

Power and Wealth

Chapter 399 – Birthday Banquet

One day...

Two days...

Three days...

The weekend was over in a flash. The Investment Promotion Agency's staff are all working hard. Lots of investment letters of intent are placed on Dong Xuebing's desk. An investment letter of intent is not an official contract. It is a proposal before signing the contract. Dong Xuebing called for a meeting and even got the Office Directors from the offsite offices back. He praised them for their work and assigned a new task to them.

Friday afternoon.

The County Party Committee Quarters.

Dong Xuebing was exhausted after he finished work and was about to take a nap on his sofa. Although he is hungry, he was too tired to cook.

Ring... ring... ring... Dong Xuebing's phone rang. It was Xie Huilan.

Dong Xuebing answered listlessly. "Huilan..."

"Hehe, why do you sound so tired?"

"Yes... I had been going to the villages and countryside to follow up with the projects."

Xie Huilan laughed. "You must be tired. Alright. Come over to my apartment for a while."

“Huh? Is it urgent?” Dong Xuebing really doesn’t want to move and just want to take a nap.

“Just come over now, Ok?”

“... Alright. Let me take a shower first.”

Dong Xuebing yawned as he dragged himself into the bathroom. After a quick shower and changed into clean clothes, he sneaked into the next building after seeing no one was around.

Ding Dong, ding dong, ding dong...

The door opened, and Xie Huilan stood there in her suit.

“Sis...” Before Dong Xuebing could finish, he noticed someone in the living room.

It’s the Deputy Mayor, who is overseeing the County’s Ministry of Education, Cheng Keliang! There are rumors in the County Government that he is interested in Xie Huilan!

Cheng Keliang was surprised to see Dong Xuebing. But he continued to sit there to drink his tea and did not stand up to greet Dong Xuebing. After all, Dong Xuebing’s rank is lower than him.

Dong Xuebing immediately says. “Mayor Xie, I’m here to report about the progress of my work. Can I...”

Xie Huilan smiled and stepped aside. “Xiao Dong... Come in.”

Dong Xuebing knew if Mayor Cheng is around earlier, Xie Huilan would have informed him over the phone. That means Cheng Keliang had just arrived for around ten minutes when he was showering. This guy is shameless. How dare he come over to Sister Xie’s house uninvited? What is he trying to do?

“Mayor Cheng, you are also here?” Dong Xuebing faked a smile and greeted Cheng Keliang.

Cheng Keliang nodded and did not say anything. He is unhappy with Dong Xuebing for entering the apartment despite seeing him inside. Dong Xuebing should come back another day and not go straight into the living room. Does he think he is one of Mayor Xie’s men and he can do whatever he wants? This is disrespect.

Dong Xuebing is also unhappy with Cheng Keliang.

Xie Huilan nodded and listened attentively. “Good. You all are doing well.”

This discussion went on for around 15 minutes, and Cheng Keliang was ignored.

Dong Xuebing had always been shy in front of women. Still, he is shameless in this situation and continued talking non-stop.

Cheng Keliang frowned and could not stand it. He received a phone call and told Xie Huilan. “Mayor Huilan, I have to leave to attend to something in my ministry.”

Xie Huilan looked at him and smiled. “Alright. I will walk you out.”

“No need. You still have not taken your dinner, right? I shall not bother you anymore.”

The door closed, and Cheng Keliang left.

Dong Xuebing asked. “Why is he here?”

“He is here to discuss work.”

Dong Xuebing knew Cheng Keliang must have ulterior motives for coming.

Xie Huilan is still as beautiful as before, but Dong Xuebing is too tired and hungry to admire her looks. He looks at the bedroom and finds the bed inside is more attractive than Sister Xie.

Huh? What’s that smell?

Dong Xuebing looks into the kitchen and saw four dishes on the kitchen counter.

This...

Xie Huilan smiled. “I saw your car returning when I was coming back and noticed you did not switch on your lights. I guess you are not cooking dinner tonight. Let’s have dinner together. I had been busy these few weeks and did not have time to have dinner at home. I finally get to finish work early today and have the time to cook some dishes.” After Cheng Keliang left, Xie Huilan took the dishes and two rice bowls to the dining table from the kitchen.

Dong Xuebing was surprised. “You had been watching me from your windows?”

Xie Huilan giggled. “I just happen to see you returning. Hehe.”

Dong Xuebing was touched. Just happen to see me? How can there be such a coincidence? No wonder my phone rang after I reach home. Huilan had been watching me from her windows. She is the Mayor and is busier than me. Yet she stood by the windows to wait for me and still prepared a sumptuous dinner. “Did... you cook all these?”

Xie Huilan smiled. “My cooking is only average. Just make do with it.”

Dong Xuebing picked up the chopsticks and started eating. The food’s taste is really average, but he loves it. “Delicious...”

Xie Huilan also sat down and eat. “Have more. If you are too tired to cook, call me in advance. I will cook dinner for you. Haha... If you don’t like my cooking, we can order some take-out. You must not skip dinner again. I will be worried if you fall sick.”

“Ok.” Xie Huilan was feeling blessed and did not say anything more.

After dinner.

Dong Xuebing is still feeling touched and hugged Xie Huilan on the sofa. “Errr... can I sleepover at your place today?”

Xie Huilan laughed. “You want to take advantage of me again? Haha... wait until you are promoted to Deputy Director first, and I will let you do whatever you want with me. But now... do you think it’s right? Huh?”

Dong Xuebing was speechless. “I’m very sleepy. Err... can I take a nap on your lap? Is it fine?”

Xie Huilan nodded. “Haha... no problem. Do you want a pillow?”

“No need. Your legs are more comfortable than pillows.”

“... really?”

“Yes.”

“Ok. But I still have some work to do. Don’t blame me if I disturbed your nap.”

“It’s fine even if you place your documents on my head. I am going to sleep.”

Dong Xuebing quickly laid down and rested his head on Xie Huilan’s lap. It’s so soft and smells so nice. He closed his eyes and wrapped one arm around her waist, and he

can feel the lacy panty lines from outside her pants.

Dong Xuebing felt Xie Huilan stroking his hair and fell asleep soon.

30 minutes...

One hour...

Dong Xuebing woke up when he heard Xie Huilan speaking on the phone.

“I will be going to the countryside tomorrow... Yes... I have a meeting on Monday and might not have the time to come back... Haha... Don't blame me for this... I will wish you a happy birthday now... Yes... Xiao Dong? He is sleeping on my lap now. He had been exhausted these few days... oh, he seems to be awake now. You want to speak to him?” She pushed Dong Xuebing's shoulder and pass him her phone. “My Mum's birthday is on Sunday, and she is asking you if you can attend her birthday banquet.”

Dong Xuebing quickly grabbed the phone and said politely. “Aunty, I'm Xiao Dong.”

Han Jing asked. “Xiao Bing, this Sunday is my 55th birthday. Huilan is busy with work to return. Are you free? I am inviting you now.”

“Ah? It's your birthday, and I will definitely come. Alright, I will be there on Sunday with a present.”

“There's no need to bring any present. We are one family, and you don't need to be so courteous. Just be here will do...”

Dong Xuebing was also busy, but since Xie Huilan cannot attend the birthday banquet, he represented her attend.

After hanging up, Dong Xuebing asked. “What should I get for Aunty?”

Xie Huilan kept her phone and let Dong Xuebing rest his head on her lap again. “It's not an official banquet, and it should be a casual family dinner. There's no need to bring an expensive gift as there are no outsiders. I will prepare the gift, and you just bring it to my Mum.”

Dong Xuebing shook his head. “You are so busy and will not have time to get it. Let me prepare the gift. I will return to Beijing tomorrow.”

“Ok.”