

## Chapter 1171 Mother And Daughter-in-law

Since the appointment with Absolute Sword Taoist was already set, Yang Chen was not in a hurry to deal with the problems at home. After waking up the next day, he went to work as usual.

It was more fun watching the news, surfing the internet and playing games with his cousin Yuan Ye.

Yuan Ye also had a lot more free time after Tangtang went to college. After all, college life was very attractive to the active Tangtang.

What made Yang Chen a little depressed was that Tang Wan had the similar workaholic temperament just like Lin Ruoxi and he didn't get the chance to be intimate with her. Fortunately, Tang Wan paid more attention to cultivation matters, after all, she was able to extend her lifespan. The temptation to stay beautiful was irresistible, so she would not slack off.

When it was almost time for lunch, Yang Chen planned to call Zhao Teng and a few subordinates of his to have a meal together. Yet, he got an unexpected call from Liu Mingyu.

Yang Chen picked it up and asked with a smile, "My dear Mingyu, it's rare for you to call me when you have work in broad daylight."

Liu Mingyu hummed, "I don't want to, but I have to extract some of my time out for today. I know you must be free so come and pick me up."

"Pick you up? To where?"

"Don't ask, just come."

"Tsk tsk, playing mysterious huh..."

Yang Chen smiled helplessly and hung up the phone. He sprinted downstairs, drove to the opposite Yulei, and picked up Liu Mingyu who was already waiting.

Liu Mingyu was in a black professional suit with long legs in white stockings and a bright red silk scarf. Instead of feeling cold this winter, she looked bright and moving.

After one had cultivated to a certain level, it was completely fine to resist this slight cold, and it was convenient for women to wear all kinds of cool outfits.

What made Yang Chen even curious was that in the hands of the woman, there held big red packaging bag that seemed to be carrying clothes or something similar.

After the woman entered the car, Yang Chen helped her to buckle her seatbelt like a gentleman and took the opportunity to snuck his face through her mounds. An evil grin was written on his face, "Mingyu dear, you smell amazing."

"Cut it off, let's go," Liu Mingyu rolled her eyes at him.

"Where to?"

"To my home, my parents have been calling and urging me," Liu Mingyu said.

Yang Chen was stunned, "Your parents? Are they looking for us for something? Why did I not hear anything?"

This was not the first time that Liu Qingshan and his wife invited them to go to their house, but recently it was. However, this pair of in-laws was the least important one as they did not have much interactions in normal days.

After all, Liu Qingshan was now busy leading his only son, Liu Minghao, to take over the Green Dragon Society. He would have no time to chat with his son-in-law.

"I knew that you have no conscience. Get the car moving. Quick. You will know when you arrive," Liu Mingyu urged, still not telling the details.

Yang Chen curled his lips, stepped on the accelerator, and drove towards the seaside villa that Liu Qingshan bought.

Most of the time, Liu Mingyu stayed in her own single luxury apartment and did not go home often. It was definitely rare going back for lunch between work during such a day.

Along the way, Yang Chen asked the woman what happened, but she ignored him by listening happily to the music, which made Yang Chen want to 'stop his car and do some business'.

More than half an hour later, the car stopped outside the beach villa. Yang Chen was slightly taken aback as soon as he got off the car and smelled the fresh smell of sea water.

"Mother, what are you doing here?"

Yang Chen was surprised to see that the beautiful woman who had just walked down from a white Audi car next to them was Guo Xuehua wearing a black coat with a fur collar.

Guo Xuehua dressed up specially, carrying a Hermes handbag, and a red gift box in the other hand.

After hearing Yang Chen's question, Guo Xuehua sighed helplessly, "You silly son-in-law, Mingyu really got it right. Don't you know that today is Mingyu's mother's 50th birthday?"

Yang Chen was mune. After a long while, he touched his forehead, shook his head and said, "So this is what happened, I really don't know. Why didn't you tell me earlier?"

"Of course you must have the intention to know the birthdays of your elders and memorise them. This is to teach you a lesson and to remind you in the future," Liu Mingyu smiled and handed the red gift bag over. "Hey, this gift is said to be bought by you yourself. It's a Burberry trench coat for my mother. Don't show any traits, my mother is not a generous person. If she knows that I even prepared the gifts for you, she will definitely feel unsatisfied."

Yang Chen held the gift in a daze and followed the two women into the house.

In the house, Liu Qingshan and his wife had already prepared their meals and were waiting for the three of them as they wanted to keep the celebration simple.

When Liu Qingshan and his wife saw Guo Xuehua coming in, they were overly enthusiastic, and immediately greeted her to sit down. Mother Liu even served her tea and it made Guo Xuehua embarrassed since Mother Liu was the one celebrating her birthday today.

In addition to hoping that their daughter could live a better life in the future, it also contained some of Liu Qingshan's personal ideas.

A wealthy family like the Yang family was very different from a family with a gangster background like him.

Before the release, he was absolutely afraid to approach them, but now that Liu Mingyu had this relationship with Yang Chen unknowingly, he of course took the advantage and used his wife's birthday as an excuse to invite Guo Xuehua over for the celebration.

Simply asking Guo Xuehua over would look warm and not too ostentatious to make the Yang family feel inappropriate.

Guo Xuehua understood their intentions, but it did not matter. When Liu Mingyu invited her, she agreed immediately.

In fact, Guo Xuehua was more concerned about maintaining a good relationship with each daughter-in-law's parents.

Her son, Yang Chen did not require much of her attention and taking good care of these women around him would make him happier.

At the dining table, Guo Xuehua, Liu Qingshan and his wife were talking and laughing frequently. Mother Liu was also an eloquent person. She exaggerated while praising Yang Chen, such as how he protected Mingyu, Liu Qingshan and Liu Minghao and that she was extremely grateful.

Of course, parents would always love to hear others praise their children, and Guo Xuehua was no exception.

It did not take long before Guo Xuehua and Mother Liu talked eagerly. Guo Xuehua did not have many friends in her old age, and she lacked such female companions.

Yang Chen and Liu Mingyu didn't expect that their mothers would be so enthusiastic in their conversations.

Seeing his wife successfully integrate with Guo Xuehua, Liu Qingshan laughed constantly. With the support of the Yang family, he was more than relieved to let Liu Minghao take over his Green Dragon Society.

After lunch, Guo Xuehua and Mother Liu had already talked about playing mahjong, dressing up and makeup, as if they were friends for many years.

In the afternoon, when they were about to leave, Guo Xuehua promised Mother Liu that she would gather a few people another day and come to their house for a few rounds of mahjong. She also invited Mother Liu to her own house.

Originally, Yang Chen felt uncertain. After all, he himself and Guo Xuehua were not the only ones at home, Lin Ruoxi might feel uncomfortable too.

However, Liu Mingyu's mother was also his own mother-in-law, and if he opposed it, his woman might feel upset.

Thinking of this, Yang Chen kept quiet.

During dinner, Guo Xuehua was talking to Wang Ma about Mother Liu happily. She said with a smile that this in-law's mother was also a wonderful person, and she spoke very interestingly and straightforwardly.

Lin Ruoxi then got to know that during the day Yang Chen and Guo Xuehua went to Liu Mingyu's house to celebrate Mother Liu's birthday.

Unconsciously, a trace of lonely sadness flashed in the woman's eyes.

Yang Chen had been paying attention to his wife's expression. When he saw this scene, his heart ached. He stretched out his hand and patted Lin Ruoxi's back then turned to Guo Xuehua and said, "Mom, don't talk so much and just eat. Ruoxi will miss her mother as you talk about it."

Guo Xuehua was taken aback. Seeing Lin Ruoxi's somewhat sad look, she smiled apologetically, "Sorry child, mother didn't mean it. Don't be angry with me okay? Mother didn't mean anything else, I am just saying..."

As Xue Zijing passed away early, Lin Ruoxi could not be like Liu Mingyu, having a mother, being able to celebrate birthdays together, even able to be a mother-in-law. It was inevitable that she felt bitter and upset.

When Guo Xuehua apologized, Lin Ruoxi immediately shook her head and smiled, "It's okay mother, I'm not angry with you."

Guo Xuehua nodded with a forceful smile, "That's good then..."

With that being said, the atmosphere on the table suddenly became cold. Except for Lanlan who was completely immune to the topic adults were talking about and finished the entire roasted chicken in front of her, Guo Xuehua and Lin Ruoxi lost their appetite.

Yang Chen was thinking of some ways to liven up the dying atmosphere at home. He frowned and looked at the night outside the window.

Sure enough, the Jue Swordsman had come.

Chapter 1172

Even Gods Can't Escape

"Yang Chen, what are you trying to do! Are you going against me(Hongmeng)!?"

Carrying the snort of True Yuan, Hongmeng stomped into the house. Yang Chen chuckled, put down the tableware and signaled the family not to worry. He then left his seat and walked out slowly.

Under the night, Absolute Sword Taoist stood on the lawn not far away, with flying swords on his back.

Although he was no match to Yang Chen in terms of cultivation level, relying on Hongmeng's big backing, he was not afraid of Yang Chen.

"You came so early, Taoist. Do you want to come in for dinner?" Yang Chen smiled invitingly.

"Dinner?" The Taoist frowned slightly, "You are already in the Tribulation Passing Stage, and you can already use Heaven and Earth Energy for your vitals. Why are you still eating those turbidity grains?"

Yang Chen spreaded his hands, "There are so many reasons to eat, you can do whatever you like, eat as you like, and you are free to not eat. How can there be so many reasons to find?"

"Don't change the topic," Absolute Sword Taoist said solemnly, "Why hasn't that woman left China yet and I knew that she's still in the residence!"

Yang Chen glanced at the direction of Rose's house, and asked, "Why does she have to leave China?"

"This is the rule set by Hongmeng! The cultivators above the Soul Forming Stage within China, except for the four big families and the people of the ancient families who are not under the jurisdiction, must be controlled by Hongmeng!" Absolute Sword Taoist said straightforwardly.

Yang Chen couldn't help asking, "Taoist, there's something I must know. Why does Hongmeng have to bring all the cultivators above the Soul Forming Stage into their own jurisdiction and enter the realm of fantasy? Is it really because of the fear of affecting the balance of the world?"

Yang Chen also asked Xiao Zhiqing this question as the woman grew up in the ancient family and didn't know much about Hongmeng. She roughly knew that it had something to do with 'the great ancient formation' that sealed Zeus.

"It's not a secret so it doesn't hurt to tell you. Do you know our Hongmeng exists to protect the foundation of China?"

"I've heard about it, isn't it just the last link of life preservation."

"Not just that", The Taoist said, "What you know is only the rough surface. The most important foundation that our Hongmeng defends is the great ancient formation within Hongmeng. In that great formation, Zeus, the first master of the Gods is sealed. Our cultivators above the Xuan Stage, more or less, will regularly provide True Yuan for the great formation to maintain the power for generations. Therefore, in order to prevent the number of cultivators from being insufficient, our Hongmeng will continue to recruit the ones above the Soul Forming Stage. They are trained here, striving to constantly appear at high-level cultivation bases to maintain the power of the great formation."

Yang Chen was stunned as he did not expect that it would be related to Zeus!

No wonder Hongmeng was so determined to recruit the cultivators of the Soul Forming Stage. If the big formation was really unable to sustain due to insufficient True Yuan and Zeus, a master like Athena, got released, he might really finish all cultivators! After all, the Chinese cultivators today were far worse than the ones 20,000 years ago.

However, there was another question that made Yang Chen wonder...

Could the great ancient formation really rely on these cultivators who were getting weaker to keep Zeus sealed?

And with the means of Athena, would she really be afraid of those in Hongmeng?

Athena was never a timid person, she must have had a valid reason not to rashly do it, that's why she had been enduring secret plans.

This series of things seemed to be suspenseful.

"I know that you have the divinity of Pluto, but since you have returned to the Yang family, you are also considered to be our own people. If you want to tell your friends of the gods, it is also your freedom, but it's meaningless," Absolute Sword Taoist proudly said.

Yang Chen waved his hand, "I'm just asking out of curiosity. I didn't mean anything else."

"Then, it's fine..." The Taoist said, "Initially, I would've let that woman go as an exception if she left China, for the sake of her relationship with your Yang Family. She is just at the early stage of Soul Forming, and the True Yuan she can provide is limited. Hongmeng will not be affected with losing one or two cultivators. However, if she stayed in China forever, and I as the ambassador of Hongmeng, did not bring her back, wouldn't it break Hongmeng's rules for thousands of years!? I can't bear such a heavy responsibility. Today, I must bring her back to Hongmeng!"

Seeing that the Absolute Sword Taoist was about to go to Rose's residence, Yang Chen immediately shouted, "Wait a minute, Taoist, how about we make a deal?"

"A deal?" The Taoist frowned in confusion.

"Yes, as far as I know, since Taoist is the Hongmeng ambassador of this term, you will know in advance whether anyone in Hongmeng is out of the fantasy realm, right?"

He nodded, "Actually, unless under special circumstances, the people in Hongmeng will not go out of the fantasy realm. If something happens, to avoid misunderstandings, they will inform me first."

"That's right," Yang Chen smiled and said, "Taoist, can't you just accommodate me to let my woman stay by my side and make it more convenient for me? Anyway, even if you didn't take her away, the people in Hongmeng will not know. If one day, the others are out of the fantasy realm, you may just inform me and I'll take my woman out of China immediately."

The Taoist snorted coldly, "I will never do anything secretly that blaspheme the position of the ambassador of Hongmeng!"

Seeing the Taoist's awe-inspiring expression, Yang Chen secretly smiled. He somehow had already taken out a fragrant pill that emitted a faintly colored halo...

Absolute Sword Taoist who was still raising his head a moment ago immediately lowered and stared at the gorgeous pill in Yang Chen's hand with his eyes widened and gulped.

"This...this is... Afterglow Pill?"

“The Taoist sure has good eyesight. It is the Afterglow Pill, which can help cultivators in the Soul Forming Stage quickly transform their spiritual energy into True Yuan. It can also increase their cultivation speed ten times in just a few days. Last but not least, it can take out the impurities in the spiritual energy, it is the classical mid-class elixirs.”

This Afterglow Pill was a new mid-class elixir recently refined by Yang Chen. It was of no use to himself, but it had a good effect on the cultivators in the Soul Forming Stage.

From Xiao Zhiqing’s understanding, these Hongmeng cultivators were much “poorer” than the people of the ancient family, especially the yellow-rank cultivators. It was considered not bad to have the low-class pill, but the mid-class is considered ‘rich and noble’!

High-class pill? Unimaginable!

Yang Chen grasped this mentality, and only took out one Afterglow Pill to attract the Taoist.

“Taoist, I won’t let you do this for me in vain. I’m just a little selfish, hoping to build a friendly relationship with you. Anyway, I didn’t mean to betray Hongmeng, it’s just a small favor between friends... It shouldn’t be a big deal, right?” Yang Chen shook the Afterglow Pill in front of the Taoist and asked while smiling.

He stared at the brightly shiny pill, and at a glance, he knew that the refiner was a master-level figure. The pill was restrained in its aura and its effect was absolutely extraordinary.

“How did you... get this mid-class elixir?” Absolute Sword Taoist asked alertly.

Yang Chen was prepared, “There are things that the Taoist didn’t know. I can go in and out of China freely, so I can naturally collect a lot of refining materials. Yan Feiling of the Hongmen Yan family has been in my Yang family for many years. She gave me a refining methodology and a small furnace before leaving. I just practiced it and made some pills out... Otherwise, how did you think that I’ve been improving so fast?”

The Taoist thought for a while. Indeed, before leaving the fantasy realm, I heard that Elder Yan Wuchen, the top master of the Heavenly Realms, whose young daughter Yan Feiling had returned to Hongmeng and she previously was hiding in the Yang Family... With the Yan family’s skills, elixir recipes and the mini furnace, it isn’t surprising at all. It seemed like this kid was speaking the truth.

If I help him in hiding Rose away, it is not indispensable. In fact, there was no danger and I can also retrieve elixirs to improve my own cultivation. If I’m lucky, I can even enter the Tribulation Passing Stage from the end of his Soul Forming Stage.

Absolute Sword Taoist thought for a while, and said in a straightforward voice, “It’s really not convincing enough for me to do this kind of deception with this little favor.”

His words were obvious, one pill was too less.

Yang Chen sneered in his heart. I guess even gods could not escape accepting bribes, not to mention cultivators.

“Taoist, the materials are scarce in the refining of the pill, and it is not easy to get it. It is rare for me to refine such a high-quality pill as well,” Yang Chen looked painful, and took out another Afterglow Pill and

a few low-class Spiritual Pill, "Taoist, these are the ones I have now, I will give you a few pills every year from now on, how about that?"

The Taoist took these pills from Yang Chen and immediately hid them. Remaining calm, he said, "Young Master Yang, don't treat me like a beggar alright."

### **Chapter 1173 Be Gentle With Me**

Shameless bullnose, such a big appetite!

Yang Chen deliberately looked dumbfounded and said, "Taoist, if you are not willing to do me this favor, then I might as well send my woman out of China! I won't have to be giving you elixirs either! You are being too much! Do you think that these pills of mine fell from the sky?"

As soon as the Taoist heard it, he knew he could not let the harvest fly away! If Yang Chen really sent Rose directly out of the country, he would lose a lot without even gaining anything!

Besides, he would not dare to threaten Yang Chen. Reason being that he could not beat Yang Chen, and if one less person got to know this, he would have more benefits.

So, he quickly smiled and said, "Brother Yang, kidding! Just kidding! Of course I'm willing to help you."

Yang Chen heaved a sigh of relief as he finally settled the guy in front of him.

He suffered a lot as well. After all, he killed two men from Hongmeng. If he killed the ambassador as well, it would be ridiculous for them to not realize him as the culprit.

Hence, that was why controlling such a sensitive person like the Hongmeng ambassador, was the steadiest way. It was never a bad thing to take a step back and quietly accumulate energy.

At the same time, if any Hongmeng members were to pay a visit, he would be the first to know.

Before leaving, the Absolute Sword Taoist was curious, "Brother Yang, why didn't you tell me about this good stuff and waited until today?"

This bullnose was already trying to get close with Yang Chen.

Yang Chen rolled his eyes, "Taoist, yesterday... the Ning family was here, did you want them to know?"

"I see, my brother is really thoughtful," The Taoist suddenly realized the point and bowed at Yang Chen before leaving.

After he had left, Rose walked out from the house to Yang Chen's side with a smile, "Settled?"

"Of course, he has no reason to turn it down," Yang Chen was proud.

Rose nodded and glanced at Yang Chen sideways, "I didn't expect you to be so smart apart from fighting."

Yang Chen pretended to be mad and pinched the woman's face. Is she complimenting or insulting me?

After having everything under control for now, Yang Chen was relieved.



He went back home and reported the issue. Guo Xuehua who had been worrying this whole time finally felt like taking off a burden from her shoulders.

After dinner, Guo Xuehua, Wang Ma and Min Juan started their daily routine of chasing drama. Lin Ruoxi, on the other hand, supervised Lanlan in doing her homework.

In fact, Lanlan was a fast learner. What surprised Yang Chen was that she also had a great memory. Things such as poetry recitation, texts, English, as long as she heard it or saw it once, she would never forget.

Yang Chen was even more curious about the chubby girl's biological parents. It was the gene mutation after being irradiated by the divine light that gave him such an ability. Lanlan obviously would not have been irradiated so was she really a prodigy?

Although Lanlan was highly talented, she had a lazy personality. She was not genuinely interested in doing homeworks, drawing or handicraft activities. If no one was there to supervise her, she would run away and play with her toys or demand to watch cartoons.

This was also one of the reasons why Yang Chen did not want to teach Lanlan how to cultivate too early. The child could not rest her mind and cultivating might harm her instead.

Walking to the mother and daughter, he saw Lanlan copying the texts rapidly, her words were all bigger than the grid.

Yang Chen touched his face helplessly. This little girl had a worse handwriting than himself.

Lin Ruoxi seemed to be distressed as well. Yet, thinking that she would be typing more in the future than writing, she didn't ask too much from her daughter.

Yang Chen reached out his hand and patted Lin Ruoxi's shoulder, asking her for a talk at the balcony. Lin Ruoxi was a little confused, but still called Min Juan over to supervise Lanlan and followed Yang Chen upstairs.

Reaching the second floor balcony, it was quiet. Feeling the cold breeze, Lin Ruoxi fixed her messy hair, "What's wrong? What's so important that we must talk outside."

Yang Chen sorted out his thoughts and told what Guo Xuehua told him yesterday, regarding her dissatisfactions toward Lin Ruoxi, but in a more gentle way.

"...Don't blame mother either, she didn't deliberately target you. Since you are Lanlan's mother now, you should also be able to experience the feeling of being a mother. I am fine with it and I understand your temper is like this. But mother didn't think of it that way, so she hoped that we could be more like husbands and wives."

Lin Ruoxi pursed her thin lips silently as her eyes wandered for a while. She whispered, "I understand. I will comfort Lanlan, let her learn to sleep alone by arranging a room for her. At most one week, let's sleep in one room after that."

Yang Chen laughed, "It's right for you to do this, but don't take it as me wanting to sleep with you that's why I am happy..."

"I know!" Lin Ruoxi interrupted Yang Chen, "If you sleep with me, it would be inconvenient to go out at night to find other women. Do you think I don't know? I don't think you will be too happy. Besides, it's normal for husband and wife to sleep together."

"The point is that you have to be gentle with me, baby Ruoxi, at least in front of my mother, you need to be more caring toward me. Then she'll be happy and like you even more," Yang Chen advised.

Lin Ruoxi said unhappily, "I admit that I didn't do enough in many areas but if I am to be gentle with you and care about you, then I am not doing it for mom. Do you think I should be acting to care about you?"

Yang Chen hurriedly smiled and waved his hand, "That's not what I meant, I just hope you and mom can get along well. She is my only mother and you are my wife. It's not appropriate for me to help anyone. I can't let either one of you go, so if you can make peace, please do. You see, my mother has passed on the family treasure like the Fengxiang bracelet to you. That means she still recognizes you in her heart, but there's just some slight dissatisfaction. No matter what you do to me or say to me, it doesn't matter in private, but in front of my mother, try to pay attention to it, okay?"

Lin Ruoxi felt sour inside seeing Yang Chen's thoughtful and poignant expression.

He lowered his head suddenly and asked, "Honey, am I too ignorant that made me worry about all these for me..."

Yang Chen smiled indifferently, "What's the big deal about this, I've done a lot of bad things as well. It's up to you and it's okay for you to vent your anger occasionally. I'm just afraid that the house will be upset, and I can't behave like how I did outside, solving problems by killing. So dear, you have to help me, okay?"

Looking at Yang Chen's rascal smile, Lin Ruoxi could not help but chuckled, "It sounds like I am always treating you as my punching bag. It's so pitiful, but obviously you're the one who made me mad."

Seeing the woman smiling, Yang Chen was relieved. He hoped that in two days' time, the feeling of disharmony in the house would float away.

The next day, Yang Chen went to work at the company as usual. Hannya was still in Japan, and Yang Chen did not plan to ask her to come to work for him immediately since he would not be leaving Zhonghai in the short term. After all, it was a top priority to improve the women's strength around him.

Unknowingly, it was already December. Due to the upcoming festivals such as Christmas, New Year, Spring Festival, and New Year's Day, the whole city was extremely busy.

When he drove to Yulei Entertainment Company, Yang Chen found out in doubt that there were a dozen people downstairs at the headquarters of Yulei building opposite, holding a banner and seemingly protesting against something.

However, because of the small number of people, the traffic coming and going did not pay much attention to them. The Yu Lei's security guard stood there motionless, seemingly disdainful to expel them.

Yang Chen was quite curious and so he made a call to Lin Ruoxi after entering the office. The woman came to the company earlier than himself. She must have seen it earlier.

“What is it, Yang Chen...”

Hearing Lin Ruoxi calling out his name, Yang Chen could guess that she was with someone else from the company and she was shy.

“What happened to the protesters under the Yulei Building? Something happened?” Yang Chen asked with concern.

Lin Ruoxi was silent for a while, and said, “Don’t worry about them, just let them shout. The weather is cold. They will leave soon.”

The woman hung up the phone after finishing her sentence.

Yang Chen had a headache as they were just talking about treating him gently yesterday and now she hung up the phone on him.

Yang Chen could only call Zhao Teng in and asked about what happened.

Zhao Teng was shocked that Yang Chen did not know anything, “Director Yang, didn’t President Lin tell you anything? Aren’t you both husband and wife?”

“Nonsense, will I be asking you if I knew it?” Yang Chen felt a bit embarrassed as well.

Chapter 1174 - Pillow Wind

### **Pillow Wind**

“Oh,” Zhao Teng smiled embarrassingly, “Those are the employees of ‘Bainian Departmental Store’. They are protesting as they think that Yulei used despicable means to purchase their company.”

“Bainian Departmental Store? That’s the one that sells cheap merchandise?” Yang Chen remembered that the department store had a long history of running the civilian route in Zhonghai.

Zhao Teng nodded and said, “Yes, Bainian Department Store is a time-honored private enterprise in Zhonghai. The founder, President Sun is also a small and prestigious entrepreneur. However, in recent years, under the leadership of President Lin, our head office in Yulei has expanded very rapidly, almost 50% of Zhonghai’s departmental stores had already been owned by Yulei. The Yulei street built by her has taken shape, but in the entire fashion industry street, Bainian has been reluctant to be acquired. Not only their brand, including the land, they are not willing to transfer. Bainian is taking the civilian route, which is completely incompatible with the fashion route taken by Yulei, so acquisition and rectification are necessary. Otherwise, it is a thorn in the flesh. Yulei’s price has been increasing but President Sun just refused to let it go. It’s already close to New Year. If we don’t acquire them soon, it will delay next year’s integration plan. So... the relationship has always been in a tense stage.”

“Then why are they protesting against Yulei?” Yang Chen was stunned.

Zhao Teng awkwardly hesitated for a while, and said, “Since last week, the TV station was continuously broadcasting news about more counterfeit products in Bainian Departmental Store. It took more than three minutes and it was mentioned that the TV station reporters found some fake products in it. President Sun was so mad that he had coughed blood. It was a big blow to Bainian Departmental Store. Originally, they had a problem with the turnover of funds. With such a disturbance, the bank began to

rush their loan repayment. Bainian believed that Yulei bribed the TV station and suppressed them insidiously, so these brave old employees came to Yulei headquarters to protest...”

Yang Chen roughly understood the whole thing, but he did not believe that Yulei was not involved in this.

Yang Chen would not be surprised if it was Lin Ruoxi’s instructions. After all, this woman could be very cold-blooded when it comes to business affairs.

He still remembered that in Pingshan Town, Lin Ruoxi confessed to him that she did bribe local officials to buy the factory.

Withdrawing his thoughts, Yang Chen asked, “Zhao Teng, do you think...this is what Yulei secretly bribed the TV station to do?”

Zhao Teng touched his nose embarrassedly, “To be honest, Director Yang, I don’t think this has to be suspected. It must have something to do with Yulei. In the TV station, as long as the price is high, it’s easy to make a fake report. We can just make a statement after two weeks and say that the report was caused by some people who maliciously targeted Bainian Departmental Store and make them apologize to the public. If the TV station apologizes, the public will not care too much, but during this period of time, Bainian will definitely fall. Yes, instead of completely ruining it, agreeing to Yulei’s acquisition as soon as possible is the best choice.”

“What do you mean, is my wife bullying others?” Yang Chen squinted and smiled.

Zhao Teng’s face turned pale, and he hurriedly waved his hand, “You must be joking, this... the business industry is like a battlefield, and soldiers are not tired of being a fraud. If it’s Director Lin’s plan, I will support her decision.”

Yang Chen smiled, “Alright, I’m not blaming you, you may leave.”

Zhao Teng hurriedly backed out like a pardon, not forgetting to wipe the cold sweat on his forehead.

Yang Chen turned his head, looked at the dozens of figures still protesting under the opposite building, and sighed slightly.

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In the next few days, Lin Ruoxi finally persuaded Lanlan to sleep in her own room. She would then move to Yang Chen’s room to sleep, letting the little girl experience how it was like to be sleeping alone.

All the rooms in the family were equipped with double beds, and Lin Ruoxi’s bed was even bigger. Lanlan lying in the center of the big bed, her belly facing up in a “big” sleeping position, looked extremely childish and cute.

When Guo Xuehua realised both of them are finally sleeping together, she was satisfied and the smiles on her face had increased a lot.

However, Guo Xuehua was pretty busy as well. Previously, the tea drinking and mahjong playing sessions with Liu Mingyu’s mother actually happened.

She first went to the Liu Residence to play the entire day. A day after the next day, she brought Mother Liu and a few more women of her age to her house and played mahjong for half a day.

When Lin Ruoxi and Yang Chen reached home in the evening, both of them were stunned as they saw a few aunties appearing out of nowhere.

Lin Ruoxi was a lady who liked quietness. Hearing noise around her ears and from the group of unfamiliar aunties, she was irritated.

But in front of Guo Xuehua, Lin Ruoxi kept her smile as much as possible. After dealing with them simply, she quickly ran upstairs.

Guo Xuehua could feel it as well, her daughter-in-law looked down at these women and she had a slight complaint in her heart but she did not say anything.

However, the original plan to keep these women at home for dinner had changed to inviting them to dinner in a restaurant, which was considered taking a step back.

In Yang Chen's bedroom at night.

There was a mellow voice, which outlined a charming pink memorial.

At this moment, Yang Chen was lying on his lover, with one hand clinging to the more and more abundant snow peaks on the left, gently rubbing it and his right hand stroking the woman's hair.

Both of their lips and teeth intersect, and the mellow voice subconsciously came from Lin Ruoxi's throat, fascinating and moving. A small lilac tongue was teased wantonly by Yang Chen.

Lin Ruoxi had no way of reflecting what she was doing. It seemed like she was floating in the clouds. The man was so powerful that he could go in and out, and make the perfect shot every time, paralyzing her nerve stimulation to a whole new world.

It was as if the whole body was about to turn into a pool of spring waters, blending into the ground, refreshing into the heart.

Yang Chen also deliberately persisted as long as possible. Although the endurance of nearly an hour or so was beyond the reach of other men, he still felt that it was short.

This was also because Lin Ruoxi's power was indeed much stronger than other women. Yang Chen could feel an irresistible force seemingly tugging at him such that the bulge at his groin continued to grow as if it had developed a mind of its own. Though pressed tightly against the material of his pants, it felt comfortable.

At the same time, Lin Ruoxi made herself clear that this could only be done once a night and nothing more! This made Yang Chen cherish every time he got to enjoy it.

Although Lin Ruoxi was not very repulsive to marital life, she felt that she should be moderate rather than just doing whatever you want.

Therefore, even if Yang Chen endured feeling uncomfortable, Lin Ruoxi asked the man to make sure that only one shot would come, and no more bullets would be allowed.

But the facts had proven that even if it was stipulated to come only once, after each time, Lin Ruoxi still became exhausted and weak as if her bones fell apart.

Finally, after Yang Chen gushed out, the room fell back into silence.

Lin Ruoxi panted softly in Yang Chen's arms and complained, "You can't take a day off, huh? Is this really so fascinating to you?"

Yang Chen smiled evilly, stroking the woman's smooth back, "Dear, aren't you also very involved? I didn't come as much as you."

"No... don't you mention it... are you that shameless..." Lin Ruoxi blushed as her face was flushed with redness.

Yang Chen patted the woman's buttocks, her flesh trembled, incredibly sweet.

"Mother said previously that you have to buck up and get pregnant with our first child, am I not helping you?"

"It's not something I can decide. Besides, I regard Lanlan as my child," Lin Ruoxi pouted.

Yang Chen touched the woman's face, hands up and down together. It was a great joy, "The elders always want the children and grandchildren to be flourishing, you have to understand their feelings."

"Understand the feelings of the elders, what about mine then..." Lin Ruoxi suddenly complained.

"What about yours?" Yang Chen was stunned.

Lin Ruoxi drew circles on the man's chest and said quietly, "Honey, let's find a time to talk to mother on not asking people to play mahjong at home. Those aunties have such loud voices and they don't have much culture. Why is she always playing with them?"

"Hey, mother is feeling bored about life, just let her be happy."

"Then you should find the right person. Mother Liu is Mingyu's mother, so forget it. The other aunties, I don't even know who they are. Isn't it awkward to let them come to our house? And... I think it's not good to always play mahjong at home. I'm afraid that Lanlan will follow along and play mahjong from young."

Yang Chen asked, "Why do you want me to talk about it? Can't you also talk to our mother in person? If you have any comments just speak up, we are a family."

"I ..... I'm afraid of making mother angry. She has recently started being nice to me and she treated you well right. You can just pretend that you don't like it and help me..."

Listening to the woman's gentle pleads, although Yang Chen felt that it was not too appropriate to say this, he had to agree. After all, Lin Ruoxi seldom begged him and it was not good to reject.

The next morning, at the breakfast table.

Yang Chen thought for a while and said to Guo Xuehua with a smile, "Mom, can you please help me with something?"

Guo Xuehua could not help but laugh, "What is this? What's the favor? What are you thinking, you naughty child?"

"No," Yang Chen said embarrassedly, "It's just that you've been asking people to play mahjong at home recently, I think it's a bit messy and annoying and it's not really a good thing to show Lanlan. Can you stop calling those aunties here in the future?"

Guo Xuehua who was peeling the tea egg, stopped and the smile on her face disappeared. With a sorrowful smile, she asked, "Son, do you think mother is making you feel embarrassed by getting along with those aunties?"

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Yang Chen heard it and quickly waved his hand, "Oh no, that's not what I mean, my mother-in law is there as well, I can't be saying that she's embarrassing me."

Guo Xuehua gave a meaningful smile and took a look at the silent Lin Ruoxi in the corner. She said, "I know, in terms of manners, culture and others, those old sisters are no match to you as they aren't that educated indeed. They don't even know the rules of the upper class. Maybe in the eyes of you youngsters, they are the ones that can be ignored. But in these few recent years, mother travelled to the north and the south to manage the orphanage and sponsor funds. I have seen all kinds of people and encountered all kinds of situations. When I was young, I also thought that the aunties have no manners, the way they talk is more like yelling, drinking tea just like a man, very vulgar indeed."

Speaking of that, Guo Xuehua asked Lin Ruoxi, "Ruoxi, you think so too right?"

Lin Ruoxi who was drinking porridge stopped with a spoon in hand. She smiled unnaturally, not knowing whether to nod or to shake her head.

Not hoping a reply from her, Guo Xuehua continued, "But the older one gets, I realised that the ones I got to know in Beijing, those women that married the rich; although they are better mannered and cultured, considering every word before speaking out and whispering every word softly, but on the contrary, they don't have much sense of humanity which makes me felt very tired. While I am with the rich ladies, I need to think very carefully about what I speak. By simply saying something, they would think that I'm passing on your grandfather and father's opinions and they spoke to me gently when they needed my help. Living a life like that, having friends like that is tiring. That's why I chose not to stay in Beijing, except for visiting your grandfathers. Usually, I would be running everywhere to get to know more people. Although they like money and status as well, they aren't pretentious. If I ask them to donate to our foundation and charity homes, they will usually reject me but they are willing to perform some physical work and buy some snacks for the kids. They won't think much before speaking. On some occasions, they would even have their hands-on, patting me from time to time and laughing like nobody's business; they would get mad right after they lost a game of mahjong. They might look vulgar and uncultured in the eyes of you youngsters, but to me, they are the sincere and cute ones in this society. Ruoxi, if you can't accept me bringing them home to play then I'll go out with them instead. However, I don't want you to look down on them, okay?"

By the end of the day, the only person Guo Xuehua asked directly, was Lin Ruoxi.

Lin Ruoxi opened her mouth slightly and felt a little guilty. She didn't know why Guo Xuehua was directing the question to her.

Did her mother-in-law know that she was the one who asked Yang Chen to talk about all these?

Yang Chen, on the other hand, was dumbfounded as he did not expect Guo Xuehua to say such words.

Ever since they started living together for more than a year, Guo Xuehua rarely lectured them as an elder. But this time, Yang Chen was touched.

After listening to her words, those noisy aunties seemed to be quite cute.

Wang Ma also smiled and said, "Xuehua is right. I often go to the market to buy vegetables and those aunties there know me as well. Being with them makes me happy. If there's no emotions and feelings between people, it's useless to be elegant and graceful. I am actually quite fond about having those aunties over to play, they're very joyous."

Yang Chen gave a wry smile, "Mother, I didn't look down on those aunties, it's just that it's a bit noisy to have them at home, if possible do reduce having activities at home."

Guo Xuehua snorted lightly and looked at her son helplessly, "I know, these words are not from you. Ruoxi told you to talk to me right?"

Lin Ruoxi looked at her mother-in-law in shock as her face was flushed in red.

"Mother, you..." Yang Chen was confused. Did Guo Xuehua eavesdrop on us last night?

"Oh you," Guo Xuehua shook her head and sighed, "My child, you were able to sell lamb kebabs for half a year in the market, how would you be annoyed with having a few aunties at home? If it wasn't for your wife, would you even say anything?"

Yang Chen suddenly realized it actually didn't make sense for him to say such words.

Lin Ruoxi understood the context and felt more embarrassing. Her eyes wandered around and didn't know what to say.

Guo Xuehua finally showed some dissatisfaction and said coldly, "Ruoxi, using your husband as a gun and pulling the trigger towards your mother-in-law, is not a good move."

"I...mother...I didn't mean it that way..." Lin Ruoxi was completely messed up.

"Am I such an unreasonable mother-in-law? Will I beat you or scold you if you tell me directly that the house is too noisy and it may affect Lanlan?"

Lin Ruoxi shook her head sadly, "No..."

"We are a family, just say anything as you wish. I can even accept you adopting a child, why are you still taking me as an unreasonable mother-in-law?" Guo Xuehua couldn't hide her disappointment.

Yang Chen saw Lin Ruoxi was about to tear up and felt his heart aching, "Mother, stop it okay. I'll not be Ruoxi's messenger anymore. She respects you, that's why she didn't dare to speak up..."



“Alright alright, I’ll listen to you. Besides, your wife is the most important person in your heart,” Guo Xuehua ranted and continued peeling her egg.

Yang Chen looked at his wife then his mother complicatedly and finally turned to Wang Ma helplessly. He was hoping that she could say a few words to moderate the atmosphere.

But Wang Ma showed her hands and smiled speechlessly.

On the other hand, Lanlan ignored whatever the adults said. The chubby girl was not interested in these messy stuff as nothing was more attractive than the breakfast in front of her.

Continuously eating until she finished drinking the bowl of porridge which was bigger than her face, Lanlan finally felt full and touched her round little tummy.

“Nanny! Lanlan wants to go to the kindergarten!”

Long prepared, Ming Juan got up, grabbed Lanlan’s pink Kitty bag, held her hand and said goodbye to the rest then left.

After Lanlan had left, Guo Xuehua sighed, “Acting like a joke in front of the child early in the morning.”

Lin Ruoxi said softly, “Mother...I’ll never do it again, it’s my fault...”

“What you say is correct, mother didn’t think thoroughly. But you must tell me directly instead of letting Yang Chen do the work, alright?” Guo Xuehua tried to speak calmly.

Lin Ruoxi nodded and pursed her cherry lips.

At that moment, the sound of cars came from outside of the house. Since the house was quiet, it was very clear.

“Oh, what’s wrong, did Lanlan forget something?” Wang Ma asked.

Yang Chen raised his brows, “No, it’s another car, seems like we have guests.”

After a while, someone rang the bell as expected.

“Who is it in the early morning,” Wang Ma was confused and got up to open the door.

After opening the door, two men stood outside, it seemed like they were father and son.

The middle aged man was fully suited up, frowning tightly while holding his father.

The old man looked like he was in his seventies, white hair, tall and thin body, wearing gray sportswear with a dull face.

“Big brother, who are you looking for?” Wang Ma asked nicely.

The old man said, “I’m Sun Hai, the President of ‘Bainian Departmental Store’. Is this President Lin of Yulei International’s house?”

Wang Ma was lost, “Oh, President Sun of Bainian, I’ve heard about you long ago. Your store was already here when I first entered this city. Indeed it’s President Lin’s house, please come in.”

Wang Ma invited them nicely, but Sun Hai and his son had their foot rooting to the ground.

"It's alright, we aren't qualified to enter the house of the President of Yulei International, I'm afraid that we might dirty the place. Why don't you just invite President Lin out to meet us," Sun Hai insulted.

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Wang Ma nodded in confusion and smiled embarrassingly. She could sense that Sun Hai and his son were not here for a nice visit so she looked into the house helplessly.

"Young lady, it's President Sun and his son from the Bainian Department Store, they are here for you, and they aren't willing to come in..."

Lin Ruoxi was dazing off, but after hearing that she immediately turned back and said in a cold manner, "Let them be, I have nothing to say to them."

However, Guo Xuehua was taken aback and asked, "Is it President Sun?!"

"Mother, do you know him?" Yang Chen asked, as Lin Ruoxi looked over in confusion.

Guo Xuehua tidied herself and glanced at Lin Ruoxi with an unpleasant expression, "How can you treat the guests like this? Of course I know President Sun, we have been friends for more than ten years."

Guo Xuehua hurried to the door as she spoke.

Sun Hai and his son were baffled when they saw Guo Xuehua appearing.

"Madam Guo, what are you doing here?" Sun Hai asked in surprise, as he eased into a friendly manner.

Guo Xuehua walked up smiling and shaking hands with Sun Hai, "Why not? I'm currently staying here with my son and daughters-in-law."

Sun Hai and his son stared into each other's eyes in confusion.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi then walked out from the house. Yang Chen had some thoughts running through his mind and he had a feeling that something bad was going to happen. This incident about Bainian seemed to be getting worse.

Lin Ruoxi on the other hand had an unpleasant expression and bit her lips. She was meant to meet both of them, but was hesitant as she felt that things would get complicated.

Sun Hai in shock, pointed at Lin Ruoxi with his hands trembling as he saw her and Yang Chen walking out, "Madam Guo, you are saying that President Lin of Yulei International is your daughter-in-law?!"

Guo Xuehua nodded, "Ah, correct. President Sun, is there any misunderstanding between you and our Ruoxi?"

"Misunderstanding?!Hmmp..." Sun Hai sneered. He seemed to be pretty mad as he started coughing heavily.

His son quickly helped his father whose eyes were turning red by patting his back, "Father, calm down. I've told you not to come here, your health..."

"It's alright," Sun Hai pushed his son's hands away, his face was red with pallor beneath his skin, "Madam Guo, I didn't know President Lin is your daughter-in-law. Since I know it now, then I guess it's easier to talk about some things."

A menacing gaze flashed through Lin Ruoxi's eyes, she knew what he was going to talk about and quickly interrupted, "President Sun! I respect you as an elder in the business industry. Let's talk about work in the office, this is my house and I don't want you to drag this into my family."

Sun Hai sneered, "President Lin, Lin Ruoxi, you still know that I am your elder huh?! I am old enough to be your grandfather and this is the kind of respect you are paying me!? Working fair and square!? Haha, all these despicable actions you've done behind my back and you're asking me to do things fairly!? I've sent multiple people to your company and they got kicked out every single time! I've even personally gone there myself and you were in a meeting for the entire day? Is it that hard to meet you for once? If I hadn't come here early in the morning, would I still be able to see you!?"

Witnessing Sun Hai go mad, Guo Xuehua's face turned grim as she looked at Lin Ruoxi, "Ruoxi, what actually happened? Why did you make President Sun this angry?"

"Mother, this is related to the company. I've sent someone to settle it. Just trust me and don't bother about it," Lin Ruoxi tried her best to force a smile.

Guo Xuehua sighed, "I know this is about the company, but it's related to President Sun and I've never seen him this mad, I can't afford to stay out of this."

"Mother, what is the relationship between President Sun and you?" Yang Chen asked.

"Sheesh, what do you mean about that? President Sun and I are friends despite differences in age and we've known each other for decades. He is also heavily connected to mother's charity foundation," Guo Xuehua said, "Back in the days when I first built up the charity foundation for old folks home, we lacked funds, resources and manpower. The Bainian Department Store was already in shape at that time and he was the first man in Zhonghai to donate money and resources to us, he also helped us find partners. It can be said that more than 50 charity organizations in Zhonghai are related to him. Few years ago, Bainian Department Store's revenue was decreasing, but the money he donated did not reduce at all. He didn't even have his own house and was staying in a commercial house. President Sun is the true definition of a good entrepreneur and I've learned a lot from him. He is a person of good temper, but now he rushed to our house in fury saying that Ruoxi has played dirty tricks on him? How can I stay out of this?"

"What does it have to do with mother?" She added, "President Sun and I have been friends for many years."

Yang Chen, astonished, once again looked at Sun Hai, this old man was wearing a simple and old sportswear, his shoes were made of dull leather. His forehead wrinkled indicating that he had been through a lot in life and he did not look like a president of a company, at least not like one who was an old entrepreneur in Zhonghai for decades.

It's nothing for a person to do good deeds a day or two, a year or more. What's valuable is that the person was doing charity and good deeds for his entire life without sparing a sweat.

A person like this is deemed to be respected, no wonder Guo Xuehua was happy to see him coming.

Sun Hai waved his hands and said, "Madam Guo, don't make it sound so good. I don't pursue these reputations anyway, it's what I should do since I can't bring money into my coffin. I am here today to look for justice and I wish Lin Ruo Xi, President Lin is able to apologize and compensate for what she's done, to clear up this old man's name!"

Lin Ruoxi continued holding her expressionless face, feigning ignorance.

Guo Xuehua saw her expression and got irritated, "Ruoxi, what happened? Tell your mother now!"

Lin Ruoxi looked away, "I don't have anything to say."

"You..." Guo Xuehua's face turned pale, "What is this attitude! The elders are questioning you and this is what we get!?"

"Mother, calm down, Ruoxi must have her reasons," Yang Chen was sweating in fear as he held his mother's shoulder in an attempt to comfort her.

"Reasons?! I couldn't see any," Guo Xuehua turned away and asked Sun Hai's son, "Sun Peng, you father is not feeling well, you tell us what happened!"

Sun Peng looked at Lin Ruoxi with a complicated expression, he only proceeded to speak after seeing his father nodding, "Madam Guo, it's like this. Yulei International wanted to acquire our Bainian Department Store but my father insisted on not selling it. Last week, the TV station broadcasted a video clip about a journalist investigating our store and had found fake products. They even repeated the stream everyday. Although our stores have been selling affordable products to the citizens, we abide by our original products, that's why we are famous. This news has caused our stocks to collapse and we are severely suffering in cash flow, even the banks are chasing us for loan repayment! How are we supposed to survive now!?"

Lin Ruoxi's expression looked as cold as ice, her complexion dimmed unlike during breakfast, and as if she was looking down on a group of weak creatures atop the glacier, she said in a callous tone, "If you have evidence, feel free to sue me at court, if not, please leave."

"Evidence?! Haha," Sun Hai laughed in anger, "As long as the person has a brain, they will be able to predict who's the one behind all these! What is it now Lin Ruoxi?! Last year you consumed half of the Xu Family's properties with your tricks and this year you want mine as well? If you really wish to target my small company then talk to me directly. Using despicable means to destroy my lifetime reputation?! How ruthless of you!"

Guo Xuehua couldn't stand hearing all these, "President Sun, please calm down. Let me ask first, maybe it's not related to my daughter-in-law?"

"Madam Guo, I know you are a kind person, but how did you end up with such a vicious daughter-in-law like this? Do you know that she's like a poisonous scorpion in our Zhonghai business industry? She takes over different companies no matter the size each year and everyone is scared of her..." Sun Hai said anxiously.

Guo Xuehua was trembling and forced a smile. She then pulled Lin Ruoxi closer and asked, "My child, tell your mother the truth. This is not a court, I only want to know, are you the one who instructed whatever happened to Bainian's Department Store?..."

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Yang Chen immediately stopped his mother as she questioned Lin Ruoxi, "Mother! How could you ask Ruoxi like this face to face? Isn't it hurtful?"

"Why not?! Is there anything to be covered up? A person should be honest about what they do or say, if we talk about it in private, what would people think? If she didn't do it just say it out, I don't need any evidence, I just want to hear my daughter-in-law telling me that she did not do it!"

Lin Ruoxi laughed while her voice trembled, her eyes were on the verge of tears. She then asked, "Mother, do you think I did it?"

Guo Xuehua kept quiet, confused, she didn't know what to answer.

"Honey, just say it... no matter what I'll accept it," Yang Chen said anxiously.

Lin Ruoxi took a deep breath and stared at Yang Chen deeply, "You also think that it's my doing... right?"

"I..." Yang Chen looked into his wife's teary eyes. He wanted to say no but recalling about what happened in the past and about the incident with Li Jianhe, he suddenly froze.

Lin Ruoxi's eyes flowed through a moment of bleakness, reflecting a sense of disappointment, but it disappeared in a flash. She then turned to Sun Hai and his son, "There is no evidence, and I will not answer your question. In this matter, I have said everything that should have been said. I will be waiting for President Sun to pay Yulei International a visit to sign the acquisition agreement."

As soon as those words were spoken, Guo Xuehua and Yang Chen lost every bit of hope.

Lin Ruoxi's expression and tone didn't seem to match and she didn't even want to defend herself. Although she did not directly admit a single thing, her responses showed otherwise.

This attitude fanned Sun Hai's anger, "So you are admitting your faults! What a generation! Back in the days, even though the former president of Yulei International was a woman, her behaviour was inspiring as she built and expanded the company's foundation all by herself. Everyone in Zhonghai's business industry admired her. Who would have known that her successor was someone acting like a starving lion, biting and hunting down everything! Do you still have any ethics as an entrepreneur?! You've earned so much, live in a big house, own luxurious cars, but you still want to cause ordinary families to suffer. Are you not scared of the consequences or retribution lashing back to you!?"

With a cold expression Lin Ruoxi solemnly said, "President Sun, I respect you as an elderly, but do mind your words, do not drag my grandmother in."

"I'm going to say it!" Sun Hai burst into tears and grabbed Guo Xuehua's hand, "Madam Guo, you don't know how bad this would be for nearly a thousand employees in our department store! We have been making honest and affordable products and Yulei International only does fashion products. They have

such different prices and positioning! If the company gets taken over, it doesn't matter for an old man like me who won't have many years left to live, but my employees who have gathered from all around have no educational background. They have little to no idea about these industries, wouldn't they all have to be cleared out of the company by then! These are ordinary households, one after another! They finally managed to settle down in this city, so by doing that, it's like breaking their stems, how cruel would that be!"

Guo Xuehua felt sorrow when she heard those words and turned to Lin Ruoxi, "Ruoxi, must you be so cruel, do you really have to take over Bainian Department Store!?"

Lin Ruoxi replied mechanically, "The market value of Bainian is only 13 billion. I am offering 15 billion to take over the company, which is already much higher than the market price. Based on President Sun's management methods and philosophy, our company's audit department has calculated that Bainian can only last for about five years at most, and it will go bankrupt due to the lack of capital funds. At that time, those employees will leave empty-handed. Instead of that occurring, isn't it better to receive the money so that you can distribute it to your employees, hoping that they can change their directions?"

"Stop!!!"

Sun Hai pointed at Lin Ruoxi while heavily breathing, "What do you know! It's been forty years since I have founded Bainian! It's my life and my soul! Do you really think that money can buy everything!? You think that money can replace the feelings and relationships between me and the employees who've worked for me for decades!? By being rich and you are able to step across us elders heads and continue climbing up!? Listen up Lin Ruoxi, even if Bainian goes bankrupt tomorrow, I will not give in to you! I will never sell my soul to a devil like you!!!"

Lin Ruoxi's eyes sparked, as she sneered, "Well, since you said that, I am determined to fight with you then. Let's see, if 15 billion is not enough, I will offer you 16 billion, if it still isn't enough, 20 billion then! I shall see if your soul is more worthy than the price that I'm offering!"

"Shut up!!!"

This stern shouting was not from Sun Hai, but Guo Xuehua!

Her hand was high up in the air, as she was about to slap Lin Ruoxi.

But at the last moment, she held back, as her hand's were left hanging mid-air.

Yang Chen then reacted, only because he was immersed in Lin Ruoxi's abrupt and cruel words. He couldn't believe these words actually came from her mouth.

With a look of sorrow and disbelief, Guo Xuehua couldn't help shaking her head, and said in tears, "How can you be such a child... How could you say such cold words?"

Lin Ruoxi was expressionless, as if everything had nothing to do with her, and Guo Xuehua's raised hand did not affect her either.

"When I saw you playing with those children in the orphanage, I felt that although you looked a little bit cold, your heart was warm and kind. But today, why did you shatter my recognition towards you? Ruoxi, do you know that what you are doing feels like a sharp knife piercing my heart!"

Guo Xuehua slowly put her trembling hand's down, she turned to face Sun Hai, and bowed deeply, "I'm sorry, President Sun, I didn't expect things to be like this. Your approach was right, you can't abandon so many employees. Don't worry, I won't let her take over Bainian."

Immediately after, Guo Xuehua said coldly to Lin Ruoxi, "Ruoxi, stop being so obsessed and give up, otherwise you shall stop calling me mother. Our Yang family does not need such a pure cold-blooded person to be our daughter-in-law!"

"Mother! What are you saying? It's not that out of control yet!" Yang Chen defended Lin Ruoxi in dissatisfaction.

"What's wrong with you! How are you still protecting her after knowing about her actions!? If she treated you as a husband and me as her mother-in-law, she wouldn't be showing this attitude!" Guo Xuehua said angrily.

Lin Ruoxi suddenly laughed coldly on her own, "If we don't take it over, others may not be willing to. The acquisition must be executed. Even if you all oppose me, I will not change my mind. If you are not willing to accept me again, I suppose this is our fate. Besides... I am being favored all along..."

Lin Ruoxi headed towards the house without looking at Yang Chen's shocked expression.

"President Sun, you may leave now. I welcome you to Yulei's to sign the contract anytime..."

Sun Hai was so angry, he was passing out and had to lean against his son Sun Peng.

Guo Xuehua gave up being mad at Lin Ruoxi and went forward to help Sun Hai. She told Sun Peng, "Forget about her, send President Sun to the hospital now! He will get worse any later!"

Sun Peng quickly nodded and helped his dad, then drove away.

Guo Xuehua watched the car go and returned back to the door. She sighed as she saw Yang Chen who was still in shock, "Yang Chen, stop dreaming. I know you can't believe what just happened. Even I hope that it wasn't true, but you must stay strong and find a conclusion."

Yang Chen took a deep breath and walked back into the house with Guo Xuehua.

After entering the house, they saw Wang Ma downstairs circling anxiously. Yang Chen asked, "Wang Ma, where's Ruoxi?"

Wang Ma spoke with a worried expression, "She went upstairs, I have no idea what she's going to do. Young master, I've never seen the lady showing such an indifferent expression for such a long time. How did it turn out like this? It was okay just now during breakfast...this-"

"Don't worry, we'll talk about it. I think Ruoxi is not in a good mood today, it's just words of anger," Yang Chen comforted her.

Wang Ma forcefully nodded but she knew it wouldn't be easy.

After a while, Lin Ruoxi finally came out of her room. But when she came downstairs, she had her red Tods luggage on one hand and a paper in the other.

Yang Chen was just thinking about why his wife spoke in such a rude manner, until he saw her standing there and couldn't help but raise his voice, "Lin Ruoxi, what are you trying to do?!"

"Don't shout at me, who do you think you are!" Lin Ruoxi replied coldly. She rest her luggage on the ground and held paper in her hands right in front of them.

Yang Chen gave it a glance and stood there like a wooden pillar.

"Marriage agreement?"

After seeing those words, Guo Xuehua shouted in disbelief, "Both of you are in a contract marriage!?"

Wang Ma was also dumbfounded, covering her mouth, she couldn't believe her eyes!

### **Chapter 1178: A Marriage From A Piece Of Paper**

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi both kept quiet. The paper in her hands was the marriage agreement they both signed at the cafe from the start!

As time flew, Yang Chen forgot about signing this agreement in the cafe!

He never expected her to keep the paper!

"Are you being serious..." Yang Chen's face turned green as the anger rushed to his face.

He initially thought that she was just throwing a tantrum and was thinking of ways to please her. But he never expected her to do something so hurtful.

The content in the agreement didn't matter anymore, be it the couple's privacy or their assets and properties.

Everything was meaningless to the two now.

However this agreement was what decided their relationship is right now.

The meaning behind her actions was what made Yang Chen mad!

"You're wrong, I was never serious," Lin Ruoxi started to tear up and sneered, "I've asked you to read the agreement before signing it. You were confident that you knew what was written in it. Now I shall show you, it's stated that I can break this marriage anytime as I wish."

"That means...you want a divorce?" Yang Chen laughed despite being mad.

"Yes, I've had enough of this! I don't need a man who doesn't believe in me, a man who shares traces of feelings everywhere as my husband. I'll give you the house as stated in the agreement for breaching it, I'll leave!"

"Lin Ruoxi! Just for such a small matter and you are making this decision, have you gone insane!?" Yang Chen yelled furiously.

"Don't shout at me! I've always been a fickle, vicious and insane woman! Even if I have really gone frantical, it's none of your business! You are not worthy!" Lin Ruoxi refused to take a step back.



Seeing the two arguing and that sheet of agreement, Guo Xuehua was so mad that she lost her breath and her legs became weak. She hasn't staggered to her feet, thanks to Wang Ma who was holding her.

"Oh my, Xuehua calm down, this...what's going on?..."

Wang Ma didn't know where to start and could only be anxious.

"You-...both of you!? What is all this marriage agreement!? Is marriage a joke to you!?" Guo Xuehua's tears crept through, her deep sense of being deceived made her heart tremble.

"What else? Do you really think I'll give the rest of my life to a man that I've known for a day because of one night's mistake?" Lin Ruoxi answered coldly.

"And you're still talking back!?" Guo Xuehua was extremely angry, "The daughter-in-law of our Yang family can be just a commoner, or a business person, but not a female scammer! Alright then...since you are acting like this, leave as you wish, but take off the Fengxiang bracelet on your hand now!"

"As you wish!"

Lin Ruoxi removed the green Fengxiang bracelet without hesitation and left it on the stairs.

Looking at her actions, Guo Xuehua's lips turned pale.

Lin Ruoxi glanced at Guo Xuehua with a complicated expression and took a deep breath, she then turned around and walked out with her luggage.

Yang Chen stood still with a dull face, clenching both his fists tightly and ignored the woman completely.

"Young master, you...stop the lady!" Wang Ma shouted,

Yang Chen was completely unfazed, "Huh...Since she wants to trample on my heart, I shall not force myself as well. Be my guest if she wants to leave, I can easily get whatever woman I want, why do I need to kneel down and give her kowtows."

"Oh my, wha-...." Wang Ma was panicking. After helping Guo Xuehua to the sofa, she quickly ran out to chase Lin Ruoxi.

Blocking Lin Ruoxi's way, Wang Ma spoke while panting, "Young lady, calm down, this is your home, where are you leaving to?!"

Lin Ruoxi turned over and wiped her tears, "Wang Ma, you don't have to stop me. I might not have anything, but I have lots of money, I can just randomly buy a house to stay anywhere."

"That wouldn't work too! This...it's been two years, how does the paper agreement matter? We've been living together sincerely, you can't break your relationship just like this right!?"

"If I stay, it'll only give them disgust and suspicion, it's meaningless," Lin Ruoxi.

Wang Ma placed her hands on her chest emotionally, "How about me!? Young lady, me! I've watched you grow since you were young, how can I leave you like this!? How about Lanlan, if she can't find her mother when she returns, what would she do!? She just got her mother and now you are leaving her behind!?"

Hearing the words 'Lanlan', Lin Ruoxi shivered slightly, "I'll pick her up soon. Just tell Lanlan that her mother went for a business trip very far away. Wang Ma, I am very messed up right now, I can't even manage myself, not to mention taking care of a child...Don't worry, I am not a little girl anymore, I can take care of myself. You still have Zhiqing to look after, she can't cultivate, she's just an ordinary girl, so don't worry about me."

Wang Ma sighed sadly, she could only beg Lin Ruoxi to tell her the new address since she insisted on leaving.

Lin Ruoxi couldn't decline Wang Ma and nodded instead...

In the house, Yang Chen stood by the stairs for quite some time, then walked to the sofa with a blunt face.

Seeing Guo Xuehua wiping her tears and looking haggard, Yang Chen sat beside and placed his hands on his mother's shoulder.

"I am sorry...mother..."

She looked up with teary eyes, "Silly child, there's nothing to be sorry of. I know you signed that agreement because you felt sorry for her."

Yang Chen smiled bitterly in his heart. As usual, mothers in the world would always think of their children as the best.

He had done many bad things as well, but Guo Xuehua would always put the blame on Lin Ruoxi as much as possible.

But this time, he didn't want to help her anymore. The woman's coldness gave his heart chills, he even began to question if the emotions he felt from her was considered true love between husband and wife.

The two of them were still cuddling in bed yesterday, and suddenly they are parting ways.

He suddenly felt that she had a way more ruthless heart.

At least he couldn't bring himself to do such a heartbreaking move to his own woman.

Guo Xuehua cleared her thoughts, seeing Yang Chen sitting beside her blankly and felt that he was in pain. Her feeling of sympathy gushed out and she grabbed his hands and tried her best to smile, "Son, don't feel angry or sad, since she wasn't satisfied with what you did for her then you should cherish yourself even more. You are the eldest grandchild of our Yang family, you are smart and talented, you will be able to find a better wife! In my opinion, Qianni, An Xin are more suitable to be your wife! If you are willing to, mother will go back home and tell your grandfather. It's just replacing the fake granddaughter-in-law, we Yang family are not that stubborn!"

"Mother, everything just happened, why are you thinking about all these? Ruoxi only said to divorce verbally, but we are still husband and wife by law. Besides, the incident about Bainian Department Store might not be related to her as well," Yang Chen showed a wry smile.

"Hmmp!" Guo Xuehua sneered, "You are still thinking of her and saying good words about her! Why are you still helping her when she treated you like this!?"

“I am not helping her, I am just mad at her. Handling things in such an emotionless manner, but I don’t want to cause misunderstandings as well.”

Guo Xuehua’s eyes turned red, “If she wasn’t Zijing’s daughter, I’d never tolerate her until now. She can’t be lectured nor scolded, she should be grateful about her life as she never had to experience what your grandmother did to me! I understand that she needs to work and support her business. That’s why I didn’t force her to do housework, but she didn’t appreciate it at all. She doesn’t know how to respect her elders, neither does she take care of her own man...”

Yang Chen patted Guo Xuehua’s thigh, “Alright mother, stop it, I’ll go out for awhile.”

Seeing him getting up, she was anxious, “Going out? Where to?”

“I need to look for Qianni, she might know something about Bainian,” Yang Chen said.

“Not lying? You are not going to please her and beg for her forgiveness right?” Guo Xuehua asked worriedly.

Yang Chen said embarrassingly, “Don’t worry, this time no matter what, I’ll never beg for Ruoxi’s forgiveness anymore, I have my own dignity too...”

### **Chapter 1179: She’s Gone**

After comforting Guo Xuehua, Yang Chen left the house and went to Rose and Mo Qianni’s residence.

As it was still early, Mo Qianni bumped into Yang Chen as she was about to go to work after breakfast

His sudden entrance gave her a shock. But after seeing it was Yang Chen, she said annoyingly, “Honey, what are you doing in such a hurry?”

Yang Chen took a glance and saw only Ma Guifang in the kitchen, he asked, “Where’s Rose, there’s only you and your mother here?”

“Didn’t you give Rose some mid-rank elixirs? She’s been cultivating hard these few days. I don’t get it, is it so addictive like taking drugs?”

“Rose is still the most sensible one and knows how to share my burden,” Yang Chen smiled in satisfaction. Based on what he saw, currently Rose was the one who had the greatest chance to enter the Soul Forming Stage or even pursue the Tribulation Passing Stage.

But of course, given that he continued providing her elixirs. A strong ‘logistics resources’ was also something Hongmeng and the Ancient families did not have.

“You haven’t told me why you came over this early,” Mo Qianni asked.

Yang Chen didn’t waste any time and dragged her to the sofa, “You’ve heard about Bainian Department Store right?”

“Yeah,” Mo Qianni nodded, “Their workers have been protesting out there, of course I know. What’s wrong?”

Yang Chen asked seriously, "Little Qianqian, I know you'll never lie to me. Tell me honestly, the person manipulating this, the one who created the fake news, is it from Yulei?"

Mo Qianni was slightly stunned and looked at Yang Chen with a complicated expression. She turned around and thought for awhile then asked, "Honey, are you trying to ask me....if this was Ruoxi's arrangement?"

"I guess you could say so..."

Mo Qianni was confused, "Why are you asking suddenly? Can't you ask Ruoxi at home?"

Yang Chen sighed, he didn't plan to hide anything so he told her everything including Sun Hai and Sun Peng paying them a visit and causing a huge argument with Lin Ruoxi; now, she's using the marriage agreement to leave home.

Mo Qianni kept her mouth open in shock, her eyes started to tear up and she started continuously knocking on Yang Chen's chest hard anxiously!

"You are in deep trouble! Why did you act so recklessly!? How could you do this to Ruoxi!! You are so mean!!! Ruoxi is already pitiful enough, how can you and your mother treat her like this!?"

Yang Chen quickly grabbed her head, "Little Qianqian, why are you so anxious, tell me what happened! Why is it my fault now?"

Mo Qianni murmured angrily, "I should've known something would happen...but I didn't expect it to be this bad..."

"Gosh, dear Qianqian, you are making me anxious now, what's going on? Just tell me, is Ruoxi the one behind all this!"

Mo Qianni reached out her hand and twisted Yang Chen's ear and scolded him, "Of course it's not Ruoxi! President Sun is an old friend of the former president, Ruoxi has always respected him! Don't you know that Ruoxi often visits the children in the orphanage and donated a lot of money to the charity homes. President Sun was someone she highly respected, why would she plot against the Bainian Department Store? Yulei has already announced their acquisition to the public even if she wanted to use tricks, she wouldn't use such disgusting ones right? Wouldn't it be too obvious?"

Yang Chen listened in a daze, despite his ears being twisted by Mo Qianni.

Right, why didn't he think about it. The tricks and plans that Lin Ruoxi normally used were mostly silent and unpredictable.

In comparison, this time, it was more awkward, everyone could guess that Yulei was the one who did, it would be too blatant.

Unfortunately, the person in the play would never be clear.

Yang Chen saw Lin Ruoxi using tricks to defeat her opponents too many times. Preconceived, he didn't believe that it was not her doing this time.

"Then...who did it?" Yang Chen asked.

Mo Qianni wiped her tears and sighed, "Ruoxi asked me to investigate in person, I went to the TV station and used some money to find out the truth..."

"Who?"

She nodded, "It wasn't anyone else who did it, it was the person you've met this morning, President Sun's only son, Sun Peng."

"Sun Peng? His son!?" Yang Chen was shocked.

"Correct," Mo Qianni said seriously, "I couldn't figure out the reason at first, after telling Ruoxi, she explained to me..."

Yang Chen said blankly, "How did Ruoxi say it..."

"She said, the Bainian Department Store is running the civilian route, but Zhonghai's economy is getting better. International malls like Walmart are entering the market, their logistics chain is much more advanced and they won't be able to compete in terms of price and stock supply.

Their main business is facing more and more challenges and it can be said that they are walking to the end of their road. This is because President Sun changes too slowly and he refuses to give up the inherent strategy, insisting on staying close to the people, but he will end up being eliminated. Only Yulei is willing to take over and restructure a business with their business framework. Meaning, if President Sun insists on not selling, bankruptcy will be waiting for them. However, he takes Bainian as his life and didn't want to sell it, but his son Sun Peng couldn't bring himself to stay out of this. He knew that his father wouldn't agree in selling that's why he didn't want to wait anymore after seeing Yulei giving 15 billion. He didn't want to take over a bankrupt company, so he must force his father to sell it..."

Yang Chen finally understood, "So it means that because Sun Peng wants to inherit the family's properties, he secretly contacted the journalists and easily mixed in some fake products? Also, the outsiders will never think that it was a member of the Sun family who did this."

Mo Qianni nodded, "Yes, actually if you went and investigated it in detail, anyone could figure out the truth. But so far, only me and Ruoxi knows the truth and now I am telling you."

"Little Qianqian...what you're saying, is all true right?" Yang Chen sobbed.

Mo Qianni frowned, "What now? You aren't believing in me as well? Have I, Mo Qianni, ever lied to you?"

"No no..." Yang Chen smiled embarrassingly, "I am just wondering, since Ruoxi already found out that it was Sun Peng's doing, why didn't she clarify it? If she said it earlier and called you over as proof, me and my mother wouldn't suspect her and none of this would've happened."

Mo Qianni heard this and said sourly, "This is the reason I feel bad for Ruoxi...you're being so bad, she's so pitiful..."

"What do you mean..." Yang Chen was confused.

“Didn’t you realize that President Sun Hai’s health isn’t that good?” Mo Qianni said sadly, “His health hasn’t been stable these past few years so he should not be agitated too much, and he has high blood pressure as well...”

Yang Chen recalled that Sun Peng brought Sun Hai to the hospital and nodded.

Mo Qianni sighed, “Actually, I really admire Ruoxi. I was planning to make a public announcement that Sun Peng was the one who did all this and that it is not related to Yulei at all to save our reputation. But Ruoxi told me, President Sun is aging and he won’t have much longer to live. Besides, he had been proud of his own son and thinks that everyone in the Bainian Department Store is a harmonious family...If he were to find out that his only son was the one who did all these to his store that he cherishes more than his life, what would he think? How much impact would that give him? He will definitely think that he has failed all his employees and fall into despair, and his last strand of hope will vanish. If anything goes wrong, and his blood pressure increases, he might lose his life...”

Yang Chen’s heart seemed to have set off a huge wave. Hearing these words, he then thought about the despair in Lin Ruoxi’s eyes earlier...

“She...she was afraid that Sun Hai couldn’t take it...that’s why she didn’t clarify herself?”

How foolish could this woman be to do something like this for an outsider?

Yang Chen felt that his brain was about to be torn apart, thinking of Lin Ruoxi’s shadow as she left, it was too suffocating!

### **Chapter 1180 - Family**

Mo Qianni mourned, “It hasn’t been easy for Ruoxi, this incident has caused a great impact on Yulei’s reputation and our employees’ pride. But she still considered the impact and told me to keep it a secret...she is afraid that President Sun will find out about the truth...”

Yang Chen tightly grabbed onto his own hair, not knowing to laugh or to cry, “I am so done...Even if she can’t say it in front of Sun Hai, she could’ve talked to me in private. Besides, why did she have to speak in such a mean manner and irritate everybody. She spoke in such a way when she knew old man Sun’s health wasn’t stable, how would mother believe in her and how would I not think about all these...”

Mo Qianni snorted, “Anyone would have spoken words of anger after being accused like this, why would they consider how others feel. Even I can feel empathy for Ruoxi from what you’re telling me. Others can doubt her, but how could you not believe in her?”

“Hey, how is it all my fault?!” Yang Chen couldn’t help but raise his voice, “If she hadn’t destroyed so many people in the past without me knowing, it wouldn’t have been difficult for me to believe her. Besides, this situation feels like something she’d do. She always thinks that emotions and feelings shouldn’t be discussed in the business world. How would I have known about this then?”

“You-”

“Alright that’s it!” Ma Guifang came out from the kitchen and interrupted what Mo Qianni wanted to say.

She glanced at the two helplessly and said, "You aren't coming here for an argument early in the morning right? Communicate nicely and calmly, we are a family, what's the rush."

Yang Chen nodded embarrassingly to his mother-in-law, "Mother is right, I was too anxious..."

Ma Guifang sighed and patted Yang Chen on the chest, "Yang Chen, I've heard most of it in the kitchen. I am not a cultured person and I don't know much, but I believe that we are a family, and there will never be knots that we can't untie. Like what they used to say, the trouble can only be ended by the person who caused it. Besides, a man should be more generous when facing relationship problems, take a step back, and since you are the one who's wrong and President Lin is not fully at fault, just compromise a little bit."

Mo Qianni nodded, "Exactly. Honey quickly go and find Ruoxi, she must be crying alone now."

"You're the one telling me huh...I thought you would be happy if we divorced," Yang Chen pouted.

Mo Qianni pinched his thigh hard and widened her eyes, "What are you talking about! I'd never do something like that!"

"Just kidding," Yang Chen touched her hand and said bitterly, "I can't bring myself to face her now, I've said so many bad things to her. I've always been the one to beg for forgiveness, I can't throw away all of my dignity now..."

"Then wait for a few days. Wait until Ruoxi calms down and is in the mood to listen to your explanation, then only should you ask for her forgiveness," Mo Qianni suggested.

Yang Chen thought for awhile and agreed, he still had to tell his mother everything and quickly ran back home.

Right after he left, Ma Guifang stopped Mo Qianni and said, "Little Ni, I suppose...based on President Lin's character, she had already left home, meaning that she wouldn't be able to calm down for now. It's not that easy."

Mo Qianni nodded worriedly, "Mother, I know, but...why are you saying all these? Do you have any thoughts?"

"Silly girl, why should I have unnecessary thoughts. I want you to accompany Xuehua more during this period and showcase yourself. You can either help her in housework or talk to her more, anything will do, just be natural," Ma Guifang squinted her eyes and smiled.

Mo Qianni frowned, "Mother, I get what you are trying to say. But aren't you making me evil then, you were just asking Yang Chen to find Ruoxi back, why are you..."

"Oh my, my dear daughter, how can your mother tell Yang Chen not go, in front of him? It will make us look petty right? Letting him go will make him think that you are worried. But if Yang Chen and President Lin decided to divorce, you and Rose are the closest to Xuehua. You come from a clean background, obviously your chances are higher!" Ma Guifang caressed through her daughter's hair.

Mo Qianni stared at her mother in shock as she found it unbelievable, "Mother...how could you say such a thing, I never wanted to replace Ruoxi's place. Besides, how can I betray her when she's upset? I've done it once and I'll never do it twice. After all, you taught me to be grateful, right?"

Ma Guifang lowered her head, "Little Ni, mother knows that this is not right, but just like Xuehua didn't want her son to suffer, all parents in this world wouldn't want their children to receive unequal treatments. I wouldn't want my daughter to be a lover of a man without getting any recognition forever. Even if Yang Chen is treating you all well, giving everything you all want, it's always a sad thing for a woman to just be a lover. I know that you are loyal to Ruoxi, but since you have made a step forward, might as well make another and just play dumb, it's not a big deal."

Mo Qianni's face turned cold, "Mother, I am not interested in listening anymore. If you continue talking, I'll get really mad...That's it, I am going to work."

She stretched her legs and walked out after finishing.

Ma Guifang sighed and murmured to herself, "Silly child, even if your mother becomes the bad person, it's all for your own good..."

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Yang Chen clarified the situation to his mother who was still mad after he got home.

After listening, her expression became complicated. There were regrets in her eyes along with a hint of self-blame, but at the same time some dissatisfaction and anger, that turned to exhaustion at the end.

"I didn't expect things to be like this, I've wronged Ruoxi," Guo Xuehua shook her head and sighed, she put her hand on Yang Chen's thigh, "Yang Chen, your mother is so sorry."

"What is there to be sorry about? I've wronged her as well, I can only say that I do not know own woman as much as I thought," Yang Chen smiled at Go Xuehua, "Mother, you don't have to blame yourself, I've thought about it already, I'll apologize to Ruoxi after a few days after she calms down. Clarifying things will always solve the problem."

"But aren't you two in a contract marriage? Ruoxi has made things so difficult by saying such cruel words, will she still be willing to recognize the marriage?"

Yang Chen said seriously, "She can't decide on this alone. I may have let her get her way in other matters, but I treat this marriage seriously. Although I took it lightly at first, I wouldn't be going across the sea for her if I didn't want to."

"So you are saying that Ruoxi will be your only wife?" Guo Xuehua asked.

Yang Chen nodded without hesitation, "After going through so much, I am clear on who I would never want to give up. Besides, our marriage is known to the public, we can't just divorce like this, it would affect her reputation as well."

Guo Xuehua's eyes were filled with worry, but she still nodded helplessly.

Yang Chen was also dull at home, after mentioning everything, he went straight to the office.

When the house finally went back to silence, Guo Xuehua went to the telephone and called the Yang residence in Beijing.

Beijing, the backyard study room of the Yang Residence.



The weather was humid and cold, Yang Gongming didn't spend much time on outdoor activities. Although his health improved after eating the elixirs Yang Chen gave, he was still aging, so he wasn't willing to walk around much.

Sitting comfortably on the chair, Yang Gongming was holding a book in his hands and reading it silently. A steaming cup of tea by his side, apparently it was made by his servant not long ago.

Meanwhile, a middle-aged maid was standing quietly at the entrance of the room, holding a vibrating cell phone. She went inside and bowed, "Old Master, it's a call from Young Master Chen's residence in Zhonghai."

Ever since Yan Sanniang left, Yang Gongming could only find new maids to serve him. Although the new ones were doing well, he was still not used to it.

"Bring it over."

Yang Gongming took over the phone, "Hello, it's Xuehua I suppose?"

Guo Xuehua was a little shocked, "Father, how do you know it's me?"

"Haha, Yang Chen won't be so nice to call and he would just directly come to Beijing if he had something to say. Ruoxi is not daring enough, so only you would properly call me."

Guo Xuehua smiled on the other side of the phone. She pursed her lips and said, "Father...I suppose... there's something that you should be aware of..."