

Chapter 215: Mother-In-Law

Mo Shenbai naturally stayed by Xu Youyou's side.

Outside the hall.

Old Madam Lin was dressed in a dark qipao, and her hair was neatly tied up. She looked far less energetic than usual, and her fatigue could be seen with the naked eye. As soon as she saw Xu Youyou, a glimmer of hope flashed in her eyes. Her tone was one of concern as she said, "Youyou, are you alright? I know you must be very sad about your grandmother's passing. However, a person can't be resurrected. Even if you're grieving, you have to take care of yourself."

At this time, Xu Youyou was no longer as respectful or close to Old Madam Lin. She only said calmly, "I'm fine. Is there anything you need?"

Old Madam Lin was stunned. How could she not notice Xu Youyou's estrangement and coldness? She could not control her expression as she asked, "Now that things have come to this, you're no longer willing to call me Grandma Lin?"

Old Madam Lin brought her handkerchief out and pounded her chest as she said bitterly, "I've been friends with your grandmother for decades. I've watched you grow up and loved you and Zhihuan the same. Have you forgotten?"

"Do you really love me?" Xu Youyou's heart did not soften because of Old Madam Lin's words. Her cute baby face had slimmed down a lot due to her grandmother's death. She had lost a lot of weight. Her expression was wooden with a hint of sorrow.

Old Madam Lin choked. "What? Of course! Why would you ask such a thing?"

"If you really love me, why did you let Lin Zhihuan target me over and over again? If you really love me, why didn't you step forward to say something when Lin Yin abandoned me on our wedding day?" Xu Youyou asked calmly. She did not complain nor did she look angry. It was as though she was talking about something that had nothing to do with her.

Old Madam Lin hurriedly said, "I did! I scolded A Yin previously..."

Xu Youyou frowned and said, "Do you really think that kind of mild criticism is enough?"

Old Madam Lin was rendered speechless by Xu Youyou's words. Her expression was extremely unsightly at this moment. As it turned out, Xu Youyou knew everything. No matter how close she was to Old Madam Xu, how could Xu Youyou compare to her own grandchildren? She was only nicer to Xu Youyou due to her past friendship with Old Madam Xu. It was only natural that she would side with her own grandchildren regardless if they were right or wrong.

Xu Youyou said, enunciating each word clearly, "I understand that you love your grandchildren, but I can't agree to whatever request you have. Perhaps, we'd have room for discussion if my grandmother was still here. However, my grandmother is dead, and I will never forgive the person who killed her!"

Xu Youyou felt responsible for her grandmother's death, but she felt that the biggest responsibility lay with the Lin family. Or more accurately, Wang Xiaohui. Hence, Wang Xiaohui should pay the price for her grandmother's death.

Old Madam Lin closed her eyes and took a deep breath. When she opened her eyes again, the kindness in her eyes had been replaced with viciousness as she said, "Little Xu, must you do this? Even a cornered dog will bite. If you really force us into a corner, you might not benefit from it as well..."

In other words, the worst-case scenario was a life-or-death struggle between the two families.

At this time, Mo Shenbai, who was silent the whole time, finally said, "It's true that a cornered dog will bite. However, I want to know if a dog without its teeth can still bite?"

Only at this time did Old Madam Lin look at Mo Shenbai. Earlier, she had only glanced at him dismissively. Now that she had a good look at him, her heart trembled. She felt a strong oppression from him, and a chill ran up her spine as she said tremblingly, "You, you are..."

Mo Shenbai said expressionlessly, "Xu Youyou's husband, Mo Shenbai."

Mo! Shen! Bai!

These words were like bolts of thunder that struck Old Madam Lin. "Mo... The Mo Group's Mo Shenbai?"

"Is there a second Mo Shenbai in Mo City?" Mo Shenbai asked with a hint of ridicule.

Old Madam Lin's face turned ashen immediately. She was so shocked that she could not speak. She was aware that Xu Youyou married into a good family, but she did not know that she had married into the top family in Mo City!

'No wonder that frivolous brat, Xu Jialu, is able to force our family into a desperate situation in just a few days!'

Old Madam Lin's imposing manner vanished along with her harsh words. Instead, she asked humbly, "Is there really no room for negotiation?"

It was human nature to bully the weak and fear the strong, after all.

Xu Youyou lowered her gaze and was silent for a moment. Then, she said in a low voice, "Unless my grandmother comes back to life..."

If her grandmother could not come back to life, then she would not yield.

In the end, Old Madam Lin could only leave disappointed.

Mo Shenbai held Xu Youyou's hand and was about to go back in when Cheng Yin walked out. She asked anxiously, "Youyou, are you okay? That old lady from the Lin family didn't trouble you, right?"

Cheng Ying had only found out that Old Madam Lin was here. Otherwise, she would not have allowed Xu Youyou to come out and meet Old Madam Lin.

Xu Youyou looked at her mother's anxious and worried expression, and she felt warmth suffusing her heart. Her grandmother was right. There were still many people who loved her. She was still a child who was loved.

"Mom, I'm fine," Xu Youyou said. She let go of Mo Shenbai's hand and went forward to hug Cheng Ying. She said tearily, "Mom, I'm sorry for making you and Dad worry."

Cheng Ying was stunned by Xu Youyou's hug, and her entire body stiffened for a moment. Mothers and their children usually had a deep connection. At this moment, she seemed to understand something. She hurriedly hugged Xu Youyou as her eyes reddened as well. She said, "Silly child, there's no need to apologize to Mom. There are no parents in the world who aren't worried about their own children..."

Xu Youyou tightened her hug as she said, "Mom, I promise to live well in the future. I won't let you and Dad worry!"

"Mmm," Cheng Ying responded, no longer able to hold back her tears, "As long as you're fine, Mom and Dad will be at ease."

When Xu Youyou heard Cheng Ying cry, she could not hold back her tears as well. "Mmm, our family will be fine and continue to live well!"

The mother and daughter hugged as they cried.

Mo Shenbai, who was standing at the side, felt extremely complicated. 'It's not easy for me to coax her into stopping her tears. Mother-in-law, are you going to make her cry just like that?'

Xu Jianshu and Xu Jialu walked out at this time. When they saw the two women crying their eyes out, they were alarmed and hurriedly asked, "What's wrong? What's wrong? Did the old lady from the Lin family make things difficult for you?"

Cheng Ying wiped her tears away and shook her head. "No, it's nothing."

Xu Jialu looked at the two women suspiciously. "If it's nothing, then why are you crying? Grandma has already been buried so why are you still crying?"

"What nonsense are you spouting, you bast*rd?!" Cheng Yin said as she knocked her son's head.

Xu Jialu rubbed his head in pain. "I didn't say anything wrong."

Cheng Ying said with a disappointed expression, "Why did I give birth to you? It's fine that I gave birth to you, but why did I give birth to a son with such a mouth? Perhaps, if I'd given birth to a mute, I'd be a grandmother by now..."

Was this not saying that Xu Jialu was single because of his poisonous mouth? Xu Jialu's expression darkened. How could his mother say something like that?

"What's going on?" Xu Jianshu did not care if his son's mouth was poisonous or not. He was only concerned about the reason why his wife and daughter were crying.

Mo Shenbai's wiped Xu Youyou's tears away before he said, "It's nothing. Mom and Youyou were only crying tears of joy."

The four members of the Xu family froze immediately when they heard the word 'Mom'.