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Chapter 151: Brother, Your Legs Have Recovered?

At this moment, Shen Hanxing's phone vibrated continuously. First, she received a notification about several amounts of money transferring into her bank account, following with the text from Ji Yang. "Sister-in-law, this is the money my father saved for me when he was alive. Feel free to use it. If it's not enough, I still have more."

At the same time, Ji Zhou's international call came in. "Sister-in-law, have you received the money?"

Shen Hanxing frowned. "It should be late night now in your place? Rest well. You still have to train during the day. Don't stay up too late."

Ji Zhou chuckled embarrassedly. "I only called because I thought you would have time to answer the call now. I will go to bed after this call. Sister-in-law, the money I transferred to you was given to me by my old man before he died. I still have shares of the Ji Corporation in my hands. Just let me know if you need more."

Ji Yang and Ji Zhou seemed to have transferred all the funds they had to her. That long string of number was not a whole number.

Shen Hanxing had a gentle smile on her face. "I'm not short of money. I'll let you know if I am short of money."

Ji Zhou also smiled. "Sister-in-law, you keep it for me first. Alright, it's getting late. Good night, sister-in-law." With that, he hung up the call decisively, afraid that Shen Hanxing would return the money if he said another word.

Shen Hanxing looked at the phone being hung up and shook her head with a helpless chuckle. At that moment, Ji Qian and Ji Ning walked downstairs together. Ji qian took a step forward first. "Sister-in-law, we've looked at your fund. In the past, I didn't know how to control my spending, so I didn't have much money left in my card. Please take this. When my pocket money and shares for the next month are distributed, I'll give them to you too."

"And mine," Ji Ning showed the bank card she was holding tightly in her hand and whispered, "I also have shares in the company. Furthermore, I'm now eighteen years old. So, I can transfer all my shares to you."

Shen Hanxing was speechless.

Were her brother-in-laws and sister in-laws planning to go bankrupt to support her charity? Shen Hanxing was both stunned and touched. "Silly girl, I have enough money." Shen Hanxing was amused. She didn't know what gave her them the image that she was poor.

"And mine too," Ji Mo rushed downstairs. He came in a hurry and was panting. After he placed the bank card on the table, he said word by word, "I'll be an adult next year. I can also transfer my shares to you then."

Seeing their serious and sincere looks, as well as the large amount of money transferred by Ji Zhou and Ji Yang on the phone, Shen Hanxing was momentarily speechless. She married into the Ji family and met

these cute younger siblings. Perhaps it was life's compensation for the hardships of the first half of her life. The warmth and kindness that she could not obtain from her biological father was given to her by the kids in the Ji family.

On this slightly cold morning, Shen Hanxing's heart felt warm. This warmth turned into an even stronger strength, making her fighting spirit soar.

Ji Yan, who had been completely ignored, lifted his head and looked at these troublesome younger brothers and sisters. "Why are all of you gathering here for? Don't you have anything to do?"

"We're just here to support our sister-in-law. We'll be leaving now..." Ji Ning said softly. They were still a little afraid of Ji Yan. The moment he opened his mouth to speak, they all lined up obediently and was about to leave.

"Wait," Ji Yan frowned and stopped them.

"Brother..." Ji Qian shrunk her neck and asked softly, "is there anything else you want to say?"

"Take your things with you," Ji Yan lifted his chin and pointed at the bank card on the table. He said faintly, "with me around, your sister-in-law doesn't need your money."

"Brother, we are giving her these because we wanted to," Ji Mo lifted his head and said softly, "we all want to help sister-in-law."

"Take it back," Shen Hanxing couldn't help but laugh. "I'll ask for your help if I need money, okay?" She had ways to make her fund flow and was not lack of money.

Seeing that Shen Hanxing didn't seem to be faking it, Ji Qian, Ji Ning, and Ji Mo looked at each other. Then, they each went forward to take their bank cards. Just as the three of them were about to leave, Ji Ning suddenly realized something, she stared blankly at Ji Yan standing up from his wheelchair. Then, he took the bank card and handed to his sister.

Ji Ning finally realized what was going on. "Brother, your leg... your legs have recovered?"

"Yes," Ji Yan's voice became much gentler towards his sister, who had the most obedient character and the most pitiful life. "My legs have recovered."

Chapter 152: Kiss Temptation

"That's great!" Ji Ning cheered, clenched her tiny fists, and said softly, "Congratulations, brother."

Although Ji Qian and Ji Mo were surprised, they were also very happy for Ji Yan. Their faces filled with joy as they congratulated Ji Yan on his recovery.

Ji Yan's face was not as cold as before. He nodded and said in a low voice, "Let's keep this matter a secret for the time being." Ji Qian and the others were sensible. They nodded obediently, but they could hardly contain the happiness on their faces and joyfully hopped upstairs.

Shen Hanxing watched them leave with a smile. Then, she raised her head to look at the tall man beside her with a happy look on her face. After a pause, Ji Yan stepped forward. He was tall and had long legs. Usually, Ji Yan would not be able to feel it when sitting in a wheelchair. When he stood up, he looked

more oppressing than usual. His almost perfect handsome face became even more distant and cold. It was not easy to approach him.

Seeing Ji Yan like this, Shen Hanxing thought this marriage was profitable. If Shen Sisi were to see Ji Yan like this, she wondered if Shen Sisi would regret asking Shen Hanxing to replace her in the marriage.

“What are you thinking about?” Ji Yan spoke in his deep voice. His warm fingertips gently lifted Shen Hanxing’s chin. When his gaze fell on her face, it was as if she was his entire world. A sense of affection rose in him.

Shen Hanxing’s heart pondered. Her fingers curled as she said, “Well, you are so perfect now that I keep thinking that I have benefited a lot from this marriage.”

“No, I should be the one, who benefits a lot from you,” Ji Yan’s voice was slightly hoarse, and his gaze on her deepened. His fingertips gently caressed Shen Hanxing’s lips. He still remembered that day when he had locked himself in his room, feeling sorry for himself, falling into the abyss of depression and mania. It was Shen Hanxing who pushed open the door. Decisively, she lit up the light in his room and forcefully dragged him out of the darkness.

If it weren’t for Shen Hanxing, perhaps Ji Yan wouldn’t exist in this world anymore.

“Hanxing...” Ji Yan carefully thought about this name and suddenly smiled faintly. “You have a nice name. A bit of starlight in the cold night gives people endless hope. This name suits you perfectly.”

Shen Hanxing had a pair of beautiful eyes that Ji Yan could not take his eyes off.

Shen Hanxing smiled. “You have a honey tongue since your legs got better.” Her slender and fair fingers gently tugged at Ji Yan’s collar. “It seems that the candies you ate sweeten you up.”

Ji Yan’s muscular body leaned forward as Shen Hanxing moved. The distance between the two instantly shortened. The tip of his nose seemed to be able to feel her shallow breathing. Shen Hanxing’s faint fragrance assailed Ji Yan’s nose, and his gaze on her deepened.

Ji Yan stood by the chair, and his suit outlined his perfect figure. He had broad shoulders and a narrow waist. His long legs were straight. It was as if he was a work God had meticulously carved out. Every part of his body revealed the beauty of a man.

Shen Hanxing sat on the chair. Her skin was fair, and her black hair was shiny. Her silk nightgown hooked around her flawless shoulders, outlining her graceful figure. She was gentle and charming.

One was firm, and the other was gentle. Surprisingly, Ji Yan and Shen Hanxing were a perfect match. The scene was so beautiful that it could make anyone who saw it blush and fall in love with them.

“Is it sweet?” Ji Yan’s voice was hoarse. His deep voice was by Shen Hanxing’s ear, seducing her.

“Hanxing, why don’t you taste it yourself and see if it is as sweet as you think it is?”

As soon as he suggested, Ji Yan pressed down his lips and kissed Shen Hanxing’s tender and warm palm. Shen Hanxing chuckled. “What if I say I don’t want to try it...?”

“But I want you to try it,” Ji Yan pulled Shen Hanxing’s arm and wrapped his arm around her waist. Without a doubt, he shortened the distance between them and kissed the red lips in front of him.

Shen Hanxing chuckled and pulled Ji Yan's tie. Her fair palm pressed down on his shoulder, forcing him to lean against the long table behind him. She slowly stood up and tugged her dark curled hair behind her ears. She leaned close to Ji Yan like a bewitching elf. She was also like a goddess who could control one's desires. "Alright, then let me have a taste of your sweet lips."

Their lips touched, and it sparked their desires.

When Ji Qian and the others went downstairs to have their meal, they saw Ji Yan and Shen Hanxing's slightly red and swollen lips. They looked at the married couple with interest. Ji Yan did not care about their gazes and continued to pour water and serve Shen Hanxing the dishes. The maids standing by the table did not know what to do.

However, this harmonious atmosphere did not last long. Someone spoiled it. Bai Youyou walked down the stairs with a gift box that she had prepared meticulously. This time, she did not wear perfume. She covered her face with exquisite makeup and carefully selected the dress she wore. It perfectly fitted her figure

Chapter 153: Doesn't Deserve to Sit Here

Looking at the length of the skirt that barely covered Bai Youyou's thighs, Shen Hanxing could not help but look at the weather outside. It was such a cold day, yet Bai Youyou wore a short skirt. That woman was something.

"Focus on your meal," Ji Yan picked up a meat bun that Shen Hanxing liked and placed it on her plate. He softly reprimanded, "don't look around." It was as if she had become a child he had to watch over overnight. However, this unexpected turn of events was not bad. Shen Hanxing smiled at Ji Yan and obediently withdrew her gaze to enjoy her food.

When Bai Youyou saw this warm and sweet scene, her eyes turned red in anger. She was jealous, and her big eyes welled up with tears. With tears in her eyes, she called Ji Yan coquettishly, "Brother Ji Yan..."

Her voice was so charming and moving that Ji Qian, reading on the sofa after her breakfast, had goosebumps. She rubbed the goosebumps all over her arms and said, "Bai Youyou, are you sick?" Her voice was so disgusting!

Ji Ning nodded her head in agreement and even obediently went over to Ji Qian's side to help her rub the goosebumps all over her body.

"You!" Bai Youyou was furious, but she did not dare to flare up in front of Ji Yan. She could only grit her teeth and say, "It's none of your business. I am talking to Brother Ji Yan. If you don't like it, you can leave!"

"Why is it none of my business if you call me brother?" Ji Qian rolled her eyes. With Shen Hanxing's support, she mustered the courage to pull on the tiger skin that Ji Yan had placed on the chair. "And how do you know that I'm the only one who doesn't like it? I think my brother doesn't seem to like listening to you speak either."

"Nonsense!" Anger was about to overtake Bai Youyou, "Ji Qian, even if you're jealous of me, you don't have to keep retorting me."

"I'm jealous of you?" Ji Qian pointed at the tip of her nose in disbelief. "Why should I be jealous of you? Should I be jealous because you have big breasts and no brains? Or that you're shallow-minded and ignorant? Or because you are shameless enough to come to my house and pester my brother?"

"Ji Qian, how could you be so rude?" Bai Youyou's tears were about to roll down her cheeks as she stomped her feet coquettishly. "Brother Ji Yan, look at Ji Qian. How could she bully me like this...?"

"Qianqian is right," Ji Yan slowly scooped up the prawns and placed them on Shen Hanxing's plate. Then, he picked up a tissue to wipe his hands and said coldly, "I don't like to listen to your voice either."

Bai Youyou was stunned before she realized who Ji Yan was talking to currently. Her tears instantly flowed down her cheeks. "Brother Ji Yan, how could you say such things to me?" She sobbed. "What did I do wrong? I just... I like you so much. How could you be so cruel to me?"

"Liking a married man. Is this how the Bai family taught you?" Ji Yan's face turned gloomy as he looked at her coldly. "Miss Bai, please leave if you have no business here. Don't affect my wife's appetite."

Shen Hanxing smacked her tongue. Her man was so cold to other women, but she liked him doing that.

Bai Youyou felt embarrassed. Her anger sparked when she saw Shen Hanxing. "Shen Hanxing, you're very proud of yourself, aren't you? You just took advantage of the situation. If it weren't because Brother Ji Yan getting into a car accident, you wouldn't even be worthy of him! Why are you so proud of yourself? You shameless vixen, always flirting with men. When Brother Ji Yan sees your true side, he will definitely..."

"Shut up!"

Ji Yan threw the spoon into the plate, making a crisp and ear-splitting sound. He looked at Bai Youyou coldly. "Who gave you the courage to insult Mrs. Ji? Get out!" His disgusted gaze seemed to reveal that his patience had reached its limit.

Bai Youyou's face turned pale, and her entire body stiffened. "Brother Ji Yan, I'm not..."

Shen Hanxing held Ji Yan's hand and looked up at Bai Youyou. She felt a little pity for Bai Youyou. "Miss Bai, you sound dissatisfied. Do you think I'm not worthy enough to be Ji Yan's wife?"

Bai Youyou bit her lip and looked at her with hatred. Her expression had stated her thoughts. Shen Hanxing only felt amused. "Miss Bai, there are a few things that I want you to figure out. First, I'm Ji Yan's lawful wife, which the country law recognizes after receiving a marriage certificate. Do you understand? You may think that you are brave enough to pursue love, but in the eyes of others, you are just shameless enough to try destroying someone else's marriage. You are like a shameless mistress, do you understand?"

Bai Youyou's face was pale. She subconsciously looked at Ji Yan, but Ji Yan looked at Shen Hanxing with a gentle gaze. He did not look at her at all.

Chapter 154: Only Accept My Wife's Seduction

"Second," Shen Hanxing raised two fair fingers, "even if I had taken advantage of the situation, it's my ability for being able to do so. If your feelings for Ji Yan are deep, why haven't you come to the Ji family

to look for Ji Yan after returning? Perhaps Miss Bai, if you come to look for the Ji Yan first, I won't be able to marry him."

"I, I didn't..." Bai Youyou's body trembled. She took two steps back guiltily and tried to defend herself. "I wanted to come. My family doesn't allow me to do so..."

They were all excuses. Shen Hanxing sneered. After Ji Yan's car accident, he had locked himself in his room all day long. Rumors said that he was gloomy and irritable after he broke his leg. His emotions were unpredictable. He was already broken down mentally and was crippled. If Bai Youyou liked Ji Yan, she would have tried various means to meet Ji Yan. However, where was Bai Youyou back then?

She was busy attending all kinds of gatherings and looking for a suitable marriage partner.

Shen Hanxing's eyes were cold. "Miss Bai, you are an adult and have the right to make your choices. If you cared about the Ji Yan, you would have visited long ago, wouldn't you? What do you mean by liking Ji Yan?" Please reading on newNovel.Org? Who knows if you like his handsome face or the background and strength behind him? But no matter which one it is, your love for Ji Yan is not pure."

Shen Hanxing might be smiling, but she gazed at Bai Youyou with contempt. After saying this, she pinched Ji Yan's chin. Her actions were casual and frivolous. "It seems that our Mr. Ji's face is too handsome. His appearance will always seduce some women with evil intentions."

Ji Yan smiled. "I only accept my wife's seduction. I won't look at others."

Shen Hanxing glared at him. Her man was becoming more and more honey-tongued. The two of them exchanged glances. The ambiguous atmosphere surrounded them.

Bai Youyou's tears flowed. She shook her head desperately. "I'm not. It's not like that. How could you accuse me? Brother Ji Yan, don't believe her..."

"I don't care about the truth," Ji Yan frowned impatiently and looked at her coldly. Although the man was in a wheelchair, his gaze was like a high and mighty king. "Every word you say will only make me feel annoyed."

Feeling annoyed?

Bai Youyou took two steps back in disbelief. "No, you are lying to me! It's impossible!" She cried at the top of her lungs. "Brother Ji Yan, you promised to marry me in the past. You lied to me. How could you possibly hate me!"

"Hey, why would you ever take a child's promise seriously?" Ji Qian could not take it anymore. She glared at Bai Youyou. "When you were young, you went abroad with your family. You hugged my brother and cried your heart out. You even threatened my brother not to leave if he didn't agree to marry you. My brother was annoyed by you and could only nod his head and agree. Don't you know that?"

Back then, Bai Youyou rolled on the ground shamelessly. Ji Yan only agreed to marry her because she gave him a headache. Did Bai Youyou take it seriously?

"No, Brother Ji Yan promised me," Unfortunately, Bai Youyou did not listen to Ji Qian's words. She sobbed and repeated, "He promised me..."

“Alright, enough! Aren’t you tired?” Ji Qian slammed the teacup on the table. “So, what if he promised you? Are you going to marry my brother if he divorces and marries you? Don’t tell me that you can marry him. You and Cheng Songyang are a couple. Anyone knows what’s going on between the two of you.”

Ji Qian rolled her eyes with disdain. Did Bai Youyou think they wouldn’t know what was happened outside if they didn’t go out recently? The news of Bai Youyou and Cheng Songyang was spreading through the upper-class circles.

Bai Youyou was about to marry someone else, yet she still came over to curry favor with Ji Yan with an injured look. Did she think they were idiots?

Bai Youyou was speechless for a moment. All she could do was mutter and defend herself, “I, I’m not. It’s not like this...” But she couldn’t explain herself.

Ji Yan looked at her coldly. “That’s enough, Miss Bai. I hope you won’t pester me anymore. You’ve already caused trouble for my wife and me.”

Who would be moved by candlelight after feeling the warmth of the sun? Even if Bai Youyou could leave everything and marry Ji Yan, Ji Yan would not give her a chance.

“Brother Ji Yan,” Bai Youyou wiped her tears. She did not care about ruining her meticulously applied makeup. She held the gift box in her hand and forced a smile. “I’m here to give you this.”

Chapter 155: One Last Effort

It was undeniable that Bai Youyou was a beautiful woman. It was already pitiful enough for a beautiful woman to shed tears. Now, she was hurt and sad, yet she still smiled. It was heartbreaking to watch.

Unfortunately, the person opposite her was Ji Yan, who was as cold.

“I don’t need it,” Ji Yan said expressionlessly, and his voice was as cold as ice. “Miss Bai, you don’t have to waste your time.”

“This is your item, Brother Ji Yan. I’m here to return it to its rightful owner,” Bai Youyou’s face filled with disappointment. She opened the box and revealed the item inside. It was a very familiar-looking wristwatch, low-key and luxurious... Shen Hanxing swept a glance and realized that it was the watch that Ji Yan had donated at the charity gala a while ago.

Bai Youyou carefully looked at Ji Yan. Her eyes filled with anticipation. “I missed the auction on the night of the banquet. Later, I looked for the buyer and spent a large sum of money to get it back. Brother Ji Yan, you will accept it, right?”

Ji Yan frowned. His gaze was cold. “Put down the watch. I’ll transfer the money you spend on this watch back to you.” The watch was his item. It was alright if someone from the auction had bought it. However, now that Bai Youyou had spent money to buy it, it might cause unnecessary misunderstanding and rumors if others knew about it. He did not mind it, but he was afraid it would affect Shen Hanxing.

“I don’t want the money,” Bai Youyou’s eyes welled up with tears. She placed the watch on the table and said softly, “I bought this to give you as a gift, Brother Ji Yan.”

“Do I need you to give me the things I donated?” Ji Qian felt extremely disgusted and could not help but ask, “are you trying to annoy me?”

“I... I didn’t mean anything by giving this to you,” Bai Youyou bit her lip. She said softly, “Brother Ji Yan, you know about it too, right? I, I’m about to get engaged to Cheng Songyang...” Her face filled with reluctance and pain. “My father and Cheng Songyang both want to take over the project in the east area side of the city. They had put the marriage alliance on the agenda. The watch is my last gift to you. I hope you can understand that I’ve always liked you!”

Bai Youyou covered her face and cried as she ran out.

“Is she sick?” Ji Qian was stunned. She couldn’t help but clench her fist and wave it twice. “She is shameless! Even I feel embarrassed to hear that.”

“Throw this watch away. Throw it as far away as possible,” Ji Yan frowned and glanced at the box with disgust.

The housekeeper responded immediately and happily threw the box into the trash can outside. Ji Ning subconsciously lifted her head to look at Shen Hanxing’s expression, only to see that Shen Hanxing looked troubled. Her beautiful brows knitted together as if she was thinking about something.

“Sister-in-law,” Ji Ning was shocked and quickly explained, “there’s nothing between my brother and Miss Bai. Sister-in-law, please don’t misunderstand!”

“That’s right. You can’t take Bai Youyou’s words seriously. She is dumb and stubborn. There’s no way my big brother would like someone like her,” Ji Qian was also shocked. She comforted Shen Hanxing, “sister-in-law, you don’t know how annoying Bai Youyou cried back then. She threatened my brother to agree to marry her. My brother had no choice but to...”

Although it was annoying that their big brother always tried to snatch their sister-in-law away from them, without their big brother, they would have their sister-in-law too! At the crucial moment, Ji Ning and Ji Qian were still able to distinguish the seriousness of the matter. They spared no effort to put in a good word for Ji Yan.

“I’m not worried about her,” Shen Hanxing frowned and shook her head, thinking carefully. “The project in the east area of the city that Miss Bai just mentioned. Is it about the development of the old city district?”

Ji Yan nodded. “You know about it?”

That was a document issued not long ago by the higher-ups to carry out the development in the old city district in the west area of the city. On one side was the east area of the city, which was developing more rapidly, and on the other side was the west area of the city, which had a long history, old buildings, and even numerous shanty towns and slums. Many experts and scholars were guessing and discussing, and some companies were even willing to take the risk.

Shen Hanxing thought about the current situation and asked Ji Yan tentatively, “Which area do you prefer to develop? The Ji Group will also participate in such a large project, right?”

"I'm more optimistic about the development of the west area of the city. The combination of tradition and modernity has more characteristics and improves the environment in the west area of the city," Ji Yan analyzed, "but... Cheng Songyang seems to prefer the east area of the city."

The east area of the city leaned more towards modernization and developed transportation. After the development, it would be easier to make a profit.

Shen Hanxing was moved. If that was the case, maybe she could fight for the west area of the city.

At the same time, the Zhuang family also broke out in a fierce dispute over the project.

"I've said that the east area of the city has a competitive advantage. We should make more preparations to take down the east area of the city," Zhuang Li pursed his lips. His expression was arrogant and determined. "The west area of the city is chaotic. The higher-ups are not fools. The development is to obtain benefits, not to help the poor!"

Chapter 156: Are You Doing Charity?

"The history of the west side of the city is profound, so you can totally go with the nostalgic style." Zhuang Yu was wearing a smart suit, it made her look more refined and intelligent. She continued, "Besides, one cannot simply focus on one side of the city and neglect the other side if we want economic development. The gap between the east side and the west side of the city can not be too wide. The west side of the city needs this opportunity to keep up with the development of the entire city."

"Do you think you are doing charity?" Zhuang Li sneered. "Women really do have long hair and limited knowledge. You cannot achieve anything big by being soft-hearted."

"Zhuang Li!" Zhuang Yu frowned, a hint of anger flashed in her eyes. "Both of us are pitching our own proposals. Let's see whose plan is more convincing to Grandpa. You may raise objections to my proposal, but there is no need to be so sexist." She had always disliked her cousin's arrogant look. He wore a haughty expression every day as though he was the best in the world.

"Zhuang Yu, look who you're talking to!" Zhuang Li's expression did not look too good, he raised the corners of his lips coldly. "You're calling me sexist? Then why don't you look at the proposal you've made? It's all nonsense. You have to understand that we're doing business, not charity. Charity is what a philanthropist should do. As a member of the Zhuang family, you have the obligation to create a bigger market for the Zhuang family and make more money."

"My proposal is the result of comprehensive consideration!" Zhuang Yu gritted her teeth and shouted angrily, "Zhuang Li, I am now your competitor. Don't act like you are lecturing me. As the manager of the company, I firmly believe that the company can reap greater benefits with my proposal."

"Alright, stop arguing." Elder Zhuang, who was sitting on the sofa, slowly put down his teacup. His gaze was cloudy but sharp, his wrinkled face was full of wisdom. "I called both of you here so that you could convince me about your respective proposals, not to have meaningless arguments here."

"Grandpa." Zhuang Yu bit her lip.

“She’s unreasonable.” Zhuang Li stood on the opposite side, he icily rolled up his sleeves. “Grandpa, it’s a waste of time for you to let my cousin compete with me. The most important thing right now is to gather the manpower and resources of the company and come up with a plan to maximize the benefits, instead of diverting resources and engaging in such useless competition.”

“You! Zhuang Li, Don’t go too far!” Zhuang Yu was furious. She studied financial management at university and had always been at the top in school. During her internship in the company, she had finished every case as well as Zhuang Li. Even her grandfather was willing to give her a chance to participate in the successor selection competition for the Zhuang Corporation, but Zhuang Li was saying some aggravating things right now.

“I don’t think this is a useless competition.” Elder Zhuang looked at Zhuang Li indifferently. “The interests in front of us are temporary, but the selection of the successor affects the Zhuang Corporation long-term.”

Although Zhuang Li was talented, he was too headstrong and overconfident. This was also the reason why he had not handed the Zhuang corporation over to Zhuang Li. As for Zhuang Yu... Elder Zhuang was pleasantly surprised by her. The proposal that she submitted looked decent. She seemed very talented.

Elder Zhuang’s eyes flashed with a sharp light. “I’ve said that it’s a fair competition. You guys will have to rely on your abilities to fight for it. Tomorrow, I’ll have my assistant give each of you a department to see who can achieve results in their respective projects.” He said in a deep voice, “Whoever achieves good results with their projects will be the successor of the Zhuang Corporation.”

“Grandpa!” Zhuang Li frowned in disapproval. Wasn’t this nonsensical? The development of the urban area was such a big matter and yet, Grandpa wanted to waste precious resources on such a trivial issue?

In Zhuang Li’s heart, he had never seen Zhuang Yu as a threat. How could a girl who was indecisive and hesitant become the successor of the Zhuang Corporation? How could a woman like her lead the Zhuang Corporation to a broader future? Therefore, to Zhuang Li, the issue of the successor for the Zhuang Corporation was already set in stone with him being the successor.

“What?” Elder Zhuang suddenly raised his eyes. The light in his eyes was sharp and extremely oppressive. “Are you questioning my decision?”

Zhuang Li was shocked and quickly lowered his eyes. “I wouldn’t dare to do so.”

Elder Zhuang looked intensely at this arrogant grandson of his. His eyes could not help but reveal a hint of disappointment. He let out a long sigh and waved his hand. “Let’s end it here. Go and do your own thing. I will only be looking at the results.”

Zhuang Li gave a reply and then turned around to walk out without hesitation. When he turned around, his eyes revealed a hint of dissatisfaction and hatred.

Zhuang Yu made a face at Zhuang Li’s back and grabbed Elder Zhuang’s arm gleefully. She said, “I knew that you are the best, Grandpa. You’re different from those old-fashioned men who value sons over daughters!”

What era was this now? And yet, Zhuang Li was still sexist!

Chapter 157: Give Me a Straightforward Answer

“Stop flattering me.” Elder Zhuang could not help but smile at his lively and adorable granddaughter. “There’s no use in flattering me. Grandpa won’t help you cheat.”

“I don’t need you to help me cheat, Grandpa!” Zhuang Yu clenched her small fists to cheer herself on. “Since we agreed that it is a fair competition, I will definitely beat Zhuang Li fair and square and make him completely accept his loss!”

“He’s your cousin.” Elder Zhuang tapped her forehead, but there was a hint of gratification in his tone. “You have ambition. Your personality is like mine. Work hard. Grandpa is looking forward to the day you win.”

“I knew it...” Zhuang Yu smiled slyly. “Grandpa is also more optimistic about the development of the west side of the city, right?”

“Silly girl, you want to sound out my opinion?” Elder Zhuang smiled mysteriously and picked up the teacup on the coffee table. He said, “Stop dreaming, go do your thing.”

“Grandpa, just you wait and see!” Zhuang Yu stood up with the bag in her hand and patted her chest confidently. “I will definitely win this competition fair and square!”

In the blink of an eye, the cold wave arrived. The first snowfall fell as soon as it was announced. This year’s winter seemed to be particularly cold. The first snowfall was heavy, and large patches of snow fell. After one night, the entire city was covered in white, as though it was a dream.

However, Ji Mei was not in the mood to appreciate such beautiful scenery. She was so busy that she was in a terrible state. The goods that had been intercepted previously were not allowed to go through, and misfortunes never come alone. There were problems with the handover party again, and Ji Mei was busy on both ends. She felt as though she had fallen into an ice cellar. Due to the lack of funds, she could only brave the heavy snow and look for Shen Hanxing again.

“Hanxing, give me a straightforward answer.” Ji Mei’s brows were filled with anxiety as she urged, “Are you going to invest or not? If you keep delaying, CEO Cheng will be irritated. You have to know that there are many people who want to invest in CEO Cheng. He is only pushing the other investments away to wait for you because of me. But if you keep delaying, how am I going to face CEO Cheng?”

“Auntie, don’t be anxious,” Shen Hanxing chuckled. Her beautiful eyes were filled with naivety. “I don’t lack money, and it’s not that I don’t want to invest either. It’s just that... I think CEO Cheng should show some sincerity, right?”

“What do you mean?” Ji Mei’s face twitched.

Under Shen Hanxing’s clear gaze, Ji Mei felt as if she had been completely seen through. For a moment, Ji Mei actually had the intention to retreat, but she had no way out.

Cheng Songyang had invested a lot of money recently in order to take the East City project. Not only was he unable to share her worries and provide financial assistance, he even reached out and asked for a big sum of money from her. The money collected from the charity gala the last time was almost all spent, but the weather got colder. It was time for her to send the supplies to the mountain area. However, the

goods were held back again... And the mountain area kept rushing her... This was truly a situation of 'it never rains but it pours'. Ji Mei had no other way out.

"Auntie, don't you understand?" Shen Hanxing looked at her. After a long while, Shen Hanxing smiled. "The company's accounts, project planning, and the company's financial projections... Don't you think you should at least show these to me? Just because I don't understand it doesn't mean you can't show these documents to me, right?"

That was all she wanted? Ji Mei let out a long breath and smiled. "And here I thought it was about something very big and serious. Of course, these documents should be shown to you. When you have time, let's go to CEO Cheng's company to take a look. After that, we'll sign the contract?" As Ji Mei spoke, she covered the disdain in her eyes. These documents were all done up when Ji Mei had decided to drag Shen Hanxing down.

Shen Hanxing was just an idiot who hadn't even graduated from high school. Even if Ji Mei were to put the problematic accounts in front of her, Shen Hanxing probably wouldn't be able to see the problem.

"That sounds good," Shen Hanxing nodded. She looked very satisfied as she said, "I don't understand these things, and I don't like to look at these gibberish documents either. When the time comes, I'll bring my assistant, Han Qi, and our company's newly recruited finance staff to take a look. Auntie, you don't have any objections to that, right?"

"No objections, of course, I have no objections." Ji Mei's smile was very bright. She said with a smile, "Then shall we set the date and time?" She had already inquired about Shen Hanxing's so-called investment company, the employees of the company were all unknown. There were even quite a number of newbies. Most of them were Han Qi's classmates. They probably came in through the backdoor to get the job.

However, this group of people was quite lucky. The company had invested in a few small projects and made some money. The company was running very well, but Ji Mei felt that these were just superficial things. These were merely trivial accomplishments. The fake accounts that she had hired professionals to do were not something that the useless people in Shen Hanxing's company could see through.

Chapter 158: Let's Have a Good Talk

Shen Hanxing nodded innocently as if she didn't see the contempt on Ji Mei's face. She said, "Then let's do it next Monday."

Ji Mei happily agreed and left briskly in her high heels. After she left, Ji Yan's figure appeared behind Shen Hanxing. He wrapped his arm around her and bent down slightly. He said, "It's time to tighten the net, my wife."

"Mr. Ji, are you done with your meeting?" Shen Hanxing smiled slightly and turned her head to look at him. She continued, "There's no need to rush. Let's take it slow and take care of them one by one."

Chen Liang, who had followed Ji Yan downstairs, decisively turned his back to Ji Yan and Shen Hanxing. He deeply felt that he should not have followed the boss downstairs. However, he came downstairs because he had something important to report.

After a while, he braced himself and went downstairs. Chen Liang said in a low voice, "Boss, there's some movement from Dr. Liu Zhibai. His father, Liu Kui, is currently working in the Ji Corporation. He was promoted by Cheng Songyang. Some time ago, Liu Zhibai divorced his wife. His ex-wife took the child to M City. She went to the best location in M City and paid for the house in full."

M City was considered the second largest city in the country. The economy over there had developed rapidly in the past few years, and the housing price in that city had risen to an astonishing level. It would cost at least tens of millions to buy a house in the best location. Liu Zhibai was a family doctor, but his ex-wife could buy a house in M City and pay for it in full... Where did he get this kind of money from? Was it from his father, Liu Kui, who was working as a manager in the Ji Corporation, with an annual salary of around one million dollars? Or was it Liu Zhibai's salary as a family doctor?

Ji Yan's eyes were cold. He ordered, "Invite Liu Zhibai over. I want to have a good talk with him."

"Yes, sir!" Chen Liang was frightened by Ji Yan's aura and could not help but lower his head in response. The weather in S City was about to change.

In the blink of an eye, a few days had passed. It happened to be New Year's day on Monday, and the entire S City was filled with New Year's celebratory atmosphere. The children of the Ji family were at home having lessons with their tutors, while Shen Hanxing and Ji Yan went out at the same time.

Outside the door, Ji Yan raised his hand to help Shen Hanxing adjust her shawl. There was a hint of gentleness on his usually cold face. "I wish you all the best, my wife. I'll wait for you to come back and have dinner together."

"I also wish you success." Shen Hanxing's face, which was covered in exquisite makeup, revealed a stunning smile.

The assistant, Chen Liang, and Han Qi had been waiting at the side for a long time. After Ji Yan and Shen Hanxing parted ways, they also followed their respective bosses into their cars and left. The two cars drove in completely different directions.

At the entrance of the foreign trade company, there was already a black car parked there, as if waiting for something. It wasn't until Shen Hanxing's car drove over that the door of the black car opened. Three young men in suits came out of the black car with calm expressions on their faces.

The man walking in front of the other two was slightly older. He looked to be in his early thirties and had a pair of gold-rimmed glasses on his nose. He took the initiative to shake hands with Shen Hanxing. He said, "Ms. Shen, you'll be working hard today."

"That sentence should be directed to you all," Shen Hanxing said with a smile. These people were all pulled over by Han Qi as they were Han Qi's seniors and juniors. All of them were very capable.

After shaking hands, she raised her head and looked at the towering office building in front of her. Her beautiful eyes silently stared at the floor of the company where Cheng Dong and Ji Mei were. After a long time, she withdrew her gaze and calmly said, "Let's go."

Naturally, no one had any objections. They followed Shen Hanxing into the elevator and went upstairs.

“Ms. Shen, welcome, welcome.” Cheng Dong’s smile became even more enthusiastic as they met again. “Long time no see. You are becoming more and more beautiful, Ms. Shen.”

Shen Hanxing shook hands with him perfunctorily, then took off her sunglasses. She impatiently said, “It’s a cold day, let’s not waste time. Let’s start early.”

Cheng Dong had long been accustomed to her arrogance. The smile on his face deepened. As he made way for them, he stretched out his hand. “Okay, Ms. Shen, please come in.”

Ji Mei stood at the side and looked at the people behind Shen Hanxing. She asked, “Hanxing, are these people from your finance department?” Her gaze swept over the people Shen Hanxing had brought with her. She saw that other than the man in his thirties who looked slightly more composed, the others had youthful faces. They looked as though they had just graduated from university. She immediately felt relieved. In order to show that she was thinking of Shen Hanxing, she even pretended to be worried. Ji Mei asked, “You’ve only brought a few people here. Isn’t that too little?”

“Is that still too little?” Shen Hanxing turned her head in surprise. She pointed at Han Qi and the men beside her as she introduced them, “These guys are here to handle the things with you and look at all kinds of reports.” Her slender and fair fingers landed on the other two young women. “These two are here to chat with me to relieve my boredom.”

Chapter 159: What’s There to Be Arrogant About?

After she said that, Shen Hanxing’s face was somewhat gloomy. She continued, “Your company is too boring. You don’t even have a place for me to pass the time. So I brought two people to chat with me.”

Cheng Dong and Ji Mei looked at each other and almost laughed out loud. This Shen Hanxing was really a useless idiot. She had a good-looking face with nothing in her head. She was only a useless pretty vase. The company was a place to work and make money, but she only wanted to enjoy herself. Did she treat this place like a shopping mall?

“I didn’t think it through.” Cheng Dong looked very guilty and apologized, “Our company’s design was too rigid. It’s my fault for not being able to make you feel at home, Ms. Shen.”

“Forget it. I don’t need to come here again after signing the contract anyway,” Shen Hanxing said impatiently. Every word she said revealed that she was not familiar with how investments work. She raised her beautiful chin arrogantly and said, “You guys can go ahead and talk business. I’m going to the office I went to the last time to play games and chat. You may leave now.”

It looked like she did not intend to participate in any of the investment processes? Ji Mei was even happier inwardly, but she did not show it. She even asked Shen Hanxing thoughtfully, “Then, do you want me to accompany you?” She had her own considerations. Although the company’s accounts were meticulously forged, to ensure that no mistakes were made, she still needed someone to keep an eye on them. Furthermore, the office that Shen Hanxing went to the last time had all kinds of computers turned on. There were all kinds of secrets inside, so she wasn’t at ease with the idea of Shen Hanxing and her people using that office.

“There’s nothing to talk about with you, Auntie. Besides, the two young women I brought with me today are afraid of strangers. They’re only able to open up more with me.” Shen Hanxing waved her hand, she

looked unhappy. “Besides, you won’t be able to participate in the topics we young women will talk about, Auntie. When the time comes, we’ll have to accommodate you. It’ll be even more troublesome.” Her attitude was very clear. She was here to have fun and be happy.

Ji Mei was still hesitating, but Cheng Dong secretly tugged at her sleeve. He said, “It’s fine. As long as you’re happy, Ms. Shen. If there’s anything you need, just holler and someone will come over.” After saying that, he lowered his voice and whispered into Ji Mei’s ear, “I know what you’re worried about. I’ve locked those things so they won’t be able to see.”

He had personally hired a professional hacker to design the security system. It was something that even that idiot Shen Hanxing had never come into contact with before. She probably didn’t even know what a hacker was.

Only after he said all these that Ji Mei finally felt relieved. She smiled and urged, “Alright, then I won’t get involved with you young ladies anymore. If you want to drink tea or coffee, just tell the receptionists at the front desk. They will prepare it for you.”

As soon as Ji Mei finished speaking, Shen Hanxing impatiently waved her hand and led the two young women to the CEO’s office she had gone to the last time. Ji Mei was provoked by Shen Hanxing’s arrogant attitude. Her face darkened for a moment, but it quickly turned into a malicious smile. Shen Hanxing was just lucky enough to be able to fly to the top. What was there to be arrogant about?

After today, she would let Shen Hanxing fall to the ground. When that time came, Ji Mei would watch just how arrogant Shen Hanxing could still be!

Ji Mei and Cheng Dong brought Han Qi and the others into the office. There were documents that were already prepared and placed on the table. Han Qi and the people next to him looked at each other and sat down with smiles on their faces.

“Brother... No, I meant Assistant Han.” The younger man seemed to have made a mistake and quickly corrected himself. Because of his mistake, he was so nervous that his face was red. He asked awkwardly, “May I go to the toilet first?”

Ji Mei and Cheng Dong looked at each other. This person seemed to be very clumsy. It was obvious that he was inexperienced, and he even called Han Qi ‘Brother’... As expected, he came in through the backdoor. The two of them felt more gleeful by the second. They felt that this investment matter was set in stone.

“Why are you so full of nonsense?” Han Qi frowned, he seemed as though he was dissatisfied that the young man had humiliated him in front of outsiders. He said coldly, “Go and come back quickly.”

“Okay, okay.” The young man hurriedly nodded and ran out in a hurry. In the eyes of outsiders, he looked even more unreliable. He ran all the way as if he could not hold his pee anymore. However, in a corner that no one had noticed, he stuck an exquisite button-like object in a hidden corner.

On the other side, the young woman who entered the CEO’s office with Shen Hanxing took out a pair of glasses and neatly inserted the USB in her hand into the computer. Then, she tilted her head and listened for a while. After that, she nodded, “Alright, everything has been arranged. You can start now.” As she spoke, the youthfulness on her face disappeared. Facing the computer screen, she was serious

and her eyes were confident and focused. Her fingers continuously tapped on the keyboard. Her fingers were so fast that only an afterimage could be seen.

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After a while, the young woman shouted, "Found it." She smiled confidently and muttered, "So it was hidden here..."

Lines of code appeared on the computer screen. Under the young woman's skillful fingers, the codes flashed at a speed that was difficult for the naked eye to see. Finally, a folder appeared on the computer screen.

Shen Hanxing and the young woman looked at each other and had joyful expressions on their faces. "Send it over to that side for them to see."

"Okay, the boss is waiting for this." The girl smiled and said, "They won't be able to escape this time."

The matter was complicated and messy. It was finally resolved at noon. When Cheng Dong and Ji Mei pushed the door open and entered, Shen Hanxing looked bored as she played minesweeper on the computer while the other young women lay on the sofa and slept soundly.

"Why are they sleeping?" Ji Mei frowned and looked at the two young women sleeping on the sofa with dissatisfaction. "Is this how they work?"

"It's fine. They played games until very late yesterday. They were sleepy, so they dozed off." Shen Hanxing shrugged indifferently, her fingertips carelessly clicking the mouse. "Let them sleep. You know how it is, young people are always playful."

Shen Hanxing's words made Ji Mei look down on her even more. How could a person who didn't even have rules manage a company well? Shen Hanxing might have to compensate a lot while running the company.

"Hanxing, you're just too good-tempered." After confirming that Shen Hanxing was a softy, Ji Mei's attitude became more amiable. She went forward to persuade Shen Hanxing, "There should still be some distance between the boss and the employees. The company also has to have certain rules. Reward and punish those who deserve it. If you continue to treat the employees well, they will gradually disrespect you."

"It's just once in a while. It's fine." Shen Hanxing looked like she didn't care.

Seeing that Shen Hanxing didn't listen to her, Ji Mei didn't say anything more. Instead, she told her with a face full of joy, "After a whole morning of review, the final results have been released. Take a look."

"Ms. Shen, please have a look." Cheng Dong stepped forward at the right time and handed a document to Shen Hanxing. He smiled and said, "If there are no problems, just sign on it."

"I see..."

Shen Hanxing clicked the mouse twice, and the victory tune from the game sounded. The ear-piercing sound made Cheng Dong frown involuntarily, and he suddenly had a bad premonition. He was about to

say something when he saw Shen Hanxing take the document without even glancing at it. She flipped it to the signing page and said, "I trust Han Qi."

When Shen Hanxing said this, Cheng Dong and Ji Mei looked at each other. The joy in their eyes could not be hidden. They subconsciously stared at the tip of Shen Hanxing's pen. Their eyes were filled with the same greed and impatience.

The contract was drawn up very smoothly. Ji Mei thought that Han Qi would negotiate with them. However, she did not expect that Han Qi and the other good-for-nothings were completely led by their noses during the discussion. The price was raised by 20%. To Ji Mei and Cheng Dong, this was like a pie falling from the sky. How could they not be happy?

The tip of Shen Hanxing's pen fell on the paper, and the ink left a small black dot on the paper. Suddenly... her movements stopped. Under Ji Mei and Cheng Dong's puzzled gazes, she put down the pen. She said, "Unfortunately, I won't be signing this contract."

Ji Mei couldn't control her expression and screamed, "Why?!"

However, she was indeed an old fox. She quickly adjusted her expression and tried hard to suppress her anger as she forced a smile. She said, "Hanxing, this isn't the time to joke around. We've finally reached the final step. You can't just say you won't sign it on a whim."

"Auntie, you must be joking. Why would I say I won't sign it on a whim?" Shen Hanxing raised her head and looked at her meaningfully. "I didn't plan to sign the investment agreement from the start."

Ji Mei took a long time to digest the meaning behind Shen Hanxing's words. Her ears were buzzing, and countless memories flashed past her mind. In her memories, Ji Mei smiled and flattered Shen Hanxing... And in another moment, she spent a large sum of money to create momentum for Shen Hanxing at the charity banquet... In the end, Shen Hanxing smiled and told her that she had never thought of investing in them...

Ji Mei's vision darkened as she said, "Hanxing, you can't joke around like this..."

"I never joke around, and I would never joke around with people I'm not familiar with." Shen Hanxing's expression was cold.

"What do you mean?!" Cheng Dong finally reacted. He slammed the table heavily. "We've been busy with you for so many days, and now you're telling me that you've never thought of signing the investment agreement? Are you playing us like a fiddle?"