhao, along with her lingering anger.

Now, Li Shanshan was sitting on the chair, waiting for Fan Hunjun to come over and question her about the incident. If he did that, it proved that he still appreciated her and valued her.

After all, she felt completely abandoned by Zhang Family at this moment. If Fan Hunjun could make her feel appreciated, it would help to boost her dignity, even a little.

Not only that, she would like to explain the truth to Fan Hunjun too.

Of course, it wasn't because she loved Fan Hunjun. She only wanted to assure Fan Hunjun that she wasn't a loose woman.

However, Fan Hunjun had an entirely different thought as Li Shanshan.

Just now in the ward, Li Shanshan could endure the humiliations that normal women couldn't stomach, as she remained silent when she was berated by Mrs. Zhang. Based on that, Fan Hunjun learned that everything Li Shanshan did was for Zhang Junhao's sake.

Since he already exposed Zhang Junhao's true color completely in front of Li Shanshan, Fan Hunjun had nothing else to say, when Li Shanshan still chose to stand by Zhang Junhao without any complaint or regret.

Furthermore, Fan Hunjun already gave up the golden opportunity to take revenge at Chen Che yesterday. Li Shanshan was the girl of his dream all the while. Now, she was facing a big obstacle in her life; Fan Hunjun didn't want to add insult to her injury.

He planned to keep the promise he made to Li



Shanshan yesterday. He would try his best to take care of Li Haobo in the meantime, and once Li Haobo recovered, he would then discuss about divorce with Li Shanshan.

As for the 600,000, Fan Hunjun would just give it to Li Shanshan as a charity.

Because of this, he didn't think of questioning Li Shanshan about the incident that happened just now. And he certainly didn't expect Li Shanshan to actually have the plan to try to accept him.

Li Shanshan already told him that she only agreed to marry Fan Hunjun and birth a son for him because of her father's illness. Fan Hunjun didn't want to take advantage of her and add insult to her injury. He needed a love that fully belonged to himself.

The surgery took a long time, but it was a success.

Li Haobo entered the surgery room at 9.00 a.m, and was only pushed out of the surgery room at 3.00 p.m.

The nurses were about to send him to the normal ward when Fan Hunjun asked the doctor to transfer Li Haobo to the intensive care unit instead.

The doctor was stunned for a brief moment. He felt that it was very kind of this son-in-law. Despite being cuckolded, he was still willing to spend money on his father-in-law.

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Li Shanshan didn't quite agree on the transfer. She knew that the fee for the intensive care unit was very high.

"It's ok," Fan Hunjun could read her mind and he just frankly pointed out. "I will pay for the bill of your father's stay in the ICU."

As the doctor was still standing right there, Li Shanshan pursed her lips. She wanted to say something but she decided to hold her tongue.

The doctor immediately made a call to the intensive care unit without any delay.

A nurse from the intensive care unit arrived shortly after the call. When she saw Fan Hunjun, she couldn't hide her curiosity and asked, "It's you again?"



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The sudden inquiry of the nurse caught Fan Hunjun off-guard. He awkwardly smiled and replied, "Are you saying that I'm an unlucky star?"

The nurse instantly blushed. "No, no, I..."

"Don't worry, I am just kidding."

The nurse quickly dropped her head and lifted Li Haobo onto a wheeled stretcher together with her colleagues before headed toward the intensive care unit.

The nurse was in her thirties. It was obvious that she was a mother, and on top of that, she was average-looking. She was curious to find out why Fan Hunjun had so many family members admitted to the hospital at the same time.

Li Shanshan rolled her eyes at Fan Hunjun and commented, "What a peculiar taste."

In fact, Li Shanshan knew that Fan Hunjun certainly would not hit it off with that nurse. But somehow, she was getting jealous when she saw them joking around and how the nurse was blushing over his tease.

However, she immediately regretted saying that as soon as the words slipped out of her mouth. It's none of my business whether he has a peculiar taste anyway. With that remark, he probably thought that I care about him!

With that, Li Shanshan immediately followed the wheeled stretcher.

Fan Hunjun found it baffling that Li Shanshan shot him a judging glance. He didn't realize that she was jealous; he simply assumed she was just being sarcastic.

But he didn't bother to explain himself. After all, Fan Hunjun no longer held any hope or expectation on Li Shanshan. He was only doing a good deed.

Li Haobo was arranged to stay in the room between Fan Hunjun's grandmother's and father's.

Fan Hunjun didn't tell Li Shanshan about his grandmother and father. Once Li Haobo woke up from the anesthesia, he was surprised that he was lying in a top-grade ward.

"Shan, how did I... end up here?"

Before Li Shanshan replied, Fan Hunjun said, "Uncle Li, the condition here is better. The nurses are around throughout the day. It's better for your recovery."

Li Haobo silently thought to himself. I certainly know that this is a special ward, and of course, the condition and the care are top-notch as well. The problem is the bill...

Fan Hunjun carried on, "Don't worry about the bill. You take good care and rest well. I'll be in the hospital most of the time if there are no urgent matters that I need to attend to."

Li Haobo forced a smile and turned around to look

at Li Shanshan, who was sitting by the bedside playing with her phone. It seemed like she didn't intend to say anything.

When he heard Fan Hunjun calling him 'uncle' just now, Li Haobo was going to correct him. After all, he had already married Li Shanshan. However, the incident of Mrs. Zhang making a scene right before he entered the surgery room was humiliating. No matter how shameless Li Haobo was, he found it to be too embarrassed to bring that up now.

"Uncle Li, what do you feel like eating? I will get it for you."

Li Shanshan, who had been scrolling her phone, retorted without even raising her eyes. "My dad just came out of the surgery. Do you think he can eat anything?"

Upon seeing Li Shanshan's attitude toward Fan Hunjun, Li Haobo felt bad but he couldn't lecture his daughter in front of Fan Hunjun. He could only heave a heavy sigh.

Fan Hunjun didn't bother to argue with Li Shanshan. Since it was quiet just now, he merely offered his help out of courtesy. He didn't expect Li Shanshan to be so defensive and simply shut him down in such a rude manner.

In fact, there was a delicate change of feeling in Li Shanshan's heart.

Whether or not she was into Fan Hunjun, she

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couldn't deny that Fan Hunjun was there for her when she needed help the most. Not only was he contributing his money and efforts, he also transferred her father to the intensive care unit. Certainly, she was touched.

She simply couldn't figure out why it was nearly impossible for her to shake off her hatred toward Fan Hunjun despite being touched and grateful for his contribution.



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She either kept quiet, or whenever she opened her mouth, she would insult Fan Hunjun.

Fan Hunjun had nothing to say, so he smiled and told Li Haobo, "You take a good rest. Please call me if you need anything. I am just one call away."

Li Haobo nodded and replied, "Sure. I'll be alright."

Once Fan Hunjun turned away and left the room, Li Shanshan finally raised her gaze to look at him leaving the room.

When Fan Hunjun left the room and was about to go to his grandmother's room, he heard Li Xinqiao calling him from behind, "Hunjun..."

Previously, Li Shanshan didn't care about them at all, but today, for some reason, she frowned when she heard Li Xinqiao's voice.

Fan Hunjun turned around and looked at Li Xinqiao. He asked when she walked closer, "Why are you here today?"

Li Xinqiao just came in. She didn't know that Li Haobo was staying in this ward, and she didn't realize that Fan Hunjun just came out from this ward as well. Not only that, she certainly wasn't aware that Li Shanshan was inside the ward.

She trotted toward Fan Hunjun and simply took his arm. While walking towards the front, she said, "I miss Grandma. Is there a problem? Hehe!"

Li Shanshan caught a glimpse of them walking

arm in arm. She bit her lips unconsciously and there was a tinge of anger in her eyes.

Li Haobo, who was lying in the bed, didn't know what was going on when he saw her expression. He turned around and checked the door, but there was no one there.

It was time for the restaurant to close, so Li Xinqiao dropped by to check whether she needed to deliver the meal in the afternoon.

Fan Hunjun felt particularly awkward walking with her arm in arm, but he was too shy to pull his arm away, so he smiled and said, "You are a mom. You should watch your behavior. If Wang Xu finds out about this, it will cause trouble."

"It's ok," Li Xinqiao laughed. "Yesterday night I already took care of Wang Xu!"

Fan Hunjun was puzzled. He asked, "Took care? Took care of what?"

As it turned out, Li Xinqiao had already realized that Wang Xu got the wrong idea of her attitude toward Fan Hunjun. So, yesterday night when they went back to her parent's house, despite being cramped in a small room and sharing a bed with their kids, Li Xinqiao voluntarily threw herself at Wang Xu.

Previously, Fan Hunjun already explained it to Wang Xu in the cafe, but even though Fan Hunjun didn't feel anything for her, Wang Xu wasn't sure that Li Xinqiao wasn't thinking otherwise.

His doubt deepened that afternoon when Li Xinqiao rejected him when he tried to get intimate with Li Xinqiao.

Furthermore, since Fan Hunjun returned to the country, Li Xinqiao seemed to be losing interest in their usual affectionate interactions, let alone physical intimacy.

However, to his surprise, Li Xinqiao actually threw herself at him when they were all cramped in the tiny room at her parent's house. Wang Xu was secretly pleased, but he pretended to reject her and made up an excuse saying that he was too tired.

Li Xinqiao saw right through him and the stunt that he was trying to pull. She took the initiative and suggestively got on top of him.

When they were done, Wang Xu remained excited for the whole night. He tightly embraced Li Xinqiao in his arms. He felt that he had been too earlier; Li Xinqiao had always been his.

Little did Wang Xu know that Li Xinqiao had actually debated with herself before. If Fan Hunjun wanted to get intimate with her physically, would she had the courage to say no?

Due to that reason, Li Xinqiao felt apologetic, which was one of the reasons why she threw herself at Wang Xu.

She certainly couldn't tell Fan Hunjun that she took care of Wang Xu in this way. She just smirked and

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said, "I can't tell you! All you need to know is that Wang Xu will never get jealous of us anymore!"



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Li Haobo was lying on the hospital bed when he noticed the changes in Li Shanshan. Li Shanshan became restless and irritated especially after Fan Hunjun had just left.

Suddenly, he realized that Li Shanshan had completely given up on Zhang Junhao. She had wanted to try to accept Fan Hunjun after Zhang Junhao's mother made a scene, but because Fan Hunjun had witnessed Zhang Junhao's mother making a ruckus in the ward earlier, she was worried that Fan Hunjun would reject her instead. She was at a loss, which was why she treated Fan Hunjun coldly.

No one would know a woman better than her own father.

Li Haobo knew that Li Shanshan was now in a dilemma. If she did not care about Fan Hunjun, she would not even bother to lash out at him.

However, Li Shanshan would never humble herself and take the initiative to approach Fan Fanjun, who once made her sick to her stomach.

"Shanshan," Li Haobo turned his head sideways and said feebly, "I think Fan Hunjun is a great man, no matter what your impression of him in the past was. After all, what he has done in the past few days were impossibly kind. If possible, I think you should try to accept him."

The reason why Li Haobo said this was to give Li Shanshan an out.

Li Shanshan smiled bitterly. "Dad, don't worry about me. I was already so embarrassed in the ward this morning. I don't want to be embarrassed anymore."

Li Shanshan's words made Li Haobo realize that his judgment had been right. Li Shanshan wanted to become friendlier toward Fan Hunjun, but she did not want to ask for a snub."

"Shanshan," Li Haobo said with a smile, "I often heard you call him 'Thoughtless Hun' when you were young. I have heard many things about him from you, but from what I see now, you all have misunderstood him."

"Dad, is it because of the 600,000? I already said that I'll pay him back sooner or later!"

Li Haobo sighed, "600,000 is nothing for the rich, but it is a huge sum of money for us and Fan Hunjun. The fact that he can give you such a huge sum of money has already proven his sincerity toward you. What else are you worried about?"

Li Shanshan pursed her mouth and wanted to speak, but she stopped herself on a second thought.

"I know, you are worried that he would completely change his view of you after he witnessed Zhang Junhao's mother making a big fuss in the ward in the morning. Indeed, no man would be able to take what Zhang Junhao's mother said."

A lump formed in Li Shanshan's throat, and she

almost teared up.

"But you saw it right? After Zhang Junhao's mother left, he didn't blame you. Instead, he regarded himself as our relative. Not only did he ask the doctor to operate on me, he also transferred me to the ICU. If you had just treated him a little better, he wouldn't have left in such a hurry."

Li Shanshan was not a fool. Of course, she knew all this.

However, Li Shanshan did not believe that Fan Hunjun would forgive her cheating so easily. She felt that he was deliberately showing off in front of her. He wanted to show that he was better than Zhang Junhao to destroy her self-esteem.

Li Shanshan even thought that if she went after him, perhaps Fan Hunjun would snort coldly, then turn away and leave her.

Because of this, Li Shanshan deliberately spoke coldly to him.

In her opinion, if Fan Hunjun really did not care about what Zhang Junhao's mother said and still had a crush on her as he used to, then he would continue to greet her cheerfully and coax her playfully.



Li Haobo could read Li Shanshan's mind from her expression. He said, "I know, young girls like you often act the opposite of what you think. Maybe the reason you acted harshly toward him just now was because you wanted him to understand you, endure you, and even coax you, am I right?"

Li Shanshan said nothing.

"But, don't forget, Zhang Junhao's mother caused such a huge scene in the morning, yet he still treats you with such a good attitude now. He's already trying his best, so what else do you want from him?"

Li Shanshan replied in disapproval, "Then you're asking me to go shamelessly beg him now?"

"How is that shameless? I think you should give him a chance, and also give yourself a chance. If you and Zhang Junhao still have one percent—or 0.1 percent or even 0.01 percent—possibility of being together I will support you. But you already heard what his mother said. She came here today and caused a scene because you and Fan Hunjun have registered your marriage. It's because that Zhang Junhao already has a long-term girlfriend, that she is afraid that you will ruin Zhang Junhao's happiness."

Li Shanshan sighed.

"Mother-in-laws can never get along with their daughter-in-laws. Your mother is a living example. The reason why she divorced me was not just because I went to prison. The major reason for our

divorce was because she could never get along with your grandmother. This is the harsh truth; even if you have the chance to be with Zhang Junhao, his mother will keep bringing up the fact that you destroyed his happiness whenever you quarrel with his mother. Can you really be happy in this relationship? "

Actually, when Li Shanshan showed her marriage certificate to Zhang Junhao's mother, she had already given up on marrying Zhang Junhao. However, she still could not forget him.

After Fan Hunjun told her about the true relationship between Zhang Junhao, Fang Youqin and Wu Pinghui, Li Shanshan was completely devastated.

However, Zhang Junhao's sudden appearance this morning reignited the hope in her heart. Even so, the ruckus Zhang Junhao's mother caused had made Li Shanshan feel as if she was falling into an endless abyss.

Li Shanshan had completely given up on Zhang Junhao; she even told herself to stop thinking about him. However, although she gave up on Zhang Junhao, it did not necessarily mean that she had to accept Fan Hunjun!

Regardless of the past, she had caused irreparable hurt to Fan Hunjun these few days. So whenever Li Shanshan faced Fan Hunjun, she could not compose herself although she wanted to.

When Li Haobo saw that his daughter remain

silent, he said again, "How about this? After you go back, I'll call Fan Hunjun and ask him to come and take care of me. If you really can't accept him, you can just ignore him, but please don't speak harshly to him. Can you do that?"

"Dad, take good care of yourself. I will handle my own matters, so you don't have to worry about it!"

Li Shanshan was a prideful and competitive woman. This was evident from the fact that she gave up her rich mother and chose to follow her father who was in prison.

She felt as if she would be subjected to indignity if she backed down. With her beautiful appearance and great temperament, plus her job as a teacher, she was more than good enough to marry Fan Hunjun.

She could not make up her mind and could not make her final decision.

Her father had been persuading her, and her feelings had died when Zhang Junhao left.

Did she not want to find a life partner?

Li Shanshan felt that if she could not win Fan Hunjun over, the pride that she had since she was young would be crushed.

It was at this time that she saw Li Xinqiao passing by in front of the ward. Then, she immediately got up and chased after her.