

Love After Marriage, He Got A Free Wife

Chapter 26: Wishing She Hadn't Failed to Live Up to His Expectations

Mayor Ji frowned after hearing his wife's words. With a straight face, he said to his wife, "Feng Qi, you are not allowed to have any contact with the Lin family in the future."

"Why?"

Feng Qi saw his wife's injured face, which had yet to recover. He swallowed the words of blame that were about to come out of his mouth and looked at his wife with a gaze full of heartache. "Silly, you are being used without knowing it."

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The next day, Fang Xiaonuan woke up early. Ji Lingchen, who was lying on the bed, also got up. "Nuannuan, if you want to go to your parents' house today, I'll send you there."

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"I'm not going. My parents will suspect something is wrong if I go back too often." Fang Xiaonuan stuffed her pajamas into the suitcase. It had been the same for the past few days.

Ji Lingchen wanted her to put her clothes in the cloakroom, but he swallowed his words. He did not stop her from using the cloakroom.

During breakfast, Feng Qi and Mayor Ji were not at the table because they were not home. After Old Master Ji found out about yesterday's issue. Although he was dissatisfied with Fang Xiaonuan's behavior, he did not reprimand her.

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At the dining table, no one said anything.

In the morning, Lin Rou made a trip to the Ji family's residence. Old Master Ji felt annoyed, so he asked someone to chase her away. At noon, Feng Qi returned. This time, she looked at Fang Xiaonuan with a sharp gaze.

That was a promise. She was certain that she could not handle her sharp gaze.

When Old Master Ji saw that his eldest daughter-in-law, whom he had lived with for more than twenty years, had returned, his attitude was much better. Moreover, he did not mention the matter of Feng Qi going to the Fang family to apologize.

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After all, the eldest son was the mayor, and the eldest daughter-in-law was the mayor's wife. If one of them were to apologize to relatives who were only commoners, it would hurt the Ji family's pride. Therefore, Old Master Ji wanted to let this matter blow over quietly.

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The Ji family completely let this matter pass, but Fang Xiaonuan was stubborn. She always remembered this.

Two days later, Feng Qi's injuries had recovered to the point where they were no longer serious. On the way to dinner, she met Fang Xiaonuan again. "Fang Xiaonuan, I will definitely pay you back for the injuries you gave me!" Feng Qi said fiercely.

"You still owe my parents an apology." Fang Xiaonuan deliberately kept a distance from Feng Qi. Her tone was indifferent, making her appear much more stable.

"Hmph, let them wait! What father said was very clear. He won't let me do something that would hurt the Ji family's reputation. They would only suffer. Fang Xiaonuan, I'm warning you. You have to know your place in the Ji family. Don't dream of things that don't belong to you!" For the first time, Mayor Ji's words to Feng Qi were useless. After two days of constant goading from Lin Rou, Feng Qi stubbornly believed that Fang Xiaonuan was a scheming woman. Not only had she bewitched her father-in-law, but she had also brainwashed her husband.

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"Then you'll have to wait and see. I'll take care of it properly." Fang Xiaonuan smiled and walked quickly to the restaurant.

During these two days, Mayor Ji and Ji Lingchen had a tacit understanding to go home early. Ji Lingchen wished he could run home as soon as he got off work. He did not dare to mute his phone, afraid that his little wife would stir up trouble again.

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Feng Qi was the last to arrive at the restaurant. She saw that everyone was washing their hands. Only Fang Xiaonuan picked up her chopsticks and started eating without waiting for Old Master Ji to move his chopsticks. Taking this opportunity to stir up trouble, Feng Qi said, "Fang Xiaonuan, don't you know the rules? You have to wash your hands before eating, and you have to wait for the elders to move their chopsticks before you can. Didn't your parents teach you this?"

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"Sister-in-law, are you speaking like this because your wounds have almost healed and now you've forgotten about the pain?" Fang Xiaonuan put down her chopsticks and looked up at Feng Qi.

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It would have been better if she had not mention it, but Feng Qi's anger could not be controlled once she mentioned it. She stood up and pointed at Fang Xiaonuan's nose, her tone full of unbearable anger. "Fang Xiaonuan, you're simply shameless. I'll tell you today. In the Ji family, there's no me, there's no you!"

"Sister-in-law, are you old and muddle-headed, or are you going through menopause early? If you're not feeling well, hurry up and see a doctor. Don't delay. What's more, don't be so angry. Your anger will hurt your body. Don't be so angry that you'll ruin yourself. If you do that, you'll lose more than you gain." When it came to bickering, Fang Xiaonuan had never lost to anyone in her entire life!

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Fang Xiaonuan's words made Feng Qi self-conscious. It was not easy for two men to interrupt a war between women, especially Mayor Ji. He just watched as his wife was humiliated every time she picked on Fang Xiaonuan. It was as if he hated his wife for failing to meet his expectations. However, Feng Qi did not learn her lesson.

Just as Feng Qi was about to retort, Old Master Ji, who was sitting at the head of the table, spoke up.

Chapter 27: Longing for a Reason

Old Master Ji suddenly stood up and threw the cane he had just replaced onto the ground. He said in a dignified manner, "Shut up, Fang Xiaonuan. Apologize to your sister-in-law!"

"I didn't do anything wrong. She was the one who scolded me first. Why should I apologize?" Fang Xiaonuan immediately said. She had deliberately avoided quarreling and did not step out of the door. She did not see anyone all day long, but Feng Qi had brought up her parents. She did not want to stir up trouble, but Feng Qi just had to antagonize her.

Fang Xiaonuan considered everyone in the Ji family. As her husband, Ji Lingchen was completely indifferent to the matter and acted like a spectator. Ji Kangde and Feng Qi had been husband and wife for many years. Naturally, he would protect his wife. Old Master Ji and Feng Qi had been in-laws for many years. As an outsider who had just married into the Ji family, how could she get justice?

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Until now, Fang Xiaonuan still could not figure out how she had offended Feng Qi so badly. The two of them had become arch-enemies.

Old Master Ji could not bear to see Fang Xiaonuan argue with him. "Fang Xiaonuan, look at how restless the house has been since you moved in. You better reign in your personality. I've indulged you long enough."

Fang Xiaonuan responded, "Indulged? You're really indulging me, but I don't care."

Old Master Ji said, "Fang Xiaonuan, do you understand what respect is?"

Fang Xiaonuan said, "The prerequisite for respect is to be respected. I want to ask, do you all respect me?" Old Master Ji immediately asked, "You think we don't respect you?"

"How do you respect me?" Fang Xiaonuan's question made the Ji family members fall silent. For a moment, no one answered.

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After a while, Old Master Ji said slowly, "The rules of the Ji family are reasonable. Now that you are a member of the Ji family, you must obey our family's rules and apologize to your sister-in-law."

When Feng Qi heard that Old Master Ji was still on her side, her face was full of pride. She looked at Fang Xiaonuan provocatively.

Fang Xiaonuan looked straight at Feng Qi and said to her patiently, "I'm sorry."

"Since the Ji family's rules are based on appearances, then I would like to ask when sister-in-law will apologize to my parents. After all, this is what the oldest person in the Ji family said." Fang Xiaonuan tried her best to quell her anger. She spoke slowly too.

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Feng Qi said, "You're simply delusional. Your mother is younger than me. It's impossible for me to apologize to her."

Fang Xiaonuan said, "The Ji family's rules are based on appearances. Isn't that a matter of appearances too? Age? Then, let's put aside Old Master Ji's previous instructions. Just based on the fact that I'm already married to Ji Lingchen, my parents are of the same seniority as Old Master Ji. The last time my parents came to visit, sister-in-law did not treat them well. If that's the case, didn't sister-in-law violate the rules of the Ji family? The Ji family is strict. Sister-in-law must abide by the rules of the family! Father, do you think I'm right?"

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Everyone in the family knew that they wanted to treat the previous incident as a small matter, but Fang Xiaonuan was the only one who was unwilling to do so. She had said these words to Old Master Ji's face now to intentionally embarrass him. In any case, they had already shed all pretense of cordiality. Fang Xiaonuan no longer cared.

Seeing that Old Master Ji was silent, Fang Xiaonuan asked again, "Dad, did I say something wrong?"

"Scram, all of you, Scram!" Old Master Ji roared angrily.

When Fang Xiaonuan was about to speak again, the butler gave a look to the few servants. Someone immediately held onto Fang Xiaonuan and brought her out of the dining area. The atmosphere was already ice cold.

Feng Qi did not dare to breathe, but Ji Lingchen did not move at all. His fingers tapped the table rhythmically. Mayor Ji knew his younger brother's temperament very well. He was afraid that he would cause any more trouble, so he said, "Lingchen, quickly go and see Nuannuan."

Ji Lingchen's gaze swept to the entrance of the restaurant. He quickly retracted his gaze and then looked at everyone at the table. He sneered and said, "Don't you have to look at the owner before hitting a dog? Bullying my wife, isn't that just slapping my face? Sister-in-law, is what I said reasonable?"

Feng Qi did not say anything. Ji Lingchen's gaze was too fierce, so she did not dare to meet his gaze.

Ji Lingchen spoke again. "Sister-in-law, I saw you humiliate my wife just now and talk a lot. Now, why have you become mute in front of me?"

Feng Qi said, "Lingchen, that's what she deserves. Just listen to her. She really can't compare to Rou'er."

Ji Lingchen looked at Old Master Ji and said, "I wonder if my in-laws, the in-laws of Ji Lingchen, CEO of Ji Corporation, are worthy of an apology from the mayor's wife."

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Chapter 28: Not to Be Trifled With

Old Master Ji reminded, "Lingchen, she is your sister-in-law."

Ji Lingchen suddenly laughed, "How interesting. She is my sister-in-law. Have you forgotten that Fang Xiaonuan is my wife? Don't tell me you want me to make my wife suffer for my sister-in-law? I, Ji Lingchen, will not allow such a thing."

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Old Master Ji did not say anything else. Instead, he saw Ji Lingchen stand up and say to Feng Qi, "The rules of the Ji family are based on appearances. Sister-in-law, you must not forget that as a member of the Ji family, you must abide by our rules, unless you no longer want to be a member of the Ji family."

With that, Ji Lingchen strode out of the dining area. When he went upstairs to look for Fang Xiaonuan, he realized that the woman was not in the room. He stopped the servant and asked coldly, "Where is the second madam?"

The maid replied, "The second madam ran out crying just now. I don't know where second madam is now."

Ji Lingchen walked around the Ji residence, but he did not see Fang Xiaonuan anywhere. It seemed that she had gone to hide somewhere to cry. In the end, he stopped looking and just let her cry outside. When she was done crying, she came back.

Ji Lingchen picked up his phone and called his assistant." Hello, help me buy a house near the Fang residence."

"Yes, yes, sir. What are you looking for? How many rooms do you want? Is it for investment or for living? A villa or a foreign house?" The assistant quickly answered and began to ask questions.

Ji Lingchen replied, "To live alone. A villa. The sooner the better."

The assistant said, "Yes, I will help you find what you're looking for."

After hanging up the phone, Ji Lingchen turned around and went upstairs. It seemed that they really could not stay in the Ji family's residence much longer. He originally wanted Feng Qi to bully Fang Xiaonuan, but in the end, it was Fang Xiaonuan who retaliated.

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The Ji family was becoming more and more chaotic. Every day, Ji Lingchen's mind was stuck at home. With Fang Xiaonuan's personality, he clearly did not need to worry about being bullied, but he was always afraid that she would be wronged. In order to put an end to this matter, they had to move.

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After doing this, Ji Lingchen only had to wait for Fang Xiaonuan to come back. Then, he would inform her about moving out. He waited and waited. When it got dark, he did not wait for Fang Xiaonuan to come back. Instead, he called Fang Xiaonuan. His phone could be heard ringing through the cracks in the sofa cushions.

Fang Xiaonuan did not bring her phone with her when she left the house. Realizing this, Ji Lingchen started to look for her. He stopped a servant and asked, "Have you seen the second young madam?"

The servant shook her head. She did not dare to speak to Ji Lingchen directly. Ji Lingchen frowned and went to the monitoring room.

Fang Xiaonuan was brought out by the servant in the afternoon. After she broke free, she went out alone. Ji Lingchen sat in the monitoring room thinking. He understood that Fang Xiaonuan would not return to her mother's house after being wronged. It was already so late. Where would she go?

The young girl was penniless in the middle of the night. She did not even bring her cell phone. If she did not return home in the middle of the night, she could not possibly do anything else. Ji Lingchen had no clue at all. However, he understood one thing: he could not just wait.

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Fang Xiaonuan ran out of the Ji family's house in the afternoon after the angry fight. After she came out, she realized that she had not brought anything with her. In order to not let her parents worry, she could only look for her best friend, He Lili.

He Lili's family background was not bad. Her father and brother were both police officers, and her mother was a businesswoman. Although He Lili was not a socialite like Fang Xiaonuan, no one dared to provoke her. This was mainly because she had a brother who doted on her like his life depended on it — He Qun.

As long as He Lili said the word, there was almost nothing that her brother could not do. She and Fang Xiaonuan were fated to meet. She did not expect the two of them to have similar personalities and become best friends who talked about everything.

As for the matter of the Ji family forcing the marriage, Fang Xiaonuan only told He Lili about it. At that time, He Lili was indignant and wanted to stand up for Fang Xiaonuan, but she stopped her. "Please don't. The Ji family is not to be trifled with. Don't involve your mom in this." Fang Xiaonuan had stopped her in the end, and He Lili finally gave up.

Fang Xiaonuan never thought that when she met her best friend again, she would actually seek her help. She walked for three hours before she reached the He family's house. She knocked on the door, and the person who opened it was He Lili.

"Lili, can I stay at your house for one night?" When she saw her best friend, Fang Xiaonuan's started crying. She wiped the tears off her face and asked the question in a pleading tone.

He Lili said, "What nonsense are you talking about? Of course you can. Don't even mention it for a second!" Seeing her best friend, Lili pulled her into the house. "Nuannuan, what happened to you? Did the Ji family bully you?"

Fang Xiaonuan nodded. In front of He Lili, she would never hide anything. "They did bully me, but I'm not someone to be trifled with. I hit them back."

Chapter 29: The Elusive Reluctance to Part

"That's good, Nuannuan. If anyone bullies you again, you can hit them back. My brother says that self-defense is not illegal!" He Lili handed Fang Xiaonuan a tissue and patted her shoulder.

Fang Xiaonuan's mood improved a lot. She nodded to her best friend and forced a smile.

He Lili said, "If you're upset, you should just cry! You have no idea that your forced smile is even uglier than your crying face."

That night, He Qun went home from work. He deliberately put his coat over his arm. He Qun looked decent, and he was full of righteousness. He looked like a meticulous person, but when he was with He Lili, he always had a friendly smile on his face.

Being around He Lili had really made Fang Xiaonuan feel at ease. The attentive Fang Xiaonuan noticed the coat over He Qun's arm. She thought, 'He does not need his coat right now, but he's carrying it with him.'

Only when she saw He Qun's hands did Fang Xiaonuan realize that he was deliberately using the coat to cover something in his hands.

When He Lili walked over, Fang Xiaonuan reminded her, "Look at what your brother is holding under his coat!" When He Lili heard this, she took the clothes from her brother's hands, catching him off guard.

Then, He Qun quickly used the clothes to cover what he was holding again. He asked, "Little gluttonous cat, do you want a drink?"

"My brother is the greatest!" He Lili smiled and her eyes sparkled. Her brother doted on her and gave her whatever she wanted.

He Qun looked at Fang Xiaonuan, and a trace of unpredictability flashed in his eyes. "Sugar-free, don't worry. You guys have fun. I'll get going now."

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He Lili took the milk tea and pulled Fang Xiaonuan back to her room. The two of them chatted happily.

When she was with He Lili, Fang Xiaonuan forgot that she was already married. Everything seemed to be the same as before. She was still the daughter of the Fang family, the precious treasure that the Fang family cherished in their hearts, the eldest daughter of the Fang family that no one dared to provoke. She did not need to restrain her temper, and she did not need to suppress her anger.

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She liked her freedom to begin with. She did not like being confined to a bedroom that was only dozens of square meters wide so that she would not get into another

argument. When she was with her best friend He Lili, Fang Xiaonuan forgot all her worries and chatted with her until it was late.

However, Fang Xiaonuan did not know that the Ji family was looking everywhere for her.

Ji Lingchen realized that he could not wait any longer, so he called his subordinates and asked them to focus on the Ji family and start looking for Fang Xiaonuan. He then called his best friend for help.

Ye Mubai, who was about to go to sleep, received a call from his best friend. "What? Who's Fang Xiaonuan? You're Married? F*ck, my brother is married, and I didn't know? What's the situation now? Did you lose your wife?"

His string of questions gave Ji Lingchen a headache. He changed from his usual cold demeanor and patiently replied, "I'm married. Fang Xiaonuan is my woman. She's lost now."

"Wait, let me pinch myself. Am I dreaming?" Ye Mubai acted like he heard a big joke. He could not come back to his senses for a long time. He simply could not believe it.

Ji Lingchen said, "I'll give you three seconds to wake up. Get up immediately and help me look for her."

Ye Mubai was so shocked that he fell off the bed. He now knew that he was not dreaming. His good friend had secretly gotten married. Not only did he get married, but his wife was nowhere to be found.

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Thus, a few minutes after Ji Lingchen hung up, his cell phone was flooded with calls from his good friends who were living abroad. They all called to ask, "Lingchen, I heard from Mubai that your wife ran away with someone right after you got married?"

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Ji Lingchen knew that Ye Mubai's big mouth would cause him trouble. If he was not so anxious, he definitely would not have told him about this.

"Brother, logically speaking, that wouldn't happen to you! Your charm isn't too bad. Why did your wife run off with someone else right after you got married?"

Ji Lingchen took a deep breath. "If I didn't need Ye Mubai now, I would definitely sew his mouth shut!" No, he would just use a strong medicine to poison him!

"I'm not angry, I'm not angry. As your good friend, I'll go back and accompany you right now." Murong heard that his good friend's wife had run away with someone else and immediately decided to check in with Ji Lingchen.

At this time, good friends needed to be by his side so they could accompany him through this period of darkness.

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Murong decided to go help, and so did three of Ji Lingchen's other friends. They all claimed that they wanted to help, but in reality, they just wanted to see what kind of woman could make the great Ji Lingchen settle down.

Chapter 30: Small Dark Room

The Ji family had spent the entire night looking for Fang Xiaonuan. Even Old Master Ji was alarmed. He sat on the sofa, his entire body exuding an aura that discouraged anyone from disturbing him. It was futile to educate Fang Xiaonuan now. Ji Lingchen did not sleep the entire night either. He was just waiting for Fang Xiaonuan to return home.

The next day at noon, Fang Xiaonuan had mentally prepared herself. She returned to the Ji family's home. She stood in front of the Ji family's door for a while before slowly walking in. She had not returned last night, and now she could not avoid being reprimanded.

Fang Xiaonuan's had lost her temper at the Ji family yesterday, and she did not hold back at all. Now, she was much calmer. She advised herself to hold back her anger and not lose her temper again. Her appearance made Ji Lingchen, who had been dozing off, suddenly open his eyes. He turned to look at his wife, who walked in somewhat awkwardly. He was sitting on the sofa, and he adjusted his posture.

"You didn't come home at night and you didn't inform us at all. How could you do that? And you shouted at me?" Old Master Ji's eyes were wide with anger. He had truly scared Fang Xiaonuan.

Fang Xiaonuan said, "Dad, I went to my friend's house yesterday. When I arrived, I realized that I didn't bring my phone with me, so I couldn't tell you guys."

"Don't call me dad!" Old Master Ji's voice was a little hoarse, and his roar was filled with anger.

Fang Xiaonuan pursed her lips, and she swallowed the words that were about to come out of her mouth. In this situation, she would be a fool if she opened her mouth again.

Old Master Ji was originally filled with anger, and he even wanted Fang Xiaonuan to divorce Ji Lingchen. Now that he saw Fang Xiaonuan standing there, obediently waiting to be reprimanded, a portion of his anger subsided. Then, he thought of the butler's constant reminders. Only the person who made the mistake could rectify it. In the end, he was the one who had insisted on her joining the Ji family.

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"Forget it, Fang Xiaonuan. Do you admit your mistake?" Old Master Ji sighed and glared at Fang Xiaonuan as he spoke.

Ji Lingchen did not say a word the entire time. He wanted to know if Fang Xiaonuan would apologize for what had happened last night. After all, she had impulsively stayed out all night. If she had, at least, called home, he could still convince her to come back.

"I don't admit it." Fang Xiaonuan's answer was just as Ji Lingchen had expected. This little girl was as stubborn as an ox. Her answer, without a doubt, triggered the anger that Old Master Ji had been holding back.

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"Then go to the isolation room and face the wall to reflect on your mistakes. You will not come out until you admit your mistakes." Old Master Ji did not rebuke her this time. Instead, he spoke in a gloomy voice. Even if Fang Xiaonuan was a little soft-hearted, she would not do so.

Old Master Ji gave the butler a look. He knew that Fang Xiaonuan was a stubborn girl, so he wanted the butler to persuade her.

The butler brought Fang Xiaonuan to the isolation room. When they arrived at the isolation room, the butler looked at the girl who was pretending to be calm. He said, "Second young madam, go and admit your mistake to the master. Admit your mistake and this matter will be over. This isolation can be avoided."

"Thank you for your kindness. However, I didn't do anything wrong, so I won't admit anything." Fang Xiaonuan entered the small dark room by herself and closed the door stubbornly.

Fang Xiaonuan thought that she would be reprimanded, but she never thought that she would be punished. This punishment was still confinement. She shook her head helplessly. After closing the door to the small dark room, the room instantly fell into complete darkness. It was so dark that she could not even see her own fingers. She

raised her hand and searched the wall. Not long after, she found the light switch. A dim light lit up in the small dark room.

The small space was only about ten square meters. Fang Xiaonuan sat cross-legged on the ground. Fortunately, the room was not that hot. She rested her chin on her hand and thought about what she had experienced over the last few days. It was so much more eventful than what she had experienced over the past few years.

No wonder most women nowadays were afraid of marriage. She was tired. Marriage felt like jumping from her comfort zone to a danger zone in which she did not know what would happen next. Every day was a mystery. Every day was a game.

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Fang Xiaonuan was a little depressed. She got up and walked around the small room. Suddenly, she saw a wall that was slightly different. The wall was full of potholes and many scratches. She thought to herself, 'Could it be that other people were locked in here for so long that they had to keep track of their isolation period?'

She had planned to continue the drawing, but she did not have any stationery with her. "Looks like this person was punished often. He knew how to bring stationery in here," the bored Fang Xiaonuan muttered to herself.

In the living room, after Fang Xiaonuan left, Feng Qi, who had been listening from upstairs, came down. Ji Lingchen got up, "Since everyone is here, let me emphasize one more thing. Fang Xiaonuan is my wife. Respecting me means respecting her. If you think my wife is an eyesore, then I'll take her away."

