

Substitute Bride's Husband Is An Invisible Rich Man

Chapter 101: Division of Labor

"What? Compromised?" Li Guoguo raised her voice and widened her eyes in shock.

Xu Tian frowned slightly and didn't say anything. She silently agreed with Mo Yan.

Mo Yan buried her head into the document again. They had spent almost a week sorting out the information of Lin Group's real estate project.

The three of them had originally planned to sort out the data in C City and start working on the plan when they went to Jing City. But now that the information was wrong, they needed to redo the statistics.

Mo Yan was so angry that she grit her teeth. She could guess who had tampered with it.

They were all part of Hong Jing. No matter who signed the contract, the company would receive huge profits. Yet, Chen Ya wanted to ruin their shot of collaborating with Lin Group.

As Mo Yan flipped through the pages, Xu Tian's brows knitted tighter and tighter. Li Guoguo's expression changed from being in shock to being in fear.

It was because Chen Ya's move was really ruthless.

90% of the information in these documents was still correct. The remaining 10% was full of hidden mistakes.

The words were mostly misrepresentations or misleading errors, but the numbers were calculated and modified. That meant that without careful calculation and verification, the abnormalities would not have been able to be discovered.

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Mo Yan's heart grew colder and colder. These documents were basically useless now.

Rather than sifting through them again and again to find any mistakes that they had not yet discovered, it was better to make a new copy. However, considering the time it would take for them to redo the statistics... Would they be able to complete the plan in time for the Lin Group meeting in ten days?

"Mo Yan, check if the previous document is backed up on your laptop."

Just as Mo Yan was calculating how much time they had, Xu Tian suddenly spoke.

Mo Yan quickly took out her laptop. As long as the previous document was backed up, even if the information was not complete, it could still save them some time.

However...

"It's not."

Mo Yan said these two words with a heavy heart.

Listening to the conversation between the two, Li Guoguo also turned on her laptop, and the result was the same.

Li Guoguo looked at the documents on the table helplessly, bit her lower lip and said, "Why don't we use these first? Every time we use the statistics inside, we will double check it first. This should be okay!"

"No," Xu Tian said sternly without waiting for Mo Yan to speak.

Mo Yan was startled by Xu Tian's voice. Although she agreed with Xu Tian, she didn't expect Xu Tian to have such a big reaction.

“Sister... Sister Xu.” Li Guoguo was also quite frightened, and even her words were a little shaky.

Xu Tian looked at Li Guoguo with a scrutinizing gaze. “Even if we double check every time, what if there are mistakes that we don’t notice? In the end, our plan will fail. Who will take responsibility? You?”

Li Guoguo was already afraid, so she cried out loud after being questioned so harshly.

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry, sister Xu. I don’t want to do this, but if we don’t do this, we won’t be able to complete the plan!” Li Guoguo sobbed.

Mo Yan glanced at Li Guoguo, then turned to Xu Tian, “I’m sorry, sister Xu. It’s my fault. I didn’t realize that someone was messing with our document.”

She knew that Chen Ya had bad intentions, but she still overlooked it.

Xu Tian turned her gaze to Mo Yan, and she gradually calmed down.

“It’s not entirely your fault. The Deputy General Manager is despicable. I should have reminded you to be more careful. Let’s discuss about what we can do now!”

“Okay.” Mo Yan patted Li Guoguo’s head to comfort her.

After discussing, they finally decided that Xu Tian would stay alone in the hotel during the day to sort out the information. Mo Yan and Li Guoguo would go do their inspections. At night, the three of them would work together to restore the documents as soon as possible.

As for why they had given the task of sorting out the documents to Xu Tian, Mo Yan had casually asked how Xu Tian had discovered that the documents had mistakes.

Xu Tian’s answer was that she had a very deep impression of the project. She felt that the numbers were off, so she went to double check them.

It was also because of this sentence that Mo Yan suddenly remembered that Xu Tian's memory was really good.

When she was checking the documents just now, there were a few pages where Xu Tian was able to quickly point out the mistakes, whereas Mo Yan was too flustered to notice them.

After making a plan, the three of them started working.

It wasn't until dinner time that someone knocked on their door. They were here to invite everyone down for dinner. They had just arrived in Jing City and had yet to meet the other three who had arrived first. Everyone could get to know each other though eating dinner together.

After tidying up their things, Mo Yan and the other two went out. Unfortunately, they ran into Chen Ya and her followers in the corridor.

Chapter 102: The Exciting News

Mo Yan looked at Chen Ya coldly. Although she couldn't do anything to Chen Ya now, she would not forget what Chen Ya did.

"Good evening."

Chen Ya was the first to speak and walked to the opposite side of Mo Yan. She smiled at Li Guoguo whose eyes were red and swollen.

Li Guoguo was frightened. She pulled Mo Yan's arm and hid behind Mo Yan.

Mo Yan didn't want to waste her breath with her. She turned to Xu Tian and said, "Sister Xu, let's go!"

"Okay." Xu Tian remained indifferent as if nothing had happened.

When Mo Yan and the other two walked to the elevator, Chen Ya caught up with them again. The six people who entered the elevator stood on both sides of the elevator.

“How do you feel about this project?”

Chen Ya said with a smile, as if they were not enemies but just ordinary colleagues chatting.

Xu Tian frowned. Although she knew that Chen Ya was arrogant and domineering, she had never experienced it before because the two of them had not interacted much.

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Mo Yan did not even bother looking at Chen Ya. While looking at the elevator door, she said, “Thanks to you, it’s been very challenging.”

As soon as these words were said, Chen Ya choked.

Chen Ya chuckled and said, “That’s good. If it’s not challenging, it won’t be fun if you win.”

Both of them had used the word ‘challenging’, but meant different things. Mo Yan was referring to Chen Ya ruining their documents, while Chen Ya was referring to Mo Yan being their stumbling block.

The corners of Mo Yan’s lips curled up, and battle intent rose in her eyes.

“You’re right. After eliminating the traps set by the enemy, the fruits of victory will be sweeter.”

As she said that, Mo Yan turned around and gave Chen Ya a mocking smile. “Do you know what is the most exciting thing in this world?”

Faced with Mo Yan’s sudden question, Chen Ya cautiously did not answer, while Xu Tian was also thinking about the answer to the question.

Mo Yan and Chen Ya looked at each other, and their smiles gradually dissipated.

“In this world, the most exciting thing is to take away what your enemy wants the most, and then watch them roar in anger and helplessness.”

Xu Tian was impressed by Mo Yan’s powerful words, and her hesitation about her from before instantly disappeared.

And the elevator seemed to be responding to Mo Yan. As soon as she finished speaking, the elevator rang, and the door opened.

The lights in the lobby dazzled. When they landed on Mo Yan, she seemed to have become the focus of everyone’s attention.

Mo Yan walked out of the elevator first. Xu Tian and Li Guoguo followed her, leaving Chen Ya and the other two behind.

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There were a total of ten people having dinner in one of the hotel’s private dining room tonight, and six of the seats were taken up by the sales department alone. This showed how important the sales plan was to compete for the Lin Group project.

Only after some time after Mo Yan arrived did Chen Ya finally arrive. She looked at her two teammates, not knowing what had happened.

Actually, it was a funny story. Chen Ya was quite startled by Mo Yan earlier and actually took the elevator down to the next floor, which was why she arrived much later than Mo Yan and the others.

The first to arrive was a group of three men and one woman, who were from different departments of the company. They had never interacted with Chen Ya and Mo Yan, so naturally, they did not know about their differences.

The four of them first gave them the information that the sales department needed, and then began to introduce themselves.

Xu Tian skimmed through the information a few times and confirmed that there was no problem.

Xu Tian had also confirmed with CEO Song earlier that they were not under the Deputy General Manager.

Throughout the meal, Mo Yan felt that it was rather bland.

It was not that the food was bad, but rather because she was eating with someone like Chen Ya.

Chen Ya kept talking about work. One moment she was talking about how hard it was to organize the information, the next she was talking about how they could cooperate. After all, whoever signed the contract would be giving the company profits.

It was pretty awkward. Mo Yan did not bother to cut in, neither did her teammates nor the other group.

Perhaps they also felt that the atmosphere was tensed, so the four of them did not speak at all during the second half of the meal. The entire room was full of Chen Ya talking non-stop, and her two lackeys supporting her.

When they returned to their room, two similar sighs sounded.

Xu Tian looked at the two of them and could not help but chuckle.

Meanwhile, Mo Yan was stunned by Xu Tian's smile.

When Li Guoguo raised her head, it was already too late.

She missed Xu Tian's smile. All she saw was Mo Yan staring blankly at something.

Chapter 103: A Different Side of Sister Xu

The three of them busied themselves until nine or ten o'clock before they were ready to go to bed. Li Guoguo first went into the bathroom to wash up, leaving Xu Tian and Mo Yan behind. Mo Yan crossed her arms and half-lay on the table to look at Xu Tian's side profile.

"Sister Xu, you look so pretty when you smile. Why don't you like to smile?"

Ever since Mo Yan first saw Xu Tian in the bathroom, Xu Tian had never changed her style. She always wore gold-rimmed glasses, wore her hair in a long ponytail, and wore a professional suit. She never smiled.

Xu Tian glanced at Mo Yan without saying a word. She continued with her work. She was dead-set on avenging herself for the humiliation she suffered last time. She was going to humiliate the Deputy General Manager like how he humiliated her.

Seeing that Xu Tian was ignoring her, Mo Yan stuck out her tongue and checked her phone to see if there were any new messages.

There was a message from Xu Wan asking why she had suddenly returned the money? Did she still have money on her hands? If not, she would rather get paid back later.

Mo Yan thought about it and replied with a smiley face, adding that it was Luo Tao who had given her the money.

[Luo Tao actually gave you money!!!]

Xu Wan replied very quickly. Three exclamation marks in a row showed how shocked she was.

[Yes! Luo Tao said that his friend returned the money that he had borrowed from him, so he transferred the money to me. He said that it was for me to buy things in Jing City.]

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Xu Wan quickly sent a shocked emoji followed by a sentence.

[He has friends? How much money did he send you?]

Mo Yan was unhappy when she saw this. Why was it shocking that Luo Tao had friends? She replied with an angry emoji. Mo Yan continued, “He sent me 20,000 yuan. His friend must have returned all the money he had back to him.”

Xu Wan didn’t reply for a long time. After a while, Mo Yan’s phone vibrated.

“Tsk, I didn’t expect Luo Tao to miss you so much.”

“Of course, he’s my husband.”

[So what if you have a husband? I’ll have one in the future too. I’ll get him to transfer money to me and buy things for me.]

[Get a husband before saying so much!]

Mo Yan kept undermining Xu Wan, so Xu Wan sent a bunch of angry expressions every time she replied.

Finally, Xu Wan ended their conversation with one sentence.

[Alright! Enjoy your shopping trip in Jing City!]

“What shopping trip? I’m here to work!”

Xu Wan didn’t reply after that. It seemed that she was done with Mo Yan for the night.

After Li Guoguo washed up, Mo Yan let Xu Tian go wash up next. She was the last one to go.

As she swiped her phone screen, Mo Yan's gaze stopped at the message of Luo Tao transferring money to her. She thought of the question from before again. How long was she going to lie to Luo Tao?

"Mo Yan, what are you looking at?" Li Guoguo walked to Mo Yan's side and asked.

Mo Yan did not avoid the question and showed her the screen.

"Why do you make me pity myself so much right before bed?"

Li Guoguo's statement made Mo Yan laugh. She patted her head and said, "Go to bed quickly. We have to get up early to work tomorrow."

"Okay! Sigh, I hope I'll dream of my Prince Charming tonight."

Hearing Mo Yan's words, Li Guoguo lay on the bed and soon began to snore.

The bathroom door opened and closed, and Xu Tian walked out as well.

This was the first time Mo Yan saw Xu Tian with her long hair down. She was not wearing glasses, nor was she wearing a set of old-fashioned clothes. Xu Tian's sweet beauty amazed even a girl like her.

Mo Yan had always found Xu Tian beautiful, but she did not expect Xu Tian to actually be much more beautiful than she had thought.

"Sister... Sister Xu?" Mo Yan stuttered.

Xu Tian turned her head and looked at her in confusion.

“Sister Xu, you are really pretty.”

Mo Yan could tell that Xu Tian was annoyed when she heard her words. She looked like she wanted to roll her eyes.

“Go wash up.”

Xu Tian’s voice was very cold. Mo Yan quickly went into the bathroom.

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The sudden silence made Mo Yan feel a little uncomfortable.

She glanced at her phone, the screen was still on the page where she and Luo Tao were chatting.

Suddenly, Mo Yan really wanted nothing but to hear his voice.

Chapter 104: Thinking of You

Mo Yan tapped on Luo Tao’s contact number and hesitated whether she should call him. Suddenly, she received a message from Luo Tao.

[Are you asleep?]

[Not yet.] Mo Yan typed two words in surprise.

[Are you free to call me?]

This time, Mo Yan did not reply to him. Instead, she called him.

“Hello?”

The man’s deep voice made Mo Yan’s heart palpitate.

“Luo Tao, why aren’t you asleep? It’s almost 12 o’clock.”

Although she was glad that Luo Tao texted her right when she wanted to call him, Mo Yan still nagged at him.

Luo Tao leaned against the railing of the balcony and glanced at the few people who were still drinking in the villa. He said to Mo Yan, “I’m thinking of you. I can’t sleep.”

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Luo Tao didn’t want to go out tonight, but Qin Yuan and the others decided to crash his house. Luo Tao had no choice but to follow them out.

As for why Qin Yuan was in Jing City? Thinking of this, Luo Tao could only sneer.

The reason he gave him was that his father said that in celebration of the resurrection of the young master of the Huo family, they would hold a welcome back party.

Please! Did he think he would believe him? It was obvious that he came back to party in Jing City.

However, it’s not all bad with Qin Yuan here. It would be easier for him to get Qin Yuan to do stuff.

Qin Yuan did not know of Huo Zhen’s plans for him. He was busy trying to persuade the people around him to drink. Suddenly, he shouted at the balcony, “Huo Zhen, what are you doing? Hurry back and drink some more wine.”

“What’s that sound from your end?” Mo Yan seemed to have heard something.

“I’m calling you from the balcony. There are drunk people acting crazy downstairs.”

Luo Tao’s ability to lie was getting better and better. Those who did not know the truth would think that what he said was true.

“Oh, I see!”

Mo Yan nodded in the bathtub. Her arms were moving, and Luo Tao heard the sound of water through the phone.

“Are you washing up?” Luo Tao asked.

Realizing that she was calling him naked, Mo Yan’s face instantly changed.

Luo Tao realized what was going on. His breathing slowly become heavier. “Taking a bath?”

This time, Mo Yan did not answer. She was too shy.

Luo Tao did not speak for a long time, as if he was trying hard to calm his emotions. Listening to his gradually calming breathing, Mo Yan’s ears itched.

“I miss you. Do you miss me?”

Mo Yan wanted to reply him directly when she heard Luo Tao’s question, but she also wanted to tease him. “I just left, and you miss me already! If I have to go on business trips more frequently in the future, what are you going to do?”

This question seemed to have really stumped Luo Tao. After a while, he said, “I can’t think of anything.”

Mo Yan laughed out loud at his teasing. Luo Tao's expression became gentler as he listened to her voice.

The problem Mo Yan mentioned was not difficult to solve. In the future, if she had to go on business trips, he would accompany her. If she felt that her work was too tiring, then the two of them would travel around the world and play around. As long as she was by his side, it would be fine.

"How about this? In the future, I will bring you everywhere and put you in my pocket. You will follow me every step I take."

The more Mo Yan teased Luo Tao, the more she smiled. The annoyance that she had suppressed in her heart seemed to have disappeared quite a bit.

"Okay, bring me with you wherever you go."

Luo Tao looked at the night sky. He could almost imagine Mo Yan's facial expression with every word that Mo Yan said.

Luo Tao waited until Mo Yan finished laughing before he brought up the matter that he wanted to ask about.

"How do you feel about Lin Group's project? Is it very difficult to plan for?"

Luo Tao was too busy to meet with the Lin family today. From what his subordinates had told him, it seemed that Lin Group had another motive for finding people to cooperate with. He was afraid of the implications it would have on Mo Yan.

Mo Yan's smile instantly froze. However, in order to not make Luo Tao worry, she still tried her best to say calmly, "It's alright. After the field inspection, we can start on the plan."

No matter how Mo Yan tried to cover up her feelings, she still couldn't deceive Luo Tao who knew her mannerisms very well.

“Did something happen?” Luo Tao asked.

“No! Why are you suddenly asking?”

Mo Yan wanted to stay calm.

This was so she could calmly organize the information, win arguments with Chen Ya, tease Xu Wan, and praise Xu Tian’s appearance.

However, when someone poked on Mo Yan’s pretense of being strong, the self-blame and grievance that were buried deep in her heart would gush out like a flood, and she would no longer be able to stay rational.

Luo Tao did not force her. When she wanted to tell him, he would become a listener.

Chapter 105: The Best Decision

After a while, Mo Yan could no longer hold back her tears. She sobbed, “I don’t understand why people are so bad.”

“Don’t cry. Tell me what happened.” Luo Tao’s expression was cold, but his voice was very gentle.

Listening to his voice, Mo Yan’s tears became more and more uncontrollable.

“Our information was compromised.”

Mo Yan’s voice was very soft, so Luo Tao couldn’t hear her clearly. After thinking carefully, he finally understood what Mo Yan had said.

“Chen Ya?”

“Yes, her. If Sister Xu hadn’t paid attention when she was looking through the documents, it’s very likely that we wouldn’t have found out that the information was wrong even after we finished the plan.”

Mo Yan didn’t explain in detail, but Luo Tao instantly guessed what they had encountered.

His fingertips knocked on the stone slab on the handrail. Luo Tao’s eyes were bloodshot as he thought about Mo Yan’s words. He had a feeling that this time, it wasn’t Chen Ya, but the Deputy General Manager of Hong Jing who had ruined their documents.

“Tell me, why does Chen Ya always target me? I never agreed to Zhou Shuai’s pursuit, nor did i provoke him, but Chen Ya just grabbed onto me and refused to let go! How is she so horrible! She’s so annoying!”

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Mo Yan cried as she spoke, sobbing every time she spoke. She even hiccuped when she said the last two sentences. Mo Yan was too angry that she didn’t even notice.

“Chen Ya is such a horrible person! Hiccup! She can’t even control her own man! Hiccup! Shameless! If Sister Xu didn’t find out, it would have been my fault that our plan failed! Hiccup! I really want to beat her to death!”

Luo Tao’s expression unconsciously softened and he smiled slightly. Mo Yan’s hiccup-filled voice made him want to laugh.

“She slandered me for being involved with the higher-ups of the company! Hiccup! She slandered me for using improper means to sign the contract, slandered me for pestering Zhou Shuai, and now she’s ruining my documents! Hiccup! Luo Tao! Tell me, how can she be so horrible!”

“Yes, she’s horrible. You’re okay, don’t cry.”

“I’m angry! I’ve been wronged! Chen Ya is sick! Is her brain filled with straw? Instead of working hard at her job, she puts in all her effort to bully me! What does she gain from all this? Is she going to fly into the sky?”

As she scolded, Mo Yan didn’t even hiccup anymore. Her voice was raised a few degrees.

Luo Tao held back his laughter. He coughed lightly and agreed, “Yes, maybe she really wants to fly into the sky.”

“Hmph! Seems like this 9.6 million square kilometers of land isn’t even enough for her! A little toad with eyes above her head. One day, I’ll tie her up with fireworks and help her wish come true.”

Hearing Luo Tao agree with her, Mo Yan became more and more excited. She couldn’t wait to kick open Chen Ya’s door right now and send her to the sky.

At this time, Luo Tao couldn’t help but laugh out loud.

“What are you laughing at? Why aren’t you scolding her with me? I thought you loved me! You’re not even on the same side as me.”

Luo Tao’s laughter made Mo Yan unhappy. She quickly muttered and asked him to scold her as well.

However, this simple request stumped Luo Tao. He had been taught to be tactful since he was young. He had never gossiped before.

After thinking for two seconds, Luo Tao decisively chose to divert Mo Yan’s attention. “Be good. Being angry before bed is harmful to your body. Don’t be angry.”

In fact, after scolding for a long time, Mo Yan’s anger had already dissipated a lot.

After ranting to someone, Mo Yan felt that the mountain on her body had been lifted. Looking at her phone, she was slightly lost in thought. This was the first time she felt so relaxed.

“What’s wrong? Are you sleepy?”

Seeing that Mo Yan had not answered for a long time, Luo Tao was a little nervous. He thought that Mo Yan was angry because he had changed the topic.

“I’m not sleepy. I’m just wondering if you think I rant too much.”

Unknowingly, Luo Tao had become her reliance and she was willing to talk to him about anything. But what about Luo Tao? Was he willing to listen to her talk about things like this?

Luo Tao did not understand why Mo Yan would say this, but he still said truthfully, “I’m very happy that you’re willing to share everything with me.”

His voice was like a gurgling stream, soothing Mo Yan’s sensitive and fragile nerves.

“Luo Tao.” Mo Yan softly called his name.

“Hmm.”

Luo Tao could tell that she was about to say something very sweet.

As expected...

She said, “Marrying you was the best decision I made. It might have used up all my luck in my life.”

Mo Yan’s every word was very gentle, causing Luo Tao’s heart to tremble.

Minutes after they hung up their call, the man still hadn’t recovered from his shock.

Chapter 106: Strength Was the Most Important Factor

On the second day in Jing City, Mo Yan and Li Guoguo started to get busy.

According to their plan, Mo Yan and Li Guoguo left the hotel at around seven o'clock. They thought that it was a good idea to leave at that time, but...

"Mo Yan, how long will the traffic jam last?" Li Guoguo said to Mo Yan with a mournful face.

Mo Yan was also quite dumbfounded. Seeing that the meter was beating non-stop, she could feel her heart bleeding.

"Guoguo, from what I remember, taxi fees during our business trip should be reimbursed!"

Although Mo Yan remembered that there was such a rule, if the taxi fare was too high, the company might think that she was lying about it!

Glancing at the meter, Li Guoguo said hesitantly, "It must be reimbursed!"

After waiting for a while, the car was finally able to move. Mo Yan asked the driver to drop them off at the nearest bus stop, and the two of them took the bus to their destination.

The location of Lin Group's real estate project was rather remote, so the two of them still needed to walk a bit more after getting off the bus. They heard that it was because of the good feng shui here that Lin Group decided to develop a mid-to high-end villa area here.

It was already close to 10 o'clock when the two of them started working.

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In the Huo Group building located in the most prosperous area of Jing City, Luo Tao was sitting behind his desk listening to his subordinates' reports.

During the few months that he had been away, although he had given instructions to his subordinates remotely, there were still some things that he needed to personally deal with.

“Fourth Master, before you left, Second Master had wanted to interfere with the Board of Directors’ elections and the bidding for new projects.”

“Okay.” Luo Tao gently rubbed his temples and responded.

After his call with Mo Yan last night, Luo Tao had drunk quite a lot with the bunch of them.

They did not care about their image as heirs. First, it was beer, then red wine, and finally white wine. Even Luo Tao, who thought that he would never get drunk, could not take it anymore.

As for Qin Yuan, he was a chatterbox. When he was drunk, he would tell everyone everything. He even asked Luo Tao how it felt to have a wife.

It would be a good time for Luo Tao to talk to Uncle Qin about finding Qin Yuan a wife.

“Huo Zhen! What did I do to offend you? Why did you call me here in the morning. My head hurts!”

The person who spoke was none other than Qin Yuan, whom Luo Tao had been thinking about. He lay on the sofa in Luo Tao’s office, half-dead and wailing.

Luo Tao ignored him and continued to let his subordinates report.

“There’s no news from third uncle?”

“No.” Just as he replied, his subordinate seemed to have thought of something that he had missed out on. “One month after your accident, Third Master and Old Master had a private conversation. No one knows the details of what they talked about.”

“Okay.”

Before Luo Tao could say anything, Qin Yuan interrupted.

“Private conversation? What? Huo Zhen, is your third uncle trying to stir up trouble again?”

As he spoke, Qin Yuan sauntered over to Luo Tao’s desk. He drank the coffee in front of Luo Tao in one gulp and continued, “If it were up to me, your third uncle would be in trouble.”

Seeing that Qin Yuan was chattering non-stop, his subordinates looked at Luo Tao. Luo Tao frowned and asked his men to leave.

“How much did you drink last night?”

Luo Tao asked casually. He did not expect Qin Yuan to actually recall it in detail.

“11 or 12 bottles of beer, red... I can’t remember. White... I can’t remember either.”

Luo Tao held his forehead. He now felt that Qin Yuan was even more unreliable.

“How’s the task I gave you going?” Luo Tao asked.

Although he wanted to let Mo Yan learn how to handle her problem alone, he could still help her with small things.

Qin Yuan used his slow brain to think. “Oh! Are you talking about those stupid women, Mo Lian?”

“They’ve been dealt with. The video evidence is sufficient. They’ll be locked up for a few days and have to write a self-reflection. After they’re released, they’ll apologize to sister-in-law one by one. Is that alright?”

Although it was a question, Qin Yuan felt that it was enough.

However, Luo Tao still felt that it was not enough. Every time he thought of Mo Yan’s crying face that day, his heart would ache.

Luo Tao glanced at Qin Yuan indifferently and did not continue talking about this topic.

“Help me investigate the Deputy General Manager of Hong Jing.”

“Investigate him? What did he do to your mistress?” Qin Yuan asked improperly. A company of Hong Jing’s scale was really not worthy of Luo Tao’s attention. Therefore, every time Luo Tao brought up Hong Jing, it would be related to Mo Yan.

As soon as Qin Yuan finished speaking, he saw Luo Tao’s cold gaze. His eyes were cold.

“Eh, my bad. Hehe, I mean sister-in-law.”

After hearing Qin Yuan’s change of words, Luo Tao retracted his gaze.

However, it was also because of these drunken words that Luo Tao suddenly realized that for someone of Huo Zhen’s status, Mo Yan’s current situation was still a little tricky.

“The data that Mo Yan brought to Jing City was ruined by someone else. I think it was the Deputy General Manager of Hong Jing who did it.”

Chapter 107: Huo Zhen

“Compromise sister-in-law’s information? The Deputy General Manager is really too much. Tsk, no wonder Hong Jing’s hasn’t been developing well. It’s all because of him.”

“Seeing how he’s able to do something like this to Mo Yan, this is probably not his first time. Check on it.”

“Okay, sure.”

Qin Yuan agreed readily. It was quite easy for him to investigate the happenings in C City.

“What is sister-in-law going to do now? Redo the document? I don’t think ten days is enough!”

Qin Yuan asked casually. Then, he thought of an idea.

“How about we step in? And get her some more?”

Luo Tao was speechless. Perhaps Qin Yuan was still drunk.

“I believe she can handle this herself. If she really can’t...” Luo Tao chuckled. “The Huo family still has a lot of real estate projects.”

Honestly, Luo Tao didn’t really want Mo Yan to have anything to do with the Lin family. If Mo Yan were to fail this time, it wouldn’t be entirely a bad thing.

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“Huo Zhen, are you prepared to pave the way for sister-in-law’s future?” Qin Yuan asked with narrowed eyes.

Luo Tao did not answer and continued to pick up the documents in his hands. The reason he called Qin Yuan over today was just to teach him a lesson for talking nonsense last night. He didn’t actually need his help that badly.

“Okay, now that sister-in-law’s matter is pretty much settled. I just want to ask, what are you going to do about your third uncle? Didn’t Wen Ze find out that he was the one who caused your accident?”

Upon hearing Qin Yuan mention this matter, Luo Tao’s expression gradually turned cold, and a chill appeared in his eyes.

“I don’t think he did it alone.”

“Who are you suspecting? Your second uncle? Fourth uncle? Or fifth uncle?”

Speaking of which, the Huo family was very big. Old Master Huo had married a total of three wives, who all had already passed away.

Huo Kang, Huo Zhen’s father, was the only son of Old Master Huo’s first wife. Huo Zhen’s second uncle, third uncle, fourth uncle, and fifth uncle were Old Master Huo’s children with his second and third wife.

Huo Zhen’s fourth uncle and fifth uncle were twins, and they were not much older than Huo Zhen. Logically speaking, it’s not common to have twins, so Old Master Huo should have liked them very much. However, for some reason, the two were sent abroad from a young age to be taken care of by a nanny.

Old Master Huo loved Huo Kang the most. After Huo Kang died, Old Master Huo loved Huo Zhen in his place.

“I’m not sure.”

Luo Tao frowned even more. Although he had said that, he actually did suspect his fourth uncle and fifth uncle who were living abroad as he found out that there was a foreign influence involved in his accident.

“You and sister-in-law are a really good match. Both of you have so much drama in your lives. If the two of you really stay together, your days should be quite interesting.”

Luo Tao realized that what Qin Yuan said was true. He was targetted by his family members while Mo Yan was targetted by outsiders.

“Oh right, has the Huo family set a date for your welcoming banquet? Du Jing and the others asked about it last night! I heard from Du Jing that Feng Yu from the Feng family has been clamoring to return from Germany the past few days.”

As soon as Qin Yuan said this, Luo Tao’s expression instantly changed. This was the first time Qin Yuan had seen Luo Tao’s expression change so fast.

Luo Tao dialed a number.

“Stop Feng Yu for me. Don’t let her return to the country. Delay her for as long as you can.”

“Yes, Fourth Master.”

Feng Yu was someone whom Luo Tao wanted to stay away from. Although Feng Yu was good-looking, had a good family, and had the potential to be loved by everyone, because of her strange behavior, Luo Tao, Qin Yuan, and Du Jing were all shunned.

“Hahahaha, Huo Zhen, I can’t believe you did that.”

Just as Luo Tao hung up the phone, he heard Qin Yuan burst into laughter, accompanied by ridicule.

Luo Tao looked at the person opposite him with a sinister look, and the corners of his mouth slowly curled up.

“Qin Yuan, weren’t you curious about what it feels like to have a wife last night? I think you and Feng Yu would be a good match. How about I talk to your dad about arranging your marriage with her so that you can experience what it feels like to have a wife?”

“Fuck! Huo Zhen, you’re too mean! Your relationship with your wife is very sweet. If I were to marry Feng Yu, I would have to spend my days running away from her.”

Qin Yuan was afraid that his dad would listen to Luo Tao.

“Then be careful about what you say in the future.”

Qin Yuan suddenly understood after hearing what Luo Tao said.

Huo Zhen must have been upset about how he told everyone about his wife’s existence yesterday. Sigh, wasn’t everyone drunk last night? No one was listening.

Chapter 108: Banquet

Mo Yan and Li Guoguo had spent three days at the site to gather all the necessary information, and Xu Tian had also made some progress.

Xu Tian held back her anger. She vowed to sign this contract, so when she redid the document, she was exceptionally careful and even found more information that they didn’t put in their previous document.

On the morning of the fourth day, when Mo Yan got up, Xu Tian suddenly handed her something. Mo Yan opened it and saw that it was an invitation letter for Lin Group’s banquet.

Without waiting for Mo Yan to speak, Xu Tian explained, “It’s from CEO Song, but I think you are more suitable than me to go.”

“Banquet?”

Mo Yan was puzzled. What was the purpose of this banquet?

“Tonight is Lin Group’s anniversary banquet,” Xu Tian said.

Mo Yan thought for a moment and said, "Only one invitation letter? Since CEO Song gave you the invitation letter, she probably thinks that you are more suitable to go."

For a big company like Lin Group, only people with a certain status could get an invitation. If they were lucky enough to earn the favor of a big shot, their career path would be paved. This was also the reason why many small celebrities rack their brains trying to get into banquets like this.

Hearing Mo Yan's words, Xu Tian shook her head. "From what I've seen, I'm very sure that you are more suitable to go."

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Seeing Xu Tian praising her, Mo Yan couldn't help but smile.

However, Mo Yan was still conflicted.

Xu Tian was more experienced than her and had seen more of the market. She would definitely be able to collect more information if she were to attend Lin Group's anniversary banquet. This was also the reason why CEO Song wanted Xu Tian to go.

What really happened was that Song Yun had assumed that Qin Yuan would give Mo Yan an invitation. That was the reason why she only gave Xu Tian an invitation.

As for Li Guoguo, Song Yun did not bother.

"Sister Xu, you have a good memory and you are more experienced. I think it's better if you go. Sigh! If only there were two more, then the three of us can go together."

Xu Tian saw that Mo Yan insisted, so she didn't say anything more.

During breakfast, Mo Yan asked Xu Tian if she wanted to go look for an evening gown after they were done. If they waited until the afternoon to prepare, Xu Tian might not be able to make it in time.

Li Guoguo asked curiously at the side about the evening gown. Mo Yan replied that Lin Group would be holding an anniversary party tonight, and sister Xu would be attending, so she had to get an evening gown.

“Wow! An anniversary party! I haven’t been to one before! I’m so envious! Sister Xu is going to look so pretty!” Li Guoguo exclaimed exaggeratedly, which made Mo Yan laugh.

Xu Tian, who was sitting across from Li Guoguo and had been paying attention to her, did not ignore the flash of jealousy in her eyes..

“Although we can’t go this time, there will be opportunities in the future!” Mo Yan stroked Li Guoguo’s head and said with a smile.

When Mo Yan and Li Guoguo went shopping on the first day, they saw a lot of makeup studios. These makeup stores all had collaborations with clothing stores.

Just as Mo Yan had expected, after the three of them expressed their needs, the shop assistant brought them to the fitting area. Because they were going to attend a banquet, they looked at high-end brands.

The rental prices were ridiculously expensive. Fortunately, Sister Xu said that CEO Song had given them sufficient funds, which made Mo Yan feel at ease.

Taking advantage of this opportunity to try on clothes, Mo Yan and Li Guoguo also tried on two sets of evening gowns. The fabrics were soft and light, and the simple yet elegant designs accentuated their beautiful figures.

“Mo Yan, why do I feel so awkward wearing an evening gown?”

Mo Yan and Xu Tian turned their gazes to her at the same time. Xu Tian looked elegant in a dark blue fishtail evening gown, while Mo Yan’s light pink strapless evening gown made her look lively, but Li Guoguo...

“Guoguo looks like a child who has stolen an adult’s clothes.”

Mo Yan covered her laughter and teased Li Guoguo, who looked depressed.

Li Guoguo was not as pretty as Mo Yan and Xu Tian, and would often be overlooked.

Moreover, Li Guoguo’s body shape did not suit fishtail gowns, which made her look awkward.

“Mo Yan, stop laughing! Come and help me find a better dress”

Mo Yan looked at her and picked out a slightly cute dress for Li Guoguo. It was a minty green dress with a knee-high hem.

The sleeve covered a little bit of the fat on Li Guoguo’s arms. Although Li Guoguo was not tall, her legs were very beautiful. This short dress allowed her beautiful legs to be seen and flaunted.

Chapter 109: Trouble Everywhere

Li Guoguo spun around in the mirror and nodded in satisfaction.

“That’s more like it! I was really depressed just now.”

Holding Mo Yan’s hand, Li Guoguo said, “Although sister Xu is the only one going to the banquet, we can still make ourselves look beautiful! Right, Mo Yan?”

While Li Guoguo was talking, Mo Yan seemed to hear a familiar voice outside the door.

“Sister Ya, can we go with you tonight?”

This voice...

“Of course you guys can come. If that little bitch Mo Yan can come, of course you guys can come too.”

Hearing that, Mo Yan knew that it was Chen Ya for sure. She wondered what sins she had committed in her previous life to deserve bumping into Chen Ya wherever she went.

“Sister Ya, how do you know that Mo Yan will be there? They got three invitations too? That’s impossible! Aren’t invitations very difficult to get?”

“Of course not, the Lin family only invited the company’s leader for this banquet. Since CEO Song is not able to attend, of course she got someone to go in her place. It’s obviously not the Li girl, and Xu Tian would look too out of place. Only the little slut is left.”

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The words “Little slut” made Mo Yan’s fists itch.

“Excuse me, it’s me. The one who would look out of place.”

Before Mo Yan could speak, Xu Tian was the first to open the door.

Xu Tian’s long hair draped over her shoulders. She wore a dark blue fishtail evening gown that made her look like a queen. Her beautiful eyes, which were revealed because she did not wear her glasses, were staring coldly at the three people opposite her.

The three of them were first shocked by Xu Tian’s voice, and then they were shocked by her aura, which was different from before.

“Xu... Tian?” Chen Ya called out uncertainly.

Xu Tian did not answer, but continued to stare at them.

“What exactly did I do wrong in my past life? Why do I keep bumping into you?”

Mo Yan said as she poked her head out from behind Xu Tian.

The moment she saw Mo Yan, Chen Ya’s expression turned ugly.

“Why are you here too? What bad luck.”

When she first heard and saw Xu Tian, she assumed that Xu Tian was the only one who came to find an evening gown for the banquet. She didn’t expect Mo Yan to be here too.

“Yeah! What bad luck I have to bump into you. I’m not even in the mood to try on beautiful clothes anymore.”

Mo Yan continued to smile and retorted back at Chen Ya mercilessly.

Ever since she ranted about Chen Ya to Luo Tao that night, Mo Yan felt like she had unleashed something deep within her. She loved scolding Chen Ya any chance she got, and after scolding her, she would be in an extremely good mood.

Chen Ya’s face was as dark as the bottom of a pot. “So Xu Tian is the one going to the banquet tonight? Not you?”

“Yes! Are you very disappointed? You’re right to be disappointed. To be able to see you like this, I wouldn’t go even if I could.”

Mo Yan continued on sarcastically. Her current pleasure was to anger and scold Chen Ya. She was waiting for the day when Chen Ya would be angered to death by her.

Chen Ya looked at Mo Yan’s arrogant face and a fire rushed from her lungs to her head. She wanted to slap Mo Yan again.

“According to Article 43 of the ‘Public Security Administration Penalties Law,’ whoever beats or intentionally injures another person shall be detained for five to ten days, and shall also be fined two hundred yuan to five hundred yuan; if the circumstances are minor, he or she shall be detained for five days or fined five hundred yuan; if he or she gangs up to beat or injure another person, beat or injure a disabled person, a pregnant woman, a person under the age of fourteen, or a person over the age of sixty, he or she shall be detained for ten to fifteen days, and fined for five hundred yuan to one thousand yuan.”

“Are you sure you want to get violent?” Xu Tian pushed up her glasses. When she put her hand on her nose, she realized that she wasn’t wearing them.

Mo Yan laughed out loud. Li Guoguo followed behind the two of them and covered her mouth tightly. She didn’t want to make a sound like Mo Yan.

“You!”

“Are you going to scold me again? It’s illegal to insult others in public. Isn’t that right, sister Xu?”

“Yes,” Xu Tian replied coldly, full of charisma.

Chen Ya’s face turned ashen. If it weren’t for Xu Tian, who could recite laws from memory, Chen Ya would probably have already pounced on Mo Yan and beat her up.

Chapter 110: Weirdo Feng Yu

“Sister Ya, let’s just go. They’re not worth our time and energy. Let’s hurry up and try on the clothes!” A girl with slightly curly short hair said to Chen Ya.

Chen Ya shook off her hand and tried hard to suppress the anger in her heart. She stood in front of Mo Yan and asked, “Are you really not the one going tonight?”

Mo Yan rolled her eyes. “Why would I lie to you? Do you think I’ve nothing better to do?”

In the company, Mo Yan would more or less restrain herself, but since she was on a business trip, she didn't hold back at all. In any case, the two of them had already shed all pretense of cordiality, so she didn't mind angering Chen Ya further.

In the end, Chen Ya was dragged away by her two followers. When they dragged her away, Chen Ya's tightly clenched fists made Mo Yan raise her eyebrows. It was so scary! Please! Hmph!

Mo Yan snorted arrogantly, like a little fox that had won a war and was showing off everywhere.

"Sister Xu, Mo Yan, you guys are too amazing. Every time I see you guys fighting against her, I get scared. I'm just afraid that she will make things difficult for us back at the company." Li Guoguo looked at the two of them with sparkling eyes.

Mo Yan pinched Li Guoguo's little face, she said earnestly, "If we don't fight back, will she not make things difficult for us? That's not going to happen! So, in order to make ourselves feel better, we must fight back when we can. Haven't you heard of an old saying?"

"Which?" Li Guoguo asked cooperatively.

Mo Yan smiled kindly. "That is, the more I think about it, the angrier I get. The more I take a step back, the more I feel guilty."

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Cough! Xu Tian choked on the coffee that she was drinking. She wiped her mouth with a tissue.

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On the second floor of the makeup studio, a burst of laughter suddenly sounded in the room.

"Pfft hahahahaha, sister-in-law is amazing! The more I think about it, the angrier I get. The more I take a step back, the more I feel guilty. Yes! Hahahaha, she's right!"

Luo Tao glanced at the tea that Qin Yuan spat on the floor with disgust, then looked up at the door, his gaze becoming gentler and gentler.

“Hahahahaha, sister-in-law is so interesting. No wonder you fell in love with her.”

Qin Yuan collapsed on the sofa laughing. He had wanted to laugh ever since Mo Yan started to talk back to Chen Ya. Now that he closed the door, he could finally laugh out loud.

“That’s enough,” Luo Tao said calmly.

“Not yet. How long has it been since I’ve seen someone as straightforward as sister-in-law criticize others?”

Qin Yuan continued to laugh non-stop.

“Have I not criticized you enough?”

“It’s not the same. The feeling of being criticized and watching others being criticized are completely different, okay?”

Luo Tao glanced at Qin Yuan and was speechless.

This makeup studio was owned by Du Jing’s mother. Du Jing had arranged for the two of them to discuss some matters here. Yet, Du Jing was nowhere to be found. The reason why Luo Tao wanted to meet Du Jing was to ask about Feng Yu, who was his cousin.

When Qin Yuan was done laughing, he said to Luo Tao, “Sister-in-law is so charismatic, why are you afraid of Feng Yu?”

“I’m not afraid, I’m annoyed.”

Luo Tao wanted to frown when he thought of Feng Yu's previous farce.

"Haha, don't you think Feng Yu had a crush on you when she was young? She was pestering you even after she grew up. She even asked her family to let her get engaged to you."

Luo Tao coldly glanced at Qin Yuan, who was gloating. "Are you still in contact with your cousin?"

As soon as he said this, Qin Yuan immediately stopped smiling and was speechless.

How many years ago was it? He had forgotten the exact time. Anyway, there was once when one of his distant uncles came to visit with his son. He was not close to anyone and would only talk to Qin Yuan, whom he thought was very nice.

His cousin had come to Jing City with his family during his university's summer vacation. He also brought his girlfriend along to have some fun.

Qin Yuan had nothing better to do, so he followed along. When his cousin went to buy milk tea for his girlfriend, while Qin Yuan and his cousin's girlfriend were waiting by the roadside, Feng Yu chased after them aggressively and threw a cup of coffee at his cousin's girlfriend's face, saying that she was trying to seduce him and had ill intentions.

Qin Yuan was dumbfounded at that moment. He had no idea what Feng Yu was trying to do. Later on, he heard from Du Jing that Feng Yu thought that the girl was seducing him. As a childhood friend, she wanted to help Qin Yuan stay away from bad women.

After hearing this reason, Qin Yuan felt angry to the point of laughing. He even wanted to kill Feng Yu. Who did she think she was? Why did she need to meddle in other people's business?

If it wasn't for Feng Yu's prominent family background, Qin Yuan would probably have gotten his revenge on her..

Moreover, Qin Yuan wasn't the only one who had experienced Feng Yu's meddling. Feng Yu treated the boys around her whom she had grown up with as if they were her property. She would always meddle in their relationships. Only after she fell in love with Luo Tao did she stop meddling in their affairs.