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Chapter 631 Trending Topic How shameless can Ouyang Duo be? Despite the current circumstances, he still talks about honor. Perhaps the more insidious one is, the more one desires to be seen as honorable.

“I understand, Mr. Ouyang. Since it’s Ms. Ouyang who’s behind the poisoning, the blame obviously cannot fall upon her. I’ll pay someone off to take the fall,” He Lin said.

“Okay, get it done by tomorrow. This person has to be unwavering when confessing to the crime. The police must be convinced,” Ouyang Duo said.

“Don’t worry, Mr. Ouyang. It’ll be properly dealt with.”

“Also, keep an eye on the Nan family and inform me if anything crops up.”

“Yes, Mr. Ouyang.”

“Go now. As for these two girls, I’ll deal with them shortly.”

He Lin broke into a smile. “I admire your vigor, Mr. Ouyang.”

At two in the morning, Ouyang Duo’s phone kept flashing beside his bed. Nonetheless, he—with two young ladies in his arms—slept so soundly that he was oblivious to it.

When he finally woke up in the morning and saw more than ten missed calls from Feng Jialing, he immediately returned her call.

“What is it?”

“Why didn’t you pick up your subordinate’s call? The stock of our overseas company was sold short and plunged overnight,” Feng Jialing related.

“What? Sold short?”

“Yes, the subordinate reported that the short selling began two days ago but at a low volume, hence not raising any alarms. They only realized it after a sudden surge of funds last night triggered the drastic fall.”

“How much has it fallen?”

“Cumulatively, thirty percent over the last few days.”

“That’s a lot! Why wasn’t I informed earlier?” Ouyang Duo was filled with anxiety.

“The fall started slow and only picked up pace abruptly last night.”

“I’m about to take over Nanshi Corporation, and yet, they want to sell my company short? Once news of my acquisition is announced, the stock price will skyrocket and cause them devastating losses! Don’t worry. This issue will be resolved very soon,” Ouyang Duo replied.

“All right, then. I’ll wait for your news.”

Upon ending the call, Ouyang Duo washed up, ordered room service, and left the hotel once he had eaten.

Meanwhile, the efficient He Lin had already found a scapegoat—an honest-looking middle-aged man.

The man’s demands were reasonable. All he wanted was six hundred thousand to take on the role.

Without questioning the man in detail, Ouyang Duo delivered him to the Nan residence.

Nan Zhengde, who was practicing Tai Chi, was surprised to see Ouyang Duo arriving so early.

As for the latter, he, too, didn’t expect Nan Zhengde to be in the mood for Tai Chi.

“Mr. Nan, now that I’ve brought you the man responsible, please be prepared to come to the press conference with me. All the reporters have been notified and it will begin at two in the afternoon,” Ouyang Duo said.

“Why are you in such a hurry?”

“I’m not. Instead, I’m feeling anxious on your behalf. You have to resolve the matter as soon as possible and leave before you end up becoming the laughingstock of Flower City.”

“Let me see the man.”

The scapegoat He Lin had found was brought forward with his hands bound.

Naturally, Ouyang Duo hoped that rage would drive Nan Zhengde to have the man beaten to death. That way, there would be no witnesses left, and the Nan family would end up digging a deeper hole for themselves.

Evidently, Nan Zhengde was anything but impulsive.

“Was it you who poisoned my great-granddaughter?”

“Yes,” the man answered.

“Why did you do it?”

Unfortunately, an answer wasn't forthcoming.

“Mr. Nan, since he has admitted to the crime, there's no need to figure out his motive. Just hand him over to the police, and they'll deal with him accordingly,” Ouyang Duo said.

“You're right. The motive isn't important. Anyway, I'll keep him here and think about how I'm going to deal with him. You should make the necessary arrangements for the press conference. I'll be there with Nan Xing in the afternoon,” Nan Zhengde replied.

“All right. It's settled, then. I'll see you later,” Ouyang Duo agreed.

At two-thirty today, my “coronation ceremony” will herald the end of the Nan family in Flower City.

With that thought in mind, Ouyang Duo felt the frustration of losing tens of billion from the short selling of his stock fade away.

Once news of the acquisition of Nanshi Corporation is released, the share price will see a sharp rebound and continue climbing higher. Those short sellers will be slaughtered and all my problems will be solved!

Upon returning to Orchid Club, Ouyang Duo got Feng Jialing to prepare his suit for the afternoon.

Now that the new “king” was about to be unveiled, he wanted to make the best impression.

“Jialing, do you think the news of the acquisition will make me a trending topic tonight?” Ouyang Duo asked his wife.

“You? Trending topic? Isn't that something only young people desire?” Feng Jialing was puzzled.

“No, no, no. The publicity I gain from becoming the trending topic will be great for marketing. Don't you realize all successful entrepreneurs ride on their popularity once they become a trending topic? In fact, it's similar to spending a huge fortune on marketing expenses but even more effective,” Ouyang Duo explained.

“I think youngsters nowadays care more about celebrity gossip than news from the business world. They're more interested to know which celebrity is getting married, cheating on their partner, or has just given birth. As to which corporation is being taken over, they probably can't be bothered. I suppose it'll be hard for you,” Feng Jialing said.

“In that case, I’ll buy my way into them for three consecutive days. No, one week! I want to be the trending topic for the entire week and become the most popular man in the city. Everyone must know who I am, as I’ll be the one to rule over this kingdom called Flower City!”

Ouyang Duo’s eyes glistened with enthusiasm.

It was then that Ouyang Qing walked in. “Dad, you’re the trending topic on the internet!”

Ouyang Duo burst into hearty laughter. “What? The press conference hasn’t even started. Looks like I don’t even have to spend any money at all!”

“However, it isn’t about flattering news. Someone took pictures of you entering a hotel with two young ladies and staying the night!” Ouyang Qing said, triggering a drastic change in Ouyang Duo’s expression.

“Ouyang Duo, you were fooling around with two women last night? You b*stard!” Feng Jialing exploded.

“Wait, calm down and let me explain. They were He Lin’s relatives who were looking for a job at the company. I just had drinks with them and nothing else!”

“You wouldn’t be trending if that were true. While I was busy helping you acquire the Nan family’s business, you were out fraternizing with other women. I’m going to kill you for this!” Feng Jialing screamed before lunging at Ouyang Duo.

In response, Ouyang Duo shoved her aside, causing her to fall and hit her head on the corner of the table.

“Dad, how could you be so violent to Mom? Mom, are you all right?” Ouyang Qing quickly helped her mother up.

“Jialing, you should know better than to stir up trouble for me at this crucial juncture. Today is extremely important to me. Whatever you have to say, save it for later. Otherwise, get your ass back to Pearl City!” Ouyang Duo roared.

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Chapter 632 Dressed In Black “Ouyang Duo, now that you have achieved your objective, is this how you’re treating me?” Feng Jialing retorted while holding her head.

Because of the forceful impact, she had a nasty bump with blood oozing out of it.

“How am I treating you? Didn’t I warn you not to stir up any trouble at this time? I’ll explain myself to you later, but what you need to do now is keep your mouth shut!” Ouyang Duo yelled back at her.

“Ouyang Duo, you’ll reap what you sow!” “That’s a topic for another day. Qing, help your mom out to rest. I need time to think.” “Dad, how could you?”

“Get out! Didn’t you hear me the first time?”

Ouyang Qing was taken aback by how Ouyang Duo snapped at her. “Mom, let’s head out and get your wound treated first,” Ouyang Qing suggested softly.

After shooting Ouyang Duo a vengeful glare, Feng Jialing left the room with Ouyang Qing’s support. At two in the afternoon, Ouyang Duo alighted from his car in front of Nanshi Corporation.

With his head held high and chest puffed up, he walked up to the main door of the place that was supposed to be the venue of his “coronation.” Even though the necessary procedures had yet to be completed, he couldn’t wait to organize a press conference where he was set to make his announcement.

He Lin approached to usher him in. “Mr. Ouyang, this way, please.”

“Why didn’t Nan Xing receive me at the door?” Ouyang Duo was upset.

“He could be busy since all the reporters have arrived. Let’s head up first.”

Out of all the conference rooms within Nanshi Corporation, the largest one was chosen for the press conference.

It took up the entire floor and was usually used during shareholder meetings or other large-scale events.

Upon his arrival, Ouyang Duo noticed that Nan Zhengde and Nan Xing were nowhere to be seen despite reporters filling the room.

At the sight of him, the reporters were thrilled and began taking pictures of him furiously.

Given that he was a rich man who became a trending topic on the account of his personal life, he was naturally an attractive subject for the press.

There was no stopping them since they were at a press conference.

In fact, the triumphant Ouyang Duo was actually looking forward to having his picture taken.

As for his recent scandal, he didn’t mind it, as they were too inconsequential to affect his status.

Ouyang Duo was all smiles as he bathed in the limelight of the cameras.

“Mr. Ouyang, please sit here.” He Lin had arranged a seat for Ouyang Duo.

When he realized it wasn't in the center, Ouyang Duo was upset.

As the star of today's event, why can't I take the CEO's seat? Who else deserves it more than I do?

“Mr. He, this is my seat?” A grim expression descended upon Ouyang Duo's face.

“Yes, Mr. Ouyang. Since you haven't taken the reins of Nanshi Corporation officially, that's how the seats have been assigned. Besides, wouldn't it feel more ceremonial to have Nan Xing vacate his seat for you during the handover?” He Lin explained softly, to which Ouyang Duo agreed.

I'm, after all, the new king. Since the old king has yet to abdicate, I'll have to sit by the side for the time being. Once the old king invites me to take his seat, it will certainly make a deeper impression on everyone else. This arrangement is pretty good!

“Mr. Ouyang, why are you here at Nanshi Corporation's press conference?” one of the reporters who couldn't hold back his curiosity asked, hoping to get an early scoop.

After all, by being the first to interview the person who was on the trending topics, he would naturally draw more readers.

With a slight smile, Ouyang Duo answered implicitly, “You'll see soon enough that I'm the star of today's event.”

His words caused an uproar among the other reporters.

This is the headquarters of Nanshi Corporation, and yet, Ouyang Duo just declared that he is the real reason for this press conference. Is he hiding an important announcement?

“Mr. Ouyang, can you explain what you mean by that? Are you saying that you're more important than the Nans?”

The clever reporter threw out a question that had to be carefully answered.

Under normal circumstances, the best strategy was to avoid controversy by not answering directly.

However, instead of doing so, Ouyang Duo confirmed, “That's more or less it.”

His response shocked the reporters present.

What's going on? Ouyang Duo came all the way to Nanshi Corporation's headquarters to proclaim that he was the boss and the Nans were of no consequence. Has he gone mad?

With no reporter wanting to miss out on such an important topic, all of them quickly surrounded Ouyang Duo.

"Mr. Ouyang, could you give us more details?"

"It's exactly what my words imply," Ouyang Duo answered with a smile.

"Why are the Nans not important?" a reporter inquired.

"I'm not saying they aren't. I'm just telling you that I matter more," Ouyang Duo replied gleefully.

Usually, he would never behave that way. As Sunshine Corporation was also a conglomerate, someone in his position would always speak cautiously and keep a low profile.

Regardless of the overwhelming excitement within, one would never say anything controversial that would risk unnecessary conflict.

Unfortunately, Ouyang Duo, drunk on his victory, had failed to keep a cool head in dealing with the situation.

He had obviously lost his composure.

Just when the reporters wanted to press on with their questions, they noticed someone arriving.

It was Nan Chen's assistant, Jiang Zhe, who was pushing a wheelchair in. The man sitting on it was dressed in a black jacket and pants, with a black tie to complete his outfit.

At that moment, all the reporters got to their feet to greet the Nans.

As they were in the headquarters of Nanshi Corporation, it was necessary for them to show their host respect.

Jiang Zhe gestured for everyone to take their seats.

Following behind Jiang Zhe were three men in jackets. Upon entering the room, they seated themselves in the extreme corner of the room.

After wheeling Nan Chen to the center, Jiang Zhe took his seat beside him and picked up the microphone, as it fell upon him to chair the press conference.

“Ladies and gentlemen, today’s press conference is held at the request of Mr. Ouyang, Chairman of Sunshine Corporation. First and foremost, I would like to welcome all of you to the headquarters of Nanshi Corporation,” Jiang Zhe said cordially.

As Nan Chen’s assistant, Jiang Zhe often took questions from reporters on his behalf and was considered an important spokesperson of his. Many of the reporters were familiar with him.

“Assistant Jiang, what’s going on? Why is Nanshi Corporation holding a press conference for Ouyang Duo?” a reporter asked.

Instead of answering, Jiang Zhe looked in Ouyang Duo’s direction. “Why don’t we let Mr. Ouyang explain?”

Ouyang Duo let out a huff. I’m the star of the day, and it’s time for me to make an entrance.

“Ladies and gentlemen of the press. It’s true that today’s press conference was held at my request, as I have an important announcement to make.”

At that moment, Ouyang Duo paused briefly on purpose, adding to the suspense.

“All this while, Sunshine Corporation and Nanshi Corporation have enjoyed a fantastic partnership. However, Nanshi Corporation has lagged behind in recent years due to its outdated management style and the increasing incompetence of its decision-makers. As of now, they are nothing but a spent force...”

Ouyang Duo’s brazen words sent the reporters into an uproar.

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Chapter 633 Tough Character

It was a well-known fact that ever since Nan Chen assumed his position, Nanshi Corporation had achieved relatively constant and huge growth amidst the slowing global economy. Because of this, it gained popularity and even received praise from provincial officials.

Yet now, Ouyang Duo, an outsider, dared to criticize Nanshi Corporation at its headquarters. The crowd couldn’t wrap their heads around what was going on.

Even if Ouyang Duo wanted to criticize them, he should have done it behind the Nans’ backs. It was disrespectful of him to do it right in front of their faces.

Besides, he was basically spouting nonsense.

Nanshi Corporation had never shown any signs of decline until now. On the contrary, they had the most stable development among the companies in the entire province.

In the face of the reporters' outcry, Jiang Zhe asked them to calm down and let Ouyang Duo continue.

"So, I have decided to take control over Nanshi Corporation as a major stockholder. I will save the biggest corporation in Flower City from its downfall. This is the major news I wanted to reveal at today's press conference," Ouyang Duo announced.

Once again, the crowd went into an uproar.

The reporters thought they had misheard Ouyang Duo.

Nanshi Corporation is a business giant. How can he buy it out so easily? This isn't a Black Friday sale! Even if it is, how can he ever afford Nanshi Corporation? It'd make more sense for Nanshi Corporation to buy him instead.

The reporters were in utter disbelief.

Ouyang Duo might be rich enough to splurge on luxury goods, small enterprises, and even female celebrities, but Nanshi Corporation was not something he could easily purchase.

After coming back to their senses, the reporters immediately concluded that Ouyang Duo was bluffing.

The three largest firms in the province were Nanshi Corporation, Sunshine Corporation, and Prosperity Holdings.

Nanshi Corporation was located in Flower City, while Sunshine Corporation was stationed in Pearl City. The headquarters of Prosperity Holdings used to be in Flower City as well, but after losing out to Nanshi Corporation, it moved to the faraway Rivera City and had been lying low since then.

Among the three, Nanshi Corporation was the most powerful one.

The runner-up, Sunshine Corporation, had been waiting for a chance to rise. As for Prosperity Holdings, it seemed to have given up on competing and exited the scene.

Now that Ouyang Duo, the representative of Sunshine Corporation, claimed that he was going to acquire Nanshi Corporation, no one believed in him.

Although the reporters were not familiar with running a business, they had enough common sense to figure out that Ouyang Duo was boasting.

Nanshi Corporation had always been aggressive. With a tough man like Nan Chen in charge, there was no way he would allow Ouyang Duo to get his own way.

Everyone looked at the man in the wheelchair. "Mr. Nan, is this true?"

Instead of responding to the question, the man in the wheelchair looked at Jiang Zhe.

"This is Mr. Ouyang's idea. It's true that he's been wanting to acquire Nanshi Corporation. Am I right, Mr. Ouyang?" Jiang Zhe asked.

Upon hearing that, Ouyang Duo assumed Jiang Zhe was showing support for him.

He immediately nodded and stated, "That's right. I have made a lot of preparation for this, and Nanshi Corporation has been very supportive and cooperative as well. The acquisition is already ongoing now thanks to everyone's efforts. I would like to thank Nanshi Corporation for everything they have done."

His words left the reporters dumbstruck. Have the members of the Nan family lost their minds? They cooperated with Ouyang Duo for the acquisition of their own company? Is Nanshi Corporation encountering a crisis that can only be solved with an acquisition? But it has always been seeing stable growth, and its listed subsidiaries are also doing quite well. There were no signs of crisis at all! Could it be that Nan Chen is sick of managing the company and wants to give it up? That's impossible, too. Nan Chen is a renowned tough character in the business circle of Flower City. Besides, he's in the prime of his life. It doesn't make sense for him to retire at such a young age.

The reporters turned their attention to the man in the wheelchair. "What is going on, Mr. Nan? Could you please say something?"

He was the person in charge of the organization. They would need him to personally confirm that the acquisition was actually happening.

However, he remained quiet, and his silence further aggravated the reporters' anxiousness.

"Mr. Nan, do you have anything to say about Mr. Ouyang's statement?"

"Mr. Nan, why aren't you saying anything? Is it because you're too disappointed in the turn of events?"

"Mr. Nan, will Nanshi Corporation really be acquired by Sunshine Corporation? Why did this happen so suddenly? Is there any problem within Nanshi Corporation? Is it related to the fact that you're in a wheelchair?"

Even as the reporters bombarded the man in the wheelchair with questions, he said nothing and merely glanced at Jiang Zhe once again.

“Nan Xing, say something. Why are you so quiet?” Ouyang Duo urged in frustration.

According to their initial plan, Nan Zhengde and Nan Xing were supposed to face the reporters themselves and welcome Ouyang Duo into Nanshi Corporation.

Now, only Nan Xing showed up, and he wouldn't even speak. This was different from what they had agreed on.

In fact, Ouyang Duo had sensed something off the moment he arrived. He just couldn't put his finger on what was amiss.

“Please relax, Mr. Ouyang. Dear reporters, please calm down as well. We would first like to show you a short clip on Mr. Ouyang's deeds. Please watch carefully, and we will answer your questions afterward,” Jiang Zhe reassured.

Ouyang Duo was surprised to hear that.

They even prepared a clip for me? It seems that the Nan family is quite sincere. What a nice welcome ceremony this is!

The screen in the conference room lit up just then, and everyone turned their heads to it.

Many of the reporters even pointed their cameras at the screen and began live streaming.

As expected, Ouyang Duo showed up in the clip.

The backdrop was a place Ouyang Duo knew very well—it was his room in Orchid Club.

Ouyang Duo couldn't help but frown in confusion. I don't remember taking any videos in the club. Where did this clip come from?

Orchid Club was his secret spot, so there was no way he would let anyone take videos there.

“Nan Xing, the document is ready. You just have to sign it.” Ouyang Duo's voice sounded from the speakers.

He had a sonorous and distinctive voice, so the reporters recognized it right away.

“After the document is signed, Nanshi Corporation's ownership will be transferred.”

This time, Nan Xing could be heard speaking in the clip, but he was nowhere to be seen on the screen.

“We’re a family. This is merely a change of name. We still share the profits together.”

“Is that so? In the future, Nanshi Corporation will officially follow the surname Ouyang. This isn’t just a change of name.”

“Nan Xing, don’t tell me you’re not going to sign?”

“I will sign it. I just don’t understand why I must do it?”

Suddenly, a girl interjected, “Just do what my dad wants you to do and stop spewing nonsense!”

Since the owner of the voice did not appear, the reporters did not know who she was.

However, Ouyang Duo was well aware that it was Ouyang Qing. The conversation happened in Orchid Club, where Ouyang Duo had forced Nan Xing to sign the document.

Never in Ouyang Duo’s dreams did he imagine Nan Xing would record the exchange.

The latter was in a wheelchair at that time, and no one else was holding a phone or a camera.

From the angle of the video, the camera must have been mounted on Nan Xing’s body or the wheelchair.

Back then, Nan Xing was facing Ouyang Duo all the time without moving at all. Only Ouyang Duo was captured on the camera.

Everything he said was caught clearly, and the way his mouth moved matched the audio perfectly.

The video continued to play.

“Qing, stop talking and listen to what he has to say.”

“What do you mean, Nan Xing?”

“I meant what I said. Where is Chen? What did you do to him?”

“Why are you asking me this? Didn’t I already tell you my friend will search for Nan Chen and bring him back?”

“Am I supposed to believe everything you say?”

“What do you want me to do if you don’t believe me?”

“I won’t sign this document unless I see Chen!”

Thud!

Ouyang Duo was seen slamming the table loudly while yelling, “Nan Xing, you have no other choice than to sign this document!”

Ouyang Duo remained frozen as his face turned pale.

“Is that so? Are you planning to kill me if I don’t sign it? You’ll kill me if I don’t transfer the share to the Ouyang family, right? However, even if you kill me, you won’t get Nanshi Corporation’s share as well.”

“You think I won’t dare to do so?”

“That’s right. You won’t dare to. This is Flower City. If you dare to do anything reckless, you will definitely be done for.”

“Dad, this man is crazy! How dare he talk back to you?” Ouyang Qing’s voice rang out again in the video.

At that moment, Ouyang Duo stood up and roared, “Stop the video. Stop it! It’s fake. That’s not what happened!”

With a smile, Jiang Zhe said, “Mr. Ouyang, please calm down. Let’s fill the reporters in on the matter first.”

Ouyang Duo could not let that happen. He tried to approach the control booth to pause the video, but two men held him down to his seat.

The reporters were watching the video with relish. They had thought this was just an ordinary news item. Yet little did they expect to witness the revelation of such a shocking drama about wealthy families.

In the clip, Ouyang Duo was heard saying, “You don’t have to know the answer to those questions. Your brother will be able to return as long as you’ve signed the document.”

“Does this mean Chen will die if I don’t sign it? You’re the one who ordered people to kidnap him, right?” Nan Xing brought up the most crucial question.

“Nan Xing—”

“Answer me. Did you do it or not? I won’t sign it if you don’t answer me directly.”

“So, you really want to make an enemy out of me, huh?”

“I won’t sign the document if you don’t tell me the truth, even if you threaten to kill me. Give me a reason for the Nan family to pass on our family business to you.”

“All right, then. Since you have to put it that way, I’ll tell you the truth. Nan Chen is in my hands. I am the one who instructed someone to kidnap him! After you sign the document, I will send Nan Chen overseas, and you can meet him there. Then, your family shall never return! If you don’t sign it, I will call my people, and Nan Chen will die immediately! Even your stubborn grandpa gave in for Nan Chen’s sake. Yet, you’re still trying to fight back?”

The clip came to an end at that juncture, and with that, the crowd erupted in chaos.

They could not believe that Ouyang Duo had kidnapped Nan Chen so he could force the Nan family to give him the stocks.

The reporters swiftly posted the breaking news as they tried to pull themselves together and recover from the shock.

Those who had no plans to live stream at first began to broadcast the event live. In an instant, the entire place was in disorder.

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Chapter 634 The Aura Is Different

Jiang Zhe came out again to maintain the order of the crowd. “We’ll need the members of the press to stay calm!”

Nevertheless, all the journalists paid no heed to his words. They were all eager to disseminate the shocking news to the world!

Meanwhile, Ouyang Duo could not move as he was pinned to the chair.

He glanced at He Lin. “What are you waiting for? Stop them from spouting nonsense! Call the bodyguards and get me out of here!”

“Calm down, Mr. Ouyang,” He Lin coaxed him but did not take any action.

“Calm your f*cking *ss! This is how you do your job, huh? You useless piece of trash!” Ouyang Duo broke down and started cussing.

At that point, he no longer cared about his image anymore.

All this while, Ouyang Duo had always reprimanded He Lin in such a manner, but he would do it behind closed doors.

He Lin kept mum and stood still.

“Calm down, everyone. Please calm down. We will only play the second video if you remain calm. We’ll not proceed if the commotion continues!” Jiang Zhe raised his voice.

All the journalists were taken aback. There’s another video? All right, let’s calm down. There might be more to this than meets the eye. What a fruitful trip today!

The journalists finally listened to Jiang Zhe and regained their composure.

Once again, the screen lit up, and Ouyang Duo’s face was still projected on the panel. This time, the camera zoomed so closely into Ouyang Duo that it made his face look larger than usual.

Ouyang Duo’s voice was heard in the video. “That old man from the Nan family wanted me to look for the man who drugged his great-grandson. Go and get me a scapegoat.”

The next voice that emerged was another man’s voice. “Did you really do this, Mr. Ouyang?”

“Qing found someone to do it, but we’d sent the person away. No one can find him anymore. Since that old man wanted us to find the culprit, we’ll get someone to take the blame and settle it once and for all,” Ouyang Duo responded in the video.

“Why do you care about that old man when you’re already in control of Nanshi Corporation?”

Ouyang Duo explained in the video, “Though I’ll soon become the majority shareholder of Nanshi Corporation, the Nan family has been managing this company for decades, and they command strong support in the organization. I’m sure people there will not be happy that I’m taking over the business.”

He continued, “That’s why I must get the old man to attend the press conference. I must get him to welcome me to Nanshi Corporation. Doing so can save me from disgrace and, at the same time, appease the people in the company. It may look ceremonial, but it’s a crucial step to strengthen my position.”

“When someone dethrones the emperor and crowns himself as the new emperor, the people will not accept the former as the new monarch if his predecessor doesn’t acknowledge his legitimacy. But with a royal decree coming from the deposed emperor, the new emperor will then earn the legitimate rights to rule the empire. See the difference? Not only do I want to take over Nanshi corporation, but I also want everyone

to know that I'm the rightful owner of the company. I want to win this game honorably!" he added.

Upon hearing that, all the journalists started going wild again.

They finally understood why Jiang Zhe said they had to call a press conference at Ouyang Duo's request.

Not only did Ouyang Duo abduct and sabotage Nan Chen, but his daughter also drugged the little girl! What a heartless and cruel family!

Next, He Lin's voice appeared in the video. "Got it, Mr. Ouyang. Since Ms. Ouyang was the mastermind behind the poisoning, I'll pay someone to take the blame."

"All right. Get it done by tomorrow. Find someone who's tight-lipped and willing to confess to the crime. Above all, he must be able to fool the cops."

"Don't worry, sir. I'll take care of it."

The color drained out of Ouyang Duo's face when the video ended. He started breaking out in a cold sweat.

Never in a million years did he expect his conversation with He Lin in the car would be recorded!

He finally understood it was all a trap. The Nan family may appear cooperative, but they had been leading him to fall into their trap!

He also realized He Lin had betrayed him. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for the Nan family to get their hands on the video!

"He Lin, you b*stard! How dare you stab me in the back!" Ouyang Duo roared at He Lin.

"Please don't swear in front of the journalists, Mr. Ouyang. You still need to maintain your image!" He Lin said indifferently.

"You f*cker... How could you betray me? How much did they pay you, traitor?" Ouyang Duo cursed even more harshly as he had totally lost it.

"Mr. Ouyang, you shouldn't curse Mr. He like this. Mr. He is a righteous lawyer with a sense of justice, so of course, he'd reveal all your wrongdoings. It's not easy to come across a great lawyer like him. We should all respect him instead!" Jiang Zhe said.

"You ganged up on me. I'll not let you off so easily!" Ouyang shrieked.

The way he bellowed and cussed hysterically was all captured by the cameras, and the journalists instantly shared the videos on various social media platforms.

The three individuals who entered the hall with Jiang Zhe and the others stood up, walked to Ouyang Duo, and revealed their identities. "Ouyang Duo, we believe you're involved in abducting and intentionally poisoning someone. We have to detain you to assist with our investigations, so please cooperate with us."

"Of course, you have the right to remain silent. Please come with us," one of the cops said.

Apparently, the three of them were plainclothes cops!

"No, I won't leave with you. Everything they said is not real. They're accusing me of something I didn't do. I want to acquire Nanshi Corporation. I want to be the owner of the company!" Ouyang Duo screamed.

"Handcuff him and take him away!" a cop ordered. He has committed those atrocities, so whether he likes it or not, he has to come with us!

Ouyang Duo continued to cuss as the cops dragged him away.

Jiang Zhe waved his hand in the air, gesturing for the journalists to remain silent. "I'm sure by now, all of you understand why we called for a press conference. Nanshi Corporation has recently encountered some difficult situations, and we owe our investors an explanation. Hence, we decided to hold a press conference to clarify some doubts. Now that the cops have taken over the case, we believe justice will be served, and the perpetrator will be punished!"

"Any updates about Nan Chen since he was abducted by Ouyang Duo?" a journalist expressed his concern.

"Thank you for your concern. I'm fine, and Nanshi Corporation is doing all right."

The man seated in the wheelchair finally spoke!

"He's Nan Chen, not Nan Xing!" a journalist exclaimed.

"I knew something was amiss. The aura he exudes is totally different. So he really is Nan Chen!"

"Sir Chen is fine. He's all right!"

All the members of the press became agitated as they did not expect this to happen.

Jiang Zhe voiced, "I'll not go into the details of the abduction, but we'll keep the cops updated to assist them with the investigations.

"Sunshine Corporation and Nanshi Corporation have been business partners for years. And Mr. Chen and Mr. Ouyang, too, were close friends. That's why we're disappointed with how things have turned out. We never intended to reveal these details, but since Mr. Ouyang insisted on calling a press conference, we had no choice but to agree to his request.

"We hope the media can report on this matter objectively and give the investors and shareholders of Nanshi Corporation and Sunshine Corporation a clear picture of what had happened to the companies. We believe in quashing rumors with the truth. Thank you for your cooperation."

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Chapter 635 Central Figure

Is this the end of the press conference? But the man in the wheelchair hasn't spoken yet. He's the main character! How can he not say anything?

"Sir Chen, did you plan this? Why wasn't there any news of your kidnapping?" "Sir Chen, please say something."

The reporters looked at Nan Chen anxiously, hoping to hear a few words from him. Nan Chen was also aware that the reporters were waiting for him to speak.

"Assistant Jiang has already spoken on my behalf. It's an unfortunate incident. My daughter was poisoned by Ouyang Qing, which affected her health, so I traveled to the Xinan region to find a cure for her. During the trip, someone orchestrated a car accident that caused my leg injury. But it's nothing serious. I will make a full recovery soon, and my work at the company won't be affected," Nan Chen said.

"However, we saw Mr. Ouyang speaking with Nan Xing in the video. Is that you or your brother?" a reporter asked.

"Yeah! We heard that Nan Xing's leg was also injured. Did both of you injure your legs? Or is one of you faking your injury?"

Nan Chen did not provide them with the details.

"Nan Xing is my brother. He represents me, so it doesn't matter if it's him or me. Both of us represent the Nan family, and our words hold the same weight. It will always be this way!"

What Nan Chen meant was clear. Both Nan Xing and him were from the Nan family, and they would always be looking out for the family's best interests. There was no question about that.

"So Mr. Chen, what do you plan to do next?" another reporter asked.

"As for the next steps, we will leave it to the police and legal authorities. I will give them my full cooperation until the case is concluded. As for the company's matters, I've already mentioned them earlier. Nanshi Corporation is doing fine, and we will continue to operate smoothly and look out for the interests of our shareholders and employees. At the same time, we will also be engaging in corporate social responsibility initiatives and doing our part for the city's economic and social development!"

With that, Nan Chen ended his speech. He did not intend to share anything more than that.

"All right. This will be the end of today's press conference. We would like to thank all of you for your attendance. As for how the case progresses, please look out for the police's announcements. Nanshi Corporation will not be making any more statements relating to this. Thank you, everyone," Jiang Zhe said.

The reporters were not satisfied. However, since Jiang Zhe had announced the end of the press conference, there was nothing they could do about it.

Nevertheless, they thought it was worth it to be able to witness the battle of the two major families of the province, which was considered a historical moment.

Later in the evening, at the insistence of Ouyang Duo, Nan Chen agreed to meet him at the police station.

After his aggressive episode earlier, Ouyang Duo had finally calmed down. After all, he was considered a big gun in the business arena and not just some ordinary loafer.

He was aware that he had lost once again, and it was a complete defeat.

As he had committed a crime in Flower City and was arrested in Flower City, it was almost impossible for him to be deported back to Pearl City.

His wide network in Pearl City wouldn't be of any use to him. Even if he managed to pull some strings in Flower City, given the influence of the Nan family there, it would hardly be useful.

Ouyang Duo had fallen into his own trap and had absolutely no way of escaping.

Just when he thought that the Nan family was under his control and that he was about to climb to the top, he started to lose his mind and acted hysterically, losing his ability to judge.

Usually, after a period of insanity, destruction would follow.

Right before the point of destruction, Ouyang Duo's rationality returned. He realized that there was only one person who could help him get out of his current situation and avoid jail time, and that person was Nan Chen.

Nan Chen was the central figure in that matter.

Not only was he in control of Nanshi Corporation's fate, but Ouyang Duo's destiny was also in his hands.

Nan Chen entered the room slowly in his wheelchair, looking calm and aloof.

"When did you return to Flower City? It was you who was at Orchid Club that day and not Nan Xing, was it?"

Ouyang Duo was eager to find out how he had met his downfall.

"Take a guess," Nan Chen answered coldly.

"I knew that something was wrong. I was too careless. Ouyang Qing said that Nan Xing had hurt his leg while playing soccer at the stadium and had gone to the hospital directly from there. Now that I think about it, the stadium was definitely wide enough for a helicopter to land, and you were in the helicopter that landed at the stadium. After getting off the helicopter, you became Nan Xing and headed to the hospital for treatment as your leg required treatment as well. You planned this out, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did." Nan Chen did not deny that.

"Since you've already escaped, why did you still agree to transfer your shares to Ouyang Qing?" Ouyang Duo could not figure that out.

"Right from the start, my grandpa had no intention of giving you any shares. What he transferred to Nan Xing was merely a shell company with no assets. Even if that company was transferred to Ouyang Qing, it wouldn't mean anything. Besides, if signing that document could make you explain everything, and we also got to record it, there's no reason not to do it. You've overestimated yourself and underestimated my grandpa. In fact, my grandpa did not do much. All he did was buy as much time as he could, hoping that things would change. That's because he trusted me, and I trusted him too. Because of this trust we had in each other, even though we did not keep in touch, we could still figure out each other's thoughts. That's the power of the Nan family. It's also something you will never understand," Nan Chen said.

“No. If He Lin hadn’t betrayed me and colluded with you, I wouldn’t have lost!”

“He didn’t double-cross you. He was working for my grandpa all along, and my grandpa was aware of your betrayal all along. More than ten years ago, you paid fifty thousand and bought over a male student’s girlfriend. That student was heartbroken and jumped into the river. My grandpa happened to pass by and saved him. After that, my grandpa sponsored that student’s studies all the way until he completed his Ph.D. Eventually, that man became an elite lawyer who was valued by you. He had worked for you all this while and knew everything about you.

But my grandpa told him that no one is perfect and everyone makes mistakes. If you didn’t snatch his girlfriend away, he might not be able to enjoy the life he currently has. He took my grandpa’s words to heart and didn’t hurt you. However, he was my grandpa’s trump card. If you dared to drive the Nan family into a corner, He Lin would do what he was supposed to do.

When that happened, you would be doomed for sure. Even if the Nan family collapsed first, your end would be sure to follow. Over the years, you’ve played countless petty tricks against the Nan family, such as the projects in Vietnam and M Nation. My grandpa remained tolerant and didn’t ask He Lin to make a move. But this time, you even harmed my daughter. That crossed both my grandpa’s and the Nan family’s bottom lines. Only doom awaits you!”

Ouyang Duo’s face turned ashen when he heard that, and he mumbled to himself, “He Lin is the man you’ve planted next to me? How is this possible?”

“My grandpa said that it’s in your nature to be treacherous, and sooner or later, you would try to harm the Nan family. However, your presence provides a sense of crisis to the Nan family, reminding us not to be complacent. He didn’t want to bring you down so soon. Did you really think you were my grandpa’s match?” Nan Chen said with a hint of disdain in his voice.

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Chapter 636 The Law Is The Law

Ouyang Duo was stunned speechless as he stared at Nan Chen. He still couldn’t believe this was real.

He thought he had controlled everything, yet little did he expect there to be a spy from the Nan family next to him. Moreover, like an idiot, he even let He Lin be in charge of monitoring everything related to the Nan family. Isn’t this the perfect opportunity for them to conspire against me?

“You’re despicable! How could you plant a spy beside me?” “No. Before this, my grandpa never ordered He Lin to do anything for the Nan family. My grandpa hoped he

would never need He Lin's services ever in his entire life so that everyone could keep working together.

As long as my grandpa had other methods to deal with your little tricks, he wouldn't use He Lin. However, you wanted to destroy the Nan family. My grandpa had no choice but to use He Lin and deal a devastating blow to you. You're the despicable one because you even went after children! You're the trash!"

Ouyang Duo went silent. He had lost everything. Moreover, there was something that he was most frustrated about—a nagging thought he would lose right from the start.

If nothing else, He Lin, who was next to him, was a ticking time bomb that Nan Zhengde could make explode on a whim.

Besides, there was also this enigmatic man in front of him, Nan Chen. People said he had died in a fire, but here he was, alive and well, in Flower City.

Nan Chen had even disguised as Nan Xing and managed to make him confess that he, Ouyang Duo, was the culprit behind the car crash and kidnappings.

"How did you escape from that island? Didn't you die in the fire?" Ouyang Duo was still baffled.

"I escaped from that island a long time ago. As for the fire, I requested my grandpa to stage it so you would believe I was dead. Anyway, I have no intention of telling you the details. So, why did you call me here? What do you want to tell me?" Nan Chen questioned.

"I want you to spare me." Ouyang Duo lowered his head.

This is such a rare sight. Ouyang Duo actually lowered his head!

Despite that, Nan Chen wasn't surprised by his request. He had somewhat guessed it before he came here.

"You wanted to snatch our family's company, and you hurt my daughter. And now you want me to spare you?" Nan Chen said, his voice as cold as ice.

"I'll give you my profits!" Ouyang Duo lifted his head. "I can transfer all my real-estate projects in Vietnam to you for free! And as for my construction projects in Europe, I'll give them all to you! I don't want them anymore. I promise never to go against the Nan family ever again. I'll also leave Flower City and vow never to step foot in this place again. What do you think?" he anxiously suggested.

"No." Nan Chen's answer was simple and straightforward.

“Why? I’ve apologized and promised to pay the price! Why can’t you just let me off?” Ouyang Duo exclaimed indignantly.

“I understand it’s in your nature to pursue gains as a businessman, so I can overlook that. However, you shouldn’t have hurt my family and even gone after my daughter! This is something I can’t forgive. Those who harm my family will be punished! You’re going to jail, Ouyang Duo. Not all transgressions can be forgiven!”

After that, Nan Chen turned and left.

“Come back here! Name your terms! I’ll agree to anything you want!” Ouyang Duo shouted.

Turning around to look at him, Nan Chen replied, “I will get the things I want with my own hands. I don’t need you to give it to me. I can get them myself.”

“What do you mean?”

“The shares of Sunshine Corporation’s listed companies overseas have fallen quite a lot recently, right? Did your subordinates report to you that someone was short-selling your stocks? This was what you would usually do. You have sniped Nanshi Corporation’s stock prices more than once, and I did the same this time. I’ll make sure the whole world knows you are a convict, and when the stock market opens, your stock price will plunge further and further.”

He paused for his words to sink in before continuing, “As for me? Money will keep flowing into my coffers, and I can’t stop it if I want to. Of course, my grandpa also said that I should stop while I am ahead, so I won’t bring your company, Sunshine Corporation, down. I’m not you. I only want to improve myself, not kill off my competitors. When there is competition, there will be improvements. This is a piece of advice my grandpa gave me. He had told you, but you couldn’t understand what he meant. Serves you right. You can never make a comeback in this lifetime. There’s no use begging me.”

With that, Nan Chen strode away.

“Nan Chen! Come back here!” Ouyang Duo cried out in despair.

When Nan Chen returned to Commoner Residence in his MPV, the sky was already dark.

It was the beginning of February and the start of spring, but the weather was still cold as if it was still winter.

At the entrance of Commoner Residence, a man was pacing in circles. When he saw Nan Chen’s car, he quickly jumped in front of it.

The driver immediately slammed the brakes. Luckily for him, the man wasn't hit.

"Nan Chen..."

The bodyguards escorted the scammer-like man to the front of the car. Surprisingly, it was Ouyang Qi.

He wore a thin suit, his nose red from the cold, and his lips were purple.

Initially, he wanted to meet Nan Zhengde, but the older man refused to see him.

He kept pacing back and forth outside Commoner Residence until he saw Nan Chen's car. Then, without much thought, he pounced on the car.

Nan Chen knew why he was there. He never liked Ouyang Qi, a rich playboy.

The main reason for his dislike was that Ouyang Duo was Ouyang Qi's father.

"Nan Chen, I know my father has wronged your family. I'm sorry! Please spare him! I beg you!" Ouyang Qi spoke, his voice quavering.

His trembling wasn't due to fear but the sheer coldness of the weather.

"Let's talk inside," Nan Chen said.

Inside Commoner Residence, Nan Chen ordered someone to get Ouyang Qi a jacket and pour him a glass of warm water to warm him up.

"I have no idea what my father did. I'm not trying to shift the blame, but I want to tell you I really know nothing about it. I knew he had bad intentions toward the Nan family, and he even told me to do something bad to the Nan family, but I didn't. I never thought he would go that far. I'm sorry. Could you let my father off? I beg you, please..."

Ouyang Qi appeared highly anxious and seemed to be in a bad shape.

Nan Chen had never liked Ouyang Qi. Not only was he frivolous, but he also had designs on Ning Ran.

"If I wanted to harm your father and kill your daughter, but I failed and got caught, will you let me off if Nan Xing begs you to let me off?" Nan Chen threw the question back at him.

"I won't," Ouyang Qi mumbled.

At that, Nan Chen fell silent. There you have it. Your answer.

"I know you're not involved, so I won't be harsh with you. Also, I won't push your family to the corner. Just go back and take care of your mother and manage your company well. If you think of me as an enemy, you're welcome to take revenge on me. However, I can't let your father off. It's impossible. From a personal perspective, he almost killed my daughter. I will not forgive those who harm my daughter. From a professional perspective, he tried to take my company from me, and he was being unscrupulous about it too. Honestly, it wasn't at the level of being in a proper business competition anymore. He actually broke the law. Those who commit a crime must be punished by the law. Begging me is useless. The law is the law. I can't do anything about that."

Ouyang Qi was utterly dejected. "Can't you try? There has to be a way! If you let my father and sister off, I'll do anything!"

"Has Ouyang Qing been arrested?"

"Yes, she was arrested alongside my mother. Please, please let them off."

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Chapter 637 Misjudged

Nan Chen remained silent. Ouyang Qing was the culprit who gave the order to poison Erbao. She deserved to be punished for that.

He did not expect that underneath Ouyang Qing's innocent appearance lies a vicious woman. It was inhumane of her to hurt even a child.

She was born into a great family and was well educated, yet she would stoop so low to hurt an innocent child. "You should know that I never liked you," said Nan Chen.

"I know." Ouyang Qi nodded. "If you can let my father and my family members go, I can agree to all your conditions, even if you want me dead." "Dead?"

"Yes. I know they have crossed the line this time, and it's impossible for you to forgive them over an apology. That's why I'm willing to agree to all your conditions, even if you want me to trade my life in exchange for their freedom. Just a word from you and I'll find a tall building to jump down from right away. I am willing to atone for their sins with my life, and I hope you can agree with it," said Ouyang Qi.

Nan Chen looked at Ouyang Qi and remained silent. Ouyang Qi continued, "I know you don't like me and don't trust me. How about this? Once you agree, we can find a building together, and you can watch me hop down from the rooftop. If I dare refuse to jump, you can get your men to throw me off the building."

"Unlike your father, I don't kill people," said Nan Chen coldly.

"I know, so I am doing this willingly. Don't worry. You won't be implicated. I'll mention this in my will."

Nan Chen turned around. "Mr. Chai, bring us my grandpa's sleeping pills. I want the whole bottle of it."

"Understood."

Chai Hua grasped the message in his words and quickly brought him the bottle of sleeping pills.

Nan Chen placed the bottle before Ouyang Qi and remained silent.

"Great. I only have one request. You must let my mother and sister go. Also, find me a nice graveyard and bury me there. I don't want stray dogs picking at my body," said Ouyang Qi.

Still, Nan Chen remained silent.

Ouyang Qi opened the bottle lid and poured half of the sleeping pills into his mouth. He munched the pills loudly and took a glass of water before taking a sip and swallowing them in one gulp.

The scene startled Nan Chen.

From what he remembered, Ouyang Qi had always been an unsophisticated playboy who knew nothing but to enjoy his life lavishly.

To his surprise, the same unsophisticated playboy actually had the gall to stand up and save the Ouyang family from being crushed entirely.

At first, Nan Chen thought Ouyang Qi was only bluffing about trading his life in exchange for his family. Unexpectedly, Ouyang Qi meant every word he uttered.

"Will I suffer in pain after taking the pills? Or will I die in my sleep?" Ouyang Qi looked at Nan Chen.

"I'm not sure," said Nan Chen.

"Anyway, I hope you keep your promise. I won't leave this place or go to the hospital. Instead, I will stay here so that you can confirm I'm dead. Then, you must let my family go."

"Aren't you afraid of death?"

"I am. In fact, I'm scared stiff right now, but there's no other option left for me. I've always been the most useless in our family, and I have never done anything for them. So, I figured I could do something for them before I die. Can you give me a bottle of wine? That will help me boost my courage. You know, I am indeed afraid of death," said Ouyang Qi.

"Aren't you afraid that you'd die for nothing?"

"Well, I trust you. Since you promised to let my family go, I know you will keep your word."

"The thing is, I haven't promised you that," said Nan Chen coldly.

"Then how could you let me take the pills? Nan Chen, I thought you were a man of your word. That's why I trusted you, but you set me up instead. I need to call an ambulance now. I can't die for nothing!" Ou Yangqi panicked.

"Forget it. Those pills are just vitamins. You won't die, so don't bother causing a scene," said Nan Chen.

"What? Are you messing with me?"

"Did you really think I won't be held responsible if you die in my house? Ouyang Qi, it's useless for you to do this. As I said before, Ouyang Duo has broken the law and must face punishment. I'm surprised someone like you actually has the courage to do this at such a critical time. You may leave now and settle your family's mess. From what I had gathered, your mom was aware of what Ouyang Duo did, but she didn't participate. I'll find someone to try and get her released on bail. As for Ouyang Qing, I won't let her go free for what she has done to my daughter. It's the same for Ouyang Duo. He almost killed me, and there's no way I'd let him go that easily. You don't have to die, so you can go and pick up your mom. That's the most I can allow. Don't bother negotiating with me for the others, for I will never agree!" said Nan Chen.

"Nan Chen..."

Nan Chen waved his hand and gestured at Chai Hua, saying, "Mr. Chai, send the guest out."

Chai Hua looked at Ouyang Qi. "Let's go. It's useless for you to keep making a scene here."

Albeit unwilling, Ouyang Qi stood up and was about to take off the coat Nan Chen had given him earlier when the latter stopped him.

"Keep it. It's cold outside. Your father was wrong to look down on you before. I hope you can revive the Ouyang family and Sunshine Corporation again. Also, I have one more

thing to remind you of. I'm short-selling many companies under Sunshine Corporation. At the same time, I notice many funds are coming in from buying Sunshine Corporation's shares. I think you understand what that means," said Nan Chen.

"Are you saying someone else is bottom-fishing and trying to acquire Sunshine Corporation?" Sure enough, Ouyang Qi was not only a wastrel that knew nothing about the business world.

"You can judge the situation yourself. I'm only reminding you of this. You may leave now." Nan Chen waved a dismissive hand.

"Nan Chen, thank you for letting my mother go, but we can no longer be friends," said Ouyang Qi.

"We were never friends, to begin with. So stop wasting your breath saying this nonsense. Leave."

With that, Nan Chen turned his wheelchair around and started toward the dining hall.

It was time to eat.

Nan Zhengde had the servants prepare a table full of dishes. He was in the mood to celebrate Nanshi Corporation surviving the crisis.

"Chen, what were you talking about with Ouyang Qi back there? The Ouyang family is our enemy now. He will soon take his revenge on us, so why would you even bother talking to him?" Nan Xing asked.

"I'm really impressed by Ouyang Qi. I didn't expect him to do that," said Nan Chen.

"Chen is right. Ouyang Qi is seen as the prodigal son by everyone else, yet he performed well in such a critical time," Nan Zhengde agreed.

"He's not that good. Stop trying to boost his image when he's still as useless as before," Nan Xing disagreed.

"Perhaps he was bluffing when he offered his life to atone for their sins because he knew I wouldn't let him die. But then again, it's worth applauding that he had the courage to come to the Nan residence and plead with us. Also, he never participated in Ouyang Duo's wrongdoings. This is enough to prove that he's a man with principles. Who knows? He may become our biggest rival in the future," said Nan Chen.

"I agree. I think he has a promising future. You're the most outstanding one among the younger generation, and other kids are nowhere comparable to you. That's why I believe you need more competitors to keep you alert. You can only strike better under

pressure. So, we must not let Ouyang Duo's wrongdoings implicate Ouyang Qi." Nan Zhengde nodded in agreement.

"Grandpa, you don't have to worry about me staying idle. I noticed recently that someone else could become my competitor," said Nan Chen.

"Really? Are you referring to the person that has been secretly purchasing Sunshine Corporation's shares?"

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Chapter 638 Not Someone Ordinary

"Yes. I've been short-selling the shares, but that person has been bottom-fishing them. Once news about Ouyang Duo gets out there, the shares will decline even more, and that person will have more chances to purchase the shares by then. If they managed to purchase the shares through other market levels, they might become Sunshine Corporation's major stockholder. Whoever it is, they are highly efficient in doing this. They aren't purchasing the shares blindly. Instead, they're purchasing the shares each time they decline after a rebound. They are experts in this field," said Nan Chen.

"You have always been the leading expert in the finance field, and you're certainly ranked top five among the financial experts in our country. If that person impresses you so much, they must be an expert too. Who could be so good at this?" Nan Zhengde asked.

"I haven't gotten a lead yet. From what I had gathered, that person uses funds from offshore companies registered abroad. I've sent someone to look into this, but we have yet to find out which local companies have been working with those offshore companies. This person is highly secretive. That's why I think they're experts," Nan Chen explained.

"Then, from your judgment, did that person bottom fish Sunshine Corporation because they guessed you'd make a move on the company? Or is it only a coincidence?" Nan Zhengde asked.

"I'm afraid this is more than a coincidence, but I don't have any evidence to prove that yet," said Nan Chen.

"If it's more than a coincidence, that person must have known what Ouyang Duo had planned to do to us. This person also predicted we would defeat Ouyang Duo. Otherwise, they wouldn't have based on their prediction and prepared beforehand to bottom fish Sunshine Corporation. But then, how did they know what Ouyang Duo would do to us? Could it be that they were working with Ouyang Duo?" Nan Zhengde raised a question.

"It's hard to say, but Ouyang Duo is a cautious man. I doubt he would tell the people around him what he planned to do to us, especially when Ouyang Qi and Feng Jialing were clueless about many things he did. Therefore, it's very unlikely that anyone around Ouyang Duo would know beforehand that we could defeat him. Also, they are certainly not ordinary when they could mobilize so many funds to acquire Sunshine Corporation. No one around Ouyang Duo is that capable. I'm sure this person is a big shot," Nan Chen revealed his thoughts on this.

"If that's the case, I'm afraid that person will become your rival someday." Nan Zhengde's expression turned solemn.

"Grandpa, I think you're worrying too much about this. Ouyang Duo is powerful, but Sunshine Corporation didn't manage to acquire Nanshi Corporation over the years. So even if that mysterious person managed to control Sunshine Corporation, I doubt they can be more powerful than Ouyang Duo and acquire Nanshi Corporation, right?" Nan Xing chimed in.

"We're not saying they can do that, but we must plan ahead. Imagine yourself out in the woods. You must always stay alert for wild beasts lurking around you. Even if the wild beast doesn't attack you immediately, you must be wary about its existence and keep your guard up. Otherwise, when the wild beast suddenly charges at you, you won't have enough time to react, and you'll become its food. Ouyang Duo failed to acquire our company because Grandpa had planned for such a thing many years ago, and we were wary of him. That's how we survived this crisis," said Nan Chen with a solemn expression.

Nan Zhengde agreed with that and said, "Chen is right. Even if that person isn't powerful enough to threaten us for now, we should at least find out their identity and their plans."

Right then, Feng Wan walked over to them. She asked, "Are you guys talking about work again? Chen is yet to recover. He needs to get enough rest."

"Grandma, I'm fine. Don't worry," said Nan Chen softly.

"Anyway, do you want to guess who I was speaking to over the phone just now?" Feng Wan smiled.

"Who?"

"My lovely great-granddaughter, of course. After taking the medicine prescribed by the doctor, Erbao is now back to normal. She's being a glutton again and craves all the food she sees!" Feng Wan chuckled.

"Who is the doctor? Is the medicine really that effective?" Nan Zhengde was also happy to hear an update about his great-granddaughter.

"I think his last name is Ding. You know, it's the person Nan Chen and the others went to look for. They couldn't find him in Lightspring, so they went to Livingsfill, and someone led them to him. It is truly a blessing for Erbao to have met such a great doctor. I guess it's fated for them to find the doctor in Livingsfill." Feng Wan grinned from ear to ear.

However, the look in Nan Chen's eyes dimmed a little when he heard that. Still, he quickly concealed that and returned to his usual expression.

"When will the kids come back?" Nan Zhengde asked.

"Ning Ran is staying with them. It's warmer there, so I guess they'll stay there for the time being before coming back," said Feng Wan.

"All right, but we must ensure someone is there to protect them. We can't let anything terrible happen to them again," Nan Zhengde advised.

"Grandpa, don't worry. Qiao Zhan is with them. They will be fine."

"All right. That's good to know. Let's eat now," said Nan Zhengde.

After the meal, Nan Chen headed to the villa area in Red Maple City.

He did not go to his villa. Instead, he went to another villa and rang the doorbell.

Bai Hua opened the door. She was surprised to see it was Nan Chen. "How did you find this place?"

Without saying anything, Nan Chen walked right through the door and into the villa.

There were several suitcases in the living room on the second floor. It was a mess inside the house.

"What's the matter? Are you leaving for somewhere else? Where are you going?" Nan Chen asked.

"I... We..." Nan Zhiyuan seemed flustered by Nan Chen's sudden arrival, and he stammered a little.

"I know this villa belongs to Ouyang Qing, and I knew long ago that you guys were staying here, so you shouldn't be surprised that I showed up here today."

With that, Nan Chen sat on the couch. He also gestured for Bai Hua to take a seat.

Bai Hua sat uneasily next to Nan Zhiyuan and said, "Nan Chen, I heard you're no longer on good terms with the Ouyang family. Is that true?"

“What else did you hear?” Nan Chen asked.

“I... I heard that the Ouyang family members were arrested.” Bai Hua’s expression changed again.

“So, are you planning to pack your stuff and move away right after hearing that your ally has fallen? Do you think you can no longer stay in her villa?” Nan Chen questioned coldly.

“Nan Chen, how can you talk to me like that? What do you mean by allies? It’s true that I am close to Ouyang Qing, but you’re the main reason we got close. I wanted to find you a wife. If I had known Ouyang Qing was such a vicious woman, I would have ignored her!” Bai Hua got anxious.

“Is that so?” Nan Chen’s voice became colder.

“Nan Chen, you’d better watch your attitude. How can you talk to your mother like that? Is there anything wrong with us moving into a villa when your grandpa kicked us out of the Nan residence because he got upset with us? You are our son, but you never offered to find us a place to stay. Instead, you told us to go to a nursing home. We aren’t that old and can do perfectly fine on our own. So why should we go to a nursing home?” Nan Zhiyuan got angry.

Nan Chen stared coldly at his parents and said nothing else.

“Why are you staring at us? Did I say something wrong?” Nan Zhiyuan was angry.

“You should know better than anyone else why you went overseas back then. If you didn’t pretend to have cancer, Grandpa wouldn’t have allowed you to return. There’s something I don’t understand. Since you claim to be a part of the Nan family, why are you doing things that will hurt us?” Nan Chen questioned.

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Chapter 639 Is This Not Great

Bai Hua and Nan Zhiyuan exchanged glances. Bai Hua pointed at Nan Chen and scolded, “What do you mean by that, Nan Chen? Are you saying that I faked my terminal illness? I am indeed suffering from cancer. Is that how a son is supposed to behave?”

“You still intend to keep up with the pretense? I’ve already investigated this matter. Those specialists who diagnosed you back then were all bribed by Ouyang Qing. They all gave the standard diagnosis that you were critically ill, but that wasn’t true! Do you want me to accompany you to the hospital to get another health check-up so that I can prove that you’re lying?” Nan Chen was infuriated too.

Bai Hua and Nan Zhiyuan panicked when they saw Nan Chen growing impatient.

They had planned to maintain an adamant stance to put him in his place by relying on their status as elders. Unfortunately, their strategy didn't seem to work.

"Nan Chen, I can explain this matter. I missed you and Nan Xing dearly after staying abroad for too long. I wish to be reunited with you two, but your grandpa forbade us from coming back. Your father and I resorted to this method because we had no other alternative. I can only return here by pretending to be sick. In fact, your grandpa gave us the green light to come back here after I faked my illness. We can stay together as a family now. Isn't this great? Do you really hope for your dad and me to live the rest of our lives and pass away in a foreign country? Is that the outcome you desire? I don't believe you're such a stone-hearted person!"

Bai Hua played the sentiment card as she spoke with tears streaming down her face.

"I actually discovered your fraudulent claim to be sick long ago. I was also under the assumption that you wanted to come back here for your family, so I didn't pursue this matter further to expose your facade. But did you two return solely for the sake of reuniting with your family?" Nan Chen asked.

"What other reason could it be? Why don't you enlighten us, then?" Nan Zhiyuan asked.

"Dr. Ding Yuanchao is in Livingsfill instead of Lightspring. Why did you deceive us by saying you wanted to meet with him in Lightspring?" Nan Chen stared at his mother.

"What? I don't know anything. I heard he was from Lightspring, so I assumed he would be there. What are you implying, Nan Chen? Are you suspecting me?" Bai Hua exclaimed.

"You heard he was from Lightspring, so you assumed he would be there? But that's not what you said previously. You told us confidently he was in Lightspring and even provided us with his exact address. Yet now you're telling me you got this information via hearsay?"

"I got it. You doubt me, is that it? You think I caused you to be hit by a car, don't you?"

"How did you know I was hit by a car? Who told you?" Nan Chen asked at once.

"I-I saw it on the news, of course!"

"Which news mentioned that I was hit by a car?" he pressed further.

"It's reported in the news. I can't remember which one!"

Nan Chen fell silent.

Sensing Bai Hua's failure to suppress Nan Chen, Nan Zhiyuan piped up to pressure his son, "Nan Chen, are you here to condemn us? Do you think we were the ones who harmed you? Do you believe your mother and I did that? Is that what you're trying to tell us?"

"I'm not trying to condemn anyone. I just want to know why those people were informed of my whereabouts upon my arrival in Lightspring. They even arranged the trucks and selected the optimal location to make their move. That signifies they already knew about my schedule even before my departure. There are less than ten people who knew about my trip to Lightspring. I want to find out who notified the Ouyang family." Nan Chen sounded cold.

"You said so yourself that few other people have knowledge of your whereabouts, so why are you accusing us?" Nan Zhiyuan asked.

"The others are completely unacquainted with members of the Ouyang family. You two are the only ones who have frequent dealings with them," Nan Chen replied.

"That's why you think we divulged the information? What kind of logic is that? Is that how you treat your parents? You imbecile!" Nan Zhiyuan roared.

"I didn't want to believe this to be the truth either, but I met with Ouyang Qing just now," Nan Chen said.

Bai Hua's facial expression changed drastically. "I admit I was the informant, but I didn't know the Ouyang family would plan this wicked scheme. I merely thought Ouyang Qing liked you and wanted to marry you. How could I fathom that she and Ouyang Duo were such foul and evil people? You are my son. I wouldn't want to harm you. Why would I want bad things to befall you?" She started crying as she confessed her deeds.

Truth be told, Nan Chen had gone straight to the villa in Red Maple City from Commoner Residence. He didn't actually meet with Ouyang Qing.

He sighed inwardly at the sight of her mother's demeanor.

"So, you admit that you exposed my itinerary to the Ouyang family. Is that right?"

"I didn't do that on purpose. I thought Ouyang Qing wanted to tag along with you to seize the opportunity to spend more time with you. Little did I expect her to—"

"That's enough. I got it. You don't have to say another word."

"Nan Chen, I didn't want to cause you any harm. I didn't tell her on purpose. You have to believe me," Bai Hua choked out.

Nan Chen didn't respond, but he could feel his heart aching a little.

If Nan Zhengde were aware of that matter, Nan Zhiyuan and his wife would undoubtedly be kicked out again—perhaps for the rest of their lives this time.

At Nan Chen's silence, Nan Zhiyuan thought his son had conceded, so he went off on a rant. "Nan Chen, look what you've done. Your mother is crying because of you. You're seriously an unfilial son! Your behavior is absolutely unacceptable! Have we not raised you well in the past? Is this how you treat your parents?"

Your mother and I aren't welcome in the family by your grandpa. On the other hand, Ouyang Qing has been kind to us, so we maintain a close relationship with her. What is wrong with that? She likes you and yearns to be with you, so why does it matter if we decided to help her? Is there a problem with that? We didn't have ulterior motives and only had your best interest at heart. Yet, here you are, finding fault with us."

"I want to know why Ouyang Duo pressured Grandpa into recommending you to work in the company. Do you have any idea what kind of person Ouyang Duo is? He's someone who's trying to acquire Nanshi Corporation! But he's now insisting you take up a position in the company. Is he trying to turn you into his trusted aide?" Nan Chen asked.

"How dare you slander me, you b*stard!" Nan Zhiyuan bellowed and raised his hand to slap Nan Chen.

Nan Chen didn't dodge. Instead, he endured his father's forceful slap.

Nan Zhiyuan was dumbfounded. He could've avoided getting hit. Why didn't he do so?

"Are you going to give me another slap? Go on, then," Nan Chen uttered indifferently.

"You're outrageous! How could you suspect your parents?" Nan Zhiyuan didn't dare to strike him again.

"If you intend to attain a higher position in Nanshi Corporation, you should put more effort into figuring out ways to contribute to the Nan family instead of constantly scheming with outsiders to target your own family.

Grandpa will undoubtedly pursue this matter involving you two and the Ouyang family. Once he finds out the truth, I have no doubt he will cast out the two of you. I'm afraid you two might just expire in a foreign country for real this time.

I'll think of a way to cover your wrongdoings, but this will be the last time I do this. If you two mess up again in the future, I won't consider our familial bond and be as merciful anymore.

Since you two can be so heartless as to conspire with others to do me in, why should I acknowledge you as my parents? Move out of here and stay at my place. Stay there obediently and stop stirring up trouble from now on.”

With that, Nan Chen stood up and strode out of the room. Bai Hua and Nan Zhiyuan let out a sigh of relief after hearing that Nan Chen would safeguard them.

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Chapter 640 You Are So Smart

Nan Chen went straight to the headquarters of Nanshi Corporation after leaving the villa in Red Maple City.

He had to stay up that night since the news of Ouyang Duo’s arrest had reached the other end of the Pandera Ocean. The share price of the overseas branch office of Sunshine Corporation would definitely plummet significantly.

Nan Chen would lead his overseas team to make their move on the stock market one step at a time instead of acting recklessly.

Although Nanshi Corporation had businesses related to finance, they were mostly an entity. They seldom carry out such large-scale capital operations to gain more profits.

Nan Chen only decided to sell Sunshine Corporation short because he wanted to fight fire with fire.

As usual, before he started working, he had to video call his two children.

Erbao was naturally the one closest to the camera, and she looked much better.

“Daddy—” She started giggling before she said anything.

Nan Chen found it odd. “Darling, why are you laughing?”

“I’m laughing because I’m happy,” Erbao said.

“Why are you happy? Are you happy because you can see me?” Nan Chen teased.

“You’re so smart, Daddy. I can’t believe you guessed that.” Then she started laughing again.

At that moment, Dabao moved closer to the camera so that Nan Chen could see him. “Daddy, Erbao has been naughty. She ate two drumsticks tonight, and one was mine! She’s been burping non-stop since just now. She’s laughing because she doesn’t want you to know she’s burping.”

"I only ate a little more because I was hungry... Daddy, isn't it a good thing for me to eat more and be healthy?" Erbao countered.

"Erbao, you've just recovered not too long ago. You shouldn't eat too much. It's hard on your stomach. Make sure not to overeat next time, okay?" Nan Chen reminded.

"Okay, Daddy. I'll remember that. Daddy, I just got a new best friend! I'll introduce her to you when you're here," Erbao said.

"Oh? What is she like?" Nan Chen asked while smiling.

"She's a beautiful girl like me, but I'm a little more graceful than she is."

Nan Chen smiled. My darling daughter is too conceited. She really can't help complimenting herself when she's complimenting others.

"So, are you planning to invite her to our house?" he asked.

"I did. We'll have a party tomorrow. Will you be here, Daddy?"

"I still have some stuff to tend to, so I can't make it tomorrow. But I promise you that once I've finished what I'm doing, I'll go and see you immediately."

"Okay, Daddy. I'll wait for you. Do you want to talk to Mommy?"

"Sure."

Ning Ran appeared on his screen. She was drying her hair with a towel, looking beautiful as always.

"Remember to blow-dry your hair after you shower; otherwise, you'll get sick," Nan Chen urged.

"All right, all right. I was just about to get my hairdryer when you said you wanted to talk to me. How's your leg? Does it still hurt?" Ning Ran asked.

"It's not that bad anymore. Are you still having nightmares?"

"Yeah. I'll wake up in the middle of the night every night. I guess it'll take some time for it to pass."

"Remember to drink some hot milk before you sleep. It helps you to sleep better. Get some rest for the next two days. Stay home. Don't go to work. If the production team asks you anything, just tell them you're not feeling very well and you need to rest for a while."

“All right. Oh, have you settled everything over there?”

“More or less. Ouyang Duo has been arrested.”

“I saw that on the internet. What about the other one?”

“Who?”

Ning Ran became anxious. “Ouyang Qing. Don’t tell me you let her go for old times’ sake. How could you when Erbao almost lost her life because of that woman?”

“It’s not on the internet, but she was arrested too, along with Feng Jialing, at the airport. Ouyang Qi even begged me to let them go and said he would die to atone for his sins, but I didn’t say yes. I only agreed to let go of Feng Jialing. As for Ouyang Qing and Ouyang Duo, I’ll never forgive them.”

“Really?” Ning Ran looked doubtful.

“You don’t believe me?” Nan Chen was slightly unhappy about it.

“Of course, I believe you. I’m sure you won’t let Ouyang Duo go, but I’m not so sure about Ouyang Qing since you two were an—”

“Shh! Can you watch what you’re saying when you’re in front of the kids?” Nan Chen was mad.

“I didn’t say anything. Besides, the kids know everything. They remember how close you and Ouyang Qing were. If I really have to say it, they remember it more clearly than I do,” Ning Ran responded.

“Hurry up and dry your hair. Ouyang Qing will definitely get punished by the law. I got to go to work now.”

“Okay. Go on. Bye.”

With that, Ning Ran ended the call. Nan Chen looked at the time. There were still thirty minutes before the next trading session, so he went to pour himself a cup of coffee.

As he had expected, the moment the trading session started, the shares of Sunshine Corporation dropped drastically. It was terribly shocking.

If the stock market was in the country instead of abroad, the drop would’ve hit the limit down a long time ago.

Nan Chen remained calm as he instructed his team to withdraw the shares in batches through voice messages.

The withdrawal of shares was quite successful because of the smooth takeovers.

Besides, that mysterious person's team was just like a hungry beast, as they bought all of Nan Chen's stocks that he sold.

The operation was basically completed by dawn.

Leaving aside the transaction costs and other costs, the short-selling made around two billion.

Meanwhile, the stock prices of Sunshine Corporation continued to drop.

Based on the current trend, if the drop in stock price didn't stop, it would become junk stock.

Ouyang Qi's face popped up in Nan Chen's mind. I wonder if the Nine-Fingered Prince has the ability to save his family's company. What else is he good at other than fooling around with girls?

Suddenly, the phone on the table rang. Who would call me at this hour?

It was Chai Hua. Nan Chen instantly panicked. It's the middle of the night. There must be an emergency for him to call me right now!

"Mr. Chai?"

"Master Chen, am I interrupting your sleep?"

Nan Chen was slightly relieved when Chai Hua's voice didn't sound urgent.

"I'm keeping an eye on the stock market, so I'm still awake. What is it, Mr. Chai?"

"The police told me that Ouyang Duo tried to take his own life, so he has been sent to the hospital for emergency rescue. Then, a fire in the hospital caused the power to go out. Ouyang Duo escaped during the chaos," Chai Hua replied.

Nan Chen wasn't surprised at all. When he heard that Ouyang Duo had tried to take his own life, he knew Ouyang Duo was trying to escape.

"Can the police find him and catch him again?"

"The police are still looking into it. They still haven't gotten any leads at the moment."

Nan Chen was very calm. "Okay. I understand."

“Mr. Nan is asleep now, so I didn’t wake him up. That’s why I called you. Master Chen, is there anything we should do?” Chai Hua asked.

“No. We don’t have to do anything. Let the police handle this.”

“Okay. Have a good rest, Master Chen. Bye.”

“Bye, Mr. Chai. Rest well too. Don’t worry about this.”

“All right.”

Nan Chen ended the call and wheeled himself toward the window as he looked at the city.

At that time, it was full of city lights.

Nan Chen wasn’t afraid of Ouyang Duo’s comeback since there would be others like Ouyang Duo too.

He knew he’d face new challenges and attacks in his position.