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Chapter 581 I Have A Stipulation

During the drive back, Ouyang Duo's expression remained as dark as thunder. He initially planned to go to the Nan residence to feel the Nan family out and put some pressure on them, but he ended up being disparaged by Nan Chen until he slinked away with his tail tucked between his legs and didn't even get to eat a single bite of the meal.

Aware that her father was in a foul mood, Ouyang Qing didn't dare utter a single word. Unfortunately, Ouyang Qi couldn't help urging, "Let's find a place to have some food! I'm starving!"

"All you know is to eat! How did I raise such a fool like you?" The wrath within Ouyang Duo instantly burst forth. "I'm just hungry. Regardless of whether one is foolish or smart, he'll require sustenance. There's no correlation between the two," Ouyang Qi muttered.

"I told you to deal with the woman dating Nan Chen. Why haven't you made a move yet? Also, I froze his bank card, no? Which of you is giving him money?" Ouyang Duo roared.

No one dared to make a single sound.

"That's enough. Stop tearing into me. Why are you venting your anger on me when you yourself aren't Nan Chen's match? Ding Mi is just an insignificant character. Why must you keep targeting her? Do you think Nan Chen is going to change his mind and marry Qing after you kill her? That's obviously not happening, so why do such a despicable thing?"

Ouyang Qi was likewise chagrined to the core. His bank card had been frozen recently, so he had been seething over the fact that he couldn't simply spend money for his enjoyment.

He was usually blithe and insouciant, but he had hit the nail right on the head then. Previously, he was ordered to think of a way to sabotage Ning Ran so that the Nan family wouldn't accept her. Consequently, Nan Chen wouldn't be able to marry her.

Accordingly, Ouyang Qing would then stand a chance. At present, however, Ouyang Qing had already ruined everything and couldn't possibly get together with the man anymore.

Hence, it wouldn't do the Ouyang family any good, even if they were to get rid of Ning Ran. As such, Ouyang Qi's remark at that moment was right on point—Ning Ran was just an inconsequential figure, so there was no longer any need to target her.

“If you manage to win her over, it’ll be a humiliation to Nan Chen! The Nan family humiliated me, so I want to pay them back for it! Ask her out tomorrow. No matter what method you use, you must make her your woman! Nan Chen regards her highly, huh? Bed her, and we’ll see whether he can still remain calm and unruffled!” Ouyang Duo bellowed.

“Is this necessary, Dad?” Ouyang Qi exclaimed.

“It’s necessary because I said so! If you don’t do it, get out of my sight! Go far away instead of making a fool of yourself in Flower City!” Ouyang Duo barked.

“Exactly! Destroy that b*tch’s reputation and humiliate Nan Chen! Besides, have the whole world know that Nan Chen’s woman cheated on him!” Surprisingly, Ouyang Qing seconded that idea as well.

Their repeated failures and inability to garner any benefit while sabotaging the Nan family in the past few days had the maliciousness within them surging out. They were then a tad out of their minds.

“I’m never going to do such a despicable thing. Fair competition is fine, but I’m not going to use any disgraceful means on her,” Ouyang Qi asserted.

Upon hearing that, Ouyang Duo grew all the more livid. “Stop pretending to be a saint! Do you really not know the kind of person you are? You must bed Nan Chen’s woman tomorrow and push him to the brink of insanity so that he’ll make a mistake! I’m not going to give up just like this after having plotted and waited for so many years!”

Feng Jialing, who had been keeping mum, finally couldn’t stay silent anymore. “You don’t have to be in such a hurry, do you? The Nan family is no easy prey, and there’s still plenty of time in the future. Lunar New Year is around the corner, so just table things until after the celebration passes. Why must you be so frantic?”

However, Ouyang Duo was at the height of fury then, so everything fell on deaf ears. “Shut up! Just do as I said!”

Meanwhile, Erbao got out of the car. She refused to have Ning Ran carry her but walked into the house by herself.

In truth, she was still very weak, but she wanted to feign robustness so as not to worry her great-grandparents.

“Great-Grandpa, Great-Grandma, I’m here!”

Undeniably, her voice wasn’t as resounding as before, and it was because of her physical condition.

"My precious great-granddaughter is here! I've got to take a good look at her!" Feng Wan hurriedly went over to her.

"I've missed you, Great-Grandma!"

Although Erbao was ill, she remained as honey-mouthed as ever. Feng Wan's eyes turned red-rimmed once more. "How are you feeling, sweetheart? Are you experiencing any discomfort?"

"I'm fine, so don't worry, Great-Grandma!" "What would you like to eat? I'll have someone make it for you. If it can't be made at home, I'll buy it for you!"

While Erbao still hadn't much appetite, she randomly named a few dishes in order to make her great-grandmother happy. Feng Wan quickly ordered someone to prepare the dishes before announcing that they could all eat.

"Whoa! It's finally time to eat! We weren't allowed to eat before you guys arrived," Nan Xing teased while smirking. At his remark, embarrassment flooded Ning Ran. "Sorry about that."

"No apologies needed. It must have been difficult for you to take care of Erbao, so hurry up and sit down to eat." Ever since the Ouyang family revealed their true colors, Feng Wan's attitude toward Ning Ran had improved considerably.

She hadn't despised Ning Ran in the first place, merely feeling that women in the entertainment industry were unquestionably more complicated.

If one were to choose a granddaughter-in-law between an actress and a wealthy heiress, anyone would show a preference for the latter. That was nothing out of the ordinary.

Subsequently, they started eating. Actually, Ning Ran and the two children were already eating when she was told to come over.

But since they were there, she still had to eat some for courtesy's sake.

"Lunar New Year is coming soon. I'm overjoyed this year because we have Dabao and Erbao with us! I've been contemplating a gift for them for the past two days in conjunction with Lunar New Year," Nan Zhengde commented with a smile.

"Just give them a monetary gift. While you're at it, give me one as well!" Nan Xing suggested, grinning from ear to ear.

"It's okay, Grandpa. They don't lack anything. In fact, we should be giving you a gift. What would you like? We'll prepare it in advance," Nan Chen interjected.

“No, a gift is indispensable. It must have been difficult for them while being out there during the past few years. Now that they’re home, I naturally have to give them a gift for Lunar New Year. Nan Xing is right. After giving it some thought, I think a monetary gift is the best. Hence, after discussing it, your grandmother and I decided that I’ll give ten percent of the shares under my name to Dabao while your grandmother will give ten percent of the shares under her name to Erbao as a gift for Lunar New Year!”

The instant those words fell, everyone was stunned.

Nanshi Corporation was a mega-corporation. No one had ever calculated how much exactly ten percent of the shares under Nan Zhengde’s name were worth, but they were certainly in the billions.

If they were given to an adult, he or she could even be a major shareholder of Nanshi Corporation with those shares.

“No, Grandpa. They’re still kids, so how could you do that?” Nan Chen objected at once.

“I agree. They’re still young, so they can’t accept such an exorbitant gift,” Ning Ran echoed.

“Listen to me first. Your grandmother and I are in our twilight years, so it doesn’t make much sense for us to hold on to those shares. However, I haven’t yet made up my mind about their distribution if I were to hand them out. Furthermore, it would also affect the power balance in Nanshi Corporation. As such, I haven’t figured out a solution yet. But I now have great-grandchildren. They’re of the Nan family and are the hope of the family in the future, so I naturally want them to be part of the family officially. Only when they have some shares in hand will they have a say in the Nan family. However, I have a stipulation,” Nan Zhengde stated.

No one said anything, for they were all wondering about the kind of stipulation attached when he was gifting away so many shares.

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Chapter 582 There Was Nothing She Could Do

Actually, the most apprehensive person then was none other than Ning Ran. After all, Nan Zhengde said that he was overjoyed that year because the Nan family had expanded with an additional two members.

It was two, not three. That was to say; he hadn’t regarded her as part of the Nan family thus far. She wasn’t disappointed about that because she wasn’t part of the Nan family in the first place.

The outside world loved to say that she was good at climbing into beds, having bedded the right person, and giving birth to children of the Nan family, thus enjoying a higher status thanks to her children.

However, she had never thought of it that way. Never had she felt that she could gain a foothold among the so-called elite classes just because she had given birth to children of the Nan family.

On the contrary, she was worried that she would be dragged into the internal strife of wealthy families for that exact reason.

Her mother's death enlightened her to a truth—having money wasn't necessarily a good thing. The more money one had, the greater the risk one had to shoulder.

That principle had always held true because there were few affluent individuals in this world, with twenty percent of the people in possession of eighty percent of the global wealth.

For that reason, rich people were often the target of attacks, just like her mother.

She often thought that perhaps her mother wouldn't have died so prematurely if she were an ordinary white-collared employee instead of a company owner.

She could have gone to work every day and helped Ning Ran look after her children upon retiring. That would have been a blissful life.

They could have still been happy without so much money.

Alas, Ning Ran no longer had the opportunity to experience that, nor would she ever have it again.

Therefore, her understanding of money was vastly different from many others. She had experienced poverty and realized the importance of money.

Nonetheless, she didn't harbor much desire for money. In fact, she even had a fear of having too much money.

Hence, she was stricken with terror right then.

She knew that the stipulation Nan Zhengde proposed must have something to do with the children or with her.

What if he proposes that I give the children to the Nan family? Then, I'll have to hand over their custody as well. How am I to make a choice? Ask the children to give up those shares? I don't have the right to do so. The Nan family is their root at the end of the day, and those shares also signify that they're destined to be in the top twenty

percent of this society. Some people can't get into those ranks even after toiling for a few generations, but they've been given that privilege for nothing. What right do I have to deprive them of their rightful inheritance?

She bit her lip and forced herself to calm down slightly.

"Everyone is listening, Darling. Just say it if there's anything you'd like to say," Feng Wan urged beside him.

Ning Ran could feel her palms perspiring relentlessly.

"I want them to return to their roots and register their names under the Nan family's household register, changing their family names to Nan. As for their names, I think they can remain as they are. What do you all think?"

Despite saying "you all," Nan Zhengde was looking right at Ning Ran.

Unbidden, Ning Ran's eyes turned red-rimmed all of a sudden.

Logically speaking, she should be happy that the children were returning to their roots and becoming part of the Nan family officially. After all, the Nan family was indeed a towering tree that could shield them from storms and gales.

However, a sense of loss inundated her at that moment. Once the children's names are registered under the Nan family's household register, does that also mean that their custody belongs to the Nan family? And so, I don't matter anymore?

"Don't cry, Mommy!" Erbao noticed that her mother was on the verge of tears.

"Mommy, we won't do it if you object. Don't cry," Dabao coaxed immediately.

Choking, Ning Ran lifted her head and looked at the light fixtures above as though to prevent her tears from escaping her eyes.

"You can think about it first before giving me an answer," Nan Zhengde murmured kindly.

"Grandpa, let's table this matter until I've discussed it with Ning Ran. The children are still young, so there's really no rush for them to have the shares," Nan Chen interjected.

He understood Ning Ran's thoughts, and he could also comprehend her fear of losing the children.

"Ning Ran is worried that she'll lose custody of the children after they are registered under the Nan family's household register and fear that the Nan family will even forbid

her from visiting them. It's inevitable that she's reluctant to part with them after having raised them thus far," Nan Xing elucidated bluntly.

"That won't happen."

After saying that, Nan Zhengde turned his gaze to Ning Ran and continued, "If you really think so, I think your worry is unnecessary. I've asked the lawyer, and the children's household register won't affect their custody. Besides, we have no intention of fighting you for their custody. Therefore, you can actually rest easy in terms of that. As for their family name, they're Nan Chen's children, so it's only natural that they take his family name. Nothing will be affected by them changing their family name."

He wore a smile on his face while explaining it all.

Truth be told, it was already a great compromise for Ning Ran. Considering the Nan family's status, what could she do if Nan Zhengde was adamant about changing the children's family name and fighting her for their custody? There was nothing she could do.

"I agree." Ning Ran nodded in assent.

"You don't have to agree in such a hurry, Ning Ran. We can discuss this further," Nan Xing advised at the side, worried that she was putting herself through heartache.

"He's right. There's no rush, and we can still discuss it before making a decision," Nan Chen echoed.

"This is for the children's good, so I have no right to hamper it. I agree. Truly, I have no objections." By then, Ning Ran had already calmed down completely.

Nan Zhengde and Feng Wan exchanged a look, both very much gratified at her sensible decision.

"In that case, I'll have the lawyer draw up the share transfer agreement tomorrow. However, this matter will be kept private for the time being. Those are my personal shares, so there's no need to notify the board of directors. Thus, this matter will only be known to the few of us here," Nan Zhengde declared.

Everyone nodded in acknowledgment.

"Also, the children are still young now and lack the capability for civil conduct. As such, their shares will be handed over to a third party to manage until they are of age, during which their guardian aren't allowed to manage the shares on their behalf. Even Nan Chen isn't allowed to do so," Nan Zhengde added.

Even Nan Chen wasn't allowed to do so, much less Ning Ran.

Hence, those shares would remain under the two children's names for many years to come until they reached a certain age and had the capacity for civil conduct. Then, they would be able to manage those shares themselves.

That also guaranteed that Dabao and Erbao would always be major shareholders in Nanshi Corporation no matter the changes in the company.

Despite their age, they would still be major shareholders, so others would have no choice but to submit to them.

"However, their guardian has the right to manage the dividends and other income generated from those shares," Nan Zhengde continued.

Nanshi Corporation generated high profits, so the major shareholders obtained a pretty penny in dividends every year. In other words, Erbao and Dabao's guardian would also have a king's ransom annually.

Of course, there would only be dividends if the company was doing well.

"Whatever you say, Grandpa. I have no objections," Nan Chen stated.

"I have no objections either," Ning Ran murmured.

When it came to such a matter, it would be of no use even if she had any objections, for it was merely a formality.

"Okay, it's decided then! That will be my Lunar New Year's gift to my two great-grandchildren!" Nan Zhengde was delirious with joy.

After listening for such a long time, Dabao understood a thing or two, but Erbao was at a complete loss.

"Grandpa, what Lunar New Year gift did you give me exactly? And when can I see it?" Erbao inquired with puzzlement written all over her face.

Upon hearing that, everyone burst into laughter. They forgot all about the incident with Ouyang Duo earlier, chatting and laughing as they ate.

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Chapter 583 Unheard Of

During the drive back to Red Maple City, Ning Ran cast her gaze out the window and said nothing at all. Honestly speaking, she still couldn't accept the fact that her two children were going to register their names under the Nan family's household register.

She couldn't quite tell whether she was happy or sad or beleaguered by other emotions, but she didn't feel like talking. All she wanted to do was to keep silent.

When they arrived at the villa in Red Maple City, she helped to bathe the children. After tucking them into bed, she lay down as well. She was still worried about Erbao after lying in bed for a while, so she went to the nursery to carry Erbao to her room to sleep with her.

Surprisingly, Erbao wasn't asleep either. Instead, she was counting sheep. Others counted inwardly to make themselves sleepy, but she counted aloud.

Good Lord! She's really exasperating and amusing! This method is unheard of. How could she possibly fall asleep by doing this? Instead, she'll only tire herself out! "How about sleeping with me tonight, Darling?"

"It's okay, Mommy. I can manage on my own," Erbao unexpectedly declined. Ning Ran was exceedingly surprised at her refusal. "Why don't you want to sleep with me?"

"I'm thinking about something," Erbao admitted solemnly.

Ning Ran was initially down in the dumps, but she instantly perked up at her daughter's somber expression. "You're thinking about something?"

At once, Erbao pouted. "Are you looking down on me, Mommy? Why can't I think about things? I often do so."

"Okay, okay. Indeed, you're no longer a three-year-old kid and know a lot now. Then, do you mind telling me what you're thinking about?"

"It's a secret, so I can't tell you. It's my personal matter," Erbao replied seriously.

"Whoa! My darling has her personal matter now. But I'm not an outsider. Instead, I'm your best friend. You should share your secret with your best friend," Ning Ran teased.

"We're best friends, Mommy?" Erbao stared at her.

"Of course! We've always been best friends, no doubt!" Ning Ran exclaimed with a grin.

"Okay. I'll tell you then, Mommy. I'm thinking about whether I should change my family name and register myself under a different household registry. I asked Dabao, and he told me it meant we'll both be part of Daddy's family. I can't bear to part with you, Mommy. But at the same time, I don't want to disappoint Daddy. So, I'm wondering what I should do."

Erbao wore a somber expression on her face.

When Ning Ran heard that, her heart clenched slightly. It turns out she's thinking about that matter!

"Darling, even if your name is registered under the Nan family's household register, you'll still be my dearest daughter. That will never change. Therefore, you don't have to worry so much."

Erbao shook her head, looking all bogged down by anxiety. "I don't think so. Well, unless you register your name under the Nan family's household register as well, Mommy."

Ning Ran was stunned for a moment before she forced a smile and murmured, "My family name isn't Nan."

"Dabao told me that you can also register your name under the Nan family's household register if you marry Daddy."

After beating around the bush for an eternity, Erbao still circled back to that issue in the end.

Ning Ran understood her feelings, for all children hoped that their parents would be together.

Alas, that matter was relatively complicated. She couldn't just marry Nan Chen just like that.

While our relationship has improved, we're still far from getting married. What's more, he even has the Nan family behind him. The Nan family will definitely be extra cautious in choosing a granddaughter-in-law, thinking twice before deciding on the person. If he doesn't propose it himself, I'll never mention it. And even if he does bring it up, I'll still need to consider it. Marrying into the Nan family is the dream of many ladies, but not me. After all, I know my place. Even if I were to marry him, it would have to be a matter of course. I'll only consider it if he insists. Considering my background and achievements, the gap between the Nan family and me is simply too vast. The failure of Ouyang Qing, a wealthy heiress, to marry into the Nan family even after going to extreme lengths is the best example.

"What are you thinking about, Mommy?" Erbao's voice snapped Ning Ran back to reality.

"Marriage is a complicated matter. You're still young, so you can't understand it fully, Erbao. However, both your daddy and I love you and your brother. No matter which household register your name is registered under, we'll love you the same. It wouldn't change in the slightest," Ning Ran assured while stroking her head.

"Really?"

"Of course! I promise." Ning Ran nodded.

"Okay! I trust you, Mommy!" Erbao's mood finally lifted.

"So, are you sleeping alone or with me?"

"I can sleep alone, for I'm a brave girl! Oh yes, Mommy, why aren't you sleeping with Daddy?" Erbao tossed out another difficult question.

"I haven't been sleeping well recently, so I want to sleep alone," Ning Ran fibbed.

"All right, then. You've helped me figure out the answer to the matter I was thinking about, so I can now sleep peacefully, Mommy," Erbao remarked smilingly.

"All right, then. Good night, Darling."

"Good night, Mommy."

After returning to her room, Ning Ran couldn't sleep as she pondered upon Erbao's words.

She dozed off at long last, but she then had a nightmare.

She dreamed that the Nan family hid Dabao and Erbao, so she couldn't see them anymore.

Jolting awake with tears streaming down her face, she breathed a sigh of relief that it was merely a dream.

Consequently, she brooded over many things and only fell asleep when it was almost dawn.

Unsurprisingly, she overslept this time. It was already nine o'clock in the morning when she woke up.

She got out of bed and washed up, only to discover that Nan Chen hadn't gone to work yet.

"Morning. Are you not working today?" Ning Ran queried with the toothbrush in her mouth.

"I'm bringing the kids out to settle the household register issue later," Nan Chen replied.

Astonishment swamped Ning Ran. He could've just ordered Qiao Zhan or Jiang Zhe to handle such a trivial matter. Why would he do it personally?

“Are you that impatient to snatch the kids away from me that you’re going personally, worried that your subordinate can’t handle such an insignificant matter well?” Ning Ran huffed.

“So, this is your thought on this matter?” Nan Chen was a touch surprised that she would utter such a comment.

“What do you think my thoughts should be?”

“If you have reservations, you should’ve said so to Grandpa last night. Why did you agree back then yet contend with me now?”

“Does it make a difference if I object? It won’t make any difference, right?”

“Of course, it makes a difference. This matter isn’t urgent, so we can still take our time about it.”

“Why are you doing it personally if it isn’t urgent?”

“You’re being unreasonable. Is there a problem that I’m personally handling something related to my son and daughter?” Nan Chen grew chagrined as well.

“Daddy, what are you two talking about?” Dabao walked over.

“Nothing much. I’ll make breakfast for you all right away!” Ning Ran interjected with a smile.

“No, it’s okay. We’re leaving, and Daddy will bring us out to eat!” Dabao replied.

“All right, then. Forget about it!”

Irritation deluged Ning Ran out of the blue. It was as though an inexplicable wave of burning anger rose within her, but she couldn’t quite put her finger on the reason.

“What’s wrong, Mommy? Are you upset?” Dabao also sensed her bad mood.

Inhaling deeply, Ning Ran reined in her emotions. “No, I’m not upset.”

“If you’re upset about Great-Grandpa’s stipulation, we won’t go.” Verily, Dabao was exceedingly sensible.

“I’m really not upset. I just didn’t get much sleep last night, so I’m a bit grumpy after waking up. Everything’s fine,” Ning Ran reassured with a smile.

“Really?”

“Really. Be careful when you go out with Daddy later.”

“Are you not coming along, Mommy?”

“No. I’m a bit sleepy, so I’d like to sleep for a while longer.”

Ning Ran wanted to convince herself not to think too much, but still, uneasiness lingered within her.

She kept telling herself that it was something of great benefit to her two children, and she couldn’t hinder their bright future because of her selfishness.

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Chapter 584 At A Loss

After Nan Chen brought the children out, Ning Ran lay on the bed for a little longer. Somehow, she still felt an uncontrollable feeling of disappointment. No matter how many times she tried to make herself snap out of it, her efforts were futile.

Do I really want to register my name in the Nan family’s household? Why? I’m not even married to Nan Chen, and yet I’ve already encountered all kinds of attacks and retaliation. Even my children got involved. I don’t know what will happen if I actually get married to Nan Chen. Do I really want to become the wife of a wealthy man so badly? How’s that possible? But if I don’t want to, why am I feeling so disappointed? Am I crazy?

Ning Ran was mad at herself. Hence, she crawled out of the bed, went to the gym, and started jogging on the treadmill. She turned up the speed, which made her run so vigorously that she was drenched in sweat. Only then did she feel better.

Just then, her phone vibrated. It was from Ouyang Qi. Ning Ran glanced at the screen and set the phone down. She did not want to answer the call.

However, Ouyang Qi continued calling, and Ning Ran still did not pick up. She was not in the mood to talk nonsense to him. Finally, she received a text from him: I have something important to report to you. It’s very important.

What kind of important matters could he have? I heard he and the members of the Ouyang family had been to the Commoner Residence before my visit there last night. Could it have something to do with yesterday’s matters?

A few seconds later, Ouyang Qi texted another message: It’s got something to do with your family.

At that moment, Ning Ran could no longer maintain her calm composure.

She could ignore everything else, but she could never ignore it when it was related to her family.

Thus, she returned the call right away. "What do you want to talk to me about?"

"Let's have lunch together. We can talk while we eat."

"Forget about the meal. What is it? You can just tell me over the phone."

"I'm arriving at your house soon. Come on out. We need to talk about it in person. I won't talk to you if you don't," Ouyang Qi said.

Ning Ran really did not want to go out. Nonetheless, she was curious to find out what he wanted to say. In the end, she had no choice but to agree.

Just as she finished changing into a fresh set of clothes, Ouyang Qi gave her another call to let her know he had arrived at the door.

Hence, Ning Ran went downstairs and spotted his car right away.

He was not in his sports car that day. Instead, he drove a Mercedes-Benz G-Class.

"Get in." Ouyang Qi opened the car door for her.

"I told you, there's no need for a meal. If you've got something to say, you can just say it here."

"Okay, if you don't go out for a meal with me, then I'll eat at your house. Are you going to cook for me? I'm hungry right now, and a meal is a must. It all depends on where I'm going to have it," Ouyang Qi said with a smile.

"You can't go into my house. You've created a huge problem for me the last time you went in," Ning Ran said in annoyance.

"Nan Chen's just a petty person. What's wrong with hanging out at someone's house in broad daylight?"

"No means no! Are you going to tell me or not?" Ning Ran was not in a good mood. Naturally, she did not bother to speak courteously.

"Fine. I'm not going to say anything, then. I'll leave now." Ouyang Qi got into the car and started the engine, getting ready to leave.

Ning Ran hurried forward and held the car's rear mirror. "You can't just leave! You didn't even tell me anything."

“Then, get into the car. Only then I’ll tell you. If you don’t, then you can forget about it. You’re not letting me into your house, nor are you willing to have a meal with me. There’s nothing for me to say.” Ouyang Qi behaved more stubbornly.

Hearing that, Ning Ran had no choice but to get into the car.

Ouyang Qi finally felt happy. “That’s more like it. It’s broad daylight, and we’re just going for a meal. I can’t believe Nan Chen would get angry over it. That kind of man is not worth it.”

“Get to the point. What is it you wanted to tell me? If you don’t get it clear, I won’t have the mood to eat.”

“Oh, don’t be like that. We haven’t met each other in ages. You should be happier and not scowl all the time. Have you been with Nan Chen for too long that you’ve also learned how to put on a dead-serious face? I don’t even like expressionless people. Only childish people find them cool.” Ouyang Qi seemed to have a lot to talk about when it came to matters related to Nan Chen. His behavior could basically be summarized with four words—unwilling to give in.

“Cut it with the nonsense and tell me quickly.”

“There’s no rush. Let’s have a meal and talk about it after that. Since the weather’s cold, let’s have some hotpot. I still remember you like to eat hotpot.”

Since I’m already out of the house, I guess there’s really no rush to it then.

Ning Ran did not have her breakfast, so she was undeniably a little hungry. Hence, she agreed to have a hotpot.

Besides, she had not been in a good mood recently. Perhaps some spicy hotpot soup could make her feel better.

Just as Ouyang Qi’s car had driven out of the neighborhood of villas, another car started tailing them.

There were two people in the car—Ouyang Qing and Bai Hua.

Recently, Bai Hua had been staying at the villa Ouyang Qing provided. Coincidentally, the villa was in Red Maple City.

Since Ouyang Qing and her family were returning to Pearl City soon, she purposely came over to say goodbye to Bai Hua and have a meal together.

Just as her car arrived at the door, she spotted Ouyang Qi’s car.

Naturally, she figured the reason behind Ouyang Qi's car appearing in the area was related to Ning Ran. Thus, she decided to tail Ouyang Qi's car.

"That Mercedes Benz off-road vehicle is my brother's car. I'm sure my brother is here to pick Ning Ran up," Ouyang Qing explained.

Bai Hua's interest was piqued upon hearing that. "That shameless woman has hooked up with the uncivilized man again?"

As soon as those words left her mouth, she realized it was quite inappropriate to address Ouyang Qing's brother as an uncivilized man.

"Maybe they're meeting up for some matters. Let's follow them to find out," she suggested.

Soon, the car pulled up in front of a hotel. Ouyang Qi said to Ning Ran, "I've been staying here recently. I'll go up to get a few things and come back in a while. Can you wait in the car?"

"Okay," Ning Ran responded.

Ouyang Qi dashed out of the car, retrieved something from his room, and returned to the car.

Then, he continued driving in the direction of Hotpot City.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Qing, who had been following closely behind, lost interest in tailing them at the sight of Hotpot City. Hence, she stopped following them.

She and Bai Hua did not like eating hotpot, so they decided to go somewhere else to have their meal.

After taking their seats, Ning Ran picked up the iPad that had the menu and selected countless dishes as if venting her emotions. Finally, she ordered an extra spicy soup base.

Suddenly, Ouyang Qi realized Ning Ran looked a little dispirited. "You look upset. Did something happen? Did you get into an argument with Nan Chen?"

"It's nothing. Hey, what is it you wanted to talk about? I'm sure you can say it now, right?"

"There's no hurry. We can talk when we're done eating. Wait here for me. I'll get the wine from my car."

"Let's just make do with what we ordered and not have any alcohol."

“It’s fine. The weather’s cold. We should have a glass. It’s a bottle of great wine, anyway.”

After a short while, Ouyang Qi returned to his seat with a bottle of white wine in his hand.

Soon, the dishes were served one after another. The sight of the boiling hotpot soup triggered Ning Ran’s appetite.

No wonder people say good food and beautiful sceneries are the only things people can never say no to. Time to dig in!

“Here, have a glass. This wine is really great.” Ouyang Qi poured Ning Ran a glass.

Ning Ran believed a glass of white wine would not make her drunk. Hence, she finished the wine in one go.

Then, she continued gobbling the food.

Once she was full, she asked Ouyang Qi again, “So, what is it you wanted to tell me?”

Ouyang Qi put down his utensils, gulped the wine, and wiped his mouth. “My dad wants me to sleep with you. He wants Nan Chen to be cheated on.”

“What nonsense are you spouting?” Ning Ran fumed.

“I’m not spouting nonsense. It’s what my dad said. He wants me to do everything in my power to sleep with you and have Nan Chen cheated on. Then, Nan Chen will be furious. He’ll lose all sense of rationality and make mistakes,” Ouyang Qi said truthfully.

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Chapter 585 Not Being Serious

“Don’t your families go way back? Why does your dad want to do this to Nan Chen?” Ning Ran asked. “I’m not really sure, too. Maybe it’s because Nan Chen likes you instead of my sister, Qing. He’s always wanted Qing to marry him. In fact, that’s what my whole family wants, including me.

Of course, my objective of letting Qing marry him is different from theirs. If Nan Chen were to marry Qing, then you’ll be available, and my chances will be increased.” Ouyang Qi was extremely straightforward with his words and was not the slightest bit embarrassed by what he said.

“So?” Ning Ran prompted. “Will you let me sleep with you?”

“Get lost! Do you even know what you’re talking about? Do I look like that kind of person who’ll do that?” Ning Ran raged.

“Why would you refuse? My dad’s rich, and I’m the son of a rich family. Though I’m a little lacking in terms of looks as compared to Nan Chen, I’ve got a better character than him. He’s always putting on a serious face and scolding others. I’m different. I always put on a bright smile.” After saying that, his lips widened into a grin, which made him look quite comical.

“I don’t like you. And don’t ever mention this matter again. Otherwise, I’m going to get mad,” Ning Ran warned sternly.

“Come on. Feelings can be developed slowly. Once you get to know me, you’ll realize I’m actually not bad.”

“What are you trying to say? Is this it?” Ning Ran asked.

“Of course. I’m just trying to tell you to be careful. Since my dad wants me to do such a thing, his target is naturally the entire Nan family and not Nan Chen alone. I heard them talking yesterday. Nan Xing was having a meal with Qing when he got attacked and thrown out of the building. I’m pretty sure my dad and my sister hired someone to do it, but I don’t have any proof. Besides, I’m not aware of many things since they don’t believe me. Anyway, just be careful. You can just ignore Nan Chen. He can take good care of himself. What’s more important is that you take care of yourself and your children.

Ning Ran stared at him in silence, wondering if his words were true and what were his motives.

“Don’t look at me like that. I’m telling you the truth.” Ouyang Qi frowned.

“There’s something I’d like to ask you. Can I trust you?”

“Sure,” Ouyang Qi answered steadily.

“Why should I trust you?” Ning Ran questioned.

Ouyang Qi pondered before replying, “Because we’re friends. Because I like you.”

“But you’re a member of the Ouyang family.”

“Yes. That’s actually rather troublesome. Of course, I won’t harm my dad or my sister. I might not be a good person myself, but I don’t think it’s necessary for my family to do such things to harm others. We’re so rich. What’s the point of doing that? Isn’t it great enough to be able to have fun every day? Why make ourselves so busy? That’s why I’m not obeying my father’s instructions to take advantage of you,” Ouyang Qi explained.

“Take advantage? How?” Ning Ran asked, putting on her guard.

“My dad gave me a bottle of wine that has drugs in it. Once you drink it, you’ll pass out for a long time. During that period, I can strip you and have sex with you. I can even film and take pictures of you to let Nan Chen and the whole world know about it. Then, Nan Chen will be so furious that he’ll want to kill me, leading him to lose his mind. Like what my dad said, once a person loses his mind, it means he’s not too far from breaking down. Besides, losing one’s mind is actually a form of breaking down,” Ouyang Qi said.

“So, that glass of wine earlier...” Ning Ran was frightened.

“I didn’t bring the bottle of wine my dad gave me. The one you drank earlier wasn’t drugged,” Ouyang Qi assured.

“Really?”

“Yes. This is Hotpot City. How am I supposed to take you away if I drugged you in broad daylight? Besides, everything will be captured by the surveillance cameras.”

“Why are you telling me all this?” Ning Ran asked, still feeling doubtful.

“Didn’t I tell you already? I want you to be wary of others.”

“So, the fact that I’m having a meal with you is because I trust you too much? Based on what you said, I should be wary of you?”

“No, you got into my car because you trusted me. That’s why you’re having a meal with me. It’s true that I’m Ouyang Duo’s son. You’re well aware of that, too. However, you came here with me willingly. This shows that you trust me, which is also one of the reasons I didn’t take advantage of you. To be honest, my father had told me to make a move on you long ago. I only gave him a verbal promise, but I never took any actions.”

Ning Ran scoffed, “Well, looks like I should thank you.”

“There’s no need for that. I’m just reminding you to be careful in the future. It’s best if you tell Nan Chen to assign two bodyguards to follow you around.”

Ning Ran was starting to believe in Ouyang Qi.

Perhaps Ouyang Qi’s words were true. She still trusted him because he actually never did anything wrong to her.

“So, that’s all you wanted to tell me?”

“Yes.” Ouyang Qi nodded.

“Okay. I understand now. I’ve got another question for you. My daughter’s been poisoned by someone. Is this your family’s doing?” Ning Ran asked as she fixed her gaze on him.

“Someone poisoned Erbao? How is she?” Ouyang Qi was shocked by the information.

“She’s fine. Thankfully, she only tried a small amount of buttercream. If she actually took a full bite, she would’ve died. I just don’t understand who could be so evil to harm a child. Is this your family’s doing? Is it your father or your sister?”

Ouyang Qi shook his head. “I don’t think it’s them. They wouldn’t do such things.”

“You know nothing about this?”

“I really don’t. But I don’t think it’s their doing. They’re not that evil. No matter how serious the matter is, it’s still a conflict between adults. How could they possibly involve a child?” Ouyang Qi said with a serious expression. Ning Ran, too, felt that he did not look like he was lying.

Of course, that could not prove the Ouyang family was innocent. After all, there was a bigger possibility of Ouyang Qi not knowing about it.

“Okay. It’s fine if you don’t know about it. Well, that’s all I guess? Thank you for telling me all this,” Ning Ran thanked him sincerely.

“You’re welcome. If Nan Chen marries another woman, you can consider me. I don’t mind being a third party between you and Nan Chen.” Ouyang Qi had returned to his nonsensical self.

Ning Ran merely ignored him in response.

“Okay. Now, I need you to smash me with this wine bottle,” Ouyang Qi said, pointing at the empty wine bottle.

“Huh? Why?”

“I’ve got to give my dad an explanation, right? Well, I can just tell him I failed because you saw through my plan. Then, I can say you beat me up with a wine bottle. That way, I’ll have an answer for the outcome.”

“That’s unnecessary, right? He’s your dad, not your boss. If you fail, then you’ve failed. What could he possibly do to you?” Ning Ran found it quite ridiculous.

“Exactly! He’s my boss! Though he’s my dad, he’s my boss as well. He’s already frozen my credit cards. Currently, I’m relying on borrowing money from others to get by. The Lunar New Year’s coming soon. I’ve got so many meet-ups with my friends. If I’m broke,

how am I going to pick up girls and show off? To me, money is more important than my life. If you create some minor wounds for me, my dad will take pity on me. Perhaps he'll unfreeze my card, and I'll have money again!" Ouyang Qi said with a look of misery.

Ning Ran had never heard of such theories in her life before.

"I can't do it! It's too dangerous! What if I hit you so hard that it gives you a concussion? What if you become dumb? I don't want to be responsible for the outcome. I'm not doing it!" Ning Ran rejected firmly.

"If you don't hit me, I've got no choice but to hit you and make you pass out. Then, I'll sleep with you. That way, I'll have something to tell my dad."

"Don't you dare!" Ning Ran shot to her feet.

"To be honest, I don't dare to. That's why it's better if you hit me. Come on. It's fine. I trust in your skills." Ouyang Qi stuck his head forward.

"You want me to hit you for real?"

"Go on!"

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Chapter 586 He Belongs To Someone Else

Ning Ran picked up the bottle with shaky hands. She had never done such a thing in her life. Hence, she was not familiar with the process. "Where should I hit you?" she asked.

"Anywhere. Just don't be brutal. If you actually beat me to death, things will end terribly." Ouyang Qi was actually slightly afraid. Ning Ran, on the other hand, did not have the courage to do it in the first place. After hearing his words, she felt even more reluctant to attack him.

Thus, she returned the bottle to the table. "I can't do it. I think you should get someone else to hit you." "No way. It has to be you!"

"Get someone else to do it and tell your dad I was the one who did it. There, wouldn't that solve it? Don't tell me he's going to run an investigation to check the fingerprints?"

"No way. I can't trust the others to hit me. What if that person hates me and decides to use the opportunity to take my life? I'll be a goner if that happens!" Ouyang Qi said sulkily. "Forget it. I think this is too childish. Just tell your dad you can't do this kind of cruel thing."

“You don’t know what my father is like. Once he loses his temper, he’ll cut ties with me. He’s already extremely disappointed in me. If I don’t do as he says, he’ll definitely kick me out of the house. So, to protect my identity as the son of a wealthy family, please hit me.”

Ning Ran was in a tough spot. “Wouldn’t it be a waste if your dad doesn’t believe it after I’ve hit you?”

“I’ll give Qing a call and get her to send me to the hospital. I’m sure they’ll believe me after that.” The more she listened to him, the more ridiculous it sounded to Ning Ran, and the more reluctant she was to attack him.

“I’m not going to hit you. What if your sister sues me for intentionally hurting you? I’ll still get into trouble either way. Besides, how would I know if this isn’t a trap you people set up for me? Forget it. You should come up with another solution.” Ning Ran was determined to not do it.

Ouyang Qi sighed. “As expected. You’re too soft-hearted. How are you going to deal with such a ruthless person as Nan Chen in the future?”

“What did you say?”

“Nan Chen’s a ruthless person. You can see it by just looking at his face. I bet he’ll snatch the kids away when he gets married to other rich women in the future. When that happens, you’ve got to go up against him. Then again, you’re so soft-hearted and gullible. How are you going to fight him?” Ouyang Qi questioned.

His words had hit the nail on the head. That was precisely what she was worried about. Nan Chen had taken the children out to transfer their household registrations that day. Hence, Ning Ran had been feeling dispirited the entire day.

Of all the things in the world, Ouyang Qi had chosen the right topic to talk about. “I’m really going to hit you if you talk nonsense again!” Ning Ran raised the wine bottle into the air.

“I’m not stopping you from doing it. You’re the one who didn’t want to. You know what? Nan Chen is just being nice to you for now because the children are still young. You’re their mother, after all. I’m sure he’s hoping you can bring the children up. Basically, he’s treating you as a nanny—a free nanny. Once the children are mature enough, you’ll be old and haggard. Then, Nan Chen will ditch you and marry another young and pretty lady, making her the children’s stepmother. What are you going to do if that happens? Are you able to go up against Nan Chen? Your man will belong to someone else. Even your children will—”

Bang! Anger swept over Ning Ran as she listened to him. Hence, she lifted the bottle and brought it down on his head, as though the talkative man in front of her was Nan Chen.

“Ouch!” Ouyang Qi was totally unprepared. Sensing Ning Ran’s sudden attack, he could only move aside instinctively, causing the bottle to land on his forehead near the corner of his eye. A cut formed on the skin, and blood started flowing down his face.

Since that area had the least muscles, it was the easiest to cut. Moreover, the aim of the attack was so accurate that it landed right in the weakest spot. Even blood started gushing out of the wound all of a sudden. Ning Ran was shocked by her own actions.

She then looked down at the bottle in her hands. It’s not even broken. How is he bleeding already? Don’t people’s heads start bleeding only when the bottle is broken? Isn’t that what happens in the movies?

“Damn it. Why did you ambush me? And that was such a violent hit! Ouch...” Ouyang Qi wailed. “Serves you right for being so foul-mouthed and talking about all the things I hate hearing!”

“I’m just saying there could be such a possibility. It won’t necessarily happen. What are you so worried about? Oh my goodness. It hurts so bad!”

“Then, let me send you to the hospital to get it bandaged. It’s just a cut with a minor bleed. There shouldn’t be any concussions.”

“Nonsense! Do you really want me to have a concussion? Take out my phone and give Ouyang Qing a call. Tell her to come over to send me to the hospital.”

“You want me to do the calling?”

“You’ll dial her number and I’ll do the talking. You can leave after the call,” Ouyang Qi explained.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Qing had just finished her meal with Bai Hua and was exiting the restaurant, getting ready to send the latter home.

At the same time, Bai Hua had been constantly thinking about Ning Ran being in Ouyang Qi’s car, making her hesitate about calling Nan Chen to inform him about the matter.

However, Nan Chen always treated her coldly. Whenever she talked ill about Ning Ran to him, nothing ever happened to Ning Ran. Hence, Bai Hua was a little hesitant at that moment.

Ouyang Qing knew what was on Bai Hua's mind. Despite that, she also knew Ouyang Duo had assigned Ouyang Qi a mission, which was to have Nan Chen cheated on.

Since it was still the day, she figured Ouyang Qi would not have completed his task, even if he managed to take any action. Hence, she did not want Bai Hua to tell Nan Chen about it at that moment.

"Aunt, please don't tell Chen so soon about Ning Ran being with my brother. It'll make him worried. Nothing will happen in broad daylight. Besides, if she and my brother actually fall in love, there's no harm in letting them have their way. My brother isn't a great person. None of his relationships with his girlfriends lasted for more than six months. Ning Ran will definitely be dumped by him within that period. When the time comes, she'll face worse consequences," Ouyang Qing said with a smile.

After listening to Ouyang Qing's explanation, Bai Hua felt her words made sense. If that woman wants to hook up with that uncivilized man, then so be it. Besides, she won't be able to marry into the Nan family if she does that.

"Oh, that reminds me. Qing, is there really nothing going on between you and Nan Chen?" Bai Hua asked.

"Aunt, Chen and I aren't meant to be. I've tried my best, but we just can't be together. So, I've given up on him. Besides, after spending some time with Nan Xing, I think Nan Xing is more suitable for me. So, I've decided to be together with Nan Xing. I hope you can give us your blessing."

Bai Hua was delighted to hear the news. That works too! Nan Xing is my son as well. Besides, he's more obedient, while Nan Chen is harder to control.

"Sure. Xing is great, too. Go ahead and date each other. I'll give both you and Xing my full support!"

"Thank you, Aunt."

Right then, Ouyang Qing's phone rang. Since she was driving, she accepted the call using the Bluetooth option.

"Qing, where are you? I need you to come over and help me. I'm injured!" Ouyang Qi's voice rang out.

"Injured? What kind of injury is it?"

"I'm with Ding Mi. I originally wanted to—"

"Where are you? I'll go over," Ouyang Qing interrupted, worried Ouyang Qi might say things she did not want Bai Hua to know about.

"I'm at Hotpot City. I'm bleeding badly. Please hurry over. I can't believe Ding Mi's so ruthless. Ouch..."

"Wait for me there. I'll go over right away." Ouyang Qing ended the call right away before Ouyang Qi could say anything else.

"Aunt, my brother's in trouble. I've got to go over to check things out. I'll get a cab for you. Do you mind going home alone first?" Ouyang Qing asked, turning around to face Bai Hua.

"Maybe I should go over and take a look, too." Bai Hua was curious to find out what had happened.

"It's okay. My brother's quite a prideful person. He wouldn't want others to see him in such a miserable state. I can go there by myself."

"All right, then," Bai Hua agreed reluctantly.

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Chapter 587 Well Aware

Upon arriving at the entrance of Hotpot City, Ouyang Qing stumbled into Ning Ran, who was walking out of the building. Truth was, Ouyang Qi let Ning Ran go after confirming Ouyang Qing had arrived at the place. He was worried his sister might get into a fight with Ning Ran.

Unfortunately, they still encountered each other. The thought of Ouyang Qing could be the one behind Erbao's sickness made Ning Ran's blood boil with anger.

However, she had no intentions of getting into trouble with Ouyang Qing. As Nan Chen said, they should not act rashly, as they did not have any evidence at that moment.

Thus, when Ning Ran noticed Ouyang Qing, she quickly turned away to avoid looking at the latter. In the past, Ouyang Qing would definitely put on a smile and greet Ning Ran politely.

However, she only did that to confuse Ning Ran back then. She wanted Ning Ran to trust her and use the opportunity to scheme behind her back.

Nonetheless, that was not needed anymore. It was impossible for Ouyang Qing and Nan Chen to be together. Hence, there was no need for her to feign politeness toward Ning Ran.

Just as Ouyang Qing was about to walk past Ning Ran, she stopped the latter. "Hold it right there."

Saying nothing, Ning Ran turned around to look at her with a look of hatred.

“What did you do to my brother?” Ouyang Qing questioned.

“He tried to molest me. So, I hit him with a bottle and made him bleed,” Ning Ran answered coldly.

“My brother molested you? Like what you common citizens say, you’re just a piece of trash. My brother was not that desperate to molest a piece of trash like you.”

Ouyang Qing had a good family background and was well-educated. Therefore, she never thought she was a common citizen.

Her words “common citizens” clearly reflected her discrimination toward Ning Ran.

Not only was she discriminating against Ning Ran, but she was also insulting Ning Ran by using the word “trash.”

Though she said it was a word used by common citizens, she still used it. In fact, she thought she was superior to others when she was learning to use the word.

It was as if she was on an entirely different level than the others, all because she was a daughter of a rich family.

“A piece of trash? You’re the piece of trash that constantly clings to men. You even had the nerves to do such a despicable thing as poisoning others. You shameless woman!” Ning Ran rebuked furiously. Why should I treat you with respect when you’re being so shameless? On what basis am I not allowed to scold you when you scolded me in the first place?

in reality, Ouyang Qing was never scolded by someone that way.

She was like a woman who was favored by the heavens. Apart from her failure with Nan Chen, every plan of hers always went perfectly without any hiccups.

In fact, she had always been the one scolding others, while the others had to endure it. Never was she once scolded and being called a piece of trash in the public.

Hence, she could not endure such insults.

“How dare you scold me!”

“You started it. I was just throwing your words back at you,” Ning Ran snapped coldly.

“How dare you scold me? You sl*t!” Ouyang Qing was utterly humiliated by Ning Ran’s words. Losing her temper, she gave Ning Ran a slap across the face.

Ning Ran, on the other hand, was totally unprepared. Thus, the slap left her stunned.

Ouyang Qing usually acted like a dignified and elegant rich woman. Ning Ran never expected the former to take physical action.

She was utterly stunned.

Surprisingly, Ouyang Qing had no intentions of stopping after the first slap, and she reached out to give a second slap.

How dare you scold me! You're just an insignificant actress. How dare you insult me!

Before the second slap could land on Ning Ran's face, she reacted swiftly by dodging it.

However, the tips of her fingers still managed to brush across her cheek. Though it was not a solid slap, Ning Ran could still feel her cheek throbbing as Ouyang Qing's slap was quite powerful.

Slap!

Ning Ran responded by giving Ouyang Qing a loud and clear slap, leaving the latter dumbfounded. She, too, never expected Ning Ran would have the guts to attack her.

It was already rare enough for Ning Ran to have the guts to scold her. Thus, it was quite unbelievable that Ning Ran would take action as well.

Slap!

Before Ouyang Qing could even come to her senses, Ning Ran landed another slap on Ouyang Qing's face.

That slap was more violent than the first one because Ning Ran had recalled Erbao's pale and weak face.

The extreme hatred in her heart caused her to increase the intensity of her slap.

The first slap was for herself, and the second one was for Erbao.

"How dare you slap me!" Ouyang Qing finally came back to her senses and grabbed Ning Ran by the collar.

Seeing that, Ning Ran gave Ouyang Qing a forceful shove, pushing the latter away.

Soon, two beautiful women could be seen fighting in front of Hotpot City's entrance. As some people passed by, they took out their phones to capture the rare scene.

“Don’t you dare take pictures!” Ouyang Qing bellowed.

Some were stunned by her warning, but some did not fear her and continued pulling out their phones to take pictures of them.

Ning Ran was someone influential as well. Naturally, she did not want to be captured in the pictures.

Hence, she lifted her bag to cover her face, broke free from Ouyang Qing, and fled the scene.

After all, she had already scolded and slapped her opponent, and her actions could not be taken back. It was time for her to leave the scene.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Qing was blazing with anger. She regretted not bringing any bodyguards with her that day. Otherwise, she would have ordered them to beat Ning Ran until she was crippled to relieve her anger.

Upon entering Hotpot City’s private room, she spotted Ouyang Qi.

Slap! Slap!

Ouyang Qing sent two powerful slaps across Ouyang Qi’s face. It was so painful that it left him puzzled.

“Have you lost your mind?”

“How are you unable to handle just one woman? And you even got beaten up like that. You’re a useless piece of trash!” Ouyang Qing bellowed.

“I’m already bleeding from being beaten up, and now you’re attacking me as well? Are you here to help me or to make things worse?” Ouyang Qi raged.

“Make a police report now and tell them Ning Ran attacked you with a wine bottle. Get the police to arrest her now!” Ouyang Qing could not swallow her frustration.

“I don’t think that’s a good idea. I was planning to drug her, and she saw through my plan,” Ouyang Qi refused.

“Call the police now! Take out your phone. I’m going to help you call the police!”

“Don’t be like this. Please calm down. If things get out of control, it’ll be hard to clear the mess.” Naturally, Ouyang Qi would not make a police report, nor would he allow Ouyang Qing to do so.

“Then, look for Ning Ran right now and pour acid over her. Make her an ugly hag!”
Ouyang Qing hissed.

“What’s wrong with you? Why are you so agitated? What happened to your face? Did someone hit you?” Ouyang Qi thought about it and realized what was going on. “You met Ding Mi, didn’t you? And both of you got into a fight?”

“That sly woman had the nerves to hit me! I’ll never forgive her!” Ouyang Qing fumed.

Ouyang Qi was shocked. Ning Ran doesn’t seem to be a reckless person. She’s hitting people now?

“Were you the one who hit her in the first place?” he asked.

“Whose side are you on? How dare you speak up for her! Have you been mesmerized by that sly woman that you’ve forgotten which family you’re from?” Ouyang Qing was so livid that she vented all her anger on her brother.

When Ouyang Qi saw how emotional she was, he decided to shut up and stop going against her.

“Let’s go. You’d better calm down. If you create any trouble now and mess up Dad’s plan, I’m afraid he might not support you anymore. We know what kind of person he is. There’s absolutely no benefit in angering him,” Ouyang Qi reminded.

Ouyang Qing finally calmed down after listening to Ouyang Qi’s words.

Though she was the one who started scolding and hitting Ning Ran, she never expected Ning Ran to retaliate.

In the end, she lost out. She lost her temper and acted inappropriately.

Now that Ouyang Qi had warned her to not be so reckless, she finally calmed down and started thinking rationally.

She knew very well that it would be disadvantageous for her if she continued causing a scene.

Though her family already had a grudge against the Nan family at that moment, they still have not fallen out with each other.

If both families were to fall out completely because of her recklessness, it would be a messy situation. After all, the Ouyang family was not prepared.

It was the Nan family they were dealing with. Ouyang Qing knew well that they were not people who could be trifled with.

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Chapter 588 No Hiding It

Even though Ning Ran had left the scene quickly and Ouyang Qing tried stopping, photos of their fight still ended up on the Internet. Interestingly, all the photos were taken from an angle advantageous to Ning Ran. Only her back was shown in the photos.

However, Ouyang Qing's contorted face of fury was smack dab in the center of every photo. Thus, news of Ms. Ouyang's cat fight on the street in broad daylight trended on every social media platform again. Netizens were once again doubting her civilization.

The identity of the woman that fought with Ouyang Qing was a hot topic as well. Who in the world would be bold enough to go head to head with the daughter of the Ouyang family?

There were many amateur investigators among the netizens. One of them concluded Ning Ran was the brave soul who fought with Ouyang Qing after analyzing the hairstyle, clothing, and body frame of the woman in the photo.

There was an old photo of Ning Ran dressed in the same clothing. After noticing her hairstyle and body frame was an exact match, the netizen concluded it was her.

The Internet stirred again.

Netizens began to guess why the two were fighting on the street.

When men fought, it was mostly for two reasons—power and women.

On the other hand, women usually fought for men and money.

Men knew that as long as they had power in their grasp, women would flock to them.

As for women, once they had men with power by their side, money would flow into their pockets accordingly.

Hence netizens began drawing up all kinds of reasons. One of them was Ouyang Qing becoming Ning Ran's sister-in-law after getting together with Nan Xing causing a conflict of interest between the two families. Since Ouyang Qing and Ning Ran couldn't settle their feud in Nan residence, they decided to meet up outside.

The presumption had its merit. It was logical. Hence many netizens considered it the truth.

Once they had the "truth", they began a heated discussion of who would be the winner.

Eighty percent of the commenters guessed that Ouyang Qing would win.

The claim was made on the basis that Ouyang Qing had a good family background to back her up, while Ning Ran was just an actress. She didn't have anyone powerful backing her, so they supposed she would lose out sooner or later.

One of the netizens sighed: "Don't touch anything that doesn't belong to you."

Another rebuked: "Even though she'll lose in the end, at least she has had it before."

After all, she was impressive and bold to have fought Ouyang Qing.

After arriving at Red Maple City, Ning Ran got a call from Wang Xiaoou.

Wang Xiaoou questioned her about the incident. Ning Ran admitted to fighting with Ouyang Qing but didn't elaborate further.

Wang Xiaoou mulled briefly before saying, "Ouyang Qing is one of the major investors in the movie. I advise you to not get in any more fights with her temporarily to ensure smooth filming."

Ning Ran merely muttered an acknowledgment to that.

Undoubtedly, Wang Xiaoou's advice was for her benefit.

After all, things wouldn't be good for the actress if a conflict arose between an actress and the investor.

Wang Xiaoou needed to remind Ning Ran to be cautious of her behavior because that was her job as Ning Ran's manager.

"One more thing, don't go anywhere in the meantime. Don't make any comments or clarification. Also, don't try to explain anything," Wang Xiaoou advised.

"Got it, Ou," Ning Ran agreed.

"With Lunar New Year just around the corner, the company won't be arranging any more work for you, so you can have a good rest. However, be prepared to travel outstation for a while after the holidays. The production team will be traveling to the Xinan region for filming," Wang Xiaoou informed.

"Okay," Ning Ran said.

She heard the sound of the engine outside the house after finishing her call with Wang Xiaoou. Nan Chen and my two babies are back!

“Mommy!” Erbao shouted the second her feet hit the ground.

Ning Ran was descending the stairs when she heard Erbao shouting. “You’re back. Come inside quickly. It’s cold out.”

Erbao was wearing a white down jacket with a fur collar, looking beautiful like a doll with her face as fair as the down jacket.

“Mommy, look. I’ve changed my name.” Erbao handed over her household registration book to Ning Ran.

Ning Ran skimmed through the document and noted the head of the household was Nan Chen. The children were listed as Nan Sirui and Nan Sihan.

Ning Ran had some mixed feelings over the change. She wasn’t all that upset or happy about it.

“Mommy, you’ll be on it too next time,” Erbao added.

Ning Ran returned her a smile without saying anything.

Nan Chen, who stood at the side talking on the phone, furrowed his brows.

Ning Ran felt a bit guilty about her fight with Ouyang Qing. She knew Nan Chen would find out sooner or later.

As expected, Nan Chen approached her once he ended his call.

“You fought with Ouyang Qing?”

Ning Ran knew she was about to be reprimanded, so she took the lead. “What? Did she go crying to you about it? Is your heart aching for her?”

“What are you talking about?” The creases between Nan Chen’s brows deepened.

“She was the one who scolded me first, then raised her hand at me. I can’t just stand there and let her hit me, right?” Ning Ran raised her voice.

“Dabao and Erbao, I need you to go to your rooms first. I have something to talk about with your mommy,” Nan Chen ordered.

Dabao and Erbao exchanged a glance and left.

“Why did you send the kids away? Are you planning to hit me to avenge Ouyang Qing?” Ning Ran rebuked.

“Why were you there?” he asked.

Ning Ran got a sense that things were turning south for her. His focus wasn't on her fight with Ouyang Qing.

“I went there for lunch,” Ning Ran answered guiltily.

“You went all the way to Hotpot City to eat hotpot alone? I asked you to come with us, but you rejected, saying you were tired. Then, you went out alone?” Nan Chen's voice turned even colder.

How should I explain this? I can't hide anything, but I don't know how to explain the truth. If that's the case, I might as well tell it as it is. I didn't do anything wrong anyway.

“I was with Ouyang Qi,” Ning Ran said.

“You were unwilling to have lunch with the kids, but were willing to have it with him?”

“He came to fetch me, saying he had something to tell me. I kept asking him about it, but he wouldn't tell me. He insisted I accompany him for lunch. Since I haven't had lunch, I went,” Ning Ran confessed.

Nan Chen's expression softened slightly, knowing Ning Ran had told him the truth.

“What happened after that?”

“He did tell me something. He said...”

She stopped there because it wasn't easy to repeat what Ouyang Qi said.

Ouyang Qi's actual words were to sleep with her, but how was she supposed to tell Nan Chen?

“What did he say?” Nan Chen questioned.

“He said... Ouyang Duo asked him to drive a wedge between us.”

“What kind of conflict?”

“I don't know about that. I also have no idea what conflict there is between us.”

“What exactly did Ouyang Duo ask him to do?”

Dang! Why are we back on the topic? I can't actually tell him that. What am I supposed to say now?

“Oh, stop asking. All you need to know is Ouyang Duo is a bad guy.” Nerves began pooling in Ning Ran’s belly as she omitted.

“You’re hiding something from me.”

“I’m not. Everything I said was the truth. I came out of Hotpot City and saw Ouyang Qing. She called me a sl*t, and I retorted. Then she slapped me, so I fought back. I ran when I saw someone started taking photos. That’s why the photos didn’t have my face on them,” Ning Ran explained.

“Why would Ouyang Qing call you a sl*t? What exactly is between you and the Ouyang siblings?” Nan Chen noticed something didn’t add up in her explanation.

“You should be asking her that question. Oh, I slapped her too. If you feel bad for her, you can give her a call. Or you can comfort her directly. You don’t have to interrogate me here.”

I should take the initiative, or I’ll keep getting scolded.

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Chapter 589 Do What You Wish

Ning Ran’s method worked. Nan Chen couldn’t manage any response. He had always been a quiet person, so he wasn’t good at quarreling. He couldn’t come up with a retort if Ning Ran chewed him out.

All he could do was simply stared at her as though he was trying to see through her. Ning Ran huffed, then pointed at the red print on her face. “Look at this. This was Ouyang Qing’s doing. Do you see the swollen handprint? Do you think I can stay calm when someone gets rough with me?”

Nan Chen shifted his gaze to the red marks on her face. Coldness filled his eyes at the sight. “I won’t let this matter slide so easily, but you have to tell me the relationship between you and Ouyang Qi,” Nan Chen said.

“You’re doing it again! Someone slapped me but did you care about that? No, you didn’t. All you cared about was my relationship with others. I’m done talking with you!”

Ning Ran walked away from him to the side to use her phone.

Nan Chen got a feeling that Ning Ran was hiding something from him, but he didn’t know what it was.

Resentment filled him, yet he was helpless, unable to do anything about it. He couldn’t actually use any interrogation method on her.

“Since we were done with the household registration, Grandpa had arranged for his lawyer to transfer the shares. Before the kids are legal adults, you’ll be handling the commission from their shares,” Nan Chen informed.

“Is that a lot of money?” Ning Ran asked excitedly.

“Not too much, just tens of millions,” Nan Chen replied nonchalantly.

Ning Ran almost spit out the water she had just drunk. How many zeros are there in ten million?

“I don’t use that much money,” Ning Ran added.

“I said you can manage it, not spend it. My advice is to let a third party handle the commissions. The money is nothing but paper in your hands.

“If there’s a need, you can withdraw some of it, but I’m warning you. This money is for the kids’ education funds and other uses. You can’t use them for your own purposes.”

Ning Ran was infuriated at his accusation. “You’re scared of me coveting the Nan family’s money? I have never said I would manage the kids’ shares, so why are you telling me this? I raised the kids for five years without the Nan family’s help, and they’re fine, aren’t they? Do you think I need somebody else’s money to raise my own kids?”

Her biting remark rendered Nan Chen speechless.

“That was not what I meant, I was just...”

Nan Chen didn’t know how to explain it to her, but it definitely wasn’t about Ning Ran coveting the money.

He was trying to tell her there was no need to use the commissions for the kids’ daily necessities. He would be paying for it as their father.

If she let a professional party handle the large sum of money, she would get more money.

On the other hand, the money would only end up being deposited in the bank, gaining an immaterial interest if it was left in her hands. It would be a waste.

Nan Chen was also worried about the investment scams going around lately. He feared she would be tricked into making a failing investment since she was new to the stock market. The money wouldn’t be the only loss, he would be humiliated as well.

Nan Chen didn’t have a way of telling all those to Ning Ran, hence the misunderstanding.

Ning Ran's ruthless rebuttal left him speechless.

"I get it. Don't worry. I won't touch that money."

Ning Ran knew her words were too ruthless earlier, so she tried to backpedal it.

"I'm not worried about you touching that money. I was trying to tell you that I would be paying for the kids' daily expenses.

"If you need a large sum of money, you can inform me earlier. However, it's best to leave the share's commission to a professional organization to handle. Their value will increase when the kids grow up.

"If Nanshi Corporation can continue its development, the stock's value will increase tremendously in a decade or so. We can give it to them as a coming-of-age present by then. That'll be more meaningful."

Ning Ran was embarrassed about her biting remarks earlier after Nan Chen explained.

"Ouyang Qi didn't tell me anything else. He told me Ouyang Duo was not a good person. Ouyang Duo asked him to target you, so he wanted us to be more careful. That was it."

Nan Chen knew Ning Ran didn't tell him the whole truth, but he knew he wouldn't be getting it from her. So he decided to drop it.

"All right."

Meanwhile, Nan Xing was playing a video game when he got a call from Bai Hua requesting to pick her up from the mall.

After Bai Hua split up from Ouyang Qing, she thought it would be boring to stay at home, so she went shopping at the nearby malls.

When she first got back from overseas, she didn't dare to leave the house much because Nan Zhengde had forbidden her from sauntering around. He didn't want anyone to know she had returned.

After that, she realized that her worries were unnecessary. Time had passed, and she was no longer the infamous Madam Nan of Flower City.

Many had forgotten about her. There were many incidents when she showed up in the public, but no one seemed to recognize her. That was when she realized the city had forgotten about her.

Hence, she was free now. She didn't have to stay at home all the time, worrying about others recognizing her.

Nan Xing soon arrived and helped Bai Hua with all her shopping bags.

"Mom, why did you buy so much stuff? You can ask us to go in your stead if you need anything. You're not feeling well right now, so quit running around. Grandpa is not happy about you running around the city," Nan Xing complained.

"Even you're telling me what to do. Do I have no say in anything? There's nothing wrong with me going shopping. Do I not even have that right? I was bored and just wanted to get some fresh air, and I couldn't even do that? Your grandpa won't like me anyway, so I don't care about his opinion. He won't be alive for long anyway," Bai Hua said cruelly.

"Mom, how can you say that about Grandpa?" Nan Xing couldn't listen to it anymore.

"That was because you and Dad were in the wrong, so Grandpa had to look out for you guys."

"What do you even know? He's biased! I might not even use all the stuff that I bought. I was just spending money because I was bored. I can always throw it away if I don't need it!" Bai Hua refuted angrily.

"All right! All right. You do whatever makes you happy. It's fine, buy whatever you want." Nan Xing didn't want to piss her off anymore.

"There's something you should tell your brother. His actress was flirting with some guy again. I saw her getting in Ouyang Qi's car.

"Is your brother blind or something? Why is he letting that girl do anything she wants? Couldn't he see that actress just wanted his money? Why is he still involved with her?"

"Isn't it humiliating for him that his woman was always hanging out with that boy from the Ouyang family? You have to tell him about this! I know he won't listen to me, so you have to be the one to tell it to him."

That was one of the reasons Bai Hua asked Nan Xing to pick her up.

Nan Xing truly disliked her words.

He thought they were too harsh and didn't like listening to them. Every word out of her mouth was aggressive.

"Mom, stop badmouthing Ning Ran. She's not the person you say she is. Being an actress is a legitimate occupation. She worked for the food on her table and that wasn't anything bad at all. You didn't have to badmouth the entire industry."

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Chapter 590 Do Not Make This Hard For Me

Bai Hua merely wanted Nan Xing to pass on her message to Nan Chen to gain Nan Chen's trust. What she didn't expect was Nan Xing refuting her before it even reached Nan Chen. What kind of black magic did Ning Ran cast on my boys? Why is everyone on her side?

"She's an actress, isn't she? Why are you speaking up for her?" Bai Hua barked. "Yes, she's an actress. That's what she does. It's the same as every other job. You shouldn't discriminate against any jobs." Nan Xing was insistent to speak up for Ning Ran.

"Whose side are you on? Why are you going against me on that woman's behalf?"

"I'm just telling the truth. You don't have to get mad."

"How do you think an actress rise to fame? Do you know about the filthy dealings behind the entertainment industry? Do you truly not know about it? You have many scandals with numerous celebrities. Yet now you're telling me being an actress is a holy career?"

"There are scums in every industry. You can't determine a person's quality by her career. You should look at her character instead. You're right. There are people in the entertainment industry who climbed the ladder with underhanded means, but that doesn't mean everyone uses such methods."

Nan Xing was different from Nan Chen. He was good at talking. He might not say much during big events, but he wouldn't lose in a small argument.

Bai Hua couldn't manage a retort, so she settled with glaring at him to express her disagreement.

"Mom, you're a woman too. Why should a woman be so cruel to another?" Nan Xing flashed a smile, showing his white, neat teeth.

"So you're saying Ning Ran is innocent? She's one of a kind among the actresses. Is that what you're trying to say?"

"Yeah, you can put it that way."

"What about her getting in some guy's car? She's cheating on your brother behind his back. Is that something good too? Should your brother pop a bottle of champagne to celebrate it?" Bai Hua started accusing again.

Nan Xing sighed. "Ning Ran is not that kind of person. Ouyang Qi is her acquaintance. You can't accuse her of cheating just because they went out together. You're judging her from the start, and that's unfair for her. Even though you have good intentions, you shouldn't slander her before you get to the truth-"

"That's enough! I heard enough to know you're on her side! Is your brother in his office? Drop me off there. I'll tell him myself," Bai Hua ordered.

"He's not. I think he was taking the children to settle the household registration. Ten percent of Grandpa's shares will be transferred to the kids, but they'll need to register first before they can.."

Nan Xing accidentally blurted out about the transfer of shares. He realized a tad too late that he shouldn't have told that to Bai Hua.

Grandpa told me not to tell anyone outside the family, but Mom didn't count as one, right? She is me and my brother's mother, the grandmother to the children, so she shouldn't be considered an outsider.

"What did you say?"

Even though Nan Xing stopped himself, Bai Hua still heard him clearly.

"Nothing."

"Old Master is planning to transfer his shares to Ning Ran's children? Those small kids are going to be Nanshi Corporation's largest shareholder?"

"Why didn't he transfer some to your father or me? He should transfer the shares to us first in terms of seniority. How could he transfer to two five-year-olds first?" Bai Hua screamed.

"I don't know. Maybe he has some future consideration. Grandpa doesn't let me tell anyone about this, so don't go spreading this.

"I shouldn't have told you, but you're my mom, so I'm telling you now. Don't make this difficult for me," Nan Xing said with furrowed brows.

"Old Master is way too biased! They're just kids and are already the owners of ten percent of the shares! How can he hide it from us? Do Nan Zhiyuan and I mean nothing to him? I'm getting piss just thinking about it."

Bai Hua began to slam her fists against the window in anger.

“Mom, stop it. Let it go. Grandpa just gave ten percent of the shares to the kids, not everything. It was a show of his love for his great-grandchildren. There’s nothing wrong about that,” Nan Xing advised.

“He didn’t consider your dad and me as human. If he continues to be like that, then don’t blame it on me later!” Bai Hua said.

“Mom, you’re weird. Dabao and Erbao are your grandchildren. We’re a family, so why are you so angry about it?” Nan Chen couldn’t understand.

“Dabao and Erbao are the children of that b*tch! They have nothing to do with me! Don’t bring them up in front of me!”

Nan Xing was stunned. He didn’t expect Bai Hua to treat the kids so coldly.

Shouldn’t a grandmother love and care for her grandchildren?

Nan Xing regretted telling her. He didn’t consider Bai Hua an outsider, but she considered many of the Nan family members to be outsiders.

“Stop the car. I’m getting out here,” Bai Hua ordered suddenly.

“Why? Where are you going? Let me send you.”

“I said, stop the car!” The look Bai Hua gave Nan Xing was full of disgust.

Nan Xing was shocked, so he quickly stepped on the brake.

Bai Hua took her purse and got out. She didn’t even take her shopping bags.

She flagged down a cab, got in, then left.

Nan Xing had wanted to follow her, but he was worried Bai Hua would get angry if she found out. So he let out a sigh and gave up.

Bai Hua took the cab and made a call in Japanese. It was a long thirty-minutes-call.

The cab driver kept asking her for her destination, but she didn’t give him a location. She just asked him to drive around.

After ending the call, she dialed Ouyang Qing’s number, but Ouyang Qing didn’t pick up.

When night fell, Nan Zhiyuan was sitting on the couch with a dismayed look at the villa in Red Maple City.

Bai Hua was standing in front of him, pointing at him. "Look at yourself! You can't do better than two five-year-olds. What's the point of you living?"

"You're crossing the line, Bai Hua! What's the point of you making me angry? Do you think I have any say in my father's decision? Since you're so capable, why don't you oppose then? If it wasn't for us being too hasty that time, we wouldn't have caused that huge mistake and ended up like this." Nan Zhiyuan was at his breaking point.

Bai Hua scoffed, "You're blaming me now? If you're capable, the chairman and CEO positions of the Nanshi Corporation would have been yours. Yet were you even the CEO for one day? The Old Master has never trusted you. You're a good-for-nothing! A good-for-nothing that everyone looked down on. If it wasn't for Ouyang Qing's help, you couldn't even make it back to the country!" Bai Hua continued to scold.

"If you're so capable, then why are you with me? Find another man. What are you doing with a good-for-nothing?" Nan Zhiyuan rebuked.

"Nan Zhiyuan, you-

"Fine! I'll return to Tokyo tomorrow. You stay here and continue to be a nobody. I don't want to receive any more cold shoulders. This kind of life is hopeless!" Bai Hua announced.

Panic struck Nan Zhiyuan, hearing that Bai Hua wanted to leave.

"You can't leave. What am I going to do if you leave? Old Master's attitude toward us has just begun to defrost slightly. If we have the Ouyang family's help, I can still be a member of the board. How can you give up now?" Nan Zhiyuan tried to reason with her.

"If I stay, there must be some benefits. I don't want to continue living like this. If this goes on, we'll be old and broke!"