

Chapter 1301: Special Gift

"I heard that Han Qingwan's car accident case hasn't been resolved yet, right? She's already attending a public event? Could it really be as the outside world said, that this matter has been left unsettled?"

Everyone's reaction was similar to the netizens' reaction previously. It was indeed difficult to clear Han Qingwan's name. It was normal for everyone to have something against her.

Seeing her walk over, Tian Xin also said, "Heting is Yaode's son. We naturally welcome him. However, Ms. Han, I'm afraid it's not convenient for you to appear here today. Therefore, forgive us for not being able to receive you."

Since the hostess had already spoken, everyone naturally thought that Han Qingwan would leave immediately.

However, Han Qingwan didn't leave. Instead, she stood with Lu Heting.

She was already over 50 years old, and time had left its mark on her face. However, she had a graceful temperament. Standing beside Lu Heting, she looked dignified and outstanding.

She said, "I came with Heting. I came today to give you a gift."

Tian Xin was secretly a little afraid of Han Qingwan. Hearing her say this, she couldn't just chase her away. She could only smile and say, "In that case, please sit in the front row. We're going to carry out the ribbon-cutting ceremony now."

"I want to give you this gift now, in front of everyone," Han Qingwan said. "Just like the gift you gave me back then in front of so many people. I can't possibly not return your kindness, right?"

Tian Xin remained calm. "What kind of gift is it? It must be a special gift considering it's from you. I'd like to see it."

"It's very special. And this gift can only be given to you alone. It's valuable and meaningful," Han Qing said calmly.

When she said that, the audience was curious. They wondered what kind of gift it was.

The guests' curiosity was piqued, and countless eyes turned in their direction.

Xiao Bai kept holding Su Bei's hand and said excitedly, "I wonder what Mr. Lu is going to do. I'm really looking forward to it. I didn't expect that when they met again, it wouldn't be a catfight. Instead, they'd be smiling at each other and even giving each other gifts. I really don't understand the world of the rich. But I'm still looking forward to it."

Su Bei's gaze fell on Lu Heting. He seemed to sense her gaze. He looked up at her and glanced at her. The two of them were telepathic. With just a glance, they felt each other's concern and love.

Han Qingwan said, "This gift is very simple. The person who killed my best friend in a car accident is you, Tian Xin."

The crowd erupted at her words.

"How is that possible? Han Qingwan actually said that Tian Xin did that without any evidence?"

"This is unbelievable, isn't it? What kind of big catfight is this?"

"I'm a little dizzy. What the hell is going on? Are we about to see the exciting scene of them identifying the killer?"

Lu Yaode's face darkened as he said sternly, "Han Qingwan! For the sake of raising Heting, I've never argued with you, but you're ignoring my kindness and slandering my wife for no reason. You're not welcome here today. Leave immediately!"

Chapter 1302: Clarify That You Didn't Do It

Tian Xin said, "Ms. Han, you have no evidence. How can you say that about me? I was kind enough to welcome you, but you did this. Why do you have to do this? We do have some personal grudges, but we can resolve them in private. I can also apologize to you. But how could you make everyone feel bad by saying that in public?"

Tian Xin's words were full of emotions. As expected of an actress, she gained enough sympathy for herself and made Han Qingwan seem aggressive and unreasonable.

It made her seem all the more sensible.

Everyone was worried for Han Qingwan. They never expected that the mother of the head of Lu Group would speak so irrationally.

Han Qingwan was unmoved and said, "Since I'm here, I'm not without evidence. Everyone, please allow me to tell you a story."

Tian Xin knew that she couldn't come up with any evidence, so she said, "Alright. Since you're in the mood to tell a story, then tell it."

Although Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing were dissatisfied with Han Qingwan's actions this time, they could only let her be since things had already come to this.

Han Qingwan said, "More than 20 years ago, Tian Xin, Tan Qing, and I were three very good friends. Although we came from different places and were born into different families, our relationship was very good when we were studying. Later on, although we had different jobs and had our own plans in life, it did not affect our friendship.

"After I married Lu Yaode, I went to work at Lu Group. Soon, I got pregnant and had children. My life was busy and fulfilling.

"Tan Qing also got married and had children. Her life was also on the right track.

“Tian Xin was the last to marry among us because at that time, she entered the entertainment industry and made a name for herself. She gained a lot of attention, and her career went smoothly.

“As Tian Xin’s good friend, I also invested in Tian Xin’s work. She gained even more fame, and I also gained some benefits.

“Everything was going well. We were successful in our careers. We were famous and rich. It was as if all our wishes from university had come true.

“But things obviously couldn’t continue going on that smoothly. Things happened so suddenly.

“My husband, Lu Yaode, got together with my best friend, Tian Xin. Just like in countless cheating stories, the person involved is always the last to hear the news and the last to see the harsh reality.

“When I found out, it was like the sky was falling. I reflected on what I did to make two of the closest people around me betray me at the same time.

“But there was no answer to anything.

“I was in a tug of war with Lu Yaode, torturing both him and myself. After Tan Qing’s family got into a car accident, I finally sobered up.”

Her words, spoken a little peacefully, made many people empathize with her.

Although the story took place more than 20 years ago, one could imagine how painful it had been for her back then.

No one said anything.

Standing in the distance, Feng Ze’s lips curled into a faint sneer, his face full of disapproval.

‘Can a story change the facts?’

‘Does it matter who’s in more pain?’

He played idly with a foxtail in his hand. He did not care about the story.

Han Qingwan continued, “I didn’t take Tan Qing’s accident too seriously because at that time, everyone thought that it was a traffic accident. The culprit had already fled and couldn’t be traced.

“Tan Qing, her husband, the child Tan Qing was carrying, and their son, who was already a toddler, had simply disappeared from my life.

“It wasn’t until more than 20 years later that I saw that simulation video again. I saw that the person driving the car at them was actually myself. I was also stunned.

“Because I don’t have that memory at all, and I never thought that I had anything to do with my best friend’s death.”

When everyone heard this, they couldn’t help but think, ‘Of course, you didn’t think like that. After all, you were the perpetrator.’

‘Do you expect us all to forgive you, the murderer? What is the point of saying such things?’

'So? Because you were cheated on and betrayed, we have to forgive you for killing someone?'

Han Qingwan looked around and saw suspicion and disdain in everyone's eyes.

She said, "I was also very suspicious about it. I saw this video a long time before the rest of you did. After I saw it, I cooperated with the police and they conducted an investigation. I stayed with the police for a long time.

"The police tentatively determined that I wasn't responsible for the car accident back then."

Tian Xin said, "So, you're here to clarify that you didn't do it. We don't know who to trust, but since the police have spoken, we'll believe them. Now what?"

Han Qingwan said, "Although the police have declared me innocent, since it has already implicated Tan Qing's death, how can I let it go? Therefore, in the period of time afterward, Heting and I looked for evidence. We found that all our leads point to you. Tian Xin, you were the one who caused Tan Qing and her family to die, including the unborn child in her stomach!"

Tian Xin looked at her innocently as if she was too tired to argue.

Han Qingwan said, "At that time, you had an affair with Lu Yaode. The impact of this matter was very bad. You were a female celebrity, and Lu Yaode was the general manager of Lu Group. If it was exposed, the two of you would be ruined and doomed.

"And the reason you tried to kill Tan Qing and her family was that Tan Qing had discovered your affair. She even advised you to turn back. When you refused to do so, she gave you a final warning. She told you that if you didn't break up with Lu Yaode, she would tell me what was going on. She would even tell the media. She wanted to stop you from destroying my family.

"As Tan Qing's relationship with me was better than her relationship with you, you knew to take her words seriously.

"Because of that, you resented her. In addition, you were afraid that she would expose your scandal, so you planned to conspire to have her killed. That way, she would take your scandal to her coffin and you would never have to worry about anyone finding out.

"So, Tian Xin, you were the one who started this whole thing!

"You're the murderer!"

Chapter 1303: There Really Is Such An Ability

The crowd erupted.

Although there was no evidence at the moment, what Han Qingwan said sounded very logical.

The scandal between Tian Xin and Lu Yaode was also a fact.

And Han Qingwan really had no reason to attack Tan Qing.

Tian Xin said, "Han Qingwan, I admit that I've hurt you by getting together with Yaode, but I got together with Yaode because you two didn't have any feelings for each other anymore. Don't try to confuse the two things and push the blame on me. I'm not afraid of any rumors you spread.

"Everyone, don't listen to Han Qingwan's nonsense. The simulation video of her crashing into the car was made by Tan Qing's son.

"Would the son of the deceased malign her?"

"No matter what you say, you were the one who hit the car. This fact is completely true."

Tian Xin's words made sense. For a moment, the guests below the stage did not know who to believe.

Han Qingwan said, "Tan Qing's son was still young back then, so he naturally forgot many things, and it's not easy to find evidence. However, we're different. Tan Qing and I are friends, and I know her very well. Since there was something suspicious, I'd naturally follow the clues.

"The night before Tan Qing died, she called me. I didn't answer it and it went into voicemail. There were too many messages during that time, so I missed some of them. Fortunately, the technology back then was still very good. I searched for a long time and finally found the various messages she left me back then.

"I filtered and searched through them before finally finding the one I missed.

"It was through this that I learned of your methods of harming others."

When everyone heard this, they immediately raised their heads in anticipation. They didn't know what evidence Han Qingwan could produce, nor did they know what Tian Xin's method was.

Tian Xin's expression changed slightly, but she knew that she had never left any evidence behind. Hence, she looked at Han Qingwan fearlessly.

Han Qingwan took out a recording of an unfamiliar woman's voice.

Perhaps no one else could recognize whose voice it was, but Tian Xin could immediately tell that it was Tan Qing's voice. She would never forget that voice.

Lu Yaode also found it familiar. After all, they were old acquaintances.

Feng Ze slowly stood up, and he stopped playing with the foxtail in his hand. He knew that voice all too well. It was his mother's voice. His mother had always left a few recordings on the telephone at home, exhorting him to eat well.

He didn't need to question the voice.

Han Qingwan pressed the start button. Tan Qing's words entered everyone's ears very clearly.

"Qingwan, I have something to tell you. Can you call me back? Forget it, I know you're very busy. I'll briefly tell you about it first.

"I don't know if what I saw was accurate. I saw Lu Yaode and Tian Xin go to the hotel the other day. It didn't seem like it was the first time. I've been keeping this to myself. I always wanted to tell you, but I never did.

"Yesterday, I went to talk to Tian Xin about this, hoping that she would listen to my advice. But who knew that we couldn't get along at all? Besides, it was two o'clock in the afternoon when I went to her place, but for some reason, I fell asleep. When I came out, it was already eight in the evening.

"I have a bad feeling, but I don't know what to say. When you have time, call me and we'll talk in person."

When this was over, the recording stopped.

Everyone was skeptical at first, but at this moment, they all looked at Tian Xin, wondering what explanation she had.

Tian Xin knew she couldn't deny it. "Yes, Tan Qing came to me and I told her to stay out of my personal matters. Is there a problem with that? Even if we're best friends, there's no need for her to care, is there? She fell asleep in my place. What does it have to do with me? She was pregnant with a second child at the time. Pregnant women fall asleep easily. She just happened to fall asleep. Are you using that to determine that I harmed her?"

Han Qingwan said, "Indeed, based on this recording, we can't be sure that you harmed her.

"But Tian Xin, do you dare admit that you learned hypnosis from the most famous psychologist in America?"

There was a look of surprise and fear in Tian Xin's eyes.

Her finger automatically touched her pinkie ring.

Han Qingwan asked, "Is that true, Tian Xin?"

"So what if I did? And so what if I didn't?" Tian Xin said loudly. "What does this have to do with anything?"

"The night before Tan Qing's accident, you had a long talk with me. At that time, I was busy with work and my relationship with Lu Yaode was indifferent. I had already realized the problem, so I was in an extremely bad mood. I looked for you to tell you about it. We talked a lot, but after we finished talking, I didn't remember the contents at all. Until today, I still don't.

"The next day, Tan Qing and her family got into a car accident. They were brutally killed.

"This can prove that I had something to do with it, but I want to ask you something. What did you say to me that night? Did you make some kind of psychological suggestion? Did you hypnotize me into driving my car into Tan Qing's?"

"Were you the one who plotted behind my back while I was at my weakest so that Tan Qing and I could kill each other, while you could sit back and reap the benefits?"

Han Qingwan asked one by one.

All of this was the result of her and Lu Heting's investigation.

Everyone was shocked. "Hypnosis? Does such a thing really exist?"

"I've heard of it. There was a show about hypnosis before. It was really amazing. In the end, someone was really hypnotized and shot a gun. But, of course, the show used fake guns, so it was fine."

"It's that amazing? There are people in real life who have the skill, then? That's horrible!"

Tian Xin said angrily, "Nonsense! There's no such thing! I don't know anything! Han Qingwan, you're too ridiculous. In order to get away with this, you actually fabricated such a thing. It's not credible at all! You can't even lie to a child with this!"

"As for whether it's true or not, I don't dare to make any claims. But the ring on your finger was given to you by that hypnotist. You can't deny that. Although he has already passed away, he wore it many times when he was alive. You can tell at a glance."

"Yes, he's my friend. He gave me the ring. But regarding hypnosis, you've read too many novels," said Tian Xin. "According to you, when I run into problems in my affairs and acting career, I can just use hypnosis to solve them. If that's the case, why would I need to work hard on my own? If I really had that ability, I would be in charge of Lu Group."

Chapter 1304: Poking His Heart

This statement was echoed by many people. "Yes, it seems too far-fetched. I don't really believe it."

"That's right. If Tian Xin really had such a magical ability, would she have to work so hard to run the company and film at the same time? She would have long taken over Lu Group."

Han Qingwan snorted. "Hypnosis is indeed very magical, but it can only be used on people with especially weak mental strength. When I was hypnotized by her back then, I had difficulty sleeping for many days because of various things. I was in my worst state. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been hypnotized and missed Tan Qing's voice message.

"The stronger one's mind and mental strength, the less likely for them to be affected by hypnosis.

"Therefore, Tian Xin can only use this trick on those who can't resist it. This trick can't be used for a long time.

"Besides, Tian Xin, you're afraid that people will know what happened back then, so you haven't dared to use hypnosis again. Am I wrong?"

"All of this is just your conjecture! Han Qingwan, you're slandering me! No matter what you say, it isn't true!" Tian Xin scolded angrily.

"Whether I'm wrong or not, it's not up to me. Of course, it's even better if you come clean. I've already called the police, and they'll be here soon. I'm already prepared to cooperate with the investigation. What about you?" Han Qingwan smiled calmly, revealing her graceful temperament.

Everyone was talking at the moment.

Tian Xin's expression turned ugly. Sweat appeared on her forehead, and her makeup no longer remained exquisite.

Lu Yaode also reprimanded, "Han Qingwan, you're just jealous of Tian Xin. That's why you're spouting nonsense. Your scheme won't succeed!"

"Save these words for the police," Han Qingwan said.

Lu Tianqing and Lu Tianci were also shocked by this sudden twist.

At that moment, sirens sounded outside.

A police car roared toward them. The officers got out and walked in.

As the old accident involving Tan Qing and her family had resurfaced, many people had been leaving messages to the police, causing them great pressure.

Since the suspects had appeared this time and the matter was expected to be resolved, they naturally would not be negligent.

It was useless for Tian Xin to resist and struggle. She had to cooperate and go back with the police for an investigation.

However, her situation was completely different from Han Qingwan's.

Han Qingwan had long been criticized by netizens, and the share price of Lu Group had fallen as well. This made Han Qingwan mentally prepared.

Besides, the huge Lu Group had the ability to stabilize themselves in the face of falling share prices.

However, Tianci Corporation was different. It had just been established and had yet to grow. Such a huge scandal was enough to put the company in a huge crisis.

It was as if one had suffered a heavy punch. If it was a strong person, they could be safe and sound and even counterattack forcefully.

However, a toddler would die from the blow.

"Hubby, what should we do?" Tian Xin asked anxiously.

Lu Yaode shielded her and refused to cooperate. "You can't take my wife away without evidence! This is all a conspiracy!"

"Lu Yaode, Tian Xin, we have enough reason to suspect that you guys are related to the case from more than 20 years ago. Please cooperate with the investigation."

The police showed no mercy.

After Tian Xin was taken away, she glared at Han Qingwan and Lu Heting with hatred. It was all because of this pair of mother and son that she might end up in jail.

Lu Yaode couldn't help but walk up to Han Qingwan and say, "Are you satisfied now? After venting all your years of resentment, are you satisfied? I really regret being too tolerant of you back then and leaving Lu Group to you just for you to take revenge so viciously."

"You're wrong, Lu Yaode. You didn't leave Lu Group to us. It was a mess that you left behind. If it weren't for us, it would've fallen apart long ago. Don't take yourself too seriously. If not for Tan Qing, I wouldn't be interested in your family at all." Han Qingwan looked coldly at the most familiar stranger in the world.

Lu Yaode's face was ashen, and his breathing was heavy. Han Qingwan's words pierced his heart.

Lu Tianci said angrily, "Han Qingwan, if anything happens to my wife, I'll definitely not let you off!"

Han Qingwan smiled and said, "Alright, bring it on."

After saying that, she said to Lu Heting, "Son, let's go."

Tian Xin was taken away. Lu Yaode was still concerned about the situation and was afraid that it would make things worse.

He looked down the stage and realized that Feng Ze's seat was already empty. The usually calm man had gone somewhere.

For an inexplicable reason, Lu Yaode panicked.

He trusted Tian Xin very much, but he was afraid that Han Qingwan would use all kinds of methods to sow discord between Feng Ze and Tian Xin, causing Feng Ze to turn against them.

Now that Feng Ze was their family's greatest support, there could not be any conflicts between them and Feng Ze.

Lu Yaode hurriedly said on stage, "Everyone, the founding ceremony of Tianci Corporation officially begins now. Thank you for coming today. We'll now cut the ribbon."

Lu Tianci went on stage and hurriedly cut the ribbon.

Meanwhile, Lu Tianqing was making a call to the media to block the news of tonight's incident.

Unfortunately, Han Qingwan had come prepared, and Lu Heting was determined to clear his mother's name. How could Lu Tianqing control the media?

Lu Tianqing tried her best but could only contact the media that she was on good terms with and get them to eliminate the negative impact.

The grand ribbon-cutting ceremony ended in a hurry. The various segments that had been arranged were simplified.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, there was still a lot of activity. The hosts and guests were supposed to be gathered together.

However, Lu Yaode and Lu Tianci were no longer in the mood to continue their activities.

People began to take their leave.

Xiao Bai followed Su Bei and exclaimed, “What happened tonight was so exciting. Han Qingwan is really elegant. She came prepared. Everything she said made sense and was reasonable. I’m completely convinced. Anyway, she gives a better impression than Tian Xin.”

Seeing that Su Bei didn’t answer, she continued, “Besides, Mr. Lu is also more handsome than Lu Tianci. I don’t know how this matter will end, but no matter what, I’m on Mr. Lu’s side.

“Why aren’t you saying anything, Su Bei?”

Su Bei looked up and smiled. “I’m reading the news.”

Xiao Bai also poked her head over to read the news.

They immediately found the news of Han Qingwan confronting Tian Xin. It was already trending.

Chapter 1305: Betrayal From The People Closest To You Hurts The Most

There were already many people paying attention to this case. Now that there was suddenly an additional suspect and a scene of a catfight, more people paid attention to it.

There were all kinds of comments now. Someone continued to suspect Han Qingwan. [She must have felt too much pressure, so she deliberately dragged someone into the water to face the pressure with her. This is all a trap. I’ve already seen through it.]

[Yes, the pair of mother and son are too cunning. Everyone, don’t be distracted. You must remember our original intention. We have to punish the murderer severely! Give the deceased justice.]

[Yes. Punish the murderer severely and seek justice!]

However, there were also many people who began to doubt Tian Xin. [I think those people who are still suspecting Han Qingwan didn’t watch the video seriously. In the video, Han Qingwan had already made it very clear that the instigator of all this is Tian Xin. If not for Tian Xin, such a tragedy wouldn’t have happened.]

[I’ve seen all the videos. What Han Qingwan said makes more sense. This time, I’m suspicious of Tian Xin.]

[Let’s stand on Han Qingwan’s side. Tian Xin has more motive to deal with Tan Qing, regardless if it’s from the standpoint of her lower ranking in the family hierarchy or her being a mistress.”

[Let’s stand on Han Qingwan’s side. Regardless of whether it’s from a standpoint or from the fact that she’s a mistress, it’s more reasonable and a bigger motive to deal with Tan Qing.]

[Everything depends on the motive. Tan Qing’s death is indeed more beneficial to Tian Xin.]

[However, all of this is on the premise that Han Qingwan is telling the truth. But who can guarantee that Han Qingwan is telling the truth?]

[That’s right. How can we determine that what Han Qingwan said is true and what Tian Xin said is fake?]

Some of the others were neutral and didn't stand for anyone. [I don't understand, and I don't want to keep watching. Let's wait for the police to give us the result.]

[Waiting for the result +1]

After reading for a while, Xiao Bai said, "I'm also confused. After reading all these, I don't know who to support anymore."

"You don't have to support anyone," she said. "The police will give the final verdict."

The biggest impact of this incident was the share price of Tianci Corporation.

As Tianci Corporation had just been established and listed, the outside world was very optimistic and had very good expectations. Their share price had been rising all the way. If there were no problems, it would take at least a while before it calmed down and entered a period of stable development.

But when the news came out, many people were quick to denounce them.

Because it was night now, the stock market had already closed. Su Bei expected that when the stock market opened tomorrow, Tianci Corporation would lose everything.

After Xiao Bai left, Su Bei waited for Lu Heting's car and quickly got in when it came.

Han Qingwan had gone with the police to cooperate with the investigation, so Lu Heting was alone.

"You found a lot of evidence for this, haven't you?"

Lu Heting nodded. "Yes. As long as it's submitted to the police later, Tian Xin will be convicted soon. However, there are still many gaps in the law regarding the use of hypnosis to manipulate others to commit murder. It's a little hard to say what crime she'll be convicted of."

"In any case, people like her shouldn't be let go. If it weren't for her, Tan Qing, her husband, and the child she was carrying wouldn't have passed away. Feng Ze wouldn't have been displaced. He started living in an orphanage while consumed with hatred from a young age, causing even bigger problems for him afterward."

'The law will give them justice, though it's coming a little too late.'

Su Bei fell silent, feeling terrible at the thought.

After a while, she said, "How did you figure out that Tian Xin knew hypnosis?"

"Do you remember the last time Tian Xin met me alone and convinced me to reuse some of the old shareholders in the company?"

Su Bei nodded. "Yes, after that meeting, you did reassign many of the old shareholders to important positions. And it was those old shareholders who betrayed you and sided with Lu Yaode. That time, you deliberately agreed to Tian Xin to confuse her and Lu Yaode, right?"

"On the one hand, yes. But on the other hand, when she saw me that time, she slipped a sleeping pill into my coffee. I didn't drink it. I pretended to be asleep to try and see what tricks she was playing. When she came in, she took her pinkie ring and began to hypnotize me."

“Oh my God,” Su Bei whispered. Her heart clenched at the thought that Tian Xin really knew hypnosis.

“However, I didn’t take the sleeping pill, and my mental strength didn’t allow me to be hypnotized by her. I was completely fine. But through this, I learned about this little trick of hers. Through this clue, it let my mother remember more about what happened back then.”

“I see.” Su Bei still had lingering fears. She took a few more glances at Lu Heting, wanting to confirm his safety.

Lu Heting replied to her with a confident gaze, “Only people with weak mental strength are easily hypnotized. It’s very difficult for ordinary people to be hypnotized. That’s why Tian Xin drugged her victims with sleeping pills first. She must have tried to hypnotize Tan Qing in the past to make her forget about the scandal. It was probably because Tan Qing was pregnant at that time and had a strong desire to protect the child, so Tian Xin didn’t succeed.

“And the reason my mother was hypnotized by her was that her mental strength was too weak at the time. She had also taken sleeping pills and trusted her too much.”

Su Bei whispered, “This is why it’s not easy to have your guards up against people close to you. It just so happens that a betrayal from the people closest to you hurts the most.”

Lu Heting drove with one hand and reached out to cover the back of her slightly cold hand.

The next day, at the start of the stock market, as Su Bei had expected, the share price of Tianci Corporation plummeted. Moreover, there was no sign of optimism. The stockholders all sold their shares.

Such emotions caused those who were still watching to quickly sell their shares as well. The price was getting lower and lower. Tianci Corporation was in danger.

It was a new company. How could it have the strength to resist such a huge predicament?

Xiao Bai sent Su Bei a WeChat message: [Su Bei, you’re right. The shares of Tianci Corporation are no good. My friends listened to me and sold them as soon as the market opened today. I didn’t lose anything. If I had bought them and kept them until now, I might have cried to death. I’d only be able to smash them in my hands.]

Sigh, people really couldn’t do anything wrong. Once they did something bad, it would affect the entire company, many families, and even shareholders.”

Su Bei replied: [The stock market is risky. You have to be careful when investing.]

Lu Yaode sat in his office, facing the current situation. Sweat broke out on his forehead.

The partners who had agreed to cooperate with the company were either unable to be reached or on a business trip. They didn’t have time to talk to him now. It was obvious that they were trying to avoid him.

As for Feng Ze, after last night, he no longer cared about Tianci Corporation.

Although he had not withdrawn his investment or added insult to injury, he was unwilling to help or fork out another cent.

Chapter 1306: No One Can Escape

Lu Tianci sat opposite Lu Yaode and felt the wound on his hand hurt even more.

“What about He Yuan?” Lu Yaode asked Lu Tianqing hopefully.

He Yuan was Lu Tianqing’s husband and also a member of He Consortium. At this time, only he had the ability to fork out a huge sum of money to support Tianci Corporation.

However, Lu Tianqing shook her head, indicating that she was helpless.

It wasn’t that she hadn’t looked for He Yuan before, but He Yuan said that he couldn’t fork out that much money. It was impossible for him to draw money from his own company as it was meant for emergencies. Lu Tianqing couldn’t force him either.

Even their last hope was gone. Lu Yaode sat back in his chair in defeat.

After this incident, the share price of Lu Group rose. Although it was not fast, it was still a good sign.

This also showed that the outside world was optimistic about Lu Heting’s ability and trusted that Lu Group could survive this crisis.

Tian Xin and Han Qingwan were being investigated.

As several parties were anxious to seek results, the investigation and trial of the case went by especially quickly.

Lu Tianqing was the one who was most worried about her mother. She was anxious to find a lawyer to protect Tian Xin’s rights.

“Dad, no matter what, we have to save Mom this time.”

Lu Yaode nodded. “Of course. She’s not only your mother but also the most important person to me.”

“But Lu Heting is aggressive. I’m really afraid that something will happen.”

Lu Yaode finally realized that the pair of mother and son was even more capable and difficult to deal with than he had imagined. The anger in his heart also increased. In his opinion, Tian Xin was being targeted by Han Qingwan because of him.

As a husband, failing to protect his wife was really the greatest sin of all.

Lu Yaode went to visit Tian Xin.

Although Tian Xin looked haggard, she was still gentle. “I don’t blame Han Qingwan and Lu Heting. But Hubby, you must take good care of the two children.”

“The entire Tianci Corporation is on the verge of collapse. I can only do my best,” Lu Yaode said. “I was incompetent and implicated you.”

“You can completely ignore Tianci Corporation. Throw that mess out.”

“But...”

“That way, we’ll just lose the shareholders’ and Feng Ze’s money. We won’t lose much. Besides, don’t we still have Tianyi Media and Yaode Corporation?”

Lu Yaode was enlightened. As long as he completely threw out Tianci Corporation, he would not have to bear this responsibility. But in this way, the shareholders who had been scammed would definitely look for trouble with him.

Although that was one way, the trouble that followed was not small.

Tian Xin said, “Go back with the two children and beg Old Master Lu. Let the two children acknowledge their ancestors and return to the Lu family. Even if the shareholders want to cause trouble for us. But with the Lu family backing us, they won’t be able to cause much trouble.”

Lu Yaode was overjoyed. “Tian Xin, you’re really my good wife. That’s great! The only thing is that I’ve let you down. You’re still suffering inside here, but we have to go back to the Lu family.”

“It doesn’t matter. As long as you’re safe, everything will get better,” Tian Xin said. “Besides, you have to take care of yourselves to get me off the hook. Tianqing and Tianci are so obedient. It’s impossible for Mom and Dad to not like them. When the time comes, our family can still be reunited.”

Lu Yaode felt that what she said made sense. She was always so gentle and had never caused trouble for him. She was more than a hundred times better than Han Qingwan.

“Tian Xin, it’s my greatest blessing to be able to marry you. I’m so lucky to be able to obtain your favor,” Lu Yaode said emotionally.

Soon, Lu Yaode brought Lu Tianqing and Lu Tianci home.

Compared to the last time they came back when the father and son were aggressive, the three of them were much more humble this time.

Old Master Lu was trimming the flowers in the garden. When he heard that they had come, he didn’t want to see them. He didn’t stop trimming, and large leaves fell at his feet.

The butler stood quietly and waited for Old Master Lu to speak.

There was a long pause. Just when the butler thought there would be no more orders, Old Master Lu finally said, “Let them in.”

Lu Yaode heaved a sigh of relief and entered with his children.

This time, even his footsteps were light. He entered the living room and saw Old Master Lu holding up a teacup. He stepped forward and filled his cup. “Dad,” he said with a smile.

“Hurry up and greet your grandpa.” Lu Yaode turned around and commanded his children.

Han Qingwan stood on the second floor and watched this scene. She raised her hand and pinched the space between her eyebrows.

Although she was also under investigation, Han Qingwan had already cooperated the last time and told the police everything she knew. Therefore, she had more freedom than Tian Xin. She could come back and not be detained.

The nanny who served her found it a little unfair when she saw this scene. "Madam, if Old Master Lu really accepts this family, what position will he place you and Young Master in?"

Han Qingwan smiled coldly. "Will the old master refuse to accept his own son?"

The nanny was momentarily speechless.

Han Qingwan lowered her head and suddenly understood Su Bei's situation.

Wasn't her current situation the same as Su Bei's when she tried her best to keep Jia Shiyun?

It was not that she did not understand how difficult it was to be a daughter-in-law, but when she was targeting Su Bei, she seemed to have been doing the same thing.

One's status really determined one's position.

None of them could escape this.

"I wonder if the old man will accept them. If their names are in the genealogy, it would be an admission of their identities." The nanny was still talking to herself while feeling indignant.

If Lu Yaode had made some contributions, it would not be like this where everyone was suspicious of each other.

As a nanny, she knew how difficult it was for Han Qingwan and Lu Heting.

"That's the older generation's own business. It's out of your hands and mine. Go on, get dinner ready."

The nanny had to go to the kitchen.

Lu Yaode and the others stayed for a long time before finally leaving.

When Han Qingwan went downstairs for dinner, Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu were both there.

Because of the matter of the 10% shares last time, Old Madam Lu felt deeply guilty. She did not say anything or show her support for Lu Yaode's return today.

She even had some objections.

This was because what Lu Tianci had done to her the last time was deceptive and had almost caused a disaster!

However, Old Master Lu had agreed to Lu Yaode's request. Because of this, the two of them quarreled. Old Madam Lu was still angry.

Chapter 1307: Agreed To Reunite

Han Qingwan pretended not to know and picked up her chopsticks to eat.

Old Master Lu coughed lightly. "Qingwan, I've agreed to let Lu Yaode acknowledge us as his family again."

"Dad, he's your son. You can make your own decision," Han Qing said calmly.

"I hope you understand—"

Han Qingwan put down her chopsticks. "Your decision is yours to make. I can respect it, but it doesn't mean I agree. You can't ask me and Heting to understand you. I'll never understand such a decision in my life."

Old Master Lu sighed. "He's the Lu family's bloodline, after all."

"Yes, that makes sense," Han Qingwan said. "What about Heting? He was stabbed in the back by his father a few years ago, then by his family. Now, it's happening again. Maybe the people he'll consider his family will be fewer and fewer in the future. Fortunately, he still has Su Bei, Da Bao, and Gun Gun."

These words were extremely harsh. No matter how good Old Master Lu's self-restraint was, he could not help but slam his chopsticks on the table.

It had been many years since Han Qingwan had spoken her mind, but it felt good to say these things out loud. It was much better than pretending to be magnanimous.

In truth, she had long ago ceased to value her own interests. What did it matter? She had lived like this all her life.

But what about her son? Did her son have to give everything he had worked so hard for to an outsider? Then what was the point of everything her son had contributed?

The spoils of war obtained from close combat were given to the enemy.

And in the name of kinship too.

If this was the case, just what sort of family could be trusted?

Han Qingwan only wanted to sneer.

Old Master Lu said, "I'll tell Heting about this myself. You don't have to worry."

"Alright, I can't tell this to Heting anyway." Han Qingwan stood up. "I'm full. Enjoy your meal."

Han Qingwan carried her bag and was about to leave when she saw Lu Heting and Su Bei walking in.

It seemed that Old Master Lu was determined to let Lu Yaode acknowledge his family. There was no room for discussion.

Han Qingwan looked at her son and daughter-in-law. At this moment, she only felt sorry for them, but she was filled with helplessness.

What could they do anyway? When words like 'kinship' and 'morality' were used, even she was rendered helpless.

"Heting, Su Bei." Han Qingwan's voice was a little weak.

“Mom.”

“Mom.”

Han Qingwan said, “Lu Yaode came by. Your grandfather might have made some decisions.”

She gave her son an advance warning.

Her son would also be unable to surrender in matters tied to kinship. Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu had watched Lu Heting grow up. The shackles of kinship could not be cut off.

Lu Heting frowned and said, “I understand.”

Han Qingwan sighed softly. “I’m sorry.”

Lu Heting adjusted his cufflinks. “We don’t need to say those words with our relationship.”

He and Su Bei said goodbye to Han Qingwan and walked in.

Old Master Lu said, “Heting, I’m sure you know that your father came today.”

Lu Heting remained silent and sat down with Su Bei.

Old Master Lu sighed softly. He picked up his teacup and took a sip. “I’ve agreed to let them acknowledge us as their family again. In a few days, their names will be written in the genealogy. Other than Tian Xin, the Lu family will acknowledge their family of three.”

Su Bei reached out and held Lu Heting’s hand.

His usually dry and warm palm was still the same, but Su Bei knew that he must be feeling cold inside.

Old Master Lu said, “Heting, my actions are for your own good. If word gets out that you defeated your father, what will others think of you? They’ll no longer remember Lu Yaode’s hatred. They’ll only remember his pitiful state and your cruelty. If you can even defeat your father and brothers, how will the people outside believe you in the future?”

“Also, it’s risky to let them wander outside. It’d be wise to keep the tiger by my side. However, I’ll clearly state that the three of them can enjoy the dividends from my inheritance, but not Lu Group.

“I’ll acknowledge them, but they won’t interfere with you.”

“Grandpa, since you’ve already made such a decision and it has nothing to do with me, why did you ask me to come here and inform me of this?” Lu Heting looked up and asked frankly.

“This family is ultimately yours. In any case, I have to tell you. But don’t worry, their return definitely won’t affect you.”

“Really?” Lu Heting asked.

Old Master Lu was rendered speechless by his extremely light question.

Would there really be no effects? That was absolutely impossible.

As long as they returned to the Lu family, it would definitely affect them.

However, Old Master Lu believed that Lu Heting could solve the problems that occurred.

It was true that his heart had softened. His son, grandson, and granddaughter were wandering outside with a tiger beside them. It was better to keep them by his side and watch over their safety. That way, there was nothing they could do.

Lu Heting said calmly, "Grandpa, they're not tigers. There are no tigers with such low combat power. But they're not pigs either. They won't be willing to just be raised and eat and sleep in peace. You think that you still have the strength to control Lu Yaode, but maybe you've overestimated yourself and underestimated him."

Old Master Lu heard the resistance in his voice.

However, as the head of the family and the oldest elder in the Lu family, he could not help but take into consideration all factors.

Was he going to let his children and grandchildren stay outside forever?

"Heting..."

"Grandfather, I can't stop you from doing anything, and I have no right to make any decisions for you. But likewise, that's also true for you to me."

Old Master Lu knew that Lu Heting disagreed with him.

Even if he forced himself to do something that Lu Heting wouldn't agree to, it would be meaningless in the end.

Before Old Master Lu could answer, Lu Heting stood up and said, "If there's nothing else, I'll leave first."

Su Bei clasped his fingers and could feel him trembling slightly.

He was powerful. He was never afraid of any predicament. He could handle any enemy with ease.

However, when he was hurt by the person closest to him, the vulnerability he revealed made Su Bei's heart ache.

She understood that feeling. She really wanted to hammer the heads of these people in front of her.

But she held herself back. The old master was an elder who had raised Lu Heting. She had no right to make a move in this situation.

Lu Heting and Su Bei left together.

Old Master Lu wanted to ask him to stay. He opened his mouth a few times, but no words came out.

Old Madam Lu said tearfully, "Look at what you've done! If you're too soft-hearted and want to get the best of both worlds, you won't get anything in the end."

Chapter 1308: Getting This Character

Su Bei and Lu Heting walked out together.

Lu Heting held her hand and said softly, "I'm sorry for making you suffer with me."

"I didn't suffer any grievances. You, on the other hand, are under too much pressure. It's really too much for them to do this. Just because you're capable and better than others, they want you to tolerate it and exchange your forbearance for the peace of the family. It's really too much. Are the weak more powerful, then?"

"The weak are not powerful. They're thinking of ways to leech off the strong."

"What's the difference between that and a parasite?" Su Bei was indignant. "I shouldn't judge your elders, but I really can't help it. They want you to sacrifice too much for the so-called big picture and balancing act. Grandma was like this before, and now Grandpa is like this..."

Lu Heting lowered his eyes. "I didn't have a father when I was young. They raised me. I owe them."

Su Bei held his hand and felt her heart ache even more. He had to let them be so unreasonable just because he owed them.

The strongest must be entangled in the weakest of vines.

"Don't worry. Even if they want to enter the genealogy and acknowledge the family, I have plenty of ways to stop them."

"But it'll be hard on you again."

Lu Heting smiled. "Even without them, there will be all kinds of issues in the company that I'll need to solve. Just treat it as practice."

Seeing his relaxed smile, Su Bei smiled too. "Then what good ideas do you have?"

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"It's fine if Lu Yaode wants to come back to the family with his children, but his children have to first have the true Lu family's bloodline. There are other obstacles too. If Tian Xin really commits a crime, will the others in the family allow them, who have a stain on their names, to return to the family?"

Su Bei understood. "They definitely won't agree."

"Therefore, we have to speed things up with Tian Xin's matter. Also, Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing need to provide DNA proof. The Lu family's door isn't open to just anyone."

"Yes, it won't be that easy." Su Bei felt more confident now.

"Don't worry." Lu Heting reached out and patted her head.

Su Bei smiled at him and said, "Let's go for a barbecue, then? There's nothing that can't be solved by a barbecue meal. If there is, let's go twice."

"Okay," Lu Heting agreed dotingly.

Although Old Master Lu had promised Lu Yaode to let the three of them return to the family, he had also arranged for his trusted doctor to do a paternity test report.

Although Old Master Lu had opened the door to the Lu family, they still needed basic proof.

As for the others in the family, Old Master Lu was not too worried. Those people were all collateral relatives, so there would not be much interference.

Actually, as long as the DNA proved that there was no problem, everything else would be smooth sailing.

Lu Yaode also quickly cooperated with the DNA test.

Now that Tian Xin was still in custody and had not been convicted for the time being, he wanted to go back to the Lu family before Tian Xin was convicted. Otherwise, if these two children had the bloodline of a sinner, it would be troublesome if someone interfered.

Once they went back to the family, he could also use Lu Group's connections to protect Tian Xin. He could even reduce her crimes to nothing.

Everything had been planned.

Su Bei's work had not been intensive recently, but there were two auditions.

One was an internal audition. In other words, the director had long thought highly of the artists who went for the audition. They were just going to have a chat again.

When Su Bei went to the first audition that day, she found that two other female artists were going for it as well. There was Lu Tianqing too.

Including Su Bei, there were four in total.

Qiao Mei specially came with Su Bei today. She instructed softly, "Director Gao is famous for fooling around, so I have to come with you. Just do whatever you want. It doesn't matter if you get it or not. But I hope you don't."

Xiao Bai said, "Then why did you accept this audition, Sister Qiao Mei? Couldn't we just not come?"

"You're silly. Although Director Gao isn't much, his production team is very impressive. If we can really cooperate, it's actually not bad."

"What's the production team thinking, using such a director?" Xiao Bai muttered.

Su Bei answered on behalf of Qiao Mei, "Because many men don't take this kind of thing seriously. Even many women don't take this kind of thing seriously. Some people aren't afraid of the director being too greedy and lecherous. Instead, they're afraid that the director won't have any hobbies that they can exploit."

"Damn, that's too scary. Are there any clean people in this circle?" Xiao Bai exclaimed.

Qiao Mei smiled and shook her head. Xiao Bai had a simple personality. Even after so long, she still hadn't adapted. However, this personality was sometimes rare.

Qiao Mei reminded Su Bei, "In any case, we won't care what others do. We just have to follow our own principles. Don't worry too much and don't let your guard down."

"Understood." Su Bei nodded.

After Su Bei went in and followed the procedure, she sat at the side and waited for the results.

After a while, Lu Tianqing came in.

She glanced at Su Bei arrogantly as if everything that had happened in the past few days had nothing to do with her.

The moment Lu Tianqing entered, Director Gao's expression changed.

Although he hid it well, Su Bei still noticed it.

Qiao Mei had told her to pay more attention to Director Gao. She kept staring at his expression. The subtle changes in expression did not escape Su Bei's eyes.

Huh? Lu Tianqing and Director Gao... were not that close, right?

Su Bei knew that Lu Tianqing had married well and her husband's status was not low. Lu Tianqing did not have to take this route of accompanying a director to get a role.

She was not yet at the end of her tether.

'So this is about Tian Xin again?'

Su Bei knew that she probably had no shot with the audition today. It had been decided that Lu Tianqing would get the role.

She quickly went out. Qiao Mei had just sent away a middle-aged woman. When she saw Su Bei coming out, she asked in surprise, "The results are out so soon?"

"I might not be able to get it. Lu Tianqing is inside. Director Gao thinks highly of her."

"That's fine." Qiao Mei didn't want to force it. "It'll be troublesome if you get this role anyway. It's fine to miss out on it."

"Who was that who just left?" she asked.

"Director Gao's wife, Mrs. Gao. We met a few times. She came in a huff just now. I was afraid that there would be too many paparazzi and it would affect you, so I persuaded her to leave. Perhaps she's here to catch Director Gao in the act. It's so difficult to be a woman." Qiao Mei sighed.

Su Bei felt the same way.

"If there's nothing else, let's go," Qiao Mei said.

Chapter 1309: Don't Learn From Those People

"I'll drive my own car." Su Bei waved her car keys.

Qiao Mei nodded. "See you another day. I'll bring Xiao Bai along."

Xiao Bai followed Qiao Mei happily.

Su Bei went to the parking lot to get her car and saw a familiar middle-aged woman. She should be Mrs. Gao, whom Qiao Mei had just persuaded to leave.

When Su Bei came out just now, she had caught a glimpse of her side profile.

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Su Bei stopped opening the car door. Although it was presumptuous, she really wanted to ask Mrs. Gao a few questions.

"Mrs. Gao," she called after her.

The middle-aged woman turned around and looked at Su Bei. She recognized her too. "Are you Su Bei?"

"That's me."

"As it happens, I have a few questions for you." Mrs. Gao didn't sound too polite. Perhaps as the director's wife, she had a natural resistance to beautiful young actresses.

"Let's have coffee together," Su Bei said with a smile.

They sat down in the café. Mrs. Gao was the first to ask, "Did you succeed in your audition today?"

"No. I have no place in this project." Su Bei smiled.

"That's true. That role must have been given to Lu Tianqing."

Puzzled, Su Bei asked, "Oh? How do you know that if you didn't go in?"

"How could I not know? That woman, Tian Xin, is extremely flirtatious. When she was young, she hooked up with big directors and investors. Everyone thinks that she's capable and won the Best Actress Award herself. If she wasn't good in bed, would she have the opportunity to act in a blockbuster and get such a big investment?" When Mrs. Gao mentioned Tian Xin, she revealed a look of disdain.

"But Tian Xin didn't come today. You should know that she's cooperating with the police investigation," Su Bei said.

"Serves her right. I know she didn't come, but isn't her daughter there? Hmph. She masks herself well outside. No one else knows about her rotten affairs. I'm not in the dark, though. I just wanted to see how she was going to push her daughter up the ladder when she's in jail."

The thought in Su Bei's mind intensified. She asked, "So, Tian Xin was involved with many men when she was young?"

"That's right. It's just that at that time, technology wasn't developed and her scandals rarely circulated. Moreover, that woman seemed the most humble. She looked so innocent and naive. Men were tricked and even said that she was a warm woman. There were also men like Lu Yaode who were willing to abandon their wives and children to be with her."

"Are her children Lu Yaode's, then?"

Mrs. Gao smiled. "Su Bei, I think we hit it off. I'm not sure if her children are Lu Yaode's, but do you think that Tian Xin is so popular in the industry that many directors and investors are willing to help her because of her good character? I'm afraid even she can't tell who her children belong to."

Her words were filled with contempt and disdain for Tian Xin.

Su Bei could more or less understand Mrs. Gao's mentality. After being betrayed, she could not bear to let go. It was easy for a person's personality to become more and more twisted.

Such a thing was quite annoying.

But were those scumbags completely blameless?

Mrs. Gao was in a much better mood after complaining so much in front of Su Bei. "Su Bei, don't learn from those people. Although the path you're taking is a little difficult, after you walk out of it, you have to be honest and hold your head high. Otherwise, you'll be ashamed for the rest of your life. You'll have to return the things you exchanged by spreading your legs sooner or later."

Her words were rough but reasonable. Su Bei thanked her for her kindness.

When she got home and saw Lu Heting, Su Bei immediately told him about this.

"From Mrs. Gao's tone, Lu Tianqing and Lu Tianci might not be Lu Yaode's children. Tian Xin's private life is very messy. It's hard to say that she didn't find Lu Yaode just to take on the role of her children's fathers." Su Bei summarized Mrs. Gao's words. "I saw Director Gao treating Lu Tianqing quite differently today."

"Grandpa has already arranged for a trustworthy doctor to check their DNA. We'll know soon. However, it's even more necessary to stop them from coming back to the family now. The entire Lu family can't be ruined by these two people."

Su Bei nodded. "When I came back, I realized I forgot to ask Mrs. Gao if there were any photos or videos of Tian Xin cheating. Doesn't Lu Yaode treat that woman like a treasure? I can let him see what the woman he loves looks like when she's outside cheating on him."

"Since Tian Xin has done these things, she must have left traces. It's not too late to look for the evidence now. I'll arrange for someone to look for her immediately."

Su Bei knew that Tian Xin was really going to have it rough this time.

Old Master Lu's trusted doctor was conducting a DNA test for Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing.

Lu Yaode also accompanied them.

The three of them didn't care about Tianci Corporation at all. They left a mess behind and washed their hands of it.

Of course, the shareholders cursed them, but they could not find the culprit, so they could only admit that they were unlucky.

Everyone who bought the shares of Tianci Corporation suffered a huge loss.

Sheng Xiaotang and Tang Yue were also dumbfounded. They were so arrogant back then, but now, they were so dejected.

Lu Yaode and the other two did not feel like they had done anything wrong at all. The most important thing was that they kept their benefits and advantages.

“Doctor, when will the results be out?” Lu Yaode asked.

“The reports will be out in two days. We’ll have the reports be sent straight to the old master by then.”

Lu Yaode didn’t think there was anything wrong with this. “Alright, then I’ll have to trouble you guys. The sooner we get it done, the sooner we can send the reports over. In three days, we’ll be having a ceremony to celebrate our return to the family.”

“Don’t worry, we’ll handle it as the old man instructed.”

Lu Yaode walked out with Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing. “Don’t worry, this matter will be settled soon. In three days, under the protection of Lu Group, no one will dare to do anything to us.”

“Yes, this is what we wanted before.” Lu Tianci nodded.

However, from wanting to take over Lu Group to establishing Tianci Corporation to now, just wanting to return to the Lu family, their family’s psychological bottom line was being lowered infinitely bit by bit.

They hoped nothing would go wrong this time.

This was their last escape route.

After returning home, Lu Yaode, Lu Tianci, and Lu Tianqing returned to their rooms to rest.

However, Lu Tianqing only put down her bag for a while and waited anxiously before leaving with her bag again.

When Lu Tianqing opened the door, she bumped into Lu Yaode and was shocked. “Dad, why aren’t you resting?”

“I came out to take a call. Where are you going?”

“I’m going shopping with a friend. I have a new film starting soon. I’m buying things in preparation for that.”

Lu Yaode was relieved that his daughter was still outstanding.

Chapter 1310: I’m Afraid That You Can’t Bear The Responsibility

Lu Yaode said to Lu Tianqing, “Go on. Come home early.”

Lu Tianqing lowered her head. Lu Yaode couldn’t tell what was wrong with her mood.

Lu Tianqing immediately went out. She wore a mask and drove herself. After circling around twice, she went straight to the hospital.

Two days later, Lu Tianqing and Lu Tianci's DNA test results were placed on Old Master Lu's study table.

"Old Master, we did the examination as you intended. These are the reports."

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"Yes, good work." Old Master Lu looked pleased as he flipped through the reports.

"Old Master, about Mr. Lu..."

"I'll talk with Heting again. I'm also thinking about the overall situation for everyone's sake. Heting will suffer for a while, but I won't let him suffer forever."

After this matter was settled, he had to control Lu Yaode and his children and not let them go against Lu Heting.

In his heart, he loved Lu Heting the most.

He raised him himself, and he was his grandson. How could he not love him?

But as the head of the family and an elder, he had too many things to consider. Instead of letting Lu Yaode roam outside again, he might as well keep him by his side.

On the day of the ceremony, Lu Yaode arrived at the Lu family's mansion early with his children.

Lu Tianqing and Lu Tianci were dressed very simply, completely in line with the expectations of the elders.

Now was not the time to be high-profile. According to Tian Xin, they had to gain the favor of their grandparents as much as possible and try to gain a foothold before anything else.

"Please come in, Sir, Young Master, Young Lady." The butler stepped forward and ushered the three of them inside.

The other members of the Lu family were also present. Most of these people were collateral relatives. Although they were from the Lu family, their status was not high enough to criticize Lu Yaode. Moreover, Old Master Lu had already shown the DNA reports.

Everyone was just here to observe the ceremony.

Lu Yaode had also invited some friends to attend the ceremony, so the scene was solemn but also lively.

Su Bei and Han Qingwan appeared together. Su Bei lowered her eyes and accompanied Han Qingwan.

"Su Bei?" When Lu Tianqing saw her, she looked a little surprised. Could Su Bei come to such an occasion? However, on second thought, even her father had invited some friends to attend the ceremony. Su Bei was on good terms with Han Qingwan, so it was not a big deal for her to come to this ceremony.

She wondered if Lu Heting would come.

"Fourth Uncle, Third Aunt, Fifth Grandpa, Uncle." When Lu Yaode saw the Lu family members, he went forward to greet them.

After all, he had lived in the Lu family for nearly 30 years. His family members were very familiar with him and had feelings for him, so they responded politely.

"Hmph." When Lu Yaode walked to Han Qingwan's side, he could not hide his disgust. If not for Han Qingwan, Tian Xin would not have fallen into such a state.

He walked away from Han Qingwan without looking at her.

Han Qingwan's expression was indifferent. She didn't mind Lu Yaode's attitude because in her heart, she had long abandoned Lu Yaode. His attitude couldn't trigger her emotions at all.

"Butler, where's my dad?" Lu Yaode asked when Old Master Lu didn't come down.

The butler said respectfully, "Please wait a little longer, Sir. The old man should be down soon."

"Okay." Lu Yaode raised his wrist to look at the time. Even though he was anxious, it was not convenient for him to keep urging the old man.

The butler stood silently.

In the study upstairs, Old Madam Lu said disapprovingly, "It's fine to let Yaode return to the family. He's our son, and we've poured our blood, sweat, and tears into him. I can still remember how he looked when he was young. I remember what our mother-son relationship was like.

"But Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing can't return to the family. In the past, I doted on them and was very soft-hearted. I felt that it wasn't easy for them. But as you can see, after Lu Tianci obtained the shares from me, he went against Heting. I definitely can't tolerate such a thing happening again."

"I've already decided that letting them stay in the Lu family is better than letting them go out and causing trouble where we can't see them. I'll discipline them well," Old Master Lu said.

"I didn't say that I don't want them, but having their names in the genealogy is a big deal! It won't be good if they betray us in the future!" Old Madam Lu said angrily.

"No matter what, I'll take responsibility!"

Old Madam Lu looked at him and said solemnly, "I'm afraid that you won't be able to bear the responsibility!"

With that, she slammed the door and left.

Old Master Lu stood still for a moment. He adjusted his lapels and walked out without hesitation.

When Old Madam Lu went downstairs, Lu Yaode called out, "Mom."

"Grandma." Lu Tianci and Lu Tianqing were respectful.

Old Madam Lu did not reply. Her face was filled with fatigue and old age.

After what had happened last time, she understood that a moment of weakness was the scariest thing. Blood ties might not be something she could trust.

This time, she was reluctant to do anything so foolish.

Lu Yaode was a little embarrassed when there was no response from Old Madam Lu. However, he quickly regained his composure and did not take this small issue to heart.

The matter of acknowledging their ancestors and returning to the family depended on Old Master Lu's attitude. Even as the person in charge, Lu Heting could not interfere in this matter.

He didn't care about the attitudes of others.

The butler welcomed Lu Heting and Lu Weijian through the garden and into the hall.

Seeing Lu Heting, the members of the Lu family stood up. "Mr. Lu."

"Please take a seat," Lu Heting said calmly.

Only then did everyone sit down in turn. There was a little discussion in the hall just now, but there was no longer any sound.

"Heting." Old Madam Lu looked at Lu Heting guiltily.

Lu Weijian, who was following Lu Heting, also looked unusually serious. He used to always be smiling. Now that he suddenly looked like this, Old Madam Lu felt even worse. What was going on? He was no longer his usual self. Even the person who usually smiled was no longer smiling.

"Grandma, where's Grandpa?" Lu Heting asked.

"He'll be down soon," Old Madam Lu said. "Heting..."

"Please sit down first." Lu Heting helped her sit down.

Lu Yaode smiled and said, "Heting, I'm still your father. Me leaving the Lu family back then can't change this fact. Although you don't welcome me very much, it doesn't matter. We'll still be a family in the future."

Lu Heting didn't even look at him. His cold expression was obvious. Lu Yaode was embarrassed, but he couldn't flare up.