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"What?"

Wang Xu looked at the room with a stunned face. This was unbelievable!

Because of this, Wang Xu realized that the reason Li Xinqiao grabbed Fan Hunjun's wrist just now was only because she wanted to comfort him. The anger and dissatisfaction in his heart instantly disappeared.

He felt that Li Xinqiao was just concerned about Fan Hunjun's mental health.

Fan Hunjun had hit the mark by fluke by not stopping Li Xinqiao from telling this secret just now. This had temporarily eased the tension between him and Wang Xu.

Wang Xu went on to say, "Hunjun, you have to think about this matter clearly. First of all, you must not let your stepmother take care of your dad. Secondly, you should think of how to deal with your stepmother. You have to take it slow. Don't ever act impulsively, just in case you ruin an otherwise good plan. Or else, you will come out empty-handed. The gains are not worth the loss."

Li Xinqiao said again, "I know right? I think you have to try to make up with your father now. After he has recovered, wouldn't the Fan Group be yours? Even if you encounter any unforeseen predicaments, you can still inherit a considerable part of his property as his son. That is worth hundreds of millions!"



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"Don't reason with me. When I'm free in the afternoon, I will go shopping with Qiao on the streets. After your grandmother is discharged from the hospital, just send her over to our place. Don't worry about the other things."

"Wang Xu, I can't agree to this. I—"

"Why not?"

"It's just..."

When Li Xinqiao saw that the two could not stop arguing, she recalled that she had also given Fan Hunjun 50,000. Plus, he had another 500,000, and his grandmother gave him tens of thousands. It would not cost much if he was just simply renovating the house, like buying some furniture and bed.

After all, it was for his grandmother. It was normal for Fan Hunjun to want the best for her.

"Forget it, Wang Xu. Since Hunjun wants to spoil his grandma, just let him be."

After Li Xinqiao was done talking, she took out the keychain, took out a key, and handed it to Fan Hunjun.

Fan Hunjun quickly grasped it. Wang Xu did not want to continue arguing, so he just urged, "You can do some simple renovations, but don't spend a lot of money. If you want to show off, wait until you inherit the Fan Group!" "



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Li Xinqiao interrupted him, "Didn't Wang Xu say that your grandma can move in with us after she is discharged?"

"I think that's a good idea too," Fan Hunjun continued to say to Wang Xu. "How about this? Give me the key to your house, and I will make some simple improvements to it. Maybe I'll buy some practical furniture and leave it there, so my grandma can temporarily live there first. Maybe we can discuss more about it after I buy a house?"

Wang Xu roasted him, "What is the meaning of this? You still don't know where your father's money is, yet you're looking down on me already? We can do the renovations ourselves, so why would we use your money? Why, are you thinking of hogging my house?"

The latter half of Wang Xu's words was a bit rude, but Fan Hunjun knew that he was deliberately arguing with himself because he did not want him to spend more money.

"Why are you being so rude?" Although Li Xinqiao understood Wang Xu's intentions, she felt that his words were too harsh. "What do you mean 'hog our house'? But Hunjun, you as well! There's no need to stand on ceremony with us..."

"I really wasn't standing on ceremony. If I was, I wouldn't have agreed to let my grandmother move to your house. Besides, I can take the furniture that I buy along with me in the future. If you were to buy it for my grandmother, you might not need it in the future. So..."



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Those hundreds of millions meant nothing to Fan Hunjun.

He wanted to take this chance to tell Wang Xu and Li Xinqiao about his wealth overseas, but he knew very well that no matter what he said, Wang Xu and Li Xinqiao would not believe him.

So, he wanted to take this opportunity to help Wang Xu and Li Xinqiao as much as he could.

Fan Hunjun smiled and said, "You should know clearly by now that I am actually not poor, so I think that 300,000..."

"Stop right there!" Wang Xu rolled his eyes. "We're still not sure about your dad's fortune. Don't keep talking about that 300,000. You still need money for your grandmother's treatment. Besides, you should take some time to go buy some decent clothes. You're still wearing my clothes!"

Fan Hunjun flung up his hands. "Your clothes are very nice. What's wrong with that? Do you want them back?"

Li Xinqiao smiled; she didn't mind that her husband's clothes were cheap. The thing was they were too small. It was particularly funny to see it being worn so tightly on Fan Hunjun's body.

"How about this?" Fan Hunjun ignored Li Xinqiao and turned to Wang Xu. "As you said, my dad's wealth is still up in the air, and my grandmother won't be staying in the hospital for so long... "



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"No problem, then for now, you guys—"

Li Xinqiao said, "It's okay. We will go back to my mother's house for two days."

When Fan Hunjun was done persuading them, it was almost the same time for him to meet Zhou Manlan, so he quickly got up to leave.

Seeing that he was in a hurry, Li Xinqiao handed him the key to the electric bike, mainly to help him save on transportation.

Fan Hunjun hesitated, but Wang Xu said, "Why don't you take my motorcycle?"

Fan Hunjun was worried that Li Xinqiao was too concerned about himself, and that would make Wang Xu feel dissatisfied. However, Wang Xu did not seem to mind, and even proposed to let him use his motorcycle. Feeling that riding an electric bike was cooler than riding a motorcycle, he took the key from Li Xinqiao and hurried over to California Cafe.

After Fan Hunjun left, Wang Xu and Li Xinqiao cleaned up and went back home to take a shower. Then, they lay in bed and took an afternoon break.

Initially, this was supposed to be their free time before dinner, and they would usually take a rest. But, Wang Xu was feeling a little uneasy. He felt that after Fan Hunjun returned, Li Xinqiao had turned into a different person.

So as soon as the two lay down in bed, Wang Xu



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threw himself onto Li Xinqiao.

"What are you doing?" Li Xinqiao pushed him a little. "It's still noon. Let's rest."

"It's okay, dear," Wang Xu said with a joyful smile. "Be more flexible, it'll just take a while."

"Stop fooling around. Yesterday I took care of Hunjun's grandma for the entire night. I didn't have a good night's rest, so I'm tired today. Let's do it later."

"Honey, just for a while!"

"Why are you so clingy? Hurry up and get off. I'm too sleepy."

With no better options, Wang Xu got off her. As he watched Li Xinqiao turning her back on him, frustration welled up in him.

He also turned around and lay there with a somber expression. He increasingly felt that Fan Hunjun's return had disturbed their originally quiet life.

Li Xinqiao was indeed tired, and it didn't take long for her to shut her eyes. However, in her heart, she kept recalling the feeling of having her face plastered onto Fan Hunjun's back.

At this moment, she imagined the pillow as Fan Hunjun's back and rested her face on it. She could even smell the scent of male pheromones emitted from Fan Hunjun's body. Gradually, she fell asleep in ecstasy and blissfulness.



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Fan Hunjun arrived at the entrance of California Cafe by electric bike. He had just parked his bike when a white BMW stopped next to him.

Fan Hunjun turned around and saw Zhou Manlan in the car.



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Zhou Manlan pushed open the door and got out of the car, which gave Fan Hunjun a shock.

Zhou Manlan was in her forties. Her hair was tied back into a bun and she had heavy makeup, which made her look at least 20 years younger. She was wearing a white cheongsam which showed off the curves of her body. The white high heels on her feet made her look tall.

Although Zhou Manlan was not wearing a wedding dress, she looked like a bride who was going to attend a wedding.

She walked up to Fan Hunjun like a model, and the rich fragrance of her perfume made Fan Hunjun's whole body shiver.

How beautiful!

Thinking of his father of old age who was lying on the bed, Fan Xunjun could not help but sigh. No wonder Zhou Manlan cheated; even if she did not go and seduce others, others would come and seduce her!

There was a thick layer of powder on Zhou Manlan's face, but it was not like those cakey cheap type. She used high-end cosmetics, so her pale face exuded a layer of brilliance under the sunlight.

Zhou Manlan had prepared herself for a long time today. When she saw Fan Hunjun's dumbfounded expression, she secretly felt proud, and she was glad that the effort she put into her appearance for



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the whole noon was not in vain.

After answering Fan Hunjun's call, Zhou Manlan immediately asked Huang Hongde to go home to pack up, while she returned to the office. She forged an investment agreement, stamped Fan Zhongzhen's seal and the group's official seal on it, and used it as an investment file. Then, she transferred ten million to Huang Hongde's account, and asked him to quickly return to Sea City to start a leather bag company.

Immediately afterward, she returned to her home. She then found the most beautiful white cheongsam from the closet, and a pair of newly purchased white high-heeled leather shoes, before taking a bath in the bathroom. Then, she used a shaver to completely remove her body hair.

After putting on the cheongsam and high heels, she briskly drove to the studio and asked the makeup artist to apply her makeup carefully in bridal style.

When she left the studio, she felt that it was still too early, so she went to a branded clothing store and spent about 5,000, buying two sets of T-shirts and trousers, along with two pairs of leather shoes, for Fan Hunjun.

Actually, Zhou Manlan did all this because of Huang Hongde's warnings.

When Fan Hunjun called her, Huang Hongde asked her to be gentle, but she thought that it was not enough to be gentle when dealing with young



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people like Fan Hunjun.

She knew very well that average middle-aged men liked innocent little girls, but young hot-blooded men like Fan Hunjun would most likely prefer beautiful and sexy young women.

Although Fan Hunjun was only two years older than her son Huang Wenxuan, Zhou Manlan was very confident that she could enchant him with her appearance and temperament. As long as she was well-dressed, she felt that she looked at most in her early thirties. This was exactly the age of women preferred by young people like Fan Hunjun.

Zhou Manlan was very clear that Fan Hunjun hated her the moment she drove Fan Hujun out 13 years ago.

Thirteen years of hatred would surely leave a mark in Fan Hunjun's heart. For a young man like him, bedding a woman should be considered the best kind of revenge, shouldn't it?

Therefore, Zhou Manlan dressed herself up. She hoped that Fan Hunjun would take revenge on her by bedding her.

As long as Fan Hunjun slept with her, she would have the confidence to conquer Fan Hunjun.

The moment Zhou Manlan got out of the car and walked up to Fan Hunjun, she smiled. Fan Hunjun's expression already showed that her plan was already half successful.



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moving bricks on the construction site. Passers-by could not help but do a double take at them.

A young man turned his head to stare at Zhou Manlan, but he did not notice that a small car was driving toward him. The car stopped, and with a 'thud', he fell on the car's hood.

"Let's go." Zhou Manlan unexpectedly linked arms with Fan Hunjun. "I've booked a room, so let's drink while we talk."

The moment she linked arms with him, Fan Hunjun could not help but tremble, as if he had just woken up from a dream.

He had to admit that apart from being a little older, the appearance, temperament and the body scent of Fang Youqin and Li Shanshan could not be compared with Zhou Manlan.

Forget about Li Shanshan. After all, she was a teacher, and her family's wealth had steadily declined.

But Fang Youqin was a rich woman. Not only that, she managed the company for her father. She was one of River City's socialites, but when compared with Zhou Manlan, she lost hands down.

Fang Youqin would never be able to win her in her lifetime, especially since Zhou Manlan was so charismatic.

Fan Hunjun followed behind Zhou Manlan with a blank mind, and finally came to a private room on



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Fan Hunjun suddenly realized that Zhou Manlan's voice was very soft but penetrative. When she spoke, it made him feel giddy.

Plus, Zhou Manlan's eyes were as clear as the spring water, and deep like a bottomless abyss. The look in her eyes aroused Fan Hunjun, as if they carried an electromagnetic wave.

This was a far cry from the crazy wench in the ward and the fierce woman in his memory.

Fan Hunjun finally understood why his father fell in love with this woman; she was so charming!

Thirteen years had passed, and in these thirteen years, Fan Hunjun was full of hatred toward her. But now as he looked at her, listening to her voice, and seeing her smile and eyes, Fan Hunjun could not hold it anymore.

She was at her prime 13 years ago, so how could Fan Zhongzhen have resisted her temptation?

Fan Hunjun was originally planning to put up a facade, but to his surprise, Zhou Manlan was playing an act too.

Before Fan Hunjun could start with his plans, she already had Fan Hunjun charmed.

The craziest thing was that Fan Hunjun's face even turned slightly red.

Zhou Manlan's dress was too dazzling. Compared to her, Fan Hunjun was more like a migrant worker



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"Jun." Zhou Manlan smiled broadly. "I thought I was late, but it seems that you just arrived here as well. What a coincidence! Our minds must be in sync!"



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In order to disguise this, the waiter immediately bowed to her. "Okay!"



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After the waiter left, Fan Hunjun said with a smile, "You are too dazzling. A traffic accident happened on the side of the road just now, and now the waiter is your admirer. No wonder everyone says that beauty brings trouble."

Zhou Manlan cast a wink at Fan Hunjun. "I would love to be a trouble-maker, but usually other people trouble me instead. When I was young, I was wronged by your father. Now that your father is old, the professional manager that he trusted the most came to our house and did some unspeakable things to me while he was on a business trip."

Fan Hunjun did not expect Zhou Manlan to actually admit to cheating in front of him. However, the way she said it implied that she was raped.

But when he thought about it again, it was not that strange for her to admit it. After all, Fan Zhongzhen was not dead yet. He could regain his speech anytime now.

As soon as Fan Zhongzhen could speak, everyone would know that Zhou Manlan had cheated. Rather than sitting there and waiting to be exposed, it would be better for her to admit it now. Then, she could at least win the favor of Fan Hunjun.

"But looking at your expression now, you don't seem like you were troubled at all. You look complacent instead."



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the second floor. Only when he had sat down and the waiter had come to take their order did he snap out of it.

Zhou Manlan handed the menu to Fan Hejun, and said softly, "Jun, please order for me. You can order any food or drinks here."

When Zhou Manlan looked at Fan Hunjun with such gentle eyes, the waiter beside them was overcome with jealousy. Damn it, how did this guy make such a beautiful and rich woman fall for him?

Fan Hunjun looked at the menu and asked Zhou Manlan expressionlessly, "Have you eaten lunch?"

"No." Zhou Manlan glanced at him. "After I answered your call, I went home and dressed up. How would I have time to eat?"

She spoke sweetly. The waiter standing next to them felt an itch in his heart while thinking to himself, If I had the opportunity to get to know this rich woman, how happy would I be!

"Two steaks, two glasses of aperitif, and a bottle of XO."

Zhou Manlan smiled, and said to the waiter, "Give us a glass of aperitif and a serving of yogurt please."

The waiter's gaze met Zhou Manlan's, and his whole body trembled as if he was electrified.



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Zhou Manlan lifted her eyebrows, and then squeezed out a reluctant smile. "Living with your father for so many years has taught me to be strong. I have also learned to turn the other cheek."

"Turn the other cheek?" Fan Hunjun asked confusedly. "If you were really forced, you should have called the police. If you just stay silent, aren't you just encouraging the criminals to commit more crimes?"

"Call the police?" Zhou Manlan smiled miserably. "Do you know how difficult it was for Fan Group to achieve its success today? So many competitors are waiting for us to collapse. If news got out that the general manager of Fan Group raped the boss' wife, although the criminals would be put behind bars, the reputation of your father and the Fan Group will be lost. And, as you just said, I will definitely be called as the scourge that ruined your father, the general manager of Fan Group and also destroyed Fan's Group."

She spoke very emotionally, and her words were filled with grievances. She also spoke as if she was looking at the big picture.

Just then, the waiter knocked on the door and came in. Fan Hunjun had no expression on his face, but he was amazed by her in his heart. Although she was the one who cheated, she portrayed it as if she was actually burdened by the humiliation.

After the waiter delivered their food, he glanced at Fan Hunjun before he turned around and left. Fan



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Zhou Manlan did not say that she was already married at the time, and her child was only two years younger than Fan Hunjun.

At that time, she came to River City from Sea City and applied for the position of manager of the administrative department in Fan Group. As she was highly educated, beautiful and had a good temperament, not only did Fan Zhongzhen like her, even Fan Hunjun's mother, Wu Meizhu, was also enamored by her. She even treated her like her sister. However, they did not know that they had invited disaster upon themselves.

When Zhou Manlan and Fan Zhongzhen had gotten together, she was not yet divorced; her husband and children were still in Sea City.

Because she coveted all the property of the company, she immediately asked her husband, Huang Hongde, to come to River City. After the two had gone through the divorce procedures, she encouraged Huang Hongde to go and seduce Wu Meizhu. Then, Huang Hongde filmed a sex tape with Wu Meizhu.

They edited the video so that others could only see the back of Huang Hongde whereas Wu Meizhu's whole face could be seen. Then, they sent this video to Fan Zhongzhen, and as a result, the tragedy of the Fan family began...

Fan Zhongzheng and Fan Hunjun did not know all of this. They also did not know that Huang Hongde was Zhou Manlan's ex-husband.



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What the hell!

She kept making eyes at him just now, and now she could not keep her hands off him. Fan Hunjun did not expect Zhou Manlan to be so bold.

Fan Hunjun subconsciously glanced under the table, only to see Zhou Manlan's feet lifted away from the back of his shoe, before it was gently hooked to his calf.

He did not say anything, nor did he remove his leg.

Zhou Manlan smiled very proudly and charmingly.

She was glad that she did not panic like Huang Hongde, nor did she run away, but she bit the bullet and came to see Fan Hunjun. Although she had little confidence before, she was surprised by the fact that she succeeded so easily.

Perhaps Fan Hunjun had only seen black women in Africa. On top of that, he was sent there by snakeheads[1], so he must have been poor and unprivileged. How could he have seen such a charismatic and brilliant woman like herself?

Zhou Manlan thought to herself, as if she already had Fan Hunjun wrapped around her fingers; she was full of confidence about her future.

She was even thinking whether she should still maintain her secret relationship with Huang Hongde if Fan Hunjun really fell for her?

Fan Hunjun ate a piece of steak indifferently, and



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After Wu Meizhu hanged herself, Zhou Manlan drove Fan Hunjun out, and then asked Huang Hongde to apply for a job at Fan's Group. She convinced Fan Zhongzhen through pillow talk, and in the end, Huang Hongde became the deputy general manager.

Zhou Manlan also used the company's money to buy a three-bedroom and two hall apartment for Huang Hongde, and then she brought over their son, Huang Wenxuan. During that time, Zhou Manlan had two homes. But the people she really cared about was Huang Hongde and Huang Wenxuan. She only regarded Fan Zhongzhen as her john.

Although Zhou Manlan used her own means to earn money for the Huang family that they would otherwise never be able to achieve in their lifetime, she always felt sorry for her husband and children. After all, she had to bed Fan Zhongzhen every night.

When they first got married, Fan Zhongzhen was in his prime. Not only did he have a high sexual drive, he also wanted to have children with her. But, Zhou Manlan was unwilling, and did not tell Fan Zhongzhen that she already had an IUD. She only said that she could not have children, which was why she became an old left-over woman[1] and never got married.

Actually, Fan Zhongzhen should have been able to figure out whether she had given birth before based on his age and intelligence. But at that time, he was blinded by love. Not only did he not have



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Hunjun pretended that he didn't see it.

After the waiter went out, he met another waiter.

"Damn, it seems that a rich woman's beauty and IQ will never be directly proportional. The rich woman in room 888 actually fell in love with a migrant worker. Isn't that disgusting?"

Another waiter rolled his eyes. "It's best to stay silent about the guest's personal matters, otherwise you will be fired."

"I was just casually chatting, alright? You should go take a look. If this man can even f*ck that rich woman, I don't know what's the point of living anymore."

"Look at you, you're being jealous and hateful. You're speaking as if you have never been with a rich woman."

"It's not the same. The rich ladies we met were either ugly or resentful. This rich lady is so astonishingly beautiful. If you don't believe me, you can go see for yourself later."

That waiter shook his head in disapproval, but the other waiter was getting riled up.

After the waiter left, Fan Hunjun raised his glass and asked Zhou Manlan, "I heard my father said that you have received higher education?"

"I wouldn't call it higher education, for I only graduated with a Masters degree. Maybe it's



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the slightest doubt, he also felt complacent for being able to marry a leftover woman.

However, he did not know that Zhou Manlan was a shrewd woman. She had two men at the same time, and she also cheated on those two men. Yet, both men still loved her very much and felt guilty toward her.

Now, Fan Hunjun had become her next target. In order to obtain Fan's group's fortune, she had to forget about any sense of shame. She planned to give up a woman's moral baseline completely.

Fan Hunjun clicked his wine glass gently with Zhou Manlan's yogurt. After drinking it, he cut the steak while saying, "So you are a Master's degree graduate. No wonder you are so well-spoken and highly principled. I just want to ask, when you drove me out of the house back then, was it for the sake of Fan Group and my father again?"

Zhou Manlan stared at Fan Hunjun without blinking and said, "If I said that I did that not just for the Fan Group and your father, but also for your own good, will you believe me?"

Upon saying that, Zhou Manlan took off her high-heels on one foot with the other foot, and then stepped on the back of Fan Hunjun's shoe.

[1] Left-over woman refers to any urban, professional woman over the age of 27 who is still single.



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because I am highly educated and have little contact with the outside world, I actually prefer mature men. Then, your father swooped in."



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now? I made you leave this house for your own good. I want you to go out and learn, because you are the only heir of the Fan Group! Do you know? Your father always wanted me to conceive, but I lied to him that I couldn't have children. But in fact, I can have children. I just don't want my children to compete with you for the Fan group's fortunes in the future!"

"Really?"

"If you don't believe me, you can ask your father when he can speak."

"Since that is the case, why did you treat my father in the ward like that? You even stopped the doctor from giving him the medicine."

Zhou Manlan sighed. "Jun, you are now an adult. If I really wanted your father to die, do you think that I will publicly stop the doctor from treating him? If that was really the case, everyone would know that I'm going to hurt your father. Wouldn't I be telling everyone that I just want your father to die, so that I can seize all the property of Fan Group?"

"Then what did you do that for?"

"It's very simple. As he saw me in bed with another man, I was worried that he would act out of anger and despair. It doesn't matter if he gives you all his money, but what if he donates all his fortune in revenge? What if he spends his money irresponsibly and even gets cheated by others?"

[1] Snakeheads are Chinese gangs that smuggle



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then asked, "If you said that it was for the good of my father and the company, then I'd reluctantly accept it, although I can't understand it. Now, you're saying that you drove me from home for my own good. How does that even make sense?"

Zhou Manlan said confidently, "It is very simple. In today's society, aren't there many examples of rich kids squandering the family fortune? As they say, no pains, no gains. At that time, if someone like you didn't endure any hardships, maybe you would become a good-for-nothing spoiled brat in the future. How else would you have become an upright man like you are now?"

What the hell?

So she was deliberately nurturing me?

Fan Hunjun looked at Zhou Manlan with a confused expression while wondering to himself, This b*tch, which school did she graduate from? How could she find excuses for her mistake—or more accurately—her crime?

Zhou Manlan continued, "Actually, I know that you have always hated me. If it were not for me, your parents would not have divorced, nor would your mother... Actually, this is not my fault, for I am also a victim. I was forcibly taken by your father, so..."

"So you sought revenge from me instead, and as soon as you got married, you drove me out of the house?"

Zhou Manlan smiled bitterly, "Didn't I tell you just



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people to other countries.



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change his view of you."

Dear God!

Seeing that Fan Hunjun was actually worried about herself, Zhou Manlan was so excited that she wanted to slap herself.

She never imagined that Fan Hunjun would be so naive. If she knew how foolish he was, there would have been no reason for her to evict him from the house back then. Why did she spend tens of thousands to ask Chu Zhaonan to take him to the battle-stricken S Country?

If she kept him by herself back then, not only would she have been praised as a good stepmother, she might have even been able to seduce both father and son together, and have those two old and young men in her control.

If it was possible, she would have Fan Hunjun's child, and then blame it on Fan Zhongzhen. Then, would she not be set for life?

Thinking of this, Zhou Manlan started to regret it!

But seeing Fan Hunjun's attitude toward herself, she felt that she still stand a chance, but...

Suddenly, Zhou Manlan thought of Chu Zhaonan. Then, she felt that his existence was a ticking time bomb.

She could not lie to Fan Hunjun and said that she asked Chu Zhaonan to take him to S Country to



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"We should wash our dirty linen at home. I will just think of it as a nightmare. He must have already left long ago. Even if he didn't, what more can you do? Beat him again? Knowing your character, you might beat him to death. I will regret it all my life!"

Her original intention was to deliberately protect Huang Hongde, but Zhou Manlan spoke as if she was concerned about Fan Hunjun, and feared that he would act impulsively.

Fan Hunjun felt it was a pity that she was not an actress.

Fan Hunjun helplessly sighed, and stared at Zhou Manlan's face carefully for a long time, then suddenly said embarrassedly, "I'm sorry! I was too rough this morning. Look at your face..."

"It's okay. If I were you, I'm afraid I'd be even more violent. Also, you looked so hot today when you were mad. I can feel that you've grown up and you're a brave man now. I feel relieved that the company is in your hands."

What the hell? Did she think of herself as Bole[1]?

Fan Hunjun lowered his head and finished the steak on his plate.

In order to further test him, Zhou Manlan pushed her plate, which still had half of the steak left, to Fan Hunjun, "I can't eat so much, so don't waste it."

After saying that, Zhou Manlan stared at Fan Hunjun without blinking.



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Fan Hunjun said nothing. He merely lowered his head, and cut Zhou Manlan's left-over steak with a knife and fork. He ate it with relish, without any sign of disgust.

Zhou Manlan was completely relieved. She was no longer satisfied with using her foot to caress Fan Hunjun's calf. She put on her heels and stood up, planning to sit beside Fan Hunjun to seduce Fan Hunjun even more.

To his surprise, Fan Hunjun finished eating the steak at this time. He immediately stood up and said to her, "Oh, I'm full. Shall we go now?"

Zhou Manlan stared at him with her beautiful eyes and said boldly, "What's the hurry? You must have hated me for so many years. You should bully me and vent the frustration in your heart. There are no outsiders here anyway."

Fan Hunjun said in a panic, "No, my father and grandmother are in the hospital. I have to rush back to take care of them."

"What? Your grandmother is also in hospital?"

"Yes," Fan Hunjun suddenly asked. "Oh right, when my grandmother's house was demolished back then, why did you take the house back again?"

[1]Bole is a name of a legendary person in the state of Qin during the Spring and Autumn Period who excelled in evaluating horses



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train him, could she?

No matter how foolish Fan Hunjun was and how good his impression of Zhou Manlan was, he would not believe in her nonsense.

What should she do?



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"Is my father that easy to fool?"

"When he was awake, few people could fool him. But he had a stroke now, and his heart was full of anger toward me. I didn't know that you have returned to the country. Maybe your father also didn't know that. Under those circumstances, don't you think that something terrible might happen? So I threatened him to tell me all the card numbers and passwords. Of course, I have to admit that I was a bit too hasty. It was not just you, even the medical care personnel and the police misunderstood."

Fan Hunjun had to admire Zhou Manlan; her ability to lie was absolutely the best in the world.

"So how did my father have a stroke? Did he faint when he saw you in bed with another man?"

Zhou Manlan shook her head and said, "This is the most embarrassing thing I have done. Yes, your father was indeed kicked by me. Then, he fell to the ground and had a stroke. I didn't do it on purpose. At that time, I just wanted to protect your father."

"Protect my father?"

"Yes, your father is already old, and he was extremely angry at the time. He threw everything to the back of his mind and rushed toward the man, who is nearly ten years younger than him. If the two really started fighting, do you think your father would survive? So when your father rushed over, I kicked him in a hurry, but I didn't expect to



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kick him to the ground."

Fan Hunjun had to give it to her. How could she speak so eloquently of the fact that she kicked his father until he had a stroke?

However, when he thought about it, Zhou Manlan was really impressive. She dared to admit the truth boldly, and even told Fan Hunjun clearly the details of the story even though she was uncertain if he had already known the truth. Any average woman would not be able to do this.

This was the brilliance of Zhou Manlan. When she felt that she already had Fan Hunjun wrapped around her fingers, she decided not to hide anything from him. After all, Fan Zhongzheng would recover sooner or later.

If she told lies now and was exposed by Fan Zhongzhen later on, then all her efforts would go down the drain.

The thing that Zhou Manlan most wanted now was to get Fan Hunjun in bed as soon as possible. As long as Fan Hunjun crossed that boundary, Zhou Manlan would no longer be afraid that Fan Hunjun would seek revenge from her.

Fan Hunjun could not help but sigh. He looked as if he had understood Zhou Manlan's kind intentions although he was somewhat indignant about his father's stroke.

"It has been really hard for you. But, my dad might despise you. It might be too difficult for him to



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Zhou Manlan sighed and said quietly, "Time reveals a person's heart. Although your father is very angry with me now, I think he will understand as time passes. But now I care more about your feelings. As long as you don't misunderstand me, I have no more complaints or regrets no matter what happens to me."

With that, she hooked her legs onto Fan Hunjun's calf again.

"Can you tell me what the name of the general manager is? Is he still working at the company?"

"His name is Huang Hongde. He left the company in a hurry this morning and didn't tell me anything. He didn't even ask for his salary. I felt like he was running away."

F*ck, it was Huang Hongde?

When Fan Hunjun heard the name, his mind exploded with a 'bang'. Grandma said that it was a man named Huang Hongde who cheated with his mother back then. Were they the same person?

Although Fan Hunjun did not know that Huang Hongde and Zhou Manlan were once husband and wife, Fan Hunjun concluded from the current situation that Huang Hongde must have been ordered by Zhou Manlan to deliberately break up his parents. Otherwise, it wouldn't have been such a coincidence that they got together now.

Fan Hunjun sighed. "Putting aside my father, if we just let him go like that, won't you feel wronged?"



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Zhou Manlan's brows furrowed. She pursed her lips and said with grievance, "Hmph, don't mention her. I hated her at that time. You were still so young, but why did she force you to go work abroad? If she really wanted you to go abroad, she should've told us. We could have sponsor you to study abroad!"

Fan Hunjun smiled bitterly in his heart. Well, I should have known that you can tell all kinds of lies. It seems that I am just insulting myself here.

"But I had mercy on her," Zhou Manlan also explained. "At that time, I left her a hundred thousand. I didn't have any bad intentions, I just wanted her to tell you this so that you can come back sooner, but she just said that she didn't know where you went. Then again, I abandoned her for so many years, and I have indeed gone too far. I'm sorry! After all, she is your grandmother."

"The past is in the past, so let's not talk about my grandmother anymore. It would be nice if you could visit my dad more often. The most important thing is to make sure that he's receiving treatment."

"Relax. If it was not to provide him with the best treatment, why would I arrange him to be in the intensive care unit? If you still worry, I can ask a nurse to take care of him during the day, while I accompany him at night."

"That's great. Then let's go. I have something else to do."



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"Right." Zhou Manlan smoothly linked arms with Fan Hunjun. "When are you going to the company to work?"

"Go to work in the company?"

"Yeah, your dad is hospitalized now, and Huang Hongde left without a word. How can the whole company rely on me alone?"

Fan Hunjun did not expect Zhou Manlan to take the initiative and offer to let him work in the company. He always thought she would stop him at all costs.

Actually, Zhou Manlan had thought this through. No matter from what angle and standpoint one viewed this situation, Fan Hunjun had a share of Fan group's fortune. As soon as Fan Zhongzhen snapped out of his situation and was able to speak, Fan Group would definitely be handed over to Fan Hunjun.

Rather than waiting for Fan Zhongzhen to speak, she might as well butter him up first. Plus, she was the financial director, and the company's financial resources were in her hands.

She was also certain that Fan Hunjun was not familiar with the company's business, so he would definitely listen to her. She could even transfer the company's money to Huang Hongde's account right in front of Fan Hunjun bit by bit, and even make Fan Hunjun sign it for approval.

"Alright." Fan Hunjun nodded. "In that case, I will



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go to the company to work when my grandmother's operation is over. But there are many things that I don't know, so I have to ask for your guidance."

"Why are you being so polite to me? In the future, the Fan Group will be ours. Let's go!"

There was a hidden meaning in her words. Fan Hunjun could interpret what she said as 'everyone is a part of the family, so of course the Fan Group is theirs.'

At the same time, he could also see it as Zhou Manlan falling for Fan Hunjun. Not only was she willing to give the entire company to Fan Hujun, she was also willing to give herself to him.

Fan Hunjun certainly knew that Zhou Manlan must have meant the latter, yet he did not say a thing. He just smiled unknowingly and walked out of the room.

"I'm coming."

When the waiter saw Zhou Manlan and Fan Hunjun walking down the stairs, he immediately threw a look at his friends. In addition to the waiter who just chatted with him, there were also several female cashiers at the cash register.

They all heard the waiter roasting Fan Hunjun for a long time, so they wanted to see how beautiful Zhou Manlan was and how ugly Fan Hunjun was.

When they saw Zhou Manlan and Fan Hunjun, they



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were envious and jealous. They had no choice but to admit that the waiter was telling the truth. The contrast between Zhou Manlan and Fan Hujun was too strong.



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