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Hearing this, Cai Yan's brows knitted into a frown. "Mum, if that's the case, then there would only be two houses. Will there even be enough space for all of us?"

Her mother continued, "Yes, there would only be two houses. So this is what I propose. Since Qin and you are still young and can go out to work, your Dad and I will depend on the both of you financially. Thus, we'll take one house while your brother takes the other. As for you and Qin, you two can rent an apartment first."

The moment her mother finished speaking, the expression on Cai Yan's face soured.

"Mum, that's so unfair! The house could clearly have been split into three. Why must it be cut down to two? Where do you want me to stay?"

Hearing Cai Yan's increasingly agitated tone, the old lady got quite upset as well.

Rising to her feet, she glared at her daughter and snarled, "Didn't I already explain just now? The house is meant for your brother to get married in. If it doesn't even have two bedrooms and a living room, how is your brother supposed to get married in it? You may already be married, but your brother certainly hasn't! Why can't you spare a thought for him? How can you be so selfish?"

The old lady's words broke Cai Yan's heart. For so many years now, it was her husband and her who had struggled to make ends meet for this family. Cai Qiang had wasted his life away and hadn't even earned a dime. Now that they were splitting the house, she was the one who was selfish instead?

"I'm selfish? He's an able-bodied man who stays at home all day because he's too lazy to work. So why can't he go out and get a job? Qin and I have worked hard to keep this family afloat. In the end, you don't even want to leave a roof over our heads? How could you do that to us?"

Cai Qiang slapped the table in front of him. "Sister, what you've said was way out of line! Who are you calling lazy? I just happen to be in between jobs. And you're already married now. Am I not the one who is going to have to take care of our parents throughout their golden years? Can we even count on you to do that?"

The old lady nodded her head in agreement. "Exactly. In the future, we won't even be needing support from you or your husband. And you two can keep your salaries to yourselves. As long as you give up your stake, you two are free to go wherever you want."

Cai Yan's eye began to redden as tears started forming at the corner of her eyes.

This family had taken patriarchy to the extremes.

No matter how much Cai Yan worked to contribute to this family, the only person on her parents' minds would always be Cai Qiang.

Qin Jun, on the other hand, watched on in silence. This was a dog-eat-dog world. Sometimes, even families fell prey to this harsh reality.

Staring at her cold unfeeling family, Cai Yan felt the tears tumbling down her cheeks.

Back when everybody was suffering together, nobody said anything. But now that they were splitting the house, their greed was starting to rear its ugly head.

But this was going too far.

Cai Yan conceded, "Fine, then I don't want my share of the house. Qin and I will move out."

And with that, she started packing up. Seeing how decisive she was, the old lady made a face and suddenly said, "Oh yes, you still need to give me our allowance for this month. You can only stop from next month onwards."

As the tears streamed down her face, Cai Yan took out all the money in her pockets and slapped it on the table. it must have been slightly over a thousand.

"Let's go!"

Cai Yan linked her arm with Uncle Qin's and marched out the door with Qin Jun following closely behind. As Qin Jun walked out with them, a taunting expression crept across his face.

After they all got out of the house, Uncle Qin wiped the tears off Cai Yan's face with a silly grin playing on his lips.

Exasperated, Cai Yan chided, "We've been chased out of the house and you're still in the mood to laugh!"