

Sweet Love 2131

Chapter 2131: Pulling Strings

Alas, unlike his predecessor, the rich man was unable to pull off the necessary authority. In the eyes of Min Yu, the person in front of him was like a kid insisting on wearing an adult's three-piece suit. It came across as childish and naïve. However, a child's act might be innocent and cute, but the man's action was simply ludicrous and disdainful.

"You can't sit in Chairman Mu's seat."

"Why not?"

Mu Yancheng snorted, then interrogated harshly, "Why can't I sit here?"

The assistant drooped his head abruptly at the question. "It's because—"

"Is it because I'm not the chairman so I'm unqualified for this chair?" The other man gave a smirk, relaxed his posture, and continued speaking leisurely. "I'm afraid I have to disappoint you! This chair will be my designated seat in the future—soon, in fact! You have no right to interfere in my privilege; do you understand?"

Min Yu sniggered quietly. *What is this? Is he showing off his power to me now?*

The assistant knew that Mu Yazhe had resigned from the top post and that there would be a transfer of power in time to come. This office might be someone else's territory in the future, but for now, the man before him held no such authority yet!

After all, the top management had not released the name of the new chairperson yet, had they?

Thus, at this moment, this office would remain under his boss!

The assistant was considered a long-time, faithful follower of Mu Yazhe. Hence, when he saw another man shamelessly taking over his boss's seat, he was quick to defend it despite knowing full well the status of the other person whom he was viewing as an enemy.

Meanwhile, Mu Yancheng had fully engaged the role of a chairman by then and simply eyed this subordinate with condescension. The assistant was just a small fry to him.

His lips curled into a smirk when he observed the assistant trying to hold back a rebuttal.

He remembered the latter's name—Min Yu. This guy had the reputation of an excellent strategist and a long-time personal assistant of his predecessor. He knew Mu Yazhe was one who valued talent, so those who could serve long with him must be capable and with great potential.

He initially planned to remove his cousin's men as soon as he assumed the position, just like what his cousin had done before him, but if he were to do that, he would come across as petty and heartless. It would leave a bad impression on those working in this company. Hence, he thought of observing their performance first. For those who were capable, showed potential, and were willing to serve him, he would keep them. As for the rest, he could find an excuse to get rid of them eventually. In this way, nobody would question his decision for firing these folks.

This fella was rather smart in this aspect.

As he ruminated, he threw an olive branch to the assistant. "Are you Min Yu?"

"Yes."

The assistant's lukewarm response irked him very much. Now that he was about to take over the position, he assumed that this employee would be eager to pay court to him. With the latter's proximity to the highest member in the Mu Group, he would expect the small fry to stack the deck against the rest by going all out to please him! In the end, he found this employee an eyesore, instead.

Chapter 2132: I will follow him wherever he goes.

It seemed that what kind of master would produce what kind of servant.

Cold and arrogant, Mu Yazhe wore a haughty expression all day. Clearly, his subordinates did not know how to discern what others thought through their body language either as they were equally cold and distant.

However, he tolerated it and laughed insincerely. "Seeing how you've been by Second Brother's side for so many years, you must have quite the capability. If I employ a talent like you, you will have a bright future ahead! Say, once he formally leaves his position, why don't you stay by my side? If your performance is good, I will promote you! As long as you remain loyal to me and work hard, I will definitely not treat you unfairly; as for your remuneration, I will give you double of what your previous boss has been giving you. What do you think?"

Mu Yancheng was the best at winning people over.

Mu Shumin was a prime example. With just a few rounds of bewitching propositions, she easily oriented herself toward his stance.

He was extremely confident that there was no one who would be unmoved after being offered such a generous condition.

However, his tone was despondent as if his acknowledgment was a favor on his part. He seemed to be sizing up a beggar, being gentle yet acting as if he were giving alms. It left a bad taste in one's tongue.

The chap appeared confident that Min Yu would wholeheartedly latch on help. As the saying went, 'a talented person would choose a patron of integrity.'

Now that his original master was in dire straits, would he not choose a better opportunity for development?

He was just waiting for the assistant to show a fawning appearance by bowing and bending his knee while presenting his heartfelt gratitude with a ton of flattery.

Alas, the latter merely smiled and did not appear to be taking those conditions in mind. Instead, he said coolly, "Master Yancheng, isn't it too early to say such words? It seems that there hasn't been an agenda set yet which states that you'll be taking over my boss's position!"

Mu Yancheng instantly responded, "Hmph! What do you know? Since Second Brother has relinquished his title, I am the next best candidate for it. I will naturally have the confidence before I dare speak of such things! Don't worry; now that your master is down and out, without any chance of changing misfortune, you don't have to consider something like betrayal or what not. He's the one who abandoned you guys, so what is there to feel guilty about?"

He paused for a moment before he audaciously curled his lips into a smile, revealing his ambition. "So? What do you think?"

"There isn't anything to think about."

Min Yu smiled graciously and elegantly. It was polite and worlds apart from the malevolent smile on the other's face.

"I will follow Chairman Mu wherever he goes and will only acknowledge him as my boss in this life. As for what you've just said, it is difficult for me to obey."

"You..."

Mu Yancheng glared at the assistant before laughing ruthlessly all of a sudden. "Min Yu, please do not be dumb! Second Brother has not only left his position as the CEO; he is also no longer the head of the Mu family! You could say that he's fallen from the top of the summit to the bottom! Such a man will never be able to redeem himself in this lifetime! Are you going to follow him, be it in coldness and hunger?! Let me warn you: Though he is talented, there's no chance for him to find a better position in another company after leaving the Mu Group. You can say that his prospects are grim. Don't blindly focus so much on comradeship and treat your future like a joke!"

"Master Yancheng, I am not joking around."

Min Yu continued to smile as he remained unswayed. "The day my boss officially quits his title is also the day I leave my post. Regardless of the danger, I will stay by his side till the end."

With that, he slowly turned around and walked to the door.

Chapter 2133: Based on Just Your World View

Mu Yancheng pranced and stood up. "Stop right there!"

The assistant froze on the spot.

He was infuriated. Why was this fella so indiscriminating?

He wanted to keep him around just to give him some face, but not only was this subordinate making things difficult for him, he was also being ostentatious!

He would not fall for it!

If Mu Yancheng were to do things his old ways, this arrogant subordinate would be trampled by him exactly where he stood.

Fortunately for the latter, he did not think that way anymore.

His desire to conquer had seemingly been ignited, instead. The more this fella was unwilling to rely on him for help, the more he wanted to tame him into an obedient subordinate whom he could use however he wanted!

Men's thirst for conquest was not only seen in their desire over women.

At this moment, he took several steps toward the other and presented an offer in a loud voice. "Two hundred thousand!"

Min Yu turned around slowly and looked at him coldly.

His expressionless face made it seem as if he were looking at an idiot.

Looking lofty, Mu Yancheng raised two fingers in the air and spoke arrogantly as if he were a savior. "Two hundred thousand. I will give you a yearly remuneration of that much. If you do well, I will promote you first-hand, which is a meteoric rise in your case! If you must know, I am giving you such a salary because I regard you highly. If it were someone else, they probably would not receive such a treatment!"

The assistant sneered inwardly and remained quiet, though the look of disdain on his face could not be hidden.

This expression had indubitably enraged Mu Yancheng.

He held back the impulse to hurl slurs at him and pretended to lack any hesitation as he raised his offer.

"Three hundred thousand!"

Three hundred thousand was not a small temptation!

However, Min Yu was too lazy to bother with him, and he merely turned around to leave.

Mu Yancheng began to feel anxious. Seeing that he was not giving him any face, he cursed, "What an avaricious and insatiable d*mnable dog! You are the same as your master! Fine, four hundred thousand! As long as you are loyal to me!"

The man stopped in his tracks and began to laugh as if he had just heard the funniest joke.

Baffled by his reaction, Mu Yancheng ousted impatiently, "What are you laughing at?!"

"Four hundred thousand?"

Min Yu turned around, the corners of his lips forming a sneer. "Master Yancheng, I see that you are unaware since you don't pay much attention to the company affairs, but my salary under Chairman Mu is one million! On top of that, every employee, including all the secretaries, here has a base salary of at least three hundred thousand due to their outstanding capabilities. As a member of the think tank and a

top assistant, my yearly remuneration is at least a million, and that excludes my bonuses and additional benefits. Your four hundred thousand isn't even comparable to my monthly salary. In any case, I'm unwilling to work for you even if you offer a 10- or 100-million yuan salary! He he!"

His laughter was filled with mockery and ridicule.

Mu Yancheng's expression darkened as he felt the overwhelming humiliation from being completely annihilated!

One million?!

A personal assistant's salary was a million yuan?

Second Brother sure was open-minded!

Just as he was still surprised by the reveal, Min Yu continued coldly. "Master Yancheng, let me give you a piece of advice: It's better if you don't act and speak based on your worldview, lest you make a fool of yourself! Pardon my blunt words, but what if you are the Mu Group's newly chosen head? The company will only fall under your leadership, so being by your side can only reduce my prospects."

"You!" The other could feel himself losing control of his emotions as he felt unbearably stuffy.

This rascal was really underestimating him!

Chapter 2134: Min Yu's Humiliation

Mu Yancheng was finally unable to hold back his anger and said rather defiantly, "Such preposterous words! How can I not do as well as Second Brother? Just watch me! I will be better and more remarkable than he is in everything that I do!"

"Oh? Then, I'll be looking forward to it, but if a time comes when the Mu Group is in danger, I hope you don't come running to Chairman Mu's side like a stray dog, wagging its tail and begging for pity. Still, before that, there is a pre-condition you should fulfill, and that's to become my boss's official successor! Though you have a high chance of becoming one, being the Mu clan's head doesn't guarantee you this company's CEO position! Since you have extra effort to exert, why don't you think of ways to increase your knowledge?"

His words had greatly humiliated Mu Yancheng.

Every man had a temper, especially those of Mu Yancheng's age. Moreover, for someone with his identity and status, hearing a small character's repeated humiliation and ridicule of him, he could naturally no longer stomach it.

The chap dashed forward and grabbed Min Yu by the shoulder, gripping his shirt furiously. He then raised his fist and seemed intent on bashing his face with it.

Min Yu was unfazed despite the looming threat; instead, he bravely glared at the chap. Mu Yancheng's fist came to an abrupt stop just as it was a hair's breadth away from the assistant's eyes.

He was amazed by this man's bravery. Not only did he not attempt to avoid his incoming punch, he also faced it with wide, defiant eyes.

This made him more furious.

His chest undulated incessantly, unable to calm his fury. Meanwhile, the disdainful look on Min Yu's face remained firm as he showed him not an ounce of respect.

Fuming, Mu Yancheng roared like a lunatic, "You disgraceful fellow! I am warning you: Do not look at me with that expression! Who do you think you are, acting so rash before me?! Let me tell you; the moment the news of Second Brother relinquishing his position is announced, I will immediately be appointed as the next head! Do you know what that means? It means that this huge corporation will be under my control! Even if I'm not appointed yet, it still isn't your turn to question me. Do you understand, you lowly thing?!"

The assistant merely snorted coldly, obviously not paying him much mind.

Just as he got ready to mess up this fella who did not know his place, Mu Linfeng's furious voice was heard from the door.

"Yancheng, what are you doing?!"

He raised his head, only to see his uncle entering the office, undoubtedly stumbling upon this scene. The latter's brows were furrowed in dissatisfaction.

Earlier, Min Yu did not close the door properly when he walked in. Mu Linfeng, who was passing by the office on his way to the conference room, saw the door slightly ajar and assumed that Mu Yazhe had returned to the company.

Alas, he received disappointment once he opened the door.

So it's this chap?!

What's he doing here?

He happily surmised that Mu Yazhe had thought things through and returned to the company after feeling remorseful. Therefore, he could not help feeling disappointed when he opened the door to find this other nephew inside, instead.

Mu Yancheng hastily retracted his hand when he saw the older man. He stood at the side guiltily, the anger on his face dissipating at once, and greeted with a smile, "Second Uncle!"

Min Yu smiled politely at the older man as well, his attitude still respectful toward him. "Director Mu."

Mu Linfeng nodded in acknowledgment and commanded, "You can leave."

Chapter 2135: When the cup of happiness overflows, disaster follows.

Min Yu nodded and quickly took his leave.

While the young chap was fretting over the arrival of his uncle, Mu Linfeng slowly ventured further inside. His stern eyes surveyed the office and eventually landed on his nephew. "What are you doing here?"

"I-I..."

His nephew stumbled on his words, having a hard time explaining himself. It was easy for the elder to guess his ambition from his guilt-ridden silence!

The middle-aged man studied the chap, who was fidgeting awkwardly before him, then surveyed the room again. He saw the used teacup with expensive tea leaves in it and the other messes all over the place. The office chair was positioned haphazardly at one side, and some stationery was strewn across the office desk.

It looks like this chap has been here for some time.

The middle-aged man knew that Mu Yazhe was a clean freak and would not allow any Tom, Dick, or Harry to enter his office arbitrarily. Other than the cleaner who came to do some tidying, the man maintained the office himself. Stationery was always well-kept and tidy. He would clear up the place to ensure that it was neat and tidy before leaving the office each day.

After ruminating for a while, the middle-aged man could tell what the chap was up to. After all, having been through many things in life, he had come across characters of all kinds. Besides, he watched this nephew grow up, so how could he not guess what was on this young man's mind? It was not difficult to grasp Mu Yancheng's mind compared to Mu Yazhe to begin with. Thus, without too much guesswork, he knew what was on his nephew's mind!

This fella came barging into the chairman's office the moment his brother resigned from the post!

The willful ambition of this young man was obvious.

Is he taking himself to be the next chairman of the Mu Group?!

The middle-aged man was expressionless for some time before he rebuked the young chap severely with a glare. "Yancheng, why did you brashly barge into this office when your brother just resigned yesterday? Do you know that there are eyes watching?! You'd better restrain your behavior from here on. If not, you may invite gossip, saying that you forced your brother out of the family business! This won't do well for your reputation!"

His warning came as a pleasant surprise to his nephew, who listened with eyes full of bewildered excitement!

Is uncle here worried about the implication of my action and behavior within the company?

What does this mean, then?

It means that he has the intention to promote me to this post. If not, he needs not worry about me, right?

Him giving me a warning now just goes to show how much uncle values me!

The young chap did not know how to restrain his behavior and, instead, started to crack up in ecstasy!

Alas, before he could start laughing, his uncle did a one-eighty and confronted him straight on. "It doesn't mean that you're the next in line once your brother formally steps down. You know how it needs an extraordinary talent to lead a household and a business. Whoever wants to take the seat must have the right ability for this post! I don't think you're ready from the way you're acting now, so I'm now starting to have second thoughts about you taking over!"

Chapter 2136: You are not outstanding enough.

The smile on the chap's face froze instantly. One could not tell whether he was crying or smiling with that look on his face.

After he managed to pull himself together, he inquired anxiously, "Uncle, w-what do you mean?"

"You are smart and should get my meaning, loud and clear!" The middle-aged man refused to explain further, though his thoughts were already well-expressed earlier.

This was a rude shock to Mu Yancheng after his initial euphoria. Right now, he could feel overwhelming dread, which easily extinguished his enthusiasm.

He looked defeated. After a *sigh*, he tried to find an excuse for his behavior. "Uncle, don't you find your words to be hurtful? I admit that I'm not as good as my second brother in many ways, but to be fair, there's nobody fully capable or already competent just after taking over a new responsibility, is there? Many opposed the idea of him assuming the leadership position at first except for you. Only you supported him wholeheartedly despite the many oppositions. Second brother has also proven his worth by now, hasn't he? I can't deny that he's done very well so far. I may not be as capable as he is, but that's not the most important criterion! In terms of loyalty to you, I'm certain that I am way above him! That's why uncle's words then really stung me!"

Mu Linfeng's face betrayed no expression after he heard his nephew's defense. He merely nodded and replied, "It's true that you are sincerer toward us compared to Yazhe. I trust your loyalty, too, but it's not enough to have the heart—the capability is our foremost consideration. Besides, I am already old and won't be able to help you much. Since you hardly know the ins and outs of the company by being uninvolved in the past, I'm worried that you'll be unable to handle the many business decisions and financial considerations that come with the leadership role. Your brother did very well in that aspect; in fact, no one can quite match him when it comes to that. Unfortunately, he left, so now the company is in a mess. With your ignorance of the business we're running, you're bound to make elementary mistakes if you come aboard. That's my greatest fear!"

The conglomerate had lost its key leader, and the directors' board was embroiled in infighting. As the saying went, 'a country could not do without its king.' Right now, the Mu empire was like a dynasty without an emperor.

Mu Yancheng looked terrible. His arrogance was rapidly replaced by dismay. His uncle had brought him up to cloud nine, only to send him crushing down to earth the next moment.

Min Yu's sarcastic remarks reverberated in his head at that moment.

Still, despite his unhappiness, he knew that he could not voice his anger.

His uncle sized up the young chap before him quietly, thinking that this one could not hold a candle to his other nephew at all. More importantly, this fella was too impatient and eager for success. The fact that he had barged into this office early in the morning in hopes of seizing the throne somewhat disappointed him.

Who could truly take over Mu Yazhe's seat from here on?

The middle-aged man had considered this issue the entire night. He was so bothered by it that he did not catch a wink.

Alas, no name came to mind.

Out of the many potential candidates inside the Mu family, Mu Yancheng was certainly not the most outstanding. In fact, there were many capable juniors in the family, but they were either collateral relatives by blood or illegitimate children. More importantly, they did not show sufficient loyalty to him.

Chapter 2137: Arranged Marriage

He watched him grow up to be the man he was now. Just like his most prized nephew, this one was personally groomed by him. Although he was not much of an outstanding and capable person, he was absolutely loyal to him.

Meanwhile, he did not hold much thought about and faith in the rest of their family's younger generation.

Having learned his lesson after that fiasco with Mu Yazhe, he no longer wanted to groom another talent only to turn out to be an ingrate eventually.

Mu Yancheng was actually the most suitable candidate at present, but he could not possibly reveal this fact to him, or else the chap would inevitably become arrogant, smug, and conceited due to being pushed to such a high position!

There was a step-by-step process to go through for everything.

Hence, Mu Linfeng only deigned his disappointed-looking nephew a look after a while as he slowly revealed, "I had a long chat about you with your Aunt Shumin over the phone yesterday. Apparently, she is very much in favor of you and thinks that you're competent enough for the post."

There was not much joy on the young chap's face, though.

After all, what was the use of having his aunt's acknowledgment alone?

The final decision lay in this uncle of his. Even if he had his aunt's approval, he would just be overjoyed for nothing should he not receive his uncle's approval.

Thus, he only responded to his uncle with a lackadaisical hum of acknowledgment.

In the next second, however, he heard his uncle saying, "Although I feel that you're still lacking in terms of capability and aren't mature or experienced enough to deal with things, I'm considering you as a potential candidate on the account of your loyalty."

When he heard that, his eyes totally lit up and widened in delight.

"Second Uncle, you—"

The elderly man interrupted, "Since you had the time and energy to come here and make a scene, you might as well spend it on studying the company's affairs and learning about business management at home! I'll get someone to send you the company's info later. You'd better go back and update yourself over what's going on in the company. Otherwise, you'll just end up being a laughingstock if I push you to the position!"

"I understand." He nodded, remaining calm and composed on the outside yet actually gleeful on the inside.

Mu Linfeng added, "The successor will naturally have to undergo the shareholders' inspection. If you don't know anything about the company, won't you just make a fool of yourself and end up embarrassing me?"

"Do you mean to say that I have your acknowledgment?"

His nephew was beyond delighted.

In response, he gravely answered, "My acknowledgment is one thing; the crux lies in your performance!"

Despite nodding in agreement, the young man was absolutely thrilled now.

His uncle then added, "I still have another meeting to attend in a while. You do as you deem fit in the meantime!"

"Understood!"

Mu Yancheng watched his uncle leaving the office. Half in and half out of the door, the elderly man suddenly was struck with a thought and briskly turned to face his nephew again.

Just as the young man was starting to nervously think that his uncle would change his mind, he heard him saying, "It's out of consideration that you didn't have a firm footing in the family that I chose not to put you forth as the successor. You may not gain any favor from people if I push you to the position now. After thinking for a bit, I realize that you're no longer as young as before. It's time for you to consider starting a family! I'm thinking of arranging a marriage for you; what do you think about it?"

If this were Mu Yazhe the elderly one was speaking to, the former would definitely flatly reject this request at once.

After all, that chap was never one to follow others' arrangements, and that trait had gotten even worse ever since Yun Shishi appeared.

This chap, however, was different from his second brother when it came to such stuff. Mu Yancheng was tactful and discerning enough to know that his uncle was offering him a chance because he saw value in him, so he ought to grab it with all he got!

Chapter 2138: An Arranged Marriage with the Lin Family

Thus, he nodded in agreement at once. “No doubt. Only Second Uncle is so considerate about my future! I feel deeply honored because of this. May I ask which young missy have you selected for me? This way, I can be mentally prepared ahead of time.”

His uncle fell silent for a beat before suddenly narrowing his eyes. “Do you know who Lin Xueya is?”

“Lin... Xueya!” He sucked in a cold breath and nodded enthusiastically. “She’s from the capital’s prestigious and glorious Lin family. Even though their ancestry isn’t as far back as ours, they’re on equal footing with us in terms of political influence! I haven’t met the young lady before, but I’ve heard of her name.”

“Put an end to your salacious affairs before I arrange a meeting between you two.”

“Huh?”

The young chap froze for a moment.

His startled reaction got his uncle smirking. “While you can fool others, I’m different. Don’t you have several girlfriends at the side? Make a clean break with those indecent women before I set up a meeting with Lin Xueya for you!”

Mu Yancheng’s heart lurched at that. Amid his dazedness, the elderly man turned around and departed, leaving him alone in the office.

When he finally snapped out of his daze, he felt himself being coated in a layer of cold sweat from the surprise he received.

The Lin family!

Forming ties with that family through marriage can greatly aid me in my ascent to the seat as the Mu family’s head!

I must seize this opportunity at all costs!

At the thought of Mu Yazhe, he scoffed!

I won’t be as foolish as my second brother, who refuses to let Yun Shishi go as though he hasn’t seen a woman before.

There are many women in the world!

I can get anyone I want once I acquire power and wealth.

Only he would be stupid enough to give up his title, authority, and fortune for one woman. It's truly baffling why he treats her like a precious treasure when he can have anything he wants by being our family's head. It's even more so for women!

Even though the Mus had long abandoned the feudal traditions, the men in the family had no lack of women beside them, with each having three or four wives!

Except for those who had taken wives with strong family background, almost all had extramarital relations outside of their clan. At most, both parties would have their fair share of fun.

A handful of these married women were just as wild as their husbands. They even kept gigolos for themselves outside.

Nevertheless, the majority of the women who married into the Mus were content with thinking of which perfumes would make them look classier, which handbags would fit their status the most, and how to make themselves appear elegant and rich since they already had attained the titles and statuses they wanted.

As such, most women in the family would just turn a blind eye to their husbands' infidelity.

At the thought of this, Mu Yancheng returned to the chair and made an external call.

After ringing for a while, a woman's sweet yet gentle voice could be heard from the other end of the line. "Yancheng?"

"Qingxue, are you free tonight?"

"Yes."

The woman, who was ecstatic to find out that the man had taken the initiative to call her, shyly said, "It happens that I have something to discuss with you—"

"Just as well. We'll talk when we meet!"

"Okay... Where should we meet?"

"I'll be at your place by 8 PM."

"Okay. I'll wait for you here."

Upon ending the call, a smirk appeared on his face as he clenched his fists tightly.

Chapter 2139: The Vile Nature of a Scum

Meng Qingxue, who was eighteen this year, worked in the modeling scene. She had quite the stunning yet innocent look, which could not be found in most starlets, and a slender figure unique to models. Her bosoms, in particular, were well-endowed and could practically make one drool at the sight.

She was sixteen when she first met Mu Yancheng at a private party and caught his interest right away.

Just like how the saying 'Even heroes could fall prey to a ravishing beauty's charms' went, men practically had zilch resistance to beautiful women.

Besides, the young lady was quite the looker, and the important thing here was that she was just a fresh, naïve student back then.

A man preferred his woman to be pure and innocent, so Mu Yancheng did not hesitate to add the lady into his harem. Simply put, he snatched her for himself as soon as she made her debut to become her first man.

This lassie was vastly different from many of her colleagues; she did not possess a burning ambition, though it might be due to her tender age and inexperience in the industry. This made her stand apart from those scheming models with vicious means and a clear goal in mind. She, in fact, merely held a simple notion about love.

She assumed that Mu Yancheng was just a young master from a pretty well-off family or the scion of a multi-millionaire. All she had in mind was to stay by his side and form a family with him, so her modeling career naturally came to an end just like that.

She had agreed to become his woman not just because he had launched a series of romantic pursuits on her and spoke nothing but sweet words to her but also because she was fond of his dashing appearance and considerate nature.

This was why she offered her body to him and became his woman just three days into their relationship.

Of course, Mu Yancheng had plenty of other women beside her. Several had been with him even before he met Meng Qingxue, while some had a few one-night stands with him during the course of their relationship. Naturally, there were also a handful whom he was fond of and got together with for a couple of months.

The young lady, however, could be considered the longest woman by his side. It was mostly due to her having a high EQ. She knew how to please her beau and would never pester and hound him endlessly when he was busy.

The only time she had acted wilful and thrown a tantrum at him was when she discovered that he had other women besides her, much to her anger. She then tearfully demanded a reasonable explanation from him.

The couple had been together for three months when that outburst happened.

She had developed deep, romantic feelings for the man, while he was also fond of this docile and affable young lady. It was why he had kept her by his side for so long.

The thing was that, once men started to lose their interest in a woman, they no longer had much patience for them as before. The first time he had lashed out on her was when she quarreled with him over his unfaithfulness.

Mu Yancheng had an arrogant streak in him all along, so when he saw her tear-stained face, he only spat, "I have plenty of other women, but most of them are just one-night stands. We go about our ways after we've done the deed. Because of my status, I don't have much devotion to women, and in my

opinion, they're nothing but tools for my biological needs! Speaking of which, you're the only woman I've kept by my side longer than two months. This is because I find you quite obedient and have some feelings for you! You should know now that I dislike women who disobey me and act all unreasonable, so don't act out if you still want me in your life. I've seen plenty of such cheap tricks. While I might find it refreshing in the past, I no longer do so now!"

Chapter 2140: Fatal Attraction

Her face was drained of color when she heard that response from him.

That was when Mu Yancheng revealed his identity to her, and it was only then that she knew the man whom she had been dating for two years was not just the average young master but one with such a lofty status.

Nevertheless, his callousness had left her beyond heartbroken. Her feelings for him ran deeper than her financial dependence on him, but the grief-stricken lady only felt her world crashing down upon hearing such words.

It turned out that this man had not started this relationship with her out of love!

While he might have said that he was fond of her, the truth was that he loved himself the most.

Strictly speaking, though, it was only natural for one to love themselves the most.

Love could be cultivated, and humans were selfish beings who surely loved themselves the most. This was why they would fall in love with someone who could satisfy their desires.

From then on, Meng Qingxue reminded herself repeatedly to look beyond love and relationships and, instead, work hard to get the things she wanted while she was still young and fit.

She ultimately could not put down her feelings for him, however.

They had been together for two years at that point. She truly was deeply and madly in love with this man and could not part with him. Even though she had seen through his true nature, the seemingly brainwashed woman only had eyes for him, just like how a moth was attracted to a flame.

As a person with severe obsessive-compulsive disorder about his women, Mu Yancheng had exceedingly high expectations of her; more than once, he ordered her not to reenter the modeling industry, not to have any contact with any of the opposite sex, not to show her face in public, and not to reveal his identity.

In addition, he disliked being controlled by anyone, so he warned her never to call him unless there was something of utmost importance. He would naturally give her a call whenever she came to his mind or whenever he wanted to meet her.

All her living expenses were provided by him with the bank card along with its pin that he had given to her. Every month, he would deposit around a hundred thousand yuan—or several hundred thousand if he was in a good mood—into that bank card. This monetary support excluded the branded jewelry, bags, cosmetics, and perfumes that he would buy for her occasionally.

What seemed to be a loving relationship at first felt increasingly different ever since that spat between them. No matter how Mu Qingxue saw herself, she felt like a caged canary and a kept woman.

She hated this feeling from the bottom of her heart.

Different from those materialistic women, she held no fantasies about marrying into an affluent family or climbing the social ladder with a meteoric rise. Instead, she hoped to marry a devoted someone who loved her deeply even if said man came from an ordinary family.

It was only out of poverty that she joined the modeling industry back then. Besides, she was blessed enough to be born with good looks which allowed her to make a living out of model.

She was young and ignorant at first, but after seeing the cruel and ugly side of the trade, the decision to quit the industry sprouted in her.

It was right then that she met him, and this led to her thinking that it was probably a fated meeting between them!

Ever since their relationship started, she had basically no need to worry about her living expenses. Still, since she had so much free time, the young lady, who yearned to be self-reliant, insisted on doing some part-time job to earn some keep for herself.

Other than that, she also worked hard in learning how to cook and do household chores. While she knew some basics, she strove for improvement and excellence. She did all these in the hopes of becoming a good wife and mother once they got married, which would be the greatest career of her life.

The man found it quite surprising back then!

She was not his first kept woman.