

Chapter 461: A Slip-up

Mu Qing left the Mu family house dejected. When he thought about Jiang Jin's unfriendly gaze earlier, he could not help but feel a chill in his heart. He felt increasingly certain that he had made a wrong move using Ye Xin.

At this moment, his phone rang. It was his secretary, Du Tong.

"Sir, one of our men is missing," Du Tong said, slightly nervous.

Mu Qing frowned. "What happened?"

Mu Qing raised his hand to stop the driver as he listened to Du Tong.

"His name is Zhang Jie. He's responsible for the incident at the hospital. Some time ago, he said he saw a person on the filming set who looks like Song Ning."

"What?" Mu Qing could not help but raise his voice.

Du Tong hastily said, "That's what he said. I asked him to confirm his suspicion. He was planning to return to his hometown so he decided to go to the filming set that day to have a look first, but he didn't get back to me at all. Initially, I thought he was just spending time in his hometown. However, I called him to look for him today, but his cell phone was turned off. After asking around, I found out that he didn't return to his hometown at all. Sir, I'm afraid there's something fishy about this matter."

"Nonsense! Isn't that obvious?!" Mu Qing lost his composure upon hearing Du Tong's words. He said frostily, "Immediately investigate Zhang Jie's whereabouts. Meet me at the filming set now!"

After disconnecting the call, he ordered the driver to bring him to the filming set. He had to be quick. He really wondered what was going on recently; one bad thing had happened one after another.

He could not help but let out a long sigh. This felt like the time when he had to leave the Mu family; nothing went well for him. It was as though there was a pair of invisible hands that prevented him from going against the Mu family.

However, he was no longer the same as he was back then. No matter what, nothing could stop him now.

His switcheroo plan had to succeed. No matter how bad Ye Xin was, she had to play this role flawlessly for him.

He could not help but break out in cold sweat when he recalled Du Tong's words. He could slowly make up for Ye Xin's mistake, but Song Ning must not be alive. He could not turn back now!

The driver did not dare to speak when he saw the unsightly expression on Mu Qing's face. He stepped on the pedal and drove to the filming set in the suburbs.

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At this moment, the assistant director bowed deeply to Song Ning. "You're my savior."

Song Ning quickly helped him up. “There’s no need for this. I’m only doing my duty; it’s not worth mentioning. I hope you’ll pay more attention to your health in the future. You can’t always neglect your health.”

The assistant director said, “I will, I will. This time, I almost lost my life. If I still don’t listen to you and continue neglecting my health, then it’ll be no different from courting death.”

Song Ning said, “Before the filming ends, I’ll perform acupuncture on you once every fortnight. In the future, as long as you get enough rest, there shouldn’t be any problems.”

The assistant director joined his palms together and bowed again. “Thank you! Thank you so much!”

After the assistant director left with a heart filled with gratitude, Peng walked over from behind and said, “Sister, you’re amazing! Now, they all treat you like some godly doctor.”

Song Ning held Peng’s arm and asked, “Where’s Zhuang Ning?”

Peng tilted her head and pointed at a room. “She’s in the room memorizing the script. She’s waiting to go over her lines with you.” Then, she sighed before she continued to say, “You’re even busier than the director now. No, you’re even more important than the director now.”

Song Ning laughed. “These are all trivial matters. The most important thing now is for Zhuang Ning to win an award with this drama.”

Peng nodded. “I feel confident!”

The drama was Pan Hao’s work. Although they had only filmed less than a third of it, the crew was very hopeful.. They felt that the drama would definitely become another ‘Yi Yao’, and Zhuang Ning would become... the second Ning Xia!

Chapter 462: The Crew

Even Song Ning felt the filming crew this time was special. They were similar to those from ‘Yi Yao’. There were two important figures in the crew: Pan Hao and Zhuang Ning.

Pan Hao was too dedicated. Apart from filming, he did not care and did not know about anything else. In fact, the reason he did not advance much in the entertainment industry after so many years was due to his lack of social skills and lack of understanding of the ways of the world. However, there was no denying his talent. All the films and dramas he directed were a hit. It was just a shame that his stubbornness kept many producers and investors away.

It was difficult to find someone who was not only compatible but also brought out the best in a person. For Pan Hao, Cheng Che was such a person, and for Zhuang Ning, Pan Hao was that person.

Zhuang Ning was rather amazing as well. In the entertainment industry, there were very few actors who could obtain the approval of every single crew member. Moreover, her personality was good as well. Although she was rather quiet, she was very capable. When she spoke, her words were accurate and convincing. She never accepted interviews, but her acting skills were good so they could not complain.

Not only did she understand her role in the drama well, but she had also never refused to help other actors. Apart from that, she was caring toward everyone in the crew and had a good sense of propriety.

For this reason, the relationship of the crew was exceptionally harmonious.

With Zhuang Ning as an example, no one had unnecessary thoughts, and they were only focused on filming.

Then, there was also Zhuang Ning's assistant, A Ning, who was a Chinese medicine expert. Everyone would go to her when they were feeling unwell. Even Pan Hao was tempted to cast her in his next project about a Chinese medicine doctor. The only thing was A Ning's appearance. She had a dark red scar on her temple that did not match her beautiful eyes.

Once the crew members were familiar with A Ning, many of them tried to comfort her.

"Don't let your appearance bother you. Let your ability speak for itself!"

A Ning would only smile in response before she busied herself with other matters.

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When Zhuang Ning saw Song Ning and Peng entering the room, she put down the script and asked, "How was it? Did you notice anything unusual?"

Song Ning shook her head.

Zhuang Ning pulled her to sit down. "Then, let's not dwell on it. Leave it to Chairman Mu and President Cheng. Since we caught that man, we're closer to the mastermind now."

Song Ning was still bothered by that matter. If Mu Chen and Cheng Che did not arrive in time, she would have lost her life that day. She could not figure out who it was that wanted her dead. She had thought about the people in her life but still could find an answer. She knew she could only wait patiently for the mastermind to appear.

She needed to be patient more than anyone else. There was a reason she did not immediately return to the Mu family, after all. Regardless of whether the target was her or Mu Chen, she did not want to involve the Mu family. After all, it was clear the mastermind was very vicious; who knew what else he or she was capable of doing?

Song Ning was separated from her son since she had given birth to him. When she thought about this, she was even more determined not to let the person go.

At this time, someone knocked on the door, pushed it open, and said, "Mr. Mu Qing is on set. Be careful."

Then, that person left.

The trio was stunned. Then, it dawned on them that the person must be someone Mu Chen had placed by their sides. They wondered why Mu Qing had suddenly come..

Chapter 463: Investigation

Du Tong walked next to Mu Qing into the filming set and informed him about the situation there in a low voice.

“The Mu family is the owner of this complex. They loan it to President Cheng since he invested in a new drama, which is directed by Director Pan Hao. Currently, the expectations are very high for the drama. There’s a high chance it’ll become a blockbuster.”

Mu Qing frowned. “Cheng Che invested in the drama, not the Mu Corporation?”

Du Tong nodded. “That’s right. President Cheng founded his own film and television company.”

Mu Qing scoffed. “So he’s using the Mu family’s money to fill his pockets.”

Du Tong did not dare to say anything. However, he did not think Mu Qing was right.

After all, Cheng Che was the adopted son of the Mu family. He was personally raised by Jiang Jin, and his status was very special. Although he was Mu Chen’s special assistant, the power he wielded was much more than that of an assistant. He was family to Mu Chen. Hence, even if he lined his pockets with the Mu family’s money, it was likely approved by Mu Chen. Even if Mu Chen was unaware, if Mu Chen found out, it was likely that Mu Chen would have no objections.

Moreover, Cheng Che’s ability was obvious to everyone. He could, in fact, handle the matters of the Mu Corporation without anyone’s help.

Mu Chen treated Cheng Che like his biological brother. He blatantly favored and protected Cheng Che. Hence, whether Cheng Che’s company was funded by his money or Mu Chen’s money, no one would dare to say a word.

“What about the crew members?” Mu Qing asked.

Du Tong walked half a step forward to lead Mu Qing.

Mu Qing continued to ask, “Have you verified Zhang Jie’s words?”

Du Tong said in a low voice, “We’ve investigated the actresses, but we didn’t find any suspicious target.”

Mu Qing did not say anything.

Du Tong continued to say, “We still haven’t found Zhang Jie so we don’t know anything more beyond what he had initially told us. Currently, we’re trying to locate Zhang Jie and also investigating all the people in the crew.”

Mu Qing was very satisfied with Du Tong’s arrangements. However, he still wanted to personally have a look. As he walked around, his eyes were like that of an eagle as he looked around.

At the same time, Song Ning looked at Mu Qing through the curtains. Her heart was racing in her chest at this moment.

She did not have many interactions with Mu Qing. She only remembered Liang Zhou had once asked her to hand over Zhuang Ji. To her, he was only Mu Chen’s father; a father who had deeply hurt his

son.

Mu Qing and Mu Chen resembled each other greatly.

Song Ning did not have any ill feelings toward Mu Qing. It was just that she respected Mu Chen and felt sorry for him so she distanced herself from Mu Qing.

Mu Qing had also never made things difficult for her. Hence, she was shocked when she thought about how he might be the one who wanted her dead. To think that a father would be so vicious to his own son. She thought that Mu Qing was mad.

Mu Qing approached Pan Hao directly. They were old acquaintances. In fact, he had introduced Liang Zhen to Pan Hao. That was how 'Yi Yao' was born. However, after so many years, things had changed. Their relationship had faded with the passage of time.

Pan Hao was very surprised when he saw Mu Qing.

Mu Qing smiled and said, "I was passing by so I decided to visit. I heard that you're shooting a highly-anticipated drama."

Pan Hao was bewildered and nervous. He was afraid that something would go wrong, and he would lose his investment. Although Cheng Che had reassured him over and over again, he was still worried. Perhaps, due to his nervousness, he blurted out, "Are you an investor as well? Do you have a woman in the crew whom you want to help?"

Mu Qing laughed. "What's going through your mind? I didn't invest in this drama. Even if I want to invest in a drama, I won't invest in your drama. After all, you don't know how to make money at all, am I right?"

Mu Qing spoke intimately as though he was joking around with a good friend.

Pan Hao was a little embarrassed by his own words. However, he was a straightforward person so he did not dwell on the matter. He felt at ease after listening to Mu Qing speak as well.

Chapter 469: To Intimidate and Frighten

The baby no longer cried as he nestled in his father's arms. He held his father's arms, looking frightened. Anyone who saw him now would feel sorry for him.

Ye Xin tried her best to force a smile on her face as she said, "M-mu... Mu Chen, hubby... What do you mean?"

Mu Chen looked at Ye Xin frostily as he said, "Do you need me to repeat myself? You know very well if you're the baby's biological mother or not."

"I-L... Of course, I am the baby's biological mother. I carried him in my womb for ten months," Ye Xin said tremblingly.

Mu Chen sneered. "Is that so? Aren't you afraid of being struck by lightning when you say that? I heard the babies' eyes are special. They can see things that adults can't. I wonder if he saw the ghost of his biological mother standing behind you."

After Mu Chen finished speaking, he carried the baby and turned around to say, "Nuan, accompany Grandma to her room to rest. I'll bring the baby to bask in the sun. You did well today so I'll ask Sister Yu to give you a bonus. In the future, continue making sure that outsiders don't carry the baby." Nuan hurriedly agreed and went forward to support Jiang Jin's arm. "Old Madam, let's return to the room."

Jiang Jin's gaze fell on Ye Xin's pale face. In the end, she did not say anything and turned around to leave.

Ye Xin felt her hair standing on end. She hurriedly chased after Jiang Jin as she called out, "Grandma!"

"Grandma, what does Mu Chen mean? What nonsense is talking about?" Ye Xin asked, grabbing Jiang Jin's hand.

Jiang Jin was speechless. She could not believe Ye Xin was shameless enough to ask this question, and she really could not believe she had to explain Mu Chen's obvious words. After a moment, she sized Ye Xin up.

Ye Xin took a step back under Jiang Jin's intense gaze. Her face turned even paler.

Jiang Jin slowly said, "I heard that those who died unjustly can't leave in peace. They can only haunt those who are responsible, directly or indirectly, for their deaths. They would erode the culprits' good luck bit by bit. If the resentment isn't great, it can't be quickly quelled or satisfied. With that, they would leave in peace. However, if the resentment is too great, the culprit might have to pay with their life."

Ye Xin was frozen. She felt chills running up her spine, and she could not help but shiver. Goosebumps erupted on her flesh immediately.

Jiang Jin looked at Ye Xin and sighed inwardly. 'Greed can even swallow one's conscience.'

Ye Xin was clearly frightened since she was aware of the truth. When she regained her senses, the corridor was already empty. She panicked, wondering if she had truly been discovered. Moreover, what did their words mean? Was Song Ning haunting her?

Ye Xin tried her best not to look behind her. Although it was broad daylight, she broke out in cold sweat. At the same time, she recalled her mother's words. Her mother's master had said that something would happen to her if she continued staying in the Mu family. Was it true? Could it be that Song Ning was haunting her, causing her to meet with one misfortune after another?

It was true that the baby would cry whenever he saw her as though he had seen a ghost. He would even hide from her. Did he really see Song Ning's ghost?

Ye Xin's hair stood on end again. She had to find her mother. Only her mother could help her now. After all, only her mother would believe her words..

Chapter 470: Injured

Ye Xin was panicking as she entered the car that she had called over. Her mind was filled with Jiang Jin and Mu Chen's words. It was not until when she remembered she had to call Gao Wen that she discovered she had forgotten her phone. She hurriedly said to the driver, "Mister, please turn back. I left something at home."

The driver seemed used to such requests. As he turned the steering wheel at the intersection, a truck suddenly rushed from a fork in the road and slammed into the car.

Aloud crash drowned out Ye Xin's screams. The last thought that appeared in her mind before she blacked out was that she had to get the master to change her fate so that her life would not be miserable. The last thing she was was the flames at the back of the truck soaring into the sky.

'When Ye Xin regained consciousness, she found that she could not move at all, and her entire body was bandaged up.

'Car accident! That's right, I was involved in a car accident!'

Ye Xin moaned as waves of pain assaulted her senses.

"Xinxin, you're awake?!" Gao Wen's ecstatic voice rang in the air as she rushed to Ye Xin's side.

Ye Xin was surprised when she saw Gao Wen. 'What's she doing here? Where are the Mu family members'

Ye Xin felt her heart tremble. She had left the Mu family house in a hurry to look for Gao Wen so the master could help her change her fate. She remembered Mu Chen and Jiang Jin saying that the baby's biological mother, Song Ning, was standing behind her, haunting her. They had said that Song Ning would seek revenge on the person who had harmed her. She wondered if it had anything to do with the car accident.

At this moment, Gao Wen said, "Xinxin, do you feel unwell? Do you need me to call the doctor? The car accident was too dangerous. You're really lucky. Buddha must have saved you from this disaster. There'll only be blessings that come your way after this!"

'Blessing? Will I be blessed in the future? Isn't this my retribution?

Ye Xin tried her best to move. She could feel her four limbs. Her right leg seemed to be injured, and she hurt everywhere, especially around her face and head. She felt dizzy when she moved and wondered if she had a concussion.

'When Ye Xin cleared her throat, Gao Wen finally stopped nagging at the side of Ye Xin's ears. She asked, "Xinxin? What's wrong?"

"Who saved me?" Ye Xin asked. Her voice was slightly hoarse.

Gao Wen was delighted when she heard Ye Xin's words. "Ah, this is great! It seems like you didn't injure your head; you're very clear-headed. Xinxin, you don't know how dangerous it was. The car you were in collided with a huge truck. The driver died on the spot. After the investigation, they found that the driver of the big truck was a wanted criminal, and he was immediately arrested. In fact, your driver wasn't a good person as well."

Gao Wen paused briefly before she continued to say, "Liang Zhou was the one who called the ambulance. She called me immediately after that. Previously, she said that she felt something was amiss so she told me she would go to the Mu family house to see if she could obtain any information. For this reason, she was there when the accident happened. Fortunately, she was there. Otherwise, the consequences would be unimaginable."

Ye Xin furrowed her brows in confusion. She asked Gao Wen, "Obtain information? About what?"

A helpless and heartbroken expression appeared on Gao Wen's face as she said, "Xinxin, at this point, do you still want to hide it from me? Liang Zhou went to the Mu family house and found the Old Madam and Mu Chen were angry with you. You left the house without saying anything, and they assumed you'd returned to the Ning family house again so they didn't bother to look for you. They're already unhappy with you. If they find out you're involved in a car accident and a wanted criminal case, they'd probably be even more unhappy. It's best to let them continue thinking you're back at the Ning family house.."

Chapter 471: Disfigured

Ye Xin's eyes widened in horror. What does she mean? Mu Chen's unaware that I've been in a car accident and has been hospitalized? Does this mean no one knows I'm here?"

Ye Xin could not help but feel a little anxious as she asked, "So what if I'm involved in a wanted criminal case? I didn't do anything wrong. I'm innocent!"

Gao Wen was not surprised by Ye Xin's words. She said, "Silly child, you're unaware of the power struggle between Mu Chen and his father in the family. For this reason, the Mu family is in the spotlight. The Mu family can't afford to have any scandal now. Even if you have nothing to do with the wanted criminal, you'll still have to go to the police station to give your statement. Knowing the media, they'll make a big fuss about this matter. All the members of the Mu family are keeping a low profile now. Listen to me, Liang Zhou is doing this for us..."

'Liang Zhou? It's Liang Zhou again? Why is Liang Zhou so nice?'

Ye Xin thought Gao Wen was truly muddle-headed. She asked, "You're saying that Liang Zhou didn't tell Mu Chen that I was involved in a car accident and has been hospitalized?"

Gao Wen nodded. "Yes. The Mu family thinks you've gone back to the Ning family house."

"How long have I been here?" Ye Xin asked.

"Two days. You've been unconscious for two days. When your condition stabilizes, I'll secretly go to the Mu family house and speak to the Old Madam. For now, you should just quietly recuperate here. It should be fine since no one knows you're in that cab. I can't believe you didn't even bring your phone out. Did you know that the car caught fire? If it wasn't for Liang Zhou, I really don't dare to imagine the consequences," Gao Wen said. Then, a distressed expression appeared on her face as she continued to say, "The injuries on your body will heal, but the thing is that the injuries on your face will be troublesome."

Fear rose in Ye Xin's heart immediately. She asked, "What's wrong with my face?"

At this moment, it finally dawned on her that she was not having a headache. The pain was from all over her face.

Ye Xin asked, shocked, "Am I... Am I disfigured?"

Gao Wen hurriedly said, "It's alright, Xinxin. With how advanced the medical industry is, your face will definitely return to the way it was before!"

“How’s that possible? I’ve undergone extensive plastic surgery before this. How can my face withstand another round of surgery?”

Ye Xin yelled, “Hurry up! Pass me the mirror!”

Gao Wen was briefly stunned by Ye Xin’s outburst. However, she knew how much her daughter cared about her appearance so she quickly comforted her daughter, “It’s okay. It’s really okay. Xinxin, don’t worry. You’ll be okay.”

“Mirror!” Ye Xin roared.

Gao Wen felt helpless. She could only bring out a compact mirror from her bag and hand it over to Ye Xin.

Ye Xin’s face was bandaged so she only saw the bruises around her eyes. She reached out and touched her nose. When she discovered it was fine, she sighed in relief. Then, she touched the other parts of her face and found that they seemed to be fine. With that, she heaved a huge sigh of relief as she clutched the mirror against her chest.

Gao Wen looked at Ye Xin carefully. When she saw that Ye Xin did not lose her temper, relief flooded her heart. Then, she said reassuringly, “Don’t worry, darling. We’ll look for the best plastic surgeon for you.”

Ye Xin did not pay attention to Gao Wen. Her mind was racing at this moment. ‘It’s been two days, but no one from the Mu family looked for me?’

After a moment, Ye Xin said, “Go to the Mu family and see if there’s any news.”

Gao Wen looked puzzled.

Ye Xin said patiently, “Don’t listen to Liang Zhou. You have to inquire on your own. Find out if Grandma and Mu Chen are still mad at me and if they plan to look for me at the Ning family house.. If they do that, what are you going to do? Won’t we be exposed? What are you going to say then if they ask you why you hid me here?”

Chapter 472: N City

Gao Wen was rendered speechless by Ye Xin’s words. She was like an advocate for Liang Zhou as she said, “I won’t be able to find out anything about the Mu family. Liang Zhou can be considered half a family member of the Mu family. Since she can enter the house freely, it’ll be easy for her to obtain information. Don’t worry, Ye Xin. Liang Zhou is a good person. She’s a Buddhist. She’s a vegetarian and does many good deeds.”

Ye Xin rolled her eyes at Gao Wen.

At this moment, the doctor and nurses came into the ward. Upon seeing Ye Xin awake, the doctor said with a slight hint of reproach, “Why didn’t anyone inform me that the patient has woken up? Prepare her for a few tests to see if there are any problems.”

With this, Ye Xin and Gao Wen’s conversation was interrupted. Ye Xin had no choice but to let the doctor and nurses examine her. The doctor told her that the concussion was not serious, and she would recover in a day or two. The injury to her right leg was not serious as well. The biggest problem was the

burns on her body. The doctor had said she would have to wait some time before she could undergo surgery to remove the scars.

'When Ye Xin saw the doctor looking at her meaningfully, she asked, "Will I be able to recover completely?"

The doctor spread his hand and said, "The chances aren't high. You'll definitely need a skin graft. However, you underwent extensive plastic surgery previously so your skin is fragile and thin. We'll have to wait until the burns heal to assess the situation. Oh, right. When the time comes, we'll need the signature from one of your family members."

Ye Xin's body grew cold. Would she not be exposed? Who could she obtain the signature from? Ning Zhe? Mu Chen? She could ask Mu Qing, but as things stood, it would be strange to have Mu Qing sign it. In the end, she tried to calm down by telling herself that Mu Qing would resolve this matter for her. After Gao Wen respectfully saw the doctor out, Ye Xin said, "Give me your phone. I want to make a call."

Gao Wen was startled. "Who do you want to call?"

Ye Xin did not answer Gao Wen's question. Instead, she asked, "Who else knows I'm here?"

Gao Wen shook her head and said, "Only Liang Zhou and I know you're here. I'm waiting to hear from Liang Zhou so we can plan our next step. Xinxin, don't worry. Even if I have to risk my life, I'll protect you!"

Ye Xin sneered before she said disdainfully, "Protect me? Do you have the capability to protect me? There's only one person who can protect me."

Gao Wen was confused.

Ye Xin naturally did not explain to Gao Wen what she meant. After all, in her opinion, Gao Wen would not understand it even if she had explained it to Gao Wen. She said impatiently, "Give me your phone."

Gao Wen hurriedly brought her phone out and handed it to Ye Xin.

Ye Xin dialed a string of numbers and waited for the call to connect. Alas, no one answered her call. She thought that perhaps the phone number was an unfamiliar one so Mu Qing did not answer the call.

Hence, she sent a text message that read: This is Ye Xin. Quickly come and see me.

Ye Xin paused for a moment before she asked, "Which hospital is this?"

Gao Wen quickly replied, "N City's First Hospital."

Ye Xin was stunned. "Why am I in N City?"

"We're afraid you'd be discovered so we brought you here. That place is full of troubles so it's better to avoid it for the time being," Gao Wen replied.

Ye Xin was almost suffocated by the anger that rose in her heart when she heard Gao Wen's words. 'Is she crazy? What kind of logic is that? Is she truly my mother? She's a real jinx!"

Ye Xin asked coldly, "How did you get me to N City?"

Gao Wen frowned. Her daughter's temper really did not change at all. Nonetheless, she still replied, "We expended a lot of effort to bring you here. This place is the best at treating burns. Xinxin, trust me. I won't harm you, and Aunt Liang Zhou won't harm you as well. Once everything passes, you'll be able to return to your identity as the Young Madam of the Mu family. With your injuries and your involvement with a wanted criminal, you'll have a hard time explaining yourself."

Ye Xin rolled her eyes. "What's there to explain? I called for a cab. That's all. Moreover, there's a call record on my phone proving that.."

Chapter 473: Lies

Gao Wen said patiently, "Xinxin, don't be like this. We're doing this for your good. Just wait a while. When things calm down and you've recovered, we'll return."

"What about the Ning family? Won't they help me hide it?" Ye Xin asked unhappily.

Gao Wen was stunned. Then, she lowered her head and muttered, "They will. I'll go and speak to Ning Zhe."

Ye Xin sneered. "You? You'll speak to him?" She scoffed before she said, "Will he listen to you? Does he even remember you?"

Gao Wen's face burned with embarrassment.

Upon seeing this, Ye Xin averted her gaze. She knew that her words had crossed the line as well. After sending the text message, she tossed the phone on the bed before she said, "I'm going to rest. Go and see what's happening in the Mu family. I have to return to the Mu family. If an unfamiliar number calls, wake me up immediately."

With that, Ye Xin pulled the blanket up and closed her eyes. She did not want to speak to Gao Wen anymore. She thought Gao Wen was a fool so there was no point in wasting words with Gao Wen. Gao Wen slowly reached out and picked up the phone. She comforted herself inwardly and told herself that Ye Xin did not mean any harm and that Ye Xin only had a hot temper. She convinced herself that Ye Xin had only said those words out of anger. Ye Xin had always been this way since she was young. After a while, when the rhythm of Ye Xin's breathing tured steady, Gao Wen retreated to a corner and called Liang Zhou.

"Liang Zhou, how's the situation on your side?"

Since Ye Xin was insistent about staying in the Mu family, Gao Wen was determined to help Ye Xin. She wanted to ask Liang Zhou about the Mu family's situation. Apart from that, she knew Mu Chen and Jiang Jin disliked Ye Xin so she wanted to ask Liang Zhou to think of a way to let Mu Chen treat Ye Xin better.

Liang Zhou sounded slightly anxious as she said, "Gao Wen, something has happened to Mu Qing. I can't do anything now about your matter. Don't be anxious. Give me some time. I'll definitely help you find out what's happening."

Liang Zhou did not wait for Gao Wen's reply and disconnected the call.

Gao Wen was still hesitating about what to do when her phone rang. It was Ye Cheng. She hurriedly answered the call.

“Mom, where are you?” Ye Cheng asked.

“L.. ‘m ona trip with a few of the Madams,” Gao Wen said nervously.

“Then, when will you return? I have something to tell you.” Ye Cheng said.

“Ah, three to four days. I should be back in three to four days,” Gao Wen said, simply coming up with an answer. Then, she hurriedly added before she ended the call, “Anyway, my friends are calling me now. I have to go. I’ll let you know when I’m back.”

Gao Wen knew she could not let Ye Cheng find out about this matter. Ye Cheng had always put his career above his family so he definitely would not help Ye Xin. If Ye Cheng found out about this, this matter would be out of her control.

The most important thing now was to send Ye Xin back to the Mu family. She would let go of everything and send Ye Xin back as Song Ning. As a mother, as long as her children were happy, it did not matter how much she had to sacrifice.

The biggest problem now was Ye Xin’s disfigurement. The most important thing was to let Ye Xin recover as soon as possible.

Gao Wen was lost in her thoughts for a long time. After thinking about it, she thought that Ye Xin had a point. She could not rely on Liang Zhou all the time. It was best that she returned to personally see what was going on.

After three days, when there was still no news from Liang Zhou, Gao Wen finally relented after being urged by Ye Xin and returned to check on things.

She planned to go to the Mu family house first and speak to Jiang Jin privately. No matter what, she had to help Ye Xin return to the Mu family.

After thinking about it over the past few days, she thought that Ye Xin really did not have anything to do with the wanted criminal. It was not difficult to prove or explain. It was just that recently Ye Xin had done many things that angered Jiang Jin and Mu Chen so things had gotten slightly troublesome..

Chapter 474: Delusion

After making sure Ye Xin would be okay, Gao Wen rushed back to M City and made her way to the Mu family house.

As soon as Gao Wen entered the house, she heard the sounds of laughter. It seemed like the baby had learned how to walk.

Everyone from the Mu family was present, and they were looking at the baby with anticipatory gazes.

‘The baby was standing in the middle of the carpet. The furniture on both sides had been moved. He stood steadily as he looked at the people around him.

Everyone held his toys in their hands and called out to him, trying to encourage him to walk.

The baby looked to the left and the right before he took a shaky step forward with his two chubby and short legs.

Gao Wen looked at the baby and the happy expressions on everyone's faces and thought this should be a good time to talk.

This was the baby's first time walking. No one knew if he was going to walk toward his great-grandmother, father, or uncle.

'Song Ning is here! Then, what about Ye Xin? No, is she Song Ning or Ye Xin? Am I dreaming? Did I dream about Ye Xin being disfigured from a car accident? Is the hospital in N City a dream as well? That's right! It must be a dream. This must be my daughter, Ye Xin!'

Gao Wen stepped forward in a daze and reached out to touch Song Ning's face. When she drew close, she saw a light pink scar on Song Ning's face. She thought that the doctor was lying; the burns were not that bad at all. Then, she frowned, confused.

'Did Ye Xin come back to M City after I left?'

At this moment, Sister Yu grabbed Gao Wen's hand. She asked with a smile, "What's wrong? Your expression seems a little off. This is our Young Madam. What are you doing?"

Gao Wen muttered in a daze, "Xinxin, is that you? You came back?"

Ye Xin had been impatient and had wanted to return to the Mu family. Gao Wen thought Ye Xin must have returned because she could not wait any longer.

At this time, Song Ning said tonelessly, "Madam Ye, you've made a mistake. I'm Song Ning."

Gao Wen smiled bitterly. This time, her daughter's voice seemed to have changed. Most importantly, her daughter refused to acknowledge her again now that she had become the Young Madam of the Mu family again..

Chapter 475: It Has Nothing to Do With the Mu Family

Gao Wen was in a daze. She felt like she had been living in a dream for the past year.

Song Ning hugged the baby and kissed his cheek. "Baby is so amazing!"

Gao Wen looked at Song Ning blankly. She increasingly felt like the person in front of her was not Ye Xin. Ye Xin did not like children and was impatient with them. Moreover, the 'Ye Xin' in front of her had a maternal glow about her.

The baby seemed very happy to be praised by his mother. He touched Song Ning's face before he tried to kiss her, slobbering all over her face.

Mu Chen patted the baby and said dotingly, "You little rascal, you drooled all over your mommy's face."

Jiang Jin laughed. "Fortunately, your mommy doesn't wear makeup. Otherwise, you'd be eating makeup."

Everyone laughed.

At this time, it was as though Gao Wen was in a different time and space, separated from the others. She continued to stare blankly at the scene in front of her, unable to speak.

When Mu Chen patted the baby, the baby extended his small hands to reach out for him. He carried the baby over to Jiang Jin and said, "Grandma, Song Ning and I will bring the baby out to play."

Jiang Jin nodded. "Alright. Look after your wife and son. Make sure Song Ning doesn't tire herself out."

Gao Wen stared at Jiang Jin as she said, "Do you really not know that your granddaughter-in-law, Song Ning, is actually my daughter, Ye Xin?"

Jiang Jin looked at Gao Wen as she suddenly burst into laughter. She laughed so hard that even tears could be seen at the corners of her eyes.

Upon seeing this, Sister Yu dutifully handed Jiang Jin a piece of tissue.

Gao Wen was embarrassed and at a loss for words.

'When Jiang Jin's laughter subsided, her eyes glinted coldly as she said, "Madam Ye, I've given you a chance when you were injured in my house previously. We're not children anymore, and this includes Song Ning and Ye Xin. We're all adults so we should take responsibility for our actions. The current Song Ning is Song Ning. If you insist on making this ridiculous claim, the Mu family will not back down. As for your Ye Xin, that's your Ye family's business. It has nothing to do with our Mu family."

Each of Jiang Jin's words was like a heavy hammer hitting Gao Wen's head. They made her dizzy, and her ears buzzed. She almost collapsed to the ground.

"The Mu family is aware of everything, right? They're aware of everything! Then, what about Xinxin? Where did Song Ning come from?"

Gao Wen blamed herself for not asking Ye Xin about Song Ning, since Ye Xin was impersonating Song Ning, then where was Song Ning all this time? She had never asked, and Ye Xin had never mentioned it. As a mother who cared about her daughter wholeheartedly, she only had her daughter in her eyes. As for the lives of others, she had never cared about them since they had nothing to do with her.

For these reasons, Gao Wen was completely at a loss now with Song Ning's sudden reappearance. Based on what she gathered, Song Ning should no longer exist in this world.

Chapter 476: Lost

Gao Wen was confused; what was going on? Song Ning was in front of her. Moreover, based on the Mu family's appearance, they were happy and harmonious without the slightest bit of awkwardness. It was not like the way they treated Ye Xin when she was in the Mu family.

Gao Wen furrowed her brows as she pondered on what Jiang Jin's words meant. What about the time when she was injured here? She suddenly recalled that Jiang Jin had strongly hinted at that time that they were aware that Ye Xin was impersonating Song Ning. With this thought in mind, she could not help but break out in cold sweat.

Gao Wen recalled she strongly denied knowing anything and put on a show in front of Jiang Jin. As it turned out, Jiang Jin was already aware of everything.

Gao Wen rushed back to N City. She wanted to ask Ye Xin what was going on. She wanted to know how Ye Xin managed to enter the Mu family and what happened to Song Ning? Ye Xin was the only one who could give her answers now.

'When Gao Wen entered the ward, she discovered it was empty. She felt as though her heart had dropped into an abyss. Where was her daughter?

She rushed out of the room and grabbed the first nurse she saw before asking anxiously, "Where's she? Where's my daughter?"

The young nurse impatiently shook off Gao Wen's hand. Then, she looked into the room and said, "She left. She was discharged. Her mother took her away."

"Her mother?" Gao Wen could not help but raise her voice when she heard these words.

The trio sat in a corner of a restaurant.

The family of three's warmth and happiness were already captured by a reporter hiding in a corner.

Song Ning's eyes flashed before she asked Mu Chen softly, "Did you arrange for the reporter to be here?"

Mu Chen shook his head gently as he fed the baby a spoonful of pureed food. He said, "There's no need for me to arrange for reporters to be here. As long as we make a public appearance, there'll be people who pay attention to us. They're all waiting for a divorce or a scandal from us."

Song Ning sighed softly. "Some people live with all their might while some people waste their lives on harming others."

Mu Chen smiled and reached out to stroke Song Ning's hair. "You're so naive. If everyone's like you, the world will be a better place."

Song Ning thought that Mu Chen had a point; she was truly too naive. Fortunately, she had Mu Chen by her side. As long as she was with him, she would be calm.

At this time, the baby leaned forward and grabbed Mu Chen's hand as he babbled to himself. Then, he moved Mu Chen's hand to his head as though he was saying, "Don't touch Mommy. Touch me!"

The husband and wife looked at each other before they burst out in laughter...

Chapter 477: Sweet

The reporter kept taking pictures of the family of three's sweet moments.

At this moment, Mu Chen's phone vibrated. After he took a look, he put his phone away.

"What's the matter? Do you need to leave?" Song Ning asked.

Mu Chen smiled and shook his head. "It's nothing."

Song Ning said, "You're with us all the time. You shouldn't push all your work to Cheng Che. Jiahui will be back soon so let him relax a little. The baby and I are fine. There's no need for you to be with us all the time."

Mu Chen shook his head with a helpless expression as he said, "You just returned. Everything's finally back on the right track. I only want to be by your side every day, every hour, and every minute, but

you're trying to chase me away. You feel sorry for Cheng Che, but what about me?"

Song Ning patted his arm gently before she carefully wiped the baby's hands and said, "I want to go back to work as well. I've taken a long enough vacation."

Mu Chen sighed. "But I haven't had enough time with you and the baby."

Song Ning smiled. She thought to herself that Mu Chen was really skilled with his words.

"Why... Why does she want to deal with Ye Xin?" Song Ning asked in confusion.

Mu Chen shook his head. "I don't know. That's her business so let her be. This matter is already settled as far as I'm concerned."

Song Ning was still a little worried. "Are... Are you sure this is okay?"

'Mu Chen nodded.

"Theard that Ye Xin made a mess out of Zhuang Ji. What should I do now?" Song Ning asked worriedly.

The corners of Mu Chen's curled up as he said, "You don't have to worry about these things. Grandma knows what to do. Ye Xin doesn't know how to run a business at all so Anran has a tight grip on things. How much damage do you think a person who can't even read financial reports inflicts? As for the people Ning Zhe placed by Ye Xin's side, we'll leave them alone for now. They'll have their uses in the future."

Song Ning sighed. "I can't believe she actually returned to the Ning family. I really don't know what's going through her mind."

Mu Chen sneered. "She's seeking death. If she didn't return to the Ning family to look for a backer, she wouldn't have driven Ning Dong into a corner."

Song Ning felt her head hurt even more at the mention of this. "Ning Dong is really ruthless. Ning Zhe groomed such a good successor. I wonder if this is karma."

Chapter 478: Imprisoned

'Mu Chen did not want Song Ning to be unhappy about these things. He said, "What goes around comes around. This is the father and son's matter so let them deal with it. We'll just wait and see."

Song Ning remained silent.

Mu Chen said, "Cheng Che's show is about to be completed. The initial promotional work is almost done as well. It should be released in about three to four months' time. At that time, Zhuang Ning will become popular."

"So soon?" Song Ning was surprised.

Mu Chen smiled. "Cheng Che's been working hard, and he's really happy as well. I didn't expect him to be interested in this. I'll have to reduce his workload in the future so he can do what he likes."

Song Ning was happy for Cheng Chen, but she felt sorry for Mu Chen. She asked, "Then what about you? What do you like to do?"

Mu Chen placed his hands on the table as he said affectionately, "I like to be with my wife and my son."

Song Ning blushed as she glared at him. "I'm being serious."

"Well, I'm being serious as well. I just want to be with you. I'm happy when I see you're happy," Mu Chen said.

Song Ning thought about it for a moment before she said, "Then, you should resign and stay at home to take care of the baby. I'll be the breadwinner of the family."

Mu Chen's eyes lit up immediately. "Really? Alright, it's a deal! When we return, I'll tell Grandma I want to resign."

Song Ning swatted his arm gently as she said, "Grandma will skin you alive and break your legs."

The two of them laughed happily.

The baby looked at his parents chatting now that he was full. When he saw his parents laughing, he laughed as well.

In the afternoon, pictures of the family of three appeared in major news portals.

Ye Xin looked at Liang Zhou, who was standing in front of her, in fear and at a loss for words.

This morning, Liang Zhou had suddenly shown up. Without saying anything, she had given Ye Xin an injection before getting Ye Xin discharged from the hospital.

Ye Xin had heard Liang Zhou telling the nurses that she was her mother and that the woman who accompanied her every day was her mother-in-law.

Ye Xin could not speak and move as Liang Zhou brought her out of the hospital. She could only watch helplessly as Liang Zhou abducted her.

Currently, Ye Xin was in a small villa. The villa across from her belonged to her and Mu Qing.

Liang Zhou brought Ye Xin to the balcony and pointed at the villa opposite as she said, "Look at that villa. The layout is exactly the same as the one we're in. In that villa, an old man kept a young and beautiful woman. In order to please the old man, the woman would do all kinds of despicable things. I've never seen such a shameless woman in my life before."

Ye Xin's face was ashen and she could not say a word. Although the effects of the drug had worn off, she found that she could not say a word. Her shock had rendered her speechless.

Liang Zhou bent down and pointed at the binoculars standing behind the glass door as she said with an icy smile, "Do you know? When I couldn't sleep at night, I used these binoculars to observe the live intimate scenes in the opposite villa. When I looked at that shameless couple, they always filled me with the determination to live well! After all, if such filthy people are living so well, I should live well too. I want to see them fall one day so I have to live on. What do you think?"

Ye Xin's hands were shaking, her face was pale, and her body was cold.

Liang Zhou seemed completely unaware of Ye Xin's reactions as she continued to say, "Then, I realized something. That woman thought that man only loved her!" She laughed for a while before she

continued to say, “That woman is really stupid. I wonder how she would feel if she knew the old man often slept with other women in their big bed.”

‘When Ye Xin saw the smug and happy smile on Liang Zhou’s face, she really wished she could strangle Liang Zhou to death..

Chapter 479: Photos

Liang Zhou stopped laughing and wiped the tears off the corners of her eyes. All traces of mirth vanished from her face as she said, “You don’t believe me, right? It’s fine. I have evidence. They’re all stored in the computer in the study.”

Ye Xin mustered up all her energy to ask, “You! What do you want?”

Liang Zhou smiled sweetly as she replied, “What do I want to do? I just want to protect you. That’s all.”

Ye Xin glared at Liang Zhou and spat out, “I don’t need your protection.”

Liang Zhou maintained the smile on her face as she said, “Is that so? Are you sure? Then, let me show you something.”

Liang Zhou pushed Ye Xin’s wheelchair back into the living room. Then, she connected her phone to the television that was mounted on the wall.

Ye Xin was stunned when she saw a photo of Mu Chen carrying the baby with one arm while his other hand was placed intimately on the top of a woman’s head. The woman looked up at Mu Chen with a smile on her face.

It was a beautiful photo. Despite it being still, the warmth and love were palpable from the photo alone.

Ye Xin’s eyes were fixed on the happy young woman on the screen.

“Song Ning?! When was this photo taken? Why’s Song Ning with Mu Chen and the baby? From the looks of it, this photo was taken quite recently! Why is Song Ning there? Isn’t Song Ning dead? Mu Qing had confirmed this with me! He’s always meticulous when doing things so how is Song Ning alive? How did Song Ning get together with Mu Chen?”

Ye Xin did not speak.

“This is the Young Madam of our Mu family. She’s deeply loved by the Old Madam and the entire family. She’s from a prestigious family and is very capable. When she was young, she used to be an actress. When she grew up, she studied medicine and is well on her way to becoming a doctor. Is there any man who wouldn’t like such a woman? Our Young Master loves her so much that he wishes he could stay by her side every day. Now that our Young Madam has given birth to a son, the entire Mu family loves her even more,” Liang Zhou said proudly.

Ye Xin sneered as she said viciously, “Why do you speak like you’re part of the Mu family? They don’t even acknowledge you. Aren’t you ashamed to be speaking words like ‘our Mu family’?”

Liang Zhou was not affected by her words at all. "Well, it's all thanks to the precious family that I was recognized by the Old Madam. I risked my life twice to save the baby so the Old Madam looks at me in a different light now. Speaking of which, it's all thanks to you. If it weren't for you trying to harm Song Ning and the baby, where would I get this chance? Although this is my fate, I still really have to thank you!"

Ye Xin was rendered speechless by these words. Chaos ran amok in her heart at this moment. Liang Zhou continued to say, "Oh, right. Let me show you more photos. Today, the family of three went to an amusement park. The photos that were taken turned out exceptionally good. Mu Chen sent them to me. Let's have a look at them together."

Ye Xin stared at the photos of the family of three with her mouth agape. Her entire body was cold. She suddenly rose from the wheelchair, intending to leave. However, as soon as she stood up, she fell back down in pain due to her leg injury. She said through gritted teeth, "I want to go back! I want to go back to the Mu family!"

Liang Zhou smiled sweetly as she said, "Oh? You want to go back? Then, with what identity are you going to go back to the Mu family? Song Ning is by Mu Chen's side, and the baby is hugging her and calling her 'Mama. Who are you? Is there a place for you in the Mu family?"

Ye Xin bit her lip before she said, "I'm Song Ning!"

Liang Zhou looked as though she had heard a huge joke.. "If you're Song Ning, who's that in the photos?"

Chapter 480: Revealing the Truth

"I'm the real Song Ning!" Ye Xin yelled.

Liang Zhou shook her head and clicked her tongue. Then, she said with a sneer, "Where's the evidence? How do you prove that you're the real Song Ning?"

Liang Zhou circled around Ye Xin before she reached out to touch the bandage on Ye Xin's face and said, "Your face is ruined, but you still dare to say you're Song Ning? We can get someone to have a look. I'm sure it'd be easy to tell that you've got work done on your face."

Ye Xin shut her mouth and closed her eyes as she tried to calm down with all her might.

"Ye Xin, do you know that the heavens are always watching what we do? The suffering you experience now is what Song Ning suffered in the past. She had just given birth and survived the fire when she saw the pictures of you and Mu Chen celebrating the baby turning one month old. Have you ever thought of how Song Ning must have felt at that time?" Liang Zhou said, "I understand that you thought Song Ning was dead but weren't you afraid of retribution? Do you not have a conscience at all? You built your happiness on the pain of others, but you still have the nerve to be complacent?"

"Mu Qing spent a lot of money to make you look like Song Ning, It was the heavens giving you a chance. If you'd expended more effort, none of us would've found out you're not Song Ning. Alas, the heavens bestowed you with a beautiful appearance but forgot to give you a brain. You were dealt a good hand, but you played it badly. What an idiot!" Liang Zhou said contemptuously.

Ye Xin's hands trembled, but she was unable to say a single word.

Liang Zhou turned to look at the big screen and said, "What a perfect family of three. Indeed, she's the baby's biological mother. Look at how quickly he bonded with his mother. What about you? You've been by his side since he was born, and yet, you're not close to him at all. Ye Xin, just how stupid are you?"

Ye Xin felt chills running up her spine as she stared at Song Ning who was smiling happily on the screen.

"Do you feel envious? Jealous?" Liang Zhou sneered. "To think you're shameless enough to even think about returning to the Mu family after everything! You want justice? Do you think you deserve justice? You think you can do whatever you want? Keep dreaming. This time, I'll let you experience Song Ning's suffering."

The more Liang Zhou spoke, the angrier she became. "How dare a thief cry of injustice? How dare a thief act so self-righteous? You're really one of a kind. Did you think you can't get away with anything just because of your face that resembles Song Ning's? Alas, your face won't be able to help you this time! I'll let you have a taste of what Song Ning felt at that time!"

Liang Zhou set the remote control down on the table as she walked away.

Ye Xin's hand trembled as she reached to hold the remote control. When she accidentally pressed a button, the picture on the screen changed, playing a video.

Ye Xin watched in shock as the baby tottered on his short and chubby legs toward Song Ning. When Song Ning picked him up, he kissed her on the cheek and called out 'Mama' in a baby voice.

Ye Xin could not believe the baby actually called Song Ning 'Mama'. He had never let her touch him. Whenever she touched him, he would cry. Could the baby really distinguish between the real and the fake?

Ye Xin began to panic. Now that Song Ning returned to the Mu family, what was she going to do? What was going to happen to her?

She needed to find Mu Qing. She would make Mu Qing think of a way out for her. She looked to the left and right, searching for her phone. She needed to call Mu Qing.

At this moment, Liang Zhou extended her hand in front of Ye Xin, handing her a phone as she said, "Go ahead. Call him. Ask him to help you get rid of Song Ning. That's what you want, right?"

Ye Xin did not speak nor did she reach out to take the phone. At this moment, she suddenly recalled that Liang Zhou had seen her and Mu Qing through the binoculars in this villa. That was right. Liang Zhou must be doing this to seek revenge from her.