

Just like that, half a month went by.

It was already October and it was close to the National Day holiday season.

But Qiu Mu-Cheng was in no mood to party.

After everything that happened came to a close, she started getting busy at work. She was frowning every day, working overtime every night and even after she got home, she continued working till late at night before sleeping.

“Mu-Cheng, what’s going on? Why are you still so busy during this holiday season? Did something happen to the company?” asked Han Li over dinner.

Qiu Lei was also quite curious. “I remember that before the Mid-Autumn Festival, you said that the company was going to officially open. But half a month has gone by already, why is there no news?”

“We wanted to go over and celebrate and enjoy being in the limelight too. Don’t tell me you’ve already gone through the opening ceremony without telling us?” asked Qiu Lei in a low voice.

Han Li kicked Qiu Lei, “Stupid old man, always spouting nonsense! Mu-Cheng didn’t invite us over for a good reason!”

“Think about it, they’re just a tiny unknown company, so I don’t think anybody would have gone to attend their opening ceremony. If we went to an empty ceremony, we’d end up embarrassing ourselves along with them.”

“That’s also true.” Qiu Lei nodded along like he understood. He figured that his daughter was afraid that they would feel embarrassed and so she felt bad about inviting them to the opening ceremony.

“I say, Mu-Cheng, this Mufan Real Estate is probably just some unknown company and isn’t reliable. I’d advise you to plan ahead. If you see a better position, you’d better go for it,” said Han Li as she ate.

“Mum, how could you say that? When we were in trouble, Mufan Real Estate was the one who took us in. I’ve only worked there for a month, so how could you tell me to leave? Wouldn’t that make us look very heartless?” Qiu Mu-Cheng immediately retorted.

Han Li got upset when she heard this response. “How could I say that? I’m saying this for your own good!”

“Even birds know how to choose a good tree to build a nest in! If the company is a bad one and can’t keep their employees, that has nothing to do with you. It’s their fault for being lousy, we’re not being heartless. Real estate is not an easy business. Without connections and a good network, you can’t earn much. I’m afraid that this tiny company might just suddenly go bust after a couple of years and then you don’t even get paid!”

Han Li continued to pour cold water on Qiu Mu-Cheng. She was already feeling very stressed about work and now her mother wasn’t helping. Qiu Mu-Cheng became even more frustrated and put down her chopsticks to return to her room to continue working.

“This girl doesn’t want to listen to me anymore!” Han Li was also upset and continued to rant at the dining table.

After dinner, Ye Fan specially cooked a bowl of porridge and brought it over to Qiu Mu-Cheng.



“Mu-Cheng, don’t be too anxious and don’t be angry with Mum and Dad. Just take things slowly at work. Eat something first. You can’t work if you’re hungry.”

Ye Fan had his usual calm look on his face. Qiu Mu-Cheng rarely saw Ye Fan lose his temper. She was so envious of how he was always able to remain calm regardless of whether he was being praised or insulted.

Qiu Mu-Cheng rubbed her sore eyes and thanked Ye Fan. She then said in a quiet voice, “Ye Fan, actually I’m not angry with my parents. I’m just angry with myself for not being able to get anything right.”

“Back at Qiushui Logistics, Qiu Mu-Ying and the rest kept sabotaging me and prevented me from doing well. But even though I’ve come to a new company where everyone listens to me, I’m still not able to do a good job. It’s been a month and we still can’t officially open for business. I’m really feeling a tremendous pressure and sometimes I think that perhaps I’m not good enough to support an entire company after all. I’ve also thought of what my mom suggested, and just resign and look for something else.”

“But I really hate to admit defeat like this. I know the Qius are waiting for me to embarrass myself. My grandfather, my uncles, Qiu Mu-Ying and the rest are all waiting for me to fail. When I think about these things, it makes me feel indignant and I don’t want them to look down on me. I’ll definitely make sure I succeed and make sure they regret chasing me out of the family!”

Qiu Mu-Cheng clenched her fists tightly when she said these words and there was a strange determination in her eyes.

The moonlight shone down like water.

Under the moonlight, Ye Fan just felt that this woman in front of him was simply mesmerizing.

The part he liked most about Qiu Mu-Cheng was precisely this stubborn and proud streak.

She was like a plum blossom blooming proudly despite the harsh snow and bitter cold, standing apart from the rest of the world.

It was more challenging to Ye Fan to be

able to win the heart of such a woman.

“Sorry, I’ve said too much,” Qiu Mu-Cheng suddenly seemed to realize that she had revealed too much.

Normally she was cold and aloof and seldom told anyone about how she really felt. It was the same with even her parents.

But for some reason, when she was with this man, she would let down her guard and reveal the most tender part of her heart to him.

Ye Fan laughed gently. “Silly girl, there’s no too much or too little between us.”

“No matter what happens, there will always be someone standing behind you and supporting you. You’re never fighting alone. Alright now, it’s very late, you should sleep soon. I won’t disturb you anymore,” said Ye Fan before returning to the study.

Qiu Mu-Cheng got so annoyed by this.

Did this idiot like sleeping by himself in the study so much?!

The night passed quickly.

Before leaving for work, Qiu Mu-Cheng asked Ye Fan if he was free during lunch to accompany her to a business lunch.

Since his wife said so, of course Ye Fan agreed.

At 11AM, Ye Fan waited outside Qiu Mu-Cheng's office.

Qiu Mu-Cheng walked out after ten minutes and went with Ye Fan to the lunch venue.

“Ye Fan, just listen and don't say anything. This lunch is very important to me because it involves a number of important government approvals that the company requires. If I don't get the approval, then Mufan Real Estate is going to take a longer time to open!” Qiu Mu-Cheng instructed Ye Fan on their way there.

She wanted Ye Fan to go with her for safety reasons.

After all, it was always a little risky for a woman to attend a meeting over a meal all by herself.

Qiu Mu-Cheng didn't trust others to



accompany her either, so after thinking it through, getting Ye Fan to go with her was the best.

“Sure,” nodded Ye Fan. “But it’s been nearly a month now. You mean the company license and all isn’t done yet?”

Qiu Mu-Cheng looked frustrated about this matter too.

“The government has tightened the regulations over the property market, so they’re stricter on real estate agencies now. It’s really not easy to get a company up and running properly.”



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