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Chapter 2211: Break Up

Jiang Yujie paused but eventually continued her dash down.

When Lu Qiyuan spotted Jiang Yujie, he saw that her face was at its worst.

It shocked him terribly.

However, the injury didn't make her face look ugly. The swollen area was reddish, and on her fair skin, this made her appear even more pitiful.

Lu Qiyuan pulled Jiang Yujie into his embrace. "I'm sorry, you've been aggrieved."

Jiang Yujie shook her head. "It's nothing. I know it's all my fault.

"I broke up your family and became the third party in your relationship," Jiang Yujie said, holding her tears back. "I've always been conflicted. I know I'm in the wrong, but I just can't leave you.

"I don't want to compete with Madam, but even so, I still hurt her. I know this. So she hit me, she scolded me, and it's what I deserve. I shouldn't even argue back." Jiang Yujie finally burst into tears.

But it was restrained, and the tears only flowed silently down her face.

Lu Qiyuan pulled her into his arms with his heart aching for her.

"But I'm the one who did wrong. It has nothing to do with my parents! They're innocent!" Jiang Yujie sobbed. "I'm not only sorry towards Madam, but I also did wrong by my parents!

"They're already old, yet I embarrassed them in front of all our neighbors, and they don't even dare go out now." Jiang Yujie shook her head. "I'm unfilial, only thinking of myself and of my own happiness while causing them suffering."

Jiang Yujie gently pushed Lu Qiyuan, taking a step back. "Let's... let's break up.

"I can't let my parents live a life of constant criticism. I don't care if it's only myself, I'd stay by your side. But I can't be unfilial. I'm sorry, but compared to my own love, my parents are more important. I have to let them live peacefully at their age."

How could Lu Qiyuan allow that? He could only think that this girl was too kind and innocent.

Xia Qingyang had already behaved so atrociously, yet Jiang Yujie still felt apologetic towards her.

"I'll divorce Xia Qingyang," Lu Qiyuan said.

"What?" Jiang Yujie quickly shook her head. "You can't, you can't divorce her because of me. I've already made such a big mistake, I can't pile on even more.

"I know it's too late to say this now, but I shouldn't have gotten together with you back then. I only cared about my own happiness but caused hurt to so many people..."

"It's not your problem," Lu Qiyuan replied. "Remember what I told you before? I already wanted to divorce her, because she and Lu Qi collaborated with others to harm me.

“One is my wife, one is my daughter, and the other is my future son-in-law.” Lu Qiyuan sneered. “Those three should be my closest family, yet they colluded to harm me when I was sick.

“How can I let such people remain at my side? Even if you hadn’t appeared and I wasn’t with you, I’d still divorce her,” Lu Qiyuan explained.

“It’s not just Xia Qingyang, I’ll never let Lu Qi and He Zhengbai off as well,” he said coldly. “He Zhengbai is understandable. He’s not family, after all. He’s only with Lu Qi for the advantages.

“But as my biological daughter, Lu Qi has been pampered with all my heart since she was young and I never did her wrong. She enjoyed all the privileges while Lu Man had all the suffering,” Lu Qiyuan continued.

Chapter 2212: Heavy or Light

“If Lu Man targeted me, I’d understand. But the one who shouldn’t betray me the most is Lu Qi!”

Jiang Yujie thought, *Glad you know that!*

Had Lu Qiyuan treated Lu Man better, he wouldn’t be left all alone and be betrayed by his family today.

Lu Man would have helped and protected him no matter what.

Unlike the ungrateful Lu Qi.

Lu Qiyuan deserved it. He deserved no sympathy.

Lu Qiyuan unexpectedly could be hard-hearted enough to sue even his own daughter.

Unknowing of Jiang Yujie’s thoughts, he grasped her hand. “I’ve already told Xia Qingyang about the divorce today. Except she wanted to use the divorce to gain my assets. She’s stepping on my toes.”

Lu Qiyuan said, “She has evidence of us together, so I’ve got to attack first.”

Jiang Yujie nodded with an air of helplessness and innocence.

Lu Qiyuan said, “Rest assured, Xia Qingyang’s going to jail. The divorce is proceeding even if she doesn’t want it, nor can she get her hands on my assets.

“After I divorce her, we’ll get married. Lu Man had long stopped treating me as a dad, and Lu Qi’s betrayed me. I’ve given up on them. Not a single cent of my inheritance will go to them.

“I’m far older than you. Needless to say, I’ll die first. My assets will all go to you. Even if I’m not around, I can still guarantee you a good life.”

Jiang Yujie acted as if she was extremely moved.

Yet she mocked Lu Qiyuan in her heart for immediately rushing into another marriage.

Back when he divorced Xia Qingwei, he’d instantly married Xia Qingyang.

And now, he had yet to separate from Xia Qingyang and he’s already planning to marry her.

“Don’t worry about your parents,” Lu Qiyuan said. “I know I might be old, but I’m sure I can convince them.”

“However, even if we married, your neighbors might still judge your parents because of Xia Qingyang’s actions,” he continued. “I have a house at Shanshui Bay. Why don’t you move your parents there? Otherwise, your parents will keep experiencing criticisms from the neighbors.”

Jiang Yujie considered it before saying, “Alright, I’ll discuss it with them when I go back. They might not agree, but I’ll persuade them.”

“Great.” Lu Qiyuan smiled. “Are you hurt anywhere else?”

“No.” Jiang Yujie shook her head. “Madam only slapped me. Probably doesn’t want me to show my face to others.”

“Have you applied ointment?” Lu Qiyuan questioned.

“I have, don’t worry.”

Afterward, whether it was because of peoples’ wagging tongues or the methods Jiang Yujie had employed...

Whether it was because her parents were sick of the place or because they got persuaded by Jiang Yujie...

They moved into the house Lu Qiyuan had mentioned.

It was far away from the original neighbors, in a new place where no one knew of Jiang Yujie’s deeds.

Meanwhile, the evidence against Xia Qingyang and the other two was mounting.

This day, He Zhengbai, Lu Qi, Xia Qingyang, Lawyer Huang, and Xia Qingyang’s lawyer were together.

Lawyer Huang said, “Lu Qiyuan has had enough preparation, and he began checking since long ago. The situation now is our expected worst circumstance. We can’t win this lawsuit—the final outcome you three could expect is how heavy or light the sentence will be.”

Chapter 2213: I’ll Shoulder It

“What do we do now?” Xia Qingyang asked nervously.

Lawyer Huang replied, “There are two options now. One, let the judge sentence you according to your actions. Lengths of sentences will be based on the weight of your crime.

“The other is to let one person shoulder all the blame.”

Xia Qingyang paused while Lu Qi objected immediately, “No! No way! It’s unfair to let one person take all the blame!”

He Zhengbai looked at Lu Qi and Xia Qingyang, silent.

Lawyer Huang said, "Among you, Mr. He is an accessory, and his offense is likely the lightest. Based on the current evidence, Mrs. Lu was not the instigator. Because the majority of the assets are under Miss Lu's name, her sentence will be the heaviest."

Xia Qingyang instantly looked towards Lu Qi.

Xia Qingyang transferred most of the assets to Lu Qi back then so as to prevent Lu Qiyuan from dividing the assets up during a divorce.

Plus, she only had Lu Qi as a daughter, so naturally, she'd give all these to her.

She was confident then that Lu Qi wouldn't leave her in the dust afterward.

There was no need for schemes with Lu Qi.

Who knew that something done out of consideration for Lu Qi would now be something that landed her in hot soup.

Lu Qi instantly turned ashen-faced.

Numbly silent for a long moment, she finally spoke. "Since... since my offense is the worst, then I'll shoulder all the blame.

"Since I appear to be the mastermind according to the evidence..." Lu Qi lowered her head, forcing herself to not look at Xia Qingyang.

She felt that Xia Qingyang was the instigator instead!

This whole thing was proposed by Xia Qingyang in the first place.

She was the one who suggested transferring his assets when Lu Qiyuan was heavily ill.

Based on Lu Qiyuan's circumstances then, he actually wanted to leave a part of his inheritance to Lu Man.

Xia Qingyang obviously wouldn't agree to that. She didn't want a cent to go to Lu Man.

Moreover, Lu Qiyuan's an unreliable jerk, so it was better that they planned for themselves early.

Otherwise, the ones ending up without any money from him might be them.

Because of Xia Qingyang's words, Lu Qi then decided to do it.

So if they wanted an instigator, it had to be Xia Qingyang!

Yet what was this? With the assets under Lu Qi's name, Lu Qi was the one in trouble while the instigator could go free after their crimes got revealed!

Fortunately, Xia Qingyang couldn't read Lu Qi's mind, or she'd be mad.

Who knew she'd given birth to an ingrate. Lu Qi was the one who suggested moving the assets to her name initially.

Xia Qingyang felt that all the battles she fought were for Lu Qi anyway.

Would Lu Qi not care about her in her twilight years? Not likely.

Xia Qingyang never expected her kind intentions would all be fed to the dogs.

Lu Qi had coaxed her with such a honeyed tongue back then, and knowing she'd agreed to transfer the holdings to her name, she further cozied up to her.

And yet, now, she thought Xia Qingyang was purposely framing her.

Fortunately, Xia Qingyang didn't know of Lu Qi's thoughts or she'd burst into tears right then and there—all her kind motherly intentions were being fed to the dogs.

"My offense is the heaviest," Lu Qi said. "Lawyer Huang mentioned it already. If sentenced, because of the huge amount, it'll be for longer than five years. But he suggests I plead guilty to lighten the sentence. Without other unexpected developments, six years is likely."

Chapter 2214: Just Deceiving You

"I-I'm still young," Lu Qi continued, bursting into tears, "six years isn't much to me. I'll blink and it'll be over. I'll only be 30 when I'm out, it's okay. So I'll take the blame solely. We have to... save everyone as much as possible."

He Zhengbai also said lovingly, "Don't worry, Auntie. I'll wait for Qi Qi. We'll marry when she gets out."

"No!" Xia Qingyang raised her voice. "How can you be so foolish!"

She snatched Lu Qi's hand, looked at He Zhengbai, then dragged her aside, whispering, "Why is it you who's taking the blame? The He family also gained lots of advantages during this time. They want to just take advantage without any costs?"

"Moreover, He Zhengbai's a guy. Any gains he made won't be less than yours. But at the crucial time, you're the one taking all the blame?" Xia Qingyang lowered her voice. "Don't be so foolish!"

"But what else can we do?" Lu Qi cried softly. "The He family would protect him for sure. Mom, we're different from He Zhengbai. The He family will ensure He Zhengbai's safety. What about us? Who will protect us? We can only depend on Dad, and he's the one intent on sending us to jail this time."

"Without him, who can we rely on?" Lu Qi sobbed. "And look at our lawyer. Had he said anything useful in front of Lawyer Huang? Lawyer Huang's the best in this area, but that lawyer of ours? Already afraid just from seeing Lawyer Huang!"

"He has no right to speak! Furthermore, even if we change lawyers, he wouldn't be up to Lawyer Huang's standard. The initiative's all in the He family's hands now."

"Based on what!" Xia Qingyang was infuriated. "They took advantage of us and want to bear no responsibility when trouble arrives! We're the ones paying the price instead!"

"So what? Sadly, we're already far more disadvantaged compared to them!" Lu Qi said. "In the past, He Zhengbai and I were rather evenly matched in terms of background. But... but now that Dad's suing us and you're divorcing him, it means Dad's abandoning us. Now that he's suing me, what would the Lu family properties have to do with me in the future? We no longer have the Lu family as our shield."

"I have nothing now. For the He family, it means I'm marrying above my station. With our current situation, how can I find someone similar to He Zhengbai? Even if I like the person, he wouldn't like me! All I can do is to never let go of He Zhengbai," she continued.

"Silly girl! You think you can hold on to him?" Xia Qingyang pressed. "You think that by helping him shoulder the blame, he'll really wait for you? It's six years! You already had qualms about him when you're with him. You won't even be able to control him from prison! Can you really guarantee he'll wait six years for you?"

"Also, he's just saying it nicely now." Xia Qingyang sneaked a peek at He Zhengbai, noticing he was discussing something with Lawyer Huang.

Looking at He Zhengbai and Lawyer Huang, Xia Qingyang felt that they were collaborating about duping her and Lu Qi.

Just because they were the weaker party now.

She's really regretting allowing He Zhengbai to mix into this business back then!

"He's only trying to deceive you into helping him take the blame."

Chapter 2215: Live a Good Life Outside

Xia Qingyang said softly, "Who knows how he's gonna be like after six years? Perhaps he'd find someone new after a year, or even a month into your sentence. After six years, he'd be married to someone else.

"What are you going to do then? Find him? Ask him why he didn't keep his promise?" Xia Qingyang scoffed. "Promises are b*llshit!"

Xia Qingyang fumed. "When I married Lu Qiyuan, that jerk, his marriage promises included no betrayal and loving me for life! Which of this did he hold true?"

"Yes, we did covet his assets first, but if he'd remained married to me, isn't what's mine his as well? Lu Qiyuan never treated us as family."

"Mom, it's useless saying these now," Lu Qi said urgently. "If I don't take the blame, what are we going to do? I've told you, nothing would happen to the He family. If we three had an internal quarrel, the He family can make us both go to jail while He Zhengbai goes scot-free.

"Is taking the blame purely for He Zhengbai's sake?" Lu Qi said. "Do you think I'm hare-brained? Why would I take the blame for He Zhengbai! I'm doing it for you!"

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"How can I not be clear about He Zhengbai as a person after being with him for so long? I know He Zhengbai like you know Dad. I've never hoped He Zhengbai would wait six years for me."

"You... you..." Xia Qingyang was stunned.

Lu Qi took a deep breath. “I volunteered so the He family will at least save you. At least, we have a good relationship with the He family right now. I help protect their son, and if anything happens in the future, they’d be willing to protect you as long as it’s nothing too serious.

“Like I said, I’m still young. Six years in jail and I’ll only be 30 when I get out. I’m young and healthy, I can cope with prison life—unlike you. At your age, can you even stand a year in jail, much less six?”

“Six years, blink and it’s over. I’ll be out very soon. Lawyer Huang said that pleading innocence is impossible now. But he can help lessen the sentence as much as possible. I’ll plead with Dad too. I’m still his daughter. We’ll see if he’ll withdraw his charge.”

“And you’ll believe his words? Now, your dad’s eyes only see Jiang Yujie, that hussy! If he saw you as his daughter, he wouldn’t have sued you!”

Lu Qi was silent for while before sniffing. “I’ll just go to jail, then.

“Mom, after I’m in there, live a good life outside. Don’t be rash next time,” Lu Qi said, tears streaming down her face.

Xia Qingyang had started crying long ago.

“You always got the short end of the stick because you’re too impulsive. When you defeated Xia Qingwei, you weren’t rash. Because you had nothing then and had to be extra careful. In the future, I will not be there to help you anymore, and Dad’s got a new love, so you’ll have nothing once again.

“So, become that careful, cautious woman again, and don’t be impulsive anymore. Change that habit, and you can achieve anything. Just think of before, of how you succeeded, and you will do it again in the future.”

Lu Qi gripped Xia Qingyang’s hand tightly. “I can’t help you from inside, but at least, since I’m helping the He family this way, you could go to them should anything happen and you need help. They’ll aid you.”

Chapter 2216: For You, I Can Sacrifice Anything

Xia Qingyang did not expect that, at the most critical moment, Lu Qi would actually help her like this.

For the first time, she really, truly felt that she did not dote on this daughter of hers for nothing!

Xia Qingyang held Lu Qi’s hand and took big strides over.

“I’ll admit to all the charges. The assets are under Lu Qi’s name, but I am the one who transferred them over. I’ll say that she didn’t know about it. Will that do?” Xia Qingyang asked Lawyer Huang.

“Mom, what are you saying!” Lu Qi’s expression changed instantly. “Do you know what you’re saying!”

“It’s like what you said. You’re still young, but I’m already so old. I have already enjoyed my life enough, but you’re different. You’re still young, you still have a long life ahead of you. If you go to jail, your career will also be ruined,” Xia Qingyang said.

“I don’t have any career anyway.” Xia Qingyang scoffed. “So there’s nothing for me to ruin. But you’re different. If you go to jail, after you come out, besides the fact that so much time would have passed,

the entertainment industry would also have new generations of celebrities and would have long forgotten about you. It will be very difficult for you to make a comeback, almost impossible. And it will be even harder for a celebrity with a bad record.

“You’re so young. I can’t let you ruin your future because of me.”

“Mom!” Lu Qi cried out and said, “I can’t let you go in and suffer.”

“Listen to me!” Xia Qingyang patted her hand and said, “I did everything for you for my whole life. Until the end, I will always still do everything for you.

“Don’t rebut me!” Xia Qingyang said resolutely. She had already made up her mind.

She stared at Lu Qi, caressing her tear-stricken face. “For you, I can sacrifice anything.”

“Auntie...” He Zhengbai said in a low voice.

Xia Qingyang did not answer him. She turned to Lawyer Huang and said, “Lawyer Huang, I will admit to all these charges. Will this work?”

“It will. It might be a little difficult, but it’s workable.” Lawyer Huang nodded and said, “As long as we arrange everything, it should be fine.”

“I’ll shoulder all the charges, so I’ll have as good as protected He Zhengbai too,” Xia Qingyang said. “I know what kind of role your He family played in this matter. This was done by the three of us.

“There are no police or judges here. It’s just us. Lawyer Huang has also signed a confidentiality agreement, so we don’t need to be scared that someone will spread the word. Let’s just talk frankly.

“Lu Qi and I, we don’t know anything. If this was just done by the two of us, it would have been impossible to do.” Xia Qingyang became very rational now. “It could only have been done because the He family helped. But just how much benefits the He family has gained from this exactly, a mere housewife like me really wouldn’t know. But I know that the He family definitely gained a lot out of this.

“After all, your family is not a charity that will help without asking for anything in return. You were all so proactive. Wasn’t it because there were many benefits to be gained from this?” Xia Qingyang said.

She said it to let He Zhengbai know that, actually, she knew about all these.

Don’t treat her like a fool!

Lu Qi gave them so much because she took it as the price she had to pay to tie He Zhengbai down.

So even if she knew, she did not say anything.

But now, since between mother and daughter, one of them had to come out to shoulder the blame, she could not possibly let He Zhengbai not give anything in return!

“Auntie...” He Zhengbai frowned slightly.

“Hear me out first.” Xia Qingyang smiled and said, “You can talk after I’m done.”

“You don’t have to give an explanation about what I said just now. Nobody is a fool. Everyone knows it very well.”

Chapter 2217: Conditions

“Don’t worry, I said it only to let you know that I’m not a fool. I know what you all did, I just didn’t say anything. Don’t think that you did it without anyone knowing and then laugh at me behind my back, thinking I didn’t know.”

Xia Qingyang said, “I don’t intend to use this to threaten you. Anyway, no matter what, the three of us are tied together.”

When she said that, He Zhengbai replied in a somber voice, “Then what conditions do you have?”

“My condition is actually very simple.”

Xia Qingyang stared at He Zhengbai, licked her parched lips a little, and took a deep breath before saying, “Before I go in, you have to marry Lu Qi and collect your marriage certificate.”

“You both can hold the wedding ceremony at a later date, but you must first collect your marriage certificates,” Xia Qingyang said.

Lu Qi stared at Xia Qingyang in surprise. She did not think that she would actually propose such a request.

Lu Qi was really extremely surprised.

She had just told Xia Qingyang not to do things rashly and she would definitely succeed.

Xia Qingyang then gave her such a huge surprise.

What she feared the most now was that she would not have any advantage worthy enough for He Zhengbai, and she had no one left to back her up, so He Zhengbai could do whatever he wanted.

Forget about getting married to He Zhengbai—he might just break up with her at the first instance.

With Xia Qingyang proposing this condition in exchange, Lu Qi heaved a great sigh of relief.

“Collecting your marriage certificate is very quick, it won’t take much time,” Xia Qingyang said. “Just do it today. You both can go and register your marriage, then I will immediately shoulder all the charges.”

“I only have Lu Qi as my daughter. I will gladly shoulder the blame for her. But why should I shoulder the charges for you? Previously, didn’t you gain benefits from this too? If you want me to shoulder the charges for you, you have to give me something in return,” Xia Qingyang said coldly.

“After I go in, Lu Qi will be alone outside, I’m worried about her,” Xia Qingyang said. “If you both get married, you have to take good care of her. Lu Qi’s career has not been able to get back on track after it suffered those blows. Your family gained so many benefits from us, and it’s much more than what was invested in Lu Qi previously. Then from that sum, take a sum out to invest in Lu Qi and let her make her comeback. That should be feasible, right?”

"I only have these two conditions," Xia Qingyang said calmly. "Once you agree, you both can go and collect your marriage certificates today. I won't say anything else and will shoulder all the charges.

"Or else, we can all be implicated together. Anyway, Lu Qi was supposed to be the one shouldering the blame. We can just go with however the three of us were supposed to be sentenced."

He Zhengbai took a deep breath and slowly exhaled. He was still thinking about it.

When Lu Qi saw that, her heart squeezed.

Previously, He Zhengbai had promised her that as long as they could pacify Xia Qingyang to shoulder the blame for them, he would immediately marry her.

He had already agreed to this, so why did he still hesitate when Xia Qingyang raised this condition?

Lu Qi instantly knew that she had been deceived.

Previously, He Zhengbai was just pacifying her!

If Xia Qingyang had not brought up this condition and just went ahead to shoulder all the charges, Lu Qi would have been left with nothing, and He Zhengbai would not have married her at all.

Lu Qi stared at He Zhengbai sharply.

He Zhengbai finally said, "Okay, I agree."

"Good. Then I will wait here," Xia Qingyang said. "When you both come back with the marriage certificates, I will then be assured."

He Zhengbai did not expect this. He always felt that Xia Qingyang was very dumb, but at this moment, Xia Qingyang actually became so shrewd.

He had no choice and could only do so.

Chapter 2218: Deceive

So what if he married Lu Qi?

Lu Qi would not be able to control him at all.

Lu Qi did not have anything now and would have to rely on him for everything.

Could she control him?

Without anyone backing her up, he did not have any concerns anymore.

When he found an opportunity in the future, he could also divorce Lu Qi under the stipulation that none of his assets would be split with her.

After thinking clearly about this point, He Zhengbai agreed.

Everything stemmed from Lu Qi's weakness.

Hence, He Zhengbai also did not delay any further and immediately set off with Lu Qi to register their marriage.

But the moment the two of them sat in the car, Lu Qi's face turned cold as she questioned him, "He Zhengbai, did you not intend to marry me right from the start?"

He Zhengbai was preparing to start the car. When he heard Lu Qi's words, he then turned to look at her.

"You told me that as long as I coaxed my mom to shoulder the blame, you will marry me," Lu Qi said.

"You were lying to me, right?"

He Zhengbai felt that Lu Qi was really becoming more and more like Xia Qingyang.

He did not want to become the next Lu Qiyuan.

This time, after collecting their marriage certificates, the moment Xia Qingyang went in, he would immediately think of a way to divorce Lu Qi!

Lu Qi first betrayed her dad, and now, for her own selfish interests, she could even lie to make her mom take the rap for her.

In the future, what else could she not do?

Who would dare to marry such a woman?

For her own selfish interest, she even dared to set up her own father and mother. Who else would she not dare to set up?

He Zhengbai feared that if Lu Qi ran into some trouble in the future, she might even set him up.

This was definitely something Lu Qi could do.

With a woman who could harm you at any time while sleeping beside you, one would even find it hard to close his eyes and sleep at night.

One would even be scared awake from his dreams.

Lu Qiyuan and Xia Qingyang, these two people's scheming genes were really strongly merged and passed on to Lu Qi.

So Lu Qi became even better at being "worse" than them at scheming.

He Zhengbai stopped what he was doing and said to Lu Qi, "Why would you think so?"

"What do you expect me to think?" Lu Qi said angrily. "When my mom said she would only go and take the rap if you marry me, your expression was really so shocked just now! And you actually hesitated and thought about it for so long before you agreed.

"What do you have to hesitate about? We already agreed on this previously. You were the one who brought it up and said that as long as she agreed, you will marry me," Lu Qi said. "If not because of this, I won't have gone and lied to my mom! I wouldn't have asked her to sacrifice herself for us!

"That's six years! She's already so old!" Lu Qi said angrily. "She'd have to tolerate the suffering in there for six years! I would rather the three of us go to jail together and no one can think about getting away from this!"

He Zhengbai appeared expressionless, but he was scoffing wildly in his heart.

Lu Qi also knew that Xia Qingyang was old and, if she went to jail, she would probably become half dead.

She could still set Xia Qingyang up without batting an eye.

A biological daughter like her could do that, yet she actually expected him to have pity?

On the surface, He Zhengbai sighed in resignation and patiently explained, "I know, we already discussed this previously. Could I lie to you? It's precisely because I want to marry you that I don't want to see you go to jail!

"If Mother-in-law goes in, our family will also arrange things for her and not let her suffer in there. Lawyer Huang said it already—as long as she performs well, she can even get her sentence reduced. We won't really let her stay in there for six full years.

"But did you notice that today, Mother-in-law was very rational and thinking very clearly? Her reaction was also very swift." To put it plainly, she became smart and was no longer easy to fool.

"I was afraid that if I immediately agreed without hesitation, she would feel that there was some scheme in this," He Zhengbai explained.

Chapter 2219: Only Have You

"What if she'd been able to tell or she suspected that the two of us ganged up to coax her into this? It's fine for me, but if she knew that as her biological daughter, you still wanted to deceive her and set her up, how do you think she would feel?"

Lu Qi's heart sank. She hesitated and did not speak.

"So that's why I deliberately appeared to hesitate, as if I didn't have time to consider this problem. If I considered it in front of her face, she would then wholeheartedly choose to believe it," He Zhengbai said in the end.

Lu Qi retracted her gaze from He Zhengbai and heard He Zhengbai say in a somber voice, "Lu Qi, the two of us will get married. And from the start, when we were still dating until now, we have come so far and for so long. We should trust each other more and more. But the exact opposite happened. You're more and more distrustful of me and keep being suspicious of me.

"Didn't your father slowly distance himself from your mother because she always suspects him for no reason?" He Zhengbai said. "I don't want us to be like that.. Qi Qi, you have to trust me. If we don't even have the most basic trust between us, how are we supposed to continue being together?"

Lu Qi scoffed in her heart.

She indeed did not trust him.

He was already starting to threaten her now. Was he laying the path for them to not be able to get along with each other?

But Lu Qi was just like He Zhengbai. She did not express her discontent and displeasure on the surface.

“I know, I thought too much about it,” Lu Qi said weakly. “You know this, that my dad... my dad clearly doesn’t care about me and my mom anymore. I am no longer the Miss Lu who had everything in the past.

“Now, I want a job but don’t have it. I want a background, but I don’t have that either. My dad has abandoned me and my mom, so in the future, everything the Lu family has will definitely not have anything to do with me. On top of that, he has a new lover now.”

Seeing the stunned expression on He Zhengbai’s face, Lu Qi continued, “You will know about this sooner or later anyway. And we are about to get married, so I won’t hide it from you. My dad found a new girlfriend. Judging from his behavior, he intended to divorce my mom from the start too.

“After this, maybe my status in the Lu family would become like that of Lu Man in the past, and I might even end up worse than her.”

Lu Qi turned to stare at him and said, “The things that you value, I have none of that now.”

Lu Qi wiped her tears and said, “I’m not so naive to think that your love for me supersedes everything else and you would not be calculative about everything. For people like us, it’s impossible to only talk about love. More important is the family that we come from.

“Back when you abandoned Lu Man, for instance, and your family supported you getting together with me, it’s also because of my dad.” Lu Qi choked and said. “But now, things are different. I no longer have my dad’s support, and I am even worse off than Lu Man was in the past.

“At least, at that time, Lu Man did not betray my dad beforehand. Although my dad disliked her, he did not go all out to ruin her. But it’s different for me—” Lu Qi trembled as she took a deep breath. “I know that my dad sued me together with you both because I helped you, and I betrayed him.

“So he no longer treats me like his daughter. Plus, he has a new lover now... How would he still care about me?”

“For you, I betrayed my dad and lied to my mom.” Lu Qi stared deeply at him. “For you, I lost everything. I lost all my support. My dad and mom are no longer by my side. I only have you now.”

Lu Qi’s eyes reddened and tears welled up in them, ready to fall any moment. “That’s why I feel so insecure now.”

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“In the past, I never suspected you of anything, because I felt that we were both at the same level. I was your match, so I wasn’t afraid of other people coming to fight me over you.

“But now, it’s different. I have nothing left. If you don’t want me, that’d be a very simple decision for you, but I won’t be able to do anything, and I won’t be able to resist it either.” As Lu Qi said that, she reached out shakily and held He Zhengbai’s hand.

“Zhengbai, I don’t want to become a woman with whom you are annoyed and get tired of. It’s just that now I... I’m a little scared.” Lu Qi cried as she spoke.

“Because I have nothing left. If I continue being with you, I can’t give you any benefits. I no longer have anything for you. I am scared that your family would also not want to accept me anymore and will tell you to find someone new.”

Lu Qi pressed her hand against her heart. “I’m not being overly suspicious, I just lost my confidence.

“You... it’s fine even if you don’t love me that much,” Lu Qi said. “But don’t use me, deceive me, and then abandon me.

“All the things that I lost today, it’s all because of you.” Lu Qi cried as she said that.

“I know.” He Zhengbai patted and comforted her, then pulled her into his arms to console her.

Before completely getting Xia Qingyang to help them, he still had to treat Lu Qi well.

“Qi Qi, what kind of person do you take me for? I know you gave a lot to me, and you lost much more. How can I not love you? I won’t be able to find a woman who is as willing to give so much for me. Don’t worry, your worries won’t happen. I won’t abandon you.”

He Zhengbai smiled and said, “Look, aren’t we going to collect our marriage certificates now? If not for your worries, we would probably be reaching the Civil Affairs Bureau by now.”

Lu Qi then smiled as her tears continued to fall.

He Zhengbai wiped her tears away and then set off.

The two of them were very quick. After collecting their marriage certificates, they instantly came back to show Xia Qingyang.

“Good. I will take this into account and can feel more assured.” Xia Qingyang said to He Zhengbai, “From now on, Qi Qi will be in your care. You... help me take good care of her.”

If Lu Man were here, she would definitely feel sentimental. How familiar was this scene!

It was so similar to the scene she witnessed after she was released from jail in her past life.

It was also of He Zhengbai and Lu Qi coming to see their parents after collecting their marriage certificates.

Just that in her past life, Lu Qiyuan and Xia Qingyang were both present.

Xia Qingyang had even maintained her considerate and gentle pretense.

The instructions to take good care of Lu Qi were said by Lu Qiyuan.

In her past life, He Zhengbai willingly married Lu Qi, and it was naturally also because of the Lu family’s assets.

But at least, they were all exuberant about it.

But now, the same words, the same scenario, He Zhengbai and Lu Qi were sitting side by side together and opposite Xia Qingyang.

But there was no Lu Qiyuan at this moment.

He Zhengbai had also been threatened by Xia Qingyang and forced to marry Lu Qi.

And Lu Qiyuan's assets no longer had anything to do with Lu Qi.

Xia Qingyang also asked He Zhengbai to take good care of Lu Qi while she cried.

It was still the same issue, brought forward much earlier, but the mentality and details in this had actually changed very dramatically.

"Mom, rest assured," He Zhengbai said. "I will definitely take good care of Qi Qi. You... you have to take care of your health in there too. Our family will make proper arrangements for you in there. Lawyer Huang said that as long as your behavior is good, basically, you can always be released earlier."