

Chapter 381: Suffering

Gao Wen grabbed Liang Zhou's hand and pleaded, "Liang Zhou, please accompany me to the hospital."

At this time, Liang Zhou seemed to notice Gao Wen's expression was rather strange. She asked hesitantly, "Gao Wen, don't tell me you're not even sure if Ye Xin's in the hospital..."

Gao Wen did not speak. She only sniffed and walked forward.

Liang Zhou could not help but raise her voice as she said, "That can't be, right? Gao Wen! There's no one who doesn't know Ye Xin is like your life. How can it be that you've never visited her at the hospital after such a long time? You're not even sure she's there!"

Gao Wen pulled Liang Zhou forward without saying a word.

In the end, Liang Zhou did not persist in asking questions. Instead, she comforted Gao Wen. She said with a sigh, "Fine, fine, I'll accompany you. I don't know what else I can do apart from that."

After Gao Wen dismissed her chauffeur, she said to Liang Zhou, "We'll take your car."

Gao Wen's expression was very grim at this moment.

Upon seeing Gao Wen's solemnity, Liang Zhou was slightly frightened. It seemed like the seriousness of the matter finally dawned on her at this moment. Then, she said softly, "Let's take a cab there, Gao Wen. If you want to keep this a secret, then we can't let my chauffeur know either. After all, Mu Qing, Ye He, and Ye Cheng are acquainted with each other."

Upon seeing that Liang Zhou understood her thoughts, Gao Wen nodded gratefully.

The duo did not waste time and hailed a cab to go to the mental hospital.

During the journey, Gao Wen was silent. She only held Gao Wen's hand tightly.

Since Liang Zhou did not know what to say, she remained silent as well.

Since the mental hospital was located in the suburbs, it was quite a distance away.

When they were about to arrive, Gao Wen suddenly asked, "If she's not at the hospital, then where is she? Even if her father and brother hide things from me, how can she hide things from me? Master said that she's living in a nice house. Doesn't she know I've been worrying about her every day? My face would be stained with tears whenever I woke up in the middle of the night. How could she not tell if she's fine? Why are all of them so heartless?"

As Gao Wen spoke, tears began to roll down her face again. She turned to look out the car window and let go of Liang Zhou's hand so she could wipe her tears away.

At this time, a hint of hatred briefly flashed in Liang Zhou's eyes. Then, she took out a piece of tissue from her bag and handed it to Gao Wen. She gently said, "Don't cry. We still don't know the truth. You

can't blame them. Perhaps... Perhaps, Master made a mistake this time. Or, did you give the wrong birthdate earlier? Don't be like this. We're arriving soon. We'll know when we arrive..."

Gao Wen took the tissue and slowly turned around. She lowered her head slightly as tears continued to stream down her face.

Liang Zhou patted Gao Wen's shoulder and comforted her. She sighed. "It's okay, it's okay. There's always a way. We'll find out what's going on after this. Those three people... How can they hide such a big matter from you?"

Gao Wen leaned against Liang Zhou's shoulder and silently cried. "Liang Zhou, you have no idea what kind of life I'm living. You have no idea how bitter my heart feels. For so many years, I tried so hard to appear like I'm living a beautiful life. However, in reality, it's like hell on earth."

Gao Wen held onto Liang Zhou with a hint of desperation. It was as though Liang Zhou was her only life-saving straw in this world.

Liang Zhou helped Gao Wen wipe the tears on her face with a piece of tissue before she said, "Don't be sad. You have to be strong. Don't stay cooped up at home. You have to socialize and make more friends. In the future, don't hide your worries in your heart. You can talk to me. You'll feel better if you're able to talk about your problems."

Inwardly, Liang Zhou sneered. 'Hell on earth? I'm the one whose life is like hell. The cause of my misery is your daughter! How dare you cry! What about me? I can't even find someone to cry to!'

Liang Zhou's eyes flashed with determination as she continued thinking to herself, 'Ye Xin, you'll definitely have your retribution. Since you dare to stab me in the back, I'll destroy all your plans. I'll make you pay for laying your hands on my man.. My name isn't Liang Zhou if I don't make you lose everything!'

Chapter 382: Disguise

The mental hospital had a strict visitation system. Although Gao Wen had revealed her identity, she was still prohibited from entering. She was told she needed the permission of Ye Xin's guardian, Ye Cheng, to visit Ye Xin since Ye Cheng was the one who admitted Ye Xin. The mental hospital only recognized the person who registered and admitted the patient.

Gao Wen was so angry that she wanted to call Ye Cheng immediately.

Liang Zhou stopped Gao Wen and said in a gentle tone, "Gao Wen, let's go back first. Isn't it better to have Ye Cheng come with you to visit Ye Xin when he has the time?"

Gao Wen did not understand Liang Zhou's meaning and was about to protest when she saw Liang Zhou discreetly winking at her. She shut her mouth immediately.

Then, Liang Zhou turned around slightly to face the staff. Then, she sighed and said in a soft voice, "Madam's health hasn't been good since her daughter was sent here. She came here today because she had dreamed of her daughter crying last night, saying she missed her mother. For this reason, the Madam has been crying the entire morning. The Young Master is busy so we don't dare to disturb him. If

it's possible, can I just accompany the Madam for a walk in the garden to help her relax? After that, I'll persuade her to go home. It really hasn't been easy for her. I know we're putting you in a difficult situation, but can you please understand our situation?"

As Liang Zhou spoke, she reached into her back and brought a stack of cash before discreetly placing it in the desk's drawer.

The staff's expression changed immediately, and his stance softened. "I understand how you feel. However, rules are rules. We can't break them."

Liang Zhou smiled and nodded. "I understand, I understand. I'll just bring the Madam for a walk in the hospital's garden before we leave. Please look after our Young Miss."

The staff nodded. "Don't worry. We'll definitely look after Ms. Ye."

Then, Liang Zhou turned to Gao Wen and held Gao Wen's arm. "Let's have a stroll around the garden. Who knows we might be able to run into the Young Miss?"

Gao Wen obediently followed Liang Zhou out.

Before leaving, Liang Zhou turned and smiled at the staff.

When the two women arrived at the garden, Liang Zhou continued to hold onto Gao Wen's arm. She walked slowly as she said in a hushed voice, "Gao Wen, this place is strange. Do you feel it?"

Gao Wen nodded despite not knowing what Liang Zhou was talking about. "What should we do now? Should I call Ye He?"

Liang Zhou frowned. "Don't you feel everyone's guarding against you? I'm afraid if you call your husband, they'll come immediately and persuade you to leave. In the end, you won't be able to discover the truth."

"Then what should we do now? Liang Zhou, do you think my Xinxin is in danger?" Gao Wen asked anxiously.

At this time, Liang Zhou turned slightly, looking at the nurses who were coming and going in the garden. Then, she approached them and greeted them.

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In the evening.

Liang Zhou and Gao Wen were dressed in nurses' uniforms as they entered the restricted area of the hospital.

Gao Wen held Liang Zhou's hand, nervous.

Liang Zhou patted Gao Wen's hand and said in a low voice, "Don't be nervous. Act more natural. There's nothing to be afraid of. Even if they discover us, what's the big deal? At that time, you can call your husband and son. The matter would be resolved as long as they come."

Gao Wen thought Liang Zhou's words made sense so she instantly straightened her back. She could not help but feel excited now that she was about to see her daughter. She would bring her daughter away from this place at all cost. This place was not a mental hospital; it was a prison.

At this time, a group of people dressed in white coats and masks walked in their direction. The leader of the group seemed to be showing the people with him around the mental hospital, introducing the hospital's facilities. The people around him nodded repeatedly as he spoke.

Liang Zhou stopped walking. The figure of one of the people looked rather familiar so she tried to take a closer look.

That person had a pair of extremely beautiful eyes. Her expression was distant and calm. A shocking dark red scar could be seen on her temple.

Liang Zhou could not help but sigh inwardly. There were so many people who looked alike in this world..

Chapter 383: Encounter

Song Ning and Ye Xin greatly resembled each other.

The young woman in front of them possessed eyes similar to Song Ning's. If one ignored the scar, she would look even more like Song Ning. Although she was wearing a mask, her aura and bearing were similar to Song Ning.

Liang Zhou averted her eyes and was about to pull Gao Wen to a corner when she heard someone among the group say, "Director, we've checked all the patients' pulse. It's safe for us to treat them with traditional Chinese medicine."

The person in the lead seemed to be the director of the hospital. Upon hearing these words, he asked happily, "What do you think? Dr. Ning, are you tired? Do you need to rest?"

The woman with a scar on her face calmly replied, "I'm fine. By the way, the patient we observed earlier is only suffering from a minor illness. There's no need for her supervision to be so strict, right?"

A troubled expression appeared on the director's face as he said, "In fact, the patient's family had requested for the patient to be strictly supervised. They don't want any outsiders to have contact with the patient. She's a special case. We only need to ensure she's healthy. The other matters were arranged by her family so there's no need for our hospital to do anything else."

Liang Zhou was stunned. 'Dr. Ning? Checking pulse? Chinese medicine? This woman who resembles Song Ning is a doctor as well?'

Liang Zhou could not help but turn to have a look as the group of people walked past.

The woman with a scar on her face paused slightly in her steps. She tilted her head slightly to the side but she did not turn over.

Upon seeing this, Liang Zhou grew even more suspicious.

At this time, Gao Wen suddenly said, pulling Liang Zhou back to her senses, "Liang Zhou, let's hurry up."

Liang Zhou hurriedly gathered her thoughts and walked away with Gao Wen.

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When the two women arrived near the entrance of the ward, which they had previously found out, Gao Wen's body trembled slightly in excitement. Her grip tightened around Liang Zhou's arm as she stared at one of the doors.

At this moment, two male nurses stood guard at the entrance. Clearly, that room was the only room with people standing guard at the entrance.

Gao Wen felt her heart ache. How was this like a hospital? This was clearly a prison. Soon enough, her heart burned with anger as she thought about her son, Ye Cheng, and that woman with the surname Fu. This was all their fault. For the sake of their future, they sacrificed her daughter and treated her daughter like a criminal, ruining her daughter's life. She really regretted now asking the master about Ye Cheng and that woman to see what kind of monster they were.

Gao Wen gritted her teeth and was about to rush over when Liang Zhou pulled Gao Wen back and said, "Calm down. I'll go over and have a look first."

Gao Wen waited at a corner as she watched Liang Zhou leave.

Liang Zhou leisurely approached the room and looked through the glass window.

One of the male nurses immediately stopped Liang Zhou. "What are you doing? Leave."

Liang Zhou hurriedly said, "I'm just here to familiarize myself with this place. I've been assigned to this floor so I just wanted to look at the patients first. Can't I have a look?"

The male nurse sized Liang Zhou up before he said to the other male nurse, "I didn't receive a notice about the changing of nurses..."

"It might be true. After all, many of the nurses are scrambling to work in this ward. There's less work to do, but the pay is higher. Many of them are racking their brains to get transferred here."

The two male nurses looked at Liang Zhou with a hint of disdain.

Liang Zhou did not say anything and looked through the window silently.

One of the male nurses shooed her away and said, "Go away. Unless you bring me your transfer notice, stay away from this place."

Nevertheless, Liang Zhou had already seen the woman sitting on the hospital bed in a daze. Stunned, she turned around and shouted, "Gao Wen, she's not Ye Xin!"

Gao Wen ran over at lightning speed and shoved the male nurse who blocked her path away before she peered into the room..

Chapter 384: Brawling

In the room, a young woman sat upright on the hospital bed with a dull expression on her face. Her long hair hid half of her face, but it was enough for Gao Wen to see that the face was an unfamiliar face she had never seen before.

Gao Wen stumbled back in shock.

The two male nurses angrily pushed Gao Wen and Liang Zhou back.

“Where did you two come from? What are you trying to do? Get lost!”

Gao Wen was caught off guard and fell to the ground.

Liang Zhou pulled Gao Wen to her feet before she shouted, “What do you think you’re doing? Who gave you the right to treat us like this? Who the hell do you think you are?”

The male nurses were furious.

“Who are you people? What are you doing here? If you don’t leave, I’m going to call the police!”

Liang Zhou’s spirit was ignited at this moment. She grabbed one of the male nurses’ hands and used it to push herself. Then, she simply sat on the ground and cried out loudly, “Murder! He’s trying to murder us! What are you doing? Why are you trying to kill us?”

Liang Zhou’s cries pulled Gao Wen back to her senses. She grabbed one of the male nurses and asked, “Where’s my daughter? Where’s Ye Xin? Where did you take my daughter? Give me back my daughter! Give me back my daughter!”

The male nurse was so shocked by Gao Wen’s sudden outburst that he instinctively pushed away and retreated.

At this time, Gao Wen seemed to have gone mad. She punched and kicked the male nurse; she even bit him.

Upon seeing this, the other male nurse hurriedly stepped forward to stop the fight.

At this time, Liang Zhou joined in the fight to help Gao Wen.

The two male nurses were thoroughly frightened by the two crazy women at this point. They wanted to retaliate but were unable to do so.

Finally, one of them shouted, “Hurry up! Sound the alarm and call the police!”

Gao Wen punched one of the men’s nose as she screeched, “Give me back my daughter! Give me back my daughter!”

Blood dripped down the male nurse’s nose immediately.

Gao Wen thought about her missing daughter and how her daughter’s safety was still unknown, and she grew even more enraged. She vented all her anger over the past few days on the two monsters in front of her. She only stopped when she was forcefully pulled away. Following that, she threw herself into Liang Zhou’s arms and began to wail loudly.

By this time, the director of the hospital had already been alerted to this matter.

Who knew who called the police, but the police had already arrived. Moreover, members of the press were here as well.

Gao Wen ignored everyone and continued to wail loudly. She could not stop crying when she thought about how her daughter was missing and had been replaced by a strange woman in the hospital. Her grievances spilled out as she thought about the doctors and nurses who would not allow her to see her daughter. She tugged at the director's coat, screaming at him to return her daughter to her.

The director's expression was unsightly. He had to explain to the media that this was the Ye family's private affairs. He had said that the hospital had nothing to do with this matter. The Ye family had rented the ward here, and they had also brought their own medical staff here.

However, Gao Wen kept crying and accusing the director of being a human trafficker.

For a time, chaos reigned in the hospital.

Needless to say, the media was delighted by the drama unfolding before their eyes. Gao Wen and Liang Zhou were both well-known figures in the upper-class circle. Although there had been no news about Ye Xin recently, she was not a nobody. When Ye Xin broke down, it had caused a huge stir in the entertainment industry. All of a sudden, they found out that Ye Xin's whereabouts was unknown. In fact, it was not known if she was dead or alive. News of this would undoubtedly cause a splash, in turn, bringing them profit! Hence, how could they not be delighted?

On the other hand, the police did not expect that an ordinary report about a disturbance would turn out to be such a big incident. In the end, they had no choice but to bring everyone involved to the police station to get a clear explanation.

The director who did foresee this at all suddenly fainted from anger.

The people next to him hurriedly supported him.

One of them cried out, "Dr. Ning! Hurry up and call Dr. Ning!"

Soon enough, a slender woman dressed in a white coat emerged from the crowd. Although she was wearing a mask, it did not hide the shocking scar that ran down her temple to the side of her face.

When people saw the scar, they could not help but look away.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ning quickly gave the director an injection before she asked someone to carry the director onto a stretcher..

Chapter 385: Search

Dr. Ning only focused on treating the director. As for the police, there would be staff from the hospital who would deal with them.

Meanwhile, Liang Zhou was holding and comforting could not help but look at the female doctor in front of her. The suspicion in her heart grew stronger and stronger.

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The incident at the hospital pushed the Ye family into the storm again.

Ye Cheng, who had rushed back from abroad, explained to the media with great sorrow that Ye Xin's admission into the hospital had been arranged by his girlfriend, Fu Ting. He had said that nothing was amiss during his last visit to the hospital and that he had no idea when his sister had been replaced.

Ye Cheng did not shave, making him look haggard. He looked exhausted both mentally and physically.

Ye Cheng, a handsome Young Master of a wealthy family, was a rising star in the political scene due to his outstanding achievements. However, over a brief period, a number of things happened to him. His girlfriend betrayed him and met with a car accident with another man, causing Ye Cheng to become the butt of many jokes. Now, his sister was missing.

How could these successive pieces of bad news not make people feel pity for the young and talented Ye Cheng?

The media and the public seemed more focused on Ye Cheng than Ye Xin's mysterious disappearance.

Due to this incident, an investigation was also launched to investigate Ye Xin's disappearance.

At this time, very few people noticed that the Young Master of Ye family was in the Public Security Bureau.

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Once again, Gao Wen came to the small courtyard located in a small alley in East Street that seemed to belong to another place and time.

When Gao Wen saw the elderly woman, she kowtowed repeatedly, refusing to get up. She cried and begged for the elderly woman to save her daughter.

The elderly woman did not say anything. She let Gao Wen cry and vent the grievances in her heart. Only when Gao Wen cried enough and calmed down did she tell her disciple to fetch Gao Wen a glass of water.

The elderly woman looked at Gao Wen kindly as she said, "There's no need to be sad. Your daughter isn't suffering. She's very lucky..."

Gao Wen looked at the elderly woman hopefully. "Please advise me, Master! I want to find her as soon as I can. Since she was young, she had never been away from me for such a long time. I have trouble sleeping every night. I'm afraid that something might have happened to her. How am I supposed to live if something happens to her?"

The elderly woman seemed to hesitate for a moment before she asked, "Do you really want to find her?"

Gao Wen nodded and said vehemently, "Yes, of course! I must find her!"

The elder woman sighed. "We should follow the law. Some things can't be forced. However, since you're so determined, I'll help you think of a way."

Gao Wen was overjoyed. She began to kowtow heavily again. As long as she could find Ye Xin, she was willing to spend any amount of money. After all, money was the only thing she did not lack.

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As soon as Liang Zhou arrived home, she saw Mu Qing sitting on the couch as he poured himself a cup of tea. She inhaled deeply thrice to calm down before she approached him with a smile on her face. "Eh? Why did you return so early today? How rare. Look at you. You must have been exhausted recently. You've lost weight."

Then, without waiting for Mu Qing to respond, Liang Zhou called out, "Xiao Yu!"

Xiao Yu ran over immediately. "What is it, Madam?"

Liang Zhou said, "Make a few of Master's favorite dishes tonight."

Xiao Yu looked at Mu Qing before she said hesitantly, "But, Madam, you're on your vegetarian diet today."

Liang Zhou smiled. "It's fine. Just cook a simple vegetarian dish for me. Look at Master, he's so exhausted. We have to make sure he eats properly."

At this time, Mu Qing frowned. "What vegetarian diet?"

Liang Zhou did not reply, but Xiao Yu said, "Madam said she's incapable of helping Master so she can only pray to Buddha for Master's safety and success. Previously, the temple master advised Madam to practice vegetarianism on the fifteenth day of the Lunar New Year. However, when Madam saw wives practicing vegetarianism to pray for blessings for their husbands, she decided to do the same. Madam only hopes that Master will be healthy and successful..."

At this time, Liang Zhou hurriedly interjected, "Hurry up and prepare the food..."

"Okay," Xiao Yu replied before she returned to the kitchen..

Chapter 386: Heart to Heart

Liang Zhou smiled and said, "Xiao Yu is very hardworking and quick-witted, but she's a chatterbox."

Mu Qing seemed moved. "You went to the temple to pray for me?"

Liang Zhou nodded. Her smile carried a trace of sorrow as she said, "Master said that your luck is bad because of our lost child's resentment. When I recalled the past, indeed, he couldn't be saved because you were late. Hence, Master said that he's venting his anger on you by making it so that no matter how hard you worked, you'd never get anything in return. I think Master has a point."

Liang Zhou saw Mu Qing's hand freeze briefly. She knew she had gotten his attention so she continued to say, "Master told me that one of us should devote ourselves to Buddha. As long as we continue to pray for our unborn child, we'll be able to appease him. When he's satisfied, he'll naturally leave in peace..."

Tears began to spill from Liang Zhou's eyes as she said, "Mu Qing, do you know how I felt when I heard Master's words? Later, I told the child to look for Mommy. Mommy's the one who failed him. I told him not to pester Daddy."

Liang Zhou calmed herself down before she said, "I'm devoting myself to Buddha from now on. I will do good deeds, recite Buddhist scriptures, and practice vegetarianism to wash away my sins. I'll help my son find peace. I'm doing it for both you and our son. I know you have a lot of things you want to achieve. I won't hinder you. I'll deal with everything at home, and I promise not to become a burden to you."

Mu Qing's heart stirred slightly upon hearing these words. Liang Zhou had been by his side for so many years so it was not like he was unaware of how much she had sacrificed for him. However, he did not acknowledge it to keep her on her toes. In his opinion, he would not let people be complacent, and he would not allow them to grow conceited. In short, he thought women should not be spoiled.

During this period of time, in order to appease Ye Xin, he rarely came home and did not bother with Liang Zhou at all. In fact, he did not return today because he had developed a conscience. Instead, he only returned to criticize her.

However, Mu Qing did not expect Liang Zhou had done so much for him without his knowledge. She did not even complain even though he had neglected her recently. He had to admit he was not completely unmoved.

He was very proud of himself as well. In terms of manipulating people's hearts, he thought he had reached perfection. After so many years, he finally molded Liang Zhou into the person he wanted her to become.

Hence, Mu Qing said gently, "It's been hard on you, Liang Zhou. Don't be too sad. The matter with the child isn't completely your fault. We're just not destined to have him. Perhaps, it's due to his karma as well that he failed to come into the world... Don't blame yourself too much."

Liang Zhou's eyes widened upon hearing these words. Her expression turned into one of excitement immediately.

Mu Qing was taken aback.

Liang Zhou grabbed his hands as tears fell like rain again. "Mu Qing, did you look for a Buddhist master as well? My master's words are exactly the same as yours! Did you look for a master because you're worried about me? As it turns out, you do care about me! I'm sorry, Mu Qing. I always blamed you for not caring about me and our child. I've wrongly blamed you!"

Liang Zhou sat next to Mu Qing's leg as she wept tears of joy.

Mu Qing's expression changed slightly as he patted Liang Zhou's shoulder. "Don't be sad. How can I not care about our child? He's my child as well, right? However, since I'm a man, I tend to suppress my emotions."

To be honest, Mu Qing did not even know which word he said that moved Liang Zhou to tears. He could not even remember what he had just said. After all, those were just words that came out of his mouth to coax people..

Chapter 387: Acting

Liang Zhou took the tissue that Mu Qing handed to wipe her eyes. When she lowered her head, her eyes flashed briefly with a cold light.

Mu Qing had dinner at home and spent the night as well. He turned a deaf ear to the dozen or so notifications from his phone.

Liang Zhou sneered inwardly. She had gotten rid of her desire to fight for this man. However, she was still very happy that she was able to make Ye Xin unhappy. Despite her determination, her tears still fell when she looked at the exhausted man who was sleeping next to her.

'It's all retribution! This is my retribution! Liang Zhen, you must be very happy now, right? Those who steal won't have a good outcome. Look at me. I've lost everything. I even lost myself...'

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The next morning.

When Mu Qing looked at the smoked ham sandwich on his plate and looked at the porridge and vegetarian dishes in front of Liang Zhou, he could not help but feel touched again. He asked, "Do you really have to eat vegetarian dishes every meal?"

Liang Zhou smiled as she ate a spoonful of porridge. Then, she said, "Mu Qing, it's just a matter of getting used to it. In the beginning, I had a sense of mission. However, when I ate only vegetarian dishes on the 15th of the Lunar New Year, I actually thought about giving up. Life's too hard as it is, after all. Why should I make things even more difficult for myself?"

Mu Qing nodded as he listened.

"However, after I persisted, I found that it wasn't difficult at all. Moreover, when I saw President Dong's wife crying and thanking Buddha, I was even more determined. You've heard about President Dong, right? He had a stroke last year, and his assets were almost divided and gobbled up by his son," Liang Zhou said, "At that time, Madam Dong decided to devote herself to Buddha. She followed the master's words and became very pious. Sure enough, President Dong recovered! Even the doctors were amazed by his recovery. Madam Dong said it was Buddha's blessing. Mu Qing, with this real-life example, how can I not believe it? It's just food anyway. We've been through so much for so many years. When I recall your gentleness and how hard you worked for us, I feel it's the least I can do. As long as you're healthy and you're successful, I'm willing to do anything."

Mu Qing was moved by Liang Zhou's words again.

Liang Zhou pushed a glass of milk in front of Mu Qing and said, "Hurry up and eat. Don't you have to go to the company again? My biggest regret is I can't help you with your career like Liang Zhen. Fortunately, you've never despised me for that. The things I can do for you are really insignificant in comparison."

Mu Qing found the Liang Zhou in front of him refreshing. It felt as though he had returned to the days twenty years ago when he was deeply in love. At that time, she had been very sensible and gentle, a

stark contrast to the fiery-tempered Liang Zhen. From last night until now, his entire person felt incomparably comfortable. Moreover, Ye Xin's feelings were too strong, not everyone could endure it.

Before Mu Qing left, he thought about it for a moment before he casually asked, "Are you very close to Madam Ye recently? Both of you were on the news."

Liang Zhou lowered her gaze and said somewhat embarrassedly, "I'm sorry. Did I cause you trouble? I was forcefully dragged by her. She cried so pitifully so I went with her. I didn't expect the matter would blow up. Don't worry. This has nothing to do with our family. I'll avoid her in the future."

Liang Zhou's docile attitude made Mu Qing's heart extremely warm. He said gently, "It's normal for you to socialize with the other Madams. However, the incident this time is too dangerous. I came back to see if you were hurt. It's not our family's matter, but you had to suffer because of it.."

Chapter 388: Giving Up

Liang Zhou was so touched that her eyes shone with tears. She hurriedly made a promise. "I know. I promise to be careful in the future."

Mu Qing was very satisfied with Liang Zhou's response.

Liang Zhou said, "I plan to visit the Old Madam and the baby today. I bought some fish maw for the Old Madam; it'll nourish her body. I saw that Song Ning used to cook it for her. Now that she's given birth, she might not have the time. It's been a long time since I last saw fish maw at the Old Madam's house."

Upon hearing this, Mu Qing frowned. However, he quickly corrected his expression. Then, he said, "You're really meticulous. Buy some clothes and toys for the baby. Since Yu is in charge of my mother's food, it's best not to interfere..."

Liang Zhou beamed and said, "You're right. Yu is experienced, and Song Ning's a doctor. I shouldn't simply buy food for the Old Madam. I'm not sure what kind of clothes or shoes I should buy for the baby so I'll just buy toys for him first."

Liang Zhou's face glowed with happiness and excitement. She truly liked the baby.

Mu Qing smiled. "When I think about how we're already grandparents, I feel like time is really unforgiving. However, when I look at you, I still feel like I'm in my prime..."

Liang Zhou covered her mouth and laughed. "Isn't that great? What's so great about being young? Moreover, we still have many years together..."

Mu Qing nodded with a smile. His mood was better than it had been in a long time.

Liang Zhou walked Mu Qing to the door and waved at the car. When the car finally pulled away, she slowly turned around and walked back into the house.

The smile she had directed at Mu Qing was still plastered on her face, but it gradually became strange.

When she finally entered the room, her legs gave way, and she sat on the floor.

As it turned out, she could act so skillfully.

As it turned out, she could make Mu Qing much happier than when she was sincere.

As it turned out, she had given her heart to the wrong person.

As it turned out, she did not need to use her heart to win a man's favor.

To think she had wasted so many years.

Liang Zhou lay on the floor and mourned her past self for a long time before she rose to her feet and pulled herself together. She wiped her tears and washed up before she left the room.

Once a woman's heart turned cold, there was nothing she could not do.

Liang Zhou had kept a low profile for so many years because of Mu Qing. To be precise, it was because of her love for him. In the process, she had almost lost her heart. She really had to thank Mu Qing and Ye Xin for giving her a wake-up call.

Women should love themselves the most. Only a fool would love another person more than themselves and live their lives for another person.

Liang Zhen was an example of that as well.

In the past, she had always thought she had defeated Liang Zhen. However, among the three of them, the only one who won was that man.

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Mu Chen stirred his coffee and did not look at the woman sitting in front of him.

Liang Zhou did not care about Mu Chen's cold treatment of her. He should treat her as such. Moreover, it made her feel better. At this time, she said anxiously, "Mu Chen, I saw someone in the hospital. She looks very much like Song Ning!"

Mu Chen raised his head immediately and looked at Liang Zhou with a piercing gaze.

Liang Zhou instinctively avoided his gaze. She took a deep breath and calmed her racing heart. Then, she said, "I can't be sure if she's Song Ning, but she gave me a very familiar feeling."

Mu Chen seemed to have calmed down at this moment.

"That day, I saw her with the director. He was very respectful to her. I only brushed past them and only heard them talking about checking patients' pulse. When the director fainted later on, she rushed over and treated him with acupuncture! Mu Chen, Song Ning's a doctor. Her instinct is to save people. Moreover, acupuncture is her specialty. Her composure is too similar to Song Ning. However, she's wearing a mask so I didn't see her face. She has a scar that starts from her left temple. It looks like a burn. Her eyes are very similar to Song Ning's," Liang Zhou said. She felt like she was not doing a good job explaining how the other person really resembled Song Ning..

Chapter 389: Tranquility

“Moreover, they called her Dr. Ning,” Liang Zhou said as she looked at Mu Chen.

Although Mu Chen’s expression did not change, emotions were surging turbulently in his heart and his knuckles on the hand that was holding the cup had already turned white. He said, “Alright. I’ll send someone to investigate immediately.”

Liang Zhou nodded. She was very concerned about Song Ning now and sincerely hoped Song Ning would return, not for anything else but for Mu Chen. She sincerely hoped Song Ning, Mu Chen, and the baby would live well. She had also let go of her grudge against Jiang Jin. Her heart had let go of many things.

After a moment, Liang Zhou said coldly, “I’ve already brought Gao Wen to the master. She’ll listen to the master’s words from now on.”

Liang Zhou’s heart hardened again when she spoke about Gao Wen who reminded her of Ye Xin.

Mu Chen nodded. “If you need money, just ask.”

Liang Zhou smiled. “I don’t need to pay the master at all. Gao Wen is currently throwing all her money at the master. All she wants is to look for Ye Xin now.”

Mu Chen asked, “Did you deal with everything regarding the master?”

Liang Zhou looked at Mu Chen; her eyes were slightly wet. “Mu Chen, you don’t have to care about these things. You walk on the straight path so you won’t be able to understand the thoughts of those crooked people. People’s hearts are treacherous. It’s best if you don’t get involved in these filthy matters.”

Mu Chen looked at her and said, “Thanks to Mu Qing, I learned a lot about people’s hearts.”

Liang Zhou smiled bitterly. “Mu Chen, there are some things I wish you won’t get involved in. Focus your energy on Song Ning. We agreed that I’ll deal with Ye Xin. This matter is between me and her. Just leave her to me. This is my only request.”

Mu Chen looked at Liang Zhou but did not say anything.

Liang Zhou rose to her feet. “I saw Mu Qing’s phone records. He’s been speaking to Ning Zhe. Ning Zhe is an old fox as well. He doesn’t do things that don’t benefit him. You have to be wary of all of them...”

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After Liang Zhou left, she looked at the sky and used her hand to block the sunlight. Her eyes stung from the tears that welled up. Then, she made her way to the baby supply store.

After she paid for the two best sets of clothing and most expensive toys in the store, she asked the driver to send her to the Mu family house.

Despite the bitterness in her life now, her heart softened when she thought about the baby. She knew Jiang Jin was wary of her so she only passed the clothes and toys to A Nuan who was carrying the baby. Then, she looked at the chubby baby from an appropriate distance.

Jiang Jin took a lot of photos of the baby and displayed many of them in the living room

Liang Zhou sat on the couch in the living room, looking through each photo carefully.

She had learned from A Nuan earlier that Jiang Jin was not home. According to A Nuan, Jiang Jin had brought Ye Xin to Zhuang Ji.

Liang Zhou naturally knew that Zhuang Ji belonged to Song Ning. When she first returned, she had thoughts about Zhuang Ji as well. At that time, she did not expect that Song Ning was not easy to deal with. During their first encounter, she was thoroughly defeated by Song Ning.

Liang Zhou really did not expect Ye Xin would begin to covet Song Ning's assets now. She was not worried since she knew Mu Chen would never let Ye Xin get her hands on Song Ning's things. Moreover, each of Ye Xin's movements was under Mu Chen's surveillance.

With these thoughts in mind, her mood improved. It further improved as she continued looking at the baby's photos. She found the baby cute whether he was laughing or crying.

'He's really too cute! He's like an angel who can purify people's hearts!'

Chapter 390: Serving Tea

At this moment, the sound of footsteps rang from the entrance.

Jiang Jin and the others had returned.

Liang Zhou rose to her feet and greeted Jiang Jin.

Jiang Jin's expression remained indifferent when she saw Liang Zhou. "Oh, you're here."

In the past, Liang Zhou would have been discomfited by this. However, she was at peace now that she had let go of her grudge. She bowed slightly and said, "I came to visit you and the baby."

Jiang Jin nodded. "Have you seen the baby?"

"I had a peek earlier. He was sleeping so I didn't want to disturb him," Liang Zhou said.

Sister Yu could not help but look at Liang Zhou. She found Liang Zhou slightly different.

When Jiang Jin walked to the couch, she saw the photos on the coffee table. She smiled. "Isn't he very cute?"

Liang Zhou walked over as well. She looked at the photos again and said, "Yes. He looks very cute in all the photos. Just looking at the photos is enough to make people happy."

Ye Xin who was walking at the back had a rather unsightly expression on her face. She reached out and took one of the photos before she said, "Babies all look the same."

Liang Zhou acted as though she didn't notice Ye Xin's sour expression. She smiled as she continued to say to Jiang Jin, "In fact, babies don't look the same. I have seen many babies, but none can compare to the baby. Whenever I go shopping now, I'll think of the baby as soon as I see anything related to babies. I can't stop buying them especially when I think that he'll like it!"

Jiang Jin smiled happily. "You're like Yu. That's why the baby's clothes and toys pile up like a mountain!"

"Isn't it fine? He'll have younger siblings in the future. Young Master and Young Madam have such good genes, their children will definitely be perfect. Old Madam, you should just spend your time playing with your great-grandchildren..."

Jiang Jin was very happy. "I really like your words!"

Liang Zhou laughed. In the past twenty-odd years, Jiang Jin had never been so friendly toward her. She snuck a glance at Ye Xin. As expected, Ye Xin's expression was terrible. Naturally, she was privy to the reason.

Liang Zhou casually leaned forward and began to brew the tea. Although her movements were not as smooth as Mu Qing's, she was still rather skilled. At the same time, she said, "Last night, Mu Qing told me to visit you and the Young Madam. I only found out you were at Zhuang Ji when I came early in the morning. If I had known, I would've looked for you at Zhuang Ji."

Sister Yu said, "How can that be? You'd still come here since you want to look at the baby."

Liang Zhou replied, "Sister Yu, how can you expose me like that? It's all my fault. I should've bribed you in advance."

Jiang Jin and Sister Yu laughed.

Liang Zhou was neither a guest nor the host at the Mu family house. She had been here many times, but this was the first time the atmosphere was so harmonious. She could not help but have mixed feelings.

After a moment, Liang Zhou handed a cup of tea to Jiang Jin before she said, "Old Madam, try the tea that I brewed. Although I can't compare to your son, he personally taught me, after all. If you think it's okay, I can at least brag about it to him. Then, he won't tease me about being a slow learner anymore."

Jiang Jin accepted the cup of tea. After taking a sip, she nodded. "It's not bad."

Liang Zhou said excitedly, "That's great! I can't wait to tell Mu Qing about this when I return!"

Sister Yu laughed. "So does this mean you passed his test?"

Upon hearing this, Liang Zhou hurriedly served Sister Yu a cup of tea as well. "Sister Yu, please accept this cup of tea. I still need you to look after me in the future."

Sister Yu hesitated briefly.

At this moment, Jiang Jin glanced at Liang Zhou before she said, "Yu, just accept it. After all, you've already drunk the tea Mu Qing served you anyway."

With that, Sister Yu accepted the cup of tea from Liang Zhou.

Liang Zhou tried her best to hold back the tears in her eyes as she smiled. At this moment, she felt the weight in her heart lighten..

Chapter 391: Jealous

Zhou thought that life was really strange. When she loved Mu Qing with all her heart, his family did not accept her. Once she let go and stopped loving him, she seemed to be getting along with them better. Obtaining Jiang Jin's approval had almost become an obsession for her.

After listening to Jiang Jin's earlier words, Liang Zhou added, "Mu Qing said that we must respect Sister Yu."

Jiang Jin smiled and nodded. "That's right. Yu helped me raise Mu Qing and Mu Chen. Now, she's helping me raise the baby. In this family, Yu is very important."

Liang Zhou nodded in agreement. Then, she turned slightly and handed Ye Xin a cup of tea as she asked, "Young Madam, are you planning to take over Zhuang Ji?"

Ye Xin's expression was extremely unsightly at this moment. As she reached for the teacup, she pretended to accidentally knock the teacup in Liang Zhou's hand.

The hot tea splashed on Ye Xin's dress and scalded Liang Zhou's hand. Both of them cried out in shock as the small teacup fell on the floor.

Sister Yu hurriedly stepped forward to clean the mess up.

Liang Zhou hurriedly apologized. "I'm sorry..."

"How can you be so clumsy?" Ye Xin said sternly.

When Jiang Jin turned to look at Ye Xin, Ye Xin faltered immediately. She placed the photo in her hand on the table before she rose to her feet and said, "Grandma, I'm going to change."

With that, Ye Xin went upstairs.

Liang Zhou's eyes flashed with surprise as she watched Ye Xin leave.

'Mu Qing, this is the kind of person you found to help you? She's not convincing at all!'

Ye Xin truly carried the arrogant air of a Young Madam, but unfortunately, Song Ning, the Young Madam of the Mu family, was not like that at all.

Liang Zhou looked at Jiang Jin. Jiang Jin looked calm, as though she had already gotten used to it.

At this moment, after cleaning up the mess, Sister Yu looked at Liang Zhou meaningfully.

Liang Zhou understood Sister Yu's meaning immediately; she was overjoyed. She hurriedly poured two cups of tea; one for Jiang Jin and one for Sister Yu.

Jiang Jin said, "Pour yourself a cup of tea as well. When it comes to brewing tea, the first step is to learn to like drinking tea. If you blindly learn it because of him, you'll gradually lose interest and won't be able to master it."

Liang Zhou hurriedly nodded and poured herself a cup of tea.

Following that, the trio continued to chat.

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When Ye Xin returned to her room, she finally let loose her temper and smashed a vase on the floor.

“This b*tch Liang Zhou! What intentions does she have? Is she doing this on purpose?”

The matter of Gao Wen making a fuss in the hospital had spread all over the Internet. With that, news of Ye Xin’s disappearance naturally spread as well. No matter how everyone searched for Ye Xin, no one could find her.

In any case, these matters no longer had anything to do with Ye Xin. However, when she saw Liang Zhou with Gao Wen, she was infuriated. She was furious that Liang Zhou had meddled in this matter. Hence, she complained to Mu Qing so that Mu Qing would teach Liang Zhou a lesson.

Ye Xin knew Mu Qing did not treat Liang Zhou well. Mu Qing had told her that Liang Zhou was his shield and played a very important role so he reminded her not to provoke Liang Zhou. As long as Mu Qing did not have feelings for Liang Zhou, she did not care about anything else. For this reason, she had always been courteous to Liang Zhou. However, when she saw Liang Zhou with her mother, meddling in that matter, she could not tolerate it at all.

Moreover, she had called Mu Qing many times last night, but he did not answer her calls at all. He had told her that he would only return home to have a look and would not stay the night. However, when she called the villa where they usually met, no one picked up the call as well. With that, she grew restless. She did not expect that the old woman would have a way to make Mu Qing stay the night. When she thought about this, she could not help but feel jealous..

Chapter 392: Bursting With Rage

Ye Xin did not get much sleep the entire night, and Jiang Jin woke her up early in the morning and dragged her to Zhuang Ji. Jiang Jin had said that she should learn how to manage Zhuang Ji as quickly as possible. However, instead of learning how to manage Zhuang Ji, she spent most of her time chatting with the employees and dealing with a few troublesome customers. With all these things, she was already very annoyed. Her mood worsened when she saw that b*tch, Liang Zhou, as soon as she returned to the house. Not only did Liang Zhou seem fine, but she even looked radiant. Did this not mean that Mu Qing did not give Liang Zhou a talking to when he went back last night?

Apart from that, Ye Xin also wondered what was wrong with Jiang Jin today. Everyone knew Jiang Jin disliked that b*tch, but for some reason, Jiang Jin was very friendly to that b*tch today.

Ye Xin almost lost her temper when she watched that b*tch brew tea using the method that Mu Qing taught her. She was even more convinced that Mu Qing and Liang Zhou had gotten along swimmingly last night. Moreover, she knew how skilled Mu Qing was at coaxing people. When she thought about how good Mu Qing was to that b*tch, she really could not endure it any longer.

Ye Xin threw her on the bed, lying on the blanket as she cried in frustration and anger.

‘How can he betray me? Didn’t he already admit that he loves me? How can he treat that b*tch so well?’

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Liang Zhou took her leave after lunch.

Ye Xin stayed in her room and did not come downstairs again.

Liang Zhou was in a good mood when she left the Mu family house. Her head was held high, and her chest was puffed out. She felt like she had vented some of the anger in her heart today.

'Ye Xin, today is nothing. Just you wait. I'll snatch back everything you robbed from Song Ning and return them to her!'

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As soon as Ye Cheng stepped foot into the house, he smelled a strange smell. He stood at the entrance, trying to place the smell. After a moment, he finally realized it was the smell of incense.

He frowned immediately. 'What's going on now?'

The last time he returned home, the house smelled of alcohol; this time, it smelled of smoke.

The last time he came back, it was the smell of alcohol. This time, it was the smell of smoke.

A Buddha statue with a solemn expression had been placed at the side hall, and at this moment, Gao Wen was kneeling on a futon in front of the statue with her eyes closed. She was muttering something under her breath, but Ye Cheng could not hear her words clearly.

Ye Cheng stood at the side and watched for a while before he returned to the main living room.

A helper walked over and greeted him before saying, "Young Master, you're back."

When Ye Cheng heard the surprise and concern in the helper's voice, a mix of sourness and warmth rose in his heart. He did not expect the person who was concerned about him being absent from the house for so long would be one of the helpers instead of his biological mother.

After the helper served Ye Cheng a cup of tea, he pointed to the side hall and asked, "How long has Madam been like that?"

The helper thought about the question for a moment before she said, "It's been many days. Madam prays and recites the sutras devoutly every day. She's said that the master told her that her heart has to be sincere and that she has to accumulate enough good karma to find Young Miss."

Ye Cheng furrowed his brows. "Where did she find the master?"

The servant shook her head. "I don't know. Madam prohibited us from following her when she went out. Based on what I've heard, she should've met the master while she was praying to Buddha in a temple. Recently, she's been visiting the temple a lot to pray. Apart from that, she has also turned vegetarian."

Ye Cheng's frown deepened upon hearing these words. It seems to him that his mother had gone from being obsessed with one thing to another thing.

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After more than half an hour, Gao Wen finally left the side hall. When she saw Ye Cheng, she did not seem particularly surprised.

Ye Cheng rose to his feet and greeted Gao Wen. "Mom."

Gao Wen nodded and took a seat across from Ye Cheng.

When Ye Cheng saw his mother did not have any intention of speaking first, he said, "Mom, I was truly unaware of the situation in the hospital. At that time, it was Fu Ting who had handled everything. Initially, I'd planned to marry her after seeing how sincere she was to Ye Xin. I didn't expect such a thing to happen in the end. Mom, don't worry. I'll definitely find Ye Xin and bring her back!"

Gao Wen looked at her son and said indifferently, "I know you're busy with work so I won't trouble you. I'll personally look for Ye Xin. You can focus on your work instead."

Ye Cheng was taken aback by his mother's words. His mother had never spoken to him in such a calm manner before. She had always demanded things from him, after all. He had been prepared for her to cause a huge fuss earlier. Her sudden change made her feel uncertain..

Chapter 393: Mother and Son

Ye Cheng took the initiative to say, "Mom? Don't worry, I'll definitely find Ye Xin!"

Gao Wen looked at her son and said mockingly, "Can I trust you to do that?" Her expression turned frostier and frostier as she continued to say, "I know how important your future is. No matter if it's you or the Ye family, I know all of you think of Ye Xin as a burden. How can I trust you to sincerely look for her? If anything, I'm sure you can't wait for her to disappear from this world..."

"When did she disappear? Was she even sent to the hospital in the first place? You're a prominent figure in the Public Security Bureau and hold great power. If you really wanted to look for Ye Xin, would there be no news up until now?" Gao Wen said biting. Then, she continued to say, "You're my son so I know you like the back of my hand. I know you returned this time to remind me not to talk to the media. You're only speaking in such a manner so I'd remain calm. Ye Cheng, why don't you make me disappear as well? With that, you no longer have to worry about anything."

Ye Cheng's face turned red immediately. "Mom!"

Gao Wen looked at Ye Cheng intently as he clenched his hands tightly and continued to say, "Mom, believe me. I really don't know how or when Ye Xin left. It's true that I'm afraid this matter will affect me and the Ye family's reputation. Mom, I'm your son. It's fine that you care about Ye Xin, but can't you care about me as well?"

"No!" Gao Wen said firmly. Her eyes burned with anger as she said, "Ye Xin's a girl. How's she going to survive out there alone?"

"What about me? What if Ye Xin returns and ruins my future?" Ye Cheng asked.

Gao Wen glared at Ye Cheng. "Impossible! You're the Ye family's heir. Even if your political career doesn't work out, you can always return and take over the family's businesses. What need is there for you to be afraid? Your future is bright, but Ye Xin has nothing. After you admitted her into a mental hospital, she won't even be able to get married in the future! You're her brother! Her biological brother! How can you be so ruthless? Tell me, Ye Cheng, how can you be so ruthless?"

Ye Cheng rose to his feet, angered. "If I were truly ruthless, I wouldn't have just sent her to the mental hospital."

Gao Wen stood up as well. "That's right. I know you think you should've let her die, right? That way, she won't be a hindrance to you!"

Ye Cheng stared at his mother as despair threatened to overwhelm him. In his mother's heart, there was only his sister. His mother did not care about him at all. After a brief pause, he said slowly, "If I had known earlier that she's your daughter with another man, I would've made her disappear forever..."

Gao Wen paled immediately. "W-what are you saying? What nonsense are you spouting?" She quickly regained her senses and continued to say, "You're talking nonsense!"

Ye Cheng looked at his mother with a hint of helplessness. He felt like if he was not harsh with his mother, she would likely do something crazy again. Despite the ache in his heart, he said, "You're the one who personally told me this when you drank too much. You don't remember anything after you've sobered up? You don't remember that you'd spoken at length about your sexual history? How can you be like that? Have you forgotten that you're my mom?"

Gao Wen's expression was incredibly unsightly as she reached out to grab Ye Cheng. "No, Ye Cheng, you must have heard wrongly."

Ye Cheng pushed Gao Wen's hand away and said in a low and hoarse voice, "You should be glad that I was the one who heard your nonsense, not dad."

Gao Wen sat down limply on the couch.

Upon seeing this, Ye Cheng kneeled next to the couch and softly said, "Mom, don't make a scene now. If you continue making a scene, it'd be over.. I'm the heir of the Ye family, but what's going to happen to you?"

Chapter 394: Searching

Gao Wen's last bit of strength seemed to have left her body. She did not even know when Ye Cheng left. She wondered if it was impossible for her daughter to return. After a moment, she gritted her teeth and thought to herself determinedly, 'No! Even if Ye Cheng doesn't help me, I'll find a way! Master definitely has a way to help me!'

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The filming of Director Pan's movie went very smoothly.

No one disputed Zhuang Ning's acting skills, and the media gradually began to notice her. Her manager, Peng Peng, became famous as well.

In private, the trio, Song Ning; Zhuang Ning; and Peng Peng, remained as close as ever; they could talk about everything under the sky. Under Song Ning's meticulous care, Zhuang Ning's health improved as well. Apart from that, it was also thanks to Song Ning that Zhuang Ning's acting skills improved considerably.

At this moment, Song Ning was telling the other two women about what she had learned at the hospital. "I heard from the director that from the moment Ye Xin was admitted into the hospital, she had her own medical team with her. He and the hospital staff had never had a good look at Ye Xin at all. Hence, even if Ye Xin was switched, they wouldn't be aware of it at all..."

Peng Peng shook her head. "The Ye family really has no qualms about going all out..."

"There's something I don't understand. Since Ye Xin isn't in the hospital, it means she's safely ensconced somewhere. Why is Ye Cheng still after me then? Isn't he too ruthless?" Zhuang Ning asked with a frown on her face.

Song Ning fell deep into her thoughts for a moment before she said, "Have you ever thought that perhaps, the person behind this might not be Ye Cheng?"

"Impossible! When they came after me the first time, they'd already revealed their identities," Zhuang Ning said firmly.

"I just feel like something isn't right, but I can't pinpoint exactly what's wrong..." Song Ning said.

Zhuang Ning said, "Don't worry, Song Ning. In a few days, President Cheng will be meeting us. At that time, we'll definitely be able to speak to him alone."

Song Ning nodded solemnly before she said, "I saw Gao Wen and Liang Zhou at the hospital. Both of them, especially Liang Zhou, were acting quite strange. Liang Zhou seemed to have seen through me even though I was wearing a mask and have a scar on my face. I don't know how she recognized me, but I didn't dare to return to the hospital over the past few days."

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While the three women were trying to figure things out, they were unaware that Mu Chen had already gone to the hospital.

The real owner of the mental hospital was Fu Ting's family.

Ever since the Fu family had landed in hot water, the funds for the hospital had lessened. For this reason, the director of the hospital had no choice but to seek help everywhere. He was quite surprised when Mu Chen showed up. He did not expect Mu Chen to be interested in a mental hospital.

Although the director was not feeling well, he did not care about health at all and insisted on showing Mu Chen around.

While the director showed Mu Chen around, the assistant complained in a low voice, "You should look after your health. It wasn't easy for you to recover. If you fall sick again, you'll have to trouble Dr. Ning again. She's already said your recovery also depends on you looking after your health. You have to listen to her!"

Before the director could reply, Mu Chen interjected, "Who's Dr. Ning?"

The director hurriedly replied, "Oh, she's a friend of mine. I fell sick during a business trip in Lin City a while ago. Fortunately, Dr. Ning was around to treat me at that time. She's a Chinese medicine practitioner, and she's very skilled. There's no doubt that she saved my life!" He paused briefly before

he continued to say, "I invited her here to have a look at the patients. After all, the combination of Chinese and Western medicine will only benefit our patients. The patients whom she treated with acupuncture are doing very well now. In the future, I plan to officially introduce Chinese medical techniques in the hospital..."

Mu Chen listened with great interest. When the director finished speaking, he asked, "Then, where's Dr. Ning now?"

"Recently, she's personally attending to an actress. Her skills are really good so it's a shame that she's only tending to a celebrity. She has gone back. Recently, she has been working as an accompanying doctor for an actress. I hope to invite her back to the hospital in the future as a special doctor.."

Chapter 395: Jealous

Upon hearing that, Mu Chen was a little excited. "That's great. When do you think you'd be able to make an appointment with her? I'd like to meet her too."

The director of the hospital was slightly surprised by Mu Chen's enthusiasm. Nevertheless, he still said, "Alright, I'll let you know once I hear from her."

After Mu Chen left, the director and his assistant spoke, and both of them had a feeling that the key to obtaining Mu Chen's investment hinged on Dr. Ning. Hence, both of them knew it was important that Dr. Ning was present.

They thought the scar on her face was a little scary. However, it would be fine if she wore a mask. Moreover, they were in a mental hospital, and there were not many normal patients here. Previously, when Song Ning came to the hospital, none of the patients paid attention to her scar at all.

As for the disturbance caused by the Young Miss of the Ye family, the director decided it was best to let the matter go. If the media asked him about it, he would push everything to the Ye family. After all, no one from the Ye family came to discuss the matter with him up until now. Hence, he could take advantage of this little loophole.

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Meanwhile, Gao Wen had long dismissed the incident at the mental hospital from her mind. After all, why would she care about the mental hospital when her daughter was longer there? Moreover, she had her master now; she only trusted her master now.

At this moment, Gao Wen was once again kneeling in front of the master, showing her sincerity and determination to find her daughter.

The master looked at Gao Wen kindly as she said, "Your daughter's life in the first 20 years was really good. She was pampered and adored by many people. However, this time in her life now is where she'll face difficulties. All things are determined by fate. As her mother, her fate is connected to you. There are cause and effect for everything. It's said that children are people you know in your past life. They come to you in this life either for you to repay the debts you owed them previously or to repay you for the debts they owed you previously. Do you understand?"

Gao Wen began crying again when she heard these words. No one had told her about such things. She was saddened once again and told the master about Ye Xin.

"Ye Xin isn't my husband's child. She's the result of my affair with another man," Gao Wen said. She felt as though a heavy rock had been lifted when she uttered these words. She instinctively raised her head to look at the master. To her delight, the master did not show any disdain or surprise. Instead, the master encouraged her to continue speaking. Thus, she began to speak unreservedly.

"I know I have sinned greatly and implicated my daughter. Master, please help me. I should bear the retribution for my actions. I don't want my Xinxin to suffer because of me," Gao Wen said as tears streamed down her face.

The master sighed upon hearing Gao Wen's words. "Parents' hearts are all the same. Rise to your feet and speak. There are some things that we can't solve in a short time. You have to be brave and patient. Otherwise, it'd be difficult to wash away your daughter and your sins."

"I understand, master. Please guide me. I'll definitely listen to you," Gao Wen said resolutely.

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At this moment, Ye Xin cried as she sat next to Mu Qing's legs.

Mu Qing frowned slightly as he looked at her. Although his voice was still gentle, it carried a trace of frostiness as he said, "What do you want me to do then?"

It was unfortunate that Ye Xin was unable to detect the coldness in Mu Qing's voice. She placed her hands on his knees and shook it gently, acting coquettishly as she said, "You're not allowed to teach her how to brew tea! You can only teach me! I found it nauseating when I watched her trying to please the Old Madam. I don't know if it's intentional or not, but she's always showing off how good you are to her! Each of her actions and words is like knives stabbing into my heart! I really feel like throwing up when I'm with her!"

Mu Qing looked at Ye Xin as the coldness in his eyes vanished. He reached out and patted Ye Xin's hand, but he did not say anything.

With this, Ye Xin thought Mu Qing's heart had softened so she leaned over and kissed him..

Chapter 396: Getting What She Wanted

Mu Qing only responded with a light kiss, but how could Ye Xin be satisfied with this? She reached out and wrapped her arms around Mu Qing's neck.

Mu Qing hesitated for a moment before he reached out to hug Ye Xin. It was impossible for him to refuse a beauty, after all. In fact, he knew Ye Xin's personality very well, and he was aware of what she wanted. It was not that he was not moved. After all, her figure and appearance were all very attractive to men. Alas, she resembled Song Ning, and Song Ning was his daughter-in-law. When he looked at her face, he really could not bring himself to do that with her.

However, Ye Xin's was quite unstable. She was insecure and relentlessly sought validation of her charm. It was quite obvious her arrogance was just a mask for her lack of confidence and insecurity.

Currently, what Ye Xin wanted most was to become Mu Qing's woman. She wanted to compete with Liang Zhou for Mu Qing. He was aware of this and found it funny.

He knew that he could only calm her down now by making her his woman. He thought to himself, 'Women. They're all the same. How silly.'

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Ye Xin's heart was brimming with joy as she curled up under the blanket.

At this moment, Mu Qing's voice rang from above her head.

"Get up. You need to go back soon. It's getting late."

Ye Xin pouted. "I don't want to go back."

Mu Qing remained silent.

After a few seconds, Ye Xin turned to face Mu Qing and hugged him as she said, "Alright, alright, I'll go back. I'll listen to you."

Mu Qing caressed her face as he said, "Remember to do your job well. Your mission is to make my mother like you and transition to managing Zhuang Ji full time."

"What about the Mu Corporation?" Ye Xin asked as she raised her head.

"We'll take our time. There's no rush," Mu Qing said softly.

Ye Xin nodded. "Don't worry. I'll listen to you and complete my mission."

Mu Qing lowered his head to look at her before he said with a smile, "That's good."

Ye Xin felt a sweetness spreading in her heart. "What do you think if I call you Sir from now on? I think this form of address is rather nice..."

Mu Qing nodded. "That's not a bad idea. Even if you call me Sir in front of others, it won't arouse suspicion."

Ye Xin's joy at being acknowledged was written all over her face. She asked, "Sir, do you love me?"

Mu Qing looked at her as his fingers caressed her tender skin. He said with a smile, "Is there anyone who wouldn't love a beauty like you?"

Ye Xin was delighted by this reply. Her eyes sparkled like the stars in the night sky as she said, "Sir, I love you with all my heart. Until death do us part!"

Mu Qing only smiled in response. He did not care if they were together or not, but he needed to show that he cared. He knew the words to say to advance. "Ye Xin, you're so young. Do you regret this?"

Ye Xin hurriedly said, "Of course not! I've never thought of the years between us as a hindrance. I love you. It has nothing to do with age. You're the ideal man for me! You're the only one for me!"

Mu Qing gently kissed the top of Ye Xin's head.

Ye Xin lowered her head at this time and pouted. "However, I'm not the only one you love..."

Mu Qing smiled. "Are you talking about Liang Zhou?"

Ye Xin remained silent.

Mu Qing said, "Liang Zhou and I have long lost our passion. We're living our own lives. However, I need the marriage to shield me. Ye Xin, you're still young. You don't understand the thoughts of older people like me."

When Ye Xin heard the sadness in Mu Qing's voice, her heart softened immediately. "You're not old! Don't say that you're old! In my eyes, you're mature, stable, and charming. All the young men in the world can't compare to you!"

Mu Qing smiled. "Thank you for comforting me, Ye Xin. When I'm with you, I feel young again. It's an honor that you think so highly of me."

Upon hearing these words, happiness flooded Ye Xin's heart again..

Chapter 397: Zhuang Ji is Mine

Ye Xin was humming a song when she returned home; her heart was brimming with joy. However, the moment she saw Mu Chen, the flower in her heart wilted immediately. She felt as though her heart had stopped beating, and she could not help but feel that she had betrayed him.

"Huh? Why did you come back so late, Young Madam? The manager at Zhuang Ji said you left the shop a long time ago," Sister Yu asked when she saw Ye Xin.

Ye Xin's heart skipped a beat. She hurriedly said, "Oh, a longtime member of Zhuang Ji invited me out for dinner. Since she spent a lot in Zhuang Ji today, I thought I should accept her dinner invitation."

As Ye Xin spoke, she took a seat next to Jiang Jin. As usual, she acted coquettishly as she said, "Grandma, you're really amazing. Our customers admire you so much! For me to achieve that, I think I'll have to wait for a long time!"

Mu Chen glanced at Ye Xin and casually said, "You're the boss of Zhuang Ji. There's no need for you to accompany the customers. Moreover, Zhuang Ji is a high-end brand so it's fine if you're a little aloof. If you continue to curry favor with the customers, it'll affect Zhuang Ji's reputation."

Ye Xin's heart shook in fear upon hearing Mu Chen's words. She looked at him somewhat timidly.

Jiang Jin tried to smooth things over and said with a kind smile on her face, "It's alright. Don't talk to her like that. She's only just started learning how to manage a business. If you say such words, you'll only increase the pressure on her. Let's take it slow; we're not in a rush anyway. Although Zhuang Ji's profits aren't big, we have a solid customer base. Song Ning is just helping Zhuang Ji to build a strong foundation. In any case, it doesn't matter if Zhuang Ji doesn't make any profit."

Ye Xin straightened her back and said, "That's right, Grandma. You have to help me more. Zhuang Ji will definitely be better in the future!"

Jiang Jin glanced at Mu Chen before she said with a smile, "Zhuang Ji belongs to you. Grandma will naturally help you."

Ye Xin's improved further. She had no doubts Zhuang Ji would get better. After all, in her mind, she would have Mu Qing helping her with Zhuang Ji in the future. Most importantly, Zhuang Ji was hers!

Since Jiang Jin liked her so much now, Ye Xin thought it was a good idea to let Jiang Jin help her.

At this moment, Mu Chen suddenly said, "Grandma is getting old, but she still has to teach so many things." Then, he turned to look at Jiang Jin and said, "Grandma, it's best if you rest at home. I'll keep an eye on Zhuang Ji. If there's any problem, I'll deal with it."

Ye Xin said anxiously, "How can you do that? Zhuang Ji is mine. What does it have to do with you?"

As soon as Ye Xin's voice fell, everyone's expressions changed.

When Ye Xin realized her mistake, she hurriedly said, "Grandma, Mu Chen is too anxious! He doesn't even want to give me a chance to learn. We've already agreed that I'll learn to manage Zhuang Ji. Grandma, please talk to him. Don't let him add to my troubles, okay?"

Jiang Jin patted Ye Xin's hand and said, "Both of you are husband and wife, but you still need me to intervene in your matters. Although the words he said sounded like he's worried about me, the person he worries about the most is you. He's worried you'll tire yourself out if you're managing Zhuang Ji, and he's also worried you'll be depressed if you stay at home all the time. No matter what you do, he's always worried about you. When I see how loving both of you are, I feel very happy."

Upon hearing these words, Ye Xin glanced at Mu Chen, feeling slightly uncomfortable..

Chapter 398: Father and Son

Mu Chen rose to his feet. "Alright, I don't care anymore. You can do whatever you want. Just don't tire Grandma out."

Ye Xin looked at Mu Chen's back as he went upstairs. Then, she said with an aggrieved expression, "Grandma, why is it that everything I do displeases Mu Chen? He's always finding fault in everything I do."

After saying that, Ye Xin held Jiang Jin's arm and looked to the left and the right before she asked in a low voice, "Grandma, can Mu Chen... can Mu Chen's illness be cured?"

Jiang Jin was slightly taken aback. Then, she asked solemnly, "What illness does Mu Chen have?"

Ye Xin acted coquettishly as she said, "Grandma, Mu Chen has already told me about it. You don't have to pretend you don't know anything."

Jiang Jin was confused, but she did not show it on her face. Instead, she said, "You're a doctor. Shouldn't you know better than I do?"

Ye Xin pouted. "What can I do with my skills? Why... Why don't we look for a renowned expert to have a look at him? Grandma, you don't want the baby to be alone, right? I want to give him a younger brother or a younger sister, but with Mu Chen's condition..."

With this, realization dawned on Jiang Jin immediately. She was inwardly shocked. In order to avoid Ye Xin, her grandson really did not hold back in slandering himself. Then, she said without batting an eyelid, "It's good that you have this thought. As for Mu Chen, I'll speak to him..."

Ye Xin was delighted upon hearing these words. "Grandma, if you speak to him, he'll definitely listen to you. With that, perhaps, we'll have another baby in the family."

Jiang Jin only smiled as she looked at Ye Xin. She could not help but wonder why Mu Qing was so confident about letting Ye Xin impersonate Song Ning. Was he not worried that Ye Xin would be exposed?

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When Jiang Jin returned to her room after sending Ye Xin away, she saw Mu Chen dressed in his home clothes, carrying the baby and playing with him.

The baby was familiar with Mu Chen now and had a natural liking for his father. He babbled happily as one of his hands grabbed his father's collar and the other touched his father's face.

Mu Chen held the baby with one hand and used his other hand to hold the baby's hand against his face. When he smiled, the baby giggled loudly. With that, his smile grew wider. He lowered his head and kissed the baby's forehead before he rubbed his forehead against the baby's forehead, causing the baby to giggle even louder than before.

Jiang Jin could not help but feel moved when she saw this scene. She quietly watched the interaction between the pair of father and son.

Jiang Jin knew Mu Chen lacked paternal love the most. For this reason, she knew he loved the baby even more. Although he had hoped for a daughter previously, when he finally met the baby, she knew he no longer cared if the baby was a son or a daughter. Moreover, with Song Ning missing, he doted on his son even more. It was as though the pair of father and son were relying on each other for emotional support.

When Mu Chen sensed someone coming into the room, he turned around as he carried the baby in his arms. He smiled as soon as he saw Jiang Jin. "Grandma, the baby recognizes me."

Jiang Jin returned the smile and stepped forward. She reached out to hold the baby's small hand as she said, "He's very smart so how could he not recognize his father?"

"But... I rarely come to see him..." Mu Chen said in a voice that was laden with guilt.

Jiang Jin did not say anything.

Since before, Mu Qing and Mu Chen were incompatible despite being father and son. It was rather perplexing. Perhaps, it was also because of this that Mu Chen did not know how to bond with his son.

Jiang Jin looked at the baby with an affectionate smile on her face as she said to Mu Chen, "From now on, when you come home, no matter how late it is or how busy you are, make time to see the baby. If he's awake, play with him for a while. If he's asleep, just look at him. This is how you bond and nurture a relationship.."

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Mu Chen nodded.

Jiang Jin held onto the baby's hand as she played with him. A kind smile could be seen on her face, but her voice was cold as she said, "She doesn't know how to manage Zhuang Ji at all. After going to Zhuang Ji so many times, she still doesn't understand anything. She thinks Song Ning is like her, only doing things for show."

Mu Chen only scoffed.

Jiang Jin glanced at him from the corners of her eyes as she said, "You told her you're impotent? In order to avoid her, you really went all out to slander yourself. Aren't you afraid of being laughed at by others?"

Mu Chen was slightly stunned. He felt slightly awkward when he recovered from his surprise. Then, he said in a low voice, "She kept pestering me so I had no choice but to say that. This way, I'll be able to avoid all her advances."

Jiang Jin suddenly asked, "What about her and Mu Qing? Is there really anything between them?"

Mu Chen lowered his gaze and did not say anything. His men had already reported to him that Ye Xin and Mu Qing had already consummated their relationship.

Upon seeing Mu Chen's reaction, how could Jiang Jin not understand what had happened? Flames of fury burned in her heart immediately. "Shameless! He's too shameless!"

After all, Ye Xin resembled Song Ning greatly now, but Mu Qing could even do such a thing. Song Ning was his daughter-in-law!

Ye Xin was even worse. She was already with Mu Qing, and yet, she was still thinking about seducing Mu Chen!

Jiang Jin was so angry that she felt her blood surging to her head. She felt dizzy from anger.

"Grandma?" Mu Chen hurriedly reached out to support Jiang Jin when he sensed something was wrong.

With Mu Chen's support, Jiang Jin sat on the chair.

Mu Chen carried his son and knelted on one knee next to Jiang Jin as he asked, "Grandma, do you feel unwell?"

Jiang Jin shook her head gently and said reassuringly, "Don't worry. I'm fine. I'll be even better once you expose their true colors!"

Mu Chen said, "Grandma, don't be angry. You must look after your health. It's all my fault that you still have to work so hard and suffer at this age."

Jiang Jin sighed. "Silly child, you're my grandson, and I'm your grandmother. We have to shoulder all burdens together. Do you have any news about Song Ning?"

Mu Chen nodded. "I checked the surveillance footage at the mental hospital. Although it wasn't very clear, the figure I saw resembled her very much. Apart from that, the director of the hospital said that she has a scar from a burn on her face."

Jiang Jin's eyes lit up. "Burn?"

"Yes." Mu Chen nodded.

After a moment, Jiang Jin asked, puzzled, "Tell me. If she's Song Ning, why didn't she come to us?"

Mu Chen smiled bitterly. "I've thought about this for a long time as well. This matter isn't simple. The fire at the hospital has been determined to be arson. If the target was Song Ning, then her life must have been in danger at that time. I don't know how she escaped, but I'm sure she has her reasons for not coming back."

Mu Chen looked at Jiang Jin as he continued to say, "We had a huge party for the baby when he was just born. Song Ning must have seen the news and the pictures so she must know that someone is impersonating her. Knowing her, either she was so disappointed that she refused to come back or she was in danger and couldn't come back. However, Grandma, Song Ning is very rational. She carried the baby for so many months and gave birth to him with great difficulty. Even if... even if she doesn't want me, she won't abandon the baby. Hence, I'm quite certain she's still in danger so she can't return to us."

Jiang Jin nodded. "Perhaps, she's also investigating this matter and trying to expose the fake so she can openly return to us!"

Chapter 400: A Burial for Her Feelings

Mu Chen nodded. Indeed, it sounded like something Song Ning would do,

Jiang Jin said in a low voice, "You should start with Mu Qing and find out what his people are doing. Unless he's certain Song Ning is dead, he definitely won't give up. Send someone to protect that doctor immediately. Don't make any mistakes. We have to ensure Song Ning's safety."

Mu Chen nodded solemnly.

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Liang Zhou was curled up on the couch in the villa opposite Mu Qing and Ye Xin's love nest. Her tears had long dried up by now.

Last night, Ye Xin finally successfully climbed into Mu Qing's bed. With this revelation, Liang Zhou once again felt as though her heart had been beaten into a pulpy mess.

Liang Zhou did not sleep at all, burying all the remnants of love she had left for Mu Qing.

When the sun rose, she got up and cleaned herself.

Mu Chen had already transferred the deed of the villa to her name. She found it funny that she had been with Mu Qing for so long, but she had never had her own private property. In the past, she truly did not care about these things. Only now did she realize what a fool she had been. After all, if Mu Qing abandoned her, she would be left with nothing. Since he had never loved her, it was likely that she would be discarded once she no longer had any uses left.

Before Mu Qing, Liang Zhou was also skilled at manipulating men's hearts. However, when she met him, she had loved him wholeheartedly and was determined to stay by his side without having any unnecessary thoughts.

She was Liang Zhou, not Liang Zhen. She never understood why Liang Zhen would end her life for a man who did not love her. Why? Only a woman with no ability would do something like that. If she were in Liang Zhen's shoes, she would make the man who abandoned her suffer so much that he wished he was dead.

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Gao Wen looked as though she had seen her savior when she saw Liang Zhou. She hurriedly stepped forward and hugged Liang Zhou as her tears fell like rain.

Liang Zhou pretended to be surprised. She patted Gao Wen's back and asked, "What's wrong? I haven't seen you in just a few days, how did you become so haggard? Is there still no news of Ye Xin? Doesn't your son work in the Public Security Bureau? Did you ask him for help? Did you see the master again? Did she give you any advice?"

Upon seeing Gao Wen's tears showing no sign of stopping, Liang Zhou patiently coaxed Gao Wen. "Don't cry, Gao Wen. Don't cry."

After a while, when Gao Wen stopped crying, she finally recounted what had happened at home and outside. At this moment, she had completely trusted Liang Zhou and treated Liang Zhou as her confidant.

After Gao Wen stopped talking, Liang Zhou asked with a frown, "Then, did Master tell you how to find her?"

Gao Wen nodded. "Master told me to bring some of Ye Xin's belongings. I have to keep them on me for seven days before giving them to her. With that, she'll be able to sense Ye Xin's aura. Today is the seventh day so I'm going to see Master."

Liang Zhou sighed in relief and patted Gao Wen's hand. "That's good. Don't be anxious. Let's go look for Master and think of a solution together. Let me tell you, I have a strong feeling in my heart that Master will be able to find Ye Xin. The police are so busy, how can they only focus their effort on looking for Ye Xin? In any case, we should sincerely worship Master."

Gao Wen nodded solemnly. "That's right. When I find Ye Xin, I'll make her kowtow to you to thank you. Without you, I wouldn't be able to meet my daughter again."

With that, Gao Wen's tears fell again.

Upon hearing those words, Liang Zhou feigned indignance and said, "What kind of words are those? Is there a need to thank me or make your daughter kowtow to me? We're friends, after all. Anyway, let's just listen to Master and do as she says. As long as we're sincere, there'll definitely be a good outcome. There's no need to listen to others. They're stubborn and don't know anything. Let's not stoop to their level. There's no point getting angry, after all.."