

A Marriage 601

Chapter 601 Breakfast

The smile on Guan Tang's face did not fade at all as she said, "It doesn't matter what he looks like; I don't care. I'll be the wife of whoever I marry." Yin Jia said expressionlessly, "Well, it's not like you have a choice."

Guan Tang smiled and said, "That's why we should attack and defend together. After all, both of us will have the closest relationship in this family in the future."

Upon hearing these words, Yin Jia said mockingly, "Shouldn't your aunt be the closest person to you?"

Guan Tang continued to smile and say, "Of course, I'll still be close to my aunt. Even if she's married into your family, we're still close."

Yin Jia's expression finally eased. She said, "I heard that my brother has a fiancée now and that they're already discussing their marriage. It seems like they have a good relationship. You have to be careful."

Guan Tang nodded. "Thank you for your reminder, Sister."

At this time, a helper walked in and greeted them. "Good morning."

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The duo immediately fixed their expressions and distanced themselves from each other. When they walked out, they saw Yin Bin already sitting at the dining table, reading the newspaper.

"Good morning, Father."

"Good morning, Uncle." The two greeted Yin Bin before they took their respective seats.

Guan Ning walked over, neatly dressed, before she said with a smile, "Both of you woke up really early."

The duo nodded and greeted Guan Ning.

Guan Ning asked a helper, "Is the Second Young Miss still asleep?"

The helper whispered, "Yes."

Upon hearing this, Yin Jia quickly said, "Mom, Little Sister must have slept late. Let her sleep in a little longer..."

Before Guan Ning could reply, Yin Bin said, "What time is it already? Go and wake Second Young Miss up. Tell her to come down for breakfast."

Yin Jia smiled and said, "Father, don't be so fierce to Little Sister."

Yin Bin seemed to realize he had been harsh so he said, "I just want her to come down for breakfast. She shouldn't mess up her schedule."

Guan Ning slowly said after she sighed, "Yin Yi is too carefree, unlike our Eldest Young Miss. Our Eldest Young Miss has always been self-disciplined and has clear goals. Yin Yi is still so immature. I really don't know what to do with her."

After swallowing the food in her mouth, Yin Jia said, "Mom, how can you say that about Little Sister? Yin Yi was born blessed. Moreover, she's Father's little lucky star, making Father's career thrive. She just needs to be happy and healthy. Isn't that right, Father?"

Yin Bin nodded. "Yes."

Guan Ning withdrew her hand that was holding a pair of chopsticks while Guan Tang turned a blind eye to everything around her.

At this time, Yin Yi walked in. She yawned before she said, "Good morning, Mom, Dad, Sister, Cousin!"

After the sleepy Yin Yi took a seat next to Guan Ning, the helper placed her breakfast in front of her.

Yin Yi's face scrunched up in disgust when she saw the food. She complained, "This again? I really have no appetite seeing this."

Yin Bin glared at Yin Yi. "You're still half-asleep, but you're already picky with your food. Do you have any manners?"

Yin Jia reached out and patted Yin Bin's hand, gesturing for him to calm down. Then, she said to the helper, "Bring a sandwich and fry the sausages that Young Miss likes."

Then, Yin Jia pushed a glass of milk to Yin Yi as she said, "Drink a glass of milk to warm your stomach first."

Yin Yi was so angry that she did not say anything. She obediently accepted the glass of milk that Yin Jia pushed over.

When the helper brought Yin Yi's breakfast over, Yin Bin put down his chopsticks and said to his eldest daughter, "I heard that Cheng Che was hospitalized because of a car accident. Go to the hospital to visit your brother later. Take care of him, understand?"

Yin Jia straightened her back immediately before she replied, "I understand, Father. I'll leave immediately after this."

Yin Bin was very satisfied with Yin Jia's attitude. Then, he turned to say to Guan Ning, "As for you, go and visit Zhuang Ji as a customer today. Don't talk about anything else; just silently observe. I'm still getting people to verify Ye He's words."

Chapter 602 Sisters

Yin Bin looked at Guan Tang and said, "Since you studied fashion design, see if there's anything special about it from a professional standpoint."

Guan Tang nodded. "I understand, Uncle."

Yin Yi asked, "Does this mean I can buy the clothes I like?"

Yin Bin only glanced at Yin Yi and did not say anything

Instead, Yin Jia was the one who said, "Of course, you can buy them. If we don't buy them, how will we know if the clothes are worthy of their reputation?"

Yin Yi's face lit up as soon as she heard these words.

On the contrary, Guan Ning felt that the food in her mouth was incredibly hard to swallow. When she saw Yin Bin standing up after he finished eating, she hurriedly followed suit and asked, "Are you going to company now?"

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Yin Bin nodded. "I have an appointment with Ye He to discuss something." Guan Ning sighed. "You're too busy. It's all that rascal, Yin Zheng's fault. Otherwise, he'd be able to help you."

Yin Bin only scoffed coldly.

Guan Ning no longer dared to say anything.

Meanwhile, Yin Yi looked at her parents' backs before she turned around and made a face at her two sisters.

Yin Jia and Guan Tang smiled indulgently.

Yin Yi took a bite of her sandwich and mumbled, "When will Dad forgive Brother? Look at how worried my mom is. She's been like this for the past six months."

Yin Jia and Guan Tang tacitly avoided this topic.

Guan Tang asked Yin Jia, "Sister, do you want to meet us after you leave the hospital?"

With this, Yin Yi was reminded of Yin Jia's task today. She said, "Sister, is Eldest Brother really handsome? I found his pictures online, but they're not very clear. I heard that Mu Chen hates having his pictures taken. However, I have to say that Mu Chen is very handsome. If he enters the entertainment industry, those top celebrities will be out of work. Oh, that's right. I heard Eldest Brother has a film company, right? The three shows they produced are airing now. Zhuang Ning, that popular celebrity, stars in one of them. Although I'm a woman, I really like her. Sister, can you ask Eldest Brother to let me work in his company? I want to get close to those celebrities! In fact, it's even better if I were given a chance to act!"

Yin Yi spoke confidently while Yin Jia listened quietly and patiently.

Guan Tang, on the other hand, advised, "Yin Yi, the matter with your brother hasn't been settled yet. When he officially returns to the family, you can speak to him. I'm sure he'll agree to your request. After all, you're his younger sister."

Yin Yi smiled and said teasingly, "Cousin, you're not even married yet, but you're already speaking up for my brother?"

Guan Tang's face flushed red.

Yin Jia calmly said, "Your cousin is right. You can speak to your eldest brother when he returns to the family. I'm sure he'll acquiesce to your small request."

Yin Yi was very happy upon hearing these words. To her, she had no problem having another elder brother. After all, she was the youngest in the family, and everyone spoiled her. Recently, her father had

been very angry because her second brother had gotten into trouble. Although it had nothing to do with her, she tried to help her mother by not contradicting her father, hoping it would appease her father's anger toward her second brother.

Yin Yi was very curious about her eldest brother who suddenly appeared. He was not a poor person on the street like in those novels and dramas. He was also raised in a wealthy family. The Mu family was not inferior to the Yin family. In fact, the Old Madam of the Mu family's status was several times higher than her grandmother.

Yin Yi looked forward to her eldest brother's return to the family. At that time, she would have another person she could ask for pocket money from. She could also brag to her friends that her elder brother is the boss of a film and television company. It would give her a certain prestige.

At this time, Yin Yi, who had the least burden, was the happiest person in the Yin family.

Chapter 603 Distressed

When Yin Jia arrived at Cheng Che's ward Cheng Che was looking at the detailed reports about the Yin family on his phone that Xiao An, his secretary had sent to him.

Yin Jia knocked on the door and walked in without waiting for a reply. She said, displeased, "How did you get into a car accident? Why are you alone? Don't you have anyone to take care of you?"

Many thoughts appeared in Yin Jia's mind at this moment.

Most people were surrounded by family when they were hospitalized. When Yin Zheng and Yin Xian were hospitalized, there were more than twenty helpers in the family attending to them. Moreover, they even booked the entire floor of the hospital. However, Cheng Che was alone in his ward. Did he have to personally ring the bell just to call the nurse when he felt unwell? Cheng Che was said to be raised in a wealthy family, but what was this treatment? If it were Mu Chen who was hospitalized, she did not believe no one would be with him.

With all these thoughts in her mind, Yin Jia felt a lump in her throat and almost cried. She was certain her younger brother was being bullied under the roof of the Mu family just like how she had been bullied all those years ago. She was determined not to let her brother suffer like she did.

"How did you find me here?" Cheng Che looked at Yin Ji in surprise.

Yin Jia said angrily, "Do you think you can keep such a big matter a secret? I'm your sister! I'm the person closest to you in this world. If I don't care about you, do you expect anyone else to care about you? Tell me, where are you injured? What's the situation like? Are you going to tell me or do I have to ask the doctor?"

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Yin Jia kept complaining, and Cheng Che did not interrupt her. When she finished speaking, he only said, "It's nothing serious. I'm only here for observation. I'll be discharged today." Seeing that Cheng Che looked well, Yin Jia felt relieved. However, she still sized him up from head to toe. She said sadly, "Yin Xing, come home with me."

However, when Yin Jia saw Cheng Che frowning, she hurriedly said, "Grandpa heard about you, and he's very happy. He'll be arriving in M City in a few days. There's no objection at all about you returning to the family. Now that Yin Zheng and Yin Xian are in trouble, you're the only successor left in the Yin family. No matter your request, Grandpa and Father will definitely agree to it. You're the only hope of the Yin family."

Cheng Che's frown deepened as he said, "I'm not interested in the Yin family nor do I have any intention of returning to the family. I'm very happy with my life now. Please don't come looking for me in the future. Just act like before and pretend I don't exist."

Yin Jia said anxiously, "I've never pretended you didn't exist! For the past twenty years, I've been thinking of ways to bring you back home! However, I'm too weak in the Yin family that I could barely survive. Do you know how hard my life had been? The only person I can rely on in the Yin family is you! Only when you return to the Yin family can the Yin family be considered my home. Yin Xing, do you understand?"

Yin Jia's tears streamed down her face as she continued to say, "If you blame me for not looking for you until now, I'll admit I'm not capable enough to do so since I don't have any influence in the Yin family. However, Yin Xing, now is the best time for you to return. If it were in the past, with Yin Zheng and Yin Jian around, we'd have to struggle even if you return. Now, karma finally got back at them. They no longer have the ability to compete with you. Moreover, the Yin family needs you to return. Think about it. The Yin family is yours, to begin with. You have to hold it tightly in your hand."

Yin Jia's hands were tightly clenched.

Cheng Che remained unmoved. "I said I'm not interested."

"You!" Yin Jia was furious. She took a couple of deep breaths before she said, "Yin Xing, please listen to your sister's advice."

Chapter 604 Jade Pendant

Yin Jia covered her face as she cried and said, "When Grandmother left, Mother was pregnant with you when she looked for Grandmother. At that time, she left me at home. If it weren't for the fact that when I was born, the Yin family business suddenly flourished and Grandpa treated me as a lucky star, I would've been treated even worse. That vicious old woman really did a lot of bad things!"

Yin Jia looked at Cheng Che with tears in her eyes as she said, "You've never been in the Yin family before, and you don't even know about my existence. I don't blame you that you don't feel sorry for me. However, you're my only younger brother. You're my only family. If even you don't want me, then my life is meaningless!"

Cheng Che could not bear it.

Indeed, he had never been in the Yin family before. When he found out about his biological family when he turned 18, he did not ask about the Yin family. To him, the fact that the Yin family did not come to look for him spoke for itself. Hence, he did not feel the need to entangle himself with them. It was not like he could not live on without them or could not let them go. Hence, he severed his ties with the Yin family without difficulty. However, the person in front of him was his biological sister.

Cheng Che hesitated.

Yin Jia reached up and unfastened the clasp of her necklace. She held it in her hand as she said, "This necklace was custom-made by Mom for us. I don't know if they gave it to you. My jade pendant has my name engraved on it. However, yours don't have your name since at that time, we didn't know if you were a boy or a girl. If you were a boy, we would engrave 'Yin Xing' on it; if you were a girl we would engrave 'Yin Yi'."

Cheng Che sighed. Then, he unfastened his necklace and showed it to Yin Jia. The jade pendant was engraved with the words 'Cheng Che'.

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Yin Jia took his necklace and placed it next to hers. She sobbed and said, "Grandmother must have engraved it for you after she left Grandpa. Why should we suffer because of their issues? Our family was broken up just like that. Why should we bear the consequences of their actions for 28 years?"

Yin Jia clutched the two necklaces in her hand as she cried uncontrollably.

Cheng Che could not help but feel sad. Indeed, he and Yin Jia were innocent, and the most innocent person was their mother. The three of them were used as sacrifices in this melodramatic tale of a wealthy family.

Cheng Che reached out hesitantly and patted Yin Jia's shoulder as he said, "Don't cry."

Yin Jia's body froze slightly. Then, she raised her head and carefully returned Cheng Che's necklace to him. After she fastened her necklace around her neck, she wiped away the tears on her face with a piece of tissue. She brought out a hand mirror and tidied her makeup. Since she did not put on much makeup, it did not make much of a mess.

Cheng Che observed her silently. She was likely raised under strict rules, considering her actions. At least, he had never seen such a rigid Young Miss of a wealthy family.

After tidying herself up, Yin Jia calmed down. She said, "Grandmother named you Cheng Che to show her determination to Grandpa. Back then, Grandpa's mistress, the current Old Madam Ji Yang of the Yin family, was our grandmother's best friend. However, that old woman actually dared to hook up with Grandpa. They were both over 30 years old at that time, and yet, they still did such a shameful thing! When Grandmother found out, it was chaotic. They were fighting and shouting. However, for some reason, before Grandma could do much, she was caught with another man by a reporter. With that, the tide suddenly changed. Grandma was adamant that she was innocent, but alas, she could not defend herself."

Chapter 605 The Past

Yin Jia sighed. "Grandma had a strong personality, to begin with. When that happened, she left the house. Mom felt sorry for Grandma and trusted Grandma so she left me with Father before she went to look for Grandma. At that time, our parents agreed to work together to persuade Grandma and Grandpa to reconcile. However, who knew that as soon as Grandma and Mom left, the Yin family closed a huge deal. With that, Grandpa and Father became very busy and did not have time to care about anything else. Then, later on, Father got drunk and had intimate relations with Guan Ning. How could the Guan

family overlook that? They demanded an explanation from Grandpa and Father, bringing more chaos to the family. With that, they delayed the matter regarding Grandma and Mom. In the end, the matter dragged on for over 28 years until now...”

Yin Jia cried again.

Cheng Che said, “Grandma told me before that before Mom gave birth to me, Mom sent someone to inform our father, but he didn’t come.”

Yin Jia sneered. “Not only did he not come, but he also asked someone to send divorce papers to both Grandmother and Mom!”

Cheng Che’s eyes widened in disbelief upon hearing this.

Yin Jia was surprised, “You didn’t know? Old Madam Mu actually didn’t tell you about this? Why did you think our mother had such a hard time giving birth at that time?” After a moment, she said, “Old Madam Mu was probably trying to protect you. Even if you knew about it, what could you do at such a young age? It’d only add to your troubles. From the looks of it, she treats you quite well.”

For the first time, Yin Jia seemed to acknowledge Jiang Jin.

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“Then what happened?” Cheng Che asked in a deep voice.

Yin Jia smiled sorrowfully. “What do you think? I suddenly gained a new grandmother and mother! Grandma signed the divorce papers without any hesitation, and that old woman officially entered the Yin family. She even brought her son and daughter along. Her children were already in their twenties, but they still changed their surnames to Yin! There were rumors that they were Grandpa’s illegitimate children. In any case, he treats them like his own. Fortunately, there were the other elders from the Yin family. They did not agree to that old woman’s son participating in the Yin family business. They made a huge fuss for a few years before Grandpa gave them a lot of benefits. Only then did they gradually calm down.”

Yin Jia’s voice was dripping with disdain as she continued to say, “Miss Guan married our father and gave birth to Yin Zheng a few months later. Our second uncle had a son, Yin Jian, around the same time. As those two grew up, the fight for the right of inheritance intensified again. The Yin family is too messy.”

Cheng Che nodded slightly. Before Yin Jia came, he had already learned of this matter from his secretary.

“In short, the family is filthy!” Yin Jin said disdainfully.

“What happened to Yin Zheng and Yin Jian?” Cheng Che asked with a frown. The two men were ready-made heirs. There was no need for them to look for him who was so far away.

Yin Jia revealed a strange smile on her face as she said, “Those two? They were punished because of the wicked deeds of the previous generation! It’s retribution! Those two were the same age and grew up together. From young until they grew up, they fought. Thanks to their fights, I was able to survive. Heaven is really fair! Are you wondering why they lost their right to inherit?”

Yin Jia laughed before she said, filled with hatred, "It's because they both fooled around outside. Both of them were infected with AIDS and a host of other filthy diseases!"

Then, Yin Jia said in a voice filled with delight and gloating, "They can't be cured. The money spent trying to cure them two years ago was wasted! Both of them could no longer have children."

Chapter 606 Grievances

Yin Jia looked at Cheng Che with a fervent gaze as she said, "That's why the future of the Yin family depends on you, Yin Xing, or Cheng Che. Even if you're Cheng Che, you're the Yin family's only hope for the future."

Cheng Che remained indifferent. "I'm not interested."

Yin Jia frowned. "What does this have to do with your interest? This is your responsibility! I won't ask you to return for my sake, but what about Mom? Mom was innocent! Those people killed her! Shouldn't you seek justice for her?"

Yin Jia's breathing quickened as she spoke.

Cheng Che, who had received a load of information all at once, felt like his heart was in a mess. Nonetheless, he held onto his principles. He said, "I have nothing to do with the Yin family. You're my sister so we can have some contact. However, I'm not going back to the Yin family."

Yin Jia stood up angrily with a loud bang and said, "I've been talking for so long? Have you not been listening?"

Cheng Che nodded, "I have. However, I don't think it has anything to do with me. I'm sorry, but I can't put myself in your shoes. I hope you can understand."

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"You!" Yin Jia was about to explode. When she calmed down, she said with a sorrowful expression, "Do you know what kind of life I'd been living all these years? If Grandpa did not think I'm the Yin family's lucky star, do you think I'd be able to survive up until now in such a complicated family?"

"At the beginning, that old witch tried to get rid of me using all kinds of means. She even wanted to send me to a temple! She said since I was the family's lucky star, I'd bring more luck to the family at the temple than at home. Fortunately, Miss Guan just married into the family at that time and was fighting with that old witch. Miss Guan wanted to be a model stepmother so she opposed that old witch and let me stay. Do you know how hard it was for me to live between those two women?"

"I was frightened every day and night. Frightened that if there were problems with the family business, I'd no longer be able to use the label of 'lucky star' anymore. Since I was young, I had been good at reading people's expressions. Do you know why? Whether it was grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and their children, I couldn't afford to offend any of them!"

Cheng Che felt sad for Yin Jia when he heard her sorrow-laden words. He did not deny that he, his sister, and his mother were the most innocent ones and became victims of the chaotic battle. The instigators seemed to have achieved their goals while the three of them were separated forever.

“Sister,” Cheng Che called out softly.

Yin Jia trembled slightly upon hearing this. She looked at him excitedly and grabbed his hand as she said, “Brother! Yin Xing, no, Cheng Che!”

Yin Jia was incoherent with delight.

Cheng Che could not help but sigh. Then, he asked gently, “Sister, are you willing to leave the Yin family and live with me?”

Yin Jia was stunned.

Cheng Che said seriously, “I haven’t saved much over the years, but I’ve never touched the inheritance that Grandma left me. If you leave the Yin family, we can live together and make up for 28 years of regrets. Leave those disputes behind us. What do you think?”

Chapter 607 Sister-in-Law

Yin Jia rose to her feet immediately. She said, clearly agitated, “You! What are you saying? What kind of words are those? Why do we have to leave the Yin family? We’re the official Eldest Young Miss and Young Master of the Yin family! If anyone has to leave, it should be those people. Why should we leave? Why should we give them what they want? Yin Xing! You have to work harder! How did the Mu family raise you to be so unambitious? You don’t compete for anything in the Mu family because you live under their roof and you don’t have the right to compete for anything. However, in the Yin family, you have more rights than anyone else! Do you understand? Why do you want to leave? No, I won’t allow that!”

Yin Jia’s voice grew louder and louder as she spoke.

Cheng Che looked at the agitated Yin Jia in a daze. For a moment, he did not respond.

Yin Jia stared at Cheng Che intently, wishing she could stare some sense into him.

At this moment, a teasing voice rang from the entrance.

“Yo, you have guests so early in the morning? Didn’t I tell you not to bring your work to the hospital? Did the young nurse not keep an eye on you?”

Yin Jia did not have time to correct her expression before she turned around and saw a beautiful face that was lit with joy.

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Jiahui walked in with her hands in her pockets. She had been slightly taken aback by the fierce expression on Yin Jia’s face earlier.

While Yin Jia tried to calm down, a smile already instinctively appeared on Cheng Che’s face.

Jiahui walked to Cheng Che’s bedside and naturally reached out to hold his hand. Then, she glanced at Yin Jia before she asked Cheng Che, “What’s going on? I think I heard an argument.”

Despite her words, Jiahui thought to herself, 'What argument? It's clearly just this woman getting riled up on her own. Cheng Che didn't even say anything...'

At this time, Cheng Chen finally introduced Jiahui to Yin Jia. "This is my fiancée, Jiahui. Her surname is An." After a brief pause, he said to Jiahui, "Jiahui, this is my sister, Yin

Jia."

Yin Jia extended her hand toward Jiahui and said in a reserved manner, "Hello, Dr. An."

Although Cheng Che had already made the introductions, Yin Jia did not address Jiahui by name.

Similarly, Jiahui only addressed Yin Jia as Miss Yin.

Yin Jia asked, "Can my brother be discharged today?"

Jiahui smiled professionally as she said, "Yes, I've already completed the formalities for it." Then, she said to Cheng Che, "Mu Chen and Mr. Jiang will be coming to pick you up in a while."

Cheng Che nodded. "Alright, then I'll go home first. Why don't you follow Sister-in-Law back to the house for dinner tonight? I'll tell the kitchen to prepare your favorite dishes."

Cheng Che treated Jiahui very well and did not put on any airs at all.

Yin Jia felt her eyes hurt when she looked at the couple. Then, she said with a straight face, "Then, I won't accompany you. When you return, you can discuss the matter with Old Madam Mu. Father and Mother are still waiting for your decision."

After saying that, Yin Jia did not even bother to bid farewell to Jiahui before she walked out.

As soon as Yin Jia left, Cheng Che quickly said to Jiahui, "She's a little strange. Don't take it to heart."

Jiahui pursed her lips before she said with a smile, "Why should I take it to heart? Cheng Che, I'm on your side. No matter what you decide on, I'm on your side. You don't have to worry about me. We can't make your decisions for you, but we're all on your side. Grandma, Sister Yu, Mu Chen, Song Ning, and I are all on your side. Promise me not to make things difficult for yourself for someone else's sake. Use the easiest way to solve the problem, okay?"

Cheng Che held Jiahui's hand and turned his head slightly to the side. His eyes were slightly wet. He was afraid he would cry. He was really thankful he had such a considerate partner.

Jiahui patted Cheng Che's shoulder and said, "Go home and wait for me. I'll see you after work."

Chapter 608 Hinting

After Jiahui was done comforting Cheng Che, she walked out of the room. As soon as she looked up, she saw Yin Jia waiting at the nurses' station.

Yin Jia's expression was reserved and arrogant. She nodded at Jiahui and asked, "Dr. An, do you have time to talk?"

Jiahui pointed up ahead and said, "I have to go back to work. If you don't mind, you can talk while you walk with me to the consultation room."

Yin Jia suppressed the anger in her heart and followed Jiahui. She bluntly said, "I believe Dr. An is aware of my brother's background, right?"

Jiahui nodded. "Yes, he told me."

Yin Jia continued to say, "Dr. An, I think there's something I need to tell you. Yin Xin, oh, wait, you're all used to calling him Cheng Che, right? Anyway, before he was born, my mother and her best friend had arranged a marriage for their unborn children. So, he already has a fiancée, Guan Tang. She's also my stepmother's niece. Although she's not born into a scholarly family like you, she's still a daughter from an influential family."

Jiahui stopped in her tracks.

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Yin Jia followed suit and looked at Jiahui provocatively.

Jiahui calmly asked, "Why didn't you tell Cheng Che about such an important matter?"

Yin Jia opened her mouth, but no words came out. Indeed, she did not dare to say anything about this matter to Cheng Che. It would make Cheng Che even more disgusted. In turn, that would make Cheng Che even more reluctant to return to the Yin family. If Cheng Che did not have a girlfriend, perhaps, she could use Guan Tong's beauty and background to attract Cheng Che. However, Cheng Che was in a stable relationship. Since she did not know much about his relationship, she did not dare to act rashly. She did not expect Jiahui to be so sharp.

Jiahui smiled as she continued to say, "You don't dare to tell Cheng Che, right? Then, why do you decide to tell me? You want me to back off and break up with him?"

Many thoughts raced in Yin Jia's mind at this time. When she made up her mind, she smiled at Jiahui gently and said, "Doctor An, I'm only telling you this because I want to be careful. Guan Tang is also in M City, after all. Most importantly, she's determined to get Cheng Che. Cheng Che is currently the sole heir to the Yin family's fortune. For the sake of her family and her position in the family, she must marry Cheng Che. I can see that you have a good relationship with my brother so I decided to remind you so you can be mentally prepared."

Jiahui looked at Yin Jia's sudden change in attitude and sighed inwardly. 'What kind of person can change her face so quickly?'

In the end, Jiahui only nodded and said perfunctorily, "Okay, thank you. I understand."

Upon seeing Jiahui's composure, Yin Jia felt anger surge in her heart. She took a deep breath to calm down before she said with a concerned expression on her face, "Dr. An, Cheng Che is the closest person to me in this world. Right now, my only wish is for him to return to the Yin family and shoulder the responsibility. However, he's still hesitating. I hope Dr. An will stand on my side and help me persuade him. Both of us are the people closest to him. Apart from us, who else will treat him sincerely? Don't you agree?"

Jiahui looked at the exquisite beauty in front of her. The other party's features were exquisite, and they were made even more exquisite by her makeup. Alas, the other party was also selfish and scheming. She

could not help but feel distressed for Cheng Che. All his sadness was caused by the people who were supposedly the closest to him. If they had no relations with him, he would not be hurt at all. The damage dealt by family members was truly the most painful.

Chapter 609 Dragged Into This Matter

Jiahui said gently, "Grandma and Mu Chen both treat Cheng Che very sincerely. He knows very well who treats him well. He's already a 28-year-old adult so he's not someone who's easily manipulated. Since you're siblings, you tell him what you told me about his marriage. No matter what choices he makes, I'll support him. If he decides to honor the marriage his mother arranged for him, then I have to say he's really filial to his mother. For the sake of his mother, he's willing to sacrifice his life's happiness. I'd have nothing but admiration for him. On the other hand, if he decides to be with me, then it's because he decides to follow his heart. In that case, I'd also have nothing but admiration for him."

Yin Jia was caught off guard by Jiahui's display of love toward Cheng Che. She felt truly suffocated. Fortunately, she had been raised in the Yin family. After so many years, she had long been used to adapting to all kinds of situations. In the end, she smiled and said, "My brother is really lucky to have a girlfriend like you. Don't worry. I'll do my best to deal with those people in the family for both of you. You just need to know that I'm on the same side as both of you."

Jiahui naturally did not believe that Yin Jia would suddenly switch allegiance.

Yin Jia looked at her watch before she said, "I have something to do so I'll take my leave first. Why don't we exchange numbers so we can keep each other updated?"

Jiahui acquiesced. Then, she said casually, "Take care. I won't see you out."

Back in the department.

When Jiahui walked into the office, Song Ning was still busy with her work.

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As soon as Jiahui returned to the office, she silently walked to Song Ning's desk and carried a stack of medical records on Song Ning's desk to her desk before she began to work.

Song Ning only had time to speak to Jiahui during their lunch break.

Song Ning asked, worried, "Has Cheng Che been discharged from the hospital?"

Jiahui nodded as she looked at the medical record in her hands and said without looking up, "Mu Chen and Uncle Jiang picked him up. There's no need for us to worry about him. I'll join all of you for dinner tonight."

Song Ning said with a smile, "I'm sure he must have gone to the kitchen as soon as he got home to get Xiao Yu to prepare your favorite dishes."

Jiahui only smiled and did not say anything.

Song Ning sighed. "Xiao Yu is really capable. Although our family is big, she's able to meticulously arrange everything for everyone. I should discuss raising her pay with Sister Yu."

Jiahui smiled and said teasingly, "That's good that you have someone managing the household. If it was left up to you, I'm afraid the house would be in chaos."

Song Ning replied, "I know my limits, after all. I won't bother managing the household or the family business. I don't have the ability to do such things so I should just stick to what I know."

"Speaking of knowing one's limits..." Jiahui said before she recounted her conversation with Yin Jia earlier.

Song Ning's eyes widened in shock. "Arranged marriage? What era does she think we're living in? Does she think we're in a historical novel or drama? How weird!"

Jiahui only smiled and did not say anything.

Song Ning asked tentatively, "So, Cheng Che doesn't know about this?"

Jiahui nodded. She was sure he did not know. She still had this bit of trust and understanding

"Cheng Che's really pitiful," Song Ning lamented as she shook her head and sighed.

Jiahui looked up from the medical record and looked at Song Ning before she asked, "Don't you think you're pitying the wrong person? Shouldn't you be pitying me? I'm an innocent victim who's suddenly dragged into this matter."

Song Ning smiled. "Stop pretending. Everyone knows that Cheng Che's heart is set on you. I know your relationship is as strong as gold. Stop showing off to me."

Jiahui smiled bitterly. "Song Ning, how can you not pity me? Think about it. This matter is likely not going to end so soon. First, they approached Cheng Che and revealed their intention to bring him back to the family. Then, later, they'll catch him off guard and tell him he has an arranged marriage. I can tell a storm is brewing on the horizon..."

Song Ning rose to her feet and stretched her limbs before she patted Jiahui's shoulder. "Don't think too much and worry about things that have yet to happen. Don't you always say that to me? Don't worry. There'll always be ways to solve the problem when the time comes."

Chapter 610 Small Talk

Jiahui was worried because she knew Cheng Che very well. She was not worried he would fall in love with someone else, but she was worried he would be morally kidnapped by his biological family. She sighed inwardly. This is really worrying...'

Yin Jia did not go to Zhuang Ji after leaving the hospital. Instead, she went home.

When Guan Ning and the others returned, Yin Jia was sitting on the couch, reading the news on her tablet. When she saw them, she rose to her feet and smiled. "You're back so soon?"

Guan Ning hurriedly asked, "Why are you back so fast? Why didn't you look for us? Zhuang Ji is really not bad. It's a pity you didn't come to take a look."

Yin Yi held the bags that the chauffeur had handed to her and said, "It's not a big deal. We can go again tomorrow. After all, I haven't bought enough yet. Sister, their embroidery work is really amazing! When I return to S City, I must buy them for my friends. It's really amazing."

Yin Yi could not wait to look through the things she had bought earlier.

At this moment, Guan Tang handed two bags to Yin Jia and said, "Sister, these are for you to choose from. See if you like them."

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Yin Jia took the bags and thanked Guan Tang with a smile.

Upon seeing this, Guan Ning said smilingly, "Guan Tang, you're always thinking about Yin Jia." Then, she said to Yin Jia, "We told her that we'll accompany you to Zhuang Ji next time, but she insists on buying something for you first. She said if you like the things she bought, we can visit the store again. Otherwise, we can just give those things away."

Yin Jia looked at the bags in her hands and said, "Guan Tang knows me very well. Since she chose them, I'm sure I'll like them."

Guan Ning's smile deepened upon hearing these words. After that, she asked directly, "You went to the hospital to visit Yin Xing, right? How's he? Are his injuries serious? Due to our complicated relationship, I can only let you visit him first."

Yin Jia sat next to Guan Ning. Her expression was a little unnatural as she said, "Mom, Yin Xing's current name is Cheng Che. His name should've been given to him by Grandma since he took Grandma's surname. I really don't know how to tell Grandpa about this."

Guan Ning stopped smiling. She patted Yin Jia's leg and said with a sigh. "I really don't know what to say. In any case, we shouldn't force him. Should we just call him Cheng Che?"

Yin Jia nodded. "Yes. Everything happened so suddenly for him so he has difficulties accepting them. I call him Cheng Che as

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well."

Guan Ning nodded before she asked, "So how did it go? Is he willing to return to the Yin family?"

Yin Jia lowered her gaze as she said, "He... It's a little hard for him to accept this. I think it'll take a little time to convince him. After all, the Mu family has raised him for so many years. He grew up there and has deep feelings for them. He treats the Mu family as his own family."

Guan Ning said seriously, "What a silly child. He treats them as family, but do they treat him as family? No matter how well the Mu family treats him, they still won't treat him like they would a descendant of the Mu family, right? Does he think they'll distribute their wealth to him? No matter what, he's adopted. When Old Madam Mu is gone, will Mu Chen still treat him like a biological brother? We've seen fights within wealthy families. Even biological siblings fight among themselves, let alone those with no blood relations."

Upon hearing this, Yin Yi chimed in, "That's right, that's right. Sister, you have to persuade Eldest Brother to come home as soon as possible. Once he returns, Father and Grandpa's anger will be gone, and they'll let Second Brother go. At that time, peace will also return to our family. The atmosphere is so bad at home now that I don't even dare to breathe!"

As Yin Yi spoke, she pouted and sat next to Yin Jia.

Yin Jia smiled and patted Yin Yi's hand. "Don't worry. Peace will definitely return to our family."

Chapter 611 Relationship

After saying that, Yin Jia looked at Guan Ning and said, "After all, we have the greatest mother."

Guan Ning smiled when she heard this. Yin Yi threw herself into Guan Ning's arms and said, "That's right! Our mother is the best in the world!"

At this time, Guan Tang smiled at Yin Jia meaningfully, and Yin Jia returned with a friendly smile of her own.

Ye He was silent for a long time after listening to his assistant's report. The report was too shocking. Was the world truly so small? How could it be so coincidental that Cheng Che was the child of the Yin family?

Ye He could not help but feel a burst of sourness in his heart as he thought to himself, 'Why does the Mu family get all the good things?'

Ye He had invited the Yin family to invest in hopes of obtaining Zhuang Ji. He had already learned about the embroidery manual, after all. He did not expect that the Yin family was inextricably linked to the Mu family. Once Cheng Che returned to the Yin family, it would be over for him. After all, who did not know that Cheng Che was running Zhuang Ji for Song Ning?

Ye He stood up and paced back and forth. No matter how long he thought about it, he could not find a solution.

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He picked up the report on the table and read it carefully again from the beginning until the end. Then, he suddenly asked his assistant, "Miss Yin is still single?"

The assistant replied, "She had a fiance before. However, he got into a car accident. After that, Miss Yin didn't have a boyfriend until now."

Ye He nodded thoughtfully before asking again, "She's not working for the Yin family?"

"No. Miss Yin studied art and likes playing the cello. I heard her fiance also dabbled in art. His family background wasn't good, but the Yin family didn't seem to mind it. After he passed away, Miss Yin quit teaching and went abroad to recuperate. She didn't work after she returned," the assistant said, revealing everything he found out.

"Alright." Ye He nodded.

"Master, do you want me to investigate Miss Yin?" the assistant asked, puzzled by Ye He's interest in Yin Jia.

Ye He thought about it for a moment before he said, "Go and investigate her hobbies. Call Young Master and tell him to come back when he has the time. Tell him I have something urgent to speak to him about."

Following that, the assistant hurriedly called Ye Cheng

Ye Cheng was sitting on a couch watching the ancient drama that Zhuang Ning starred in.

At this moment, Zhuang Ning, who was dressed in her home clothes, walked into the living room with a plate of fruits and placed it on the coffee table in front of Ye Cheng.

Ye Cheng quickly thanked her before he pointed at the television and said, "I feel that you'll definitely win an award for this."

Zhuang Ning said with a faint smile, "I'm just a newcomer. I don't dare to hope for an award. I'm already very satisfied with the few passable works I've done."

Ye Cheng thought about it for a moment before he said, "Do you want me to help you with this? I have connections with some of the judges."

Zhuang Ning rolled her eyes inwardly. She feigned surprise and asked, "You have connections with the judges?"

Ye Cheng's hand that was holding the fork stilled briefly. When he saw Zhuang Ning looking at him, waiting for an answer, he could only say, "It's because of my sister back then..."

Seeing the confused expression on Zhuang Ning's face, he explained, "Back then, my sister had a very impressive and capable manager. She provided me with a channel to make these connections."

Zhuang Ning's hand, which was hidden from sight, was tightly clenched upon hearing these words. She tried her best to stay calm as she asked, "Oh, then what is the manager doing now? Can you introduce her to me? Peng Peng is too young. I might need a more experienced manager. It's really hard to find a good manager these days. Since you know her, I'd be rest assured with her abilities."

Ye Cheng spat the fruit core into the plate before he waved his hand and said, "She's not here anymore. If you want to change managers, I can help you look for one."

"Not here anymore? Where did she go?" Zhuang Ning asked as she looked into Ye Cheng's eyes.

Chapter 612 Fainting

"Dead," Ye Cheng said flatly as he wiped his hands with a piece of tissue.

Zhuang Ning could not help but raise her voice as she asked, "Dead? How could someone die so young?"

Ye Cheng raised his head and asked suspiciously, "How did you know she was young?"

Zhuang Ning's expression froze for a moment before she said, "There aren't many managers who are old. For someone like your sister, her manager shouldn't be old."

Ye Cheng nodded. "You're right."

"How did she die?" Zhuang Ning asked persistently.

Ye Cheng frowned. "I think she died in a fire. I'm not sure about the specifics. Your Xiao Peng used to be her assistant. Did she not mention it to you before? I didn't expect that the little assistant would become a manager in less than two years. Moreover, you're even the first artiste whom she's managing. She's really lucky to have you."

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A smile appeared on Ye Cheng's face after she finished speaking

Zhuang Ning rose to her feet abruptly and said, "I'm going to check and see if there are any more fruits in the fridge."

When she spoke, she could not stop her voice from trembling slightly. Clearly, Yang Li's death was not worth mentioning at all to Ye Cheng.

In the kitchen, Yang Li cut open a watermelon. She brought the knife down on it over and over again, causing the juice to splash on the chopping board.

Ye Cheng, who came to the kitchen, saw this scene and quickly grabbed her hand. "What's wrong? How can you cut a watermelon like that?"

Zhuang Ning looked at the bright red watermelon juice before she slowly revealed a sweet smile on her face and said, "I just want to chop it into smaller pieces so it's more convenient for you to eat."

Ye Cheng gently kissed her hand that was holding onto the knife and said in a soft voice, "Silly. There's no need for you to do this. Quickly go and wash your hands and change your clothes. Leave this to me."

Zhuang Ning lowered her head and looked at her hands that were dripping with the watermelon juice and her home clothes that had been stained by the watermelon juice. She was briefly stunned by them. Then, she turned around to walk out. However, just when she was at the entrance of the kitchen, her body suddenly went limp, and she fell down.

"Zhuang Ning!" Frightened, Ye Cheng hurriedly set the knife down before he rushed to her.

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Ye Cheng drove as he looked at Zhuang Ning who was lying in the backseat of the car through the rearview mirror. He did not have time to wait for the ambulance so he decided to drive her to the hospital.

At this time, his phone began to ring. It was his father.

After answering the call, Ye Cheng asked, "Dad, what's the matter?"

Ye He's voice was filled with excitement as he said, "Son, listen to me. I found out about something. The adopted son of the Mu family, Cheng Che, do you know him? Damn it! As it turns out, he's the Eldest Young Master of the Yin family that was lost a long time ago. It wasn't easy for me to find the Yin family and persuade them to work with me. With their help, I won't have to fear that Ning Zhe. Zhuang Ji will belong to us sooner or later. I want that Ning Zhe to die a horrible death!"

Ye He scoffed coldly at the end of his words.

Ye Cheng naturally caught the crux of the matter. “Dad, what is it about Cheng Che again?”

“Cheng Che is the eldest son of Yin Bin from the Yin family. He’s the future heir of the Yin family!”

Screech!

Ye Cheng stepped on the brakes immediately upon hearing these words. Then, he asked again, “Cheng Che is the heir of the Yin family?”

“That’s right! What the f*ck! I didn’t expect that kid to have such a good family!” Ye He cursed.

Ye He’s grip on the steering tightened. After a moment, he interrupted Ye He and said, “Ye Cheng has always been managing Zhuang Ji.”

“That’s right! This is really troublesome,” Ye He said with a sigh.

“Dad, what are your plans?” Ye Cheng bluntly asked. He knew his father did not call to gossip with him.

Ye He gulped loudly before he said, “Son, there’s something I need to discuss with you.”

“What is it?” Ye Cheng asked directly.

“There’s a Young Miss in the Yin family. She’s Cheng Che’s biological sister. Currently, she’s single. She once had a fiance, but he died before they got married. Yin Bin has always wanted to find a suitable family for her to marry into.”

Chapter 613 Eavesdropping

“The words sound nice, but Yin Bin just wants to sell his daughter in exchange for profit under the guise of looking for a husband for his daughter. In any case, I plan to introduce you to Yin Bin. This is the best idea I can think of,” Yin Bin said. In the end, he decided to be honest with his motive. After all, his son was extraordinary and was not worse than him.

Yin Bin continued to say, “However, I asked around. Young Miss Yin was abandoned by her mother when she was young. When her mother left, Cheng Che was still in their mother’s womb. With all this, there’s no doubt she must have lived a miserable life all those years.”

“The wonderful thing is that a trusted eminent monk of the Yin family had said that she was the Yin family’s lucky star. They attributed the Yin Group’s thriving business to her. Hence, the Old Master of the Yin family treats her like a treasure. Although she lost her mother when she was young, she’s still valued in the family and has noble status.”

“How about this? I’ll send you all the information I have on her? You can create an opportunity and arrange a chance encounter to get to know her. What do you think? The Eldest Young Miss of the Yin family is our best entry point at this moment.”

Ye He finished rambling in one breath.

Ye Cheng’s eyes shifted to the rearview mirror as he looked at the woman lying quietly on the seat. Her long hair covered her face, hidden in the shadows. Her snow-white hands hung limply, unmoving. After

a moment, he said decisively and calmly, "Alright, dad. Make the arrangements and let me know in advance."

"Very good! I'll make the arrangements now!" Ye He said with barely concealed excitement.

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After disconnecting the call, Ye Cheng started the car again and drove to the hospital.

At the same time, Zhuang Ning, who was in the backseat, had opened her eyes, unbeknownst to Ye Cheng. A cold smile appeared on her face.

When they arrived at the hospital, Ye Cheng carefully carried Zhuang Ning out of the car. It was at this time that she regained consciousness. When she saw that she was in Ye Cheng's arms, she struggled to get off immediately. A wave of dizziness assaulted her immediately, causing her to sway on her feet.

Upon seeing this, Ye Cheng hurriedly held her arms to support her. "Be careful."

"Where are we?" Zhuang Ning asked as she closed her eyes briefly.

"Hospital. You fainted earlier. I couldn't wait for the ambulance so I drove you here instead. Since we're already here, let's go for a check-up so we can find out why you fainted for seemingly no reason."

Zhuang Ning looked around warily as she distanced herself from Ye Cheng. Then, she said, "There's no need for that. Let's go back. I'll just come back to the hospital for a check-up another day. I'm fine, really."

Ye Cheng chuckled softly. He could not help but feel distressed for her. He reached out to stroke her long hair as he said, "Silly. There's no reason to delay this. It concerns your health, after all. I know a doctor in this hospital. Don't worry. If anyone dares to take pictures of us, I'll skin them alive."

Zhuang Ning lowered her head and chuckled before she allowed Ye Cheng to help her into the hospital.

While Zhuang Ning was getting her check-up, Ye Cheng stood in the corridor and called Chen Chen. He said in a low voice, "I'm in Second Hospital. I came here with Zhuang Ning earlier without making any preparations. Check if there were any reporters around earlier. If there are photos on the Internet, you know what to do."

"Yes, Young Master Cheng." Chen Chen did not ask for the reason. He could hear the urgency in Ye Cheng's voice.

Following that, Ye Cheng called Xiao Peng. After making the necessary arrangements, he sat down on the bench in the corridor to sort out his thoughts.

Chapter 614 Anemia

Ye Cheng reached up to run his hand through his hair before he shook his head.

At this time, a group of young nurses walked over. When they walked past Ye Cheng, they looked at him and smiled, whispering to each other.

Ye Cheng could not help but feel a chill in his heart. Some things could not be hidden, and he had to think of a way to smooth things over. He could not help but close his eyes and leaned against the wall. He wondered once again why some people were born with good lives?

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Cheng Che had been with Mu Chen since he was young. Mu Chen was extremely good to his younger brother, always protecting him. If one were to beat up Mu Chen, Mu Chen might not even care. However, if someone bullied Mu Chen, Mu Chen would definitely spare no efforts to avenge his younger brother.

Since Mu Chen and Cheng Che grew up together. Everyone was forced to recognize Cheng Che as Mu Chen's younger brother and the Second Young Master of the Mu family.

When Ye Cheng was young, he had been especially envious of Mu Chen and Cheng Che's brotherhood. He also wished he had a younger brother whom he could share his troubles with. Alas, he only had a sister who liked causing trouble.

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Ye Cheng's phone vibrated at this time; it was Chen Chen.

"Young Master Cheng, there are many reporters rushing to the hospital now. Can you leave now?"

Ye Cheng glanced at the tightly-shut door of the examination room. He hesitated for a moment before he said, "I can't leave now. Ms. Zhuang has yet to finish with her check-up."

After a brief silence, Chen Chen said, "Alright. I'll arrange for someone to go over to the hospital now to provide cover."

Ye Cheng disconnected the call, still feeling a little conflicted with his decision.

At the same time, the door to the examination room opened, and Zhuang Ning walked out looking slightly fatigued.

Ye Cheng's heart softened immediately, and he hurriedly asked, "What's wrong?"

The young nurse who accompanied Zhuang Ning out hurriedly said, "Ms. Zhuang's anemia is quite serious. The doctor suggested that she stays in the hospital for a detailed examination so he can come up with a suitable treatment plan."

Ye Cheng was slightly surprised. He looked at Zhuang Ning before he asked, "How can she be anemic? Moreover, it's so serious?"

Zhuang Ning smiled bitterly and shook her head.

The young nurse said with a sympathetic expression, "She must have been over-exhausted. Moreover, she did not get enough rest, and her diet isn't very good as well. I'll arrange a ward for her. You can rest and wait first."

"Alright, I'll have to trouble you with this," Ye Cheng said politely before he carefully helped Zhuang Ning to sit on the bench to rest.

When Ye Cheng looked at Zhuang Ning's pale face, he could not help but grumble, "It's so serious, and yet, you were unwilling to come to the hospital. How can you not cherish your body? When Peng Peng arrives, tell her to stop selecting so many scripts for you. Stop working temporarily and focus on your health."

Zhuang Ning smiled. "How can I do that? How am I going to survive if I don't work? I don't have any other skills apart from acting."

Ye Cheng said slightly reproachfully, "Do you think I won't take care of you?"

Zhuang Ning, who was sitting on the bench, looked at him with a clean but fragile smile, which made people feel distressed for her, before she said, "You'll take care of me?"

"What's the problem with that?" Ye Cheng asked with a chuckle.

Zhuang Ning looked at him intently with bright eyes as she said, "I'm really touched. However, this seems like a plot from a movie. Alas, I have no interest in living that kind of life. I want to earn a lot of money. At least, when someone wants to marry me in the future, we'll be on equal footing; I won't be as lowly as I am now."

Ye Cheng's heart skipped a beat. Even he himself did not understand the slight trace of bitterness that appeared in his heart. The woman in front of him had always been able to move him. His heart ached for her, and he could not wait to put everything aside so he could spend the night with her, leaving the chaos of the world behind. He firmly believed she could give him all the love he wanted, but unfortunately, he could not afford it. At least, not now. It was just like how she wanted to earn a lot of money right now. They were similar people, in a way. Due to various circumstances, they did not have a choice.

Chapter 615 Reprimand

Peng Peng ran over breathlessly. When she saw Ye Cheng and Zhuang Ning staring at each other, she came to a halt immediately and cried out in surprise. Then, she hurriedly turned around in embarrassment.

Ye Cheng cleared his throat awkwardly as he and Zhuang Ning adjusted their positions.

Zhuang Ning called out softly, "Peng Peng." Peng Peng hurriedly turned around and asked, "Sister Ning, are you alright? I, I might have run a red light earlier because I was too anxious. Fortunately, it was at night. I might have been caught on camera, but fortunately, nothing happened."

Peng Peng patted her chest fearfully.

Zhuang Ning pulled Peng Peng to sit next to her before she said, "The doctor asked me to stay in the hospital for further observation and a detailed check-up. I don't think it's anything serious. It was Young Master Cheng who insisted I stay."

Peng Peng hurriedly rose to her feet and said, "Thank you, Young Master Cheng, thank you."

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By this time, Ye Cheng had already regained his composure. He said, "The doctor said she has severe anemia. Peng Peng, she's your artiste. How can you not look after her?"

Peng Peng was shocked. "What? H... H-how's that possible?"

Ye Cheng was very dissatisfied with Peng Peng. He really did not understand how someone who followed Yang Li in the past was so incompetent. It seemed like he really had to look for a reliable manager for Zhuang Ning soon.

Peng Peng hurriedly went over to ask Zhuang Ning about her well-being.

Zhuang Ning held Peng Peng's hand and said gently, "It's not Peng Peng's fault. How can she control me?"

"No, no, I can control her!" Peng Peng said determinedly, "Sister Zhuang Ning, from now on, we won't be taking on any more jobs. You need to rest. At most, we'll cooperate and do some publicity. We'll just tell the public that... that you're going to further your studies. At that time, I'll find the best Chinese doctor and medicine for you. You have to start taking good care of your health. In any case, we've already finished filming for the dramas this year. The ratings are very good. One is currently broadcasting, and the other three are waiting to be broadcasted. That's enough. We can take a break," Peng Peng said in one breath.

Upon hearing this, Ye Cheng felt slightly relieved. No matter what, it seemed like Peng Peng prioritized Zhuang Ning's health first. This was how it should be.

Zhuang Ning smiled at Peng Peng and said, "Alright. Then, you'll have to work hard."

Peng Peng said confidently, "It's fine. Let them come and bother me. I'm not afraid."

Peng Peng turned to Ye Cheng and smiled meaningfully as she said, "I wonder if President Cheng is busy? Can you accompany Sister Zhuang Ning more often?"

Ye Cheng pressed his fist against his lips and coughed lightly before he said, "Of course."

Peng Peng smiled and winked at Zhuang Ning. Her mischievous look made both Zhuang Ning and Ye Cheng smile.

After making arrangements for Zhuang Ning to stay in the hospital, Ye Cheng said apologetically, "I'm sorry. I have something to attend to so I have to leave first. Fortunately Peng Peng is here. I feel much more at ease now."

Zhuang Ning nodded. "Thank you. You should hurry back to work now."

Peng Peng thanked Ye Cheng profusely as well.

Ye Cheng sighed in relief when he heard these words. Before he left, Peng Peng kindly reminded him, "President Ye, you should use the back entrance. There are many reporters waiting at the main entrance."

Ye Cheng frowned before he asked, "Why are there so many reporters?"

Peng Peng pursed her lips before she said, "I heard that a small celebrity tried to commit suicide because of love. She even broadcasted it live for people to watch in order to force her lover to show up. It's such a melodrama; naturally, it attracted a lot of reporters. You should stay away from it. This is a huge matter. If you get dragged into it, it'd be hard to wash your reputation clean. After all, you know these entertainment reporters will come to their conclusion and make up their own stories to write. It's best to avoid them."

Ye Cheng smiled. Peng Peng was honest and cute. He had been in the circle for so long due to Ye Xin, but neither he nor Ye Xin had been dragged into anything serious. It was really refreshing to have someone say these words to him.

Chapter 616 Secret Meeting

When Peng Peng could no longer see Ye Cheng's back, she rushed back into the room and asked Zhuang Ning nervously, "What happened? Why did you suddenly faint?"

Zhuang calmly replied, "It should be the side effects from the drugs I took during the plastic surgery."

Peng Peng hastily said, "Then, we have to make preparations!"

Zhuang Ning nodded. "Prepare a complete set of examination results to be used as a backup. Make a report based on the severe anemia, but give Song Ning the real results. Cheng Che has many connections in the hospital. Contact Cheng Che. I want to see him. I can't be discovered yet. Let him, Mu Chen, and Song Ning come."

Peng Peng nodded hurriedly. "Alright. I'll make the arrangements now. However, can you tell me what happened first?"

Zhuang Ning nodded and recounted the conversation she overheard between Ye Cheng and Ye He in the car.

Peng Peng was shocked. "T-this... This is too, too shameless, isn't it?"

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Peng Peng was not interested in whose family Cheng Che belonged. She was more interested in the Ye family's scheme.

"Alright, I'll arrange a place and time for the meeting. From now on, no one will know we're in contact with them. We only have a professional relationship with President Cheng," Peng Peng said immediately.

Zhuang Ning nodded in approval. Peng Peng had matured after the incident two years ago.

"You must also pay attention to your health. I'll talk to Sister Song Ning when I get back," Peng Peng said. She was most concerned about Zhuang Ning's health.

"Did you take any photos of me and Ye Cheng today?" Zhuang Ning asked.

Peng Peng nodded. "Don't worry. Luckily, our men left early. We were almost caught by Ye Cheng's men. Fortunately, there was a huge crowd so our men managed to slip away."

“Don’t send the pictures out yet. We’ll use them when the time is right,” Zhuang Ning said.

Trump cards must be carefully used. They had a tough battle ahead of them, after all.

Song Ning frowned as she checked Zhuang Ning’s pulse. Then, she asked, “How did it become so serious?”

Zhuang Ning smiled bitterly and said, “What’s there to be surprised about? I’ve already expected the consequences. The surgery was done in a hurry due to urgency. I wanted to return to normal as soon as possible. The only way was to increase the dosage of the medicine. How could I not know then that there’d be side effects? I just didn’t expect them to come so quickly. Song Ning, do your best now. It’s fine if I get sick later, but I can’t get sick now. I still have many things to do. After I’m done, then we’ll talk about my life and death.”

Song Ning tucked the blanket around Zhuang Ning as she said with a smile, “What are you going on and on about? With me around, how can I possibly let anything happen to you? You must listen to me. Don’t worry. Jiahui and I will definitely help you to recover. However, you must listen to us. I’ll tell Peng Peng to supervise you.”

Peng Peng, who was squatting at the side, said, “Sister Song Ning, I’ll do whatever you say. As long as Sister Li can recover, I’ll even let her drink my blood!”

Song Ning patted Peng Peng gently as she said to Zhuang Ning, “See? If not for anything else, think about Peng Peng’s hard work. You should put away all your negative thoughts.”

Zhuang Ning turned to Peng Peng and said, “Forget about Sister Li. You only have Sister Zhuang Ning now.”

Peng Peng knew that she had misspoken so she nodded vigorously. “Yes, yes, I understand.”

After that, Zhuang Ning finally turned to look at Song Ning, Mu Cheng, and Cheng Che before she told them about the conversation she overheard between Ye Cheng and Ye He. “The Ye father and son are very ambitious. Not only does Ye He want to destroy the Ning family, but he even covets Zhuang Ji. I don’t know why everyone covets Zhuang Ji. Even the Ning family isn’t as attractive as Zhuang Ji to them. President Cheng, Ye Cheng is very jealous. We can’t rule out the possibility that he’ll make a move on you.”

Cheng Che adjusted his glasses and said solemnly, “Thank you, Zhuang Ning.” Then, he let out a long sigh before he continued to say, “All these family matters are really troublesome.”

Chapter 617 Attack

Yin Jia sat alone in an alfresco cafe in Changxing Square. The cup of coffee in front of her had long turned cold. She looked at the Mu Group’s building across the street silently like a statue.

At this time, someone walked past Yin Jia’s table and accidentally bumped into her table. She jolted and returned to her senses.

The young man, who had bumped into her table, hurriedly said, “Sorry, sorry, sorry.”

Yin Jia nodded reservedly before she reached out to stir her coffee. Seeing it was no longer warm, she did not drink it.

The Mu Group's building was like a huge mountain pressing down on her heart.

28 years of nurture, love, and care were definitely not something that a few words and tears from an elder sister, whom Cheng Che had never met before, could compare.

The Old Madam of the Mu family had already made it clear that she would listen to and support Cheng Che's decision no matter what. What was the difference between saying these words or not saying them? In the end, Old Madam Mu pushed everything back to Cheng Che. She was certain Cheng Che valued relationships and would never sever ties with the Mu family. She thought that Old Madam Mu was truly too shrewd.

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Yin Jia gritted her teeth. She was determined to sever Cheng Che's ties with the Mu family. She was Cheng Che's only family member so she had to snatch him back.

At this time, a waiter brought a cup of coffee to her.

Yin Jia was confused. "I didn't order anything."

The waiter bowed and said, "That gentleman over there ordered it for you. He said it's a token of his apology."

Yin Jia looked in the direction that the waiter pointed and discovered it was the young man who had bumped into her table earlier. He was sitting at the table next to hers. When he saw her looking at him, he quickly waved his hand and smiled before he returned to his work.

Yin Jia only nodded expressionlessly in response. She did not drink the cup of coffee; she was too immersed in her thoughts and emotions.

After sitting for a while, she rose to her feet to leave. When she glanced at the next table, she realized the young man had left at some point.

She walked out absent-mindedly. She was thinking about how she could meet Mu Chen. She had to put a lot of effort into Mu Chen. There was also the famous Young Madam of the Mu family, Doctor Song Ning.

She sent a message to the driver, asking him to pick her up before she leisurely walked to the side of the road. Suddenly, she saw the people around her running in a panic. She turned around, puzzled, before she saw a private car drive crazily onto the sidewalk, heading toward her.

Yin Jia was so scared that she froze, forgetting to dodge. Suddenly, a strong force pushed her to the side. She was caught off guard and fell. However, someone hugged her tightly, protecting her. She could feel the pain when she heard the thud when the person's back hit the ground.

Following that, the screeching sounds of brakes rang in the air.

Before Yin Jia could react, the car was reversing swiftly before it came at her again. The strong arm hugged her and quickly pulled her to the side.

At this time, the police finally rushed over and quickly controlled the situation.

Yin Jia was so scared that her body was stiff.

The person behind her asked worriedly, "Miss? Are you alright? Are you hurt anywhere?"

Yin Jia turned her head slightly. The person hugging her was the person who had bought her a cup of coffee earlier. At this moment, his forehead and arm were bleeding.

"You, you're bleeding! Are you alright?!" Yin Jia exclaimed in shock.

When the person saw Yin Jia was finally talking, he smiled, looking relieved, and said, "I'm fine."

After he finished speaking, he suddenly fainted.

Yin Jia screamed in fear. She frantically called 120. When the ambulance arrived, she could no longer care about anything else and entered the ambulance as well. The person was injured because he saved her; she could not just leave him alone.

Chapter 618 Acquaintance

After everything was settled, Yin Jia sat by the bedside and recalled the earlier scene. She could not help the fear that welled up in her heart.

'Was it an accident or was it deliberate? Was it targeted at me? Is it Guan Ning or someone else?'

Yin Jia had a headache thinking about these things. This was why she was adamant about Cheng Che's return to the Yin family. She had to have someone on her side. She could not fight alone anymore. She was the Yin family's lucky star, and the Yin family should be hers or her young brother.

At this time, the person on the bed stirred, interrupting Yin Jia's thoughts.

Yin Jia hastily leaned over and asked, "You're awake?"

The person looked at her in a daze. He looked around before moving again. It seemed like the pain from his wound had flared up as he hissed.

Yin Jia's heart tightened. "Were you knocked silly?"

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The man suddenly asked, "Are you alright? Were you injured?"

Yin Jia heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing this. He did not knock himself silly, after all. After a moment, she said, "I'm alright. Thank you very much. You only got injured because you saved me."

The man smiled. "It's alright. It's what I should do. I'm a police officer. It's just that I didn't wear my uniform. By the way, Miss, what's your name?"

Yin Jia could not help but blush at the abrupt question so she lowered her head.

Upon seeing this, the man took the initiative to say, "My name is Ye Cheng."

Yin Jia let down her guard as she looked up at the young man. She suddenly found that he was a little cute. Finally, she smiled and said, "My name is Yin Jia."

Ye Cheng hurriedly said, "Hello, Miss Yin!"

"There's no need to be so polite. You can just call me by my name," Yin Jia gently said.

Ye Cheng nodded, looking somewhat embarrassed.

Yin Jia said solemnly, "Thank you for saving me."

Ye Cheng smiled. "You're welcome. Anyone else would've done the same thing. It's only normal."

Yin Jia felt her mood improve instantly when she saw Ye Cheng's pure and beautiful smile. Then, she said apologetically, "The doctor said you'll need to stay for observation. He's afraid there might be internal injuries." Although Yin Jie had stopped apologizing, it was clear she still felt very apologetic.

Ye Cheng said nonchalantly, "Don't listen to the doctor. They're just being extra cautious. I know my own body very well. I'm fine so don't worry."

Yin Jia's heart was suffused with warmth,

At the same time, Ye Cheng made a call and reported the accident, giving the person on the other end of the line the location of the accident and the car number plate. Then, he said, "Go and investigate what happened."

After disconnecting the call, Ye Cheng's solemn expression vanished and returned to his friendly appearance. He asked tentatively, "Did you offend anyone?"

Yin Jia smiled and replied truthfully, "I don't know who I've offended? I've only been here for less than a month. However, I've encountered this kind of thing countless times since I was young. I've already gotten used to it."

Ye Cheng looked surprised. "What? Why? How's that possible? Who wants to harm you?"

Yin Jia smiled. "There's no reason. It's likely because I'm a hindrance to some people. Fortunately, I'm lucky. I've escaped death time and time again. Look, I met such a noble person like you today."

Ye Cheng's expression was one of disbelief with a tinge of distress. He said, seemingly without thinking, "Don't worry. I'll protect you from now on!"

Yin Jia's heart felt warm, and her tears almost fell from her eyes upon hearing these words.

The distance between the duo suddenly shortened, and they both felt slightly awkward.

Ye Cheng did not dare to look at Yin Jia and hurriedly averted his eyes.

Apart from him, Yin Jia had only met two pure and innocent men in her life before. Thinking about this, her heart grew cold as she said in a soft voice, "I'm a jinx. I'll end up implicating you. Whoever gets close to me will end up getting crushed into pieces. I don't want to implicate you."

Upon hearing this, Ye Cheng grinned and said, "What's there to be afraid of? It's fine. You're a jinx, but I'm a lucky star. In the future, I'll bring you luck. At that time, you'll be okay. Don't worry."

Chapter 619 Aunt and Niece

Yin Jia could not help but laugh. Was there anyone who would not be happy when faced with such a cheerful and warm person?

The duo continued chatting, and they did not expect to hit off so well.

At this moment, Yin Jia's phone suddenly rang. It was Guan Tang. She rose to her feet and went out to answer the call.

"Sister, are you free this afternoon?" Guan Tang's exceptionally gentle voice rang from the other end of the line.

Yin Jia did not directly answer the question. Instead, she asked, "Why are you looking for me?"

Guan Tang replied, "Well, I want to see a Chinese doctor. I made an appointment with Doctor An."

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Yin Jia was briefly stunned. When realization dawned on her, she said, "What time? I'll accompany you."

"2.30 in the afternoon," Guan Tang replied.

"Alright, let's meet at the parking lot outside of the hospital," Yin Jia said before disconnecting the call.

When Yin Jia walked into the room, Ye Cheng said, "You can leave if you have matters to attend to. There are doctors and nurses here. Moreover, I can take care of myself."

Yin Jia hesitated. Then, she asked, "Do you want to inform your family?"

Ye Cheng's expression darkened before he hastily said, "No, no. My father will be shocked. It's better to wait until I'm discharged and tell him face to face. As for my mother, her health isn't very good so I don't want to disturb her." Then, he smiled at Yin Jia before he continued to say, "It's alright. I'm not a child. You can go and do your work. When I'm better, I'll treat you to a meal and pass some of my good luck to you."

Yin Jia could not help but feel distressed for him. Hence, she readily agreed. "Alright. However, let me treat you to a meal instead. Not only did you get hurt because of me, but you're also passing some of your good luck to me. How can I let you treat me to a meal as

well?"

"Alright, it's a deal," Ye Cheng said happily.

The duo exchanged numbers and reluctantly said goodbye.

Guan Tang poured herself a glass of fruit tea before she slowly picked it up. After taking a sip, she frowned. The tea was slightly sour. She had brewed the tea herself. It seemed like she would have to brew it all over again since she had gotten the ratio wrong.

At this time, Guan Ning walked over.

Guan Tang rose to her feet immediately. "Auntie."

Guan Ning smiled and gestured for Guan Tang to sit.

Just as Guan Ning was about to pour herself a glass of tea, Guan Tang quickly helped Guan Ning. Then, she said, "I didn't choose the prunes well so the tea's a little sour."

Guan Ning did not seem to mind. She took a sip and said, "I think it's okay."

Guan Tang smiled. "I didn't expect you to like it. I was just thinking of making another pot."

Guan Ning looked at her beautiful niece before she sighed softly and said, "It's been hard on you. However, you're always able to find your own peace in this chaotic world. If only Yin Yi has half of your composure, even if I die now, I'd die in peace."

Guan Tang hurriedly said, "Aunty, what are you saying? How can you say such unlucky words? Yin Yi is happy-go-lucky. She's my sister. No matter what, I'll always take care of her."

Guan Ning seemed to be very satisfied with Guan Tang's answer. She watched Guan Tang refill her glass before she softly said, "Cheng Che has a good relationship with his fiancée."

Guan Tang replied calmly, "I know. I called her and made an appointment to meet her in the afternoon."

Guan Ning's eyes widened slightly in surprise.

Guan Tian smiled. "I have to know my enemy well, right? Yin Jia will be accompanying me as well."

Guan Ning was even more surprised by this. "How did you persuade her?"

Guan Tang took a sip of the tea before she said, "There's no need to persuade her. I only told her I'm going to meet Doctor An in the afternoon, and if she would like to come with me. She naturally agreed."

Guan Ning's face was filled with disbelief.

Guan Tang calmly said, "Auntie, I know what she's up to. Hence, I'm bringing her to meet that woman. Isn't she trying to start a war between the two of us? Then, I'll just lull her into a false sense of security. If she wants to watch a good show, I'll let her watch it. She wants to be the good person on both sides, but I won't let her do that. Let's see which side she chooses to stand on."

Chapter 620 Showing Her Stance

Guan Ning scoffed coldly. "She's really good at scheming. There's something wrong with her; she can't stand seeing people getting along with each other."

Guan Tang said softly, "It's good that you're aware of this. You don't have to be nice to me in front of her. If she tries to sow discord, we should at least put on an act. She hopes we won't get along, after all. With that, she'll feel at ease letting me marry her younger brother."

Guan Ning felt distressed upon hearing these words. "It's really been hard for you. You have to sacrifice so much for the Yin family."

Guan Tang's expression remained calm as she said, "This is the fate of girls from wealthy families. Auntie is lucky. At the very least, there are feelings between you and Uncle. As for me, my sisters, and other aunties, we can't make our own decisions about how we want to live our lives. Auntie, don't worry. When our goal is achieved, I'll divorce Cheng Che. If we don't get a divorce, our family will be a parasite and leech their family until they're dry. That's what their family deserves. If we get a divorce, at the very least, I'll demand half of the assets. It'll hurt the Yin family greatly. Auntie, don't feel sorry for me."

Guan Ning sighed softly. "You've always been thoughtful and much better than me. If Yin Yi were like you, I'd be very satisfied."

Guan Tang chuckled. "Auntie, don't say that. Yin Yi has a family; she's loved by her father and her brother. Naturally, she won't be like me. This is her good fortune. Auntie, there's no need for you to worry about her."

Guan Ning was very impressed and satisfied with her niece.

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"Yin Jia has always held a grudge because of her fiancé. The person she hates most is her grandmother. After all, she felt the tragedy of her life was caused by her grandmother. However, she's unaware that she's very much like her grandmother. She's headstrong and self-centered. It's not like I'm unaware of the petty tricks she'd pulled behind my back all these years. It's unfortunate that I can't do much to her. Now, even Yin Bin is gradually trusting her more and more. I only hope she'll be punished!"

Guan Tang's finger caressed the rim of her glass as she said, "Auntie, the most difficult thing now is to get Cheng Che to acknowledge his engagement to me. I'll have to use some tricks to get what we want. Auntie, you'll have to help me as well."

Guan Ning's heart ached for Guan Tang even more. "Silly child, of course, I'll help you. You're my niece. No one wants you to marry into the family more than I do. Only with you around would I have help. In this family, not a single one is easy to deal with. Their methods are all frightening. With you around, I'll have support. I just feel distressed that you have to suffer so much."

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Guan Tang said, "At this moment, the Yin family is my best choice. I have nothing to pick and choose from. This is my life. Hence, I've always hoped to protect Yin Yi so she won't have to walk the path I have to walk. I hope she'll be able to be with the person of her choosing. I must ensure she's happy no matter the cost."

Guan Ning was extremely moved by these words.

Guan Tang lowered her gaze. 'In this world, who would sacrifice themselves for another person? No one. If one wants to live well, one will have to fight for it. In order to achieve my goal, I'll have to do everything it takes. This is the basic skill of survival.'

Guan Tang continued thinking to herself, 'Yin Jia likes complaining that heaven is unfair to her. She complains about her grandparents and parents. She blames the entire world. How's that useful? The person who thinks she's the smartest is, in fact, the dumbest.'

To Guan Tang, Cheng Che was not her fiance or husband; he was just a tool. At this moment, she desperately needed the tool to get her out of the quagmire that was the Guan family. Although the Yin family was not any better, it was still better than the Guan family. At the very least, she would feel better.