

Chapter 111 Brother Guo, Why Are You Crying?

This voice appeared out of nowhere, and it sounded deep and low, startling everyone on the scene.

Guo Lingfeng was almost in despair, but when she heard this voice, she trembled and raised her head at once. Looking up, she saw a tall figure standing on the second-floor balcony of the opposite building, looking down at them from above.

The figure was standing with his back to the light, so she could not see his face clearly from her current angle. Nonetheless, the shock she felt at this moment was enormous, and it imperiously invaded her heart and soul!

She was full of emotions at once, and warm tears filled her eyes as she mumbled, "Hero. My hero has appeared..."

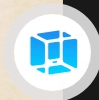
"Where did this idiot come from? How dare he act all mysterious?"

"Get lost, or I'll kill you as well!"

"Scram!"

The three punks started to yell and shout, and they obviously did not take that figure seriously.

The black figure on the balcony snorted coldly.



Then, with a leap, he jumped down from the second floor and landed upright in front of the three punks, clean and swift. His movement was natural and elegant, like a martial arts expert from action movies. This showed that he had extraordinary abilities.

The second floor was over 3 meters high. It was not too high that an ordinary person would die if they jumped from that height, but neither could they have achieved it in such a natural and elegant manner.

When Guo Lingfeng saw the natural poise of the black figure, the light in her eyes gleamed even brighter.

“Get lost, or else I won’t hold back,” the black figure warned in an indifferent tone.

The three punks did not know who they were facing. Knowing that they had an advantage in numbers, they felt that they had nothing to fear. They cursed and charged toward the black figure together at once.

“You have overestimated yourselves,” the black figure sneered contemptuously. The next second, all they could hear were three smacks, and the three punks were wiped out without effort. Their abilities were far behind that of the black figure, leaving them writhing on the floor



and shrilling in agony.

Dumbfoundedly, Guo Lingfeng stared with her jaws wide open at this scene. The shock she felt in her heart was unprecedentedly tremendous!

When she was in danger and in desperate need for help, this person came to her rescue like a god, aloof yet mighty. In just a blink of an eye, he had wiped out these punks easily and saved her. Wasn't he the Mr. Right she had always dreamed for?

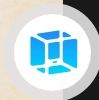
Unfortunately, he was still standing with his back to the light, so she could not see his face clearly.

However, his silhouette seemed extremely familiar to her, and she felt like she had met him somewhere before.

"Are you okay?" the black figure walked toward Guo Lingfeng and asked in a gentle tone.

Walking out from the shadows, his face was revealed. Finally, Guo Lingfeng could see his face clearly, and he could see her clearly too. Then, both of them shouted at the same time.

"It's you?!"



“It’s you?!”

“Guo Junyi.”

“Lin Wenjing.”

Indeed. This black figure was Lin Wenjing. He was out to buy some things just now. When he passed by this place and heard some noises, he approached to inspect the situation. Then, he saw Guo Lingfeng who was fighting injustice, but fell into grave danger herself.

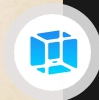
He did not recognize Guo Lingfeng at the beginning, so he was extremely shocked when he realized that it was her now.

Guo Lingfeng felt even more surprised.

Or to be more precise, she was not only feeling surprised, but overwhelmed with excitement, delight, and other complicated emotions!

She had never expected that the one who would save her was Lin Wenjing, the buddy she made just some time ago.

In the beginning, she actually did not have any romantic feelings toward Lin Wenjing. She only felt that Lin Wenjing was a nice guy. But after what happened just now, Lin Wenjing’s figure was engraved deeply in her heart, and she felt



that he was extremely handsome and charming at this moment. So much so that her heartbeat had started to race for some reason, and she felt butterflies in her stomach as Lin Wenjing looked at her.

Soon, Lin Wenjing realized that Guo Lingfeng was still in a male attire, and it looked weird. Especially when she was blushing now and staring unflinchingly at him. This made his hair stand on end.

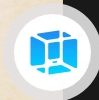
After giving a few coughs, he asked, "Why are you here? Where is your bodyguard?"

Guo Lingfeng came back to her senses, and she averted her gaze from Lin Wenjing while she replied, "I ran away from home."

"What?" Lin Wenjing gasped in surprise. Why did 'running away from home' somehow sounded weird? But he was relieved after a short moment. After all, she was a pampered girl, so it was not strange that she had ran away from home after quarrelling with her family.

"I see." Lin Wenjing gave a perfunctory response. Then, he looked behind him, but the middle school student had run off in fear.

"Since everything's fine, I'm going to get going now," Lin Wenjing said again. He had no



think we should be friends rather than brothers. It's not appropriate."

Lin Wenjing rolled his eyes and thought, Did you just realize that it's inappropriate? He then said, "Alright."

"I'll be heading off now. I need to get home," Lin Wenjing added.

"Wait!" Guo Lingfeng called Lin Wenjing again. "Well, it's still early now. Are you going home this early? Why don't you accompany me for a walk?"

Lin Wenjing felt discommoded, so he said, "It's not a good time tonight. My wife is waiting for me at home."

Upon listening to that, Guo Lingfeng felt dispirited at once. Indeed, he was married, and was even a live-in son-in-law.

When Guo Lingfeng recalled this point, she felt extremely displeased, causing the cheerful sparks in her heart to die out at once.

"Well, I'm leaving now—"

Rumble, rumble.

Right at this moment, Guo Lingfeng's stomach



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rumbled. It was loud, and Lin Wenjing heard it clearly.

The atmosphere became extremely awkward suddenly, causing Gu Lingfeng's face to flush red.

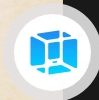
Under the light, Lin Wenjing finally realized that Guo Lingfeng's complexion was rather bad. Pale lips and stomach rumbling, she was dispirited and could barely keep herself steady. It was obvious that she had been starving for quite some time.

"Haven't you eaten anything?" Lin Wenjing asked softly.

Upon hearing Lin Wenjing's question, Guo Lingfeng felt extremely aggrieved for some reason. A lump formed in her throat as the grievance and sadness she had been feeling these few days engulfed her immediately, sending tears to her eyes. At once, she burst out crying.

Lin Wenjing was dumbfounded by her tears, causing him to question himself if he had done or said something wrong. Otherwise, why would she cry?

"Why are you crying?" Lin Wenjing asked helplessly.



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Unexpectedly, Guo Lingfeng wailed even louder in an unrestrained manner. Her body even started to shake. To those who did not understand the situation, it looked like Lin Wenjing had done something unforgivable to her.

With a bewildered look, Lin Wenjing pulled out a crumpled tissue from his pocket in a fluster and handed it to her while asking, "Brother Guo, what happened? Why are you crying?"

"It has been two days ever since I had any food," replied Guo Lingfeng in a pitiful tone while taking the tissue.

Lin Wenjing was rendered speechless.



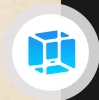
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In a daze, Lin Wenjing ended up bringing Guo Lingfeng to supper.

He had planned to go home initially, but he had no choice now. So, he sent a message to Chu Ling, informing her that he would be back a little later.

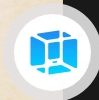
Chu Ling did not ask him for the reason and just replied with one word: 'Okay.'

It so happened that there were not many restaurants around here, so they had to hail a taxi and go somewhere further. At last, Lin Wenjing brought Guo Lingfeng to have beef hotpot.

Lin Wenjing looked at Guo Lingfeng who was gobbling up her food. She did not even realize that her hair was loose and hanging down her back.

Although Guo Lingfeng was still in a men's attire now, her true appearance was revealed. She looked like a woman now, and she did not deliberately act as a man either, resuming her female character.

Lin Wenjing realized that Guo Lingfeng was actually quite beautiful, and her beauty was at the same level with Chu Ling. Both of them were extremely attractive women, but Guo



Lingfeng looked more like a pretty girl from humble origin.

In her current attire, Guo Lingfeng was extremely eye-catching. In the hotpot restaurant, Lin Wenjing was continuously receiving gazes from time to time because the others felt envious and jealous that he could be the one and only male partner of Guo Lingfeng.

“Take it easy. No one is going to snatch your food,” advised Lin Wenjing out of kindness while pouring a cup of cold water for her. She had scalded her tongue several times while gobbling up her food like a piggish eater.

“Thank you.” Guo Lingfeng smiled sweetly at Lin Wenjing before swigging the cup of cold water. Then, she stuck out her tongue and said, “I can’t help it because I haven’t eaten for two days. I almost starved to death.”

“Why didn’t you eat? Did your family abuse you?” Lin Wenjing asked as he felt strange.

Guo Lingfeng snorted and replied in a peevish tone, “You’re actually right. They abused me! My father is forcing me to marry someone I don’t like... Um...”

At this point, she suddenly stopped talking because she realized that she had just said



something she was not supposed to say. But when she noticed that Lin Wenjing was calm, she knew that he had seen through her. At once, she blushed again, feeling extremely shy.

“You knew that I was a girl?” Guo Lingfeng asked carefully.

Lin Wenjing was stunned and asked in a surprised tone, “What? Brother Guo, what are you talking about? I don’t understand.”

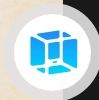
He was still pretending!

Guo Lingfeng rolled her eyes as she had seen herself in the mirror beside her, and realised that she had returned to how she usually looked. Besides, she had come out hastily this time, so she did not wear a chest binder. It was impossible for Lin Wenjing to not notice it.

However, Lin Wenjing looked adorable when he was playing ignorant.

“Lin Wenjing, I’m a girl. My name is not Guo Junyi, but Guo Lingfeng. I lied to you. Please don’t be angry at me,” Guo Lingfeng said in a perturbed tone while staring at Lin Wenjing.

Lin Wenjing felt amused. Why would he be angry? Her gender was none of his business anyway.



However, it was unnecessary for him to say that, so he just smiled and replied, "Don't worry. You must have had your reasons, so why would I be angry?"

Guo Lingfeng's eyes showed that she was touched. "Lin Wenjing, you're a good person. You're a lot better than all those men outside."

"Really? Perhaps you've only met a few men." Lin Wenjing realized that the look in Guo Lingfeng's eyes were unusual and dangerous, so he quickly averted the topic. "Take your time to eat. I'll send you home after you're done eating."

"Alright..." Guo Lingfeng nodded in reflex, but she quickly came to her senses and shook her head. "I'm not going home, and I never will!"

Lin Wenjing gave a brief response without asking further and said, "It's also better to calm yourself down first."

"Yeah..." Guo Lingfeng picked up two pieces of beef and placed them into Lin Wenjing's bowl. Then, she asked with an ingratiating look, "Lin Wenjing, can I stay at your house for this period of time?"

Lin Wenjing was shocked upon listening to her request. Fortunately, he had only raised his cup



and had yet to drink the tea. Otherwise, he would have spurted a mouthful of tea at Guo Lingfeng. "Are you joking?!"

Guo Lingfeng shook her head and said, "I'm not joking. I'm serious about this!"

"You can't," Lin Wenjing rejected.

"Why not? Aren't we best friends?" Guo Lingfeng rebutted, refusing to accept his rejection.

Lin Wenjing felt extremely speechless. When did I become your best friend? We have only met twice in total.

"Because my house is fully occupied," Lin Wenjing replied.

Guo Lingfeng suggested, "I can sleep on the sofa."

"I've occupied the sofa," Lin Wenjing rebutted.

"What? Why? Why don't you sleep on the bed?" Guo Lingfeng expressed her perplexity.

Lin Wenjing sighed and explained helplessly, "Because my wife doesn't allow me to..."

Wait a second. Why am I telling her this?



He quickly changed the topic and said, "Anyway, it's inconvenient. Besides, it's inappropriate for a beautiful girl like you to stay in my house."

Among all the other words, Guo Lingfeng only retained 'beautiful girl', and her eyes glimmered immediately. Oh god. He thinks that I'm beautiful. I'm over the moon now...

She did not even notice that she was completely smitten with Lin Wenjing.

"Then where should I stay? I can't probably wander the street, can I?" Guo Lingfeng said in an aggrieved tone while looking at Lin Wenjing with her pitiful eyes. She was actually being coquettish with him.

This caused goosebumps to creep all over Lin Wenjing.

Although Guo Lingfeng was a woman, in some part of Lin Wenjing's subconscious, she was still a boy. Therefore, when he saw that Guo Lingfeng was acting coquettish at him, he somehow felt strange.

"You're a daughter from a wealthy family, so you must have a large amount of savings. You can just find a place to stay, or seek help from your friend," Lin Wenjing suggested.



Guo Lingfeng sounded discouraged as she said, "Don't even start. I didn't even bring my phone and purse when I left, so I'm penniless now. If I hadn't bumped into you, I might really have had to stay out on the street. Besides, I don't have any true friends in Hua City. If I seek their help, they will certainly inform my parents. Therefore, you are the only one I can count on."

While Guo Lingfeng was talking, she cupped her cheeks with her hands. At the same time, she stared at Lin Wenjing with glimmering eyes, causing him to find it difficult to reject her.

Lin Wenjing was tongue-tied for a moment, and he almost gave in and agreed to her request. After a short moment, he reminded her, "Miss Guo, we've only met twice actually, and we're not that familiar with each other."

"But we hit it off right from the beginning, didn't we? In the previous encounter, I even treated you to a meal. Didn't we have a good chat?" Guo Lingfeng rebutted.

"That's why we're even now, since I'm treating you to beef hotpot," Lin Wenjing said.

Guo Lingfeng put down her chopsticks, looking gloomy while she asked softly, "Lin Wenjing, do you hate me?"



“Um...” Lin Wenjing shook his head. He replied, “I don’t. Why would I hate you for no reason?”

“Then why are you so indifferent to me? Aren’t we friends? You’re the only one I can count on in Hua City.” Guo Lingfeng sounded extremely upset.

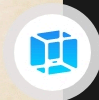
Looking at her, Lin Wenjing felt pity for her. After pondering for a short while, he suggested, “How about this. I’ll lend you 10 thousand so you can find yourself a house or stay in a hotel. You can return it to me when you have money. What do you think?”

Guo Lingfeng thought for a while before she said, “10 thousand is insufficient. Can you lend me 100 thousand? When I have money, I’ll return 200 thousand to you.”

She was one of a kind as she had just asked to borrow 100 thousand from a person whom she had met only twice.

100 thousand was just a drop in the ocean for Lin Wenjing now. In order to cast off this trouble, he agreed to her request.

After she was done with the hotpot, Lin Wenjing went to the nearest automated teller machine and withdrew 100 thousand in cash for Guo Lingfeng. Unexpectedly, she went straight to



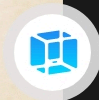
buy a new iPhone which cost over 10 thousand. Then, she headed to the clothing store and spent over 30 thousand lavishly on clothes. Within an hour, only 50 thousand were left.

Looking at her speed of spending money, Lin Wenjing could only sigh. It was expected as she was the daughter of a wealthy family. She was spending money like water without showing the slightest bit of hesitation.

Lin Wenjing wanted to leave initially, but Guo Lingfeng refused to let him go. She dragged him along to book a hotel room, and she finally let him leave after he walked her to her door, acting as if they were a couple.

When Lin Wenjing stepped out of the hotel, he suddenly sensed something, so he turned back to look. This shocked the two people in the car that was stopped on the opposite side of the road. "Did he notice us?"

"I don't think so. We're professional detectives. With our skilled tailing technique, it's impossible that he noticed us. It was probably an innocent glance. See? He's leaving."



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Sitting in the taxi, Lin Wenjing furrowed his eyebrows while thinking about the identity of the two people in the car on the opposite side of the road just now.

Were they shadowing Guo Lingfeng or him?

They were obviously experts in tailing, and they were good at covering their tracks. If he was not aware enough, he would not have realized their presence.

Regardless, he needed to be careful.

He did not lower his guard immediately, but continued to keep an eye on the two people. He realized that after he set off, they drove behind him, continuing to tail him.

He instructed the taxi driver to change direction, and they drove into a residential area with a complicated topography. Then, he got down the car and made a few rounds. After he lost the two of them, he went back to Guo Lingfeng's hotel and waited for a while. Then, he realized that the two people came back again, and they were waiting beside the road.

With this, he could confirm that these two people were tailing Guo Lingfeng.

Other than that, Lin Wenjing did not sense any



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hostility from them, so he could almost confirm that they were sent by Guo Lingfeng's family, mainly to monitor and protect her.

It was laughable that Guo Lingfeng thought that she had escaped from home successfully.

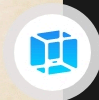
But this was actually a good discovery because he could feel more at ease now. Although he did not want to be excessively associated with Guo Lingfeng, she was a kind girl regardless, so he did not want to see her getting hurt.

This time, Lin Wenjing became cleverer. Before he went home, he deliberately checked and cleaned his clothes, making sure that there was not a single trace on him that would cause Chu Ling to misunderstand him. Only then did he go home.

However, he was still unlucky when he got home because Chu Ling's expression turned cold the moment she saw him, and she even pushed him out directly. "Get out!"

Lin Wenjing felt perplexed. "Chu Ling, what's the matter?"

Chu Ling stared at him coldly and said, "Lin Wenjing, you've got quite the nerve. I've warned you last time that I'm not against you flirting with other women outside. But after you flirt



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with them, you must not bring any traces of them when you come home. You've completely turned a deaf ear to my warnings, didn't you?"

Upon hearing her words, Lin Wenjing's heartbeat raced, and he felt extremely flustered. But he could not understand. He was sure that he had gotten rid of the scent on him, and certain that even the dog would not smell anything. How did Chu Ling know that he had come into contact with other women? It just did not make sense.

"Chu Ling, I don't understand what you're saying. I didn't flirt with other women!" Lin Wenjing defended himself in grievance.

Chu Ling stared at him coldly. "Are you still trying to quibble groundlessly? Lin Wenjing, did you think that I wouldn't find out even though you have gotten rid of her scent?"

Listening to that, Lin Wenjing's face stiffened instantly. At the same time, he was even more perplexed because he could not figure out how Chu Ling knew.

As if Chu Ling could read his mind, she walked toward him and picked up two strands of long hair from his shoulder. Then, she placed them in front of him and sneered, "You don't even know how to destroy such obvious evidence



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after you cheated on me. Don't tell me that these two strands of hair that belong to a woman were blown by the wind to your shoulder!"

Lin Wenjing was dumbfounded. How did Guo Lingfeng's hair get onto him? He did not even touch her...

Suddenly, he figured it out. It must have been when they were walking into the hotpot restaurant. When Guo Lingfeng was walking over the threshold, she tripped over it because she was physically exhausted due to starvation. He had supported Guo Lingfeng at that time, and it must be then that her hair got stuck onto him!

Crap!

This was an injustice as great as history had ever known!

"Chu Ling, please hear me out. It's not what you think—"

Chu Ling cut off Lin Wenjing indifferently. "Shut up! Lin Wenjing, you're still so disgusting. I've made a mistake, thinking that you were truly different from other men, and that you would be faithful and loyal to me. It seems like you're also just a douchebag!"



Lin Wenjing felt extremely upset. What was all this about? He had never done anything wrong to Chu Ling. He had just treated Guo Lingfeng to a meal. Was that considered cheating?

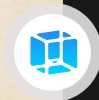
“Chu Ling, I admit that I’ve met with a new girlfriend, but I only had supper with her. That’s all. It’s not what you think!” Lin Wenjing explained hastily.

However, Chu Ling’s eyes became even colder when she heard his explanation, and she spoke with a frosty voice. “A new girlfriend?! Lin Wenjing, what a skilled womanizer you are. Impressive. You even found a new girlfriend!”

Lin Wenjing opened his mouth in horror and slapped himself immediately. “What’s wrong with my mouth? It was a slip of the tongue. I don’t mean girlfriend. I meant female friend! She’s actually—”

“Enough!” This time, Chu Ling cut him off harshly and indifferently with a face full of detest. “I’ve had enough of your explanation! Lin Wenjing, I told you that since I’ve never done my duty as a wife to you, I’m not opposed to you having women outside. However, you must not bring her home, even if it’s just her scent!”

“One more thing. I beg you, please don’t ever use the excuse that you love me, or that you



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want the best for me in the future. I'm disgusted by that!"

After hurling this sentence at him, Chu Ling slammed the front door shut with a thunderous bang.

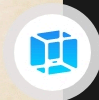
Lin Wenjing stood in stupefaction for almost five seconds. Then, he gave himself a hard slap and scolded harshly, "Lin Wenjing, you're such an idiot!"

Meanwhile, after Chu Ling shut the door, she locked it from the inside. Startled by the noise, Liu Qiaozhen, who was in her room, walked out and saw Chu Ling's cold sullen face, as if the whole world owed her millions. She asked, "Chu Ling, what happened? Did Lin Wenjing get on your nerves again?"

Chu Ling did not answer and just walked hurriedly past her to her room, completely ignoring Liu Qiaozhen. Then, she locked the door from inside.

Leaning against the door, Chu Ling could not understand why she would feel so emotional, furious, and irritated.

And there was even a tinge of grievance which she hated so much!



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Indeed. Why was she feeling aggrieved? She did not love Lin Wenjing after all. From the beginning to the end, she had only treated Lin Wenjing as a tool.

Could it be that she had grown feelings for him after living together for a long time?

Impossible!

The one she loved was the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios.

It must be because Lin Wenjing was her husband. Even though he was just a husband in name, what he did was still disrespectful to her, so she had every right to be angry.

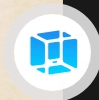
Just like a master that was betrayed by his servant.

Right. That must be it.

Chu Ling kept convincing herself.

That night, she had a rare case of insomnia.

Lying on the bed, she just felt restless for some reason, and she could not calm herself down. Her mind was echoing with strange illogical voices and thoughts.



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On top of that, thoughts about Lin Wenjing even crossed her mind, such as would Lin Wenjing feel cold outside, was he still standing in the corridor, or had he gone to other women where he could find solace?

Bearing these thoughts in her mind, she felt like she was in a muddle and only dozed off to a light sleep at midnight.

The next morning, she woke up early.

After brushing her teeth and finishing her breakfast, she opened the door to leave for work. Then, she found Lin Wenjing curled up in the corner beside the door, looking extremely pitiful...



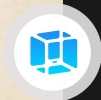
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When Chu Ling saw this scene, her pupil constricted at once, and her heart felt like it was wrung.

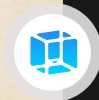
Did Lin Wenjing stay here for the whole night yesterday?

Was he a fool?

Woken by the noise of the door opening, Lin Wenjing quickly got up. Due to the prolonged posture he maintained, he had pins and needles in his right leg, causing him to stagger and to almost fall down. Fortunately, he had swift reflexes and he held on to the wall just in time, saving him from falling.

“Chu Ling, you’re up?” Lin Wenjing said. “Chu Ling, you have to believe me. What happened yesterday night was honestly a misunderstanding. I admit that I indeed went for supper with a female friend last night, but she’s a tomboy, and both of us aren’t even familiar with each other. I met her at the mechanic when I took the car for maintenance previously...”

Lin Wenjing hurriedly related the ins and outs of how he met Guo Lingfeng to Chu Ling, and emphasized it was by chance that they bumped into each other yesterday night. He explained that he could not possibly sit idly by and watch



as someone was being bullied, so that was how Guo Lingfeng's hair got stuck onto him. Other than that, there was nothing going on between Guo Lingfeng and him at all.

Chu Ling was quietly listening to Lin Wenjing's explanation all this while. Even she did not realize that after she listened to him, her agitation and tension was relieved without her noticing, and her lips curved upward involuntarily as well. Even so, she deliberately remained a sullen face and maintained her aloof attitude. "Did you sleep here last night?"

"Yeah."

"Are you dumb? It's winter now. Weren't you cold?"

Lin Wenjing scratched his head and replied, "I'm fine. I have a strong physique with thick skin and flesh, so I'm not cold."

Seeing his dumb look, Chu Ling's anger that was bottled up in her heart vanished completely. At the same time, she felt slightly guilty and repentant, and thought that she might have been too cold-blooded to lock Lin Wenjing out for the whole night...

"Come in. Take a shower and change your clothes. I'll make you breakfast." Chu Ling



opened the door for Lin Wenjing to come in.

But he did not dare to go in, so he asked carefully, "Can I really go in?"

Chu Ling directly grabbed his shirt and pulled him in while speaking in an annoyed tone deliberately, "Just come in as I say. Stop talking nonsense."

After Lin Wenjing took a bath and changed into a new set of clothes, he went to the dining room and found that Chu Ling had really made him breakfast. Looking at the steaming bowl of noodles, he felt like he was in a dream.

If he was not mistaken, this was the first time Chu Ling had ever made him breakfast in their few years of marriage.

At this moment, he was overwhelmed.

"What are you waiting for? Eat up."

Lin Wenjing gave a big nod and smiled as he said, "Chu Ling, you're so nice to me."

Chu Ling turned her head to another direction, avoiding the sight of him deliberately.

"I'm off to work. You should take a good rest at home," said Chu Ling as she headed toward the



door.

Lin Wenjing replied immediately, "Chu Ling, I'll come with you to the company."

"Why do you want to come with me to the company?" Chu Ling frowned.

Of course I have to go with you to the company. Since you screwed up the investment deal that was set up by Chu Hao, the entire Chu family will definitely treat you like a thorn in their side. If I'm not there with you, you will surely drown in their criticisms. However, Lin Wenjing did not spill out his thoughts and only said, "I rested well last night. It so happens that it's a holiday for my company today, so I'll send you to work."

"No need," Chu Ling rejected as she shook her head. "I'm going to work on my own. Do whatever you need to do."

Lin Wenjing gobbled down all the noodles in just a few bites. Then, he wiped his mouth and insisted, "Chu Ling, I think I should send you there. I've promised to protect you."

Chu Ling furrowed her eyebrows immediately. Looking at Lin Wenjing's stubbornness, she felt an unaccountable annoyance. He kept on saying that he would protect her, but what did he have that could protect her?



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She knew very well the situation she had to face when she reached the company later. It was not an exaggeration to describe it as a raging storm or condemnation of the universe.

She did not want Lin Wenjing to witness this scene, so she had already decided very early on that she would face it on her own. She did not even bring her parents along.

“Do whatever you want to do. Don’t disturb me,” said Chu Ling in a freezing tone. Then, she walked away.

Lin Wenjing ran up to her.

Chu Ling stopped her pace and glared at him in displeasure as she chided, “Lin Wenjing, what’s your problem? Can’t you understand human language?!”

She had been gentle with Lin Wenjing just now, but in the next second, she had started to growl at him again.

Lin Wenjing had gotten used to this attitude of hers, so he said in a tender tone, “Chu Ling, I won’t let you face these alone.”

Chu Ling bit her lips tightly. She was touched, but what she felt even more was anger, the source of which she did not know. “Lin Wenjing,



do you know which part of you I hate the most? It's your overestimation of yourself! You don't know your place! I won't complain that you are incapable, but please don't act like you're mighty and have great abilities. In the end, you'll just outsmart yourself and embarrass me!"

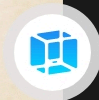
Lin Wenjing quickly promised, "Chu Ling, please believe me. I can help you through this difficult time, really. Just let me send you to the company."

Chu Ling did not reply to Lin Wenjing and just cast him a cold glance. Then, she walked out and slammed the door.

Lin Wenjing could not help but sigh. Stubbornness had always been a part of Chu Ling.

Knowing Chu Ling's character well, he knew that if he insisted on going with her, she would feel even angrier. Therefore, the best solution was proving his words through actions. He would step forward and help her when the Chu family launched an attack at her. Only then would she sincerely believe him.

With this thought, he called Wang Yunqian immediately, instructing him to wait near the Chu family's office and be prepared at all times. Once Wang Yuanqian received Lin Wenjing's



call, he would go up to the office immediately.

After all the preparation was done, Lin Wenjing rushed to the Chu family's company.

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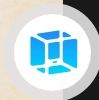
As soon as Chu Ling arrived at the company, and even before she went into the discussion room, she had sensed the weird atmosphere.

The most obvious change she could see was that many of the company's staff, at least more than half of them, had resigned. This caused the company to look a lot emptier.

In addition, no one was working seriously anymore. They were just gathering in groups and chatting, indolent and slack. Even though they saw her come in, they did not rein themselves in, completely abandoning the reverence they used to have for her in the past.

Chu Ling had never seen staff with such lax behavior. Even the previous time when the company was facing a great crisis, these staff were not as misbehaved as they were now. At once, she pulled a long face and reproached, "It's working hours now. What are you guys doing? Don't you have work to do?"

In the past, she was still treated with some



dignity in the company. As an unapproachable beauty, these staff would surely be perturbed when she flared up in anger, and they would hurriedly continue to work. But now, they held no fear or respect when they were reproached by her. Someone even laughed contemptuously.

“Why should we continue to work? Isn’t the company going bankrupt?”

“Exactly. Those creditors will probably come to demand the payment for the debt in two days.”

“You’re right. If it wasn’t for the one-month salary that I have yet to receive, I would have resigned together with Lin Feng and the rest.”

“I knew all along that Sheng Ke Company had no future. Looking at it now, I was right.”

They started to discuss imprudently, pretending that Chu Ling was invisible.

Witnessing this scene, Chu Ling felt extremely furious, so she shouted, “Shut up! Who says that the company is going bankrupt? The company is doing very well!”

“Manager Chu, stop fooling yourself and others. Who doesn’t know that the funding chain of Sheng Ke Company is broken now, and that it is on the verge of bankruptcy? I think you should



come up with a solution to deal with the creditors rather than criticizing us.”

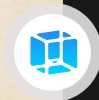
“And don’t forget about our salary. You won’t have a chance to get away with it because we are protected by the labor law!”

Chu Ling almost blew a fuse when she heard that. They were going too far with their attitude. However, sadness overtook her as she realized that she could not refute what they said. They were right. Sheng Ke Company was indeed in a dire state.

Initially, Huang Wenhua was Sheng Ke Company’s hope, but she had totally offended him.

Her only hope now was Situ Nan, and she wished that he was not holding a grudge against her for what happened yesterday.

Thinking of Situ Nan, Lin Wenjing popped into her head without her permission. If Lin Wenjing hadn’t exposed Situ Nan’s lie and utterly humiliated him, he would have definitely been willing to invest in Sheng Ke Company. However, the situation was different now...



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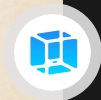
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At this moment, someone walked toward them and said to Chu Ling with an expressionless face, "Why are you here so late? Everyone is waiting for you in the meeting room."

This person was a distant relative of the Chu family. Her ability was just mediocre, and she only managed to join Sheng Ke Company because of Chu Ling's recommendation in the beginning. In the past, she had always greeted Chu Ling as 'Miss Chu' in reverence. But now, she was extremely indifferent toward Chu Ling, and there was even a hint of disdain and contempt in her attitude. It was obvious that she no longer respected Chu Ling.

Seeing her act this way, Chu Ling simmered with anger, but what she felt even more were sadness and self-mockery.

This was the first time she had experienced being treated with disrespect after losing her status. The worst thing was, despite still having power, they were already treating her with indignity. What would be awaiting her after she entered the room?

Chu Ling's face turned pale at once.

However, she was even more determined to win this fight now. The more undignified they treated her, the stronger her determination was



to win. A strong urge to turn things around and to make everyone who had looked down upon her gasp in shock was formed.

After taking a deep breath and calming herself down with all her might, Chu Ling composed herself and strode into the meeting room. Let the storm rage for she was well-prepared.

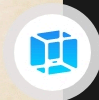
After she left, sneers and laughter at her misfortune could be heard.

As soon as she stepped into the meeting room, she felt a gust of murderous air blow right onto her face.

She was not exaggerating. Chu Ling honestly felt this way right now, and her heart squeezed at once. She even had to hold her breath.

There were more than 10 people in the meeting room, and all of them set their eyes on her simultaneously. She could feel the rage and murderous intention in their eyes, dying to rip her into a thousand pieces.

It was such an irony that all of them who were sitting here shared the surname of 'Chu'. They were all her relatives, elders and siblings, but they hated her to the core just because she had not sacrificed herself to gratify Huang Wenhua.



At this moment, she was overwhelmed with misery, and she could not help but smile bitterly and mock herself.

As the master of the family, Chu Guodong sat on the main seat. Just like everyone else, he was glaring at her coldly.

Chu Ling paused her pace for two seconds before resuming her steps and walked to her seat.

After she went over there, she realized that someone beside her had placed his leg on her seat. He did not even bother to remove his leg despite seeing that she was here.

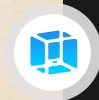
Chu Ling looked at him and said, "Cheng, please move your leg. This is my seat."

Cheng was in his 30s. At this moment, he sneered at her and mocked, "Your seat? Do you even have a seat in the Chu family now?"

Chu Ling was not enraged, thinking that this might be the first challenge she had to face.

"I don't think you have the right to decide whether there is a seat for me in the Chu family." Chu Ling remained her poise.

Cheng continued, "Chu Ling, I don't understand



how you are still not ashamed, and even dare to come back to the company!”

Chu Ling looked at him and retorted, “Why wouldn’t I dare to come back to the company? I didn’t embezzle a single penny of the company’s funds, and I didn’t sell out the company’s confidential information either. I’ve been a conscientious worker of the company for the past three years, so why wouldn’t I dare to come back to the company?”

Upon hearing her words, Cheng’s face started to become ferocious. He then pointed at her rudely as he berated, “A conscientious worker of the company?! Chu Ling, how thick is your skin to be able to say that? When have you honored your duty to the company? Are you honoring your duty by sitting idly by and watching as the company falls, and by being selfish? Is that what you do as a conscientious worker?!”

His words aroused everyone’s rage, causing them to glower at Chu Ling.

Chu Ling clenched her teeth. She thought that she would be calm, but when she was truly faced with the vexation and reprimand from her family, she still failed to remain composed. In great grievance and indignance, she could not help but shout, “Tell me! When have I ever sat



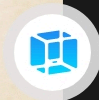
idly by and watched as the company fell? Is it my fault that the company's funding chain was broken again? It's Chu Hao's fault! What makes you think that I am the culprit?!"

"Are you still unwilling to repent? I didn't know that you were so unbelievably thick-skinned and shameless!" Cheng stood up and scolded. "Chu Hao had finally found Huang Wenhua to invest in the company, and it was even a large investment, amounting up to 100 million. Most importantly, Wang Wenhua only asked for 40% of our company's shares! It was such a great deal! Initially, with this investment, we could have revived our family and even risen to a new peak. But when it came to the crunch, you pretended to be pure and innocent, and you weren't willing to contribute to the family! Chu Ling, you're a betrayer and an unfaithful b*tch!"

Chu Cheng came down on her like a ton of bricks, spewing saliva and looking ferocious. His voice was so thunderous that it made her ears buzz. But compared to that, her heart hurt more.

She saw the look on everyone's face in the meeting room. Obviously, this was what they thought about her too.

At once, she was engulfed in an unprecedented grievance and dejection, causing a lump to



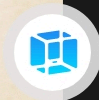
form in her throat as tears welled up in her eyes uncontrollably.

“Why should I be the one who sacrifices? Chu Hao was the one who started this mess, so why should I sacrifice for his wrongdoings?” Chu Ling could no longer control her emotions, and her grievance erupted. She propped her neck up and shouted, “Besides, I’ve sacrificed myself for the family crisis the last time, but what happened?! None of you expressed your gratitude to me, and you even expelled me from the board of directors! Now that the family is in trouble again, you put me on the spot once more! What do you regard me as? You criticize me for not being faithful to the family, but what about you? What have you done for the family?!”

Before she came, she had warned herself many times to remain levelheaded, to never cry, and to never lose control no matter what happened, or how great the grievance she felt.

Yet, when she was really faced with all of these, she had failed to keep her composure.

She had overestimated her ability and underestimated the harshness and blame she would receive from these people who were supposedly her family and relatives.



Therefore, she exploded.

However, her explosion of emotions, grievance, and sadness not only failed to arouse anyone's sympathy or understanding, but caused them to be even more cold and furious at her.

Bang!

After slamming his palm on the table, Chu Huayou stood up abruptly and pointed at Chu Ling as he berated, "Chu Ling, it seems like you really are holding grudges against the family, which is why you refused to help us! You're so cruel! Without the mentor and support from the family all these years, could you have achieved what you have achieved? Could you have grown to be a stunning woman? Just because we expelled you from the board of directors temporarily, you held grudges against the family. You even deliberately sat idly by and watched as the family got destroyed just to wreak vengeance on the family! Great. Now Huang Wenhua has refused to invest in the company, and the Chu family is going bankrupt. Are you happy now? Chu Ling, you're a piece of trash!"

Right after this, the entire meeting room echoed with all kinds of reproaches toward her. Everyone stood up, pointed at her, and started to hurl criticisms right at her face, completely



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covering her weak voice. Someone with a bad temper even went over to push her.

At this moment, Chu Ling was like a small raft in the middle of the vast ocean. She was engulfed in a tsunami, and she could drown any time.



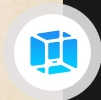
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Chu Ling was struggling and calling out, desperately trying to make her voice heard, but it was all in vain.

These relatives who had been amiable toward her in the past had turned into demons now, thirsty for her blood and hungry for her flesh. They were all dying to kill her.

At this moment, Chu Ling was beyond helpless and panic-stricken. She had never experienced this, and she could not understand why her family would treat her unfairly and unreasonably. This mess was made by Chu Hao. Why had it become her fault now?

If Chu Hao had not gambled and selfishly embezzled a large sum of the company's funds, would the company be in this state? Obviously not!

She kept telling herself not to cry, to never give up, and to be strong.

However, she found it impossible to do that. At this moment, she could not find anyone whom she could ask for help, or whom she could hold on to for support. She felt like she was the only one left in the universe.

In the chaos, someone even gave her a slap.



It was a loud and clear smack, causing her hair to come loose.

“I’ll beat you to death, you selfish, evil woman!”

Upon hearing this voice, Chu Ling raised her head abruptly and looked at the person standing in front of her. It was the girl who had brought her to the meeting room just now. Right now, she was grinding her teeth, glaring at her like she was the murderer who killed her father.

Chu Ling was greatly shocked, and she found it extremely hard to accept this fact.

She had been so kind to her, guiding her to where she was now and teaching her all that she knew. It was not an exaggeration to say that without her, she would not have grown to be who she was today, not to mention joining the board of directors!

But now, she actually had the audacity to slap her...

At once, Chu Ling’s tears which she tried so hard to hold back came rushing out again.

“Yanping, why did you do that? I’ve never done anything wrong to you,” Chu Ling asked from the bottom of her heart.



Unexpectedly, Yanping retorted behind clenched teeth, "Chu Ling, how are you not ashamed to ask that question? You destroyed the entire Chu family. And with that, you destroyed my future. That makes you my enemy!"

Chu Ling clenched her jaws and her body swayed, almost losing her balance.

Everyone else stared at her with the same look as Yanping.

Chu Ling lowered her head and tried her best to shut her mouth, keeping her voice in. However, she could not control her tears, and drop by drop they fell.

"Enough!"

At this moment, Chu Guodong who had been looking coldly from the sidelines finally spoke.

He was still the most dignified person in the Chu family. Once he spoke, everyone quieted down immediately and stopped attacking Chu Ling verbally. However, they were still glaring at her viciously.

Chu Guodong spoke again, "Kneel!"

Once again, Chu Ling shuddered. Unwilling to



submit, she raised her head and looked at Chu Guodong while saying, "Grandfather, I won't kneel. I didn't do anything wrong!"

Chu Guodong slammed the table, anger overtaking his cold face as he bellowed, "How dare you? Chu Ling, are you still trying to deny your wrongdoings even though things have gotten to this point? Do you think I can't do anything to you? I'll say it one more time. Kneel!"

Chu Guodong's voice was loud and resounding because he had been trained in martial arts in the past. Although his stamina had reduced due to his age, his breath and core energy were still stronger than everyone else, so his voice was sonorous and had strong penetrating power. It even travelled to the outside, causing the staff outside to begin gossiping.

Chu Ling's heart broke even more severely, but she still refused to submit because she felt that she did not do anything wrong. She hadn't stood idly by, but did only the things that accorded with her conscience.

"I did nothing wrong, so I won't kneel!" Chu Ling was still holding onto her obstinacy.

However, Chu Guodong's face turned even more sullen and he bellowed, "How dare you?"



You're being rebellious and even disobeying my orders. Someone, pin her down. If she refuses to kneel, break her legs at once!"

Immediately, two men came over and pressed Chu Ling's shoulder down, forcing her to kneel and acknowledge her guilt.

Chu Ling struggled and shouted, "Grandfather, why do you want me to kneel? It's not my fault that the funding chain of the Chu family was broken again. It's Chu Hao's fault! You should denounce him. Why should I bear the blame for him? He's your grandchild, but am I not your grandchild too?!"

To be honest, Chu Ling was extremely unwilling to submit at this moment, and she was not willing to accept the blame. Even if her grandfather broke her legs, she would never admit that she was guilty, because she was not! It was Chu Hao who made the mess!

Chu Hao stepped forward instantly and kneeled willingly in front of Chu Guodong. Then, he said loudly, "Grandfather, I admit that I was wrong for using the company's funds to repay my debt, and I deserve to be punished! Because of that, I have been feeling extremely guilty toward the family and you, and I couldn't even sleep and eat in peace. I knew that I was wrong, so I tried desperately to save the situation in order



to atone for my mistakes. Ever since then, I have travelled around without a second of break, searching everywhere for someone who could help. I have drunk large amounts of alcohol, vomited countless times, spent countless nights sleepless, and even been through countless grievances! Fortunately, heaven doesn't let down a man who does his best. I finally established a connection with Huang Wenhua, and I spent an enormous amount of time and effort on him, even treating him to a meal which cost me over 100 thousand. With my silver tongue, I finally persuaded him to invest 100 million in our company."

"100 million! A total of 100 million! What was more, he only asked for 40% of our shares. Most importantly, he promised to use his resources to help us develop new income streams. This was such a splendid deal. With this money, the Chu family would surely have been able to revive and rise to a new peak!"

"I've done everything I could, and there was only one thing left to do. Chu Ling just needed to gratify Huang Wenhua once, and it would have been done! But in the end, just because of her selfishness, she offended Huang Wenhua and destroyed our only hope! Now, Huang Wenhua said that even if we offered him 90% of our shares, he won't invest in us anymore!"



“Grandfather, who do you think is at fault?”

Chu Hao had a glib tongue, and he had sugar-coated his words. It sounded extremely logical and no flaws could be found when they first heard it, but if one analysed it carefully, it was completely illogical.

However, everyone was raging with emotions right now. Their minds were in a muddle, and all of them were blaming Chu Ling, so none of them analyzed Chu Hao’s words. Or to be precise, they too thought that it was Chu Ling’s fault that Huang Wenhua withdrew the investment this time, which caused the Chu family to be in imminent danger.

When Chu Guodong heard that, his face sank even further. Again, he slammed his hand on the table and pointed at Chu Ling while berating, “What else do you have to say?”

Chu Ling finally understood that nothing would change no matter what she said now, because they had decided that it was her fault.

So she closed her eyes, letting the tears roll down silently.

She then said, “It seems like whatever I say will be to no avail. All of you just want the investment, am I right? I can seek help from



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Situ Nan. He will be willing to invest in the company.”

Upon hearing that, everyone was stunned. Soon, their faces relaxed, and some of them even looked excited.

“Really?” Chu Guodong asked. “Situ Nan is back?”

Chu Ling did not want to explain further, so she just nodded nonchalantly. Then, she dialed Situ Nan’s number.



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The sight of her making the call silenced everyone immediately. They wanted to avoid making any noise in fear of disturbing Chu Ling's conversation with Situ Nan.

At that moment, they were all at their wits' end.

To be honest, they were not people with high calibre. All this while, they counted on Sheng Ke Company to provide them with a living. They received a handsome dividend each year from the company, and with that, they were able to live an enjoyable life. Among their peers, they were always considered as the rich ones.

However, once Sheng Ke wound up, they would no longer receive any dividend, and they would lose their largest source of income. They would turn penniless at once, which was something unacceptable to them.

Being something ingrained in human nature, it had always been much easier to go from a frugal life to a life of extravagance, and much harder when it was the other way round.

Therefore, when they got to know that the investment brought about by Chu Hao had turned sour because of Chu Ling, they all started seeing Chu Ling as their enemy.

Speaking in an exaggerating tone, if homicide



were not illegal, they would not have hesitated to murder Chu Ling in order to vent their anger.

The Chu Family was not a large family, but the family had the typical trait of one. All the family members were mercenary and selfish. Their own interests and money were of the utmost priority. Whoever affected those negatively would be deemed as their foe.

The call had been put through and Situ Nan's voice was heard from the other side. "Chu Ling?"

Situ Nan was slightly taken aback to receive Chu Ling's call. Anxiously, he made a hand gesture at the woman next to him in bed, signalling her to keep quiet. Next, he went to a corner to take the call.

After taking a deep breath, Chu Ling said, "Situ Nan, remember you said that you would be willing to make a fifty million investment in our company in return for 30% of the company's shares?"

Upon listening to her words, Situ Nan's brows creased together at once. The smile on his face disappeared immediately, and his face turned bleak.

Her words were spoken at the wrong time. Why



would he fork out fifty million to make the investment now?

Leaving the question about his ability to fork out the money aside, making the investment was not a wise business choice at all. Sheng Ke Company which was owned by the Chu Family was not a large scale company. In short, it was just a lighting factory with a market value of only 30 to 40 million. He would be out of his mind if he were to make a fifty million investment in the company in return for only 30% of its shares.

He had made the offer earlier just to please Chu Ling, and to make her fall in love with him.

Moreover, he had just met Master Grim yesterday and given him a large sum of money in return for taking Lin Wenjing's life. At the moment, it was impossible for him to fork out fifty million to invest in Sheng Ke Company.

Immediately, he said somewhat uncomfortably, "In fact, my cash flow has been rather tight recently. I can't afford that kind of money now."

Chu Ling was stunned and got very nervous right away. "Huh? But you said that you were willing to make an investment of fifty million. Why do you suddenly have problems with your cash flow after merely two days?"



Situ Nan spoke in a frigid tone, "Chu Ling, are you doubting me?"

"Situ Nan, I didn't mean it that way!" Chu Ling immediately apologized. She continued, "Situ Nan, how much of an investment would you be able to offer now? Our family is in a very difficult state and we are in need of your help."

Chu Ling felt awful after saying those words. Her heart felt like it had been pricked by needles. It was extremely challenging for her to utter those words as a very aloof person.

She could feel her cheeks burn.

Inside the conference room, all of them were holding their breaths. They kept their eyes widely opened and pricked up their ears, trying to catch every single detail of the conversation.

However, Situ Nan let out a chortle from the other side and avoided Chu Ling's question. Instead, he spoke in a rather contemptuous tone, "Chu Ling, I don't think you have to turn to me for help at all. Isn't Lin Wenjing a very capable man? He didn't seem to mind that the blue and white porcelain from the Ming dynasty that was worth 30 million was smashed. You could ask him for help."

As Chu Ling had the speaker on, everyone



could hear Situ Nan's voice clearly. They were puzzled by what they had heard.

What was happening?

Lin Wenjing, that piece of trash, actually owned a blue and white porcelain from the Ming dynasty that was worth 30 million? What was more, it had been broken?

The immediate change in their facial expressions turned out to be an amusing sight.

As hard as it was for them to believe that, they still felt sorry for the loss after hearing that it was worth 30 million.

Damn it, even the total market value of the company of the Chu family added up to merely around 40 million.

Chu Ling's mood became even more indescribable after listening to him. She was biting her lips so hard that she almost bit through it!

Indeed, Lin Wenjing owned a blue and white porcelain from the Ming dynasty, but it was smashed. It could have provided a way out for the Chu Family!

"Situ Nan, the blue and white porcelain owned



by Lin Wenjing was smashed, and it was sold off at only one hundred and fifty thousand. He can't help me. You're the only one who can help me now. For the sake of our long-lasting friendship, can you please assist me?" Chu Ling was holding back tears while speaking in a very humble tone.

Situ Nan could sense the humbleness in her tone. At that moment, he was overwhelmed with elation. How impressive you are, Chu Ling. Aren't you always ignoring me and acting in a very aloof and arrogant way? Why are you speaking so humbly to me all of a sudden?

"Sigh, it's not my intention not to offer you any help. My cash flow is really tight now as I have spent all my cash on other investments. I really can't help you!" Situ Nan lamented pretentiously but he was feeling overjoyed deep down inside. Suddenly, an idea hit him and he said with a slap on his thigh, "Oh, by the way, didn't Lin Wenjing mention something about forking out 100 million as a gift for you? Moreover, he said that he has never given you a decent gift throughout the past four years of being married to you, and he will give you 100 million at one go. How impressive is he? Among all the successful businessmen and wealthy people I know, I've never encountered someone as generous as him who would offer 100 million as a gift to their wives. Tsk, tsk, his love for you



is really inspiring!”

All of them who heard him wore even more amusing facial expressions.

Of course, there was not a trace of excitement on their faces. Instead, all of them looked gloomy. Naturally, they did not believe that Lin Wenjing had the ability to fork out 100 million. Not to mention 100 million, it was unlikely for Lin Wenjing to be able to fork out even ten thousand judging from his incompetence.

They guessed that Lin Wenjing had definitely been acting boastful in front of Situ Nan. However, they didn't think that it was impressive. All he had shown was pure stupidity.

Chu Ling's breathing got increasingly rapid. Wearing a smile on her face, she nearly spoke through gritted teeth. She looked even more awful than when she was crying and said, "Situ Nan, stop joking! Lin Wenjing is just an ordinary man, and he said that in a fit of rage. How could he possibly fork out that much money?"

"Is that so? I have no idea," Situ Nan said with a sneer. "I've got to go. I have some business to attend to!"

"Situ Nan, wait!" Chu Ling stopped him



hurriedly.

Situ Nan hadn't planned on hanging up hastily.
"Anything else?"

Gritting her teeth, Chu Ling continued, "Situ Nan, what do I need to do for you to help me?"

With a laugh, Situ Nan answered, "It's not totally out of the question to help you. If Lin Wenjing kneels down before me, apologizes to me while kowtowing, and addresses me as his 'grandfather' a hundred times, I will help you."

"Situ Nan, this..." Situ Nan hung up on her before she could even finish speaking.

After their conversation ended, a commotion ensued inside the conference room once again. All of them became uproarious at once.

"What? Lin Wenjing, that piece of trash, actually owned a blue and white porcelain from the Ming dynasty which was worth 30 million? And he actually smashed it into pieces?!"

"What a wastrel he is. Is he an idiot?!"

"It was worth 30 million! 30 f*cking million!"

"Just now, Situ Nan mentioned that if Lin Wenjing kneels down before him and offers his



apology, he will make the investment in our company. In that case, just make Lin Wenjing do it!”

“That’s right. Call Lin Wenjing now!”

“I don’t think Lin Wenjing will agree to do that!”

“Humph, would he be bold enough to decline? We will make him do it by all means!”

The crowd started clamoring for Lin Wenjing to be brought to Situ Nan’s place forcefully. Also, they were urging Chu Ling to call him...

Chu Ling was in a dilemma. Honestly, she didn’t feel like doing it.

However, her family members were exerting immense pressure on her. At that moment, she was confused.

Just as she was about to make the call, the door to the conference room burst open suddenly, and a familiar figure walked into the room. That person was none other than Lin Wenjing.



Everyone in the conference room fell silent upon seeing him.

No one had expected that he would appear here at this moment, including Chu Ling. Stupefied, she stared at Lin Wenjing in a daze.

“It’s not necessary to call me. I’m right here.” After entering the conference room, Lin Wenjing declared in a grim voice. After scanning the room and observing the people present, he had a rough idea of what was happening. He was livid at once when he noticed the slap mark on Chu Ling’s face. “Who slapped Chu Ling? Step forward now!”

It was rare for Lin Wenjing to get angry in front of everyone in the Chu family. All this while, he had always been soft and mild because he was being tolerating and courteous to them. But now, when he saw the palm-sized mark on Chu Ling’s face and her panic-stricken state, he knew she had been bullied badly. It was impossible for him to stay calm!

Ever since his grandfather passed away, he no longer had any family left in this world. Although he lived a very crappy life and had to be very cautious after marrying into the Chu family, he had gradually found some sense of belonging. He could feel that Chu Ling did have some feelings for him despite being very harsh



to him. In fact, Chu Ling was the only family member he had left in this world, and she was the only one he wanted to protect.

When he saw that Chu Ling was bullied to this extent, he went through an emotional outburst.

Members of the Chu family who were present in the conference room had a very unique feeling when they saw Lin Wenjing burst with anger. In an instant, they got nervous and panicked. Lin Wenjing was exuding a very imposing and domineering aura, and it was as though they were facing some kind of big shot!

Was he still that incompetent live-in son-in-law whom they knew?

However, Lin Wenjing's domineering aura did not last long. He scurried over to Chu Ling and questioned her with concern, "Chu Ling, are you alright? I'm sorry that I'm late."

Chu Ling looked like she was in a trance. Not only did Chu Hao and the rest of the family members feel Lin Wenjing's imposing aura earlier, Chu Ling felt it too. She felt that it was very unfamiliar.

"Why are you here?" After coming back to her senses, she saw Lin Wenjing's face which was filled with concern and worry. He did not look a



single bit like the domineering man he was earlier. She could not help but shake her head and laughed at herself for having hallucinations. Lin Wenjing was just an ordinary man who came from the countryside. Why would he look like a big shot?

Not to mention that she had actually detected traces of the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios in Lin Wenjing just now.

She was sure she was being too tensed up and nervous. Her unstable emotions and her desperate longing for the Chairman to rescue her were causing her to imagine things.

Yes, that must be it.

Lin Wenjing had no idea what Chu Ling was thinking about. Gently, he said, "Of course I have to be here. Otherwise, I can't imagine how badly you would be bullied by them."

Chu Ling's mouth moved slightly. Just as she was about to speak, someone criticized, "Lin Wenjing! How dare you barge into the board meeting? Who do you think you are?"

The person who stood up and spoke was Chu Hao. He was angry out of embarrassment because he had been intimidated by that loser Lin Wenjing just now. It was such a disgrace!



He was not the only one having that thought. The rest of the family members were feeling the same way too. All of them got angry out of embarrassment as they thought it humiliating to have been intimidated by Lin Wenjing's presence. All at once, they started to aim their verbal attacks at him.

"Chu Hao is right. Lin Wenjing, who do you think you are? You are only an incompetent son-in-law who functions the same way as a dog to our family. How dare you barge into the board meeting? Hah, I've got it! Chu Ling must have asked you to come here! Chu Ling, I've always known that you were a rebel, but I've never expected you to do something as inappropriate as this! You're not paying any respect to the company!"

"This is outrageous! Simply outrageous!"

"In my opinion, she should be kicked out of the Chu family!"

Every single one of them offered their opinions at the same time. Regardless of the truth, they placed all kinds of blames on Chu Ling and Lin Wenjing. The remarks they made got increasingly awful.

At a corner, Chu Hao revealed a sneer and was looking extremely smug. He loathed Chu Ling



and Lin Wenjing to the core. It was pleasing to see them being attacked by everyone else.

Lin Wenjing was unruffled in the face of their attacks as he had never felt close to the Chu family. If it was not for Chu Ling, he would not have even come here.

However, all those present in the conference room were Chu Ling's relatives, elders and siblings. They got along well when they met each other during festive seasons. However, it was as if all of them had turned into her enemies now. Being a sentimental person, she felt extremely awful facing such a situation.

Lin Wenjing sensed Chu Ling's grievance. He held her hands tightly and smiled brightly to her before saying gently, "Chu Ling, don't be sad. They are all beasts and you don't have to feel sad because of them. Also, I said that I would protect you, and I never break my promises."

Chu Ling didn't believe him. Angrily, she retorted, "Lin Wenjing, didn't I warn you before not to come? Why are you still here? Do you always have to do everything counter to my intentions? Are you here to witness how humiliated I am?!"

Lin Wenjing was not offended by Chu Ling's anger. He maintained a smile on his face and



treated her with gentleness and consideration, “Chu Ling, just trust me this one time, alright?”

Lin Wenjing was way too gentle and compassionate. Chu Ling was touched and moved by him, and a sense of warmth crept into her icy heart. Biting her lips, she found it hard to say anything harsh to Lin Wenjing. However, she still did not believe him deep down inside.

After Chu Ling had calmed down, Lin Wenjing started to avert his gaze to the people present in the conference room. His eyes immediately turned cold before he spoke, “Who is the one who slapped Chu Ling just now? Step forward now.”

At that moment, Lin Wenjing emanated an imposing air once again.

Although he no longer looked as intimidating and scary as before, he was still giving off an unseen sense of oppression which made everyone there feel uncomfortable. Their hearts started racing uncontrollably.

What is happening? Why am I afraid of Lin Wenjing? Am I sick?

Their minds were filled with doubt and confusion. They had never seen Lin Wenjing in



such a state and they felt extremely uneasy because of it. They felt that their status in the family was being challenged, which was something intolerable to them.

Still, Chu Hao was the first one to step forward and demanded, "What is happening? Lin Wenjing, how dare you be so snobbish at our board meeting? Do you really have no idea of your status and identity in the family?!" Chu Hao rebuked him disdainfully. His hatred toward Lin Wenjing made him the first one to break free from the influence of Lin Wenjing's imposing aura. He stepped forward and stared at Lin Wenjing icily.

After he broke the deadlock, the rest of the family members gradually returned to their original states. Similarly, they were glaring at Lin Wenjing.

At this moment, Lin Wenjing stepped forward and put himself before Chu Ling swiftly. With him bearing all the stress, Chu Ling felt an unusual carefreeness.

Watching Lin Wenjing's back from behind, she started to have a sense of security she never had before for some unknown reason.

Moreover, she could detect more and more traces of the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios



in Lin Wenjing.

For several times, she found herself to be in a trance.

Lin Wenjing stared at Chu Hao icily. All of a sudden, he broke into a smile. "Did you slap Chu Ling?"

Chu Hao found Lin Wenjing's demeanour especially irksome. He was just a live-in son-in-law of the Chu family who had the same role as a dog. Now, he was acting so haughtily in front of his owner. Furiously, Chu Hao let out a hearty laugh and admitted, "Yes, it was me. Hit me if you—"

Before he could even finish his words, his vision blurred and a slap landed on his face the next second. The slap was made very forcefully, and a loud and clear smack could be heard. Under the impact, his entire body spun around before falling to the ground.

The conference room plunged into a deadly silence right away!

All of them stared at Lin Wenjing in disbelief. The incompetent son-in-law who married into the family had actually just slapped someone in front of so many of them.



It was a rebellion!

It was a rebellion!

How dare he act so unlawfully?!

At this moment, a storm swept through everyone's mind, causing them to gape for a long time, unable to come back to their senses.

To them, this was as surreal and as absurd as the sun rising in the west!

Lin Wenjing was a worthless loser who had always endured indignities without protest, submitted meekly, and turned the other cheek when facing injustice. They were used to his cowardly attitude, so none of them had ever imagined him to have the guts to hit people!

Not only them, even Chu Ling was extremely shocked. She could not believe her eyes, and thought that she must have hallucinated.

Therefore, the meeting room went into an odd silence for five whole seconds. Only then did everyone start coming back to their senses.

As soon as they regained their senses, the only emotions they felt were fury and the urge to be violent.



“He’s rebelling!!”

“Lin Wenjing, this useless loser! He’s too insolent and unlawful. How dare he hit people?!”

“You’re dead. You’re definitely dead!!”

“What are you waiting for? Attack him together and pin this thug down. Break his legs at once and avenge Chu Hao!”

“I’m exploding in anger. I’m exploding in anger!!”

All of them were extremely emotional. With wrath showing on their faces, a few young men rolled up their sleeves and strode toward Lin Wenjing, aiming to take him down.

When Chu Ling saw this scene, she immediately felt frightened. Even she felt that Lin Wenjing was overly bold and reckless, having the nerve to hit Chu Hao. This would only add fuel to the fire, causing the situation to escalate to a point where redemption was impossible!

She immediately exclaimed anxiously, “Lin Wenjing, what are you doing? Why did you hit Chu Hao? Things are going out of control now!”

Lin Wenjing was not flustered at all, and he just



sneered while saying, "I'll smack him right in his face. That's what he gets for hitting you!"

Chu Ling facepalmed. "Who told you that he hit me? The one who hit me was Yanping."

"What?" Lin Wenjing was dumbfounded at once. What was going on? Did he hit the wrong person? Damn! This was awkward.

Standing on the opposite side, Liu Yanping panicked at once when she saw Lin Wenjing's gaze. She quickly hid behind someone else, afraid that he might go berserk and rush up to hit her. After all, judging from the slap he gave Chu Hao just now, it was a forceful blow. It even sent Chu Hao spinning in place, and caused half of his face to swell. If she were to receive this blow, she would be dead! On top of that, she had just undergone cosmetic surgeries not long ago, so she definitely could not endure this slap.

In just a short while, the few men of the Chu family had walked over, preparing to attack Lin Wenjing.

They were all extremely angry, and they came menacingly. When they reached Lin Wenjing, they attacked him, planning to pin him down with one move.



Lin Wenjing smiled contemptuously. Effortlessly and swiftly, he knocked out these few people.

When everyone saw that he had such high skills in martial arts, which enabled him to take on a few at a time and even wipe them out in just a blink of an eye, their eyebrows twitched. All of them bristled with anger, and truly believed that Lin Wenjing had rebelled. All the elders, including Chu Huayou, pointed at Lin Wenjing with their trembling fingers out of extreme anger and berated, "Lin Wenjing, you beast! You're treacherous. How dare you hit people?! You're doomed. You're truly doomed. I'm calling the police to arrest you. Don't even dream of getting out of jail in this life!"

Everyone else also began to curse at him loudly.

Chu Ling almost cried out of anxiety. She had never expected that Lin Wenjing would have the nerve to hit people during the board of directors' meeting. This incident would have a huge impact!

However, Lin Wenjing was not the least bit afraid. Not only because he knew that there was a surveillance camera in the meeting room, his actions were also legitimate self-defense. Even if he was reported to the police, the worst



case was he would only have to write a record and be detained for a few days. Besides, with his background, he would not even be detained, so being imprisoned was just sheer nonsense.

Chu Ling got extremely panicked, and she shouted anxiously, "Lin Wenjing, why are you so reckless? You really dragged me into a dire situation. I told you not to come, but you insisted on coming... Sigh! You better go now, or else they will imprison you!"

Compared to Chu Ling's franticness, Lin Wenjing was extremely calm. He even smiled faintly as he held her hands and said, "Silly girl, I will be fine. I promised you that I would protect you. I'm a man of my word."

"Look at the situation that we are in now! How can you still have the mood to boast? Are you trying to burn me into ashes with my anger?" Chu Ling's eyes were red, and she was sincerely worried about Lin Wenjing. Even she did not realize this change in feelings.

On the contrary, Lin Wenjing realized it. That was why he was beaming with joy now, and his heart swelled. He then said, "Don't worry. They wouldn't dare to call the police. Later on, they might even have to beg for my forgiveness."

He did not lower his voice when he said these.



Instead, he had deliberately said it aloud, ensuring that everyone heard him clearly. Upon hearing his words, everyone felt that he was insane, and there was something wrong with his brain.

Even Chu Ling felt the same as the others. She had no idea what had gotten into Lin Wenjing that caused this change in attitude.

At this moment, Chu Guodong, who had been keeping his silence, finally stepped forward and spoke.

“Enough!” he suddenly bellowed in a powerful voice, leaving everyone stunned. His expression was stony, and his fierce eyes fixed themselves firmly on Lin Wenjing. “Lin Wenjing, I don’t care who gave you the guts to act imprudently in front of the Chu family, but your actions have crossed the line! All these years, I’ve always been lenient to you. You have tarnished our reputation countless times, but still I did not chase you out mercilessly.”

“However, not only did you act ungratefully, you went even further with your detestable attitude. Now, you even have the guts to burst into the board of directors’ meeting and hit people. What an intolerable, unlawful act! Do you sincerely think that the Chu family is now approaching its end? Is that why you think you



can disrespect us?!”

It was undeniable that Chu Guodong, as the pillar of the Chu family, had an imposing aura as well. Even Lin Wenjing felt slightly pressured.

On the contrary, Chu Ling was shivering in fear, and her lips were pale in the face of his wrath.

Chu Hao hugged Chu Guodong’s leg and wailed in tears, “Grandfather, please uphold justice for me. How dare Lin Wenjing, that useless loser, hit me? He obviously did not respect you at all!”

Chu Huayou came forward and pleaded on behalf of Chu Hao too, urging him to punish Lin Wenjing severely.

Lin Wenjing witnessed this scene calmly, and there was not a trace of fear or nervousness on his face.

Looking at his poise, everyone felt even angrier.

Chu Guodong narrowed his eyes and said, “Lin Wenjing, I’ll give you a chance to atone for your sins because you are Zhenyao’s son-in-law. Kneel down at once, and kowtow to each of us to apologize. In addition, you must make the great rite of three kowtows and nine prostrations to Chu Hao. Then, I might consider letting you off. Otherwise, you can look forward



to spending the rest of your life in prison!”

Chu Guodong’s voice was chilly, and his command sounded like an unassailable imperial edict which could not be recalled after it was spoken out.

If an ordinary person was facing him, he would be frightened.

Unfortunately, Lin Wenjing was not ordinary, but a big shot that stood on the topmost hierarchy of Hua City. Therefore, he was not frightened by Chu Guodong. Instead, he burst out laughing and scoffed, “Oh dear, that’s so scary. Just because I disagreed with you, you want to send me to prison forever. If I hadn’t studied a bit of law in the past, I would have believed you.”

Lin Wenjing grinned mischievously, causing Chu Guodong’s expression to change instantly. This was the first time that his dignity and status were being challenged!

Before he could blow a gasket, Lin Wenjing concealed his laughter and said seriously, “Since we have come to this point, I’ll offer you a chance too. If each of you kowtow to Chu Ling and apologize to her, and if you obtain her forgiveness successfully, I might consider investing 100 million to save the Chu family.”



No one laughed at him, nor did anyone scold him. Most importantly, no one believed him. They just glared angrily and coldly at Lin Wenjing, thinking that he was indeed insane and a psychopath.

Chu Guodong snorted coldly and chided, "Since you aren't willing to do it the easy way, let's do it the hard way." Then, he started to dial a number. "Hello, is this Director Cai? There's someone here—"

He had called the public security bureau straightaway to arrest Lin Wenjing.

But before he could finish his sentence, the door to the meeting room suddenly burst open. Then, someone ran in panickedly and excitedly while shouting, "C-Chairman! Good news, good news! General Manager Wang of Purple Jade Studios has come to pay us a visit, and he said that he was interested in investing in our company."

He had spoken very loudly, and everyone heard him clearly.

At once, everyone was stunned.



Chapter 119 The Arrival of Wang Yunqian at the Scene!



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Damn! What was going on?

A question rose in everyone's mind. Why would Wang Yunqian from Purple Jade Studios come here?

Chu Ling gave a vigorous shudder, and her pupil constricted abruptly while disbelief overtook her face.

Hearing 'Purple Jade Studios' was a great stimulus to her because every time someone mentioned it, she would think of that tall sturdy figure, that funny clown mask, and that aloof yet dignified Chairman of Purple Jade Studios!

In that moment, her heart pounded uncontrollably fast. Even her pale, fearful face gradually became rosy right this moment because of her mood swings, and she blushed shyly.

As she bit her lips, she could not help but clench her hands. Since Wang Yunqian was here, could that mean that the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios would be here as well?

Most importantly, if Wang Yunqian came to Sheng Ke Company at this moment, could that mean that the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios had been keeping an eye on her all this while? Therefore, when he knew that she was in



danger and in desperate need of help, the Chairman had shown up again and was going to help her out of a fix just like the previous time!

To be honest, she did not believe that it was Wang Yunqian's idea for Purple Jade Studios to invest in the Chu family. It was impossible because she knew very well that a small company such as Sheng Ke Company was nothing compared to Purple Jade Studios. Both of them were worlds apart, so Purple Jade Studios would never invest in them. Besides, Sheng Ke Company was not worthy of being invested in now!

But Wang Yunqian did come. So, there could be only one reason for that—it was the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios' idea.

Thinking about this, she became flustered, and her heart pounded rapidly. She was incredibly delighted and elated, and what she felt even more were sweetness and happiness.

All this time, she had been frequently thinking of the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios, and longed to meet him again.

However, she had not received any response. He had never appeared in her life again, which made her disheartened and despondent, to the



extent of thinking that her life was all grey and dull.

But now, the reappearance of Purple Jade Studios in her life had revived her instantly, and she felt at ease instantly.

In her heart, the Chairman of Purple Jade Studios was an almighty man. Once he had decided to do something, he would never fail.

Lin Wenjing's lips curved up slightly. Now that Wang Yunqian was finally here, the wait for the show would be over. He was looking forward to enjoying the amusing expressions of the Chu family later.

And Chu Ling's response as well. She would surely be moved to tears, or even reward him splendidly out of deep affection! That would be amazing...

Once he thought of that scene, he felt extremely happy, even grinning from ear to ear. He could not help but giggle.

At this moment, no one paid attention to him because they were astonished by the news, including Chu Guodong. He was stunned for a long time until Director Cai shouted for him impatiently several times through the phone. Only then did he come back to his senses, and



he declined Director Cai's call immediately, explaining that he had dialed the wrong number. Then, he anxiously asked the subordinate who informed them the news, "Are you sure that it's Wang Yunqian from Purple Jade Studios who came? Not someone else?"

The subordinate nodded firmly and said, "Yes, Chairman! It's the General Manager of Purple Jade Studios, Wang Yunqian, and he has come to invest in Sheng Ke Company!"

Everyone finally understood the situation, and this caused them to shudder vigorously. At the same time, all of them looked extremely exhilarated and excited. It was not an exaggeration to describe them as drowning men who were on the verge of death that had finally caught a glimpse of hope.

"Where is General Manager Wang now? Quick, invite him in!" Chu Guodong was so excited that blood had rushed to his face, becoming red in an instant. In a fluster, he had even toppled the cups on the table, but this was not something to be worried about. He suddenly thought of something and said immediately, "Forget it. I'll go personally. We must not make General Manager Wang feel that we are disrespecting him!"

Chu Guodong's words received everyone's



agreement.

“You’re right. General Manager Wang holds a distinguished status. We must not let him wait for such a long time. We should hurry there and greet him!”

“But why would General Manager Wang be interested to invest in Sheng Ke Company? Purple Jade Studios is a media company, and Sheng Ke is a lighting company. We are not related at all.”

“Why do you care? Anyway, it’s our luck and honor that someone is willing to invest in us now!”

“Exactly! This shows that the Chu family’s good fortune has not run out. With the investment from Purple Jade Studios, we can definitely take off again!”

“It’s indeed true that every cloud has a silver lining. This is such invigorating news!”

Everyone had swept away the dark clouds that were haunting them just now and started to bubble with excitement, as if they had already received the investment from Purple Jade Studios.

Chu Guodong had walked to the door when he



thought of something and stopped his pace again. Then, he turned back and said coldly to Lin Wenjing, "Lin Wenjing, do you think that you can offend us as you please just because the Chu family is in dire straits? Did you hear the news just now? The honorable General Manager Wang from Purple Jade Studios has come to negotiate an investment! The Chu family is not going to go bankrupt. After I settle all these, it will be your doom's day!"

He said this sentence arrogantly, venting all his anger. He even instructed a few people to stay back to keep an eye on Lin Wenjing and Chu Ling so that they could not come out and stir up trouble. He would not let them screw up Wang Yunqian's investment!

It was undeniable that even though Chu Guodong was old, he was still quick-witted. After he calmed down, he quickly sorted out all the problems, such as preventing Lin Wenjing to rampage the scene and make a mess due to his anger out of embarrassment, destroying Wang Yunqian's investment.

However, although he had taken the overall situation into account, he failed to figure out that it was because of Lin Wenjing's command that Wang Yunqian came to invest in them.

Lin Wenjing chortled and sat down with poise,



and he even crossed his legs. He then said with a smile, "Please go ahead, but don't blame me for not reminding you that Wang Yunqian came because of me. If you prohibit me from meeting him, you will have to grovel and invite me there later."

Lin Wenjing reminded them out of kindness, but everyone thought that he was rendered hopeless and was putting up a last-ditch struggle. Even Chu Ling thought the same. She stood up and wanted to follow them there, but she was immediately blocked by a few men. Having no choice, she sat down helplessly.

"You've got quite the nerve to remain stubborn and refuse to admit defeat even when you're on your deathbed. Lin Wenjing, you're indeed an idiot."

Chu Hao glared at Lin Wenjing, dying to pounce on him and rip him into pieces immediately like a berserk dog.

Afraid that he would be delayed, Chu Guodong did not stay any longer and bother Lin Wenjing. He rushed to the anteroom to host Wang Yunqian warmly.

This was a chance of a lifetime for the Chu family and the last straw they could grasp. They must grab it at all costs.



Chapter 120 A Last-Ditch Struggle?

As for what Lin Wenjing said just now, no one believed it.

They thought that he was just being crazy.

They were not wrong though. After all, Wang Yunqian had such an honorable status. He was the General Manager of Purple Jade Studios and an illustrious person in the business industry, having a net worth of a few hundred million. On the contrary, Lin Wenjing was just a worthless live-in son-in-law of the Chu family. Both of them were two worlds apart, like a mighty dragon and a mere ant.

Chu Guodong and the rest rushed to the anteroom as fast as they could, and they soon met with Wang Yunqian. At the same time, they noticed with their sharp eyes that Wang Yunqian was not alone. He had brought his team with him, and all of them even held files and documents in their hands, looking like they were really here to negotiate the investment deal!



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