

Chapter 111: So Much Money

“Who would have thought that she was so lucky?”

Xia Qinghan heaved a sigh, the jealousy and displeasure within her intensifying.

Xia Xibei was way too lucky, wasn't she!

Not only did she manage to avoid their attempt to frame her, she even won two consecutive special prizes!

Two times!

Moreover, her victory had landed Tao Yueying's father in a rather difficult predicament.

Was Xia Xibei really that lucky, or was there some hidden manipulation involved?

Regardless, she felt terrible watching Xia Xibei living a joyous life.

It was kind of strange, now that she thought of it. She didn't have much interaction with Xia Xibei in the past, neither was there any love-hate relationship between them, but she had a tendency to launch attacks on her subconsciously whenever Xia Xibei was in her sight.

Were they born with an inherent hostility towards each other?

Liu Zhijing had no clue about what was going on in Xia Qinghan's mind, too preoccupied with talking about Xia Xibei's win.

"Did she really win the special prize twice?" She was still skeptical about the whole matter.

That kind of luck was almost against the law of the universe!

"My dad is a manager at the shopping complex, so both of the prizes were handed out by him. Do you think I'm lying to you?"

Tao Yueying was in a really foul mood.

It was a disgusting feeling to know that the person who had won the prizes was her enemy!

"But she didn't take the car, she had it converted to cash."

"Converted to cash?" Liu Zhijing was curious right away. "How much money was that?"

"One car cost 210 thousand, so for two..."

“420 thousand!” Liu Zhijing gasped sharply, her eyes bulging.

420 thousand! That was an enormous amount!

Liu Zhijing came from a family background similar to Tao Yueying; both were small but financially stable families.

It was good enough for them to have a thousand or two yuan of pocket money every month at a time like this. The other students probably had just four to five hundred yuan to spend each month.

Therefore, 420 thousand yuan was a remarkably massive sum of money for them!

However, that massive amount of money had fallen into Xia Xibei’s hands.

“Do you guys think her family knows that she has so much money?” Xia Qinghan asked out of nowhere.

“Right!” Liu Zhijing’s eyes lit up. “She’s still underage, just like us! Her parents will be worried about her having so much money in hand, won’t they!”

The two of them exchanged a glance, their eyes beginning to shimmer.

Liu Zhijing was exhilarated as an idea began to form in her mind.

If Xia Xibei's parents knew that she had such a great sum of money in hand, they certainly wouldn't be at ease!

Xia Qinghan's mood became better when she saw the thoughtful look that Liu Zhijing was wearing, her lips curling into a sarcastic smile.

She believed that Liu Zhijing would get things done to her satisfaction.

Right as she wanted to speak, her phone vibrated.

Upon unlocking the screen, Xia Qinghan beamed brightly.

"What happened? What did your fiancé say?" Liu Zhijing and Tao Yueying asked, intrigued.

They knew that Xia Qinghan had a fiancé who was a childhood sweetheart that she had grown up with. He was currently a first-year student at a university in Beijing.

"Not him! The company just informed me I'd have to attend training after class," Xia Qinghan replied with a smile.

"Company? SY Entertainment? The one that we came across before?"

"Yes."

“Holy jeez! So you really signed up for it?!” The two of them got even more shocked. “Why didn’t you tell us about it earlier?”

“Because it hadn’t been decided at that time.” Xia Qinghan seemed innocent. “The competition must be very intense in a big company like that, and the list had only just been confirmed today. That’s why they just contacted me.”

“It won’t be a problem for you, no matter how intense the competition is!” The two of them exclaimed immediately. “You’re the best of them all!”

Xia Qinghan responded with a sheepish smile, “Don’t exaggerate, there are much better people out there!”

“Haiya, how can they be better than you! Oh, by the way, did Xia Xibei manage to get a place?” Liu Zhijing asked.

Chapter 112: It Was Her Who Won the Prize

There was a smug look in Xia Qinghan’s eyes at the mention of Xia Xibei.

“She hasn’t signed the contract yet.” She concealed her smugness very quickly, however. “I told you guys before, you can only sign the contract after gaining your parent’s approval. There’s been no response from her up till now.”

Liu Zhijing chortled, "Parent's approval? Then she might as well forget about it!"

There was no way Xia Xibei's parents would approve of it, let alone give her their signature.

"But that doesn't make a big difference. Once she turns 18, she can make her own decisions," Xia Qinghan said.

"Haha," Tao Yueying sneered, "She'll be far behind you by the time she turns 18. She won't be able to catch up to you even if she rides a horse!"

"Don't say that, I think she's pretty capable," Xia Qinghan said.

"That's an overstatement!" Tao Yueying was very contemptuous. "You started learning all sorts of skills and talents when you were young. How could she even compare to you? Moreover, you'll join the company a half year ahead of her, which is enough to make her lag behind you even more!"

Xia Qinghan found her words very pleasant to the ear.

Still, she replied humbly, "It's hard to say."

"What's so hard to say?" Liu Zhijing snorted. "Don't worry, I guarantee that she will be no match for you!"

When she saw the grim, callous look in Liu Zhijing's eyes, Xia Qinghan lowered her head to conceal her delight.

There was an unsurpassable distance between her and Xia Xibei. There was no way Xia Xibei could ever catch up to her!

So what if she did a little better than her in the exams?

Once she became a celebrity, Xia Xibei would never be able to keep pace with her.

Even if Xia Xibei did join the company afterwards, it would be useless. Ss Bai Meixue had told her, the company wasn't a place to fool around at!

That night, Liu Zhijing spoke up in feigned casualty while her family was having dinner.

"Mom, have you heard about the winner at the new hypermarket on Dongfeng Street who won two special prizes?"

"Of course I have!"

Liu Zhijing's mother, Tian Meiyun, nodded right away, her eyes lighting up.

"Who doesn't know about it!"

It was two special prizes that she had won!

“I heard that it was the same person who won the prizes!” her father, Liu Jiayang, chimed in.

It was a major piece of news!

“She’s so lucky, isn’t she!” Tian Meiyun said enviously. “How I wish we could have hit the jackpot!”

“I even heard that the person didn’t want the cars, but had it converted to cash instead.” Liu Jiayang seemed to know even more than Tian Meiyun did.

“It still makes people envious, whether it was converted to cash or not...” Tian Meiyun mused.

“Do you know who won the prizes?” Liu Zhijing asked.

“I heard that it was a high school girl,” Tian Meiyun replied.

“In fact, we know that person.”

“Huh?” Tian Meiyun and Liu Jiayang were both taken aback. “We do?”

“Yes, we do,” Liu Zhijing nodded.

“It can’t be someone next door, can it?” The two of them exchanged glances.

If it was their neighbor who had won the prizes, it would have roused a great deal of hubbub by now.

“No,” Liu Zhijing shook her head, “It’s Xia Xibei, my uncle-in-law’s daughter.”

“What?!” The two of them were deeply shocked. “You aren’t mistaken, are you?”

They didn’t have much of an impression of Xia Xibei. All that they remembered about her was having met her once when Xia Shapai got married the last time, but they hadn’t had any interaction with her since then.

If Liu Zhijing hadn’t brought the topic up, they wouldn’t even have thought of her!

“Of course not!” Liu Zhijing exclaimed, looking firm and steadfast. “My friend’s father is the manager of that hypermarket, and it was him who converted the cars into cash for Xia Xibei! She earned over 400 thousand yuan from the two cars!”

“Over 400 thousand?!” the two of them gasped.

Chapter 113: Money Should Be Kept by Grown-ups

More than 400 thousand yuan?

That number stunned the couple.

Both of them had jobs, earning 20 to 30 thousand yuan a month.

This kind of income earned them a comfortable life here, but for them, 400 thousand yuan was still a big sum!

Especially since the riches went to a little orphan girl who was not well liked. This made them unhappy.

“Is what you said true?” Tian Meiyun still couldn’t believe it.

“Of course!” Liu Zhijing nodded earnestly, “My classmate’s father is a witness!”

She looked innocent as she asked, “You mean Uncle didn’t tell you about this?”

“You’re such a kid!” Tian Meiyun glanced at her angrily. “You know how it is with their relationship!”

Since Xia Shapai and Liu Lixin got married, they had ignored Xia Xibei.

Tian Meiyun and the others did not express any opinions on this matter.

To be honest, if her husband had a daughter from before, she would not take care of the daughter either.

Over the years, Xia Xibei had been an invisible person in their minds. But she didn't expect that the girl would have gotten so much money without saying a word!

"But Xia Xibei has so much money now, so it's quite dangerous!" Liu Zhijing seemed to be concerned about Xia Xibei's well-being. "If bad people found out..."

These words made Tian Meiyun and Liu Jiayang's hearts lurch.

They were not worried about Xia Xibei's safety. After all, they were not attached to her.

But they did care about the large sum of money!

That was practically a down payment for a house.

Of course, they also knew that the money would not reach them. After all, Xia Shaihai was Xia Xibei's father.

However, they were not pleased that Xia Xibei suddenly had so much money.

They had worked desperately to save a little money, but Xia Xibei was able to win a big prize effortlessly. The difference was too big.

“Dad, mom, should we tell uncle about this?” Liu Zhijing proposed.

“Yes, we should!”

The couple looked at each other and agreed with this suggestion.

How could a young woman have so much money? How dangerous! The money should be kept by grown-ups!

Seeing her mother nodding, Liu Zhijing’s mouth twisted into a smile.

She continued, “Also, I heard that Xia Xibei wants to be a star.”

“A star?” Tian Meiyun frowned. “What for? Why is she not studying, instead wanting to become a star?!”

In their opinion, being a celebrity was not anything decent. Naturally, they were very disgusted.

“Who knows?” Liu Zhijing shrugged. “However, it’s not that easy for her to be a star. She is not 18 years old yet, so her parents need to sign some papers.”

This statement made her parents stop.

“OK, I’m full now. I’ll go do my homework.”

Liu Zhijing put down her bowl and stood up.

After she left, Tian Meiyun and Liu Jiayang looked at each other, their eyes glittering.

Liu Zhijing’s words gave them a lot of ideas!

“Let’s make a call!” Liu Jiayang said.

Tian Meiyun nodded immediately, quickly dialing Liu Lixin’s phone number.

After some small talk, Tian Meiyun went straight to the point. “By the way, I heard Little Jing say that Shaha’s daughter won a big prize...”

As soon as she heard her husband’s older daughter mentioned, Liu Lixin’s mood immediately changed.

However, after listening to what Tian Meiyun said, her mood became sunny again.

Xia Xibei had more than 400 thousand yuan in her possession!

Her breathing immediately became hurried.

Chapter 114: Exchange Terms

Xia Shahai was a manager of a listed company. His income was not low.

However, no matter how high his income was, Liu Lixin couldn't stay calm before more than 400 thousand yuan.

After hanging up the phone, Liu Lixin immediately shared the news.

"She won 400 thousand?" Xia Shahai asked in surprise.

"She didn't win 400 thousand. She won two cars and cashed them out for more than 400 thousand yuan." Liu Lixin explained.

Xia Shahaï's expression instantly became complicated.

If other kids had such luck, they would be overjoyed.

But it was Xia Xibei who had won!

Thinking of Xia Xibei's threats against him before, his face became even more ugly.

"So what if she won? Are we supposed to celebrate with her?"

These words startled Liu Lixin, and after she recovered, she frowned. "What are you talking about?! She has so much money now! It's too dangerous for her!"

Of course, Xia Shahaï understood what his wife meant.

If it had been before, he would be very happy to hear the news. After all, Xia Xibei was still young, and he could keep the money for her.

But after severing their relationship, he didn't have any designs on Xia Xibei anymore.

The girl must have done something weird. It was as if she had completely changed herself. She was so tough!

400 thousand was quite a lot of money, but for him, it was not an astronomical figure. It would just take a few years of work to earn that amount.

He didn't want anything more to do with Xia Xibei.

"So what? We ignored her before. How could we ask her for money now? Aren't you going to be embarrassed?"

Liu Lixin's expression became grim. "Are you stupid?! What do you mean we ignored her? Before, she had nothing to worry about! But now, she has so much money! If something happened, it would be awful!"

"What could possibly happen?" Xia Shapai asked with a chuckle.

He didn't share how he had broken off his relationship with Xia Xibei, nor did he have the face to ask Xia Xibei for money.

"She's still young. If she met a bad guy, it would all be over for her." Liu Lixin sounded very righteous. "And if others knew she had so much money, how much danger would she be in?!"

Looking at his wife's greedy eyes, Xia Shapai's mood became bad.

"Forget about her. That stupid girl has nothing to do with us!"

“Nothing to do with us?!” Liu Lixin retorted. “Although we didn’t live together, we used to give her monthly living expenses!”

If Xia Xibei had heard this, she would have rolled her eyes to the sky.

How could someone’s skin be so thick?

“Besides, you need to think about our family’s situation now! If we had that 400 thousand yuan, we could buy houses! Now that real estate prices have started to jump, you have to think of Little Chuan and Ting Ting!” Liu Lixin continued.

They had boy-girl twins. Their son was named Xia Yichuan, while their daughter was named Xia Yiting. They had just turned ten this year.

Yes, Xia Shagai had cheated on Dong Shulan even before their divorce.

Xia Shagai became weak the minute his kids were brought up.

The twins were his achilles’ heel.

Seeing that he had softened, Liu Lixin immediately pushed him harder.

“Using the little money we have on hand, plus this 400 thousand yuan, we could buy two houses!”

This really tempted Xia Shaha.

“But... That girl’s temper is a bit hard. I’m afraid she won’t give us the money.”

Thinking of Xia Xibei’s previous reaction, Xia Shaha was conflicted.

“It’s okay, we can help her!” Liu Lixin exclaimed, smiling brightly.

“Help her?”

Chapter 115: Four Hundred Thousand in Exchange for a Signature

Liu Lixin revealed what Tian Meiyun had told her.

“I heard that she’s thinking of becoming a celebrity now, but it needs the papers to be signed by a parent. So we could use this as a condition in exchange for the money!”

Although she didn’t know what kind of messed-up thoughts Xia Xibei had in mind, giving her the conceited idea of becoming a celebrity, she would be willing to approve it if all it took was a signature in exchange for 400 thousand yuan.

Due to their stealthy relationship in the past, Liu Lixin had a strong distaste for Xia Xibei.

Back then, if it hadn't been for Xia Xibei, Xia Shapai would have divorced Dong Shulan much earlier.

Even though Xia Xibei was innocent as a child, Liu Lixin just couldn't seem to control her own bitterness.

That was why she had never gotten in touch with Xia Xibei over the past few years.

If Xia Xibei hadn't knocked on their door looking for trouble, she wouldn't even spare a mere 300 yuan for her!

Right now, however, Xia Xibei had 400 thousand yuan in hand!

All the love and hate between them could be left behind and forgotten now.

Besides, she knew that if they just dropped by out of nowhere, Xia Xibei certainly wouldn't hand over the money.

However, Xia Xibei wanted to be a celebrity now, didn't she?

“She wants to be a celebrity?” Xia ShahaI was startled for a second, then his face fell. “Nonsense! Does she really think that it’s so easy to become a celebrity? What does she even have!”

Xia Xibei had neither talent nor skills.

Although she was pretty good-looking, the entertainment industry had never faced a shortage of good-looking people. For someone like her, who didn’t have the slightest bit of talent, she would be misused and exploited till there was nothing left of her, wouldn’t she?

Of course, he wasn’t worried about Xia Xibei’s safety. He was only afraid that she might embarrass him.

The entertainment industry was always overflowing with rumors of all sorts.

He had heard that some female celebrities became mistresses to people!

If Xia Xibei chose to walk down a path like that, he would be utterly disgraced!

“Why do you care what she does?” Liu Lixin shot him an annoyed glare. “As long as we get the money, isn’t it fine? All we have to do is leave a signature and the money will be ours. Do you wanna turn down such a great deal?”

Sure enough, Xia ShahaI couldn’t refuse such an amazing deal.

Despite their rosy thoughts, however, they hadn’t considered if Xia Xibei would even agree to their request.

“You sign it for me, and I give you 400 thousand yuan?”

Upon receiving Xia Shahaï’s call and listening to his wild fantasies, Xia Xibei’s lips curled into a sarcastic smile.

She didn’t ask Xia Shahaï how he knew about her winning, because it was already obvious.

However, she hadn’t thought that Xia Shahaï would be this shameless, asking for 400 thousand in exchange for a signature!

“Yes.”

On the other end of the phone, Xia Shahaï sounded calm and composed.

“Don’t you want to become a celebrity? I’ll sign it for you.”

“Haha,” Xia Xibei laughed scornfully, “Do you actually think that your signature is worth that much money? You’re much more shameless than I thought!”

“Xia Xibei!” Xia Shahaï bellowed in shame and rage, “I am your father!”

“My apologies, but you’re not,” Xia Xibei denied his words while shaking her head. “We’ve signed the agreement of Repudiation of Relations, haven’t we? Don’t tell me you have dementia and you’ve forgotten about it.”

As far as Xia Xibei, who had been through way too much, was concerned, Xia Shahai had become a stranger a long time ago. There was no need for her to conceal her disdain as she mocked him.

“Xia Xibei!” Xia Shahai’s face was flushed red in anger, but when he thought of the 400 thousand yuan, he went on through gritted teeth, “Of course I remember, but you want to become a celebrity, and what can you do without my signature?”

“Sorry, but you’ve overestimated your worth. I can still be a celebrity even without your signature.”

Chapter 116: Old Town Relocated

As far as Xia Xibei was concerned, becoming a celebrity wasn’t a tough thing to do.

After all, with the memory of her past life, she would be an idiot if she still couldn’t find a way.

On the other hand, SY Entertainment wasn’t her only option, and she didn’t have to accept the absurd condition that Xia Shahai had presented.

“Great! Very great!” Xia Shahai seethed. He hadn’t expected Xia Xibei to be so bold and adamant. “I’ll wait and see what you can add up to with that great ambition of yours!”

Before he hung up the call, he threatened with a sneer, “Don’t even think of asking your mum for her signature. I’m telling you, if she knows how much money you have in hand... Haha!”

When he finished, he hung up the call abruptly.

As she looked at the screen showing that the call was disconnected, Xia Xibei smiled with sarcasm.

Ask them for help? She wasn’t that silly!

Meanwhile, Xia Shahui, who was so enraged by Xia Xibei that he nearly went up in flames, was sitting on the sofa, whiffs of smoke rising from his head.

Xia Xibei had managed to trigger the rage within him with just a few words.

“How was it?” Liu Lixin nervously asked.

“Didn’t you hear it?” Xia Shahui shot her a glare of frustration. “I told you already, that goddamn kid wouldn’t consent!”

“Doesn’t she want to be a celebrity?” The look on Liu Lixin’s face had turned awful.

“Haha, she’s beyond great, isn’t she!” Xia Shahai snorted scornfully. “She said that she’s got her own back even if I don’t sign for her!”

“Is she going to look for Dong Shulan instead?” Liu Lixin was worried.

“Does it matter what she’s thinking?” Xia Shahai sniggered. “I still have her custody in hand!”

It would be useless even if Dong Shulan consented.

“What can she do then?”

“How am I supposed to know?” Xia Shahai waved his hand in vexation. “Alright, don’t think too much about it. That goddamn child isn’t easy to deal with!”

Liu Lixin had a deep frown on her forehead. “Are you giving up just like that?”

“Or else what?” Xia Shahai rolled his eyes at her. “Alright for now, stop thinking about it, it’s not like we can’t live without that four hundred thousand.”

Liu Lixin wanted to say something more, but Xia Shahai had returned to the bedroom.

Liu Lixin slammed the sofa furiously but dared not to provoke him while he was in a fit of anger.

She couldn't understand why Xia Shapai would even drop the matter so easily.

If it didn't work the first time, they could give it another try!

They could arrange a face-to-face negotiation with Xia Xibei!

They would naturally come to a consensus after a few rounds of negotiation!

However, she had no idea that Xia Shapai had previously given Xia Xibei two hundred thousand yuan. Although four hundred thousand yuan wasn't a small amount, it didn't appear particularly attractive to him either.

If Liu Lixin hadn't insisted, he might not have done anything to Xia Xibei at all, as he couldn't afford to disgrace himself like that.

Thus, he lost interest in pursuing the matter after being chided by Xia Xibei.

He didn't see the need to torment himself!

Liu Lixin didn't understand what had happened to Xia Shapai, so she could only call a ceasefire for now.

A couple of days later, however, she heard news that had utterly shocked her.

—The old town area where the Xia family's old dwelling was situated was going to be relocated!

Having relatives who worked at a government department, Liu Lixin received first-hand information about this piece of news.

They hadn't heard news about its relocation all the while, but it came out of the blue this time!

Despite its suddenness, however, the news was a legit and accurate one.

After a moment of daze, Liu Lixin was thrilled.

Imagine how much money they would get if it was relocated!

"What? Relocation?"

Xia Shahui was stunned when he heard about it upon returning home.

"Are you mistaken?"

"How can I be mistaken!" Liu Lixin couldn't control her exhilaration. "Go ask the neighbors that you once lived with, it's absolutely true!"

Chapter 117: See You Tomorrow

Liu Lixin had inquired about the price before. If the old house got relocated, they would receive at least a million yuan in return!

A million yuan!

At this point, the four hundred thousand yuan that Xia Xibei had paled in comparison.

“If we could get a million, we’ll be able to send Xiaochuan and Tingting abroad!”

Studying abroad was a popular trend right now. Many of Liu Lixin’s friends were preparing to send their children abroad, so she wanted to do the same as well.

However, going abroad would require money.

This was a splendid opportunity. If the million yuan from relocation fell under their possession, things would become easy.

Xia Shagai was completely stupefied. He could tell himself that four hundred thousand wasn’t a big deal, but he couldn’t control his agitation at all in the face of a million yuan.

It was a million yuan!

How many more years did he have to hustle to earn that much money?

Liu Lixin was on cloud nine. "Once we get the money, we could buy a house first, and then we could..."

She was so merrily engrossed in picturing how the money could be spent that she hadn't noticed the darkening look on Xia Shahaï's face.

When she finally stopped, Xia Shahaï's face had gone completely glum and dark.

"What's wrong?" Liu Lixin was baffled.

Wasn't it a good thing? Why did his attitude become like that?

"I..." Xia Shahaï was silent for a moment, but still he held back the urge to divulge that he had transferred the house under Xia Xibei's name.

"I have things to do, I'll go deal with them first."

When he finished, he went into the study before Liu Lixin could speak a word.

Liu Lixin's doubt was amplified by his strange response.

After closing the door, Xia Shahaï took a few deep breaths and took out his phone, fumbling.

"My apologies, I don't need your signature," Xia Xibei's voice came through from the other end.

"I didn't call for money," Xia Shahaï nearly choked on his anger, so he spoke before she could say something more unpleasant to the ear.

"You didn't call for money, then did you call to ask about me then?"

On the other end, Xia Xibei's lips curled. "Don't tell me that you're here to give me some belated fatherly love, yeah?"

Xia Shahaï's cheeks went hot. What in the world was wrong with this goddamn child? Not a word that she said ever sounded pleasant!

"I have something to talk to you about. Let's meet up sometime tomorrow."

Xia Shahaï didn't want to discuss the matter at home in case his wife found out about it.

Despite her bewilderment, Xia Xibei agreed upon it, "Fine."

So they arranged a time. Xia Shahai only heaved a sigh of relief after hanging up the call.

Outside the room, Liu Lixin was wearing a look of displeasure.

Due to the pretty effective soundproofing, she couldn't hear the conversation clearly, but she did hear him saying "see you tomorrow".

Could Xia Shahai be having an affair?

The thought made the look on Liu Lixin's face even more awful now.

However, she didn't plan to make a big scene, deciding to instead follow Xia Shahai when he went out the next day. She had to find out if there was something fishy going on!

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei dialed another number.

The call got connected very soon. "Xia?"

"Brother Huo," Xia Xibei greeted, "I need some herbs here in pretty big quantities. Does your branch offer delivery services?"

“Of course we do,” Huo Zijun’s voice was gentle, “Send me the inventory, I’ll get them ready for you here.”

“Alright. Thanks, Brother Huo, I’ll transfer the money over.”

Huo Zijun laughed a little. “No rush. By the way, have you received the news?”

“News? What news?”

“That your housing area is going to be relocated.”

“Huh?” Xia Xibei was dumbfounded this time. “Relocated?”

It didn’t seem right! In her past life, the news about relocation shouldn’t come out until several months from now!

Chapter 118: Changing Fate

In her previous life, this place was demolished in winter.

But it was only May now.

“How did you know?” Xia Xibei was shocked.

Huo Zijun lived some distance from here, so why would he pay attention to these things?

“Yanjue told me.” Huo Zijun smiled.

Qiao Yanjue?

Xia Xibei was stunned for a moment then had a flash of inspiration. “Is the boss developing this area...”

“Yes.”

Huo Zijun laughed. “It’s alright if I told you, it is indeed him.”

Xia Xibei was stunned. “So, that was why he was here before? Because of this land?”

“Yes.” Huo Zijun said with a smile. “If it weren’t for you, he wouldn’t have recovered so quickly. He is very capable. See, now he’s ready to start work.”

Of course, they had also done a lot of the preliminary preparations.

Xia Xibei finally understood.

If she had not saved Qiao Yanjue, he would have had to fight so many people, and he would definitely be seriously injured.

Based on the situation in the previous life, Qiao Yanjue had to recover in the hospital for more than half a year.

But since she appeared this time, she had changed his fate.

Therefore, he was not seriously injured, and with her help, he quickly recovered.

After he recovered, he started work.

Xia Xibei was in a complicated mood and didn't know what to say.

This was a coincidence of fate!

She had never thought things would happen this quickly!

“Relax, he knows you. He won't let you have a bad deal.” Huo Zijun smiled and comforted her.

The corner of Xia Xibei's mouth twitched. She then hung up the phone after making some more small talk with him.

Xia Xibei looked around the small space, frowning.

She finally understood why Xia Shapai had approached her.

He must have heard news about the demolition!

She couldn't help sighing. What a mess this is!

She originally thought that, according to the timeline of her previous life, she would be almost an adult by winter.

By then, if Xia Shapai wanted to do anything, she would be fine if she delayed things for a while.

This way, no one could steal the house away from her.

But she wasn't an adult now!

Even if Xia Shapai transferred the house to her name, he would definitely not give up on it.

Darn Qiao Yanjue!

She shouldn't have saved him!

Xia Xibei angrily scolded Qiao Yanjue and vented her unhappiness.

However, now that she knew what was going on, she couldn't just do nothing.

Xia Shahui asked to meet her tomorrow; he must be wanting to talk about this house.

But, how dare he?!

Back then, neither of them wanted her. They abandoned her here, where she and her grandma depended on each other.

When grandma was alive, she said that this house was to be left for her.

But at that time, her grandma did not leave a will, and she was young and knew nothing of this sort, so this was delayed.

However, this house was hers and would never be given to others!

Thinking of the smug faces of Xia Shahai and his wife after stealing the house in the previous life, Xia Xibei showed a cold smile.

He wanted the house? He'd have to see if he was so lucky!

Early the next morning, Xia Xibei went to the elementary school where Xia Yichuan and his sister were studying.

In the afternoon, she met up with Xia Shahai as planned.

When she saw Xia Shahai, Xia Xibei showed a bright smile and said, "I was just at Dongyun Elementary School. I saw my adorable brother and sister."

Xia Shahai's face changed suddenly. He shouted sharply, "What do you want?!"

Chapter 119: Are You Insane?

Xia Shahai recalled how Xia Xibei had threatened him before, saying that she was going to hurt his children!

And today she showed up at the school where his two children studied... She was going insane, wasn't she!

Xia Shahai couldn't help but tremble when he met her calm, cold smile.

"Are you— are you crazy?!"

He couldn't understand how Xia Xibei had turned into someone like that.

She was still a soft, flimsy little girl not long ago, but she had turned into a lunatic now!

Xia Xibei gently smiled. "I'm not crazy, but if you're trying to do something, I'm not sure if I'll go crazy."

Her body was slightly inclined forward, her lips curling into a semblance of a smile, but the words that she spoke sent chills down one's spine.

"In fact, as long as we don't get into each other's way, the world will be a peaceful place to live. But if you do something that makes me unhappy... I'm sorry, but I don't have a good character, and I can't guarantee what I will do in return."

Upon meeting her dark, profound eyes, Xia Shahai shuddered with chills and his limbs went cold.

He knew that Xia Xibei was being serious!

She had gone crazy!

After casually speaking those menacing words, Xia Xibei leaned backward. "Although I don't get along with my younger brother and sister very often, I hope they grow up safe and well."

She fumbled out her phone and opened the photo gallery. "Look, they're adorable and beautiful, aren't they? I'm sure they'll be beauties when they grow up!"

Xia Shahaï's scalp tingled when he saw the photo of his two children. "You-you are a monster!"

"Monster?" Xia Xibei chortled again. "I became a monster because of you."

When she thought of the pain and struggles that she had endured in the past and those disgusting behaviors of theirs, Xia Xibei's heart turned even colder and more ruthless.

"I know why you came to meet me, but remember, the house belongs to me now, and it has nothing to do with you," Her smile was serene and her tone of voice placid, showing not a hint of madness, "In fact, it doesn't matter even if I give you the house, I still have several hundred thousands in hand after all."

Xia Shahaï's heart skipped a beat, but before his excitement could take over, he heard Xia Xibei carry on, "What can't I accomplish with so much money? For example, it's not a big deal... to buy two lives."

Xia Shahaï's face fell dramatically, and he stared at Xia Xibei in complete disbelief. In a strident voice, he yelled, "What a sadist you are!"

Xia Xibei chuckled. "Heya, don't get all worked up, I was just kidding with you. How would I do such things? I'm only seventeen after all, I have a bright future ahead of me!"

Of course she was joking; she would be a fool if she wasted her time and future meddling with these people!

However, she looked so serious that Xia Shahai dared not budge at all.

What in the world had this goddamn child been through all these years that made her so terrifying!

Moreover, she was not even a grown-up yet, so even if she did something like that, the punishment that she'd receive would be relatively less severe.

If she had really set her mind to go against him, there was no way he could stop her!

The current situation fits the saying, "the barefooted does not fear the opponent in shoes".

He dared not take the risk.

"I-I came here this time, ju-just to pay you a visit."

Xia Shahai was a practical person; he admitted defeat right away.

As far as he was concerned, it was better to admit defeat than to suffer the fatal consequences.

Especially when Xia Xibei was using his own children as the bargaining chips—he couldn't possibly take the risk.

“Did you? I'm fine, no need to worry.”

Xia Xibei flashed him a genuine, cheerful smile. The two of them smiled as they looked at each other, seeming like a pair of father and daughter who loved each other dearly.

Chapter 120: Can't Sign the Contract

After watching Xia Shapai leave in low spirits, Xia Xibei also left with a smile on her face.

The Songs had found a shop, and they were waiting for her to go and have a look.

The shop that the Songs found was also situated in the commercial area in the vicinity, where more people usually moved about.

Once Xia Xibei was satisfied with it, they could begin the operation.

Xia Xibei had several hundred thousands in hand at the moment. If she collaborated with the Songs, they could open a few milk tea shops.

However, she had no plans to do that for now.

On her way to the shop, she received a call from Pan Yan.

On the other end of the phone, Pan Yan sounded very sincere, "It's been a week. Have you been considering it?"

"I'll be frank with you then."

Considering how genuine Pan Yan had been, Xia Xibei didn't want to lie to him. "I'm not on good terms with my parents, they wouldn't sign for me."

Pan Yan was taken aback. "They're reluctant to sign?"

"Yes."

"Erm..." He hesitated for a moment and said, "Is there no room for discussion at all?"

"Yes." Xia Xibei laughed a little. "There's a few months left before I come of age, I'll only be able to decide for myself until then."

Pan Yan was rather disappointed. Who would know how things would turn out a few months from now?

Furthermore, it would take a long period of time before one could debut! A lot of trainees in their company had started in their teens, and Xia Xibei's age was relatively old in comparison.

"How about this, come train at our company first, and we'll sign the contract once you reach adulthood?"

His suggestion made Xia Xibei pause in her tracks. A few moments later, however, she declined the offer. "I know your company has rules, you don't have to do that for me."

Pan Yan fell silent as well, he had realized the problem too.

Without the security provided by the contract, who would know where Xia Xibei would be after she finished her training?

Wouldn't he be cultivating a treasure for someone else for free then?

As a mature company, they would avoid such mistakes at all costs.

"How about this, let me talk to your parents!" Pan Yan suggested again.

"No need for that." Xia Xibei shook her head. "They'll become even more repulsive toward it if you talk to them, I don't want to get you into trouble."

Before Pan Yan could go on, she added, "There's no need to rush things, I'll figure out a way on my own. You should carry on with your work first. I have some matters to handle at the moment, let's talk some other time."

Looking at the call that was hung up, Pan Yan looked somewhat crestfallen.

How could he miss out on such a good sapling like Xia Xibei?!

Although Xia Xibei advised him not to rush things, how could he not be anxious?

After pondering on it for a while, he got up and headed for the General Manager's office.

The general manager of SY shook his head after getting to know his purpose of visit. "I get what you mean, and I trust your insight. However, we can't make it an exception."

The general manager explained seriously, "Without a contract, what if she backstabs us after we spend so much effort on her? Don't tell me that you'll be responsible for it, no one can shoulder such responsibilities! Sister Xue just brought this matter up to me just now. We are a legitimate company; without a signature, it'll be useless even if she came from the heavens!"

Pan Yan's lips moved in an attempt to speak, but he was interrupted right away, "Enough, let's drop the matter. The company has just recruited newcomers, go have a look, there are lots of talents among them as well! Train them properly, and we might have a chance to raise a king or queen of the industry, too. Stop overthinking."

Before Pan Yan could continue speaking, the general manager chased him out of the room.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei had no idea that Pan Yan was vying for her. She was caught up in a rather unusual situation.