

Chapter 321: Decisions

Jiang Jin looked at the baby in her arms and said indifferently, "There's no need to care about him!"

Ye Xin who was pretending to be Song Ning panicked inwardly. She hurriedly reached for the baby and said, "Grandma, you've been holding him for half a day. Let me carry him."

Jiang Jin avoided Song Ning's hand. She smiled kindly before she said, "Forget it. Why don't you go for a walk? You've been feeling down lately. Let me look after the baby. Didn't we agree that I'll help you look after the baby after you give birth? You agreed to let the baby accompany me. You have to keep your words."

Song Ning hastily said, "Alright, Grandma. It's good to let the baby accompany you. This can also be considered as a bit of filial piety from me and Mu Chen."

Although Jiang Jin was smiling at this moment, inwardly, she felt her heart sink. After a moment, she raised her voice slightly and called out, "Yu!"

Perhaps, due to the volume of Jiang Jin's voice, the baby began to move around. Jiang Jin hurriedly said, "I'm sorry to have scared you, baby. I'm sorry. It's all Great-Grandma's fault..."

The baby gurgled and giggled as though he was saying he forgave her.

Jiang Jin could not help but smile.

At this time, Sister Yu who had hurried over asked, "Old Madam, what's wrong?"

Jiang Jin handed the baby to Sister Yu and said, "It's time for the baby to have his milk. Send him to my room. I'll put him to sleep as well. It's almost time for his nap. From now on, I'll change my schedule to adapt to the baby's schedule..."

Jiang Jin rose to her feet and pulled Song Ning up before she said with a kind smile, "Let the chauffeur bring you out for a walk. I'm sure you feel stifled at him. By the time you return, Mu Chen should have calmed down as well. Since there's someone to help you take care of the baby now, you should take the chance to go out..."

Song Ning's tense expression eased instantly. "Thank you, Grandma!"

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Jiang Jin seemed to be in a daze as she sat next to the baby's crib and gently swayed it.

Sister Yu moved next to Jiang Jin and asked in a soft voice, "Old Madam, what's wrong?"

Jiang Jin was startled. Sister Yu's words pulled her back to her senses immediately.

Sister Yu said, concerned, "Are you tired? Why don't rest for a while? The Little Master is already asleep, and I think he'll be sleeping for another two hours. Don't worry, I'll watch over him..."

Jiang Jin's gaze fell on the baby's tiny and fair face before she softly said, "Yu, from today onward, the baby will stay in my room. Only two of us will look after the baby. You have to put 120% of your effort into watching over him. Take care of him just like how you'd taken care of Mu Chen back then. The water, the milk formula, and everything the baby consumes... Move all of them into my room. Don't leave any of the tasks concerning the baby to anyone else. Do you understand?"

Sister Yu was confused. "Old Madam, what happened?"

Jiang Jin shook her head gently. "It's nothing. I'm just taking precautions. Do as I say. Just imagine if someone wants to harm the baby? Doesn't that make you worry?"

Sister Yu was shocked, "Old Madam! What's going on? Who wants to harm the baby? I'll give him or her a thorough beating!"

Jiang Jin grabbed Sister Yu's arm. "Yu, all I'm asking is for you to be on guard. I'm not saying someone is definitely going to harm the baby."

Upon hearing these words, Sister Yu sighed in relief. Her eyes were slightly red as she said, "Old Madam, you almost scared me to death. Don't worry. I'll keep an eye on the Little Master at all times."

Jiang Jin nodded. "Apart from me, you, and Mu Chen, no one's allowed to get close to the baby or touch anything that goes into the baby's mouth. Remember to keep an eye on all the people at home. Do you understand?"

"I-I... I understand," Sister Yu stammered slightly. After a beat, she asked tentatively, "Then, does this apply to... to Y-young Madam?"

Jiang Jin nodded solemnly. "Yes, everything I said applies to her especially so. Don't let her get close to the baby, and don't listen to any of the advice she gives about the baby. Do you understand?"

Sister Yu nodded. "Yes. I'll remember your words, Old Madam.." Following that, she said in a small voice, "In fact, I've also felt that something isn't right with the Young Madam..."

Chapter 322: A Visit

Jiang Jin opened her mouth as if to speak, but in the end, she remained silent.

"Old Madam, d-don't... don't you think there's something strange with the Young Madam?" Sister Yu asked tentatively.

Jiang Jin said lightly, "Yu, it's best to keep some thought in your heart and not probe the matter. Young Master will take care of everything. All you need to do is help me to take good care of the baby and watch him closely."

"Yes, Old Madam. I'll definitely take good care of the Little Master," Sister Yu said. She could see Jiang Jin's expression was unusually serious so she no longer dared to ask any questions.

Sister Yu had spent most of her life by Jiang Jin's side so she knew Jiang Jin very well. If Jiang Jin did not want to say anything now, it meant that it was not the right time to say anything. She knew the gravity

of the task that Jiang Jin had entrusted to her, and she would do as she was told. After all, she trusted Jiang Jin unconditionally.

At this moment, a helper knocked gently on the door and said, "Old Madam, Mr. Mu Qing is here."

Jiang Jin suddenly raised her head.

The sharpness in Jiang Jin's gaze shocked Sister Yu. She could not help but wonder what kind of trouble Mu Qing had stirred up again. However, the sharpness glinting in Jiang Jin's eyes vanished immediately. It made Sister Yu feel as though she was seeing things. She did not know why, but she felt that things were strange recently.

Jiang Jin nodded and said indifferently, "Alright. Serve him tea first."

After the helper left, Jiang Jin looked at the baby in the cot again; her gaze was gentle and loving. "Why hasn't the list of names been sent over yet? We have to call him by his name so he'll get used to it. Otherwise, it's not good to wait too long."

Sister Yu smiled. "Don't worry. The baby is so precious so Young Master is very careful when choosing a name. Why don't you go downstairs and see Mr. Mu Qing first? I'll stay here and watch over the baby while he naps."

Jiang Jin smiled. "Alright. You have the easier task. Initially, I thought I'd be able to nap with the baby."

Sister Yu sighed in relief. It seems like Jiang Jin had returned to her normal self again.

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Mu Qing brought Liang Zhou with him to the Mu family house. At this time, both of them were sitting on the couch.

The helper had left after serving them tea.

Jiang Jin walked over and asked, "How come you have time to visit? It's not the weekend..."

Mu Qing hurriedly said, "We were passing by so we decided to visit."

Mu Qing's tone was gentle, and his expression was respectful.

Liang Zhou wanted to say something as well, but when she saw Mu Qing's expression, she swallowed the words on the tip of her tongue. Instead, she smiled and said, "We wanted to see the baby as well."

Jiang Jin replied with a smile, "The baby is napping. Both of you came at the wrong time."

Mu Qing did not seem to mind not being able to see the baby. He asked, "Is the baby okay? Mother, are you looking after the baby?"

Jiang Jin smiled warmly and said, "Of course, I'm looking after the baby! He's my great-grandson, after all. Whenever I look at him, I feel a few years younger. I still want to watch him grow up and get married."

Mu Qing smiled. "Mother, you'll definitely live a long life and watch him get married."

Liang Zhou could not help but look at Mu Qing. She wondered since when he became so proficient in flattering others? He could even say such words with a straight face and without blushing. How admirable.

Jiang Jin was delighted by these words; it was evident by the smile that bloomed on her face.

Mu Qing looked around before he asked, "Aren't they at home?"

Mu Qing was naturally referring to Mu Chen and Song Ning.

Jiang Jin replied casually, "Mu Chen has work, and Song Ning went shopping."

'Shopping?'

This time, Mu Qing and Liang Zhou exchanged a look. Both of them finally shared the same thought.

Liang Zhou said, "How can she do this? She left you to take care of the baby and went shopping by herself. Isn't this too much?"

Mu Qing nodded.

Jiang Jin did not mind those words. "I asked her to go. It's been so long, and she's been cooped up at home.. It's good for her to go out for a walk..."

Chapter 323: Children

Mu Qing's expression was cold. "No matter what, she shouldn't have left you to take care of the child alone just so she could go shopping, right? Mom, you're getting older so you need to take care of your health. Don't tire yourself out."

Jiang Jin replied with a smile, "It's okay. I know what to do. Moreover, Song Ning's a doctor, and she has always been helping me to look after my health. The fact that she trusts me with the child only means that she thinks I'm healthy enough to do so."

Mu Qing's hand that was holding the teacup froze slightly.

Jiang Jin looked at Liang Zhou and said, "If you're free, you should come over and accompany Song Ning. If I knew you were coming, I'd ask her to wait for you so you can accompany her out."

Liang Zhou was flattered when she heard these words. "Me? Is it really okay? I'm just afraid the Young Madam won't like me..."

Song Ning had always treated her like nothing, after all.

Mu Qing glanced at Liang Zhou before he calmly said, "Mother is giving you a chance. In the future, you'll have to visit Mother, Song Ning, and the baby often. Moreover, Song Ning is young. Even if she's a doctor, it's still her first time being a mother."

Liang Zhou hurriedly nodded. "Okay."

Jiang Jin rolled her eyes at her son and said with a hint of annoyance, "She doesn't even have a child; isn't she even more inexperienced? It's enough for her to accompany Song Ning."

Liang Zhou's smile froze on her face immediately, and she could not help but tightly clench her hands. She felt as though the old lady in front of her had just stabbed her heart with a knife. She once had a baby, but the baby died prematurely before it even came into the world.

At that time, Liang Zhen and Jiang Jin did not care much that she was pregnant, but she could not complain because she was the one who decided to use her baby as leverage to force Liang Zheng and Mu Qing to divorce. However, she did not expect Liang Zhen to commit suicide. As a result, Jiang Jin chased Mu Qing out of the house in a fit of anger. At that time, the fear and regret in her heart caused her to miscarry. As a result of that miscarriage, she had lost her ability to get pregnant. That was the darkest moment of her life. She recalled Jiang Jin had said at that time that it was her and Mu Qing's retribution, and it was Liang Zhen punishing them. With these words, she felt she was robbed of her right to mourn her child. For these reasons, she knew how powerful Jiang Jin was and that Jiang Jin was skilled at scheming. Therefore, her fear of Jiang Jin had been carved into her bones. For example, although she was incredibly angry now, she did not dare to show it despite Jiang Jin not letting go of any opportunity to rub salt in her wound.

While the mother and son chatted about trivial matters, Liang Zhou excused herself to go to the bathroom. When she returned, she saw the mother and son were still chatting happily so she turned around and quietly went upstairs. After asking a helper where the baby was, she went into Jiang Jin's room.

When Liang Zhou opened the door, she made a shushing gesture immediately; the baby was sound asleep.

Liang Zhou gently made her way to the baby's cot and came to a stop about a step away. Then, she leaned over to have a look.

Sister Yu only nodded and smiled at Liang Zhou.

Liang Zhou's gaze was fixed on the baby's ruddy face. The baby was more than two months old now, and he was very chubby and healthy. Her heart could not help but soften when she saw how cute he was.

Liang Zhou thought the child was really lucky. On the night he was born, the hospital caught fire. At that time, Mu Chen was not around because he had left to buy Song Ning's food. When Mu Chen returned, his first reaction was to save his wife, not the baby. Fortunately, Jiang Jin and Sister Yu were around to protect the baby. At that time, she and Mu Qing had rushed in to help as well. Mu Qing carried his mother out of the hospital while Sister Yu protected Mu Qing from the side. As for her, she was the only one who carried the baby out..

Chapter 324: An Encounter

Liang Zhou did not feel afraid at that time. When she carried the baby out and looked at the baby, she had actually felt a hint of pride in her heart. The baby shared her blood, and if it were not for the complicated relationships, she would have been the baby's grandaunt. At that time, tears threatened to

roll down her face. Alas, when she saw Mu Chen rushing out of the sea of fire with Song Ning in his arms, the tenderness in her heart was crushed by reality.

As soon as Jiang Jin regained her bearing, Jiang Jin had instantly snatched the baby out of her arms. It was as though Jiang Jin was afraid she would hurt the baby. The pair of grandmother and grandson, one did not trust her and one hated her to the bones. At that moment, she felt extremely disheartened.

Nevertheless, although two months had passed, the feeling of holding the baby was still fresh in her mind. She wondered if this was also God's punishment? She looked at the baby longingly, wondering if she could hold the baby again. With that thought in mind, she took a step forward wanting to help pull the blanket up to cover the baby. However, before her hand even touched the blanket, her hand was grabbed midway.

Sister Yu smiled and shook her head at Jiang Jin. However, the smile did not reach her eyes.

Liang Zhou withdrew her hand and smiled awkwardly before she turned around and left the room in a hurry. She did not see Sister Yu heave a sigh of relief when she left.

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The first thing Song Ning saw when she entered the living room was Mu Qing sitting on the couch and sipping on a cup of tea. She instinctively hastened her pace; she did not even care about her shopping bags that had fallen to the ground. She asked in surprise, "Why are you here?"

When Mu Qing raised his head to look at her, his gaze was incomparably cold.

At the same time, Jiang Jin's gentle voice that contained a hint of iciness rang from the side. "You're back so soon?"

Jiang Jin's voice was like a bolt of lightning that caused Song Ning's joy to come crashing down. She quickly tried to put away the excited smile on her face immediately even if it was a little too late.

At this time, Liang Zhou finally came downstairs.

Upon seeing this, Mu Qing asked, "Did you go to see the baby?"

Liang Zhou hurriedly replied, "Yes, the baby is sleeping soundly so I only took a look before I came downstairs. I was afraid of disturbing his sleep."

Following that, Liang Zhou gracefully took a seat next to Mu Qing before she said with a smile, "You're back, Song Ning? What did you buy? The Old Madam just told me to accompany you out in the future..."

The awkward atmosphere lightened with Liang Zhou's arrival.

However, Song Ning was displeased by the sight of Liang Zhou sitting next to Mu Qing. Mu Qing did not even spare her a glance. Jiang Jin, on the other hand, looked at her with a smile so she quickly tried to clear her mind of distracting thoughts. Then, she bent down and picked up the shopping bags that were scattered on the ground before replying with a smile, "I just bought some daily necessities."

After calming down, Song Ning took a seat next to Jiang Jin before she asked, "Grandma, is Mu Chen still in the study?"

Jiang Jin replied with a straight face, "He has gone to the company."

"Oh." Song Ning sighed in relief inwardly.

Meanwhile, Liang Zhou laughed and said, "Young couples are really loving. Although you and Mu Chen have already become parents, you're still so affectionate. On the day of the fire, I saw Mu Chen rushing into the fire to save you without any hesitation at all. Truly, the only person in his heart is you..."

Upon hearing these words, Song Ning lowered her head as though she was embarrassed.

At the same time, Jiang Jin patted Song Ning's hand and said teasingly, "That's right. Mu Chen is really in love with his wife. In his heart, his grandmother and his son aren't even as important as his wife..."

After Jiang Jin finished speaking, she looked at Song Ning affectionately..

Chapter 325: Acting Coquettish

Song Ning pouted. "That's not true. He only has eyes for his son now. Look at how he scolded me in the morning... Moreover, he's always busy with work..."

After she finished speaking, Song Ning revealed an aggrieved expression on her face as she furtively looked at Mu Qing from the corners of her eyes.

Mu Qing continued sipping from the teacup as though he was completely uninterested in the women's conversation.

Jiang Jin shook her head gently and said, "Silly child, it's normal for him to love his son and for him to focus on his career. Moreover, the son he loves so much is both your child. As long as you devote yourself to the family, he will definitely have you in his heart for the rest of his life..."

Song Ning nodded as though she had been enlightened by Jiang Jin's words.

On the other hand, Liang Zhou nodded, but inwardly, she could not help but sneer. These words only applied to Mu Chen and not Mu Qing; Jiang Jin had only ever favored Liang Zhen and Song Ning because of her love for Mu Chen.

However, Liang Zhou could not help but feel delighted when she thought about how Mu Chen's love for Song Ning had waned. Outwardly, she said, "In any case, you're lucky enough that you're able to stay by the Old Madam's side and that she dotes on you so much..."

Inwardly, Liang Zhou thought to herself, 'At least the old lady can help you with your marriage even if her grandson falls out of love with you...'

Liang Zhou was the kind of person where if she was unhappy, she wanted the entire world to be unhappy as well. She thrived on other people's misery. Only with this, she could soothe the injury in her heart that could not be soothed with anything else.

At this time, Mu Qing gently placed his teacup down on the table and said, "Your Grandma is getting old so you must be more considerate to her. You can't expect her to solve every small conflict between you

and Mu Chen, right? It's a blessing accumulated over four lifetimes that your Grandma loves you so much. Therefore, you must cherish it..."

Song Ning nodded gently. "I'll definitely be filial to Grandma..."

Following that, Song Ning held Jiang Jin's hand and said, "Grandma, I'll go to the kitchen and ask A Bi to make you some delicious food. Let's have lunch with Father and Aunt. We can all keep you company..."

Jiang Jin looked at Song Ning. She maintained the smile on her face, but her gaze deepened as she said, "Alright, go and make preparations..."

Song Ning rose to her feet and happily made her way to the kitchen.

Liang Zhou was stunned and baffled, and she instinctively turned to look at Mu Qing. She knew Mu Qing was not as calm as he seemed on the surface because she could see his knuckles had turned white.

Various thoughts began to run through Liang Zhou's mind. Song Ning had always been on Mu Chen's side and had never addressed them as 'Father' and 'Aunt'. After all, since Mu Chen had found out about her and Mu Qing's affair, Mu Chen had stopped addressing Mu Qing as 'Father'. As for her, Mu Chen did not even speak to her and ignored her as though she did not exist. For this reason, Song Ning had always followed Mu Chen's lead and only addressed them using the word 'You'. Needless to say, she and Mu Qing could not complain about Song Ning's behavior. It was good enough that Song Ning did not ignore them. However, Song Ning just addressed them as 'Father' and 'Aunt'. How could she not be baffled? For a moment, she even thought she had heard wrongly.

With this thought in mind, Liang Zhou felt excitement coursing through her body. Jiang Jin did not object to Song Ning's form of address at all. Did this mean Jiang Jin's heart was softening? She could not help but steal a glance at Jiang Jin.

At this time, Mu Qing brought his phone out and began to type on his phone.

Upon seeing this, Liang Zhou asked, "What's the matter? Who's that?"

Mu Qing replied casually, "Oh, Old Zhang asked me to meet him tomorrow to discuss something..."

Chapter 326: Hints

Perhaps, it was just Liang Zhou's one-sided feelings, but she felt the atmosphere had gotten awkward for no reason.

Mu Qing said to Jiang Jin, "Mother, your tea is still the best. This Iron Goddess tea is really delicious."

"I'll give them to you if you like it. In fact, I'm not used to drinking this tea. Mu Chen brought it back. I guess it must have been given to him. He doesn't drink tea so he gave it to me," Jiang Jin replied.

Mu Qing did not stand on ceremony and said, "Alright, then I'll accept it. I'll bring you some Ming tea during my next visit."

Jiang Jin nodded with a smile.

After Liang Zhou regained her senses, she chuckled and said, "How can you take your mother's things first before gifting her something?"

Mu Qing smiled and said, "There's no need to be too polite with my own mother..."

At this time, Cheng Che suddenly rushed into the hall. He was slightly stunned when he saw Mu Qing and Liang Zhou. When he regained his senses, he greeted them. "Uncle Qing, Aunty."

Before Cheng Che could say anything else, Jiang Jin asked, "Your brother has returned to the company. Why are you in such a hurry?"

"I left a document in the study so I came back to pick it up..." Cheng Che replied. After he finished speaking, he rushed upstairs.

Jiang Jin looked at Cheng Che's back and shook her head. "This child is always in a rush!"

Mu Qing said with a smile, "Cheng Che is Mu Chen's right-hand man. Even blood brothers aren't as close as they are."

Jiang Jin nodded. "That's true, and I've always treated Cheng Che the same as I treat Mu Chen..."

Mu Qing said, "It's because Mother is so compassionate that Mu Chen is so blessed."

Mu Qing had always been eloquent, and his words always made people feel at ease and happy.

When Liang Zhou saw that Jiang Jin was pleased with Mu Qing's words, she said, "I heard he had a very hard life. Fortunately, he met you. Otherwise, who knows what would happen to him. It's really a blessing that he met you..."

This was one of the rare occasions that Jiang Jin nodded after listening to Liang Zhou's words, and Liang Zhou could not help but feel delighted.

"I heard that his family was once a prominent family. Is there really no one left now?" Mu Qing asked probingly.

Jiang Jin sighed and shook her head gently. "There's no one left. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to adopt him."

Liang Zhou hurriedly added, "Although it's unfortunate, it's also a blessing for Cheng Che. If he was adopted at such a young age by his relatives, who knows if they would embezzle his inheritance? However, since you adopted him, not only did you help protect his inheritance, but you also educated and raised him into a great talent. It's a great blessing."

Mu Qing said, "That's right. He's really blessed. Moreover, he knows how to be grateful. He's not any worse than Mu Chen when it comes to being filial to Mother."

Jiang Jin acted as though she did not hear these words and only smiled gently.

At this time, Song Ning came out of the kitchen. She did not even look at Mu Qing and Liang Zhou as she made her way to Jiang Jin's side. "Grandma, I've already arranged everything. The dishes for lunch are all your favorite dishes..."

Jiang Jin smiled and patted Song Ning's hand to express her gratitude.

Upon seeing this, Liang Zhou hurriedly said, "Song Ning is also very filial."

Song Ning only smiled reservedly in response.

At this time, Jiang Jin rose to her feet and said, "I'm a little tired. Ningning, help me accompany them. I'm going to rest for a while and check on my great-grandson. Remember to call me when lunch is ready..."

Song Ning replied obediently, "Alright, Grandma."

Mu Qing and Liang Zhou stood up to see Jiang Jin off as well.

When Jiang Jin's figure disappeared up the stairs, the trio finally sat down.

Then, Mu Qing asked calmly, "Don't you need to go check on your child?"

Song Ning was stunned by these words, and a hint of panic flashed across her face.

At the same time, Liang Zhou looked at Mu Qing and Song Ning in confusion. She could not help but feel that something was amiss..

Chapter 327: Guidance

At this time, Mu Qing poured Liang Zhou a cup of tea before he said, "I told you to study the art of tea brewing, but you don't have the patience for it. If you want Mother to treat you better, you have to share common interests with her..."

Warmth suffused Liang Zhou's heart when she heard Mu Qing's words. In her opinion, this was Mu Qing encouraging her to get along with his mother better. It had been years since he had last guided her about matters like this. Hence, she hurriedly took the teacup and solemnly said, "I'll study diligently from today onward..."

Song Ning, who was seated across from the couple, seemed to be in a daze. Mu Qing did not pay attention to her at all, and she felt as though she was sitting on pins and needles. After less than five minutes, she suddenly rose to her feet and said, "I'll go and check on Grandma and the baby."

Mu Qing calmly said, "No. Mother went to rest. If you go now, won't you disturb her rest?"

Song Ning froze on the spot upon hearing these words.

The feeling that something was amiss rose in Liang Zhou's heart again. She lowered her head as she sipped on the tea and looked at Mu Qing from the corners of her eyes. Then, she shifted her gaze to Song Ning who looked slightly flustered. When Song Ning met her gaze, Song Ning returned to her seat stiffly.

Liang Zhou could not help but feel that Song Ning was very different today. She was aware of how strong and calm Song Ning was. During her few confrontations with Song Ning, whether they were open

or secret confrontations, she had been utterly defeated by Song Ning. However, the Song Ning today was obviously different.

Initially, Liang Zhou did not think much about it. However, Mu Qing's words made her think again. She recalled that Song Ning had clung onto Jiang Jian as soon as Song Ning came into the hall. Song Ning did not mention her child at all. Logically speaking, as a new mother, Song Ning should have gone to check on her child after being out for half a day, right? Although she had never been a mother before, she knew how important children were to their mothers. However, Song Ning acted as though the child did not exist at all.

Liang Zhou recalled that even when Jiang Jin said she was going to check on the baby, it did not occur to Song Ning to check on the baby at all. Instead, Song Ning stayed behind to accompany them on behalf of Jiang Jin. As a mother, Song Ning seemed very uncaring.

After a while, Liang Zhou's mind wandered to Sister Yu's behavior earlier. Sister Yu seemed very protective of the baby. She wondered if Jiang Jin completely monopolized the baby that even Song Ning, the baby's mother, could not get close to the baby at all. In the end, she thought this theory was the most credible.

Therefore, Liang Zhou smiled at Mu Qing and said, "What are you talking about? How can Song Ning not care about the baby? It's just that the Old Madam is too protective and cares about the baby too much. Earlier, when I wanted to cover the baby with his blanket, Sister Yu didn't even allow me to get close..."

Mu Qing cocked an eyebrow upon hearing these words. "Hmm?"

Song Ning's expression was stiff as she said, "That's right. Grandma has said that she and Sister Yu will look after the baby. She also told me to focus on taking care of myself and Mu Chen..."

Mu Qing only glanced at Song Ning and did not say anything else. He lowered his gaze and sipped on the tea.

Meanwhile, Liang Zhou was in an exceptionally good mood. She lowered her head and imitated Mu Qing's manner when drinking and pouring the tea. Then, she looked at him meaningfully, waiting for his affirmation.

As expected, Mu Qing nodded lightly at her.

With Mu Qing's acknowledgment, Liang Zhou felt the tea tasted incomparably sweet.

On the contrary, Song Ning's gaze turned cold as she watched this scene. She looked as though she could not wait to tear Liang Zhou, who was immersed in happiness, into pieces.

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At this time, the baby had already woken up.

Sister Yu carried the giggling baby in her arms, playing with him.

Upon seeing this, Jiang Jin was delighted. "How come he woke up quickly? He's really energetic!"

Sister Yu nodded. "When he grows up, he's definitely going to be like his father. He's going to be a smart and capable young man..."

After Jiang Jin cleaned her hands and sat at the side of the cot, Sister Yu asked, "Has the mister left?"

Chapter 328: Changes

Jiang Jin shook her head. "He's staying for lunch. I asked Song Ning to accompany them..."

Sister Yu was slightly surprised. "Young Madam is back?"

Jiang Jin nodded solemnly.

Sister Yu looked as though she wanted to say something. However, in the end, she swallowed the words hanging at the tip of her tongue and adjusted her expression instead. Then, she said, "Ms. Liang came to see the baby earlier. She seems to like the baby very much. She tried to cover the baby with the blanket, but I stopped her at that time since I thought she was trying to carry the baby. I think I might have hurt her feelings."

Jiang Jin nodded. "She'll never be a mother in this life so seeing the baby will trigger her maternal instincts. On the day of the fire, she was the one who carried the baby out. I do think she's sincere regarding the baby. In any case, it's all karma. If she didn't try to use her baby as leverage back then, causing harm to her sister, she wouldn't have lost her baby." She sighed before continuing to say, "She's really unlucky. She tries to be a villain, but her heart isn't hard enough. In the end, she's neither a vicious person nor a good person, which is even more difficult to endure..."

Sister Yu only listened quietly and did not comment on the matter.

At this time, Jiang Jin reached out to touch the baby's small hand. She did not expect the baby to grab her finger immediately. He even began to kick his legs happily. Upon seeing this, she laughed happily.

"His reaction is really fast..." Sister Yu said, "It's to be expected since Young Madam really took good care of herself when she was pregnant... It's natural the baby is so healthy and smart..."

As soon as Sister Yu mentioned Song Ning, her and Jiang Jin's expressions turned grim immediately.

After a moment of silence, Jiang Jin said softly, "When I asked her to go shopping earlier, she went out happily without any hesitation at all. When she returned and saw Mu Qing and Liang Zhou, she seemed genuinely happy; she even addressed them as 'Father' and 'Aunt'. She has never addressed them in this way at all, prior to today. After that, she complained about Mu Chen to me and busied herself with entertaining the guests. The entire time, she did not mention the baby at all..."

Jiang Jin looked at Sister Yu and asked, "What do you think will be the first thing we do as soon as we return home?"

Sister Yu replied without any hesitation, "Ask about the baby and check on the baby..."

Jiang Jin nodded. "That's right. So why, as a mother, doesn't she seem to care about her baby at all?"

Sister Yu asked, "Old Madam, you also feel that something isn't right with the Young Madam, right?"

Jiang Jin did not reply; she did not nod nor did she shake her head. However, her expression was very grim.

Sister Yu said in a hushed tone, “Ever since she gave birth, the Young Madam seems to have changed into a different person. Did you notice that even the Young Master seems to have alienated her? In fact, even the helpers in the house have noticed something strange. After all, remember how the Young Master used to treat the Young Madam in the past? Everything has changed. For some reason, there’s this tension that seems to loom over the house...”

Jiang Jin still did not say anything. The doubts in her heart kept growing as she looked at her great-grandson who was giggling happily. Before everything was confirmed, she could not say anything, not even to Sister Yu. After all, if there was even the slightest misstep, chaos would descend on the house..

Chapter 329: Frightened

After Jiang Jin calmed down, she said, “Yu, it’s good that both of us are aware of this. You have to help me keep an eye on the helpers as well. You’ve worked hard recently. Not only do you have to help me look after the baby, but you have to look after the Young Madam as well. Jiahui has said that after a woman gives birth, their hormone levels can be chaotic. Just take this as the reason for Song Ning’s personality change. If you hear the helpers talking about this matter, you have to stop them from talking about these things...”

Sister Yu hurriedly agreed. “Yes, Old Madam. I’ll do as you said.”

Jiang Jin nodded. “Select an honest, reliable, and quick-witted young girl to help you look after the baby. Make sure that everyone knows to only listen to you and me.”

Sister Yu was stunned upon hearing Jiang Jin’s last sentence.

Jiang Jin looked at Sister Yu and continued to say, “We don’t know if there’s danger lurking in the house so two pairs of eyes might not be enough to keep an eye on things. With so many burdens on your shoulders, it’s inevitable that you can’t keep an eye on everyone. You have to select and train a few capable helpers. They don’t have to be smart; what’s important is loyalty and kindness. A good personality is the most important.”

Sister Yu understood Jiang Jin’s words. She nodded and said, “I’ll get to it immediately.”

At this time, the baby suddenly stopped moving around. He looked at the two elderly women with teary eyes as the corners of his lips gradually turned down and he began to cry.

Jiang Jin panicked. “What’s wrong? What’s wrong?”

Sister Yu hurriedly brought a diaper and wet wipes over as she said, “The Little Master soiled his diaper. He loves cleanliness and can’t wait even a minute to be changed. Otherwise, he’ll cry until the earth shakes...”

As Sister Yu spoke, she lifted up the blanket and removed the baby’s diaper. As expected, there was a stench coming from the diaper.

Jiang Jin could not help but laugh. "This kid!" After a moment, she said with a sigh, "You're still the most meticulous. I hope you can find a person as meticulous as you to help us..."

Sister Yu replied, "The Little Master is healthy and easy to take care of. It's just feeding him and keeping him clean."

After throwing the diaper away, Sister Yu held the baby's feet and began to clean his butt.

At this moment, Song Ning pushed the door open and called out, "Grandma! It's time for lunch!"

The first thing Song Ning saw was the baby's dirty butt and the used diaper in the trash can. Before Jiang Jin could say anything, she turned around and ran out, closing the door with a bang.

The sudden loud noise frightened the baby, causing him to cry loudly.

Jiang Jin's expression darkened immediately. She hurriedly leaned down and gently comforted the baby. "Baby, be good. Don't be afraid."

After Sister Yu finished cleaning the baby and putting on a new diaper, she gently carried the baby and coaxed him. "Baby, be good. Don't cry. Don't be afraid."

Jiang Jin's expression was rather unsightly as she cleaned up the mess. She and Sister Yu did not look at each other at all, unwilling to see the unsaid words in each other's eyes.

At this time, the door to the room opened again. Song Ning came in with a smile. "Grandma, sorry. I was too rash earlier."

Jiang Jin did not say anything.

Song Ning walked to the trash can, intending to take it out. "Grandma, let me do it."

Jiang Jin stopped Song Ning and said with a kind smile, "No, don't touch it. It's so dirty. The baby just finished pooping. How can you do this job? Didn't you say it's time for lunch? Let's go and eat. I'm going to wash my hands and ask someone to clean up the mess."

Song Ning hurriedly said, "I'll call someone to clean it up!"

In the end, Song Ning did not reach out to help..

Chapter 330: Fingernails

After a short while, the baby finally stopped crying. He was truly easy to take care of. He seemed to be able to sense the strange atmosphere and did not want to cause trouble for the adults who were distracted.

Song Ning walked over to Sister Yu and said with a smile, "Smelly baby, you really stink..."

The baby lay in Sister Yu's arms and looked at Song Ning. His bright eyes darted around the room as he chewed on his fist. He did not have any reaction to Song Ning at all.

Song Ning reached out to pinch the baby's cheek, but Jiang Jin, who approached from behind, quickly grabbed her hand.

Song Ning was taken aback.

Jiang Jin held Song Ning's hand and said, "Song Ning, your nails are too long. If you want to hold the baby, you'll have to trim them. Otherwise, you'll end up hurting the baby. Why are your nails so shiny? Did you paint them? This isn't good for the baby. Aren't you a doctor? You should know this..."

Song Ning hurriedly withdrew her hand from Jiang Jin's grip. She really regretted trying to touch the baby now. "Grandma, I was just curious and didn't think about my nails. Moreover, I usually don't take care of the baby so I forgot all about it and let my nails grow. I... I'll trim them immediately..."

Jiang Jin sighed. "Even if you don't take care of the baby, how are you going to check your patients' pulse with such long nails? That's right. It's been a while since you last checked my pulse. Before you go to bed tonight, why don't check Yu and my pulse?"

Song Ning's expression changed slightly upon hearing these words. Then, she hastily hugged Jiang Jin's arm like a spoiled child and said, "Grandma, you're healthy. Why do you want to have your pulse checked? Don't worry yourself needlessly. There's nothing wrong with you. Ignorance is bliss after all. The most important thing is to enjoy life. Look at your complexion! You're clearly very healthy. Don't worry. As long as I'm around, you won't fall sick. Moreover, all you need to do is spend more time with your great-grandson. I guarantee all your illnesses will go away when you look at the baby. Sister Yu, don't you agree?"

Sister Yu nodded with a smile, but her smile was so forced that she looked worse than if she were crying.

In the past, Song Ning had insisted on checking Jiang Jin's pulse every day. Although Jiang Jin said multiple times it was unnecessary, Song Ning had always said prevention was better than cure. Song Ning had also said many times that sometimes one would not show symptoms even if they were sick, but one's pulse would not be able to hide the sickness. It could be seen that nothing was more important to Song Ning than Jiang Jin's health.

Therefore, how could Sister Yu not feel uneasy when Song Ning said there was no need to check Jiang Jin's pulse and that ignorance was bliss? If it were not for Song Ning's appearance, she would have thought the person in front of her was not Song Ning.

On the other hand, Jiang Jin's expression did not change. She only said with a smile, "You're really good at coaxing me and making me happy..."

Then, Jiang Jin and Song Ning left the room to go downstairs for lunch.

Sister Yu gently placed the baby back into the cot as a helper came in to clean up the mess. A gust of wind blew in, causing Sister Yu to feel a chill on her back. It was the cold sweat from the earlier interaction. As she looked at the baby, she felt the weight on her shoulders grow heavier. After a moment, she said tonelessly, "Go and call Nuan who's helping out in the kitchen here..."

The helper was stunned. "Sister Yu, why are you looking for Nuan? She's still inexperienced. Let me help you instead."

Sister Yu said, "It's fine. I don't have much to do recently so I can show her the ropes. Moreover, her father has repeatedly told us to look after all. It's only right that we teach her some skills..."

The helper sighed. "Sister Yu, you're really kind. Everyone in the family is kind as well. We're all blessed. I'll get Nuan to come over immediately."

Sister Yu smiled. "It's not easy for everyone. It's important to help each other out.. Apart from that, remember not to gossip about our masters, understand?"

Chapter 331: Differences From Before

When Cheng Che entered Mu Chen's office, he saw Mu Chen staring at the computer in a daze. He called out, "Brother?"

Mu Chen shifted his gaze away from the computer to Cheng Che. "You're here..."

Cheng Che moved to stand behind Mu Chen and asked, "What are you looking at?" When his gaze fell on the computer screen, he asked in confusion, "Isn't this the surveillance video from the hospital on the day it caught fire? Where did you find this? Why are you looking at it?"

The surveillance video showed Mu Chen rushing out from the sea of fire with Song Ning in his arms at this moment. Song Ning could be seen hugging Mu Chen tightly as she pressed herself against his body.

Cheng Che smiled and said, "Oh? Brother, don't tell you're hiding here to watch this sweet video of you and sister-in-law? Is this necessary? Both of you can be considered an..."

Cheng Che was about to say 'old couple' when he trailed off. He noticed that Mu Chen's expression was gloomy. His smile vanished as he asked solemnly, "Brother, what's wrong?"

After a long while, Mu Chen finally asked, "Cheng Che, don't you think Song Ning is a little strange after giving birth?"

Cheng Che was confused. He scratched his head and said, "Strange? How? However, now that you mentioned it... There are some changes..." Then, he looked at Mu Chen and continued to say, "However, Brother, Jiahui has said that after a woman gives birth, her mood will be unstable. Jiahui's a doctor so you can trust her words. Sister-in-law is a doctor as well so you have to trust her as well..."

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che silently.

The two men looked at each other for a moment. They grew up together and spent most of their time together. All they needed was a look to understand each other's thoughts.

After a while, Mu Chen asked, "What changes have you noticed?"

Cheng Che froze before he mumbled, "Sister-in-law... Sister-in-law seems to, um, dislike me..." When he saw Mu Chen looking at him, waiting for him to continue speaking, he gritted his teeth and continued to say, "Sister-in-law used to treat me very well. During the weekends, she'll send someone to deliver food to me. She also cared a lot about my daily living. Previously, all these matters were taken care of by the

helpers, but she had given them detailed instructions when it comes to my food, clothes, house, and other things...”

Mu Chen gestured for Cheng Che to take a seat.

After Cheng Che sat down, he said, “Sister-in-law would make nutritious soup for me because she was worried I’d exhaust myself at work. However, now, she doesn’t do all those things anymore. I think she’s probably busy taking care of the baby. However... it seems like she doesn’t take care of the baby much as well. Instead, it seems like all she cares about is you; she only has eyes for you...”

Mu Chen’s expression did not change as he gestured for Cheng Che to continue.

Cheng Che made himself comfortable as he organized his thoughts. He was no longer cautious with his words as he revealed his thoughts honestly. “Sister-in-law used to care about Grandma’s health a lot. She would check Grandma’s pulse in the morning and at night. She’d also arranged Grandma’s activities and diet. Although Grandma kept saying she doesn’t have any freedom, since sister-in-law came, there’s no denying Grandma’s health has gotten better. It’s really all thanks to sister-in-law. However, recently, I’ve never seen her checking Grandma’s pulse. I don’t know if it has anything to do with her giving birth so I didn’t dare to ask...”

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen, feeling slightly discomfited. After all, he was speaking ill of his sister-in-law. If it was before, he would have been kicked out of the office by Mu Chen. However, Mu Chen did not react at all now. With his intelligence, how could he not tell that something was amiss by now? He asked, “Brother, what’s wrong?”

When Mu Chen did not reply, Cheng Che tried to comfort him. “I think sister-in-law is very good to you now. She clings to you more, and she’s always thinking of you...”

Inwardly, Cheng Che wondered why Mu Chen was still unhappy. His brother had always gotten jealous whenever his sister-in-law showed concern to other people.. Should he not be happy now that his wife only had eyes for him?

Chapter 332: Doubts

Mu Chen looked at him. “In the past, when have you ever seen that Song Ning only had me in her eyes and that all she could think about was me alone?”

Cheng Che was speechless. It seemed like Mu Chen had a point. Ever since Song Ning became part of the family, Mu Chen could no longer be as domineering as before since she would always stand up for the others, never letting Mu Chen ‘bully’ them. Moreover, when he and Jiang Jin ‘bullied’ Mu Chen, she would only laugh and watch the show or even help them. Moreover, she had never acted like she and Mu Chen were the masters of the family, but now, she acted high and mighty. She would even act bossily toward Sister Yu and would only restrain herself in front of Jiang Jin.

In the past, Song Ning would treat Sister Yu like family. She had told Mu Chen and Cheng Che more than once to be filial to Sister Yu as well. She had also constantly reminded them Sister Yu was extremely meticulous in her care toward Jiang Jin. Hence, she always treated Sister Yu with respect and care.

“Brother, what are you trying to say?” Cheng Che asked, growing even more confused.

Mu Chen turned the computer screen over so Cheng Che could have a look.

On the screen, Mu Chen could be seen holding Song Ning tightly in his arms.

“Cheng Che, if Song Ning is not the real Song Ning, at what point do you think the switch was made?” Mu Chen asked in a deep voice?

Cheng Che rose to his feet instinctively in shock and stared at Mu Chen with eyes wide open. “Brother! What are you saying?”

The implications behind Mu Chen’s words caused Cheng Che’s hair to stand on end. It sounded like something that would only happen in movies. He held onto the arm of the chair and involuntarily took two steps back.

“Then, do you have any other theories for this?” Mu Chen calmly asked.

“Brother, how’s this possible?” Cheng Che asked, still finding this difficult to accept. He slowly walked to the chair again. Each of his steps felt as though it weighed more than 1,000 pounds.

Mu Chen shook his head gently. “More than anyone else, I wish that this isn’t true...”

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen and saw the determination and solemnity in Mu Chen’s eyes. He suddenly had the urge to cry. He pointed to the door and asked in a trembling voice, “T-then, who’s that person?”

Mu Chen said in a grim tone, “What I’m concerned about is where’s the real Song Ning? How’s she doing? Is she okay?”

Cheng Che was speechless. He held his head with both hands and massaged his temples as he said, “Brother, this is unbelievable. When did you find out?”

Mu Chen said in a grave tone, “On the second day after we returned, she ignored the confinement rules and insisted on helping me tie my tie. She said it was her responsibility as my wife. Song Ning had never been like that...”

Cheng Che remained silent. He did not know what to say.

“On the third day, she yelled at the baby impatiently because the baby cried in the middle of the night, interrupting her sleep. At that time, I recalled Jiahui said there would be some changes in a woman who had just given birth so I brushed it off. I’ve also heard that the bond between a mother and a child takes time to develop. Hence, I didn’t think much of her behavior and brushed it off...”

“On the fourth day, she was so disgusted by the stench when the baby soiled his diaper that she even vomited. I’ve never heard of mothers being like this. Even if her bond with her child has yet to develop, her reactions shouldn’t be so exaggerated, right? She has no patience for the baby at all. This isn’t like Song Ning at all.. No matter how unbalanced her hormones are after giving birth, it’s impossible for her to transform into a completely different person, right?”

Chapter 333: The Process

Mu Chen finally stopped speaking.

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen. "It's... The changes are really so drastic?"

Mu Chen nodded as he leaned back against the chair and crossed his arms. His voice was grim as he said, "Yes. Every day, every moment, every second, the feeling like something is wrong grows stronger and stronger. There's a voice in my heart telling me that the person at home isn't Song Ning no matter how much she looks like Song Ning. Cheng Che, I'm certain that she isn't Song Ning...My Song Ning isn't like this!"

Mu Chen rested his head against his hand with a barely concealable sorrowful expression on his face. He shifted his eyes back to the computer and screen and asked slowly, "Brother, you think the switch was carried out during the time the hospital caught fire?"

Cheng Che knew Mu Chen was truly sad. Apart from the time Mu Chen's mother died, he had never seen Mu Chen so sad before.

Mu Chen dropped his hand, and his gaze turned cold as he said, "I've thought about it many times. Apart from that time in the delivery room, that was the only time I let Song Ning out of my sight."

Cheng Che's heart skipped a beat. He looked at Mu Chen and asked in a soft voice, "Brother, the person who accompanied sister-in-law from the beginning until the end in the delivery room was Jiahui..."

Mu Chen nodded. "I know. Don't you think that it's too much of a coincidence that Jiahui had to leave at such a critical time? Moreover, before she left, she repeatedly told me that there'd be changes in a woman's mood after giving birth due to hormone imbalance..."

Cheng Che felt a chill on his back as he said in a trembling voice, "B-brother, both of them are best friends... Jiahui has no reason to help another person impersonate sister-in-law..."

No matter what, Cheng Che refused to believe that Jiahui had a hand in this matter.

Mu Chen nodded again. "That's right. Although it's somewhat suspicious, Jiahui has no motive at all to do such a thing. Moreover, she's more protective of Song Ning than anyone else."

Cheng Che nodded, feeling more relieved upon hearing these words.

Mu Chen wiped his face, looking exhausted. "When Song Ning emerged from the delivery room, Jiahui was called away. At that time, I followed Song Ning back to the ward. All of you were looking after the baby, and I was chatting with Song Ning in the ward. I remember every word she had said at that time. I thought about the things she said, word by word, there's nothing wrong with them. At that time, she was still Song Ning. After that, a doctor came in to give her an IV drip and medicine, causing her to fall asleep. After she fell asleep, I left to buy some things that the doctor said I might need. Since all of you were taking care of the child, I decided to buy them myself."

The events of that day were still vivid in Mu Chen's mind.

Cheng Che recalled what had happened and said, "At that time, I was called away by one of the medical staff to sign some paperwork. When I heard about the fire, I rushed back and saw Grandma, Sister Yu,

Mr. Mu Qing, and Liang Zhou. I carried Grandma on my back while Sister Yu supported her by the side. Liang Zhou carried the baby while Mr. Mu Qing protected her and the baby. At that time, the smoke had already thickened, and the fire had already begun to surge. I'm sorry, Brother, all I could think about at that time was Grandma's safety."

Cheng Che was filled with self-blame and guilt.

Mu Chen shook his head gently. "Don't be silly. If it weren't for you, who knew what would've happened to Grandma? You know that for the following days after that, I had nightmares about what would have happened if Grandma didn't make it out of the fire. This has nothing to do with you..."

Cheng Che's eyes grew slightly wet as he said, "When you returned, and I saw you rushing into the sea of fire, I really wanted to die at that moment. If I had maintained my composure, I could have organized everything properly. Mr. Mu Qing could have carried Grandma while Sister Yu and Liang Zhou could have protected the baby and I could have carried sister-in-law out.. Wouldn't everything be fine then? As I stood outside waiting for you, I felt really apologetic and hated myself for my incompetence!"

Chapter 334: Memories

Mu Chen's expression suddenly turned solemn as he grabbed Cheng Che's wrist. He asked anxiously, "Think about it again. Why did you forget about Song Ning at that time? Why did you only remember to carry Grandma? Did someone say something at that time?"

Cheng Che trembled. As he looked at Mu Chen, he suddenly felt as though he had lost his voice. After a while, he slowly said, "Brother... At that time, some urged me to hurry up and said something about Grandma being unable to endure it any longer... Who was it?"

Cheng Che felt like crying at this moment.

However, Mu Chen was unnaturally calm. "Cheng Che, don't be anxious. Think about it carefully. Who said that to you?"

Cheng Che closed his eyes and recalled the scene of chaos and panic at that time. He had rushed to look for Jiang Jin at that time, and he was so anxious that he almost tripped over the carpet when he entered the room. He was panicking and worried about Jiang Jin.

He remembered that at that time, Jiang Jin was carrying the baby. At that time, Jiang Jin had asked him what was happening outside, and he had told her the hospital had caught fire and the cause was unknown; he remembered telling her they had to leave immediately. Following that, he remembered Jiang Jin had anxiously asked about Mu Chen's whereabouts and had said that Song Ning was still sleeping in the ward. Sister Yu had taken the baby from Jiang Jin's arms and rushed him to bring Jiang Jin out. At that time, Jiang Jin had refused vehemently, saying that they had waited for Mu Chen's return since Song Ning was still inside. Jiang Jin had said that Song Ning had just given birth so Song Ning would not have the strength to escape on her own. Jiang Jin wanted to wait for Mu Chen to return to save Song Ning before leaving together. It was at that time that Mu Qing had anxiously urged him to carry Jiang Jin out, saying that it would be too late if they delayed any longer. Liang Zhou had also urged him to carry

Jiang Jin and the baby out to safety first and said that they would look for Mu Chen after that. Following that, amidst the chaotic shouts from outside, Mu Qing had urged him again to hurry up.

When Cheng Che regained his senses, he raised his head and looked at Mu Chen with eyes brimming with panic as he said, "At that time, I felt that you'd be returning soon and would be able to save sister-in-law. Hence, I ignored Grandma's protest and carried her out while Sister Yu supported Grandma from the side. I saw Liang Zhou carrying the baby as well at that time. Although I was hoping you'd come back in time, my plan was to carry Grandma to the entrance before returning for sister-in-law. However, when we were at the stairs, some people ran up and said we couldn't go in that direction. Hence, I carried Grandma and ran to another exit. When we finally reached the ground floor, that was when I met you..."

Mu Chen grabbed a pen on the table and held it tightly in his hand. His knuckles had turned white due to his strong grip. "I saw all of you rushing downstairs at the time..."

Cheng Che nodded. "When you arrived at the ward, was sister-in-law alone?"

Mu Chen nodded. "She was still sleeping soundly on the bed at that time. The needle from the IV drip was still stuck in her hand. She looked exactly the same as when I left her..."

Mu Chen suddenly stopped speaking and raised his head to look at Cheng Che.

Cheng Che could tell that Mu Chen had thought of something. He said in a soft voice, as though he was afraid that he would disrupt Mu Chen's thoughts if he had spoken too loudly, "Brother? What's wrong? What did you recall?"

Mu Chen's eyes were fixed on Cheng Che's face as he slowly said, "Song Ning's face was rather swollen after she came out from the delivery room. However, when I went back to save her from the fire, she..."

Cheng Che asked nervously, "What is it, Brother?"

Crack!

The pen in Mu Chen's hand snapped, and the sharp edges pierced Mu Chen's hand.

Cheng Che was shocked and hurriedly pressed a piece of tissue paper against the wound on Mu Chen's hand. "Brother!"

Mu Chen mumbled absent-mindedly, "Did I see wrongly? Were my eyes playing tricks on me?"

Mu Chen closed his eyes to recall the scene that day again. He thought about how he felt as though his heart was going to stop beating as he rushed into the room to save his wife. When he opened the door, he saw Song Ning lying quietly, untouched by the chaos outside, on the bed, sound asleep. He remembered thinking for a moment that his wife was truly beautiful. Although she had just given birth and fire was raging outside, his wife looked exactly the same as before..

Chapter 335: Reconstructing the Event

"Brother?" Cheng Che called out tentatively.

Mu Chen opened his eyes and asked, “Cheng Che, do you think it’s possible to check all the surveillance cameras on all floors that day?”

Cheng Che shook his head gently. “No. In the damage report that the hospital gave me, the security room suffered the most damage...”

The two of them looked at each other as a question formed in their minds: why was it so coincidental that the security room suffered the most damage from the fire?

The fire started from the storeroom, but why did the security room suffer the most damage?

Cheng Che’s voice trembled as he asked, “B-brother, does this mean that someone committed arson?”

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che silently. Then, he said mechanically, “From the time you went downstairs to the time I went upstairs, they had enough time to switch Song Ning for another person. They didn’t even need to rush...”

Cheng Che felt his hair standing on end. He asked, confused, “Brother, who’s the mastermind? What’s his or her purpose? Why?”

If their target was Mu Chen, would it not be easier to kill Mu Chen directly. Why was there a need to go to such lengths to switch out Song Ning for another person?

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che. “Why? Only that woman will know...”

Cheng Che shook his head. “This isn’t something a woman can accomplish on her own. Moreover, don’t you think that woman’s resemblance to sister-in-law is too uncanny? They look so alike that even... Grandma couldn’t tell the difference...”

In fact, Cheng Che wanted to say that the two women resembled each other so much that even Mu Chen could not tell the difference in the beginning, but he forcefully changed his words at the last minute. After all, Mu Chen was already in excruciating pain; it was best not to agitate Mu Chen any further.

After a moment, Cheng Che thought of a crucial question. “Brother, should we tell Grandma about this?”

Mu Chen said lightly, “Grandma has already noticed it. I got angry at that woman this morning. Grandma came up to me and told me to think about this matter. That’s why I called you here; two heads are better than one after all. I’ve been recalling the scenes from that day over and over again. I couldn’t figure out where the problem was earlier. However, now I can confirm something must have happened between that time that you left and before I arrived...”

Even now Cheng Che was still in shock and disbelief.

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che and said, “Cheng Che, you must control your emotions. It’s important that you don’t let your suspicions show. If you think you’re capable of this, I’ll entrust a task to you...”

Cheng Che straightened his back and asked, “Brother, what is it? I’ll do my best.”

Mu Chen knew Cheng Che very well. Cheng Che was not one who could stay idle. The best way was to entrust Cheng Che with a task.

“Find the real Song Ning. No matter what, you must find her. If she’s alive, you must bring her back safely. If she’s... If she’s not...” Mu Chen had difficulty finishing his words. Every word felt like a stab to his heart. After a moment, he continued to say, “If she’s not, we still have to find her. Alive or not, she’s a member of the Mu family.”

Mu Chen turned his head to the side after he finished speaking. Tears rolled down his face onto his shoulder. Saying those words had taken a lot out of him.

Cheng Che’s mind began to race. ‘That’s right. The person at home is an impostor. Then, where’s sister-in-law?’

After a moment, Cheng Che said determinedly, “Brother, don’t worry. I’ll find her! Even if I have to go without rest, I’ll definitely find her.”

Cheng Che felt his blood boiling when he thought about the various things that had happened.

Mu Chen slowly rose to his feet. He placed a hand on Cheng Che’s shoulder. “Cheng Che...”

Mu Chen could not continue speaking.

Cheng Che stood up and hugged Mu Chen. “Brother, don’t worry. I’ll definitely find sister-in-law. You and Grandma are the strongest people I know. Keep that person distracted while I search for sister-in-law. Sister Yu has said that sister-in-law is a blessing to our family.. Nothing will happen to her; she’ll definitely be fine!”

Chapter 336: Arrangement

Cheng Che knew what Mu Chen needed at this moment was comfort. For now, all he could give his brother were words of comfort. However, he firmly believed that his sister-in-law was fine!

After a moment, both of them recollected themselves and organized their thoughts and emotions.

Cheng Che sniffed before he said, “Brother, we have to think carefully. We can’t blindly search for sister-in-law. Otherwise, it’d be like searching for a needle in a haystack...”

Mu Chen turned around and quietly dried his eyes before he returned to his seat. Then, he clicked on the mouse and opened a folder. “Before you arrived, I’ve already been thinking. Let’s analyze it in detail.”

Cheng Che suddenly asked, “Brother, has that woman ever entered your study?”

As Cheng Che spoke, he turned around and looked at his surroundings vigilantly. He could not help but wonder if there listening devices in the room.

Mu Chen frowned. “If that’s the case, don’t you think your realization came too late? You have to stop being so rash...”

Cheng Che said sheepishly, "I was just too shocked by this revelation. Don't worry. I won't act rashly after this..."

Mu Chen did not say anything. In fact, he trusted Cheng Che's capability to get things done. It was just that Cheng Che was used to relying on him since they were young so Cheng Che still retained the habit of relying on him when they were together.

At this time, Cheng Che said, "When I returned, Mr. Mu Qing and Liang Zhou were there. They..."

Cheng Che trailed off, stopping himself from speaking.

Mu Chen said coldly, "Of course, they're in the list of suspects. There are also Ye Cheng and a few other rival companies..."

Cheng Che nodded, entering the state of battle.

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After lunch, Mu Qing and Liang Zhou sat for a moment before they finally left.

Song Ning sent the couple to the door, and when she returned, she saw Jiang Jin sitting alone in the living room, staring at the tea set in a daze. "Grandma, what's wrong? Do you have something on your mind?"

Jiang Jian was pulled back to her senses immediately. She forced a smile on her face and said, "No. I was just thinking about some things from the past..."

Song Ning nodded before she gently asked, "Grandma, were you reminiscing about the time when father-in-law was young?"

Jiang Jin glanced at Song Ning. She did not confirm nor deny Song Ning's words.

Song Ning acted as though she understood Jiang Jin's thoughts and said, "Grandma, you're mother and son after all. After becoming a parent, I can understand this a little. After so many years have passed, is there any problem we can't solve? What happened in the past should stay in the past. I think father-in-law is very sincere. The most important thing is family. We should live a happy life surrounded by family... Why don't we invite my parents-in-law to stay with us? They can also help out with the baby and accompany you at the same time..."

Jiang Jin looked at Song Ning silently. Then, she grabbed Song Ning's hand and patted it lightly before she said, "You're still young so there are many things you don't understand. There are things that we can't rush. Anyway, can you help massage my back? It feels very stiff."

Song Ning rose to her feet and said with a smile, "Alright, Grandma. I'll help you alleviate the stiffness in your back..."

The current 'Song Ning' did not know how to check Jiang Jin's pulse but giving a massage was definitely not a problem. She had been going for massages since she was young so this little thing did not pose her problem to her at all.

However, Song Ning did not see the smile on Jiang Jin's face vanishing as soon as she began her massage. In the past, Song Ning would massage her using the professional Chinese medical massage technique. However, now, the massage technique was clearly from the spas.

Song Ning, who was unaware of Jiang Jin's thoughts, asked happily, "Grandma, do you feel comfortable?"

Chapter 337: Zhuang Ji

Jiang Jin's smile returned to her face as she said, "Yes, I feel very comfortable..."

Song Ning was very satisfied with herself upon hearing these words.

After a while, Jiang Jin urged Song Ning to take a nap. "You just gave birth recently, and your body has yet to recover so you need to rest more. You need to take good care of your health. Since you're a doctor, there's no need for me to say more. It's important for us women to nap in the afternoon..."

Song Ning said, embarrassed, "Grandma, I went out in the morning. Now that I'm home, I should accompany the baby in the afternoon, right?"

Jiang Jin said, feigning indignance, "Why do you need to accompany the baby? Then, what is Yu going to do? Moreover, Yu is really good at taking care of the baby. She's the one who helped me raise Mu Chen, after all. We're a family so there's no need for you to be overly polite. I'd be happy enough as long as you take care of your health."

Song Ning looked at Jiang Jin's kind eyes and felt relieved inwardly. Indeed, it was important for women to take care of themselves. She no longer hesitated and went to take a nap.

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Song Ning slept soundly. When she finally woke up, it was already dinner time. She wore an embarrassed expression when she went downstairs and saw Jiang Jin had already brought the baby downstairs.

Mu Chen and Cheng Che had also returned.

All of them were sitting in the living room, chatting happily.

Upon seeing Mu Chen, Song Ning hastened her steps and ran to Mu Chen. She reached out to hold Mu Chen's arm and said excitedly, "Mu Chen, you're home!"

Cheng Che looked at Song Ning silently. However, when he saw Mu Chen looking at him meaningfully, he hurriedly called out respectfully, "Sister-in-law!"

Song Ning nodded indifferently in response before she looked at the baby and said, "Grandma, the baby is very well-behaved, right?"

Jiang Jin did not shift her gaze away from the baby as she slowly said, "That's right. The baby is very obedient. He eats well, sleeps well, and plays well. He only cries when he soils his diapers. However, Yu is very fast at responding to his needs so he hardly ever cries. He's really easy to take care of..."

Song Ning's face was filled with pride when she listened to these words.

At this moment, Mu Chen patted Song Ning's hand that was still holding onto his arm and gently said, "Grandma and Sister Yu are both very experienced in taking care of babies. Since you don't have much experience, it's fine to leave it to them to take care of the baby. All you need to do is accompany Grandma when you have the time, just like me and Cheng Che. Remember to take good care of your body so you can return to work as soon as possible. After all, Professor Li has been asking about you..."

Song Ning's expression grew unnatural for a moment. Then, she said with a pout, "My maternity leave hasn't even ended yet; why are you in such a hurry? Do you really want me to return to work so quickly?"

Mu Chen said patiently, "I'm just afraid that you'll be lonely and bored. In fact, if you're willing to quit your job and stay at home, it'd be a blessing to our family..."

Song Ning was delighted upon hearing these words. She said, "Then, why don't I quit my job at the hospital and concentrate on Zhuang Ji?"

Cheng Che glanced at Mu Chen discreetly.

Song Ning had completely handed the management of Zhuang Ji to Mu Chen and Cheng Che because she knew nothing about managing businesses. Moreover, she was only interested in being a doctor like her grandfather. She had said that she promised her grandfather that she would be a good doctor.

How could Cheng Che not feel anything now that the woman in front of him happily said that she would quit her job as a doctor to manage Zhuang Ji?

Once the seed of doubt was planted, one would clearly see the flaws.

Mu Chen's expression did not change as he said, "It's up to you as long as you're happy."

These words made fake Song Ning's heart burst with joy. She felt that she had successfully seduced Mu Chen. A sense of accomplishment filled her heart when she thought about how much help she had given Mu Qing..

Chapter 338: Rules

After dinner, Mu Chen called Cheng Che to the study.

Upon hearing this, Song Ning glared at Mu Chen and complained, "Why do you have so much work? You're either in the company or cooped up in the study every day! Can't you spend time with me and the baby?"

Mu Chen and Cheng Che stopped talking and turned to look at Song Ning.

Song Ning stomped her foot and turned to hug Jiang Jin's arm as she said sulkily, "Grandma, why don't you speak to Mu Chen? He's so busy that he hardly sleeps in the bedroom. If he's not at the company, he's sleeping in his study. I don't understand him at all!"

Mu Chen's expression was very dark at this moment while Cheng Che looked uneasy.

Jiang Jin smiled and patted Song Ning's hand. "I'm the one who forbade him from sleeping in the bedroom. To think you're a doctor, but you don't understand this at all..."

Song Ning was confused.

Jiang Jin leaned closer and whispered in Song Ning's ears.

Song Ning blushed and stomped her foot coquettishly. "Grandma!"

Jiang Jin smiled kindly and patted Song Ning's hand again. "Be obedient! You promised to give birth to four children for our family! You can't go back on your word so you must take good care of your body. I have to take care of you on behalf of your late mother and late mother-in-law as well..."

Song Ning had no comeback for these words.

Jiang Jin looked at Mu Chen sternly and said, "Hurry up and return to your study. Why are you standing there? Let me tell you; it isn't time yet so you better not think about sleeping in the bedroom. If you let me find out otherwise, I'll break your legs."

Mu Chen's expression eased immediately. He bowed and said, "I understand, Grandma. By the way, I'm in the midst of acquiring a Japanese company recently so I'll be sending Cheng Che on a business trip. He's going to be very busy."

Jiang Jin nodded. "You're the pillar of our Mu family. Now that you have a son, don't forget that about your duty to make the Mu family bigger and stronger. Cheng Che, this applies to you as well."

The two of them quickly nodded and said in unison, "Yes, Grandma!"

Jiang Jin waved her hand, dismissing the duo.

Song Ning's expression was one of reluctance as she watched Mu Chen leave.

At this time, Jiang Jin said in an even tone, "Ningning, you should also spend your time wisely. Yu and I will look after the child. Mu Chen is relatively busy. You need to focus on recuperating and staying happy. You can go out to relax. However, I worry about you being alone so you should ask Liang Zhou to accompany you. I've already spoken to her, and she's very willing to accompany you. Jiahui isn't here, and you don't have many friends. I'm sure you've been feeling lonely as well. I feel at ease if Liang Zhou's with you..."

While Jiang Jin spoke, Song Ning listened absent-mindedly. The main points she had gotten from Jiang Jin's speech were that Jiang Jin wanted Liang Zhou to accompany her if she went out and that Mu Chen was prohibited from sleeping with her.

Song Ning burned with hatred when she thought about these things. 'This damn old woman, where did she come up with all these rules?'

However, since Jiang Jin still allowed her to go out, Song Ning could still endure it. She could use this chance to see Mu Qing. As for that silly woman, Liang Zhou, she did not think much of that woman at all.

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After entering the study, Cheng Che patted his chest. He looked at Mu Chen sympathetically and said, "That was close! Brother, that woman's goal is to sleep with you!"

Mu Chen did not say anything. In fact, the day after they returned from the hospital, not too long after Song Ning had given birth, she had tried to make a move on him. Thinking about how he had unknowingly kissed her at that time, he was filled with disgust. The kiss was also the beginning of his suspicion. After all, that woman in front of him did not behave like Song Ning and did not feel like Song Ning to him at all.

Mu Chen's heart felt incomparably heavy as he thought to himself, 'Song Ning, where are you?'

Chapter 339: Starry Sky

Cheng Che said with a hint of fear, "As expected of Grandma. Fortunately, she found a way to help us. Wisdom really does come with age..." After a moment, he looked at Mu Chen, horrified, as he asked, "Brother, this means Grandma knows as well, right?"

Mu Chen neither denied nor confirmed it. "I didn't explicitly discuss this issue with Grandma, but Grandma had tested that woman a few times in front of me. She always..."

"Always what?" Cheng Che asked.

Mu Chen looked out of the window. "She made the baby cry this morning so I got angry at her. Grandma then said that I promised Song Ning that I would never bring my emotions from work home and vice versa and that I would never get angry at Song Ning..."

Cheng Che's eyes widened. "Isn't this like the first sentence in our company's employee code?"

Mu Chen nodded. "However, Song Ning agreed that I promised her this..."

Cheng Che was rendered speechless by these words.

Mu Chen continued to say, "Grandma also said that the baby isn't allowed to leave her side since we promised to give her a grandchild... However, that woman didn't object to that at all..."

"Earlier, when that woman made a fuss about me returning to the bedroom, Grandma struck again. All those actions aren't consistent with Song Ning's personality. It seems like Grandma and I already have a tacit understanding. Cheng Che, the most important thing now is for you to look for Song Ning. Grandma and I can't leave since we have to stay here to distract that woman and make sure she doesn't get suspicious. That woman isn't too smart so it's easy for Grandma to deal with her. What we don't know now is who's pulling the strings behind the scenes..."

Cheng Che nodded solemnly. "I understand, Brother. Don't worry, I'll find sister-in-law as soon as possible."

Mu Chen looked at Cheng Che and said, "Remember not to leave any traces behind. We're in the open, and those people are still hidden. Since we don't know who the enemy is, we have to be extra careful."

Cheng Che nodded. "Don't worry, Brother."

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The night was rather warm tonight.

Mu Chen sat in the glass room on the top floor, looking at the sky full of stars.

He had personally designed this room after Song Ning had gotten pregnant. At that time, he had planned to bring his daughter here to look at the stars. He had even prepared telescopes for stargazing.

At that time, the entire family had laughed at him and said that he would definitely be a slave to his daughter. If his wife was strict, he would spoil his daughter.

His small family filled him with warmth and happiness.

He looked at the room. Every piece of glass and object here had witnessed his happiness at that time.

However, now...

Mu Chen looked at the sky full of stars worriedly. 'Song Ning, where are you? What on earth happened? What should I do?'

At this moment, Mu Chen was pulled back to his senses when the sounds of light footsteps rang in his ears. He turned around and saw his grandmother.

Mu Chen hurriedly stood up and said apologetically, "Grandma, were you looking for me? Next time, just get someone to call me. The stairs are a little high so it's very tiring to climb them..."

Jiang Jin shook her head, a little out of breath so she did not reply to Mu Chen.

Mu Chen helped Jiang Jin to a seat before he poured her a cup of tea.

Jiang Jin waved her hand. "Pour me a glass of water. It's so late now; I don't want to drink tea. I have to adapt my schedule to the baby's."

Mu Chen felt even more apologetic upon hearing these words. "Grandma, I'm sorry to have made you suffer..."

Mu Chen knelt on one knee so he drew level with his grandmother.

Jiang Jin reached out and patted his head gently. "Silly child, is there a need for us to be polite with each other?"

Mu Chen lowered his gaze. "I'm an unfilial grandson. Grandma still has to worry about me until now..."

Jiang Jin smiled. "You'll understand this when you're my age. It's truly a happy feeling being needed by your grandson and being able to help him. My grandson is so capable, and yet, when he's at home, he still needs his Grandma to help him. Grandma is really happy. After all, it proves that Grandma is still useful.."

Chapter 340: Hints

"Grandma." Mu Chen felt a little choked up.

Jiang Jin sighed. "You're worried about Song Ning, right?"

Mu Chen nodded slightly.

Jiang Jin murmured, "I wonder how she's doing now? Is she safe? Is she suffering?"

"Grandma, I've already entrusted Cheng Che to look for her. He'll definitely be able to find her. I can't leave now so I can only wait for news here..."

Jiang Jin nodded. "I guess you've already made the arrangements. It's the right decision to entrust this task to Cheng Che. With his character, it'd be difficult for him to hide his emotions when he's at home... Do you have any leads at all?"

Mu Chen shook his head. "Cheng Che will start with the people at the hospital that day. The damage to the security room is really bad; I'm afraid it'll be difficult to recover the footage from that day..."

Jiang Jin nodded and gestured for her grandson to take a seat next to her. "Mu Chen, have you ever wondered why this woman resembles Song Ning so much?"

Mu Chen nodded. "Plastic surgery. Technology is so advanced nowadays, after all. However, this also shows that this plan has been in the making for a while now. It takes time for the scars from the plastic surgery to heal after all."

"You're right. However, it's only been a little more than a year since Song Ning came to our house. Don't tell me they'd planned this since the day she came?" Jiang Jin said.

Mu Chen was slightly taken aback.

Jiang Jin continued to say, "However, what if they look very similar to begin with? Then, all they needed to do was just make slight tweaks..."

Mu Chen looked at Jiang Jin in shock.

The grandmother and grandson looked at each other for a while.

Mu Chen finally said in a soft voice. "Ye Xin?"

Jiang Jin looked at him silently.

Mu Chen brought his phone out and hurriedly sent a message to Cheng Che.

Cheng Che's reply was swift. "Brother, Ye Xin is being treated in a mental hospital."

Mu Chen's reply was equally as swift. "You have to confirm if the person in the hospital is really Ye Xin."

After replying to Cheng Che's message, Mu Chen clutched his phone tightly. His anxiety was growing by the minute.

Jiang Jin patted his hand. "You have to remain calm. Don't get distracted."

Mu Chen regained his senses immediately. "Yes, Grandma."

Jiang Jin leaned back against the chair and looked at the starry sky. She said in a soft voice, as though she was talking to herself, "Today, when Song Ning saw Mu Qing, she looked very happy. She even

addressed him and Liang Zhou as 'father' and 'aunt'. After they left, she even approached me and advised me to let the past go so our family can be together..."

Jiang Jin did not look at Mu Chen and continued to stare at the starry sky as she said, "I know what's in your mind. However, if Mu Qing had a hand in this, he definitely wouldn't have let that woman say such things at this time. It was obvious that the woman had done it on her own initiative. Based on this, it could be seen that she's not very scheming or smart, which is very like Ye Xin."

Mu Chen did not say anything; his mind was racing at this moment.

Jiang Jin sighed. "The mastermind behind this matter hid himself very well. However, why would they choose such a brainless person to carry out this task? Was it just because she resembles Song Ning? Even then, shouldn't they have prepared her beforehand?"

Mu Chen laughed mockingly. "Even wise men make mistakes. The mastermind has to be somewhat smart. However, he failed to discover that woman's stupidity. This shows that they haven't been working together for long. Their alliance must have only begun when Ye Xin left the hospital. Apart from that, they're under the assumption that I took a liking to Song Ning because of her appearance.. How smart can they be to make such judgments?"