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“The Wade family in Eastcliff?” Claire blurted out. “Yes, I’ve heard of them. The Wade family is one of the most powerful families in the country. I believe they even acquired the Dihao Group in Aurous Hill...”

At that moment, Claire’s heart skipped a beat, and a thought struck her: “Dihao Group... Wade family... Charlie Wade... could there be a connection?”

She suddenly recalled that when the Dihao Group changed ownership, the Willson family was facing a crisis. Her grandmother was desperate to secure a partnership with Dihao Group, but Claire had assumed there was no chance. Surprisingly, Doris Young, the vice chairman of Dihao Group, had shown great appreciation for her.

Not only did he give her the contract, but he also personally attended the Willson family’s press conference at the time.

Back then, she couldn’t understand why Doris Young had shown her such special attention.

But if Charlie Wade was truly connected to the Wade family, then everything suddenly made sense...

She grew anxious and looked at Jing Qing, asking, “Master, based on what you’re saying, could my husband be from the Wade family in Eastcliff?”

Jing Qing didn’t answer her directly but replied solemnly, “From what I know, the most exceptional second-generation heir of the Wade family was named Bruce Wade. His wife, Lydia (Ava) (Charlie Wade’s mom), was even more renowned. She was the eldest daughter of the An family—the most powerful Chinese family in the United States. The An family’s influence far exceeded even that of the Wade family. These two were once legendary figures in the Chinese community, with a global reputation. Have you heard of them?”

“Yes,” Claire nodded. Though she wasn’t very familiar with Bruce Wade, Lydia (Ava) (Charlie Wade’s mom) was a role model for countless Chinese women. When she attended a master class in the U.S., many of her classmates were devoted fans of Lydia (Ava) (Charlie Wade’s mom).

Feeling increasingly uneasy, she asked Jing Qing, “Do they... have anything to do with my husband?”

Jing Qing continued, “I’ve heard of a certain incident. About twenty years ago, this couple had a conflict with the Rothschild family. After that, they severed ties with the Wade family and were ultimately killed in a vendetta. Have you heard of this before?”

Claire nodded and replied honestly, “I... I’ve heard something about it.”

Jing Qing asked again, “Do you know where the accident happened?”

Claire shook her head firmly. “I’m really not sure... Does the master know?”

Jing Qing nodded slightly, looked at her seriously, and said, “They were killed in Aurous Hill, more than twenty years ago!”

“Aurous Hill?!”

Claire’s eyes widened in shock.

As if struck by a sudden realization, her breathing grew rapid, and her heartbeat became faster and increasingly erratic.

Jing Qing continued, “Bruce Wade and Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie Wade’s mom ) had only one child—a boy. After the couple was murdered, the boy vanished. No one knows where he is, or whether he’s alive or dead...”

Claire felt as though lightning had struck her. Thinking of Charlie Wade’s age, she instinctively asked, “Master... then... how old was the boy when he disappeared?”

Jing Qing met her stunned gaze and said with emphasis, “He was only eight years old when he disappeared!”

“Ah?!” Claire felt lightheaded, barely managing to steady herself. She said nervously, “My husband entered an orphanage when he was eight years old. He lived there until he turned eighteen, and now he’s almost twenty-nine... Isn’t this... far too much of a coincidence?”

Jing Qing replied calmly, “From the perspective of fate, your husband’s parents were certainly not ordinary. Bruce Wade and Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie Wade’s mom ) were the most exceptional of their time. Furthermore, your husband’s surname is also Ye. Now, the surname, the age, and the location all align. I believe your husband is most likely the only son of Bruce Wade and Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie Wade’s mom )!”

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Claire’s heart was already in turmoil!

If Charlie truly was the young master of the Wade family in Eastcliff, then many puzzling matters suddenly made perfect sense.

Why had Doris Young from the Dihao Group treated him so exceptionally? Why did she hold him in such high regard?

This had always been a mystery, but once Charlie's identity was revealed as the Wade family's young master, everything became clear.

With that status, Doris Young would essentially be working under Charlie. As his wife, Claire would naturally receive special treatment as well.

Then there was the Tomson Yipin villa she and her family now lived in—why had Mr. White gifted such an extravagant property to her husband? Later, many people sought Charlie's Feng Shui services, offering a few million at most, yet Mr. White's villa was worth hundreds of millions.

And then—Buckingham Palace!

Isn't that the ultra-luxurious five-star hotel chain owned by the Wade family in Eastcliff?

She remembered that when Charlie held their wedding ceremony again, he used the Sky Garden at Buckingham Palace—an exclusive venue never available to the public. Back then, she was amazed that Charlie had such influence. But with the Wade family identity, it all added up!

After all, it's the Wade family's hotel—who could possibly refuse Charlie access?

And what about Hong Wu? A fearsome figure, revered like a godfather in Aurous Hill's underworld—why was he so respectful toward Charlie?

The more Claire thought about it, the more overwhelmed she felt. Master Jingqing's speculation now seemed highly likely to be true.

Just then, Master Jingqing said, "By the way, benefactor, there's another guest here. He arrived even earlier than the two of you and has some connections with the Wade family in Eastcliff. If you have any questions, you might as well ask him directly."

Claire was even more shocked and quickly asked, "Master, the guest you mentioned—he has ties to the Wade family? Who is he?"

Jingqing smiled slightly and didn't answer her question directly. Instead, he turned toward the back hall and called out, "Master Tang, please come out and join us."

Footsteps echoed from the back hall almost immediately. Claire grew increasingly nervous, her eyes fixed on the small door connecting the two halls, her heart filled with unease.

Master Jingqing had said this person was connected to the Wade family. He might be the one who could give her a definitive answer—whether charlie was truly the young master of the Wade family.

Yet, a sudden fear crept into her heart. She was afraid the truth might be something she couldn't bear—or didn't want to accept.

At that moment, Stephen Thompson stepped out from the back.

The instant she saw him, Claire felt he looked familiar, though she couldn't immediately recall where she had seen him before.

Stephen Thompson approached her and spoke with respect, "Greetings, Madam wade. My surname is Thompson—Stephen Thompson. I've served as the Wade family's butler for decades, managing many of their internal affairs and daily matters."

"Stephen Thompson..."

Claire thought to herself, I know this man... I've seen reports about him on TV before...

Surprised, Stephen Thompson asked, "How would Madam wade have seen reports about me? I've rarely accepted media interviews in recent years."

Claire replied honestly, "When my grandfather was alive, he was very interested in the Wade family. He would read any news or reports related to them. That's how I came across your name and learned more about you."

Stephen Thompson asked with curiosity, "Was that around the time you met your husband?"

"Yes," Claire nodded. "charlie first worked at my grandfather's construction site. My grandfather liked him very much and introduced him to me. He even arranged for charlie to attend Aurous Hill University for a while. We were classmates then. After we graduated, my grandfather insisted that I marry him—he was very firm about it. No one could change his mind, no matter how much they opposed."

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Stephen Thompson smiled and asked, "Does Madam wade know why?"

Claire replied with a confused expression, "I don't know... maybe my grandfather admired him a lot, or really liked him? He never told me the exact reason. He only said that if I married charlie, he would never harm me."

Stephen Thompson nodded and said with a smile, “If I’m not mistaken, your grandfather’s name was WILSON Deyin, correct? Though ‘De’ means virtue, in this case it’s actually a homophone for ‘getting’ or ‘gain.’ His parents likely gave him that name in the hope that he would escape poverty and live a prosperous life, isn’t that right?”

Claire stared at him in surprise and asked, “How... how do you know that?”

Stephen Thompson smiled faintly, avoiding her question, and instead asked, “Then, do you know what your grandfather did for a living when he was young?”

Claire thought for a moment and said, “He used to say that in his youth, he was a servant in a very wealthy family in Eastcliff. Later, that family gave him a generous severance, and he returned to Aurous Hill to start his own business.”

Stephen Thompson nodded. “That’s right—your grandfather didn’t lie. And the wealthy family he worked for was none other than the Wade family of Eastcliff.”

“What?!” Claire was stunned. “My grandfather... was a servant of the Wade family?!”

Stephen Thompson replied, “While the term ‘house slave’ doesn’t sound very nice, it didn’t mean actual slavery—it referred to a lifelong servant, deeply loyal to the family.”

Then, with a slight smile, he added, “But yes, your grandfather truly was a servant of the Wade family.”

Claire felt her breath quicken and asked urgently, “Then... then is charlie really the young master of the Wade family?! Did my grandfather recognize his identity and that’s why he wanted me to marry him?”

Stephen Thompson nodded solemnly and said, “Yes. Your husband charlie is indeed the young master of the Wade family. His father is bruce Wade, the second son of the Wade family, and his mother is An Chengxi of the prominent An family in the United States.”

“Ah?! Is that really true?!” Claire felt lightheaded. She had been married to charlie for so long, yet only now was she learning the truth about his identity—from someone else.

Tears welled up in her eyes, and she choked out, “But... but why didn’t he tell me? No matter who he is, he should have at least told me the truth...”

Stephen Thompson shook his head and replied, “He couldn’t tell you.”

Then, he asked, “Do you know why the young master spent ten years in an orphanage?”

“Why?!” Claire asked, confused. “If he’s the Wade family’s young master, surely they could’ve given him the best life. Why would they leave him alone in an orphanage for so long?”

Stephen Thompson answered seriously, “Because the young master not only carries deep hatred, but also bears a deadly curse.”

At this point, Stephen Thompson grew visibly emotional. “The young master’s parents were the pride of the Chinese people—exceptional in every way. But back then, they offended an ancient and sinister organization. That group has a history spanning over 300 years, and its reach extends across the world. The young master’s parents were killed by them.”

“And ever since, the organization has sought to eliminate their bloodline—to kill the young master as well.”

“Fortunately, the young master’s father was cautious. He foresaw his likely demise at the hands of this enemy and arranged a safe escape for his son.”

“He was the one who arranged for the young master to live in an orphanage. During those ten years, the organization was actively searching for him. But they never imagined he had remained in Aurous Hill—the very city where his parents were killed!”

“His father once said, ‘The most dangerous place is often the safest. The place no one would suspect is often the best place to hide!’”

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At that moment, Claire felt as if her entire worldview had been turned upside down.

She never expected that charlie was not only the young master of the Wade family in Eastcliff, but that such a tragic past and deep conspiracy surrounded his life.

The Wade family in Eastcliff was already one of the most powerful families in the country, and charlie ‘s parents had once been among the most prominent figures in Chinese circles both at home and abroad. Yet even people like them couldn’t stand against the enemies they faced. They had to go so far as to place charlie in an orphanage under a false identity after their deaths just to protect him. So what kind of monstrous force was behind all this?

Claire didn’t even have time to process how charlie had hidden this from her for so many years. With a nervous tone, she asked, “Is that organization still hunting charlie ?”

“Yes,” Stephen Thompson replied with a grave nod. “If they ever discovered the young master was still alive, they would stop at nothing to hunt him down.”

Claire instinctively clenched her fists and said angrily, “charlie was just a child back then. What kind of grudge could they possibly have against a child? He’s already suffered so much—why can’t they just let him go?”

Stephen Thompson shook his head and gave a bitter smile. “Madam wade, there are many irrational people in this world. All these years, their goal has been to completely erase the young master and his parents from existence. For them, cutting the grass means pulling out the roots—leaving no trace behind.”

But there was another reason Stephen Thompson couldn’t reveal. Sara had long suspected that the woman who died alongside Bruce Wade at the hands of Willie was not actually Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie’s mom ).

For years, she had never stopped searching for Charlie or monitoring the An family—she had even tried to annihilate the An family in New York. In truth, all of this was done to force Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie’s mom ) out of hiding.

If Sara ever learned that Charlie was still alive, she would undoubtedly do everything in her power to assassinate him. She knew that if Lydia (Ava) ( Charlie’s mom ) were still alive, she would certainly appear the moment Charlie was in danger.

Claire looked at Stephen Thompson and asked, “Why did you come to see me, Steward Tang? Was it just to tell me these secrets? Did Charlie send you?”

“No,” Stephen Thompson replied solemnly. “I took it upon myself to visit you today, Mrs. Wade. The young master has no idea I’m here. I came to ask you for a favor. It may be a difficult one, but I sincerely hope you won’t refuse.”

Claire responded quickly, “You don’t need to be so formal. If there’s anything I can do for Charlie, I’m willing to do it—no matter the cost.”

Stephen Thompson took a deep breath, then looked her in the eyes and said seriously, “Mrs. Wade, I hope you can disappear from the young master’s life for a while.”

“Disappear?” Claire repeated in shock. “Why do you want me to disappear? Even if I can’t help him get revenge, I can at least be there to support him.”

Stephen Thompson shook his head slowly and spoke with grave sincerity. “Mrs. Wade, you don’t understand how terrifying the young master’s enemies are. As long as you’re by his side, he’ll never be able to fully let go and face them head-on. If they ever find him, you and your family would become his greatest vulnerability.”

Claire frowned, confused. “No matter how powerful they are, can they really be above the law? Can’t Charlie call the police or seek legal protection?”

Stephen Thompson gave a bitter smile and asked, “Mrs. Wade, if I told you that the young master’s enemies have tens of thousands—perhaps hundreds of thousands—of trained warriors willing to die for them at any moment, do you think the law could protect him?”

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“If I told you these assassins are scattered across the world, hidden in plain sight, capable of launching deadly attacks on Charlie and his loved ones without warning, would you still believe in legal protection?”

“And if I told you his enemy is an ancient monster who has lived for over 400 years, possesses immense powers, and is unimaginably ruthless—would you still think the law can shield him?”

Claire was stunned, her voice trembling as she blurted out, “How... how is that possible? This is the real world, not some legend. How could anyone live for 400 years and wield such power?”

Suddenly, a realization struck her. Her expression turned cold, and she said seriously, “If Butler Tang thinks I’m not worthy of Charlie—or if Charlie himself feels that way—you can just tell me directly. As long as I hear the truth, I, Claire, will walk away without hesitation. But to use such an excuse to deceive me—don’t you think that’s ridiculous?”

Stephen Thompson gave a bitter smile. “You are Mrs. Wade, the young master’s lawful wife. He has endured humiliation under your roof for so many years—all for you. Otherwise, even without support from the Wade family, with his pride, he would’ve gladly worked at a construction site, living and eating there without complaint. Why would he ever tolerate being scorned by the entire Willson family? So how could he possibly believe that you’re not worthy of him?”

Claire recognized the truth in his words, and her emotions softened. She asked again, “Then why make up such a story?”

Stephen Thompson sighed, looking as if he had aged several years in an instant. “Mrs. Wade, the world is layered. The one you live in is just one layer, so you don’t truly know the young master’s identity. Even if you did, that would only show you the second layer. But beyond that, there’s a third face to this world. In that realm, some people can live for centuries without aging and possess powers far beyond ordinary comprehension. Just like the myths from East and West—many of those stories are not mere fantasy.”

Claire was stunned, unsure whether to believe him.

From a rational standpoint, what Stephen Thompson said sounded absurd and implausible. Yet, emotionally, she sensed no falsehood in his words. His sincerity was unmistakable.

Seeing her hesitation, Stephen Thompson turned to Jing Qing beside him and said, “Master Jing Qing, you are a living embodiment of the world’s third face. Please, show Mrs. Wade a glimpse.”



Jing Qing nodded, pressed his palms together, and said to Claire, “Amitabha. Since you doubt it, allow me to show you what true Taoist cultivation looks like.”

With that, he turned toward the temple and gazed at the bouquets of flowers left by pilgrims days earlier.

The bouquets were all greenhouse flowers, cultivated indoors. In the harsh winter, they couldn’t last long and typically wilted and withered within a day or two, becoming lifeless.

Jing Qing stepped forward, gently picked up one of the bouquets, walked over to Claire, handed it to her, and asked, “Tell me, benefactor, do you believe these flowers are still alive?”

Claire shook her head in confusion. “They’re already so dried out—how could they possibly still be alive?”

She then sighed with regret. “If freshly cut flowers like these were kept in a warm place and placed in water, they might survive a little longer. But in a cold temple like this, there’s no warmth or vitality for them.”

Jing Qing nodded. “Amitabha. The donor sees even flowers and plants with compassion. That is true great love.”

With those words, he channeled the little spiritual energy in his body to his fingertips, gently tapped the bouquet in Claire’s hands, and said solemnly, “Donor, please watch—life returns!”

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Before Claire could react to Jing Qing’s words, “life is back,” she saw the dried bouquet in front of her suddenly come alive.

The once grayish-brown flowers suddenly regained their vibrant colors. The brittle branches and petals became plump, fresh, and full of vitality once more.

Claire was utterly stunned—she had never witnessed anything like this in her life.

To her, the withering of life had always been irreversible. How could it be brought back by just a few words from Master Jing Qing?!

This completely overturned everything she had been taught and believed about the world.

Then, the bouquet in her arms began to emit a faint floral scent—fresh and natural. It was clearly not an illusion, but real magic.

Shocked, she stared wide-eyed at Jing Qing and exclaimed, “How... how did he do this? How could a wizard possess such incredible power?”

Jing Qing responded calmly, “Amitabha. My abilities are just a drop in the ocean compared to Young Master Wade.”

Claire was even more astonished.

She blurted out, “Are you saying Charlie Wade can do this too?!”

“Of course,” Master Jing Qing nodded. “I’ve told you before—your husband has the rare destiny of a rising dragon. If my power is like constructing a tall building on level ground, then his is like soaring into the heavens!”

“Oh my god...” Claire’s mind was in chaos. She blurted, “How is this possible? I’ve lived with him for so long, yet I never noticed anything!”

Stephen Thompson, who had been standing nearby, said, “Mrs. Wade, in truth, your life over the past few years has been surrounded by miracles. Sometimes, we rationalize them without realizing it. But if you think back carefully, you might recall one or two.”

“Miracles...” Claire fell into thought and suddenly said, “Charlie Wade’s skills are a miracle... Oh! And my father’s car accident—doctors said his spine was broken and he was paralyzed. But in the end, Charlie Wade found Dr. Simmons, the genius doctor, who cured him.”

Stephen Thompson asked, “Mrs. Wade, you are well-educated. Now think calmly—have you ever heard of a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner who can truly heal irreversible high-level paraplegia? Not just Chinese medicine—even Western medicine and the most advanced international doctors can’t perform such a miracle.”

Claire asked in disbelief, “So... you’re saying Charlie Wade was the one who cured my father’s paraplegia?”

“Of course!” Stephen Thompson replied. “The young master possesses extraordinary abilities. He can refine magical medicine that no doctor in the world could ever produce. Many wealthy individuals have offered tens of billions just to obtain one dose. It was this medicine that the young master used to cure your father.”

At last, Claire began to understand.

So that’s it!

Every time she faced hardship, Charlie Wade always appeared right away. When she was being ostracized by the Willson family, it suddenly seemed like all the influential figures in Jinling were on her side. Even Fei Kexin, the daughter and head of the American Fei

family—worth hundreds of billions—had shown special concern for her. It was all because of Charlie Wade!

As she thought about how she'd been kept in the dark for so many years, how Charlie Wade had hidden his identity and strength while enduring injustice and ridicule, a deep sadness washed over her, and tears streamed down her cheeks.

Still puzzled, she turned to Stephen Thompson and Jing Qing and asked, "Since you say Charlie Wade is stronger than Master Jing Qing, can't he defeat that old monster now?"

Stephen Thompson gave a bitter smile. "From what I know, even with the young master's current power, not to mention one of him—even three or five of him combined might not be enough to defeat that old monster."

Then he looked at Claire, his aged eyes still bright and serious, and sighed. "Mrs. Wade, that's why I want you to temporarily separate from the young master. The reason he hasn't told you these things is because he doesn't want to drag you into this. He's trying to protect you, but doing so puts a huge burden on him and divides his focus."

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"Take your mother, Ms. Elaine, for example. She went missing for a while—I'm sure you remember that?"

Claire nodded. "I remember. My mom said she got tricked into a pyramid scheme."

"Not quite," Stephen Thompson shook his head. "She stole the young master's bank card. That card contained 10 billion RMB—money our master entrusted to the young master through me. Once your mother figured out the password, she transferred the entire balance to her own account. To avoid exposing his identity, the young master claimed it was a fake card made by a scam gang, which eased your mother's suspicion. Left with no choice, he let the police detain her for a few days. But unexpectedly, your grandmother and cousin were in the same cell, and they ended up injuring your mother."

When Claire heard this, she hesitated for a moment, then quickly realized—this did sound like something her mother would do. If she saw a bank card with billions, she'd absolutely take it without hesitation.

With that realization, a wave of shame swept over her.

It turned out that not only had she and her parents relied on Charlie Wade's silent protection all along—they had also repeatedly dragged him into trouble.

Charlie Wade carries a deep blood feud, and not only is his family unable to help him—they distract and even hinder him.

As soon as this thought crossed her mind, Claire understood why Stephen Thompson wanted her to leave charlie Wade.

His family couldn't support him and could only make matters worse. In that sense, leaving him would actually be a way to help. At the very least, they wouldn't burden or distract him any longer.

By now, tears were streaming down her face—tears of heartache, shame, and, most of all, reluctance.

She felt heartache because of charlie Wade's tragic fate and the hardship he had endured for so many years;

She felt shame because she realized she hadn't truly fulfilled the role and duties of a good wife. She hadn't shared her husband's burdens—instead, she often needed his help in secret, while her parents constantly created trouble for him.

As for the reluctance, it came from the painful realization that—for charlie Wade's safety and the path he must take for revenge—she could no longer stay and be a liability.

So she asked Stephen Thompson, “How do you want me to leave charlie Wade? Should I pretend to know nothing and ask for a divorce? Or should I just leave without saying goodbye?”

Stephen Thompson quickly responded, “Of course, leave without saying goodbye. If you file for divorce, it will deal a heavy emotional blow to the young master. It could disrupt his cultivation and his mental state.”

Claire then asked, “If I leave without a word, will he come looking for me?”

Stephen Thompson replied, “Don't worry. I once left without saying goodbye myself. At the time, I feared the young master would find me, so I went somewhere completely off his radar—a private island in Tahiti. It's practically isolated from the world. But rest assured, the environment is beautiful and the facilities are modern. We'll provide everything necessary to ensure that you and your parents can live there peacefully and comfortably.”

Claire gave a bitter smile. “It seems you've been planning this for quite some time.”

She let out a long sigh and asked again, “Will I ever have the chance to see charlie Wade again in the future?”

Stephen Thompson said reassuringly, “Don't worry, Mrs. Wade...”

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Stephen Thompson said, “Don’t worry, Madam wade. We wouldn’t dare to hide this matter from the young master. Once everything is resolved and he succeeds in his revenge, we, the servants, will naturally tell him the whole truth.”

Claire pursed her lips, thought for a long moment, then nodded and said, “If this is what’s best for charlie, then let’s do as you say. Let’s disappear from his life for now.”

Stephen Thompson added, “Mrs. Wade, when do you plan to leave? I’ll make all the necessary arrangements in advance.”

Claire hesitated. After thinking for a while, she finally said, “charlie planned a trip for us to the Maldives over the New Year. We’ve never traveled together in all these years, and I don’t want to miss this chance. Also, one month after the New Year is the second day of the second lunar month—the day the dragon raises its head. That’s charlie’s birthday. I want to celebrate it with him. Is that asking too much?”

Stephen Thompson nodded understandingly and replied, “I completely understand, Mrs. Wade. But may I ask, what are your plans for the second day of the second month? Or where will you be then? I’d like to prepare ahead of time.”

Claire shook her head and said, “I’m not sure yet how charlie plans to celebrate his birthday next year. I’ll ask him first. Once it’s decided, I’ll let you know.”

Stephen Thompson responded quickly, “During this time, I’ll stay at Qixia Temple. If you need anything, Mrs. Wade, you can come find me here.”

“Alright,” Claire replied with a soft sigh, her expression somewhat dazed. “Mr. Stephen , I’m... really exhausted today. If there’s nothing else, I’ll head back now.”

Stephen Thompson quickly bowed and said, “Thank you for everything, Mrs. Wade.”

Claire offered a faint, bitter smile and turned to leave. But as she subconsciously recalled the date—February 2—something suddenly came to mind. She immediately turned back and asked, “By the way, Butler Stephen , I have a question. I hope you’ll answer me honestly.”

Stephen Thompson immediately said, “Mrs. Wade, please feel free to ask!”

After a brief moment of thought, Claire said, “There’s a singer I really admire—her name is Stefanie sun. She’s also the only daughter of a prominent family in Beijing, with assets worth hundreds of billions. Since her debut, she’s never been involved in any scandals. She’s always claimed she entered the entertainment industry to search for her fiancé. I suddenly remembered that she held a concert in Jinling on February 2, which happens to be charlie’s birthday. I didn’t think much of it at the time, but now, after everything I’ve learned, it feels like there might be some connection between her and charlie.”

Claire paused briefly, looked at Stephen Thompson, and asked, “Butler Stephen , can you tell me honestly—what exactly is the relationship between Stefanie sun and charlie?”

Stefanie sun was Claire’s favorite singer—not just because of her beautiful voice and stunning looks, but more importantly, because she was perhaps the only celebrity in the entertainment industry with no scandals or even rumored relationships.

Just now, Claire suddenly recalled Stefanie sun’s concert on that particular February 2.

First, the date itself—February 2—is charlie’s birthday. Stefanie sun chose to hold her concert in Jinling on that very day. Initially, Claire thought it was a mere coincidence. But now, knowing more about charlie’s past, she felt that it was likely not accidental.

Second, Stefanie sun’s stated purpose for entering showbiz—searching for her fiancé—was widely known in the entertainment circle. Claire had never connected this with charlie before, but she now realized it might have something to do with his mysterious disappearance from his original social circle during childhood.

And finally, there was Stefanie sun’s performance that day. She had worn a wedding dress and sung the song Tomorrow I’m Going to Marry You. Back then, Claire hadn’t read too much into it. But now, piecing everything together, it seemed likely that the wedding dress was meant for charlie, and the song was sung specifically for him.

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Just moments ago, she had told Stephen Thompson that she wanted to spend charlie’s birthday with him before disappearing from his life. But suddenly, she recalled the concert held on his birthday that year, and the more she thought about it, the more something felt off.

Stephen Thompson was also slightly taken aback—he hadn’t expected Claire to ask such a question.

After a moment of reflection, he sighed and said, “Since Mrs. Wade has asked, I will answer honestly. Miss Sun’s parents and the young master’s parents were close friends. From childhood, both families had arranged an engagement between Miss Sun and the young master. Miss Sun has always believed she is his fiancée. Even though the young master disappeared years ago, she has held firmly to that belief.”

Claire was stunned—not by the answer itself, but by the intense discomfort it brought her.

It wasn’t just the fact that charlie had hidden his identity and past from her. What truly unsettled her was the realization that he and Stefanie sun already knew each other. Otherwise, how could he have taken her to dinner with Stefanie sun?

At this moment, Claire's emotions grew even more tangled.

She could somewhat understand charlie's reasons for hiding his past. But what she couldn't accept was that he had met his betrothed and even brought her along—while she remained completely in the dark.

She knew her own identity and background didn't match charlie's. Even her grandfather had only been a servant in the Wade family. On the other hand, charlie not only came from the prestigious Wade family, but his mother's An family far surpassed even that.

The distance between them felt like the geographical concept of the antipode—the exact opposite point on the Earth. It represented the greatest possible distance between two people.

And when she thought about Stefanie sun again, even Claire had to admit—she was a better match for charlie.

Not only did she have a prominent family background, but their families had been close for generations. They grew up together, and they were engaged. No matter how she looked at it, Stefanie sun seemed far more suited to charlie than she ever could be.

Claire's mood suddenly sank to a new low. In front of Stefanie sun, she felt deeply inferior. How could she possibly compare to someone like her?

If that was the case, what was the point of her marriage to charlie?

When she married him, she hadn't truly loved him.

But because she had made a promise to her grandfather, she had never considered divorce. She was determined to honor that promise, no matter what.

Looking back now, it felt more like she had been fulfilling her grandfather's final wish.

At the beginning of their marriage, she had clearly told charlie in private that she was only marrying him because of her grandfather's request, and that they would not live as husband and wife. If charlie agreed, she would have no objection. If he disagreed, she wouldn't force him.

In truth, when she said that, she had hoped charlie would back out on his own. But to her surprise, charlie agreed without hesitation. Even though he had to sleep on the floor for years after they married, he never complained or overstepped any boundaries.

Over the years, Claire's feelings for charlie slowly developed from indifference to warmth. Her emotions toward him had gradually deepened, yet she always thought of him more like family, unsure whether what she felt was truly love.



But at this moment, her heart ached deeply.

And it was in that moment that she realized—somewhere along the way, she had already developed feelings for charlie. She didn't know exactly when it began... but love had already taken root in her heart.

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Humans are often slow to react.

At that moment, Claire realized she had truly fallen in love with charlie. However, their relationship had never developed properly due to its unusual beginning. Now, she wished to set things right—but it was too late.

She clearly understood that she needed to leave charlie, both for moral and practical reasons. Whether her departure was temporary or permanent, she had to first disappear from his world.

In doing so, she had already missed the best chance to steer their relationship in the right direction.

Stephen Thompson noticed her pained expression and understood how difficult this was for Claire.

Leaving charlie didn't just mean leaving her husband—it meant severing ties with her entire social circle.

Not only she, but her parents as well, would vanish from their current lives without leaving a trace.

She had also begun to suspect a deeper relationship between Stefanie sun and charlie, which only made things more complicated.

Thinking of this, Stephen Thompson felt a twinge of sympathy for Claire. He sighed and said, "Mrs. Wade, you don't need to worry too much about Miss sun. Though she's engaged to the young master, he remains deeply loyal to his marriage with you."

Claire stayed silent, her thoughts drifting to the interaction between Tawanna and Stefanie sun at the Eastcliff concert a few days prior.

She had long suspected the masked assassin was her husband, charlie—but now she was completely sure.

She once couldn't understand why Tawanna would fall for charlie. But now, she realized that while Tawanna might be more famous than Stefanie sun in the entertainment world,

she was far less wealthy. Even someone as exceptional as Stefanie sun had loved charlie for years—so was it really surprising that Tawanna would, too?

So think about it again—why are girls like Doris Young, Jasmine moore, and Fei Kexin, each more outstanding than the last, all so respectful toward charlie? Perhaps they’ve already fallen in love with him...

The thought broke Claire’s heart. A wave of sorrow surged through her, and tears welled up in her eyes.

She remained quiet for a moment, trying to hold back her tears, then said to Stephen Thompson, “Thank you, Stephen Thompson. I’ll come see you again before charlie’s birthday. We’ll talk about the specific arrangements then.”

Stephen Thompson gave a gentle nod and replied respectfully, “I will be waiting for Mrs. Wade at Qixia Temple. If you have any instructions, I’ll carry them out to the best of my ability.”

Claire bowed slightly. “Thank you, Stephen Thompson. And thank you, Master Jingqing.”

Then she looked at the fresh flower in her arms—vivid and full of life—and said to Master Jingqing, “Master, I’ll return this flower to you.”

Jingqing shook his head, put his palms together, and said, “Amitabha. This flower was revived through Mrs. Wade’s destined encounter. It now belongs with you. Please take it and care for it well. It may live for several more days.”

Aura is the fundamental energy of all life. Jingqing had infused the withered bouquet with aura, which restored its vitality. However, his own cultivation was limited, and the small amount of aura he provided merely revived the bouquet rather than allowing it to continue growing. Had his cultivation been higher and the aura greater, the bouquet might have flourished into a rare bloom unseen in the world.

It was precisely because the aura was subtle and gentle that the effect was so seamless. Even when Claire gave the bouquet to charlie, he wouldn’t be able to tell that anything had been done to it.