

Rebirth Of The Villainess: Young Master Lu's Wicked Wife -

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Of course, Xi Qian was aware of Su Xiaofei's current predicament. It only made her feel repulsive towards Mo Yuchen, now that she knew that he had only agreed to their engagement because he needed a safety net in case he encountered another mishap at the Golden Star Entertainment.

She also didn't like how he previously treated Feifei, as if she was a nuisance in his life. Su Xiaofei might be overbearing at times, but Xi Qian didn't think her best friend deserved to be looked down on by Mo Yuchen. She wasn't a random bug on the ground!

Thankfully, Su Xiaofei had finally regained her logical mind and wasn't as foolish as before. She had stopped talking about Mo Yuchen as if she had also forgotten his existence in his life, which was a good thing for Xi Qian.

So if Feifei decided to pursue him again, obviously, Xi Qian would vehemently go against it. There was no way she would allow Mo Yuchen to humiliate and hurt her best friend ever again.

Just the thought of it was enough to make her blood boil with anger. Perhaps Su Xiaofei was right. She needed to learn a few moves if she wanted to beat Mo Yuchen in the future. Right, she should print Mo Yuchen's picture and place it on the punching bag, so she wouldn't lose her motivation to train!

‘Why are you saying this?’ She asked Lu Qingfeng with narrowed eyes. ‘You think Feifei is stupid enough to return to Mo Yuchen?’

‘No. That’s not what I meant, Xi Qian. Feifei has already made her intention to break her ties with him clear, but Mo Yuchen has yet to answer it. I think that he isn’t willing to let go of her yet. He might use underhanded tricks to force Feifei’s hand.’

‘That’s ridiculous.’ Xi Qian snorted. ‘Isn’t Mo Yuchen a prideful man? What would people say if they know he’s clinging to Feifei who is obviously not into him anymore? He should be the one who must feel shame and

not Feifei!’

‘Xi Qian, you are overestimating him. Indeed, Mo Yuchen is a prideful person, but he’s also an ambitious one. People who are desperate for something could resort to using unorthodox methods.’ Lu Qingfeng countered her.

Xi Qian fell silent at that, as she knew she couldn’t refute what he had just said. The world of the upper circle was filled with schemes and traps. She knew this. Su Xiaofei was lucky that Auntie Qing was able to protect her somehow.

Look, even Ye Mingyu was contesting her rights to become the eldest Miss Su, but what would happen to Su Xiaofei if she gets involved with the Mo family? The Mo family was obviously larger than the Su family and Xi Qian had no doubt that they also had a fair share of family feud like the rest of the wealthy families.

‘Then what do you want me to do?’ She glanced at Lu Qingfeng’s face. Although she had known this young man for years now, it was still hard for Xi Qian to predict what he was even thinking.

‘Just keep an eye on Feifei and make sure that Mo Yuchen couldn’t trick her. I trust Feifei, but not Mo Yuchen.’ Lu Qingfeng said. His view on Mo Yuchen hadn’t changed and only worsened after his second rebirth.

When he met Mo Yuchen at the hospital where Su Xiaofei was confined a few weeks ago, it had been hard for Lu Qingfeng not to rush forward and plant his fists on the bastard’s face.

‘I feel the same.’ Xi Qian nodded in agreement. The first time she met Mo Yuchen, she knew that he was bad news for Feifei. She really couldn’t see why her best friend had become enamored with that horrible man.

‘I’m not doing this for your sake, just so you know.’ She harrumphed and turned her head away from him. Lu Qingfeng might be agreeable and wasn’t as much of a pain in the ass as he was in the past, but she had yet to see his resolve to make Feifei happy and safe.

If Lu Qingfeng was able to give Su Xiaofei the happiness she deserved, who was Xi Qian to get in between the two? Now that the wind was changing, perhaps she could only wait and see how these changes would affect Su Xiaofei in the future.

‘Time waits for no one. You may never know what could happen in the future. If you really like Feifei, you have to exert more effort to prove yourself, but I’m not helping you!’ She added.

Lu Qingfeng smirked and shook his head. He knew Xi Qian would agree with him. He trusted Su Xiaofei when she said that Mo Yuchen wasn't in her heart anymore, but he couldn't just lower his guard when it came to Mo Yuchen.

After all, that man was the one responsible for Su Xiaofei's death in his previous lives. So how could he let the same thing befall Su Xiaofei this time? Lu Qingfeng didn't think he would be lucky to get another chance at rebirth for the third time just to change Su Xiaofei's fate.

As they finished their conversation, Su Xiaofei returned from the powder room. She blinked at her two companions and wondered if something had happened while she was gone. Xi Qian's head was turned towards the window, while Lu Qingfeng was silently enjoying his coffee.

Did they fight while she was gone? No. Su Xiaofei didn't think so. The atmosphere between the two wasn't the same as before, the air was as thick as butter and the tension so sharp one could cut through it.

'Did I miss something?' She asked Lu Qingfeng once she took a seat next to Xi Qian.

'Not that I know of.' The young man replied nonchalantly before eyeing Xi Qian across him.

'What?' Xi Qian blinked at her best friend. 'Who cares about him?'

Chapter 172 – The Fault Is Mine (1)

‘You should have seen Cai Lin’s face when he realized that you toyed with him throughout the game. His face was so dark, I thought he was going to vomit blood at that instant!’ Su Xiaofei burst into a round of laughter as she pushed herself on the swing in the garden while she and Lu Qingfeng were waiting for dinner.

‘He merely overestimated himself. If my teammates were the ones who played with him, Cai Lin would also have a hard time defeating them.’ Lu Qingfeng sat patiently, flipping a page of the file Nine delivered to him earlier, which Su Xiaofei assumed to be part of his training in familiarizing himself with their family business.

‘He should have seen it coming. He can only blame himself for being arrogant.’ Su Xiaofei scoffed and cocked her head on one side. ‘But I really hadn’t expected that you would stand up for me earlier.’

‘You think I would allow anyone to bully you when I’m around?’ Lu Qingfeng raised a slender brow at her, noticing the dusty rose-tinted cheeks as she smiled at him.

‘No. You used to ignore them when we were younger, allowing me to do whatever I want to them instead.’ She grinned at him.

Those boys who would dare to bully her would end up with a bloody nose, running for their lives. However, Lu Qingfeng would always take the blame for not stopping Su Xiaofei from getting into trouble.

Now that Su Xiaofei thought about it, it wasn't Xiao Feng who should have matured back then, but her. She could only shake her head as she thought that nothing couldn't be done to change it.

'Well, they were children. Cai Lin is different, though. Add to the fact that he was a shrewd person. He wanted to humiliate you to please Ye Mingyu. How could I allow that to happen? Only I should be allowed to bully you.' He said with a teasing tone. His lips parted in a dazzling display of straight, white teeth.

Su Xiaofei scoffed and glared

at him. There were still things that remained the same between them, even after his confession. He sat there, devilishly handsome. His firm mouth curled, as if always on the edge of a mocking laughter.

For others, they would feel immediate intimidation at the sight of Lu Qingfeng, but there would always be a group who would find his coldness charming.

As for Su Xiaofei, now that she was paying more attention to Lu Qingfeng, it was clear that he had an air of authority and the appearance of one who demanded instant obedience, but she knew that she was always an exception to it.

'Next time, you don't need to rush forward to protect me. I can deal with men too.' She complained. She wasn't even his girlfriend yet, but he was becoming overprotective of her.

What would happen if she became his? Ah, Su Xiaofei didn't dare to think of it anymore. She could already sense a headache coming.

His jaw tensed visibly at her words as he gave her a pointed look. Lu Qingfeng didn't want her to get involved in a fight with a man at all. There were many men that were shrewd and conniving like Cai Lin. Some would surely covet after her because of her burgeoning beauty.

Su Xiaofei was like a rose, beautiful but filled with thorns.

'Not gonna happen. Feifei, you have to understand that some men need to be dealt with by another. A man who bullies a woman, isn't a true man after all.' He retorted.

There were things that he regretted not doing in the past, and that included not protecting her enough from the people who tarnished her reputation. Now that she was here with him, yet again, Lu Qingfeng promised to do better this time.

Su Xiaofei inclined her head in compliance. Since Lu Qingfeng put it that way, there was no need for her to argue about it anymore. A smile tipped the corners of her mouth.

She found it odd that she was relying on the man's help this time, when in her previous life, she had denied every attempt Lu Qingfeng made to protect her. How foolish she was back then.

If there was a chance that Su Xiaofei could meet her past self, she would definitely give herself a good beating for being stupid. She

couldn't use her young age as an excuse for acting like a colossal fool.

The glow of her smile somewhat thawed the coldness in Lu Qingfeng's heart when he saw it. People always assumed that Su Xiaofei was up to no good whenever she smiled, however, that wasn't always the case.

Only a couple of people close to her could see her beautiful smile without malice, and this was what Lu Qingfeng wanted to preserve the most. He didn't want to see her in a desperate state ever again.

'As for Mo Yuchen, you have to be careful in the future. Don't allow him to get close to you.' He reminded her.

'You are worrying too much, Xiao Feng. Just hearing his name is already repulsive to me, what more if he's nearby? I'm not in love with him anymore. The only thing I have for him is loath.' Su Xiaofei answered, aware that Lu Qingfeng was eyeing her with a calculating expression. There was something smoldering in the depths of his eyes that she couldn't quite understand.

'I know better now. I won't make the same mistake again.' She said vaguely, not knowing if Lu Qingfeng understood what she meant.

'I feel the same, Xiaofei, so please allow me to at least protect you.' He thought, but didn't dare to voice it out. He didn't want to complicate things by saying that he was reborn like her.

‘Just promise me, that you won’t do something reckless because of me, Xiao Feng.. Don’t do anything that could hurt others for my sake.’

Chapter 173 – The Fault Is Mine (2)

Was Su Xiaofei talking about the things he had done in his previous life? Lu Qingfeng wondered. Was she aware of the horrible things he committed under her name after her death?

Su Xiaofei was also reborn like him, so it was normal for her to remember some of her memories from her previous life, but how much could she remember, Lu Qingfeng wasn’t certain. However, if she was aware of the things he had committed after her death, wouldn’t that mean there was a possibility that she would blame herself?

Lu Qingfeng studied her intently for a moment. Knowing Su Xiaofei’s personality, she might actually blame herself for his actions.

He frowned the moment he realized this. Su Xiaofei should know by now that his actions were his and his alone. She shouldn’t bear the responsibility of it and blame herself.

‘Feifei, you have to understand, whether it was in the past or in the future, the one responsible for my actions is me and not you. It’s my choice. My decision to do it. You don’t have to punish yourself because of it. The fault is always mine and not yours.’

Su Xiaofei stilled in her seat and stared wide-eyed at him. How... How did he know? How did Lu Qingfeng know that she was feeling guilty that he had become a tyrant in her past life because of her? Was she really that obvious?

‘Why are you telling me this?’ She asked with an awkward smile.

‘It’s precisely because I know you would blame yourself for it. So I’m telling you now, the things I would do in the future in regard to you is my own choice. So don’t stress yourself on things I might do in the future.’

Su Xiaofei didn’t know why, but she felt like the burden on her shoulders had been lifted when she heard his words. Since her rebirth, the thought of Lu Qingfeng leading a lonely life was something that bothered her greatly.

This young man who loved her until his very last breath, Su Xiaofei, wasn’t

willing to see him suffer the same fate he did in her previous life. She didn’t think Lu Qingfeng deserved to lead a lonely life at all.

Well, if she accepted his feelings, would he be happy with her? Su Xiaofei wasn’t sure about that. The only one who could tell if he was satisfied with his life would be Lu Qingfeng himself.

‘What are you thinking? Your cheeks are blushing?’ She heard Lu Qingfeng’s teasing voice.

Su Xiaofei immediately tried to suppress the blush on her face.

‘Whose blushing?! Open your eyes and see clearly! Stop spouting nonsense, Xiao Feng!’ She scoffed.

Lu Qingfeng cackled in amusement. Her reaction seemed to amuse him. For some reason, he found her displeasure amusing. He had never thought that Su Xiaofei would be this cute when she was shy.

‘So how’s the progress of your 100 million mission?’ He asked as he finally took pity on her.

‘Bad. I only have 2 million with me and that’s my personal money.’ Su Xiaofei pouted. ‘Aside from trying my luck on the lottery, I don’t know how to earn money.’

‘Didn’t Auntie Qing say that she will allow you to work at Bluemedia soon?’

Su Xiaofei stood up and joined him. She took a seat across him and cupped her chin with both hands, while her arms were propped up on the table.

‘Yeah, but I’m only going to observe! That’s different from a part-timer. Mama isn’t willing for me to take up a part-time job at the company yet, since she wants me to focus on my studies instead. Xiao Feng, do I really need to wait for a miracle for me to raise my 100 million?’

Lu Qingfeng quirked his eyebrow questioningly.

‘You know the easiest way to get your 100 million.’ He said with a devilish smile.

She shot him a glare, but she bit her lower lip to stifle a grin.

‘Aiya, Xiao Feng. Why are you so eager to become my Money Boss? You really want me to hug your golden thigh?’

‘Who says that you can only hug my thigh? Feel free to touch me anywhere. I won’t mind at all.’ He gave her a flirtatious wink, something that made Su Xiaofei lose her composure, her chin fell from her hands and she almost hit her face on the table, if not for Lu Qingfeng leaning forward, pushing her shoulder to steady her.

‘Lu Qingfeng! How could you say that?! If people heard what you are saying to me, they might misunderstand that I’m harassing a minor!’

Now, Su Xiaofei was really itching to hit Lu Qingfeng’s head for even trying to tease her like this. Thank goodness no one was around or she would really have to find a place to hide herself from embarrassment.

‘What? Who said you’ll do it now, ah? Of course you’ll need to wait until I’m old enough. Silly Feifei.’ Lu Qingfeng said in defense and flicked her forehead as usual.

‘Oww!’ Su Xiaofei hissed in pain and touched her forehead.

Her skin was tender and sensitive. Normally, even if someone used a little strength to pinch her, her skin would be red for some time. This was why she was always annoyed when Lu Qingfeng flicked her forehead, because she would need to apply a cool ointment to lessen the redness on her skin.

‘If you aren’t going to help me raise my 100 million, stop annoying me, Xiao Feng.’ She grumbled, feeling wronged by him.

‘Well, raising 100 million is indeed hard. Not many businessmen could earn that money in a short span of time, unless they are doing something illegal,’ Lu Qingfeng commented. ‘Have you ever considered other ways to defeat Mo Yuchen though? Like stopping him from succeeding the company?’

Su Xiaofei frowned. How was she supposed to do that?

Until something crossed her mind.. She totally forgot about the Mo family.

Chapter 174 – The Fault Is Mine (3)

Indeed, what Lu Qingfeng said was right. There were other ways to cause trouble for Mo Yuchen. He still hadn’t ascended as the CEO of Golden Star Entertainment yet, so there was still a chance to prevent his ascension.

Mo Yuchen had recently joined Golden Star Entertainment, and it would take some time before he became the company’s CEO.

A smile found its way through the mask of Su Xiaofei’s uncertainty. She was unaware of the captivating picture she made in front of Lu Qingfeng when she smiled.

‘Xiao Feng, you are really a genius! How come I didn’t consider that?’ Su Xiaofei exclaimed.

Mo Yuchen wasn't the only one who was being considered to succeed the Mo family business. In fact, he had been stuck in a fierce battle with his younger half-brother, Mo Yuan to succeed the company.

They shared the same father, but were born from different mothers. After Mo Yuchen's mother died when he was merely six years old, his father remarried and a year later, Mo Yuan was born to his second wife.

However, for some reason, even before Su Xiaofei met Mo Yuan, the man had died in a mysterious car accident. It happened five years before she married Mo Yuchen. With his death, the company naturally ended up in Mo Yuchen's hands.

Even when she had become Madam Mo, no one from the Mo family mentioned what truly happened to Mo Yuan. It was as if his name and identity was already forgotten by the family. Su Xiaofei had also never met Mo Yuan's mother and only knew her father-in-law.

Su Xiaofei's thoughts halted at that, as it finally dawned to her that Mo Yuan might be still alive around this time. Five years... If Mo Yuan was still alive, preventing his death would not give Mo Yuchen a headache in the future, she could even ask Mo Yuan for compensation for saving his life.

Ah, wouldn't it be like hitting two birds with one stone? Now, she only needed to make sure that Mo Yuan was

alive, and then she would need to figure out the details of his 'death' later based on what she could remember.

She lifted her head and gripped Lu Qingfeng's arm, her eyes glinting with mischief. Lu Qingfeng briefly thought that she was prettiest when she was like this.

'Xiao Feng, do you think you can find out if Mo Yuan is back in the country?' She asked her childhood friend.

Lu Qingfeng inwardly smiled. He knew that Su Xiaofei would be able to follow his way of thinking. He only needed to drop a clue and she was able to understand it easily. The death of Mo Yuan in their past life was related to Mo Yuchen, of course. But surprisingly, the mastermind was the matriarch of the Mo family and not Mo Yuchen himself.

The old matriarch doted on Mo Yuchen as she was the one who raised him after his mother died and his father remarried, building another family. For some unknown reason, the old woman didn't approve of her new daughter-in-law. Since she had deemed Mo Yuan as an obstacle to Mo Yuchen's future, she wanted to eliminate him.

'Even a ferocious tiger won't eat its own cubs, but the old woman killed her own kin, her other grandson to secure Mo Yuchen's future.' Lu Qingfeng thought. He didn't want Su Xiaofei to get involved with that kind of family ever again.

The relationship between the Old Matriarch Mo and Su Xiaofei was also not good. The old woman occasionally troubled Su Xiaofei and treated her with a cold shoulder. For the Mo family,

Su Xiaofei was nothing but a pawn for their family to prosper. When Mo Yuchen started ignoring her, Su Xiaofei felt more alone than ever as she had no one to rely on.

So how could Lu Qingfeng let the Mo family off the hook? It wasn't enough for him to destroy Mo Yuchen alone. Since the Mo family was so proud of themselves, Lu Qingfeng wouldn't spare any of them.

After Su Xiaofei's death, he exerted all efforts to destroy the Mo family, not giving them any chance to recover at all. Even now, Lu Qingfeng didn't regret what he had done one bit, and would have done the same thing all over again if the Mo family dared to hurt Su Xiaofei again.

'I can ask Nine to check it for us, but you would need to give him a day or two to investigate. We wouldn't want the Mo family to know that we are snooping into their private affairs.' Lu Qingfeng suggested.

'Yes, yes, of course. I don't mind waiting at all. Also, if you don't mind, tell Nine to snoop on what Mo Yuchen is up to these days and find anything related to his younger brother.' She told Xiao Feng.

'Heh, Mo Yuchen, since you fucked up my life before, see if you would like me ruining yours!'

'Okay, but you have to promise me not to meet Mo Yuan in public. I would have to be your accomplice in this scheme of yours.'

Su Xiaofei pulled away from him and considered her options. She knew that meeting Mo Yuan would be dangerous. What if she and Lu Qingfeng were caught by the Mo family? If Mo Yuan's death wasn't really a simple accident, then she and Lu Qingfeng shouldn't act recklessly this time.

Lu Qingfeng patiently waited for her to make a decision. He had to make Su Xiaofei aware of the kind of danger she would face if she dared to use Mo Yuan against Mo Yuchen. As far as he could remember, Mo Yuan was also not a simple person that anyone could simply trifle with. He might be just as cunning and vicious as his older brother.

'Fine. As long as you keep whatever we're up to from Mama. I don't want her to worry about these things..' Su Xiaofei conceded.

Chapter 175 - A Thorn In Her Eyes (1)

Su Xiaofei was in a good mood the following day, knowing that Ye Mingyu would leave her alone and won't cause any trouble for her in the meantime. A little break from that woman's annoying face would be good for her sanity, as she wanted to return to the same café Lu Qingfeng had brought them yesterday to try the other desserts on their menu.

The game between Lu Qingfeng and Cai Lin was still the talk of the academy, and many students were now gossiping behind Cai Lin and how he was involved with several women before meeting Ye Mingyu and breaking his engagement with Feng Xue'er.

From the corner of her eyes, Su Xiaofei could see Feng Xue'er seated with her head down, trying hard to ignore the talks about her former fiancé and Ye Mingyu. It was obvious that she was still affected by Cai Lin's betrayal, but she should have known that her one-sided love could only hurt her, Su Xiaofei thought.

When Su Xiaofei and Xi Qian met Cai Lin in the hallway that afternoon, the young man just stared at Su Xiaofei and looked away. He then left without a word, as if he didn't want to be spotted near Su Xiaofei.

Xi Qian looked at Cai Lin's retreating figure and laughed.

'My, my, Cai Lin is now running away with his tail between his legs from you. Lu Qingfeng must have affected Cai Lin really badly for him to act this way.'

Su Xiaofei only glanced at Cai Lin and shook her head.

'It's a waste of time to talk to him. If he really had a good head over his shoulder, he would have realized the consequence of offending Feng Xue'er's family.' She said with a charming but vile smile.

'What do you mean, Feifei?' Xi Qian hooked her arm with Su Xiaofei's as they resumed their walk back to their classroom.

'The supposed union between Cai Lin and Feng Xue'er are advantageous for their families. The Feng family has been in the government for generations,

while the Cai family is one of the richest families in Qiyang City. By forming a marriage alliance, the Feng family is set to gain a lot of resources in exchange for strong backing and influence for the Cai family. The backing will help strengthen the Cai family's standing against their competitors in the business sector.' Su Xiaofei tried to explain.

Xi Qian blinked and gave it a good thought. She hadn't expected that it would be that complicated.

'So you mean if the marriage pushed through, both families would stand to gain more and expand their reach in their respective sectors. It would really be a great loss if Cai Lin and Feng Xue'er didn't marry each other.'

'That's right. It's good that you understand their predicament.' Su Xiaofei smiled at her.

Both the Cai and Feng families were expecting for the marriage between the two to push through as Feng Xue'er seemed to be in love with Cai Lin, while the latter didn't mind marrying the young miss of the Feng family.

However, who would have thought that a Ye Mingyu would come into the scene, ruining the plan that both families had established for years?

Of course, Su Xiaofei had considered what could happen when she decided to use Feng Xue'er against her beloved Da Jie.

In her previous life, Cai Lin and Feng Xue'er had gotten married, but Cai Lin wasn't faithful to his wife and had met Ye Mingyu behind Feng Xue'er's back. Su Xiaofei might have hated Feng

Xue'er, but knowing how oblivious the latter was about her husband's betrayal, Su Xiaofei was torn between pitying her or letting Feng Xue'er be.

In the end, Su Xiaofei felt that the sooner Feng Xue'er saw the kind of man Cai Lin was, the better. Obviously, there would be a lot of fights between dogs because of Su Xiaofei's scheme, but she couldn't be bothered by it. Whether Feng Xue'er remained stupid or not out of love depends on her.

Su Xiaofei tried to suppress the sinister smile on her lips as she thought about it. By now, both families had been notified of what caused the breakup between Cai Lin and Feng Xue'er, and naturally, they would blame none other than Ye Mingyu.

Ye Mingyu would be too busy sooner or later. Her hands would be too full, and she wouldn't have any spare time to scheme against Su Xiaofei.

'But I don't like it, Feifei. I feel like Feng Xue'er deserved better than to be used by her family as a bargaining chip to raise their family's standing.' Xi Qian said with a slight frown.

When Su Xiaofei remained silent, Xi Qian continued.

'Wouldn't it be better if people marry because of love and not because of other reasons? The elder generation thought that a husband represented a woman's happiness and future, but that isn't the case in today's society, right? A woman's happiness doesn't need to revolve around a man. A woman's future could be determined by her own efforts.'

Su Xiaofei understood why Xi Qian was like this. Her best friend didn't want to rely on a man. Perhaps it was because Xi Qian's father had repeatedly disappointed Xi Qian to the point that she would rather do all the things she needed to do herself, including feeding and providing for herself.

'Also, I heard that Feng Xue'er is talented in designing clothes and wants to pursue a career in fashion. Would she rather be a plain housewife than chase after her dream?'

'Who knows.' Su Xiaofei shrugged. 'The choice is hers. We can only wait and see how the future events unfold.'

She really didn't care what Feng Xue'er wanted to do with her life. Su Xiaofei only needed her as a pawn against Ye Mingyu in the future.. Since the seed of enmity in Feng Xu'er had bloomed, Ye Mingyu would only be a thorn in her eyes.

Chapter 176 - A Thorn In Her Eyes (2)

Su Xiaofei had waited patiently for the report about Mo Yuan ever since she discussed it with Lu Qingfeng. She knew how capable Nine was because she had witnessed how efficient his work was and how Lu Qingfeng trusted the man with his life.

Nine wouldn't make a mistake with his report. Just like Lu Qingfeng, this man's pride was his skills. He rarely made a mistake, and if he did, he made sure that it wouldn't repeat. He also treated Lu Qingfeng like he was his younger brother.

This was why Su Xiaofei had high regards for Lu Qingfeng's right-hand man. Even when Lu Qingfeng had handed the company to his adopted son, Nine remained by his side and worked as his personal butler.

As Su Xiaofei thought about the past, she didn't realize that Lu Qingfeng had arrived and taken a seat next to her in the library.

'You're alone? Does Xi Qian have an early shift today?' Lu Qingfeng asked, pulling Su Xiaofei out of her thoughts.

The young woman blinked twice and nodded. She had agreed to meet him here today after her class ended.

'En. She just left. You didn't see her?' Su Xiaofei replied.

Lu Qingfeng shook his head.

'No. She probably took the east exit.' There were two routes to reach the library anyway.

'So...' Su Xiaofei lowered her voice and gently tapped her pen on her notebook. 'Did Nine find something?'

'Of course. We are talking about Nine here.' Lu Qingfeng replied with a smirk. 'He just sent the report to me.'

Su Xiaofei leaned closer, making sure that they were out of everyone's earshot, not knowing that by moving closer, she was allowing Lu Qingfeng to get a closer look at her face.

'So what is it?' She whispered to him.

Lu Qingfeng blinked and forced himself to calm down and focus.

‘Mo Yuan will arrive in a week. Since Mo Yuchen has recently joined Golden Star, it is only natural that Mo Yuan’s mother is worried about the future of her young son.’

Su Xiaofei nodded in understanding.

‘She feels threatened. Mo

Yuchen had started making his move and yet, her son was still wasting his time overseas.’

However, what Mo Yuan’s mother didn’t know was that she was only pushing her own son to his death by asking Mo Yuan to come home at this time.

‘What about Mo Yuchen? What is he up to?’ She asked her childhood friend. Su Xiaofei then thought that she owed Lu Qingfeng big time for this.

‘No movement from his end, but someone did instead of him.’

Su Xiaofei snapped her head and faced him.

‘Then who is it?’

‘Old Matriarch Mo. She sent someone to keep an eye on Mo Yuan.’ Lu Qingfeng replied.

Su Xiaofei furrowed her brows and fell silent. So it was actually that old woman? She would have never assumed that the old woman was capable of harming her own grandson. Was Mo Yuchen the only one in her eyes?

In her previous life, she didn't have a good relationship with Mo Yuchen's grandmother. The old woman looked very dissatisfied when she looked at Su Xiaofei. Su Xiaofei used to admire the old matriarch and her home.

The first time she visited the small manor where Elder Mo and the old matriarch lived, Su Xiaofei was envious of the elegance of their abode. But now, as she thought about it, those lavishnesses were superficial as the whole Mo family was corrupted on the inside.

That old woman was very particular about appearances and although Su Xiaofei was confident with her appearance, the old woman always nitpicked on her. Old Matriarch Mo would always criticize her for wearing expensive designer clothes and would chastise her for not being frugal.

The old Su Xiaofei, who never tasted bitterness in her whole life because she was pampered by her mother, didn't understand why the old woman was being hard on her. If she dressed down, the old woman would say that she looked too dull and her clothes weren't appropriate for her status.

Old Matriarch Mo occasionally berated her for still not conceiving a child after years of being married to Mo Yuchen. This old woman usually had an air of arrogance and when she opened her mouth, it only reminded them of her poor upbringing.

Actually it was known that Matriarch Mo didn't get along with her son's new wife, Lan Xiaoju, Mo Yuan's mother, as for the reason why, not many were aware of it.

If Su Xiaofei hadn't overheard the Mo family's gossiping household maids, she would have never guessed that Old Matriarch Mo wasn't the original wife of Elder Mo, but was a mistress he kept for a long time, only marrying her when the lawfully wedded wife had died.

The original wife was known to come from a prominent family, unlike Old Matriarch Mo whom the Elder Mo only met at one of his business meetings while she was working as a server. With her beauty, she was able to get his attention, thus the beginning of their long-term affair behind Elder Mo's wife.

Su Xiaofei could only shake her head as she thought about it now. Perhaps the old woman didn't like being reminded of what she was before becoming the madam of a wealthy family, and so Mo Yuan's mother's existence was a sore in her eyes.

To be fair, Lan Xiaoju wasn't Mo Yuchen's father's mistress, but a good friend who helped him when Mo Yuchen's mother fell ill and got bedridden. He had met her at the hospital, where he frequently brought his wife for examinations. She was working as a doctor there.

'I didn't think that her feud with Madam Mo was this serious, hmm...'

'She's Mo Yuchen's biggest supporter, and since she favored him, it is only natural that she would block the younger brother from

stealing the spotlight.' Lu Qingfeng shrugged.. 'It's normal for families such as the Mo family to have these secrets.'

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'Then we can only wait and see what will happen next.' Su Xiaofei hummed as she racked her brain to remember when exactly Mo Yuan lost his life. She regretted not paying much attention to the people around her and their history.

Actually, if Lu Qingfeng hadn't mentioned it, she would have forgotten about Mo Yuan altogether.

'Don't stress yourself too much about it.' Lu Qingfeng said, as if he knew her troubles. 'I'll send someone to keep an eye on him once he arrives. It should be easy to lure him to our side.'

Of course he knew the details of Mo Yuan's death from their previous life, but it didn't hold any importance in his quest to destroy the whole Mo family. Mo Yuan's death had nothing to do with his beloved's passing anyway.

Su Xiaofei nodded. She had no other choice but to wait. Since she had already done her assignments, she asked Lu Qingfeng to play a game of chess with her.

As she looked at the chessboard and its pieces, she felt like Lu Qingfeng was trying to lure her into a trap. For the onlookers, it may look like Su Xiaofei was actually winning, but Su Xiaofei knew better. That wasn't the case.

What was he trying to do? Su Xiaofei wondered. She couldn't follow his way of thinking.

Lu Qingfeng lowered his head slightly. Because of their positions, he could smell the young woman's familiar scent. He was trying to teach Su Xiaofei not to be complacent with her actions.

Although everything was going well in her quest for revenge, he needed to remind her of the dangers that were still lurking in the shadows.

As their game continued, one by one, the chess pieces that Su Xiaofei had intricately set up to obstruct Lu Qingfeng were eliminated from the board. She frowned as she thought that she had already gained the upper hand when she was setting the traps.

'Feifei, when setting up a scheme, one must execute it cleanly.'
Lu Qingfeng said, as his queen dominated Su Xiaofei's bishop

and rook at the same time. 'Don't beat the grass to startle the snake in the process.'

It was only then when Su Xiaofei realized what he was trying to say through their game. He was telling her that she still couldn't lower her guard while seeking revenge, as another coffin would be waiting for her if she failed yet again.

Just look, even though she had confidence in her traps and obstructed Lu Qingfeng's pieces, he still found a way to break free from them. What if Lu Qingfeng wasn't the only one who can see through her schemes? What would possibly happen to her then?

In this world, there were no such things as coincidences. Every turn of events had a reason for it. Now that she was treading in deeper waters, which was the internal struggle of the Mo family, this held higher risk for her.

‘I see...’ Su Xiaofei pondered over her choices now.

If this was the case, then she needed to expand her views and see who else was part of her chessboard. She might have easily outwitted Ye Mingyu for now due to the latter’s inexperience, but in due time, Ye Mingyu might return sooner or later.

As for Mo Yuchen, he was definitely a harder opponent for Su Xiaofei. By now, he was already starting to strengthen his power and networks, and with the Old Matriarch’s backing, it would be hard for Su Xiaofei to touch him, but that didn’t mean she cannot make his life harder.

‘Feifei, don’t interact with Mo Yuan in public, whatever happens. If you are meeting him, we will do it together in secret and won’t allow anyone to know that you’ve met him.’ Lu Qingfeng reminded her.

Indeed, it would be like taunting the tiger if she dared to get involved with the Mo family’s problem, but it couldn’t be helped. There was no way she would allow Mo Yuchen to have a smooth sailing career at Golden Star, and keeping Mo Yuan alive would help her tremendously.

The things that Mo Yuchen did in the past, she wouldn’t be able to forget them at all. While she was the one responsible for failing her mother, it was Mo Yuchen who had tricked her into marriage.

In order for Mo Yuchen to get his hands on her mother's company, he had acted as if he was finally moved by her efforts to be with him, and started to treat her a little better.

'The final hearing of Chen Li's case will be held on Friday. Do you have any plans?' Lu Qingfeng asked her as they fixed the chess pieces back to their starting places.

'Oh? I didn't know it would be that fast, but I would like to see how this would end up for her. Are you coming with me?' She glanced at him with a wicked smile.

'If you want to. We don't have practice on Fridays anyway.'

'I'll probably not tell Mama to come with us. I also want to use the opportunity to ask Su Haoran to sign the divorce papers already.' Su Xiaofei placed her pawn forward.

'I would rather for her not to see Su Haoran anytime soon.' She added. 'She and our lawyer are still studying the report before they can decide whether to bring the issue to court.'

Su Xiaofei had given to her mother the investigation report done by the Yun family on Su Haoran, and Yun Qingrong had a complicated reaction to it.

'Speaking of the issues, I heard that the development plan in the area where Xi Qian lives would be starting soon. You might want to talk to Xi Qian to settle on the sale of her house, before troubles knock on her door.'

Su Xiaofei froze on that. She almost forgot her best friend's issue with her own family. Xi Qian would need to secure the selling of her house, even before her parents snoop over the issue.

‘Thanks, Xiao Feng.’

Chapter 178 – Don’ t Beat The Grass To Startle The Snake (2)

The next day, Su Xiaofei indeed found her best friend furrowing as Xi Qian read the notice that she had received that morning. It was a letter of intention to buy her property at a slightly higher market price by a private development company.

Su Xiaofei paid attention to Xi Qian's face, knowing fully well that her best friend was confused and felt lost at the same time. It wouldn't be easy for Xi Qian to let go of her house, knowing how important it was to her.

‘What is it, Qian?’ She asked, feigning ignorance over the matter.

‘Look, Feifei. Someone dropped this in my mailbox this morning, but I don't know what it means.’ Xi Qian replied, passing the letter towards Su Xiaofei.

Although Xi Qian could be considered smart compared to her peers, she had little to no knowledge when it came to legal matters such as this.

‘I think it is what it is, Qian. They are willing to purchase the lot as well as the house you live in right now at a fair price. Have you mentioned this to anyone, especially to your parents?’

Xi Qian shook her head. What talk? Her parents seemed to have already forgotten that they had a daughter, now that they have their own families to tend to. Her meager monthly allowance arrived late sometimes, and she couldn't be bothered to give them a call and ask for more.

Xi Qian was thankful that Aunty Liu was regularly preparing their lunchboxes, so her meal expenses were considerably reduced in the past weeks, allowing her to save a little more than her usual budget.

'No. I feel like they wouldn't help me at all.'

Su Xiaofei was pleased with her best friend's answer. They would be able to settle this easily, as long as her parents didn't find out about the sale of the property, but first...

'Qian, do you want to sell it? Considering that they are willing to purchase it at a slightly higher market price, I guess that it

is important for them to acquire that property. With the amount you'll be getting from it, it should be enough to secure your tuition fee for med school.'

Xi Qian heaved a deep breath and leaned on her seat. Of course, she knew that. It was just that the house and the lot was something she inherited from her deceased grandmother, and she had so many good memories in that house. It was normal for her to hold sentimental value in that place.

Still, what Su Xiaofei just said was right. She wouldn't have to worry about her tuition and lodging with that amount while attending med school. How can she not know how expensive the degree she was aiming for?

There was no way that her parents would help her to pay her tuition fees as they had already declared before that she only needed to finish high school, then she would be on her own. If she sold the house, she could avoid working while attending med school, but it was also clear that it was hard for her to let it go.

'I'm not sure what to do, Feifei. I also want to keep the house, but I'm also aware that I'm on an extremely tight budget.' She confessed to her best friend.

Thankfully, most of their classmates had already left to go home, while Lu Qingfeng had a scheduled practice with the basketball team, so only the two of them remained.

'I'm not versed in this kind of talks and business too, Qian.' Su Xiaofei chuckled. 'Why don't we wait for Xiao Feng and ask him for his opinion.'

Xi Qian didn't want to seek Lu Qingfeng's help, but among the three of them, he was the smartest one and had experience in dealing with business transactions. So she begrudgingly agreed and waited with Su Xiaofei for Lu Qingfeng to finish his practice.

'Feifei, what is it? You want to show me something?' Lu Qingfeng asked, when he arrived at the classroom, where Su Xiaofei and Xi Qian were waiting.

‘Come here and help us, Xiao Feng. This came in Qian’s mailbox this morning.’ Su Xiaofei said, allowing the young man to read the contents of the letter.

‘It doesn’t sound so bad. The location of your house must be a critical part of their planning, so they are willing to spend more compared to others.’ Lu Qingfeng commented, then glanced at Xi Qian. ‘You don’t want to sell it?’

‘I’m actually considering keeping it.’ Xi Qian admitted.

After all, that was where she grew up and made happy memories with her grandmother, the one who raised her when she was abandoned by her own parents.

‘Xi Qian, I don’t mean to be mean or anything... but keeping your house would cost you more in the state it is in.’ Lu Qingfeng said nonchalantly. He saw Xi Qian flinch from his words, but she needed to understand her situation and her options.

‘As for the development company, they might give you trouble in the future just to force you to sell it at a lower price. You have to understand your bottom line and cut off the losses before it drags you down.’ He continued.

‘What do I do then?’ Xi Qian frowned, but she couldn’t refute Lu Qingfeng’s claims. Keeping the house and restoring it would cost her a lot of money, something that she was lacking at this very moment.

‘Secure the copies of the original title of the property first, then seek a professional’s help to appraise the actual price of your

house. Only then we can think of how much compensation you could ask the development company to pay you.. Since you are already at legal age, naturally, you don't need the consent of your parents to sell it if it's already under your name, but if it isn't, then you have a problem if they contest it in court.'

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'The property is already transferred under my name, that, I'm sure of.' Xi Qian replied to Lu Qingfeng's comment. She couldn't believe that this little tyrant was willingly helping her right now, but she had to admit that Lu Qingfeng was making it easier for her to deal with her problem.

'You already have the documents and the title?' Lu Qingfeng questioned.

'En. It's in my possession. Grandma already prepared it before she died, so I didn't need to do much.'

'Then, would you agree if I call a realtor now to appraise your home?' Lu Qingfeng continued to probe.

Xi Qian fell silent at that. Was she really going to sell her house in order for her to continue her studies? Then where would she live after that? She knew how expensive it was to rent a house in a bustling city like Qiying City.

As if sensing her predicament, Su Xiaofei hooked her arm with Xi Qian's. The slight scowl on Xi Qian's face was already a giveaway of her dilemma.

'Qian, if you are worried about where to stay, you can live with me and Mama. Our house is huge, and we still have spare bedrooms you could use. If you don't like that, then I don't mind lending you my apartment, I haven't gone there in weeks. The only payment I ask is for you to keep it clean while I'm not around.'

'Feifei... this...' Xi Qian looked at her with teary eyes. She wasn't blessed with a pair of responsible and dependable parents, but she felt like heaven had graced her a good friend in the form of Su Xiaofei.

'Isn't this too much?'

'What is too much? You are my best friend. If I was the one in your shoes, I know you would also do your best to help me. How can I allow you to sleep on the streets? With the money you would gain from selling your house, you can attend the med school you've been eyeing for. You don't need to waste money

renting a small place and use that money to continue your studies. Just accept my offer, Qian. I'm already considering selling that place since I'm not using it.' Su Xiaofei countered.

Xi Qian smiled and wiped her tears dry. 'I haven't even taken the entrance exams yet, how could you be certain that I would get admitted to med school?'

'With the kind of brain you have, it's not impossible, Qian. You only need to give it your best shot, and you'll make it.' She gave Xi Qian a confident wink.

If Su Xiaofei put it that way, how can Xi Qian not do her best? In this world, the person who first believed Xi Qian's capabilities weren't her parents, but her grandmother and Su Xiaofei.

'Did you already apply for the entrance examination?' Su Xiaofei inquired. With Xi Qian's busy schedule, juggling school and her part-time job, Su Xiaofei wouldn't be surprised if her best friend forgot about it.

'En. I just filed it last week. How about you, Feifei? What are your plans after graduation?' Xi Qian was the one who questioned Su Xiaofei this time. It seemed that even Lu Qingfeng was curious to hear the young woman's answer.

'Well...'

Su Xiaofei knew that she cannot neglect her studies this time. She glanced at Lu Qingfeng, who was looking at her, as if he wanted her to come with him to Shenjing, but that's not possible.

Unlike these two, Su Xiaofei knew her limits. She didn't have the ability to excel academically like them. It would be hard for her to enter the med school Xi Qian wanted to attend, and she didn't have the heart to leave her mother on her own just to follow Lu Qingfeng in Shenjing.

‘I’ll stay here with Mama and attend a university in Guangshang.’
She finally replied. It wasn’t like she would be separated from these two friends of hers once they graduated from QCA.

‘Why in Guangshang? Why couldn’t it be here in Qiyang City too?’ Xi Qian furrowed her brows in confusion, while Lu Qingfeng immediately understood the reason behind Su Xiaofei’s decision.

‘So it will be easier for me to reach Bluemedia after classes.’ Su Xiaofei had decided to succeed her mother in the company. In her previous life, she had zero chance of protecting her mother and Bluemedia because she didn’t have what it took to lead the company, unlike Mo Yuchen.

‘Ohh... so you and Lu Qingeng would be bigshot CEOs in the future while I’ll be a poor doctor who barely has time to sleep, doing rounds.’ Xi Qian giggled. Just thinking about their future already improved her dampened mood.

‘Okay. Lu Qingfeng, can you please call the realtor to appraise my house then? I would like to settle this issue as soon as possible.’ She told Lu Qingfeng. ‘It would be better if I could sell it at the highest possible price.’

The young man nodded and pulled out his phone. ‘That can be arranged.’

He had sent his personal assistant, Miss Katarina, to contact the person who could help Xi Qian solve her current predicament. At least now, Su Xiaofei wouldn’t think that he was heartless towards Xi Qian.

The next day, Xi Qian found herself seated across the development company's representative, with the realtor and lawyer Lu Qingfeng had arranged for her. She didn't think that the little tyrant would be able to arrange things for her this fast, but she reminded herself to thank him properly for his assistance later.

'Miss Xi, thank you for cooperating with us.' The man across from her said with a polite smile before pushing a cheque worth 1.2 million to her.

Xi Qian was rendered speechless upon seeing it.. She hadn't expected that Lu Qingfeng's people were able to close the deal at such a high price. She had never thought that her little, old house would cost over a million!

Chapter 180 - The Fate Of The Wicked (2)

Friday came, which meant that today, Chen Li would receive the verdict for her recent actions. Since Su Xiaofei refused to forgive her and sued her with identity theft and defamation, it only meant that she wouldn't be able to leave the correctional center for a long time.

Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng silently entered the courtroom and sat at the farthest seat where they could still observe the hearing of the case. From the corner of her eyes, she found Housekeeper Chen, gripping a handkerchief tightly in her hands, her face and appearance seemed to have aged by ten years within the short span of time since Chen Li was arrested by the police.

Next to her, Chen Hao stood with a deep frown etched on his face. It was like he couldn't comprehend what was going on, and why his little sister was on trial. He was thinking that his sister was too young to be persecuted like this.

Su Xiaofei had her sunglasses on, waiting patiently for the hearing to start. She would like to witness how desperate this pair of shameless mother and daughter could be once the verdict was delivered.

It was a little surprising that Su Haoran and Ye Mingyu weren't around. Su Xiaofei knew that they wouldn't easily burn their bridges with the Chen family, not when Housekeeper Chen knew a lot of their secrets. As Su Xiaofei thought about this, she wondered if the older woman was somehow still useful for her or not.

Speaking of the devil, Su Haoran, along with Ye Xing and Ye Mingyu finally arrived. The three were startled upon seeing Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng seated behind the courtroom. Su Haoran strode towards them, with clenched fists.

All the problems that they were facing now stemmed from this wicked young woman. Su Haoran thought that it was unfathomable that a mere young girl was able to cause them such troubles, however, as he looked at her wicked smile, his doubts were all cleared.

'You evil girl! How could you set

up your cousin like this? You even humiliated your elder sister in public!’ He scolded her in such a loud voice that would obviously attract others’ attention.

‘Papa, Chen Li broke the law, while dear Da Jie made a fool of herself. How come it’s my fault when they willingly did those things themselves?’ Su Xiaofei sighed, feigning being wronged by her father. ‘Isn’t it enough that you leave me and Mama for these people and now you want to scold me in front of everyone?’

This naturally painted Su Haoran as a shameless person. People around them weren’t dumb. If this young lady was saying that her father abandoned her and her mother for these people accompanying him, it was clear how horrible a person he was.

Hearing what Su Xiaofei had just said, Ye Xing scolded her in her heart. Ever since people found out about her and her Xiao Yu, people branded her as the Xiao San, who ruined someone else’s family to build her own.

Meanwhile, Ye Mingyu’s pretty face contorted into an ugly one. Really, this Su Xiaofei knew how to stab them painfully with the right words.

‘Then Xiaofei, what are you doing here?’ She probed, wanting to know what this vicious villainess wanted this time.

‘Of course it’s to see the fate of the wicked. I can’t possibly miss the ending of such an entertaining show.’ Su Xiaofei’s words were full of ridicule, Housekeeper Chen seemed to overheard what she just said and was angered by it.

‘Now, now, please don’t look at me like that, dear Da Jie. Weren’t you the one who told Chen Li that she could get anything she wanted from my possession? So how come it’s my fault now? Chen Li’s demise is in your hands, Ye Mingyu.’

‘X-Xiaofei, what are you talking about? I didn’t...’ Ye Mingyu stuttered.

A touch of red spread on Ye Mingyu’s face. She couldn’t help but feel embarrassed to be outed by Su Xiaofei’s words. When she looked at her Aunty Chen and Chen Hao’s direction, she was shocked to find them glaring furiously at her.

With only a few words, Su Xiaofei managed to implicate her, sowing discord between her and the Chen family. This kind of instigation was quite ruthless and accurate. Su Xiaofei was really far from the rumors pointing to her foolish and nasty temperament. No one probably expected that she could be this hostile towards them.

If it was before, they all thought that she was just acting strong to protect herself, but now, they knew that there wasn’t a shred of pretense in Su Xiaofei anymore as she was really this unpredictable and hateful woman.

‘You hateful girl! See if I don’t teach you a lesson now! Qingqing has spoiled you too much, now you even dare to scheme against others!’ Su Haoran’s face was contorted with so much anger, the veins on his temple were throbbing.

‘Ah? Papa wants to hit me? Then what should I do? If Mama and Grandpa Yun know that you hit me, don’t blame me if they come

after you to settle this matter.’ Su Xiaofei said in a threatening tone, while Lu Qingfeng’s face morphed into an Asura, as if daring the older man to hit the young lady next to him.

Su Haoran also never thought that the young girl his wife adopted would be able to threaten him like this. Since when did Yun Qingrong mend her relationship with her family? Also, according to Su Xiaofei’s words, she was also implying that the Yun family had just acknowledged her as part of their family.

What the hell was going on?! He thought. How did Su Xiaofei manage to make to Yun family accept her?

‘So, Papa, are you still going to hit me to discipline me for something I didn’t do?’ Su Xiaofei’s words sounded like a mocking tone of a devil, whispering in Su Haoran’s ears.