

Sweet Love 2171

Chapter 2171: Give her a slap.

After hearing some noise static, the man hung up the phone sans expression and sent out the address of their location to his cousin.

Half an hour later, the Songs arrived with their men in three vehicles.

In fact, they even went to the extent of using cars reserved for government officials.

Upon seeing another group of customers arriving at the entrance, the waitress whined inwardly and was about to refuse business when she found the approaching middle-aged man looking familiar. However, she was unable to recall his name immediately. After a momentary pause, she tried to reject them politely, "Sir, we are closed for the day..."

She was stopped by her supervisor without warning. Apparently, he recognized the man even if she did not!

Isn't he the mayor?! What is he doing here at this hour?

Just as Song Zhengguo stepped into the shop, he waved his hand at the few bodyguards standing behind him. His men immediately filed into the shop in an orderly manner, then proceeded to chase the workers, including the supervisor, out of the place like swatting away a bunch of flies.

The poor workers could only obey reluctantly. Their thin uniforms could hardly keep them warm in the sub-zero temperature outside the café. Everyone was shivering in the cold, but nobody dared to protest when they saw the official cars parked outside!

*D*mn it!*

Today is really unlucky to meet some troublesome folks! It's not easy running a business, and now, we have to fear for our lives...

They could only curse at their bad fortune!

When the coast was cleared, the mayor and his son brought the woman to the room. Once they opened the door, they saw their long-lost family member sitting at the table with a ghostly look on her face. She seemed to be reeling from a bad shock.

Jiang Qimeng was about to approach her daughter when she was stopped by her husband's outstretched hand.

"Stand aside!"

The mayor was already in a bad mood because his sleep had been disturbed, so when he saw his wife still trying to shield this willful daughter of theirs, it made his mood even worse.

The middle-aged man walked up to his daughter and halted right in front of her. Without calling her name, he grabbed her by the collar and sent a tight slap across her face!

A loud *PAK!* was reverberated in this small, confined room.

The missy slumped back onto the seat due to the hard slap. With her face numb from the pain, she sat up and lifted her head to look.

The young lady finally stopped her wailing after crying buckets for half a day!

Her mother was heartbroken to see her in such a pathetic state, but she dared not speak up. All she could do was watch from one side with a heart-wrenching expression.

Even though she stopped crying, the young lady still looked *dopey*. She showed no reaction or awareness that her family had entered the room! However, she could slowly feel her face burning from the harsh slap. With her vision blurring momentarily from the concussion, she crawled up from the seat. Finally, her vision was clear enough for her to recognize the man standing in front of her. Her father was the one who had slapped her earlier!

She dipped her head *groggily* and touched her burning cheek. Her lachrymal glands started to act up and tears began cascading down her face once more. Her eyes were burning from too much crying by then, but the pain could not be compared to the hurt she was experiencing inside...

Chapter 2172: How preposterous!

“What the hell happened, you disgraceful thing?!”

Song Zhengguo, who was thoroughly disappointed in his older daughter, could not help wishing to slap her a few more times in the face. That one slap had not been enough to vent his anger. Even though he found her sobbing look pitiful, his anger flared up when he recalled his wife telling him that their daughter had returned to the capital as an expectant mother.

How preposterous it was for a prestigious family’s missy to become an unwed mother?! Worse still, they had no idea who the father was!

He could not fathom what exactly this shameful daughter of his was thinking. She went missing for no rhyme or reason, then unexpectedly returned with a new life in her stomach.

Is she trying to drive me to an early death?!

Being a mayor, he had always been strict in educating his children and would bind them with all sorts of rules even though he lavished them with expensive things. If news about this matter were to leak, not only would people scold him and his family for spoiling societal morals, his position as a mayor would be detrimentally affected as well.

The re-election would be held in the coming year, and he had high chances of being re-elected as a mayor. How was he going to smooth this matter over now?!

Meanwhile, while Song Yunxi did not dare to butt in when his father was raging, his mother spoke out of concern for her piteous daughter upon seeing that the situation was getting out of hand. “Zhengguo, let’s just talk things out calmly—”

“Silence!”

Her husband was boiling in anger in the first place. Jiang Qimeng was just asking for a scolding from him when she brashly spoke out of nowhere.

The older man spun around on his feet and, not caring about the presence of outsiders, harshly chided, “Say another word, and I’ll teach you a lesson along with your daughter! How do you expect me to ‘talk things out calmly ‘ now?! If you didn’t spoil her so much and let her do whatever she pleased, would she be in this ridiculous situation?!”

Stung by those critical words, her eyes rimmed red instantaneously. She was already worried sick, yet receiving her husband’s censure in front of outsiders, she felt even more disgraced and embarrassed. The miserable woman covered her face with her hands and turned to face a corner.

Even though the son inwardly grumbled about his mother shooting her mouth off, he still felt sorry for her upon seeing her getting scolded by his father and immediately tried to coax her. “Mom, we’re in public right now! You, being a woman, should give dad some face and not speak out of place. Don’t interrupt him! Can’t we talk about it at home? By doing this, you’re only disgracing dad!”

Hearing that, the older woman could only swallow down her grievances and sorrow and give a weak nod in acquiescence. Her eyes, however, were moist.

The sight of her father going ballistic, meanwhile, frightened and terrified Song Enya into wailing even louder.

The young lady had always held her father in much awe and reverence. While he usually appeared gentle and warm, he was terrifying whenever he flew into a rage.

“Do you even have the right to be crying now?! Spill it; how did this child come about?! A young lady like you should be cherishing your chastity, yet now you’ve returned pregnant—you only know how to cry and act pitiful! What the hell have you been doing all this while?!”

The stern berating only made his daughter cry harder than ever.

Throughout, the politician did not spare Mu Yazhe a glance, and that got the latter sneering inwardly.

Song Zhengguo is quite a snob, huh?

To think that, when I was still at the helm of the Mu family, he’d always give me a warm greeting whenever we met, regardless of the important affairs he had on hand.

He has probably heard about my resignation and knows that I’m no longer the lofty family head of the Mus, so he thinks that he can just ignore my presence!

Chapter 2173: Proven Wrong

Mu Yazhe, being no pushover, naturally did not bother sparing the snotty politician any face. Right in front of everyone, he spoke in an extremely insulting tone. “This foolish daughter of yours stole my sperm from the Mu family’s sperm bank and underwent IVF procedure abroad to conceive my child!”

What the older couple heard got them widening their eyes in utter shock and disbelief. “What?!”

Song Yunxi stared wide-eyed at his sister.

What?!

Trust this lass to do such a thing!

The nerve she's got to steal Uncle Mu's sperms and flee abroad to undergo IVF procedure!

Is she out of her mind?

He belatedly recalled that a large sum had mysteriously disappeared from his bank account when his sister went missing. It was an eight-figure sum which his father had entrusted him to manage, and those funds were untouchable!

Surely, she didn't use it to do foolish acts, like bribing the sperm bank's management, stealing sperms, and going overseas to do artificial insemination?!

She must've been possessed!

The young man bit his bottom lip in anxiety. Since his father had not discovered anything about this and did not ask about the funds, he had not mentioned it to him and was even more afraid to break this news to him now. Should he reveal that the money had been misappropriated by his sister, his father would surely cripple her out of rage! There was a chance that she and the child in her stomach might lose their lives!

Just thinking about this was enough to make him break out in a cold sweat. He could not help worrying endlessly for his sister.

Meanwhile, Song Enya was sobbing away as she dumbly held her stinging cheek, hearing nothing at all with the continuous buzzing sound in one of her ears. All she could see, in her daze, was her father's increasingly sullen yet terrifying countenance.

"IVF procedure?!"

"Hah! She probably planned to conceive my child so that she could blackmail me into marrying her! Unfortunately, she was stupid enough to steal the wrong sperms and ended up conceiving Mu Yancheng's child, instead!" Using the harshest words, Mu Yazhe humiliated his niece as best as he could.

Upon hearing that, Song Zhengguo's body swayed as though he were about to fall over, and he very nearly lost his dignity. His expression was dark and filled with complex feelings as he balled up his fists and spat, "That's impossible!"

To maintain his dignity and reputation, he flatly denied the truth and spouted this in all confidence, "My daughter may do foolish acts at times, but she'll never do such a ridiculous thing!"

"Why don't you go home and ask her about it?"

The man continued sarcastically. "Even after knowing that I've stepped down from my post, she shamelessly came looking for me, acted all unreasonable, and daringly demanded that my wife gives up her position to her. She even wants me to marry her, return to the Mus, and continue helming the company. She claimed that she'll use the influence of her maiden family to support me. How ludicrous!"

“Brother Mu!” screeched the young lady, who could no longer bear to hear him go on, with hands covering her ears. Her eyes were brimmed with tears as she piteously begged, “Please stop... Don’t say anymore...”

Please have mercy on me and don’t drive me into a dead end!

“Fine. I won’t go on, but don’t pin the child on me. Even if the child is mine, I will never acknowledge it! I won’t acknowledge the child born by just any woman!”

These words indubitably stripped the last bit of Song Zhengguo’s face!

The chap was obviously insulting him at every chance he got!

Chapter 2174: Cannot go back...

After hearing what the younger man had icily said, Song Zhengguo sucked in a deep breath of cold air and, with nowhere to vent his anger, tried to keep his temper in check. He took a moment to study the younger man’s aloof expression as he did his best to swallow his indignation by slowly releasing his breath.

This chap was not one to lie.

Still...

He could hardly believe that his daughter, who was the apple of his eye, had the audacity to say such unfilial words!

Use the influence of her maiden family?

Support Mu Yazhe to reclaim the title as the Mu family’s head?

She’s even snubbed by him despite extending good will!

Even my reputation as a highly respected mayor has been tarnished alongside hers!

This daughter of his had grown up showered with love and affection, only to be blinded by the so-called love for her uncle—a man whom she should not be falling for at all.

She was so swept away by her immoral love that she would go all out to help him at the expense of her family. She was willing to make use of their influence to help the man stage his comeback.

The point was, did that person even care about receiving her help?

No.

It was not as if he had not arranged blind dates for her. With a status as lofty as hers, what sort of man could she not get?

However, she only had eyes for this iceberg!

Did this foolish daughter of his not realize that she was caught up in a fatal attraction, just like how a moth was attracted to a flame?

He wanted so much to give his daughter a fierce tongue-lashing for her to wake up from her fantasies and see clearly just how cruel the man she loved was toward her. The latter spared no consideration for her dignity and even humiliated her in front of so many people!

Right now, the fury within him was growing the more he thought about it. He really wanted to slap his daughter's face several times, but at the sight of her dismal yet despondent appearance and how she vacantly stared at her knees, he could not help but find her pitiful. He could not bear to see her in this state, and as such, the harsh words that came to his lips got swallowed back down.

"Forget it!"

In consideration of his manner and poise, the middle-aged man restrained his anger and displeasure, ordering with a wave of his hand, "Let's go home!"

Song Enya's eyes bulged wide, only to hear her father instructing her brother, "Yunxi, help your sister to the car and bring her home!"

The young missy burst into tears again upon hearing that.

Her father immediately scolded, "Why are you crying again?!"

"I'm too ashamed to go back..." She croaked miserably and despairingly with a shake of her head.

For the implementation of this plan, she had gambled everything of hers, exhausting all her strength and even sacrificing her family's interests, just for a chance to be with her beloved man even through an inglorious yet far-fetched reason.

All she wanted was to remain by his side, regardless of whether their affair was a secret or not!

Experiencing his cruelty firsthand, however, had made her give up on him!

She had truly and completely given up on him at this time!

Feeling indignant, she refused to give up her feelings for this man at first and tried to get closer to him time and again. Alas, only now did she realize that all her effort had been in vain!

She no longer harbored any illusions about him!

Like a moth which had flown straight into a fire and eventually burned itself into ashes, she, too, had gotten herself burned all over.

She had lost all face to return to her family!

She could not go back!

She could no longer go back to the past.

She could no longer go back to how she was with her Brother Mu and family...

Like a condemned sinner, she hated her ignorance and naivety!

Chapter 2175: I have something to discuss with you!

Jiang Qimeng was heartbroken to see her daughter mumbling nonstop to herself. Tears flowed from her eyes as she walked up to her daughter and hugged her. "I don't blame you at all! It's my fault... It's all my fault... If I didn't spoil you so much, you wouldn't turn out this way and commit such foolish acts... Spare the rod, spoil the child... It's not your fault when I didn't teach you well..."

It was purposely said for her husband to hear, and her reason for doing so was mainly to warn him not to pin all the blame on their daughter.

She was afraid that she would truly lose her daughter forever should the latter, who had been thoroughly scarred this time, receive any sort of stimulation which would upset her when she got home.

How could the mother be unable to tell the broken state her daughter was in at the moment?

The young lady was already on the brink of despondency and darkness. Any harsh words coming from her husband when they got back home might be the last straw to crush their daughter!

Thus, she deliberately hinted to her husband that, if he had not spoiled their daughter so much when she was younger, the lass would not have turned out to be so immature and insensible!

Song Zhengguo's face turned red in shame and muttered something under his breath, but he no longer said any harsh words.

"What foolish things are you saying?! Where else can you go? You're going home with us!"

Pausing for a bit, he let out a long, helpless sigh and said, "I no longer blame you!"

As he spoke, he lightly patted his daughter's head with his big hand in a move to coax her.

Instantly, Song Enya burst into wailing sobs...

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After his son and his wife helped his daughter into the car which was parked in front of this café, Song Zhengguo settled the bill and politely offered his thanks and apologies to the servers working there.

Meanwhile, Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi were about to take their leave when the politician suddenly called out to him.

"Yazhe!"

He turned around, only to see the other regarding him with a solemn look before saying, "I have something to discuss with you!"

As he spoke, he stole a glance at the young chap's wife.

With curled lips, the man turned toward his wife and said, "Go ahead and wait for me in the car, alright?"

"Okay! I'll do that."

The woman took the car key from him and got in the car alone.

As such, the two men got in another car with Mu Yazhe's expression turning chilly as soon as the doors were closed.

Without even thinking, he knew what the other wanted to say to him behind closed doors!

As the saying went, one should not wash their dirty linen in public. Song Zhengguo, this sanctimonious yet crafty, old fogey, surely wanted to talk terms with him in exchange for his silence on the matter!

The politician studied the young chap in silent astonishment.

The former was very much shocked to receive news of the latter's resignation from his post the previous night!

It happened so suddenly!

What was more astonishing and baffling was that this young man, who had always been two-faced and ambitious, would actually give up the coveted position!

He simply could not understand his reason for doing so.

At this moment, however, the man in front of him was leaning lazily and idly against the window with a stern look. Even though he was no longer the glorious family head, it did nothing to diminish the kingly aura around him.

The older man said, "I heard that you'd stepped down from the position as family head—"

"You've heard about it?" Mu Yazhe sneered. "Surely, there's no need for small talk between us. Since you've already heard about it, you naturally have your means to obtain confirmation about that piece of news!"

Chapter 2176: Do not wash your dirty linen in public.

The politician probably already had firsthand news about his resignation as the Mu family's head, but what he could not find out was...

Even if he had left the Mus, it was only temporary!

Song Zhengguo froze for a moment. However, since Mu Yazhe had shed any pretense of cordiality first, he decided to forgo the small talk and cut to the chase. "What happened to my daughter was all thanks to you! I'm a reasonable person, though. She only has herself to blame for landing in such a situation! On the account of you being cousins with my wife, I shall let this matter drop!"

In other words, he was saying that, since this young chap and his daughter each bore half the responsibility of this matter and seeing that the former was now down-and-out after leaving the Mus, he would take no actions against him for old time's sake!

How pompously said!

The young man did not fall for it, though.

He sneered. "Don't think that I've become a pathetic creature that can be trampled on by anyone just because I'm no longer the family head. Having led the company for this long, the influence I got is far more than that bit of power from the Mus. The reason I could easily give up everything after coming this far is that I don't give a d*mn about those things! Putting it bluntly, I don't need you to deliberately show mercy on me. Here's a piece of advice: Don't label yourself as someone so high and mighty. I'm not the one responsible for the way your daughter turned out! To be completely frank, your daughter is causing me a lot of trouble. I used to find her friendly and obedient when she's much younger, but now, I'm only disgusted by her!"

His words gave the older man a wake-up call.

Indeed!

Even though Mu Yazhe was no longer the family head, he was no pitiful creature that would allow itself to be trampled on!

After all, he had made plenty of enemies while he was in that position. Without absolute confidence, he would never abdicate his position and allow himself to be trapped in a passive situation!

This could only mean that he still had a few trump cards in his hands which he had not yet played!

At the thought of this, Song Zhengguo finally reined his arrogant attitude a little.

He nodded smilingly. "Alright! It's my fault for being too harsh and critical!"

Looking all arrogant, the young man only snorted in response.

Seeing that, the politician could not help but be glad that he had two nostrils to breathe from, or else he would be so angered by this chap that he would suffer asphyxia!

As he gritted his teeth in anger and tried to exercise forbearance, he put forth a request. "Yazhe, there's something that you must promise me; no matter what trouble Enya has caused to you, I'll be sure to keep a close eye on her from now on and forbid her from doing any more foolish acts, but one shouldn't wash their dirty linen in public. I hope that you'll keep her premarital pregnancy through IVF procedure a secret until I come up with a plan."

"Oh?"

He had long foreseen that the older man would make this request.

Song Zhengguo was a person who loved his clean reputation. Furthermore, what his daughter had done was indubitably a disgrace to the family. Should Old Master Song be alerted of this matter, he would surely chase his granddaughter out of the family in a fit of rage!

The elderly one was a rigid and stern individual with a righteous character. While he no longer had the energy to bother with the tricks his descendants were up to, he would not sit idly by and watch any of them tarnish their family name!

Chapter 2177: Extremely Two-faced

Although Song Zhengguo did give Song Enya a harsh scolding, deep down, he still worried about his daughter's reputation.

Perhaps he was thinking more about his own!

"You want me to keep this a secret?"

He nodded his head guiltily.

"Sure, but I've got one condition!"

"Condition?"

Despite hearing that, a happy expression graced the older man's face.

It was naturally a good thing that this young chap was willing to raise a condition. He had been afraid that the latter would be resolute and not leave any room for discussion.

Raising a condition meant that there was a chance for negotiation.

"Alright! Say it. What is your condition?"

"It is a must to give hush money when asking someone to keep a secret, isn't it? How about ten million?"

Mu Yazhe could always think of the most extreme way to degrade someone.

Song Zhengguo was degraded in an instant to the point that his eyes almost popped!

Ten million?!

Where am I going to find so much money?!

Although he was in a high position and had trusted businesses around him, he was not allowed to have any property under his name. There were family members who would take resources from him to invest as well. He really did not know where he could get ten million on such short notice!

Although he was not as uncorrupted as people had praised him for, he was not rotten to the point where he could fork out that much money either.

"So much?!" He sighed, distressed.

"Can't give me?"

Mu Yazhe merely smiled, clearly knowing that the older man would be unable to give him that amount.

"There's no harm! If you can't hand over ten million, you can give me something else."

"What do you mean?"

"I heard that the piece of land at Xin Cheng will be put up for bidding by you soon!"

Song Zhengguo was taken aback the moment the young chap said those words.

Where did he hear about this highly confidential information?!

Amid his shock, he could hear him requesting greedily, "You should have the power to decide on who will get the rights over that land before the bidding. I want it!"

"Not possible!" He turned him down instantly.

That parcel of land in Xin Cheng was going to be used to build the country's five-star holiday resort. Once this resort was completed, it would be a project with significant profits. Indeed, he did have the power to decide who would own this land. Although no funds had been put in that project currently, it would be worth several hundred million once the bidding began!

That would not be worth just ten million!

Directly asking him for that land? Mu Yazhe was undoubtedly trying to cut off a piece of his meat!

He gritted his teeth and scrutinized the man before him as if he were the devil. He then rejected him resolutely. "I can't let you have that land. Give me a month to gather ten million for you."

"One month? I can't wait that long. Either give me ten million now or forsake that land to me! Otherwise, don't blame me for being merciless."

The man smiled deeply. "Did you think that I wouldn't know if you didn't say it? I still have my hands on some things which you may be interested in, but if you are willing to forsake that land, I can give you some face."

Some things he may be interested in?!

Song Zhengguo stood frozen to the spot.

They could not be proof of those... unspeakable deeds of his, could they?!

The moment he thought about that, he began to feel restless!

This lad...

Why was he so scheming?!

He had actually managed to get hold of proof of his wrongdoings, and he was holding onto them so tightly too! Was this not the biggest bargaining chip he had?!

He was extremely two-faced.

Chapter 2178: Unimaginable Ambition

"Heh! I knew you'd reject me! Forget it; the deal is off!"

Mu Yazhe suddenly continued. "Although I'm no longer the Mu family's head, I still possess Huanyu's shares. It's no problem for me to produce a string of posts overnight. The mayor's unmarried daughter, disobeying ethics, got herself pregnant. Do you think this headline is explosive enough?"

Those few words were enough to make Song Zhengguo shudder in fright.

The young chap let out an evil smile and got up.

He held him back immediately. "You can't do that! Can you really bear to destroy Enya like that?"

"Why can't I?" retorted the other unaffectedly.

His eyes twitched harshly as he took in the young man's insolent and contemptuous expression. Just as he was about to explode in anger, he turned and glanced at his disappointing daughter, who was seated in the car beside them. Only then did he manage to rein in his unhappiness as he patiently questioned, "When do you want the money?"

"Tomorrow."

"It's too rushed. I might be unable to get it on time!"

Mu Yazhe smiled icily. "There's a limit to my patience. I'll give you three days. Either give me ten million or put the rights to that land under my name."

With that, he slapped the older man's hand away expressionlessly and swiftly detached himself from the car.

Song Zhengguo gritted his teeth in anger. He felt as if he had been cut open by the chap until he was bleeding. In just a few minutes, a piece of land which was worth hundreds of millions landed in that rascal's palm. How could he not be furious?!

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On their way home, Yun Shishi inquired to her husband why Song Zhengguo had asked a private conversation with him. Mu Yazhe relayed their entire talk to her.

The woman was then so shocked her mouth hung agape.

"Isn't this blackmail?!" she spat, completely flabbergasted.

The man shoved a false argument down her throat. "That land was obtained based on my capability. It had nothing to do with blackmail!"

She stuck out her tongue. *Like hell that wasn't blackmail!*

However, Mu Yazhe was indeed capable to have aimed at Song Zhengguo's weak spot. If Song Enya's pregnancy were to get out, it would have a huge impact on the older man's prospects in the political arena.

On one hand, it was a project worth hundreds of million; on the other hand, it was his career over a decade in line. The older man naturally knew how to weigh the pros and cons, so he decided to make this compromise.

Although this was just a small compromise, this deal was a huge loss to him!

In the end, it did not matter if he gave the young chap ten million or that piece of land as it was all about resolving a desperate situation then.

Right now, the Shengyu Financial Group's funding was tight. Without any capital to invest, many projects had to be stopped. Their financial loss was incremental by the second.

Perhaps Mu Yazhe still did not hold this deficit with much regard, but if it continued to be at a standstill, their financial loss would only get bigger.

This was why he did not stop Song Enya when she underwent the IVF procedure overseas. It was so he could have a trick up his sleeve when he needed it.

The corners of Yun Shishi's lips twitched.

This man was a lot more two-faced than she imagined.

Long before, he had actually already readied some countermeasures for any future predicaments.

She could only say that his ambition was unimaginable!

Song Zhengguo was probably suffering from pent-up frustration on his way back right now.

While he hated how disappointing Song Enya was, he also resented how greedy Mu Yazhe was. He was probably about to suffer from a heart attack, was he not?!

Chapter 2179: You are not allowed to mention that scoundrel's name again.

Yun Shishi found it rather amusing. She did not expect that all that back and forth would let him obtain some benefits. This man was truly mean at times!

When he wanted to spoil someone, he would really spoil them to no end, but when he decided to be ruthless in ensnaring someone, she was afraid that they would fall so deep there would not be any temper left in them!

On the other side of things, Song Yunxi kept his head lowered as he tactfully kept quiet in the passenger seat.

In the back seat, Jiang Qimeng was hugging Song Enya dotingly, appeasing her by soothing her back, while at the side, Song Zhengguo's face was ashen from anger. He stared forward fixedly with a malevolent gaze, his imposing manner hinted of an approaching storm. The short tranquility in the car felt more like the calm before a storm.

The middle-aged woman carefully examined her husband's face from the side. In reality, she wanted to find out what the two had talked about, but his face had been ugly from beginning until now, so she could not find the courage to ask him about it.

However, she could no longer take it after keeping silent for so long. After much consideration, she asked cautiously, "Earlier... what did you talk with Yazhe about—"

"You're not allowed to mention that scoundrel's name from now on!" He interrupted her with a thunderous roar of anger.

She was taken aback by his terrifying tone. Widening her eyes at him, she could not fathom where his fury was coming from. Nonetheless, she tactfully kept quiet, afraid of asking him further upon seeing how angry he was.

Her not asking did not mean that he would not say anything, though!

He was full of anger, but he could not find a place to vent it out. Naturally, her question gave him a chance to unleash his fury. He turned around abruptly with a flushed face, glaring at her fixedly as he roared furiously, "That good cousin of yours sure had the audacity! I tried to reason with him in every way possible, hoping that he would help keep Enya's matter a secret for the sake of our families' long-standing relationship, but guess what he said?"

She shook her head blankly and asked in bafflement, "What did he say?"

The mention of Mu Yazhe brought back some vitality to the nonplussed Song Enya as some focus returned to her empty eyes. Song Yunxi's ears also tuned in on their conversation out of curiosity.

"He said he's willing to help keep the secret but only in exchange for some hush money!"

Immediately after her husband finished speaking, Jiang Qimeng shook her head in disbelief. "That's impossible! He... isn't that kind of person!"

"Ha! You've underestimated him! Now that he is no longer the Mu family's head and has left behind a huge responsibility, how is he any different from rubbish? But thanks to your disappointing daughter, we've let him improvise! What did he say? He said that I must give him ten million, or he'll make use of all the media accounts under him to publish this matter! Ha! He sure knows how to play a good game! I have to give him the money no matter what, yet he actually said ten million! Don't you think that chap went over the top with his greediness?!"

With that, Song Zhengguo questioned her lividly, "Where do you want me to find ten million for him?! Ten million! This rascal is adamant on forcing me to the end of my wits!"

Chapter 2180: He could not afford to lose.

"How can we find ten million in such a short time?!" mumbled Jiang Qimeng anxiously while feeling utterly disappointed with Mu Yazhe!

That rascal actually dared to raise such a shocking request?!

Ten million!

Even Song Yunxi was flabbergasted!

Meanwhile, Song Enya shuddered in fear when she heard this.

Why did Brother Mu become so ruthless suddenly?

Could it be that he really refused to give any more leeway for her? Ten million...

She suddenly caught her breath.

She had once secretly taken that sum from the bank account her older brother was safeguarding before she went overseas. That amount still left a big, empty hole in the account. If she had not done such a foolish thing, they would have still been able to fork out the ten million.

However, if it had not been for her throwing everything into one stake, which gave that man an opportunity to strike, the Songs would not have ended up in such a passive state.

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Did her dad know about this?

Her face paled terribly in an instant. She was worried that, if her father found out that it was her who had moved the funds and had lost everything all because of her test-tube baby, he might really strangle her to death out of rage!

When she thought about this, she began to tremble in fear!

Jiang Qimeng was focused on the matter at hand that she did not notice her daughter's abnormal behavior, consoling her husband, "Zhengguo, don't worry; I will have a talk with him later! He won't be so ruthless for the sake of our sibling relationship!"

"Forget it!"

Song Zhengguo scoffed in disdain. "He has nothing now. What can you talk about with him?! Sibling relationship? I think that rascal has already been possessed by the devil. He refused to be the family head and gave up on everything just because of a woman! Now, you are still looking forward to him acknowledging you as his sister?! He no longer acknowledges anyone related to him. You will only fall for his trap if you talk to him!"

He paused for a moment before letting out a cold huff as his eyes turned gloomy. "It is not a must to give that ten million, but his other condition is for me to give him that prime land for free through the power I have!"

Hearing this, Song Yunxi asked frantically, "Is it the piece of land in Xin Cheng?"

However, he kept quiet the moment he saw Song Zhengguo's vicious expression.

His heart stuttered at that. Seeing how his father did not correct him instantly, he believed that Mu Yazhe must have made such a request.

Song Enya's tears began to spill in an instant. She knew well enough that, if her father gave that piece of land to Brother Mu for free, it would not be worth only ten million.

That parcel of land was priceless. It was inevitably clear that it would bring in spectacular monetary benefits. Also, the competitive project's impact on her father's status was hard to measure!

If the bidding process was successful, it was hard to imagine how much support her father could get in the political circle.

"Dad, you can't possibly be giving him that piece of land, can you?!" asked Song Yunxi worriedly.

"What else can I do?! Do you want to witness our family being dragged in the mud by that rascal over this scandal?! I can't afford to lose that much dignity. The Songs can't afford to handle that amount of disgrace. Your grandfather is old; we can't afford to lose him!"

Mu Yazhe really knew how to grasp a crucial part of a person.

Song Zhengguo really could not afford to lose in this matter.