

Boss Mommy 131

Chapter 131: Father and daughter...

Under the VIP sitting area, she saw three people at a glance.

The first was Yan Xiaoqi whose leg was still covered by gauze.

The little girl sat on the chair and was lifting two shining signboards with pink words 'Mommy is the greatest!' written on them.

Bai Shanshan was moved.

Also, there was a middle-aged woman with a frail body seated beside Yan Xiaoqi. This was Bai Shanshan's mother. She was merely 50 years old, but half of her hair had already turned white.

Bai Shanshan's eyes turned red.

Yan Xiaoqi's wound looked shocking initially, but after it was sewn up, it no longer looked that big.

Hence, the procedures for her discharge at the hospital were already done yesterday.

Since Bai Shanshan was determined to get a divorce from Yan Zihao, she directly brought her daughter back to her home.

Back at home, Madam Bai was very worried. "Shanshan, do you really want a divorce? But if you divorce, how can our family still survive?"

Bai Shanshan nodded.

When Madam Bai entered her room last night, she directly took out a stack of money and passed it to Bai Shanshan. "These are my savings through these years. You can use them first."

Her mother wasn't working, so this \$30,000 was the entire savings that their family had.

During these past years, the only good aspect of Yan Zihao was that he would give Bai Shanshan's mother \$3,000 as living expenses every month. Although this sum of money was considered very little in Sea City, it was already enough for her mother to eat.

Never in her wildest dreams did Bai Shanshan imagine that her mother could still save \$30,000 despite the paltry sum she had every month.

No wonder she was so skinny...and her health checkup report came back saying that her mother was malnourished.

Her mother would always laugh and say that her digestion wasn't good so it was useless even if she ate good food.

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She couldn't allow herself to lose like that.

She had signed a contract with Royal Ocean Entertainment and she would be able to gain \$2,000 for every episode of [Masked Singers] that she participated in. This stage was her only chance.

Bai Shanshan held the mic.

Her gaze then landed on Chu Cimo once again.

The man was clad in clothes with willow leaf patterns. Moreover, his body was painted in all sorts of colors, with words that were cheering for Bai Shanshan. There were even two hearts drawn on his face.

When she glanced at him, the man suddenly pointed to an area at the back.

Bai Shanshan followed his gaze...

“Swish~”

Rolls of yellow banners suddenly unfurled from the ceiling!

Large words could be seen written on it.

“Bai Shanshan is the best!”

“Bai Shanshan, you are the brightest star in the sky!”

Bai Shanshan’s eyes grew red.

At this moment, Chu Cimo stood up and shouted, “Bai Shanshan, you can do it!”

And as his shout echoed, the audience also couldn’t help but stand and shout together, “Bai Shanshan, you can do it!”

Chu Cimo shouted again, “You are the best!”

“You are the best!”

Chu Cimo suddenly changed the topic. “Bai Shanshan, you’ve slimmed down!”

“Hahahahaha...” Everyone laughed kindly, but they soon echoed what Chu Cimo said, “You’ve slimmed down!”

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Bai Shanshan had never been in such a spot before, feeling like everyone’s attention was on her. She then glanced at the audience below, looking at Chu Cimo, Yan Xiaoqi, and her mother...

She also saw Shen Ruoqing.

She closed her eyes.

The sound of music drifted from the earpiece in her ear.

At this moment, her singing voice grew louder and louder, to the point where it passed a certain pitch and entered the vocal range of dolphins!

“Ah...”

Her magical voice surged above the clouds.

It felt like something had broken the shackles binding it...

At the judges’ area, all four judges were stunned.

“Her treble has reached F6, right?”

“My god!”

“Usually, the treble of females can reach F6, but they won’t be able to hold it for too long. However, her voice is so stable!”

“Her voice is godly!”

“This is the highest treble I’ve ever heard for this song!”

“...”

The audience didn’t understand the technical terms, but they could hear that Bai Shanshan had been dragging the word ‘ah’ in a high pitch for a very very long time!

This song was the song that had propelled Yan Zijing to fame.

Back then, she had depended on the long ‘ah’ to become a goddess of singing.

But now, Bai Shanshan surpassed her own limits on the stage!!

After the song ended, the audience was still in complete silence.

The silence persisted for over ten seconds before Yang Zhiqin, who was seated at the judges’ area, stood up and applauded.

The other judges stood up together with her.

The audience below also stood up one after another.

After that, thunderous applause rang out!

Bai Shanshan slowly opened her eyes and stared at everyone below. She suddenly felt like crying right now...

She knew that from now onward, she would never be afraid of going up the stage ever again.

Tears fell from her eyes.

She then dipped into a very deep bow to thank the audience.

She was very thankful to Chu Cimo for giving her confidence.

She was very thankful to her mother for giving her motivation.

She was very thankful to everyone for giving her support.

She maintained a 90-degree bow, and the applause still didn't stop even after a long time. She also didn't straighten her back.

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On Weibo, Bai Shanshan became trending.

#ThisIsTheBestDolphinVoiceI'veEverHeard#

#BaiShanShanSurpassedYanZiJing#

#BaiShanShanHasReallySlimDown#

There were a bunch of taglines that became trending too.

Bai Shanshan was beautiful and because she was chubby, she seemed harmless. Hence, both males and females were very fond of her, and their comments were also very kind.

—She is much slimmer compared to the first time she stepped on the stage! She must have lost weight, right? Hahaha! She's too adorable!

—This little sister is also very cute when she's chubbier. The main thing is that she's pretty!

—Her singing voice is filled with power! I really like it!

—I feel that she is really better compared to Yan Zijing...

The Weibo account that the Royal Ocean Entertainment had just applied for her was amassing fans frenziedly.

Bai Shanshan grew popular.

She became completely popular!

"Megastar!"

"Heavenly queen! Bai Shanshan, I can see the shadow of a heavenly queen from you!"

When Bai Shanshan stepped down the stage and entered backstage, those participants who had performed and had yet to perform flashed thumbs up at her.

Bai Shanshan's eyes were red as she bowed to everyone.

Her make-up was already ruined by her tears. Hence, she went to the washroom to wash her face.

Just when she left the washroom, she saw Yan Zihao standing in front of her and staring at her with a conflicted expression.

Bai Shanshan straightened her back and was no longer as cowardly as before. "I want a divorce."

Yan Zihao's gaze gradually turned gloomy. "Sure but the child belongs to the Yan Family. You can't bring her away."

Bai Shanshan started. "Impossible."

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Shen Ruojing, who was in the audience stand, was applauding too.

After Bai Shanshan got off the stage, Shen Ruojing gazed around and discovered that Yan Zihao had disappeared. She frowned. But just as she was preparing to look for Bai Shanshan, she suddenly heard someone at the side exclaiming.

“Is that Bai Shanshan’s husband? He is so handsome!”

“Her daughter is also very adorable!”

“The father and daughter look so alike! This is especially so for their eyes. They both have phoenix eyes...and they look so matching together...I feel that they can both sign up for the TV program [Where Are We Going, Dad?!]!”

Shen Ruojing halted her steps.

She gazed in the direction everyone was looking and saw Chu Cimo and Yan Xiaoqi.

The little girl was fair and tender, and her eyes really resembled Chu Tianye’s and Chu Yu’s eyes a little.

Shen Ruojing narrowed her eyes.

She suddenly recalled back then when Chu Cimo had thought that Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng were his kids...

He had also been schemed against by someone before...

Bai Shanshan was the same too...

Upon thinking of this, Shen Ruojing’s lips suddenly curled.

Chapter 132: A Good Show!

When Shen Ruojing was preparing to walk toward Chu Cimo, someone suddenly called her. “Miss Shen.”

This familiar evil-sounding voice rang out abruptly, causing her body to enter a defensive state instinctively. She slowly turned and saw Dugu Xiao standing behind her.

The man was clad in a purple shirt today, and he hugged his arms and exuded a powerful aura. His deep eyes were staring at her like how a hunter would stare at prey.

A hint of killing intent flickered in Shen Ruojing’s eyes, but it vanished a moment later. She icily said, “Mr. Dugu, can I help you?”

She glanced at the surroundings before glancing at the police stationed at the studio’s entrance.

Dugu Xiao followed her sight, and his lips curled into an evil smile. “I only wish to be friends with Miss Shen.”

Friends?

Mocking light glimmered in her eyes. How could there be a word such as 'friend' in his dictionary? To Dugu Xiao, his 'friends' were tools for him to use and betray!

She turned and walked away. "I'm not interested."

Dugu Xiao didn't stop her. He only followed behind her and spoke in a composed manner, "I've already investigated. Chu Cichen has no plans to marry you, and you are merely a tool that gave birth to children for him. So, why must Miss Shen bow in humility and stay in the Chu Manor?"

Shen Ruojing halted her steps. She then turned and looked at him with a smile that was not a smile. "Because he is my friend."

She intentionally emphasized the word 'friend'.

Dugu Xiao narrowed his eyes after hearing her strange tone. "In this world, how can there be true friends? Friends are merely friends because they share common benefits. If they don't have common benefits binding them, one of the parties must have something they need from the other."

He suddenly laughed. "Miss Shen, why don't I bring you somewhere to watch a good show?"

Shen Ruojing rejected him directly. "I'm not interested."

She then headed backstage to find Bai Shanshan.

Dugu Xiao still followed her. The two of them then went backstage and saw Bai Shanshan and Yan Zihao conversing before them.

Bai Shanshan was currently sobbing. "...I've done so much for Zijing by being her replacement singer for so many years and have also earned so much money for your Yan Family. Why can't you let me go since you don't like me? Why can't you let me bring my daughter away? Xiaoqi is a girl, and your mother doesn't like her. You can casually find someone else to give birth to a son for you..."

Yan Zihao remained unmoved hearing her words. However, he had spotted the two of them standing in the distance. He then spoke, "Bai Shanshan, there is a solution if you want your daughter. I only want you to promise me one thing."

Bai Shanshan had been pleading with him for a long time, but Yan Zihao had shown no reaction earlier.

Now that he was showing signs of relenting, Bai Shanshan immediately asked, "What thing?"

Yan Zihao slowly spoke, "Mr. Dugu is fond of Shen Ruojing. As long as you swindle Shen Ruojing and make her come to my residence, you don't have to care what happens next. When our divorce is finalized, I will give up custody of our daughter."

Bai Shanshan was dumbfounded.

In the distance, Shen Ruojing also halted her steps.

She turned her head to look at Dugu Xiao.

So, the 'good show' he spoke about was referring to this.

Dugu Xiao's brown eyes had the hint of a smile. "Miss Shen, Bai Shanshan can be considered your friend, right? What do you think she will do in the face of benefits?"

"Despicable," Shen Ruoqing quietly scolded.

Dugu Xiao wasn't annoyed. In fact, even when she scolded him, he suddenly felt as though he had returned to the point in time six years ago.

518, who wore the golden mask, behaved precisely like this.

No matter how angry she was, her tone when scolding people would sound very casual. No one was able to tell what she was feeling.

Dugu Xiao's gaze deepened slightly as the smile on his face became wider.

To him, Shen Ruoqing was just a toy.

However, he was more patient because she resembled 518 too much.

He didn't expect that Shen Ruoqing could give him such a surprise...

His eyes gleamed as he looked at Shen Ruoqing. "I only want Miss Shen to see the truth behind the word 'friend'. Bai Shanshan can betray you, and Chu Cichen can do the same as well. It is just that the pressure I'm currently giving him is not heavy enough. Why don't you take a guess...how long can Chu Cichen persist before he caves in?"

Pressure...

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes. "What have you done to the Chu Family?"

"Nothing much." Dugu Xiao rubbed his nose. "I only made them face a crisis of bankruptcy."

A crisis of bankruptcy...

When she had gone to the study to look for Chu Cichen last night, she couldn't see any hints of worry on that man's face.

However, then again, he had always been like this.

Even if the sky was about to fall, he wouldn't tell her.

A little puppy had its own pride too.

Shen Ruoqing felt that she should show more concern for him.

She curled her lips. "Many thanks for telling me these."

Dugu Xiao. "???"

He frowned and just when he was about to say something, Shen Ruoqing suddenly turned and hushed him. After that, she pointed in front.

Dugu Xiao glanced in the direction she pointed.

After that, they heard Bai Shanshan speaking with no hesitation. "Impossible! Miss Shen is my friend. I won't betray her!"

Yan Zihao was badly enraged. "Is your friend more important than your daughter?! Bai Shanshan, do you not want your daughter's custody anymore?"

Bai Shanshan inhaled deeply. "Yan Zihao. I'm very useless and cowardly, but I have my bottom line. My daughter is very important to me, and I'll do my best to fight for her custody. If you don't give it to me, let's fight it out in court!"

Yan Zihao snarled angrily. "Bai Shanshan, don't regret this!"

"The only thing I regret was marrying you those years ago!" Bai Shanshan clenched her fist and said this sentence with disappointment. After that, she circled around Yan Zihao and headed straight for the dressing room.

Shen Ruoqing looked at Dugu Xiao as her gaze turned deep. "Humans are humans because they have a bottom line. Mr. Dugu, this show is really nice to watch."

After saying this, she continued to walk forward.

Dugu Xiao's expression abruptly changed. His countenance turned gloomy and his gaze flickered sinisterly as he looked at Yan Zihao. "Trash, you can't even do a simple thing well!"

Yan Zihao lowered his head. "Mr. Dugu, please don't worry. Bai Shanshan hasn't been pressed to the point of despair. I will definitely make you satisfied...so please send Zijing back at that time."

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Shen Ruoqing hadn't entered Bai Shanshan's dressing room.

She leaned against the wall outside and as expected, after waiting for a while, Chu Cimo brought Yan Xiaoqi here. Chu Cimo walked in front, while Yan Xiaoqi limped behind him.

"Walk quicker. I've told you that you shouldn't come, but you insisted. How troublesome!"

Yan Xiaoqi pursed her lips and looked like she was about to cry.

After the two of them saw Shen Ruoqing, Chu Cimo then spoke, "Oi, carry her in."

Shen Ruoqing. "?"

She asked, "Why don't you carry her?"

"I'm not her father!" Chu Cimo touched his chin and mumbled, "Also, she is a girl. Guys and girls shouldn't be too close physically!"

"...Yan Xiaoqi is only five years old!"

Shen Ruoqing's lips twitched speechlessly.

She then carried Yan Xiaoqi and entered the dressing room together with Chu Cimo.

After that, Shen Ruoqing left.

There were two strands of hair in her hand, and she carefully placed them into a small bag that she carried with her. After that, she headed outside and called Ye Lu. "Are you at the clinic? I need you to do a DNA test."

Chapter 133: DNA Test Again!

"I am at the clinic." Ye Lu then asked in a cute tone, "What is the type of relationship you want me to do the test on?"

"Father and daughter."

"It can't be that Chu Cichen has an illegitimate daughter outside, could he?" Ye Lu gasped in surprise. "How dare he do this to our Brother Jing? That scumbag!"

"..." Shen Ruoqing's lips twitched. "It's for his younger brother."

"Ah, oh, oh, then I've scolded the wrong person!" Ye Lu didn't repent at all. "Sigh, my place almost becomes your private DNA testing center!"

"That's enough. I'll come over right away."

Shen Ruoqing hung up the call and set off on her bike.

Ye Lu's lips twitched and then she received a call from the front desk. "Sis Ye, someone is looking for you."

"Who is it?"

Ye Lu mumbled as she walked out of her office. She then saw a man dressed in a floral shirt standing at the door.

Lu Cheng put on what he thought was a very handsome smile and waved at Ye Lu. "Hello Miss Ye, we meet again~"

Ye Lu. "?"

(Who is this?)

She had never been good at remembering people, but she immediately put on a shy expression. "Why did you come?"

Lu Cheng didn't notice Ye Lu's thoughts. He only coughed and said, "It's like this... Our company wishes to invite the divine doctor to be our pharmaceutical consultant. That's why I'd like to ask for you to help contact the divine doctor."

Divine doctor?

Ye Lu nodded. "Alright, I'll convey this to the divine doctor."

Lu Cheng coughed and then said, "Oh, right, why didn't you add me on WeChat with the number I gave you the other time?"

Ye Lu. “?”

(The other time... divine doctor...)

Ye Lu recalled abruptly. (Wasn't this the foolish man from the other time who was deluded by that white lotus*?)

She lowered her head. “I was afraid that I'd disturb you...”

“You won't, you won't...” Lu Cheng let out a cough. “Then shall we add each other on WeChat now?”

“Alright!”

Ye Lu took out her phone and opened up her QR code. “You can scan mine then.”

After Lu Cheng scanned the QR code, he sent her a friend invite. “Then I'll head off first?”

“Hmm, I'll send you off.”

Ye Lu's eyes were gleaming, looking like she had great admiration for him. After sending him off, she opened up her phone and took a look at the WeChat apps.

After giving it some thought, Ye Lu agreed to the friend request. Just as she was about to add in the details, she was caught in a dilemma.

What was this person's name again?

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Shen Ruoqing then left the recording studio.

However, Bai Shanshan hadn't. She first removed her makeup and changed her clothes before picking Yan Xiaoqi up to leave.

Chu Cimo followed by her side and mumbled, “She's already so old, can't she walk by herself? It's so tiring for you to have to carry her.”

Chu Cimo didn't like children.

He found them troublesome.

They would cry over every little thing and ask to be carried. Furthermore, this girl was Yan Zihao's child. Given how badly Yan Zihao had treated Bai Shanshan, Chu Cimo didn't like Yan Xiaoqi that much either.

Yan Xiaoqi had grown to be very sensitive after having lived in that kind of environment since young.

Hence, she wrapped her arms tightly around Bai Shanshan's neck and glared at Chu Cimo.

Bai Shanshan stopped in her footsteps and looked at Chu Cimo. “... Do you dislike Xiaoqi?”

Chu Cimo immediately said, “Of course not! That's not true! How is that possible?!”

His three consecutive denials reflected his guilty conscience.

However, after meeting Bai Shanshan's serious gaze, he scratched his head and said, "Don't worry, I'll do my best to get myself to like her. After all, since I love you, I'll have to love the people you are connected with!"

"No need." Bai Shanshan lowered her head and walked off while carrying Yan Xiaoqi.

Even though Chu Cimo had confessed and said so much, Bai Shanshan had thought things out. She mustn't rely on men. She needed her own career.

When she was arguing with Yan Zihao earlier, she had made up her mind not to get married in the next few years.

She also put herself in Chu Cimo's shoes. If he had a child with someone else, would she be able to treat that child as her own?

She would probably not be able to do that. How one treated their own child would be different from how they would treat a child born by someone else.

It was probably something that even a saint wouldn't be able to do.

However, she had made herself feel aggrieved for so long that she didn't wish to make Xiaoqi feel the same as well.

She wanted her daughter to have a happy childhood.

Noticing Bai Shanshan's upset emotions, Chu Cimo was stupefied. He quickly said, "Shanshan, I really..."

As he was speaking, the three of them had reached the entrance.

They had just stepped out when Yan Zihao suddenly pounced over, shouting, "Shanshan, is this the person you're having an affair with? Is he the reason why you want to divorce me?"

There was already a group of reporters and paparazzi near the recording studio waiting to take photos. They didn't expect to suddenly hear such a piece of explosive news.

Right now, Bai Shanshan was the hottest topic!

Any news of her would become trending news.

Therefore, Yan Zihao's words caused the paparazzi and reporters who were hidden nearby to come dashing over, surrounding them.

Yan Zihao no longer appeared as domineering as he usually did, but instead, he looked more like a husband who was betrayed. He said while looking confounded, "I know that the Chu Family is more capable and amazing... but can't you stay for our daughter's sake?"

Bai Shanshan was stunned.

The reporters all went crazy as if they had uncovered a big piece of news!

All of them started taking photos. After that, as if they feared that they'd be slower than others in releasing, they started to post the news on Weibo directly!

[Explosive news! Bai Shanshan has an affair whilst in marriage!]

[Bai Shanshan is a mistress for a young master of an influential family!]

There were all sorts of similar headlines, and when people clicked on the post, they'd see the photos taken here.

Thankfully, Bai Shanshan had subconsciously covered Yan Xiaoqi's face when the reporters came dashing over. With this, Yan Xiaoqi's face wasn't exposed.

Despite this, the Internet was once again thrown into a great commotion!

—My god! Thank goodness I haven't become Bai Shanshan's fan yet. Otherwise, I'd be disappointed again!

—Boohoohoo, thank goodness I became a fan earlier. If I were any slower, I wouldn't have made it to be disappointed by this wave of disappointment.

—Bai Shanshan has an affair? Is the reason why she suddenly debuted because she has curried up to a young master of an influential family?

—My god, I thought that a woman like Bai Shanshan would definitely rely on her capabilities. I didn't expect that a young master of an influential family would like someone chubby like her.

—Someone should really take the celebrities' private lives in rein. This marriage relationship is too messed up!

—Let me enlighten those who are unaware. The young master in question here is the Chu Family's second son. The Chu Family is the most influential family in Sea City!

—Am I the only one who feels that the child is the most pitiful one here? News of her parents would be left on the Internet. How would she be able to face all these after she grows up?

—Didn't Bai Shanshan's husband brainwash her? Then her husband isn't a good person either!

—A b*tch paired with a b*stard. It's a perfect match!

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Waves and waves of scoldings started taking place on the Internet.

The reporters had all turned to Yan Zihao and asked, "Are you really Bai Shanshan's husband?"

"That's right."

Yan Zihao clearly came prepared. He took out their marriage certificate and handed it to one of the reporters. "Shanshan has been constantly bringing up divorce recently. I thought that it was because we made her be a replacement singer, but I didn't expect that she would have an affair!"

He took a deep breath. "I know that I've let her down, but the child is innocent! Xiaoqi, come, go home with Daddy!"

Bai Shanshan immediately held tightly onto Yan Xiaoqi. "No, the child must stay with me."

Yan Zihao squinted his eyes. "Stay with you? And be looked down upon by others in the future? I can swear that I won't remarry in the future. What about you? Can you do the same?!"

Chapter 134: You Have No Relationship With Her, Right?

Not going to marry ever again?

This news caused the reporters to explode.

"Mr. Yan, is what you say true?"

Yan Zihao nodded. "Right, I can swear in front of everyone that I will definitely not get married again. If I do so, I can give the custody of our daughter to Bai Shanshan!"

Bai Shanshan was truly angered when she saw him being so shameless.

In the eyes of the law, he and Yan Zijing were siblings. Although they weren't blood-related, everyone would definitely feel disgusted if they were together.

This was why Yan Zihao married her for so many years while hooking up with Yan Zijing secretly. The outsiders all praised him for being a good husband because he didn't disdain Bai Shanshan although she had grown so fat.

But Bai Shanshan was no longer a fool! She understood everything now.

However, Yan Zihao was cocksure that Bai Shanshan wouldn't expose him. Because once she did so, it would be a scandal, and Yan Xiaoqi would surely be affected. She would never be able to lift her head up again.

Bai Shanshan's eyes turned red.

Chu Cimo who was beside her was also panicking.

Bai Shanshan's earlier attitude already caused him to feel that something was wrong. At this moment, he hurriedly stepped forward, and just when he was about to speak, Bai Shanshan spoke out, "I can do the same too."

Chu Cimo was stunned.

Bai Shanshan didn't look at him. Her gaze was fixated on Yan Zihao. "I can also not marry."

Chu Cimo's jaw tensed.

Bai Shanshan's eyes were red and her chubby body was trembling slightly.

No one knew how upset she felt at this moment.

The guy whom she was secretly in love with for so many years had finally confessed to her and wanted to be with her. But now, she had to push him away personally.

Yan Zihao didn't expect Bai Shanshan to actually say this. Being able to marry Chu Cimo could be considered as climbing up the social ladder, yet she was actually okay to give it up?

He frowned. "That's right, how can you marry again? The Chu Family would never want someone like you who has married once before. You even have a child. Are you preparing to be a little lover that Chu Cimo keeps outside?"

When he said this, Chu Cimo charged forward and threw a punch at his face!

"Bang!" Yan Zihao's mouth bled from the impact. Even his teeth loosened. When he turned around, he saw Chu Cimo solemnly looking at him. Chu Cimo no longer looked frivolous like how he usually was. He exuded a baleful aura and his eyes gleamed with killing intent. "You best watch your words and don't insult Bai Shanshan!"

After saying this, he brought Bai Shanshan with him and prepared to leave.

"Bai Shanshan, what is your relationship exactly with Mr. Chu?"

"Would you two really have an underground relationship in the future?"

Upon facing such a question, Bai Shanshan suddenly became firm. She looked at those reporters and enunciated each word clearly, "Currently, we are only friends."

"..."

Chu Cimo's steps paused, but he didn't say anything. After that, he escorted Bai Shanshan and Yan Xiaoqi to his car.

As he drove, his expression was downcast and he didn't speak.

Bai Shanshan then looked at him. She wanted to say something but hesitated.

At the same time, Yan Xiaoqi glanced at Chu Cimo before turning to Bai Shanshan again and again, but she also didn't say anything.

After Bai Shanshan and Yan Xiaoqi arrived and got out of the car, Chu Cimo directly sped away and returned home.

Bai Shanshan carried Yan Xiaoqi as she watched his car driving far away. She sighed softly and had a desolate look on her face.

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Chu Manor.

Matriarch Chu was currently consoling the shareholders of the Chu Corporation who had come to find her.

Before Chu Cichen took over, it had always been Matriarch Chu handling the company. These old shareholders trusted her more.

Recently, Dugu Xiao had been pressuring the Chu Corporation, so some shareholders could no longer sit still. There were relatives from the second and third branches of the Chu Family among them...

Everyone was complaining to Matriarch Chu right now. "Sister-in-law, can you manage Cichen? Why did he have to offend Dugu Xiao for no reason? Dugu Xiao is a madman! Are you not afraid he will bring his man and charge here?"

Someone lowered his voice. "I heard that the people who offended him overseas have all died!"

Matriarch Chu drank a mouthful of tea calmly as she listened. She then spoke in a composed manner, "Even if he wants revenge, he will aim at my family. It will have nothing to do with all of you."

"You can't say that!" A shareholder spoke, "He is now targeting the company, and our business partners all decided to stop working with us. Wouldn't we be unable to offload our goods like this?"

"Yeah, it is not good to offend Dugu Xiao because of a small matter. Since Dugu Xiao already returned to the country, our Chu Corporation ought to find a chance to cooperate with him, so we can break into the international market. But what the hell is Cichen doing? Matriarch Chu, you have to manage him!"

Matriarch Chu placed her tea cup down. "When I gave him the company, I stated clearly that I have retired. In the future, the world belongs to the young. We old folks should just watch from the side and not comment about Cichen's decision..."

The other shareholders still wanted to say something, but the butler suddenly rushed in and whispered something in Matriarch Chu's ears.

Matriarch Chu started. Her expression changed. "That vile brat!"

She stood up and walked outside.

The other shareholders followed her.

Just as the group of them exited the Chu Manor, they saw Yan Zihao's mother, Madam Yan, standing there. When Matriarch Chu appeared, Madam Yan immediately shouted loudly, "Matriarch Chu, please manage your son well! Why is he interfering in someone else's marriage? He is breaking up my son's family!"

Madam Yan started crying. She lowered her head, but her voice was extremely loud. "My daughter-in-law is going to divorce my son. She says she wants to be with Chu Cimo. Hence, isn't Chu Cimo the third party? This matter has exploded on the news, you can't simply ignore it!"

Matriarch Chu frowned.

The butler who was at the side searched the web through her phone before passing the phone to her. Matriarch Chu then saw Chu Cimo protecting Bai Shanshan and clashing with Yan Zihao. Immediately, Matriarch Chu grew so angry that her expression changed.

Madam Yan continued to cry. "The most pitiful person is my grandchild. Xiaoqi is only five years old, but she has to endure all these? Matriarch Chu, how can you allow your son to do something like this? Also as for our Xiaoqi...is the Chu Family planning to help Bai Shanshan seize custody of the child? Doesn't your Chu Family have your own grandchildren? Why do you want to snatch mine...?"

These words were too unpleasant to hear.

Hence, Matriarch Chu's expression darkened even more.

The surrounding shareholders immediately grew more enraged. "Matriarch Chu, what is going on? This matter is even on the news? Our company's share price is going to fall!"

"Young Master Mo is too much! Matriarch Chu, you should immediately contact the reporters and make some arrangements to clear this matter up!"

As the shareholders were complaining indignantly, Chu Cimo's car drove over.

Seeing that the entrance was blocked, he simply parked his car and walked over. But when the shareholders saw him, they immediately asked, "Young Master Mo, that Bai Shanshan's divorce has nothing to do with you, right? You have no relationship with her, right?"

Chapter 135: We'll Have A Relationship In the Future!

Chu Cimo didn't expect that the matter would blow up at his house.

He frowned and looked at the shareholders who were reproaching him.

"Young Master Mo, say something! Do you know how much loss you've brought for the company with your mess?"

"That's right. Don't you usually just play games outside? Why would you suddenly go and destroy someone else's family?"

"Are you just fooling around? Hurry up and clarify things!"

"Ah, that celebrity said that she and Young Master Mo are just friends. So this matter must just be a misunderstanding!"

"That's good then, that's good then. Let's hurry up and arrange for a press conference! I'll go arrange it right away..."

A shareholder took out his phone and wanted to make a call.

Madam Yan also heaved a sigh of relief when she saw them like this.

She had come to create trouble because Yan Zihao had asked her to.

Yan Zihao had said that the Chu Family would definitely snatch the child away. Although Madam Yan had a preference for boys over girls, hoping to have a grandson, Yan Xiaoqi was her granddaughter, so she still doted on her.

If not, she wouldn't have been worried at all when Yan Xiaoqi didn't return home for two days when Bai Shanshan quarreled with Yan Zihao.

Moreover, Yan Zihao had said that he wasn't planning to get married in this lifetime again. He was going to spend his life with Yan Zijing. Yan Zijing's constitution wasn't suitable for pregnancy. If they were to lose Yan Xiaoqi, he might not be able to have another child in the future.

This made Madam Yan even more anxious.

Yan Xiaoqi was her only granddaughter!

She wiped her tears and said to Matriarch Chu, "If that's the case, then I'm assured. Matriarch Chu, can you give your word here that you guys will not get involved in the marriage between my daughter-in-law and my son? They are only fighting now, and my son already knows his mistake and is repentant. They still have feelings for each other as a couple. Don't they say that one should rather tear down a temple than destroy a marriage?"

"We'll give our word, we'll definitely give our word..." The shareholders then urged Matriarch Chu, "Matriarch, just agree to her request! Then we'll clarify things to the public..."

Matriarch Chu clenched her fists.

She fixed her gaze on Chu Cimo and suddenly asked, "Do you really not have any relationship with her?"

Chu Cimo lowered his gaze. "Not for now."

The other shareholders felt even more at ease upon hearing this. All of them looked at Madam Yan. "You guys mustn't accuse the Chu Family like that! Did you hear that? Our Young Master Mo doesn't have any relationship with your daughter-in-law!"

Matriarch Chu heaved a sigh of relief as well.

To speak the truth, although she was open-minded, she treasured her youngest son and didn't wish for him to be with a woman who had been married before and had a child...

Matriarch Chu was about to say something when Chu Cimo said firmly, "But we'll definitely have a relationship in the future. I'm indeed wooing her."

"..."

Chu Cimo's words astounded everyone present.

All of them looked at him in disbelief.

Madam Yan was the first to explode. "Mr. Chu, how can you be like this?! You're destroying someone else's marriage!"

Chu Cimo shrugged. "I don't. Didn't I say that we don't have a relationship now? I'll woo her after she gets divorced."

Madam Yan trembled in fury. "If you don't woo her, she won't have any other way out and won't dare to get a divorce even if it's for the child's sake! But with you to back her up, she'll definitely choose riches over being poor and ask for a divorce. Wouldn't you be destroying someone else's marriage then?"

Chu Cimo replied nonchalantly, "So that's how it is. Then I'll just be a third party then."

"..."

Madam Yan felt both angry and anxious. She looked at Matriarch Chu and asked, "Matriarch Chu, are you really not going to take Mr. Chu in hand?"

The shareholders quickly said, "Young Master Mo, you mustn't be muddle-headed! That celebrity is fat and ugly. Why do you have to do this for her?"

"How on earth did she bewitch you? Young Master Mo, I can get you as many beauties as you wish! Right now, the company is already in a bad situation, so you shouldn't be adding more trouble!"

"Dugu Xiao is keeping an eye on us now. Young Master Mo, it's fine that you don't take care of the company matters, but how can you drag us down during such a critical period?!"

"..."

Everyone started reproaching Chu Cimo, then eventually looked at Matriarch Chu. "Matriarch Chu, hurry up and persuade Young Master Mo! He usually listens to you the most!"

Matriarch Chu had her back straight, and her disposition was elegant and poised, like that of a career woman. When she heard everyone's words, she also looked at Chu Cimo and asked slowly, "Have you thought it through? You won't regret it?"

Chu Cimo nodded. "I won't regret it. Mother, I've actually been looking for her all these years."

After saying that, there was a hint of pleading in his eyes as he continued, "That's why I can't give up. How about this, you can chase me out of the family for the company's sake."

Matriarch Chu was startled.

Chu Cimo had a close relationship with her and would always talk to her when he had things troubling him. Therefore, she knew all along that Chu Cimo liked someone. And when she heard Chu Cimo saying this, she no longer had any more hesitation and looked straight at Madam Yan. She said, "The reason your daughter-in-law and son are getting a divorce is because they don't have a good relationship. If your son treated your daughter-in-law very well, then even if my son were to try to get between them, would he be able to succeed?"

Madam Yan. "???"

All the shareholders. "???"

When Chu Cimo saw Matriarch Chu taking his side, he smiled and straightened his back. "That's right. I'm telling you, you guys better hurry up and agree to the divorce. If you dare to use any unscrupulous means against Bai Shanshan, then don't blame me for not holding back against you guys!"

He had his hands on his waist, looking very much like a person who wanted to throw their weight around and bully others.

Those who didn't know any better would definitely feel that Chu Cimo was the one in the wrong and that Bai Shanshan had an affair whilst still married... But no one knew that Bai Shanshan was deceived into getting married!

Madam Yan was enraged. "Excellent, excellent. The Chu Family is really too much!"

She then turned and left.

The shareholders were enraged. "Matriarch Chu! Overly doting on one's child is the same as killing them! With the way you're pampering Young Master Chu, there'd be trouble sooner or later!"

Chu Yuan, who was Chu Cimo's third uncle, was also present. He was so angry that his entire body was trembling. "Sister-in-law, we've turned a blind eye when you've been pampering Chu Cimo over so many years, but to think that you're allowing him to do something like this as well?!"

Chu Yuan then scolded Chu Cimo, "And you, you spent the Chu Family's money, but this is how to repay the family?"

Chu Cimo lowered his head. "I'll make up for the losses the Chu Corporation has suffered because of me."

Chu Yuan sneered. "Make up for the losses? You spend all of the bonuses you receive each year. Who doesn't know that you're one who spends all your money and doesn't keep much? How are you going to make up for the losses? You wouldn't be able to do that even if you were to sell yourself!"

A hint of sharpness flashed in Chu Cimo's eyes.

Just as everyone was surrounding Matriarch Chu and Chu Cimo, questioning them, a Bentley drove in slowly. It was also surrounded by four to five other black sedans.

Chu Cichen had returned!

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At the same time.

In Ye Lu's clinic, Shen Ruoqing sat on a chair in the testing room, playing with her phone. When she saw the various news, she frowned a little. "Is the result out?"

"Soon, soon! Don't rush me!"

After Ye Lu did the last step, she looked at the machine. "The result is out!"

Chapter 136: Reality Question

At the Chu Manor's entrance.

At the moment the Bentley's door was opened by the butler, everyone turned to look over.

The first thing that entered their vision was a pair of shiny black leather shoes, followed by a well-tailored black suit. The suit made the pair of legs appear long and straight, the shoulders broad, and the waist slim. The person dressed in the suit appeared to have a straight and tall figure, like a javelin.

Everyone then turned to look at the face of this person. The man's phoenix eyes brought out his cold disposition. He had a tall nose and a staunch jawline that concealed his great looks, giving off a tough and determined feeling.

Chu Cichen's way of doing things was indeed intrepid. Ever since he took over the company, he had always stood by his words and had ruthless means. These old shareholders in the company were all a little scared of him. This was why they came to the Chu Manor, wanting to have Matriarch Chu to help mediate things.

However, the moment Chu Cichen came home, all the arguments at the entrance stopped.

Chu Cichen walked over, his phoenix eyes scanning everyone with a hint of arrogance. He then spoke in a deep voice, "What are you guys doing?"

None of the shareholders dared to say a word, and all of them turned their gazes at Chu Yuan.

Chu Yuan was Chu Cichen's third uncle after all. With everyone looking at him, he forced himself to speak up, "Cichen, it's like this. We know that you're now going against Dugu Xiao and things are already a little difficult for the company. Yet, Cimo is creating trouble here... So we're here to persuade him."

Chu Cichen turned to look at Chu Cimo.

Chu Cimo, who didn't cower despite facing all the shareholders earlier, was so scared that he shrank his neck.

Chu Cichen instantly frowned and scolded, "If you have something to say, just say it! Your behavior is unacceptable!"

"..." Chu Cimo then straightened his back. "Brother, it's that... the Internet is saying that I snatched someone else's wife and is a third party... These people are also going off saying that I've affected the value of the company's stock."

Hearing this, Chu Cichen glanced at Lu Cheng who was next to him.

Lu Cheng instantly found the news in question and handed Chu Cichen his phone.

After Chu Cichen took a look at it, he furrowed his brows deeply.

When the other shareholders saw Chu Cichen like this, they took a step forward and said, "CEO Chu, Young Master Mo is too outrageous. Please take him in hand..."

Chu Cimo knew that he had gone a little overboard this time around, and he shrank his neck, saying, "Brother, I really like her a lot... I'll take responsibility for my own actions. I'll earn the money to make up for the company's losses."

"I understand," Chu Cichen replied indifferently then looked at the shareholders again. "Do you guys have any other problems?"

This nonchalant attitude...

The shareholders were driven crazy and quickly said, "CEO Chu, aren't you going to take Young Master Mo in hand?"

"Didn't he say that... he'll make up for the company's losses? If you guys are worried, you can sell him your stocks at their original price."

Chu Chichen made the call.

He was clearly being even more protective than Matriarch Chu was!!

Everyone was in a bit of disbelief and some of them were a little tempted. "Is what CEO Chu said real?"

"That's right."

Chu Cichen strode into the house. "We'll be waiting."

After Chu Cichen entered the house, the rest of the shareholders looked at Matriarch Chu. Matriarch Chu waved her hand. "You guys are all seniors in the company. It's true that our family is the one who caused this problem, so we'll take responsibility. If anyone wishes to sell their shares, then just look for Lu Cheng."

She then pulled Chu Cimo into the house.

After the two of them entered the living room, they saw that Chu Cichen was about to head upstairs. Matriarch Chu frowned. "Cichen, although you can appease them like this, this is just temporary. You'll still have to think of a more permanent solution."

"I know."

Chu Cichen headed upstairs after saying this.

In the living room, Matriarch Chu pointed to the sofa and said to Chu Cimo, "Sit down."

Chu Cimo sat down obediently. "Mother, you don't have to worry about the money. I actually have some private savings..."

"How much can you have?" Matriarch Chu sighed. "Don't worry about the money. I have them. If anyone comes to sell their shares, we'll just buy them. This is a good chance to buy back some of the Chu Corporation's shares."

After saying that, she sighed. "What I'm worried about now isn't the money, it's you!"

She said solemnly, "Cimo, are you really prepared to be a stepfather?"

Chu Cimo nodded. "Yes, I'll do my best to treat her well as if she's my biological daughter. I'll also prepare assets for her in the future."

He initially despised Yan Xiaoqi a little.

However, after Bai Shanshan said that she didn't wish for her daughter to feel aggrieved, Chu Cimo thought that he would have to suck it up and be a good stepfather to Yan Xiaoqi.

Matriarch Chu lowered her gaze. "Do you think that it's so simple to become someone's stepfather? One can be biased even toward their biological children, let alone toward one who isn't their biological child. How do you think I treat Chu Ciyuan?"

At the mention of this, Chu Cimo immediately said, "Mother has done your utmost for him!"

Matriarch Chu then looked at Chu Cimo. "But look at how he is now? He is full of resentment toward me..."

Chu Cimo said indignantly, "That's because his conscience has been fed to the dogs! Since young, was there anything that I had that he wasn't given? Despite this, he's still complaining that you're biased..."

"Do you know why?" Matriarch Chu asked.

Chu Cimo shook his head.

Matriarch Chu sighed. "It's because when you guys were eight years old, he contracted Hand, Foot, & Mouth Disease and infected you with it, so the two of you got sick at the same time. One of you is my biological son, while the other isn't. Moreover, his condition was less serious than yours. So of course, I chose to watch over you. Since then, he harbored hatred toward me. Cimo, it's hard to be a stepmother. You still don't understand this now."

At this moment, Chu Tianye and Chu Yu came home from school.

When Matriarch Chu saw them, she asked, "If Tianye and that child were to both fall into the water at the same time, who would you save?"

Chu Cimo immediately replied, "I'll naturally save Tianye!"

Chu Tianye was his nephew!

However, after Chu Cimo subconsciously replied, he finally realized what the reality was.

He frowned.

Matriarch Chu didn't continue talking.

Chu Tianye who had just entered the door. "??"

The child quietly raised his hand. "Erm, Grandmother, Uncle, I'm sorry to interrupt. Is there a possibility that I know how to swim?"

Chu Yu asked, "You know how to swim? Then teach me when you're free."

"Sure!" Chu Tianye patted Chu Yu's shoulder. "I spent \$5,000 when I learned to swim back then. I'll give you a discount, \$4,900! But why do you want to learn to swim?"

Chu Yu. "It's because I don't want to be someone else's multiple-choice question."

"..."

As the two of them spoke to each other, they went upstairs to put down their bags.

Looking at their back views, Chu Cimo thought of Yan Xiaoqi.

At this moment, Yan Xiaoqi was secretly crying in her room.

She had dragged her mommy down. Without her, her mommy would be able to live happily with that bad uncle, right?

Madam Yan was bawling loudly outside.

After Madam Yan left the Chu Manor, the more she thought about it, the more aggrieved she felt. Therefore, she made her way to the Bai Family's residence and cried loudly, making a fuss.

"Everyone, come over and take a look! My daughter-in-law has an affair, yet she still wants to take away my only granddaughter with her! How can she do that?!"

At the district's entrance.

Shen Ruoqing, who had just gotten her hands on the DNA results, came quickly on her motorbike. She wanted to tell Bai Shanshan the results of the test.

Chapter 137: Face Smacking!

This district where Bai Shanshan's mother lived was filled with retirees from the factories.

It was because Bai Shanshan's father had once been a worker in the factories before he passed away from cancer. Since they all lived in a staff unit, the surrounding neighbors were acquainted with each other.

At this moment, after Madam Yan made such a huge ruckus, the people in the surroundings immediately crowded over.

They had originally planned to protect Bai Shanshan's family, but after hearing Madam Yan's words, everyone started hesitating.

Madam Yan cried loudly at the entrance, "My son was so good to her. After she grew so fat during the marriage, my son didn't divorce her. But now, she wants to divorce him so she can bring my granddaughter along and marry into a rich family. She simply has no conscience at all. She is an ingrate!"

Bai Shanshan and her mother stood outside the door.

Bai Shanshan looked at Madam Yan. "Mother-in-law, don't say that. I've stated that I won't marry Chu Cimo!"

"You won't? He just publicly stated in the face of the Chu Family's shareholders and reporters that he would pursue you forever until you agree. Now, you might say that you won't, but what happens if you agree after the divorce? Who can we complain to? So, you have to return the child to us. Xiaoqi, Xiaoqi, where are you? Follow grandma home!"

Bai Shanshan started.

Chu Cimo actually said that he would continue pursuing her forever before the shareholders?

Why was he so silly?

Although Bai Shanshan knew nothing about company management, she also understood that if the leaders of a company were shaken by something, the share price of the company would definitely tank.

Hence, she bit her lips and her eyes gradually reddened.

Madam Yan continued scolding her. At this moment, Yan Zihao also rushed over and supported Madam Yan by holding her arm. He then looked at Bai Shanshan. "Shanshan, take it as I'm begging you. Let us not divorce, okay?"

The surrounding neighbors began pointing and whispering at Bai Shanshan.

"Yeah, the Yan Family has treated the daughter of the Bai Family pretty well. They would give Madam Bai \$3,000 every month as living expenses!"

"The Bai Family's daughter has not worked for so many years. The Bai Family could only survive due to the Yan Family helping them financially..."

"Just because she grew slimmer and became a little more pretty, she wanted to commit adultery?"

"No matter what, the child belongs to the Yan Family, but she wants to bring the child with her to marry a rich family? Isn't this a little too immoral?"

"..."

The whispers and comments by their neighbors caused Bai Shanshan and Madam Bai to be at a loss of what to do.

Bai Shanshan waved her hands to explain. "Things are not like that, they..."

"Shanshan, I know I was wrong. As long as you come home with me, I can ignore the matter between you and Chu Cimo. After all, Xiaoqi has to have a father, right?"

Yan Zihao interrupted her and looked extremely sincere.

The neighbors also persuaded her.

"Daughter of the Bai Family, you better go home with your husband!"

"Why are you making trouble? Where can you find such a good husband?"

"For the sake of the child, you should really return..."

Yan Xiaoqi secretly peeped through the window. After hearing what the neighbors said, she suddenly sneaked out of her room.

If she wasn't here, her mother wouldn't have to feel so vexed.

When Yan Xiaoqi thought of this, she lowered her head and went down the stairs.

She followed the wall and just as she was preparing to leave, she heard a buzzing sound up ahead. Since she was scared, she shrank her body and hid in the corner. Only after Shen Ruoqing's motorbike zoomed past did she heave a sigh of relief and continue forward.

Her leg hadn't healed yet, but she stood up straight and continued limping as she walked forward. Just when she reached the entrance, someone caught hold of her shirt and lifted her up.

Yan Xiaoqi started. After that, she saw a pair of phoenix eyes looking at her.

"Where are you planning on going?"

Chu Cimo stared at Yan Xiaoqi in contempt. At the same time, he heaved a sigh of relief secretly. Luckily, he had a feeling that Madam Yan would make trouble here since she had done the same thing at his house. In that case, Bai Shanshan's residence would surely be very noisy. Hence, he had directly rushed over. If it wasn't for this, this little girl might have run off to god knows where!

If Yan Xiaoqi went missing, would Bai Shanshan, someone who loved her daughter so much, still be able to live?

When he thought of this, a hint of anger surged in Chu Cimo's heart. "Why is a kid like you so insensible? If you ran off, what would your mother do?"

Yan Xiaoqi was originally scared and frightened. But now that she was being scolded by Chu Cimo, she felt even more aggrieved, hence, she started crying. "Boohoo...all of you are bad people...without me, you would be able to marry mommy, and my daddy wouldn't make things difficult for mommy! Bad uncle, let go of me! I want to leave!"

Chu Cimo's expression turned dark. "You want to leave? You are only five years old, where can you go? You will immediately be abducted the moment you leave home and will be sold to the mountains as feed for the wolves!"

This sentence frightened Yan Xiaoqi so much that she no longer dared to move. She then lowered her head and sobbed.

"What are you crying for? Why are you so annoying?" Chu Cimo placed her back on the ground and spoke with disdain, "Follow me back."

"I'm not going back...Boohoo...daddy and grandma are right outside...boohoo...if I return now, they will bring me away...I don't want to be separated from mommy..."

Yan Xiaoqi was crying so badly that snot came out of her nose.

Chu Cimo. "...so disgusting!"

He then took out a handkerchief and passed it to her with disdain. "Wipe it yourself."

Yan Xiaoqi wiped her nose, but how could a five-year-old clean it thoroughly?

Hence, Chu Cimo decided to squat down and took out a tissue. "Why are you so stupid?"

After that, he feigned using a lot of force, but when the tissue came in contact with Yan Xiaoqi's face, all the force immediately dissipated as he gently wiped her nose for her.

Yan Xiaoqi looked at Chu Cimo. Her father had never cared for her like this. Every time, her father would only verbally say that he loved her, but his gaze was filled with loathing.

However, although this bad uncle sounded very fierce and unwilling, he had carried her to the toilet previously and also wiped her nose for her today.

All of a sudden, Yan Xiaoqi innocently made a decision. "Uncle, I don't want to be my daddy's daughter. Can I be your daughter?"

"I don't want an ugly and dirty daughter like you!" Chu Cimo's lips twitched. "In the future, I'll get your mommy to give birth to an adorable and tender little girl or little boy."

Yan Xiaoqi lowered her head in disappointment. "I'm also very adorable."

Actually, Yan Xiaoqi was truly very adorable.

Bai Shanshan and Chu Cimo were both good-looking individuals, so Yan Xiaoqi's features were also very exquisite.

Chu Cimo glanced at her and coughed. "If you can guarantee that you will be so obedient in the future, I can force myself to agree to your request."

Yan Xiaoqi grew proud. "Hmph, I should be the one disdaining you for not being mature. You don't even have a job and your family has to support you!"

"What a brat, what do you know?!" Chu Cimo jumped up. "You are not adorable at all!"

Yan Xiaoqi felt even more hurt. "Fine, I'm not adorable. I don't want to be your daughter even if you beg me now!"

Chu Cimo sneered. "Whoever wants you to be their daughter will be a dog!"

As he said this, he brought her to the Bai Family's home entrance.

Just when he walked over, he saw Shen Ruoqing already standing there. Shen Ruoqing had a cold look on her face as she looked at Yan Zihao mockingly. "Who says that Yan Xiaoqi is your daughter?"

Chapter 138: You Want Proof? I Have It.

Yan Zihao and Madam Yan were currently creating a huge ruckus at the Bai Family's residence.

The surrounding neighbors blamed the Bai Family for being improper, and the Yan Family only had one topic – the child.

Madam Yan sobbed and said her experiences of taking care of the child during all these years. "...She called me 'grandma' for five years. Yan Xiaoqi is equal to my life. It is okay if you want to divorce, but the child has to be with us!"

Yan Zihao expressed that he would never let his daughter roam the streets. "The Yan Family has the ability to raise the child, so there's no need for others to do that. Bai Shanshan, if you wish to go with Chu Cimo, leave the child behind. I will never accept my child addressing another man as 'father'!"

"Daughter of the Bai Family, if you are determined to get a divorce, why don't you just give your child to them..."

"Yeah, you and your new lover are mutually in love. You can always bear another child. You should give this child to them!"

"If you bring your child with you, it would be hard for you to remarry..."

When Shen Ruoqing arrived, Bai Shanshan and Madam Bai were being pressured so badly that they couldn't say anything. It felt as though they were evil villains...

Seeing this, Shen Ruoqing frowned and directly pushed her way through the crowd. She mockingly spoke to Yan Zihao, "Who says that Yan Xiaoqi is your daughter?"

When she said this, Madam Yan was stunned. "What do you mean?"

Yan Zihao's heart was riddled with guilt, and his gaze flickered a few times.

Shen Ruoqing looked at Bai Shanshan and sighed. "This is the DNA report for Yan Xiaoqi and Chu Cimo. The report states that they are then father and daughter. Yan Xiaoqi and Yan Zihao have no blood relations!"

As her words rang out, everyone was stunned.

Madam Yan's voice immediately became high-pitched as she rushed forward and objected. "What nonsense are you talking about? Where did you falsify this DNA report? Now, not only does the Chu Family want to snatch the child, they don't even want the child to have the 'Yan' surname?! This is too much!"

Bai Shanshan stared at the DNA report and carefully looked at the names on it. She looked at it several times, but even so, she still didn't dare to believe it.

Even Chu Cimo, who was carrying Yan Xiaoqi as they walked over, had many question marks in his head.

What?

He lowered his head and looked at Yan Xiaoqi.

Yan Xiaoqi had also lifted her head and was looking at him.

The two of them exchanged a mutual glance. Chu Cimo then hurriedly rushed to the area before Bai Shanshan and grabbed the report. When he saw the 99.9% probability, he instantly understood something. He directly looked at Bai Shanshan. "So six years ago when you were at Wilson, which day was it?"

Bai Shanshan said a date.

Chu Cimo was dumbfounded. "It is the same date for me too...Wait, but from the report, so we actually did that during that day?"

"..."

The people in the surroundings were stunned. Everyone stared at them in bewilderment.

A hint of joy abruptly rose in Bai Shanshan's heart...

It wasn't because her first time was with Chu Cimo. But rather, the child belonged to Chu Cimo! In that case, they wouldn't have any disputes of such nature in the future!

Yan Xiaoqi was also dumbstruck as she looked at the report. After that, she looked at Chu Cimo who was carrying her before turning her gaze to Yan Zihao. She then asked in a juvenile voice, "Mommy, what does this mean?"

Bai Shanshan was crying from happiness. Large tears fell from her face as she explained, "Xiaoqi, Chu Cimo is your real father!"

Yan Xiaoqi. "???"

She quietly looked at Chu Cimo who was carrying her. "Earlier, someone said that only a dog would be my father!"

The two pairs of eyes looked at each other. Chu Cimo then awkwardly turned his head and coughed. He suppressed the wild joy in his heart and...

"Woof, woof, woof."

"..."

Chu Cimo was highly-adaptive. Also, this joy came too quickly, so his mind was still sluggish, and he subconsciously began barking like a dog.

Just when everyone was dumbfounded, Yan Zihao suddenly clapped. "This child actually belongs to you and Chu Cimo? Bai Shanshan, you are too much. You actually lied to me for so many years and made me raise a child from another person for five years!"

Bai Shanshan started.

Yan Zihao looked at the surroundings. "Everyone, please help me say something. Back then, she was pregnant and told me the child was mine. This was why I married her. Now, the child actually belongs to someone else. This is simply outrageous!"

Some reporters were hiding among the neighbors and secretly taking photos. All of them were reproaching Bai Shanshan.

"I was wondering why she suddenly got married back then. So, she was already pregnant before marriage!"

"Isn't doing so too bad? The Yan Family has suffered a great injustice!"

"This matter sounds very fishy. Since Bai Shanshan and Chu Cimo are both in love, why didn't they get together since they have a child? Even if Bai Shanshan wants to marry into a rich family, isn't joining the Chu Family much better?"

"..."

Amidst everyone's discussion, Bai Shanshan's eyes turned red. She explained, "Things are not like that. H...he was the one who drugged me. When I woke up, he said the child was his so I misunderstood..."

Yan Zihao angrily roared, "Am I mental? Why would I rear someone else's child? Bai Shanshan, you are trying to lie even now. I had enough of you!"

Madam Yan understood now, and she also thought that her son was hoodwinked. She was so angry that she shivered. "Bai Shanshan, excellent! In order to marry Zihao, you actually used this tactic! You are simply despicable. I'm going to kill you. You are a b*tch!"

After saying that, she charged at Bai Shanshan and wanted to scratch her face.

However, she was stopped by Chu Cimo. Chu Cimo stood protectively before Bai Shanshan and launched a kick right at Madam Yan's stomach.

Chu Cimo had shown mercy previously toward Yan Zihao and Madam Yan because of Yan Xiaoqi.

After all, they were Yan Xiaoqi's family. If he did things too aggressively, Yan Xiaoqi would definitely feel very upset.

But the instant he saw the DNA report, he understood everything.

Everything was a part of Yan Zihao's scheme!

He used the child in Bai Shanshan's stomach to force her to marry him. After that, he used some methods to make Bai Shanshan fat so he could control her completely...

At this moment, Chu Cimo linked everything.

And after thinking about them, he was so angry that he felt he was about to explode.

So, not only was Bai Shanshan played by Yan Zihao during these years, but even Yan...No, Chu Xiaoqi was being exploited.

His biological daughter had to live so ignobly, yet he completely had no idea. He had even disdained his daughter due to being ignorant of these facts?

Chu Cimo suddenly erupted with a baleful aura.

He passed Chu Xiaoqi to Bai Shanshan. After that, he glared at Yan Zihao with rage.

Madam Yan was on the ground due to the impact. Right now, she was in so much pain that she rolled around. She then pointed at Chu Cimo and scolded loudly, "What are you doing? Help, he is beating someone under broad daylight!"

Yan Zihao went to help his mother up, but his shoulders were being pressed downward by Chu Cimo.

He turned and met Chu Cimo's gloomy eyes.

Yan Zihao guiltily asked, "What are you doing? You guys did something wrong and let me down, but you want me to shut up now? No way!"

"Who was the one in the wrong?" Bai Shanshan clutched her face and cried, "Yan Zihao, you are shameless!"

Yan Zihao coldly laughed. "Are you saying that I was the one in the wrong? Do you have the proof?"

"You want proof? I have it."

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“You want proof? I have it.”

“I have that!”

“Isn’t it easy to get evidence?”

Shen Ruoqing, Bai Shanshan, and Chu Cimo almost said these three lines in unison.

Shen Ruoqing raised her brows slightly and looked at Bai Shanshan.

Chu Cimo also looked at Bai Shanshan in surprise.

Bai Shanshan then took a deep breath, summoned her courage, and said, “You have an abnormal relationship with Yan Zijing. You made use of me in order to conceal this fact as well as to exploit my voice.”

Previously, Bai Shanshan hadn’t exposed this matter to the public for Xiaoqi’s sake. But now, Xiaoqi wasn’t his child, so why would the Yan Family’s reputation have any relation to her?

Yan Zihao sneered.

The surrounding neighbors asked, “Who is Yan Zijing?”

Bai Shanshan explained, “She’s his younger sister. She’s also the female singer who debuted with my voice!”

“Huh? He is in a relationship with his younger sister?”

“Heavens, are they that indecent?”

“The relationships in influential families are so messed up!”

“This is really too dirty...”

The people nearby pointed their fingers at Yan Zihao, causing his countenance to change drastically. He said furiously, “Bai Shanshan, what gibberish are you talking about?! I know that I’m usually a little closer to Zijing, and you don’t feel comfortable about that. But how can you talk irresponsibly like that? How can you come up with a lie like this?”

Madam Yan felt embarrassed and was adamant to deny this. “Bai Shanshan, you’ve gone overboard! You’re really going to great lengths to get a divorce! Do you think that people will believe you? What proof do you have?”

Bai Shanshan took a deep breath. She then took out her phone and played a recording. It was the one from when she caught the two of them in the midst of s*x.

“Since you have seen it, we might as well make our relationship public, so we don’t have to keep hiding every time we want to meet.”

“Shanshan, look at your current appearance. How can I be sleeping in the same room as you? I am a man and I have my needs...”

“This is why we didn’t make it public. You will help us keep it a secret too, right? After all, if this matter spread, Xiaoqi would also be affected. When others talked about her, they would all say that she has an indecent father!”

“Bai Shanshan, you should be thanking me for this. If it wasn’t for me, my brother would have looked for another woman. In that case, do you think you can still keep your position as the wife of the Yan Family?”

Back then, Bai Shanshan was utterly devastated, but she still recorded the conversation subconsciously. It could be her final bit of instinct that led her to do this act as this was something that could protect her own benefits.

After the recording was played, Bai Shanshan looked at Yan Zihao and Madam Yan, asking, “What else do you have to say now?”

The neighbors now believed Bai Shanshan completely.

All of them started to reproach Yan Zihao and Madam Yan.

“You guys are too bad! My god! How can there be such scary people in this world?”

“Were they plotting against Shanshan right from the beginning? Shanshan is too pitiful. But thank goodness the child is Mr. Chu’s. They are considered to have an affinity with each other...”

“Scram out of our district! If you still dare to come and harass Shanshan in the future, we won’t let you off!”

All the neighbors stood in front of Bai Shanshan and Madam Bai to protect them.

This was what people working in the factory were like. Once one of their people was on the side of reason, they’d take the same side to face outsiders although they usually liked to gossip amongst themselves.

Yan Zihao roared angrily, “Bai Shanshan, you b*tch!”

Madam Yan was also infuriated and exasperated. “Bai Shanshan, you ingrate! How dare you set us up like this?! Vixen! Troublemaker! Jinx!”

Yan Zihao and Madam Yan kept on scolding away. However, when they were about to leave sheepishly, Chu Cimo blocked their way. “You aren’t allowed to leave.”

Yan Zihao stood in front of Mother Yan warily to protect her. “What do you want? This is a society that is ruled by law! We didn’t violate the law!”

The things that they had done, including brainwashing Bai Shanshan, didn’t violate the law. These were just things that would subject them to criticisms on moral grounds. Therefore, he wasn’t afraid of the truth.

Things like brainwashing and marriage scam were just Bai Shanshan’s guesses. Even if she could bring out Yan Zijing’s chat records, these recordings were taken when they were unaware and thus could not serve as evidence.

Seeing how arrogant Yan Zihao was, Chu Cimo lowered his gaze and said, "My lawyer is already on the way. Sign the divorce agreement before you leave."

"..." Yan Zihao wanted to leave, but with Chu Cimo and the neighbors from the same factory blocking their way, he couldn't do so.

Not long later, the lawyer arrived with the divorce agreement.

Yan Zihao narrowed his eyes.

Madam Yan said, "Look at it carefully. Xiaoqi isn't our Yan Family's child, so we mustn't leave a single cent for her!"

Yan Zihao nodded. "Bai Shanshan, on the account that we were a couple, I won't be asking you for the child expenses that our family spent on raising her."

Bai Shanshan only wanted to break free from this scumbag as soon as possible, so she didn't care about the asset distribution on the divorce agreement. "I won't ask for anything."

Yan Zihao took a careful look at the divorce agreement and realized that other than taking her daughter, Bai Shanshan didn't ask for any other things. Only then did he sign the divorce agreement. "Can we leave now?"

Chu Cimo moved away.

Yan Zihao helped Madam Yan and walked past Chu Cimo. He then said slowly, "It has been so many years and it's true that I've gotten sick of playing with her. I'm now returning her to you. I hope that you don't mind that she's secondhand."

Bang!

Chu Cimo punched Yan Zihao in the face.

Yan Zihao's face was turned to the side from the impact, and he spat out a mouthful of blood. He then narrowed his eyes and took a step back. "If you make another move, I'll call the police."

Chu Cimo stopped.

Yan Zihao grinned then lowered his voice. "Do you hate me? So what if our reputation is destroyed? We'll just be scolded a little by others. What can you do to us?"

Chu Cimo narrowed his eyes and a dark gleam flickered in them.

He withdrew his hand. "Hmm, it's true that I can't do anything to you now."

After all, they were in public... However, did Yan Zihao think that Chu Cimo was really just a profligate young master?

A hint of killing intent flashed in Chu Cimo's eyes.

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Shen Ruoqing had hacked into Yan Zihao's phone long ago and obtained the chat history between him and Yan Zijing. She had initially planned on taking this out as evidence but didn't expect that she no longer needed to worry for the current Bai Shanshan.

Shen Ruoqing's lips then curled up in consolation. After seeing that everyone had left and Chu Cimo had followed Bai Shanshan's family back to her house, she knew that they would have things to talk about since the family of three had been reunited.

Hence, Shen Ruoqing didn't disturb them and left.

When she arrived back at the Chu Manor, she saw that a few shareholders from the Chu Corporation had really come to sell their shares. Matriarch Chu was dealing with things cleanly in the living room.

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing's brows were creased as she headed to the study.

The study's door was open and Lu Cheng was reporting about the problems they were facing. "This wave of shares buyback is still manageable. Our company can still maintain our operations with our circulating capital and not rely on external help. There isn't a big problem."

Shen Ruoqing couldn't help but say, "Given Dugu Xiao's character, joining hands with business partners to apply pressure should be just the first step. He'll definitely make a bigger move to target the Chu Corporation directly later on."

The moment she said this, Chu Cichen, who was seated behind the desk, looked up and narrowed his eyes. "What kind of big move do you think he'll make?"

After giving it some thought, Shen Ruoqing said, "He has a vicious and brutal character. I'm worried that he'll use unscrupulous means and start with internal staff."

Chu Cichen looked at Lu Cheng. "Prepare twice the number of guards for everyone in the Chu Family."
"Yes."

Lu Cheng nodded and then left to make arrangements for this matter.

Although it was easy to ask for double the number of guards, they had to reassign the guards' work schedules. Furthermore, they didn't have enough manpower either and would have to transfer some people over from overseas.

After Lu Cheng left, Shen Ruoqing also turned, wanting to leave.

During this time, Chu Cichen had kept a distance from her, so she didn't wish to be showing excessive passion toward a cold person.

However, she had just turned when she heard the man's deep voice calling. "Miss Shen."

Shen Ruoqing turned around.

Chu Cichen sized her up. "You seem to understand Dugu Xiao very well. Do you know him?"

Did she know him?

Shen Ruoqing lowered her gaze, feeling that it shouldn't be a problem for her to tell him about these things. Therefore, she nodded. "We are considered old acquaintances."

Old acquaintances...

Chu Cichen suddenly clenched his fists.

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Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruoqing with an assessing gaze. "Are you guys very familiar with each other?"

"We aren't. We only had a few interactions." Shen Ruoqing wasn't too willing to bring up the past, but her attitude made Chu Cichen feel that he had thought too much into things.

If the two of them were friends and not enemies, Dugu Xiao wouldn't have treated her like that.

Moreover, when Shen Ruoqing mentioned Dugu Xiao, she had a hint of displeasure on her face. She looked like she detested this person a lot.

Chu Cichen reminded her, "It's best to not have many interactions with someone like him. Otherwise, you probably wouldn't know how he harms you."

"I understand." After Shen Ruoqing said this, she surveyed Chu Cichen's countenance again.

She had investigated the Chu Corporation before. Their financial power was mediocre. Although they could rank first in Sea City, they couldn't compare to the top four influential families. Also, Dugu Xiao had a strong influence overseas and would be restricted in whatever he did after coming to China.

In other words, Dugu Xiao had to take into account the capital's top four influential families when doing things in China. If the Chu Family could get a connection with the top four influential families and have one of them speak up, Dugu Xiao wouldn't dare to do anything to the Chu Family.

However, Chu Cichen's expression was normal and he didn't seem anxious at all. He was either very good at maintaining his composure or had other plans.

Shen Ruoqing didn't plan to interfere much, so she just nodded at him and then turned to leave.

However, after she left the study, she saw that Fang Panxia had just come upstairs. When Fang Panxia saw Shen Ruoqing, she paused a little in her footsteps.

Shen Ruoqing did not pay any heed to Fang Panxia and walked past her without stopping. Fang Panxia also retracted her gaze and entered the study.

Fang Panxia said respectfully, "Bro Chen, I've contacted my teacher and a few seniors. They happen to be coming to China recently. I'll invite them to our pharmaceutical factory to take a look and give their opinions. I'll definitely be able to persuade some of them to stay."

She explained, "My teacher has very great achievements in surgery. All my seniors are also elites and rare talents in the industry, and it would be very impressive for some hospitals to be able to hire them

as foreign assistants. If we can add their names to our pharmaceutical factory, our new business will definitely develop faster.”

As she said this, Lu Cheng entered after arranging for the bodyguards.

Hearing her words, Lu Cheng said, “I’ve told Miss Ye Lu to invite the divine doctor over...”

Fang Panxia bit her lip and said with a smile, “It’s naturally best if the divine doctor can come. However, the divine doctor is a doctor in Chinese medicine after all. Our pharmaceutical business deals more with chemistry... Moreover, my teacher’s reputation is a little more resounding than the divine doctor’s... My seniors are all outstanding in the industry as well. The divine doctor probably doesn’t have such great influence compared to them.”

Lu Cheng was dumbfounded. “Sis Fang, didn’t you say that the divine doctor is very amazing?”

Fang Panxia’s eyes flickered. “She’s good at treating illnesses, but doctors aren’t pharmaceutical professionals after all. There are specialists in every field... Do you know the most famous western medicine, the Bugu Diazepam? That’s currently the most effective medicine with the least side effects for treating depression and insomnia. My teacher, Charles, led my seniors in developing this medicine. Therefore, if the Chu Corporation wishes to take the most high-end route, we’ll need them.”

Lu Cheng scratched his head. “Is that so? I don’t really understand the pharmaceutical profession. I’ll be troubling Sis Fang then.”

“Hmm.” Fang Panxia said in a roundabout manner, “You should turn down the divine doctor on this matter. I’m worried that there might be contradictions if western and Chinese medicine are mixed together.”

Lu Cheng felt a little troubled. “I just sent out the invite. Wouldn’t it be bad if I were to go back on my words now?”

The moment he said this, Chu Cichen said, “She might not necessarily agree.”

Lu Cheng gave it some thought then said, “Alright, I won’t urge Ye Lu on this matter then. If the divine doctor didn’t agree, then I’ll just go along and drop this. If the divine doctor agreed, then we’ll just leave things be. Anyway, with more famous people on board, it’ll be helpful for us to spread our name in the pharmaceutical industry.

Fang Panxia nodded helplessly. “Alright then.”

She mustn’t object too obviously.

After they were done with their conversation, Chu Cichen suddenly said, “Someone from the capital’s Bai Family will be coming over. You guys should watch your actions.”

On another side, Shen Ruoqing had returned to her room before she took out her phone which was vibrating non-stop. She took a glance and saw that it was an overseas number. After picking up the call impatiently, a foreigner spoke in awkward Chinese, “Jing, I’ll be bringing my team to China very soon. Will we be able to meet up?”

“No.” Shen Ruoqing rejected clearly. “I’m busy.”

“Oh, lord, Jing, don’t be so heartless. I assure you that I won’t disturb your retirement life. It’s just that we’ve encountered a bit of a problem in trying to improve the bugu diazepam. We hope that we can get your help on it,” Charles pleaded.

Shen Ruojing felt very helpless.

Years back when she was in F. Country, why did she do the idiotic thing of helping Charles out?

He started to pester her ever since, coming to her each time he encountered academic problems... It was really annoying.

However, she suddenly recalled that the Chu Corporation was recently trying to move into the pharmaceutical industry. If Charles and his team could stay behind...

Shen Ruojing’s lips suddenly curled. “Sure, but I need you to help me with something.”

“Sure, I’ll help even if it’s 100 favors, let alone just one. I’ll willingly go against all odds for you.”

“...”

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The sky gradually darkened.

Chu Cimo had initially come because he wanted to bring Bai Shanshan and Madam Bai to another residence. After all, their small district didn’t have any security guards and reporters could enter freely. It wasn’t safe.

After finding out that Xiaoqi was his daughter, he became even more enthusiastic about this matter.

Bai Shanshan looked at her old mother, then at the five-year-old Xiaoqi, before she finally agreed. She told herself that she mustn’t rely on men anymore and must have her own career. However, she also understood that this wasn’t the time for her to be obstinate.

The group moved into a high-class condo that Chu Cimo had in the capital.

The place was fully furnished and ready to move in. Chu Cimo then called to have someone purchase some daily necessities for them, including all the clothes suitable for Chu Xiaoqi’s height from a certain brand.

After settling them down, he headed out. “I’ll go home and notify my mother. Otherwise, they’ll be worried about me.”

Bai Shanshan didn’t give it much thought and nodded.

In the middle of the night, at the Yan Family’s residence.

Yan Zihao was on the call with Yan Zijing. The latter was crying and complaining about Dugu Xiao’s unpredictable mood. At the end, when Bai Shanshan was mentioned, Yan Zijing was enraged. “Brother, she wants to get a divorce now and has also found out about the child. Will she do anything to you?”

“Don’t worry.” Yan Zihao said disdainfully, “The Chu Family has offended Dugu Xiao and is too busy trying to save themselves now. They aren’t free to help that profligate son to take care of me.”

He spoke in disdain, "If she wants a divorce, so be it. I find that fatty disgusting anyway, and we've also earned enough money. The hormones she was injected with all these years had caused her body to collapse long ago. She might just die a sudden death any day. It's just a bit of a pity about that little b*stard. Yan Xiaoqi is good-looking. I was initially planning to wait until she turns 13 before I give her to someone... I heard that someone in the underworld has such preferences. Too bad we won't be able to have this opportunity... Forget it, after we get you free from Dugu Xiao, we'll go overseas and live the rest of our lives freely..."

Yan Zihao was talking when a creaking sound suddenly came from the window.

His voice suddenly paused and he abruptly turned his head to look over!