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Chapter 191: Stunning

Shen Ruojing quickly stood up and stabilized her body.

Then, she felt the scorching temperature from the man's palm, and her heart skipped a beat as if she had been scalded.

The man's chest was very tough, and hitting against it felt like hitting a wall.

Shen Ruojing rubbed her nose, which she accidentally hit as she fell forward earlier. She then lifted her dress impatiently and got into the car. When she looked back, she saw Chu Cichen's hand still maintaining the position of embracing her. He stood there in a frozen state, his black and bright eyes staring at her.

Shen Ruojing's heart started to feel warm at this moment. Her face flushed up a little before she said, "You are not getting in?"

Only then did Chu Cichen come to his senses. He first looked at his hand and then retracted it as if he had just woken up from a short dream. This was the first time he appeared a little silly in front of Shen Ruojing, and her lips curled up.

Only then did Chu Cichen get in the car and sit next to her.

In the car, there was a space between both of them that was intended for people to pass through.

However, for some reason, after Chu Cichen got into the car, Shen Ruojing felt that the spacious van became very cramped.

She pursed her lips before looking at Chu Cichen. She was about to say something when she saw that he was staring at the top of her head. He asked, "Your hair... What's that scent?"

Shen Ruojing. "?"

She raised her brows and explained, "Oh, it's a shampoo I made. It has mugwood added to it. Mugwood has anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory effects. It can reduce scalp itchiness and other conditions."

She hesitated for a moment. "You want to use it too?"

So it was the scent of her shampoo...

Chu Cichen revealed a disappointed look.

Shen Ruojing knew 518, and she could be that divine doctor friend 518 had mentioned before. Therefore, it should be considered normal for her to give 518 the shampoo she made.

Chu Cichen turned his head and looked out of the window.

He suddenly felt as if he had gone crazy.

To think that this crazy idea would pop up in his head again, making him feel that the person in front of him was the person he loved.

But if she was 518, how could she not know him?

518 had seen him before...

Chu Chichen lowered his gaze.

However, Shen Ruoqing seemed perplexed. “???”

What was this situation?

Just a moment ago, he had had a scorching gaze, but now it suddenly turned calm

He might be ignoring her, so she didn't want to talk to him either.

Shen Ruoqing turned her head away too.

The car drove steadily and soon arrived at the hotel under the Chu Corporation—Wilson Hotel.

After getting out of the car, Shen Ruoqing saw the sign in front of the hotel and suddenly recalled the day when she had brought Chu Tianye here to attend Matriarch Chu's birthday banquet.

It was as if this matter was only yesterday, but three months had passed.

Shen Ruoqing followed behind Chu Chichen and entered the banquet hall.

They were holding a celebratory banquet tonight, and everyone who came was from the Chu Corporation.

The moment Chu Chichen entered, he was surrounded by a few members of the company's high management. Everyone was currying up to him, complimenting him on his decisiveness in deciding to change the Chu Corporation's core business. They no longer acted in the same way they did a few days ago at the CEO's office.

Shen Ruoqing was planning to go look for Matriarch Chu when Fang Panxia walked out of the crowd. She asked, “Miss Shen, Bro Chen is going to greet the people from the company. Why don't you go take a rest at the side? How about I bring you over?”

Fang Panxia conducted herself as if she was the hostess of the party.

Although Shen Ruoqing didn't like scheming, she knew the methods of wealthy families very well.

The reason Fang Panxia wanted to lure her away was to tell her not to interfere with the Chu Corporation.

Shen Ruoqing sneered. “No need.”

She turned to look for Matriarch Chu and the three children.

Chu Chichen, who was surrounded by members of the upper management, was planning to introduce Shen Ruoqing to everyone. However, when he turned his head, he saw Fang Panxia saying something to Shen Ruoqing, who then walked away directly.

Seeing this, the man frowned and a hint of coldness flashed in his eyes.

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Shen Ruoqing walked around for a little and saw Chu Cichen's second aunt seated next to Matriarch Chu on a sofa not far away, trying to fawn at her. Moreover, there was a girl around 22 years old sitting next to the second aunt. She was wearing a white gown and was smiling respectfully.

Chu Cichen's second aunt was promoting her niece to Matriarch Chu. "Eldest Sister-in-law, you watched my niece grow up. There's nothing to complain about her character. The bank card that I brought to you previously was what she asked me to bring you. She provided help when you guys were in need. Eldest Sister-in-law, although Cichen is far-sighted and knew that the Chu Corporation would be fine, my niece didn't know that. Her actions were sincere!"

Matriarch Chu lowered her gaze and gave an indifferent 'mmm'. She then gave a friendly smile to the girl. "Although we didn't use your money, we still have to thank you."

"Aunty, you're being too polite!" The girl stood up to walk over to the other side of Matriarch Chu, squeezing Chu Xiaomeng away and then sitting down. "This is something that I should do."

The second aunt smiled. "Eldest Sister-in-law, my niece and you really share an affinity. Wouldn't it be nice if the two of you become mother-in-law and daughter-in-law?"

Matriarch Chu glanced at Chu Cichen's second aunt and said indifferently, "That isn't a good idea."

"What's bad about it? You know how good my maternal family is. Their corporation is ranked in the top five in Sea City. My niece would be a good match for our Chu Family if she were to become your daughter-in-law."

Matriarch Chu refused once again. "Cimo already has a daughter. It's not that suitable to get a stepmother for her."

"What's the problem with that?" Chu Cichen's second aunt smiled and said, "My niece likes children the most. Isn't it just a girl? She won't fight for family assets, and we can just give her some money and then marry her out. Isn't that right? Little Na, say something."

The young girl, Little Na, lowered her head and looked shy. "Aunt, what are you saying? I like Cimo, so I will also treat his daughter well. Although I won't be able to treat her better than my own children, I'll try my best to be fair."

"Oh my, look how kind my niece is!" Chu Cichen's second aunt smiled. "Eldest Sister-in-law, are you satisfied now?"

"..." Matriarch Chu didn't expect that the two of them didn't understand the meaning behind her words of refusal despite her having put things so clearly. Hence, she could only say, "There's no need to trouble you. No matter how well you treat the child, would you be able to take care of her as well as her birth mother?"

The moment Matriarch Chu said this, both Chu Cichen's second aunt and Xiao Na were stunned for a moment.

Then, the lips of Chu Cichen's second aunt twitched. "Eldest Sister-in-law? What do you mean by that? You can't really want that fat, poor, and ugly female celebrity to be your daughter-in-law, right? Your

eldest daughter-in-law doesn't have a good family background, but she's at least pretty. That female celebrity is over 80 kilograms! She neither has a good family background nor a good image! Didn't she only give birth to a daughter? Just give her some money and send her away!"

The second aunt was nagging away when the butler came over. "I just heard the report that Young Master Mo and Miss Bai have just parked their car and will be entering soon."

After Chu Cimo was released, he moved straight into the villa in the suburbs.

Matriarch Chu smiled when she heard the butler's words. "Alright."

Chu Cichen's second aunt stood up and said mockingly, "Come, Xiao Na, let's go and take a look at what that fatty looks like and what means she used to blind Cimo. To think that he would fancy her!"

When Xiao Na heard this, she sat up straight too.

She wanted to show Chu Cimo how blind he was. Why would he not like a beautiful girl like her but choose to like a fatty?

At this moment, Chu Cimo appeared at the entrance. He didn't enter but instead looked behind him and stretched out his hand.

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Chu Cimo wore a gray suit. His face, which shared a resemblance with Chu Cichen, was filled with the radiance of sunshine.

The worst turmoil the Chu Corporation had been through this time around was caused by Chu Cimo beating up someone to their death. Therefore, everyone knew about his relationship with Bai Shanshan very well.

Everyone knew that Chu Cimo had gone to the victim's house to beat him up over a fat celebrity... As a result, everyone discussed this fat celebrity a lot during this period.

Therefore, the moment Chu Cimo appeared, everyone turned to look behind him in unison. Everyone wanted to see the female celebrity's appearance.

Everyone had secretly searched for the fat celebrity's photos and videos in private.

This brought [Masked Singers] a wave of views, and it benefited Shen Qianhui a lot.

People tended to appear 10 kilograms fatter when they were on screen. Hence, even if Bai Shanshan had slimmed down back then, she'd still appear fat on television.

However, she was fair and tender, so no one detested her for being fat.

Even so, an overweight woman really had nothing to do with the word 'beautiful', so everyone looked at her with a mocking attitude, wanting to watch a show.

However!

They only saw a slightly plump girl in a white dress walking out from behind Chu Cimo with a shy expression.

The girl had fair skin, and her palm-sized small face was slightly chubby. From afar, her pair of almond eyes appeared extremely docile and quiet. Her shy look didn't make her appear unpresentable, but instead gave others an impulse to treat her tenderly.

Shen Ruoqing was also astonished when she saw Bai Shanshan.

Bai Shanshan reported her weight to Shen Ruoqing daily, and she had slimmed down to 60 kilograms recently. However, Shen Ruoqing didn't expect Bai Shanshan's condition to be so good.

She had clearly gone to exercise. Her long and slender figure made her look like she was around 50 kilograms although she was around 60 kilograms. Moreover, her chest was still well-embodied despite her waist having gotten a lot slimmer. Although she was still far from being slim, her figure was well-balanced.

Her face was chubby, but she clearly looked like she was meant for the screens!

Having slimmed down, Bai Shanshan looked as innocent as a piece of white paper. Her unaggressive beauty gave most of the people present—men and women alike—a feeling of wanting to protect her.

Matriarch Chu's eyes widened in surprise.

Bai Shanshan wasn't this slim when she came over the other time... It had only been a few days since then, but why had she undergone such a huge change?!

Next to Matriarch Chu, Chu Cichen's second aunt gasped. "Who is this? It's not that female celebrity, right? Did Cimo change his partner again?"

Matriarch Chu said proudly, "This is Miss Bai. The reason she was fat in the past was because she was ill. Now that she has recovered, she'll naturally slowly slim down!"

However, Xiao Na could tell the identity of Bai Shanshan through her features.

It was a coincidence that both of them wore white gowns, but Bai Shanshan clearly looked better between the two. Seeing this, Xiao Na was so angry that her eyes turned red. She glared at Chu Cichen's second aunt and then covered her face before running out of the back door, crying.

"..." Chu Cichen's second aunt said angrily, "Eldest Sister-in-law, even though she has slimmed down, she is still not presentable. She doesn't have a good family background and can't win against my niece! That aside, this will also be her second marriage! Won't you find that embarrassing when you tell others about it? You should put more thought into this!"

After saying that, she went to chase after her niece.

Matriarch Chu didn't care about what Chu Cichen's second aunt said. She went up to Chu Cimo and glared at him before looking at the shy Bai Shanshan, saying, "Aren't you worried that she might hurt her body if she slims down so fast?"

Chu Cimo. "???"

Why was he always the one to get hurt?!

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Chu Cimo and Bai Shanshan's appearance brought another wave of commotion to the VIP room upstairs.

Chu Cichen and a few other upper-echelons from the company were in the room, and they could see the first floor through the big floor-to-ceiling windows. The few shareholders in the room were all those on Chu Cichen's side.

Chu Xu was Chu Cichen's second granduncle. He had introduced many beneficial policies in the company over the years and even Matriarch Chu held great respect for him.

He never rejected the idea of turning their core business into the pharmaceutical industry and always showed his support.

At this moment, he saw Chu Cimo and Bai Shanshan through the glass window and let out a snort. His gaze then landed on Shen Ruoqing, and he furrowed his brows tightly.

Chu Xu looked at Chu Cichen and asked, "Why didn't you get Miss Shen to come and meet us? She's going to be the future mistress of the Chu Family."

Chu Cichen lowered his gaze.

He naturally understood the reason why Shen Ruoqing didn't come to meet them. It was because their status as fiancé and fiancée wouldn't change. It was impossible for them to get married.

Therefore, Shen Ruoqing was very tactful and walked away.

However, he mustn't say this.

Just as he was contemplating how he should move away from this topic, Fang Panxia, who was pouring tea for a few other members of the high management, spoke up, "Miss Shen might not have met so many people before and appeared to be a little reserved earlier. Therefore, she went to look for Matriarch Chu."

The moment Fang Panxia said this, Chu Xu's brows furrowed tightly again.

Chu Xu tensed his chin and thought about it for a very long time. Then, he couldn't help but say to Chu Cichen, "Cimo won't inherit the company, so it doesn't matter who he wants to marry. Cichen, you're different. Miss Shen comes from a small family, and she will have to get involved with many such situations in the future. You should educate her well."

Chu Cichen glanced at Fang Panxia and then said in a calm tone, "Second Granduncle, she doesn't come from a simple small family."

Outsiders might not know it, but the people in this room knew that the heat dispersal pills were made from Shen Ruoqing's prescription.

Chu Xu's dissatisfaction toward Shen Ruoqing immediately dissipated.

Fang Panxia took a step forward and filled up Chu Xu's teacup. While smiling, she said, "Director Xu, we have to thank you and everyone here who put effort and helped the Chu Corporation tide through this crisis. Bro Chen and I will remember this well! I had long heard that you're decisive and have a sharp

judgment. It's hugely because of you that the Chu Corporation could become the greatest influential business in Sea City. I'll toast to you with tea in place of alcohol!"

After saying that, Fang Panxia finished the tea in her hand.

She then smiled at the others. "I'll go out for a while."

After she left, Chu Xu couldn't help but look at Chu Cichen. "Look at Miss Fang. She's also a researcher, but she's so tactful. You should get Miss Shen to learn more from her. The mistress of the Chu Family must be someone like her, dignified and presentable."

Chu Cichen glanced at Chu Xu. "It is because all of her thoughts are on things like this that she can't come up with the heat dispersal pills."

Chu Xu was rendered speechless. "..."

At this moment, Chu Cichen's phone rang. He took a look and saw that it was a message from Lu Cheng. He was saying that Charles had arrived.

Therefore, Chu Cichen stood up. "Second Granduncle, everyone, please have a seat here first. I'll come back in a while."

He tidied his suit and when he went out, he saw Fang Panxia standing not far away. After Fang Panxia saw him, she walked over and said, "Bro Chen, my senior sent me a message earlier saying that Teacher has arrived. Let's go and welcome him."

After saying that, she wanted to hook her arm around Chu Cichen's.

However, Chu Cichen took a step forward and dodged her action. Just as Fang Panxia was about to go after him, she heard the man's icy-cold voice. "No need. You're fired."

The moment Chu Cichen said this, Fang Panxia was stunned.

She was fired? Why? How could that be possible?!

She bit her lips and followed after Chu Cichen. "Bro Chen, I know that you were disappointed that I didn't complete my mission. I was in the wrong. Can you give me another chance?"

Chu Cichen paused in his footsteps and looked at her. "I did."

(You were the one who didn't hold onto it.)

Tears instantly welled up in Fang Panxia's eyes. She stopped pretending and said outright, "But if my teacher finds out that you fired me, he'll be angry. Why not ask him for his opinion?"

Chapter 193: B*tch Fang Smacked In The Face!

Chu Cichen's vision suddenly turned sharp.

Fang Panxia's heart was pounding from being stared at by Chu Cichen.

It was very rare for Chu Cichen to lose his temper. Basically, he was someone with good control over his emotions. However, his aura was very strong and no one dared to antagonize him.

Hence, this was her first time seeing Chu Cichen angry.

Right now, she felt as though her legs didn't belong to her. Her body involuntarily began trembling.

Luckily, Chu Cichen retracted his gaze as though he couldn't be bothered to even glance at her. He directly walked away and only then did Fang Panxia regain control of her body.

She panted heavily and quickly followed behind Chu Cichen.

At this moment, the two of them saw Lu Cheng.

Lu Cheng was coincidentally bringing Li Dongzhe over. When he saw Chu Cichen, the two of them halted their steps.

Lu Cheng introduced Chu Cichen and Li Dongzhe to each other. After both of them greeted each other, Chu Cichen and Lu Cheng began searching for Charles.

This time around, Fang Panxia didn't follow them. She impatiently asked, "Senior, where is our teacher?"

Li Dongzhe replied, "Ah? I don't know. He said that he had something on and he immediately went away after we arrived. What's the matter?"

Right now, Fang Panxia urgently needed her teacher to help her. When she heard this, a bitter smile couldn't help but appear on her face.

Li Dongzhe's nature was simple, so he couldn't help but press her. "What's the matter? You don't have to look for Teacher if you have something you need help with. I can help you too."

Fang Panxia sighed. "Didn't I offend Miss Shen because of this matter? Earlier, Bro Chen said that he wanted to fire me..."

"What?" Li Dongzhe frowned. "Is this a misunderstanding? In addition, before the transmissible disease broke out, who would have believed those rumors? He is a businessman with a high net worth, why would he bother to be so calculative with a little lady like you? Wait here, I'll go and speak up for you."

Li Dongzhe pulled Fang Panxia along as he directly went to look for Lu Cheng.

He wasn't qualified to argue with Chu Cichen. However, because Lu Cheng was together with Chu Cichen, Chu Cichen could still hear his words since Li Dongzhe's voice wasn't low.

"...My teacher suddenly decided to come to China and head straight for the Chu Corporation the moment he landed. He told my junior sister he's willing to stay, and everything he has done was for my junior sister's sake. How can you guys fire her like that? If you want to fire my junior sister, you might as well fire me along with her! I believe that if our teacher leads us to do research overseas, we will definitely be better off compared to doing research in this country!

"I don't know anything about company strategies or the schemes running through your mind. However, I don't see any weaknesses in my junior sister, only her passion for research. Didn't she simply offend Miss Shen? Capitalists like you guys are simply too tyrannical.

“In any case, I’ll make things clear today. You want my junior sister to leave? Sure. My teacher and I will bring all our research results and leave with her!”

Chu Cichen narrowed his eyes.

He knew that Li Dongzhe said these words for him to listen to.

Lu Cheng placated Li Dongzhe. After that, he smiled bitterly and went to Chu Cichen. “Bro Chen, why don’t we give Fang Panxia another chance? At most, we will just let her idle and treat her like a mascot. In any case, it isn’t as if we cannot afford this bit of salary.”

Chu Cichen pursed his lips.

Before he could say anything, Fang Panxia already walked over.

She had her head lowered as though she realized she had made a mistake. She didn’t dare to threaten the two of them again. “Bro Chen, Ah Cheng, I know my actions have disappointed you guys. I’ve reflected on my mistakes. If it wasn’t for the Chu Corporation’s financial aid, I wouldn’t be able to pay for my study expenses overseas. However, this time around, I failed to complete Bro Chen’s mission and didn’t manage to discover more things from Dugu Xiao. I also didn’t produce any good results when the Chu Corporation was in a crisis. This is my fault.”

Her eyes were red now. “However, my heart belongs to the Chu Corporation. Bro Chen, please give me another chance. My teacher, my senior, and I are all very fond of the Chu Corporation. They don’t wish to leave...”

After hearing her words, Lu Cheng sighed and looked at Chu Cichen.

Chu Cichen merely stared at her and didn’t speak.

Fang Panxia seemed like she wanted to outdo herself. She directly continued, “In addition, I thought of a method that can make the Chu Corporation stronger!”

Lu Cheng started. “What’s the solution?”

Fang Panxia glanced around and lowered her voice. “We only have 300,000 heat dispersal pills right now, and Sea City has a total of millions of people. They would be infected sooner or later. Why don’t we ensure that the transmissible disease spreads to other cities and causes the entire country to be filled with panic? There are billions of people in our country, and as long as everyone purchases a single heat dispersal pill, the Chu Corporation will become the overlord of the pharmaceutical industry!”

Fang Panxia lifted her head and her eyes gleamed brightly. “Bro Chen, Ah Cheng, originally, the transmissible disease was caused by someone. Even if this matter spreads, we can make things look as though it has nothing to do with us. The relevant departments won’t be able to investigate and trace things back to us!”

After these words were spoken, Lu Cheng revealed a look of disbelief.

Honestly speaking, everyone was in a hurry to suppress something like the transmissible disease.

When the Chu Corporation was producing the heat dispersal pills and before there was an outbreak, Lu Cheng didn't even think of this. And when the first case was discovered, he did indeed feel joy at that moment.

However, he was only joyful because the insinuations that the Chu Corporation was spreading rumors were proven false! The Chu Corporation no longer needed to be a scapegoat.

He had never felt any joy at the thought of the transmissible disease spreading.

Everyone knew that this was a calamity for humanity!

Why was Fang Panxia so bold? How was this possible? In fact, how could she even bring herself to speak of such a 'solution'?!

His expression tensed, and his thought of pleading mercy for her vanished completely.

Chu Cichen's expression also turned black.

Fang Panxia and Shen Ruoqing's attitude when they spoke about the transmissible disease was completely different. This made him even more determined.

He directly said, "Scram."

Fang Panxia. "?"

After seeing the expression on Chu Cichen and Lu Cheng's faces, Fang Panxia finally realized their thoughts about the 'solution' she just proposed.

She remarked in shock. "Bro Chen, you are a businessman!"

Chu Cichen didn't say anything.

Yet, Lu Cheng replied, "Correct, we are businessmen but firstly we are humans! And you, you are even worse than a beast! Fang Panxia, I've truly judged you wrongly. We are not people walking on the same path. Let's part ways!"

Fang Panxia clenched her fists. "If you guys chase me away, my teacher will leave as well!"

"Leave then," Chu Cichen calmly spoke.

Charles was a rare elite in the pharmaceutical and medical industry. If his personality was like Fang Panxia, Chu Cichen couldn't care less.

He glanced around and suddenly discovered that Charles was speaking with someone up ahead. The person speaking with him stood in a corner, so the few of them couldn't see who it was.

Chu Cichen began striding over with huge steps.

Fang Panxia hurriedly followed him. "Bro Chen, Ah Cheng, you guys should think it through properly. You won't be able to invite a talent like my teacher over no matter how much you spend. Are you guys really willing to give him up?"

"Mr. Charles."

Chu Cichen spoke.

When Charles heard someone calling him, he turned his head over.

After seeing Chu Cichen, he was slightly shocked. "CEO Chu?"

"Correct." Chu Cichen walked toward him and spoke directly, "Fang Panxia's thoughts are not aligned with our company's values. We decided to fire her. If you wish to leave with her, I'll prepare a generous severance package for you. Just treat this as a token sum to thank you for your time in China..."

This could be considered the respect Chu Cichen had for researchers.

Charles was stunned. "Me, leave with her?"

Fang Panxia's heart was like dead ashes. She knew she had no more hope left. Hence, she decided to go to Charles, and she spoke while sobbing, "Teacher, don't be sad. I know that America has always wanted you to work there. We can go there and things will definitely be better compared to here!"

Charles. "???"

He was dumbfounded. "Who said that I am going to leave with you? CEO Chu, can it be that the pharmaceutical factory no longer requires my service? Do you have to fire me along with her? Can't I stay?"

Everyone. "???"

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Lu Cheng was slightly startled.

Fang Panxia also stared at Charles in astonishment.

Only Chu Cichen seemed to have understood something when Charles said this. His vision then turned to the corner, and he could see someone in a blue dress standing there.

Shen Ruoqing didn't expect that they would come here. She coughed and walked out from the corner with some awkwardness.

After seeing Shen Ruoqing, Fang Panxia's pupils constricted.

She didn't expect that Shen Ruoqing would see her in her most miserable state. She directly clenched her fists and said, "Shen Ruoqing? What are you doing here?"

Shen Ruoqing's gaze emotionlessly glanced past Fang Panxia and landed on Chu Cichen. She innocently said, "You guys are the ones who started speaking the moment you came here. I haven't said anything yet."

"..."

For a time, the three of them had nothing to say.

Shen Ruoqing shrugged and said, "Hmm, you guys can chat first, I guess?"

After speaking, she turned and wanted to leave, but she was stopped by Charles. "Jing, wait a moment!"

This old man was around 70 years of age and he had a headful of white hair. Although there were many wrinkles on his face, his eyes were bright as he stared at Shen Ruoqing. He said, "I really like the pharmaceutical factory's environment. Can you help me speak to CEO Chu and tell him that I want to stay here? I only went to the Chu Corporation because of what you said. You have to be responsible for me!"

At the start, Charles had indeed come here because of Shen Ruoqing's invitation. But after working at the pharmaceutical factory, he discovered that the Chu Corporation treated the researchers really well.

Right now, he was basically unwilling to leave!

"..." Shen Ruoqing lifted her brows. "If I didn't hear wrongly, what they meant earlier was that they wanted to fire Miss Fang and not you."

Charles's proficiency in the Chinese language had become much better after he came to China. However, the way Chu Cichen had spoken just now was a little roundabout, so Charles didn't really understand.

After listening to Shen Ruoqing's words, Charles then looked at Chu Cichen. "CEO Chu, is that what you mean?"

Chu Cichen. "..."

Lu Cheng finally understood and felt enlightened. "So, you came here not because of Fang Panxia? Rather, it was because of Lord Jing?"

Upon mentioning Lord Jing, Lu Cheng pointed at Shen Ruoqing.

Charles nodded and said, "Naturally."

How could he possibly come to China to work for a student he wasn't fond of?

Lu Cheng and Chu Cichen. "..."

If that was the case, why did they have to tolerate Fang Panxia for so long?!

Fang Panxia was dumbfounded as well.

She always knew that she wasn't her teacher's favorite student. Back then when she had tried recruiting her fellow students to work here, she was only trying her luck. She hadn't expected that Charles would actually agree and take the initiative to contact her to tell her that he was coming.

How was that possible?

At this moment, Lu Cheng took a step forward to hold Charles's hand. "It was a misunderstanding Professor Charles, a misunderstanding! Fang Panxia's way of doing things doesn't align with our Chu Corporation, so we are preparing to fire her. It is good if you have no objections."

"What kind of objections would I have?" Charles counter-asked. He then looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Jing, let us discuss more about the solution you proposed earlier..."

He directly followed Shen Ruoqing, and both of them walked to another area.

Fang Panxia, who had a pale look on her face, was left behind by her teacher.

Lu Cheng stared at her mockingly. "You can leave now."

"..." Fang Panxia was still filled with disbelief. She felt that everything was fake.

Professor Charles wasn't a doctor. He was just a scientist that was researching new medicine. How did he get acquainted with Shen Ruoqing?

She then spoke to Chu Cichen and Lu Cheng, "There must be a misunderstanding. Wait for me, wait..."

After she spoke, she walked toward Charles.

Charles was currently saying, "...Are you sure? If I modify the recipe like this, will the medicinal effect be better?"

Just when Shen Ruoqing wanted to speak, Fang Panxia directly rushed over. She called out, "Teacher."

Shen Ruoqing glanced at her and said to Charles, "Settle your problem first."

However, Charles didn't want to talk to Fang Panxia at all. He wanted to continue chasing after Shen Ruoqing, but he was blocked by Fang Panxia. Fang Panxia stared at him with red eyes. "Teacher, Shen Ruoqing is just a traditional chinese medicine practitioner, how can it be possible that you came to China for her? Is it because you fell in love with the work environment at the pharmaceutical factory so you want to kick me away?"

Charles frowned and impatiently replied, "How can that be? Without Jing's invitation, I wouldn't have come to China! In addition, Jing isn't simply a traditional chinese medicine practitioner. She's also a famous international medicine refiner! Otherwise, how do you think a medicine like the heat dispersal pill could be casually researched and manufactured?"

Fang Panxia was astonished.

Charles felt even more impatient now. "Fang, when you learned from me, your motive was already impure. I don't wish to know your story or your reason. But as your teacher, I've taught you what I ought to. You have graduated under my teaching, so your matters have nothing to do with me. Also, please do not claim that you have any connection with me any longer!"

After saying this, he chased after Shen Ruoqing again.

Fang Panxia was dumbstruck as she was left behind. She clenched her fists tightly and her body was trembling lightly.

Medicine refiner...Shen Ruoqing was actually a medicine refiner!

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After handling Fang Panxia's matters, Chu Cichen didn't wish to go to the VIP room to face the shareholders. He would rather sit randomly in the levels below.

Everywhere his gaze traveled, he could see people of the Chu Corporation.

After returning to the country, he led the Chu Corporation through a business transformation and was successful. Hence, these people all had happy looks on their faces.

Chu Cichen's gaze subconsciously landed on a certain corner once more. Over there, Shen Ruoqing and Charles were both speaking in low voices with each other.

Charles kept spamming questions, while Shen Ruoqing would occasionally reply in a very serious manner. Although they were discussing something as sacred as scientific research and Shen Ruoqing's peach blossom eyes looked cold, he could still feel charm radiating from them.

All men at the banquet would subconsciously turn their gazes there.

However, because they knew her identity and were also awed by her aura, they didn't dare to go overboard. They felt a sense of reverence and understood that she could only be viewed from a distance, or it would be blasphemous.

Her appearance was too striking and distinctive.

Chu Cichen didn't know how long his gaze lingered on her. But then, from the corner of his eyes, he saw four children sneakily leaving the banquet.

When Bai Shanshan and Chu Cimo came, they also brought Chu Xiaoqi along.

At this moment, Chu Xiaoqi was quietly following the three other children.

Chu Tianye sighed. "How much money has to be wasted to organize a banquet? Although daddy is rich, he shouldn't waste money like this! Oh right...Sis, where are you bringing us to play?"

Chu Xiaomeng endearingly blinked her large eyes. "I wish to pay a visit to our maternal grandparents' house."

She wanted to go back and take the golden mask!

She originally had an agreement with her mommy, but since there were too many things coming up recently, Shen Ruoqing didn't have time to bring her back. Also, under such a lively environment, Chu Xiaomeng who had social phobia could feel herself trembling.

She would rather leave this place and go back to the Shen Residence alone to do something important!

Chapter 195: Courting Death!

If only Chu Xiaomeng went alone, maybe no one would discover her.

But now, everyone could see four kids leaving openly like this.

Chu Cichen stood up, and just when he was preparing to go over to ask what they were doing, a voice suddenly rang out beside him. "Bro Chen, I've investigated the matter you wanted me to check."

Chu Cichen frowned. He turned his head and glanced at Fang Panxia. There was a vicious look on her face as though she was going to go for broke.

She stared fixedly at Chu Cichen and spoke in a low voice that only the two of them could hear. "You got me to get close to Dugu Xiao to check who created the No. 5 Neurotoxin. I found out the truth."

Chu Cichen's eyes were ice-cold.

He didn't say anything, but Fang Panxia walked to his side and directly sat down on the sofa nearby.

Fang Panxia looked ahead. Her eyes were red as she sneered. "I know you won't believe me no matter what I say now, but I still want to tell you this."

She looked at Chu Cichen. "Shen Ruoqing created the No. 5 Neurotoxin. The neurotoxin that killed the person you loved most was manufactured by Shen Ruoqing. Do you find this ridiculous or not? Haha..."

Chu Cichen was still expressionless, but his hands had clenched into fists.

He never believed that 518 would die in an explosion given her skills. She should have discovered that something was wrong before the explosion and escaped.

During these years, he had been investigating in the dark and finally found the real reason.

Before 518 entered Dugu Xiao's trap, she was already poisoned.

She had a constitution that rendered her invulnerable to a hundred poisons and also poison-neutralizing pills. So, normal poison would be useless on her, and the only poison that could restrict her was the No. 5 Neurotoxin.

Chu Cichen didn't say anything.

Fang Panxia looked at him and gradually calmed down.

She slowly moved closer to him and spoke with a lowered head, "Bro Chen, although the heat dispersal pills are famous now, you only have a few hundred thousand or a few million pills. They would be insufficient to support the Chu Corporation's status in the industry. My suggestion earlier might be a little cruel, but would you truly not consider it? I'm only suggesting that because I'm thinking for both you and the Chu Corporation's sake."

Lu Cheng's thinking was simple and Fang Panxia knew Lu Cheng was very naive.

However, Chu Cichen had always been a deep and intelligent man. When he did business overseas, he would also use some unsightly methods. This was why Fang Panxia felt that the reason why Chu Cichen didn't agree with her suggestion earlier was because Lu Cheng was around. Now, only the two of them were here...

As expected, she saw Chu Cichen pondering. After that, Chu Cichen replied, "I'll leave this matter to you. Do not let Lu Cheng or any others know about this."

Fang Panxia's eyes flashed with joy. "Yes!"

Chu Cichen's dark eyes stared at her. "Do it fast."

Fang Panxia nodded. She suddenly lowered her voice. "Bro Chen, I actually brought the virus with me."

She patted her bag. "There's a lot of people here because it is a banquet. This is the best time to transmit the virus. Later on, I'll pour the virus into a cheesecake."

"Okay."

After Chu Cichen said this, Fang Panxia stood up in joy.

She walked around and tried not to attract anyone's attention. However, there were simply too many people on the scene. In addition, people from the pharmaceutical factory were here as well. These people didn't know she was fired by Chu Cichen, so they all greeted her passionately.

Chu Cichen looked at her. He suddenly lowered his head and took his phone to send a message.

A shadow fell over him suddenly.

He lifted his head again and saw Li Dongzhe standing before him. Li Dongzhe frowned. "CEO Chu, I've something to talk to you about."

Charles had sent the message of Fang Panxia being sacked to the chat group.

He also told his students not to plead for her.

When some of his students asked about the reason, Charles said he didn't know as well. He only said that Fang Panxia's way of working didn't align with the Chu Corporation. Li Dongzhe was puzzled when he saw this.

They were doing research so how could there be any misalignment?

Wasn't it simply because Fang Panxia offended Shen Ruoqing?

It was very rare for Li Dongzhe to interact with people. He was always focused on research and his environment was simpler. Hence, he had a sense of righteousness and liked being a hero, fighting against any injustice.

Because of it, he summoned his courage to chat with Chu Cichen.

Chu Cichen looked at him. "Speak."

Li Dongzhe felt his throat going parched after being stared at by Chu Cichen's immeasurably deep eyes. He didn't know how to say it properly. He tried speaking but ended up stuttering.

"CEO Chu, I...I feel that y...you shouldn't fire Fang Panxia. S...she might have some misunderstanding with Miss Shen and they m...might have even quarreled. However, the research industry is simply like that. I...I actually quarrel often with my teacher too!"

The more he spoke, the smoother his words sounded. "As for the reason about misaligning, I feel that's even more ridiculous. We are researchers so why would we have any thoughts about aligning with the Chu Corporation's business style? Fang Panxia only made a small mistake all researchers would make. If you fire her because of Miss Shen, all the researchers' hearts will turn cold.

"We don't know much about the ways of the world, so we are comparatively more direct and blunt. Please don't take this to heart and give her another chance."

After Li Dongzhe finished speaking, he looked at Chu Cichen sincerely.

"..." The first time Chu Cichen saw Li Dongzhe, he already felt that this person's thinking was too innocent. Although his intellect was high, he was using all his intellect in research.

After thinking of his daughter Chu Xiaomeng, he now had greater tolerance when facing this type of person.

Chu Cichen added. "Fang Panxia is different from you."

Li Dongzhe started. "In what way? We are all people in love with research. We are serious and focus our time and energy on it. After coming to China, my junior sister arranged good lodgings for us and took great care of us. She might not have any great accomplishments in research, but that's because she is still too young..."

Chu Cichen interrupted him. "She isn't worthy of you pleading for her. I'd advise you not to waste energy on this matter."

Li Dongzhe angrily spoke, "What do you mean by she's not worthy? I know that in CEO Chu's eyes, she is just like a chess piece that can be abandoned casually. You are the one who controls the Chu Corporation. If you treat her like this, I'll feel very uncomfortable staying here. I...I'll..."

He didn't know how to threaten people, let alone be daring enough to threaten this person before him.

Li Dongzhe was filled with righteous indignation and anger. Just when he wanted to say something, a commotion rang out from the center of the banquet.

Everyone glanced over and saw Captain Cui and two policemen in plain clothes who masqueraded themselves as security guards directly apprehending Fang Panxia, pulling her outside...

When Li Dongzhe saw this, he felt even angrier. "CEO Chu, firing her is firing her, but why must you throw her out? She merely wants to bid farewell to us. At the very least, you should show her some basic respect..."

Chapter 196: Return to the Shen Family's Residence to Get the Mask!

Seeing this, Chu Cichen stood up helplessly. "Come with me."

When Fang Panxia was arrested, a series of commotions took place at the banquet hall.

However, Lu Cheng quickly calmed everyone down. He also told everyone that Fang Panxia had been fired and hid the matter of the poisoning.

At this moment, Chu Cichen brought Li Dongzhe with him and went out from the left door. He then saw Captain Cui and the others grabbing onto Fang Panxia, walking up to a black sedan that was parked next to the car park.

When Li Dongzhe saw that, he became even angrier and ran over. "What are you guys doing? You guys can just chase her away. Where are you guys bringing my junior?"

Captain Cui frowned and took out his identification from his pocket to hand it to him. "This is my identification. Fang Panxia is suspected of attempting to poison and harm the health of citizens. We're arresting her per the law."

Li Dongzhe was stunned. "How, how is this possible?!"

Captain Cui showed his identification. "This is a sample of the live virus that we've just found on her. This piece of cheesecake is what she poisoned earlier. We caught her in the act with the evidence, so what other questions do you have?"

Li Dongzhe was still in disbelief and he looked at Fang Panxia.

Fang Panxia was also stunned. However, after seeing Chu Cichen standing not far away behind Li Dongzhe, she quickly reacted. "Chu! Ci! Chen! You framed me!"

Chu Cichen couldn't be bothered to talk to her.

However, Captain Cui frowned. "We urgently obtained the surveillance record from the pharmaceutical factory earlier and discovered that you had taken a copy of the virus sample when you went out today. Moreover, Mr. Chu was the one who reported you. So how can this matter be of any relation to him?!"

Fang Panxia shouted, "It's him! He was the one who made me poison everyone. With that, he would be able to sell a lot of heat dispersal pills. He did this for money!"

Captain Cui stared at her. "Then do you have any proof?"

Fang Panxia was instantly dumbfounded.

She was the one caught in the act and arrested on the spot. If she wanted to prove her innocence, she'd have to produce evidence to prove that Chu Cichen had instigated her to do this. But how could she have any evidence?!

Chu Cichen took a step forward. "I have."

He took out his phone and opened up the recording function, playing the recorded conversation between Fang Panxia, himself, and Lu Cheng. In the recording, Fang Panxia brought up the proposal, Lu Cheng objected and Chu Cichen said the word 'scram'. His attitude was very clear.

This directly confirmed Fang Panxia's crime!

Li Dongzhe was stunned and looked at Fang Panxia in disbelief. He never expected that this person would be so vicious!

Fang Panxia was also in shock. She finally understood that Chu Cichen had schemed against her. She looked at him, very startled. "Bro Chen, you had your guard up against me from the very beginning?!"

Chu Cichen's gaze was heavy. "You shouldn't have slandered her."

When he fired Fang Panxia, he actually wanted them to part on good terms. Even when Fang Panxia raised that request, he hadn't thought of doing anything to her. However, this woman didn't know what was good for her and slandered Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing was someone who lived in the light.

He didn't believe that Shen Ruoqing would make something like the No. 5 Neurotoxin that would bring nothing but great harm to humans!

Amidst the silence, Captain Cui and two other policemen dressed in civilian clothing dragged Fang Panxia into the car.

Fang Panxia's gaze gradually turned maniacal. "Chu! Ci! Chen! I didn't slander her! You're the one who doesn't believe it! You don't dare to believe it! Hahahahaha! I have always been envious of 518. Although she died, you love her so much. But I didn't expect that it has only been six years but you've had a change of heart? You even want to defend the murderer who killed 518. She is really pitiful..."

Her voice was eventually cut off as Captain Cui closed the car door.

Chu Cichen's expression didn't change. He didn't pay any heed to her words at all.

He looked at Li Dongzhe.

Li Dongzhe didn't dare to meet his eyes and lowered his head. "CEO Chu, I'm sorry. I misunderstood you..."

Although Li Dongzhe was Charles's outstanding student, it wasn't as difficult for the Chu Corporation to recruit someone like him as compared to Charles.

By right, Chu Cichen didn't need him to understand the situation clearly.

However, Shen Ruoqing was also someone in the medical industry, so Chu Cichen didn't want her to be misunderstood by others.

With the misunderstanding cleared up, Chu Cichen headed back, planning to look for the children.

The four children had secretly gone out earlier. Although the bodyguards were keeping an eye on them, he still felt a little worried.

It was especially so for Chu Xiaomeng. His daughter would sometimes be a little out of it and would be easily deceived.

After entering the banquet hall, Chu Cichen asked the leader of the bodyguards, Muscles, "Where are the four children?"

Muscles replied, "They are playing hide and seek near the artificial mountains. Don't worry, without your permission, we won't let the little young misses and little young masters leave our sight!"

"Hmm."

Only then did Chu Cichen feel at ease.

Near the hotel's artificial mountains.

The four children squatted there, all of them putting their heads together to think of a way out.

Chu Xiaoqi said, "Since the bodyguard uncles don't let us go out, it must be because they are scared that we'll be in danger. Sister Xiaomeng, why don't you forget about it?"

Chu Xiaomeng hugged her dinosaur soft toy and shook her head, her dazed gaze filled with stubbornness. "No, I want to go get something very important!"

On the other hand, Chu Tianye said, "What do you want to get? Why don't you tell me and I'll help you go get it?"

"No."

Chu Xiaomeng had a high intelligence quotient and was more stubborn in certain matters.

Moreover, Chu Tianye wouldn't dare to touch the things in the basement.

Their mommy had told them that they weren't allowed to touch those things. Although Chu Tianye might appear lively and witty, he listened to their mommy's words the most.

If Chu Xiaomeng were to tell him, he would definitely not let her go get it.

Chu Yu looked at Chu Xiaomeng and then thought about it for a moment. "Why don't we play hide and seek? You'd be able to throw the uncles off your track then!"

Although Chu Yu looked serious, he was actually the most experienced in this aspect. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to avoid everyone in his family and run off to look for Shen Ruoqing after Shen Ruoqing left with Tianye and Xiaomeng during the poisoning incident.

Chu Xiaomeng thought about it for a moment then immediately nodded. "Sure!"

The four of them started playing right off the bat.

In the first round, Chu Xiaomeng covered her eyes and had her back facing the other three, counting away. After she was done counting, she went to search for them.

She quickly found Chu Tianye.

In the second round, Chu Tianye closed his eyes and started counting. "I'll give you guys 30 seconds. You better hide well~"

Therefore, the three of them continued to go hide.

In the distance, Muscles sent a few men. "Each of you will be responsible to watch after one of them. Keep an eye on the little young masters and little young misses. Do you understand?"

"Yes!"

Five minutes later.

When Muscles looked over, they saw that Chu Tianye had found Chu Yu and Chu Xiaoqi. The three of them were looking for Chu Xiaomeng together.

Muscles was perplexed. "Where is the little young miss?"

"Over there!" A bodyguard pointed to the cave of an artificial mountain. It was a position that wasn't very conspicuous and could hide people very well. There, a dinosaur soft toy had exposed one of its legs.

Muscles couldn't help but laugh. "Little young miss is quite good at hiding. Let's see when the other three children will be able to find her then!"

This group of men was completely unaware that at this moment, Chu Xiaomeng had gotten in a taxi.

Half an hour later, she arrived at the Shen Family's residence safely.

Chapter 197: Go to the Shen Family's Residence

In the banquet hall.

Knowing that all four children were well, Chu Cichen no longer felt as anxious to go and look for them.

He was planning on looking for a random place to take a seat but ended up unknowingly walking toward the place where Shen Ruoqing and Charles were chatting.

The two of them were seated at the balcony, their backs facing everyone in the banquet hall.

The small coffee table between their two sofas had some snacks, a glass of champagne, and a cup of tea.

Charles seemed to feel tired from all the talking and took a sip of champagne to moisten his throat. He then looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Jing, why aren't you drinking alcohol? Why do you only drink tea?"

Shen Ruoqing replied calmly, "Drinking alcohol is harmful to the body. Drinking tea is good for one's health."

"..." Charles looked at her helplessly. "You're only 20+ years old. Only a very few people are so young but as talented as you. Meanwhile, I'm already 70 years old, and I'm still contributing to research. You're so young, so why do you want to retire?"

Shen Ruoqing paused, then lowered her gaze and said softly, "... I just suddenly felt like it."

She suddenly couldn't find any meaning in striving anymore.

The comrade whom she had fought alongside for so many years had betrayed her just like that...

During that time, she was drowned in darkness and Chu Cichen was the one who brought her out of it.

However, later on, even Chu Cichen disappeared.

Hence, although her heart was no longer clouded, she suddenly felt that there was no more meaning to her life.

She had founded Z Corporation for fun and also to leave behind something for the children. After the Z Corporation's operations went on the right track and were going on smoothly, she no longer had any more life goals.

At the thought of this, Shen Ruoqing picked up her teacup and took a sip. "You can manage the development of Bugu Diazepam. You don't need me for anything."

Charles felt regretful that Shen Ruoqing wasn't going to help him, but he knew that he couldn't force it.

Chu Cichen stood behind the two of them. His gaze was on Shen Ruoqing.

Although Shen Ruoqing would occasionally give him a feeling of resemblance with 518, their living habits were too different.

518 liked to drink alcohol, smoke cigars, and do reckless things just because she was young, ruining her body. Sometimes, she didn't even take care of her wounds properly when she got injured, leading to infections and the development of pus. Back then, he had both feelings of love and hatred for her.

However, Shen Ruoqing was someone who placed her health in high regard.

She sat there leisurely. After putting down the teacup, she even checked out the time. "It's already so late. I won't drink any more tea. It can refresh one's mind and thus lead to poor sleep quality."

"..." Chu Cichen didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

He took a step forward and was about to say something when he suddenly heard Charles saying, "Since you don't wish to participate in the development of Bugu Diazepam anymore, then I won't force you. But I'm very curious. How did someone like you, who values health in such high regard, create something like the No. 5 Neurotoxin?"

Chu Cichen paused in his footsteps, feeling stunned on the spot.

His pupils contracted slightly and he looked at Shen Ruoqing with a startled expression.

He felt as if all the sounds from the banquet behind him had disappeared. It was as if Shen Ruoqing was the only one left in the world...

Thereafter, he saw the woman leaning against the sofa in a relaxed manner, looking sluggish as she lowered her gaze. Her peach blossom eyes had a hint of contempt as she said, "It was done just like that."

"..."

Chu Cichen had always been a person with a strong physique. Even in the cold winter, he would only need to wear simple thermal wear in addition to his suit.

Although it was November now and the weather was getting cooler, in view that the ladies were dressed in gowns, the banquet hall had the heaters turned on very strongly.

However, Chu Cichen felt a chill running down his spine right now.

Shen Ruoqing quickly noticed that she was being stared at. She then looked back, feeling perplexed, only to see Chu Cichen standing behind her with a grim expression.

No matter what happened, this man had always been very composed and reliable. Other than having his face turning red from being teased by her, she had never seen him in such a state before.

Hence, Shen Ruoqing got up and walked over to him with a grim expression. "What is it? What happened?"

Her first reaction was that something had happened to the three children!

However, she had only taken a step forward when Chu Cichen abruptly took two steps back. The man looked as if he had just seen a ghost and his deep voice, which now had a hint of hoarseness, rang out. "Don't come over."

His gaze was filled with despise and... disgust?

Shen Ruoqing was stunned and perplexed.

When she first saw him, he mistook her for someone who came to falsely accuse him to get benefits. Back then, he had despised her too.

Later on, although the man's attitude toward her was constantly fluctuating, when he was cold, he still wore an apologetic look. He probably thought of the person he loved and felt apologetic to both women.

But disgust... This was the first time she was seeing it.

Shen Ruoqing was confused and wanted to say something when a big hand suddenly patted Chu Cichen's shoulder. "Cichen, that's where you are..."

Chu Yuan stood next to Chu Cichen, not noticing that his nephew's countenance was very grim. Anyway, his nephew always had a cold expression. However, after seeing Shen Ruoqing, Chu Yuan gave her a big smile and continued to say, "I was wondering why I couldn't find Cichen. Turns out that the two of you were hiding here for a rendezvous..."

After saying that, he continued to speak, feeling satisfaction, "Cichen, Miss Shen gave us the chance to produce the medicine, allowing our Chu Corporation's switch into the pharmaceutical industry to be even smoother. She has really made great contributions."

Chu Cichen didn't say anything.

Shen Ruoqing pursed her lips. "Thank you, Mr. Chu."

"Mr. Chu?" Chu Yuan felt upset. "You're Cichen's fiancée and you're also the mother of the three kids. Yet, you're only referring to me as Mr. Chu? You should call me Third Uncle!"

Shen Ruoqing didn't do that and just looked at Chu Cichen.

However, Chu Yuan misunderstood the situation. He also looked at Chu Cichen. "It's true that your relationship as fiancé and fiancée is not clear enough. Cichen, your children are already five years old. When are you planning on getting married?"

Marriage...

Chu Cichen furrowed his brows tightly, his gaze suddenly turning cold and heartless. He slowly turned and looked at Chu Yuan, his voice cold and deep, like an emotionless robot. "I won't marry anyone, this is even more so if the person I have to marry is her."

These words made Chu Yuan stumped. "What foolish things are you talking about? The two of you are fiancé and fiancée. How can you treat Miss Shen like this?"

Shen Ruoqing clenched her fingers slowly.

The glow in her peach blossom eyes slowly faded away.

Although she had decided that she wouldn't be with Chu Cichen before he remembered her and everything was cleared up, her heart still clenched up when the man said this with such affirmation.

However, Chu Yuan thought that the couple had just gotten into a fight and quickly looked at Shen Ruojing. "Miss Shen, don't be sad. I'll definitely get this guy to be responsible toward you!"

"No need." Shen Ruojing lowered her gaze, her tone indifferent.

Chu Yuan wanted to say more when Muscles suddenly came running, holding onto a dinosaur soft toy in his hand. He said, feeling horrified. "Young Master, this is bad! The little young miss has gone missing!"

The moment he finished his words, the countenances of both Chu Cichen and Shen Ruojing were filled with shock.

Muscles described the whole process. "Little young miss was hiding there, not moving for half an hour. We felt that something was amiss and went over, only to discover that she was gone long ago. Could she have been kidnapped?"

"No." Shen Ruojing turned on her phone and after checking on Chu Xiaomeng's location, she heaved a sigh of relief. "She's at the Shen Family's residence. However, neither of my parents is at home."

Hearing this, Chu Cichen immediately said, "Let's go to the Shen Family's residence."

Chapter 198: Husband And Wife Joining Forces

After Chu Cichen stepped out, he directly entered the car. "Move out."

Muscles sat in the driver's seat and asked with some hesitation, "Should I wait for Miss Shen?"

He saw that Shen Ruojing had followed them out earlier.

Chu Cichen tensed his chin. But before he could reply, a buzzing sound rang out. He turned and saw Shen Ruojing riding on a motorbike and speeding past them hastily. She didn't even bother wearing her helmet.

She directly tore a hole at the side of her blue dress, revealing her fair and slender leg. When her motorbike sped past, her dress fluttered in the wind, exuding a wild sense of beauty.

"..." Muscles silently started the car and followed behind Shen Ruojing.

The streets of Sea City weren't crowded at this time, so Muscles were able to catch up with Shen Ruojing no matter how fast she drove. They then reached the Shen Residence almost at the same time.

The moment Shen Ruojing parked, she jumped down immediately.

And before the car finished parking, Chu Cichen already pushed the door open and jumped down.

The two of them rushed toward the entrance of the villa.

The interior of the villa was dark. The lights weren't on.

The villa gate was locked by a password-encrypted lock. And at this moment, three people were standing in the courtyard.

Chu Xiaomeng stood in front of the door and would invoke feelings of pity for those who looked at her. There were currently two men standing before her.

One stood at the side and was on his guard, while the other person was clad in a red and black western suit. His hands were placed in his pockets and his lips were curled in a half-smile. His deep eyes were fixed on Chu Xiaomeng. This man was none other than Dugu Xiao!

He stared down from a height at Chu Xiaomeng and revealed a malevolent and ruthless expression. His voice was filled with sinisterness as he spoke, "Little fellow, are you not afraid of me?"

Chu Xiaomeng's voice was calm as she asked, "Why should I be afraid of you?"

Dugu Xiao paused. He grinned and made an even more terrifying expression. Every time he smiled like this, the group of women in red dresses at his place would hide away. He coldly said, "I don't blink when I kill."

"..." Chu Xiaomeng opened her eyes wide. Just when Dugu Xiao thought that she was going to cry, he saw Chu Xiaomeng staring at him in astonishment as she asked in an endearingly silly manner, "Won't your eyes be dry then?"

Dugu Xiao. "..."

When Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen came close, they coincidentally heard Chu Xiaomeng speaking. The two of them exchanged a glance, and Shen Ruoqing pointed her finger at Chu Cichen before pointing at Chu Xiaomeng.

Chu Cichen instantly understood what her intentions were.

This woman wanted to draw Dugu Xiao away so he could save Chu Xiaomeng.

He wanted to object, but Shen Ruoqing already acted, so he could only follow the plan.

Shen Ruoqing went straight for Dugu Xiao.

A gust of wind suddenly gusted behind him. Dugu Xiao turned his head to the side to dodge, but Shen Ruoqing had arrived in front of him. Another kick was launched his way.

Dugu Xiao could only walk a step to the left to evade this. He then seemed to have realized something and directly rushed toward Chu Xiaomeng.

However, his shoulder was held by Shen Ruoqing. The two of them tangled together while Chu Cichen circled around and sent the butler flying with a kick. After that, he carried Chu Xiaomeng away!

Dugu Xiao's movements were very impressive, comparable to Shen Ruoqing's.

However, Shen Ruoqing basically had no intention to beat him. After seeing that Chu Cichen had saved Chu Xiaomeng, she immediately retreated two steps and lengthened the distance between them.

Under the moonlight, the three people here stared at each other.

After seeing Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen clearly, Dugu Xiao was slightly shocked. His brows twitched.

Chu Cichen's expression tensed. He carried Chu Xiaomeng and walked to the front of Shen Ruoqing. He then turned and passed Chu Xiaomeng to Shen Ruoqing as the tall figure directly stood before them protectively as he faced Dugu Xiao. His voice turned heavy. "Dugu Xiao, the rules of the underworld state clearly that one must not implicate the family members of their target. This is especially so for children. What do you mean by this?!"

Dugu Xiao's vision landed on Chu Xiaomeng before slowly shifting toward Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen. His attitude was one of arrogance. "How can you blame me if you fail to take care of your family members well?"

Chu Cichen's gaze flashed and seemingly hardened. "Dugu Xiao, since you dared to touch my family members, don't blame me for bullying you as you are not on your home ground!"

After saying this, the sound of many footsteps rang out from outside the door.

Twelve bodyguards with Muscles in the lead stood neatly and uniformly outside the gate, blocking Dugu Xiao's exit.

Chu Cichen was truly enraged and he also felt a lingering fear.

If he and Shen Ruoqing came a little later, wouldn't Xiaomeng land in Dugu Xiao's hands?!

Dugu Xiao's way of doing things had always been ruthless. When he killed people overseas, he would exterminate their entire families, not even sparing the children. If Xiaomeng became an icy corpse...

Once this thought surfaced, Chu Cichen clenched his fists tightly and wanted nothing more than to tear Dugu Xiao into pieces.

Dugu Xiao frowned. His gaze toward Chu Cichen was now filled with contemplation and scrutiny.

He originally thought that Chu Cichen was an ordinary man. After all, when he had bullied the Chu Corporation, Chu Cichen hadn't retaliated at all and merely used the opportunity to change industry.

But at this moment, Dugu Xiao understood. How could Chu Cichen be so simple?

He narrowed his eyes and felt that this man before him was somewhat familiar. After that, he cracked his neck and loosened his wrists while grinning. "It has been a long time since I acted personally. I might as well take this chance to relax."

These provocative words caused the atmosphere to feel extremely tense.

Just when Chu Cichen was about to rush forward, a soft voice suddenly rang out. "Daddy, the situation isn't like this!"

Chu Cichen started.

He turned and looked at Chu Xiaomeng.

Everyone on the scene also turned to look at her.

The little girl with social phobia didn't know where to place her hands now that she was being stared at by so many people. Usually, she could hug her dinosaur soft toy, but it was currently in the hotel. Her

little hands could only clutch her skirt tightly. "I...I was the one who called a cab here to look for grandma and grandpa. However, they were not at home. Hence, I decided to sit outside to wait for them, but a baddie suddenly appeared and wanted me to go home with him. I refused and he wanted to beat me, but this handsome uncle suddenly appeared and chased the baddie away!"

Although Chu Xiaomeng was young, she knew how to speak clearly and her logic was well-structured. She explained everything very clearly.

This actually caused Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen to be stunned.

The two of them looked at Dugu Xiao in astonishment as the same feeling of puzzlement arose in their hearts.

Dugu Xiao sneered. "What sort of gaze is that? I had no idea this brat was your kid. If not, instead of saving her, I would have helped the other party."

"..."

The scene fell silent.

Chu Cichen waved his hands and Muscles immediately brought the other guards away. Only then did Chu Cichen look at Dugu Xiao. "Many thanks."

Dugu Xiao's expression froze as an unnatural look appeared on his face. However, his stance was no longer so hostile. "No need. Consider this thanks for Miss Shen. She helped to cure my headaches."

After saying that, he turned and brought his butler away.

After the two of them vanished around a corner, Chu Cichen frowned and waved his hand to summon Muscles. "Go and investigate what he is doing here exactly."

"Yes."

After Muscles left, he turned his head again and saw Shen Ruoqing staring sternly at Chu Xiaomeng. "What did you want to come here to take exactly? Quickly go and take it."

Chapter 199: Mommy's Old Item~ 1

Shen Ruoqing keyed in the password and opened the door.

A light automatically lit up, illuminating the area for the switches.

She then turned on the switches, and the dark Shen Family's residence instantly lit up.

Chu Xiaomeng took a look at Shen Ruoqing and then at Chu Cichen. The child was worried that if her mommy went in with her, she would not be allowed to go to the basement to take things.

Therefore, Chu Xiaomeng said, "Mommy, you can wait for me here. I'll be right back!"

Shen Ruoqing was just about to say that she would go with Chu Xiaomeng when the child said seriously, "You can bring Daddy to see the growing tree for Older Brother and me."

Shen Ruoqing thought of Chu Cichen's attitude turning cold for no reason at the banquet earlier and then lowered her gaze. She said, "I'll go upstairs with you."

Chu Xiaomeng immediately gave Chu Cichen a puppy eyes look. "Mommy planted the seeds when Brother and I were born. Daddy, aren't you going to take a look at them?"

Chu Cichen. "..."

The child's gaze was very innocent and the plea in them was very obvious too.

The reason she had secretly come here behind everyone's back to take something was definitely that she didn't want Shen Ruoqing to find out.

Although Chu Cichen had something against Shen Ruoqing, he couldn't stand his daughter's pitiful gaze. He turned to look at the two trees in the courtyard. "Are those the ones?"

Shen Ruoqing glanced at him and then slowly brought him over.

Chu Xiaomeng took the opportunity to go in. When she reached the stairs, after seeing that Shen Ruoqing didn't notice, she slipped into the basement. The door to the basement was covered with a layer of dust.

Chu Xiaomeng stared at the door and carefully keyed in the password. After entering, she didn't dare to turn on the lights either. She just turned on the torchlight function of her phone and rummaged around in the room.

She quickly found that gold mask and her eyes gleamed.

In the courtyard.

Chu Cichen stared at the two trees in the corner.

Both trees grew very tall, but their branches were only as thick as a person's arm.

Chu Cichen asked, "What trees are these?"

"Ginkgo," Shen Ruoqing explained indifferently.

Chu Cichen was very curious about the children's past. "Is there any interpretation to it?"

"They can be used for making medicine."

"..." Chu Cichen took another two rounds around the ginkgo trees. He suddenly found an additional tree sapling at the side. Before he asked, Shen Ruoqing spoke up again, "I planted this on the day I found out that Chu Yu is also my child."

Although Chu Yu had been deprived of motherly love for five years, she would make it up for him what Chu Xiaomeng and Chu Tianye both had.

Chu Cichen asked, "Won't Little Yu be unhappy?"

"There's no helping it either." Shen Ruoqing's words had a double meaning to them. "We can't change the past and can only do our best to make up for things. Isn't that right?"

She didn't understand why Chu Cichen's attitude had changed. It must be related to his white moonlight.

However, Chu Cichen took a long look at her. "But the damage is already done. Sometimes, it's useless even if one tries to make up for things."

Shen Ruoqing. "??"

She turned and looked at Chu Cichen.

Under the ginkgo trees, the man's tall and slender figure was like a small mountain, giving off a reliable and steady feeling. However, the cold gaze in his eyes pierced her heart.

Shen Ruoqing couldn't imagine the little puppy who had pulled her out from the dark abyss would look at her with such a gaze one day.

She averted her gaze and said directly, "What have I done that makes Mr. Chu so hostile to me?"

Chu Cichen also looked at her.

The woman's face was gleaming white as if it had absorbed moonlight. It made the lights from the Shen Family's residence behind her look a little dimmer.

He clenched his fists tightly and suddenly asked, "Are you the one who created the No. 5 Neurotoxin?"

Shen Ruoqing was stunned for a moment. When Charles had brought up this poison, her past had been brought up once. Now, this man was bringing it up again. It gave her a feeling as if she was completely stripped off and was being judged.

She pursed her lips. "That's right."

Chu Cichen clenched his fists tightly. "Why did you create such a thing?"

Why?

Shen Ruoqing's shimmering peach blossom eyes suddenly turned pitch-black. It was as if no light could reach them.

She took a step back and lengthened her distance from Chu Cichen, as if pushing him out of her world.

There was a hint of mockery in her smile. "Maybe it's because I just felt like doing it. Why?"

When Chu Cichen saw that she was impenitent and replying in such a self-righteous tone, he felt even angrier. "When you created such a thing that brings nothing but harm to mankind, did you think of how many people it would kill?"

Chu Cichen knew that Shen Ruoqing didn't kill directly with her own hands.

He shouldn't fault her for this.

However, the No. 5 Neurotoxin was something that 518 had held great abhorrence for!

Their organization had hunted down many organizations manufacturing the No. 5 Neurotoxin. He had asked 518 why they were doing this. 518's reply was that the No. 5 Neurotoxin shouldn't exist in this world.

Back then, Dugu Xiao had twitched his lips and said, "The person who created this poison is the most vicious one!"

After that, Chu Cichen spoke up for her. "The person who produced this poison might have just done it for research or might have other difficulties. Some people kill with blades, but are the makers of the blades wrong?"

When the two of them were quarreling, 518 remained silent for very long. He couldn't see her expression that was hidden under the mask, but he could hear the determination in her tone. "The person who first created blades had the initial intention of using them for protection. However, this poison brings nothing but harm. Why do we need to defend the creator? In the future, if I get the chance to, I'll kill that person myself!"

Dugu Xiao was in great agreement with 518's words.

Back then, Chu Cichen didn't agree.

However, in the end, 518 died to No. 5 Neurotoxin!

When he found out this truth, he regretted having stood up for the creator of this poison. It was because 518 had a detoxification pill that could neutralize all poison in the world, except for the No. 5 Neurotoxin.

If No. 5 Neurotoxin didn't exist in this world, then would 518 still be alive?

Over the years, Chu Cichen kept asking himself this question. That was why he tried to search for the creator of the No. 5 Neurotoxin, wanting to kill the person and complete 518's wish!

The man's interrogating tone made Shen Ruoqing feel as if all the air in her lungs had been drawn out. She clenched her fists tightly.

Of course, she knew that creating the No. 5 Neurotoxin was something that shouldn't be done. However, back then, she didn't have any other choice. She didn't expect the production method to be leaked out, causing this poison to bring about a bloody storm in the world...

She had felt guilty and upset over this matter for a very long time.

She had been unable to walk out from this matter and had once asked him, "If I had once done something extremely heinous but isn't illegal, what should I do?"

He had told her, "Seek for the light even if you're in the abyss."

His words allowed her to live with her head raised up.

However, the person who had saved her in the past was questioning her now... This was really laughable and lamentable!

Shen Ruoqing took another two steps back, instantly looking like she was shrouded in a layer of coldness. She asked, "There are murderers who kill with blades and murderers who kill with poison. In both cases, aren't the murderers the ones who deserve to die?"

Chu Cichen tensed up his chin, his gaze staring at her. "But blades were created to protect while No 5 Neurotoxin only kills! Therefore, your initial intention of creating it is vicious."

He thought of 518's words and they came right out. "You don't deserve to be forgiven!"

Vicious... Don't deserve to be forgiven...

The two terms agitated Shen Ruoqing deeply and she suddenly smiled mockingly. "What gave you the illusion that made you think I'm a good person?"

"..." Chu Cichen furrowed his brows deeply.

Shen Ruoqing took a long look at him. "Chu Cichen, you've always said that you don't know me and you aren't him. I didn't believe that. But I believe it now."

The woman looked at him, her voice suddenly becoming very soft. "Indeed, you aren't him."

Chu Cichen was agitated by Shen Ruoqing's matter-of-fact attitude. The person he had been searching for five years, the one he wanted to kill, suddenly became the mother of his three children.

He couldn't fulfill 518's wish on her behalf anymore.

He only felt that his chest was very stuffy, and the words he said became increasingly cold and heartless. "Of course, I am not him. The two of us aren't the same type of people! Regardless if it was six years ago or now, it's impossible for me to fall in love with you! Shen Ruoqing, on the account of the children, I won't kill you. However, this is the end of our affinity. If we meet again, let's treat each other as passersby."

Shen Ruoqing opened her mouth, and a while later, forced out a word. "... alright."

She turned around without any reluctance and got on the motorbike, wanting to leave.

However, Chu Cichen said, "This is your home. The one who should leave is me."

He turned around and entered the room. He happened to see the small Chu Xiaomeng walking out with her bag.

Chu Cichen walked over in big strides and picked Chu Xiaomeng up. He then headed out, saying forcefully to Shen Ruoqing, "The children are from the Chu Family, so they should naturally grow up in the Chu Family. In the future, I'll allow you to visit them one... a few times. You can contact the butler in advance, but you aren't allowed to go to the Chu Manor anymore."

After saying these ruthless words, Chu Cichen got into the car.

The car quickly started and drove toward the Chu Manor.

On the way, Chu Xiaomeng was as quiet as a chicken.

She widened her adorable eyes, not understanding what had happened to her parents. However, her daddy said that her mommy was not allowed to go to the Chu Manor anymore... Did they quarrel?

She then looked at Chu Cichen. The pressure his entire body gave off seemed like it was going to freeze the entire car. On his expressionless face, his eyes were filled with vicissitudes.

Chu Xiaomeng immediately opened the zipper of her bag and went to get the mask in it. She said directly, "Daddy, did Mommy make you angry? Take a look at this. You won't feel angry anymore then! This is Mommy's old item~ She said before that she had used it for many years~!"

Chapter 200: Self-Exposing His Identity

Old item...that was used for many years?

Chu Xiaomeng had come to the Shen Residence for the sake of getting Shen Ruojing's old item?

Chu Cichen's gaze landed on her bag, wanting to see what she was going to take out.

But at this moment, his phone rang.

His attention immediately shifted and he took out his phone to glance at it. After that, he picked up the call.

Lu Cheng was the caller. "Bro Chen, there's news from overseas that someone is investigating your identity and they seem to have some suspicions..."

Chu Cichen's gaze turned sharp. He lowered his eyelids and slowly spoke, "Understood."

After hanging up, he directly looked at Muscles who was in the driver's seat. "Where's Dugu Xiao?"

When Dugu Xiao left, Chu Cichen was puzzled about why he would appear near the Shen Residence, so he got Muscles to investigate this.

Muscles immediately replied, "We investigated. He is eating... mala soup* at a small store?"

Muscles were clearly suspicious. "What sort of expensive food has he not eaten before? I really don't understand why he would eat such a thing at such an insignificant store."

Chu Cichen's gaze turned heavy. He directly said, "Stop the car."

The few black cars immediately stopped.

Chu Cichen spoke to Muscles. "Bring half of the men with you and send Xiao Meng home."

Muscles was the strongest bodyguard here. If he escorted Chu Xiaomeng, Chu Cichen wouldn't need to worry.

After saying that, he got out of the car directly.

Chu Xiaomeng. "??"

Her small hand was on the mask and she had not taken it out yet. Why did her daddy suddenly leave?

(Forget it, he must be busy with his stuff. It's okay, I can give her daddy a surprise after he comes home.)

She obediently sat in the car and returned to the Chu Manor.

Matriarch Chu was already home with Chu Tianye and Chu Yu. When Chu Xiaomeng returned, she immediately ran to the study and headed to the place where Chu Cichen had placed the painting before. After that, she took out the mask and decided to wait here until her daddy came home.

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Chu Cichen got into a car at the back.

After that, the four cars split at the roads ahead, while his car u-turned and went back to the area where the Shen Residence was.

According to the clues given by Muscles, he soon found that insignificant-looking mala soup store.

This was in a dilapidated commercial street. But there was a junior high school in the distance, so there were many snacks on this street, not only spicy hotpot. There were also kebabs, cold skin noodles, baked noodles, and other stores.

Two inconspicuous black sedans parked at the corner of the street while Chu Cichen got out of the car.

The bodyguards behind him wanted to follow him, but Chu Cichen got them to stay where they were. After that, he proceeded forward alone.

The logo of the No. 1 Experimental Middle School of Sea City was very prominent from the side.

When Chu Cichen saw the school, he faintly recalled how he got Lu Cheng to investigate Shen Ruoqing when he found out that the two children were connected to him.

She used to be from this school...

This thought flashed in his mind as he continued walking forward.

The signs on the commercial street were dull, and the whole street was extremely dirty, causing the entire place to look a little dim. Chu Cichen in a black suit looked very out of place here.

He bypassed all kinds of food stores and finally came to the mala soup store mentioned by Muscles. He then saw Dugu Xiao at the entrance. Dugu Xiao also seemed out of place on this commercial street.

The store was very small, only about thirty square feet. There were only a total of seven or eight tables, and Dugu Xiao sat at the table facing the entrance.

The other customers in the store were driven out by him. He was the only one eating inside.

The butler stood at the door and did not enter.

The kitchen and the tables were separated by a piece of glass. However, because it had been many years since anyone wiped the glass, there was a layer of grease on it, causing things to look very blurry through it. But even so, one could see a couple working in there.

The couple was also stunned by such a scene. They cautiously prepared the food and would occasionally glance at Dugu Xiao while not daring to say anything.

Chu Cichen stared quietly for a moment before entering.

In the small store, two tall men over 1.8 meters were within, and it caused the space to appear somewhat cramped.

Chu Cichen directly sat at the table beside Dugu Xiao.

For a time, both of them didn't speak.

It was unknown how long later before the boss brought two bowls over. He looked at Chu Cichen and then at Dugu Xiao. For a time, he didn't know who to pass the two bowls of food to.

Dugu Xiao suddenly smiled. "Give him the clear soup. The spicy soup is mine."

"Ah? Oh, okay, okay."

After the boss placed the mala soup on the table, Dugu Xiao suddenly took out his wallet and tossed a thick wad of cash to the boss. There was over \$10,000 in that stack of cash!

The boss immediately grew well with joy. He nodded and took the money before running back to the kitchen, no longer coming out.

The atmosphere in the shop fell silent again.

Dugu Xiao suddenly spoke, "Back then, after 518 died, 527 also vanished. It has been so many years, and I've actually been looking for him. Mr. Chu, do you have any news about him?"

Chu Cichen didn't look at him. He only stared at the clear mala soup before his eyes.

When he heard Lu Cheng saying someone was investigating him, he immediately knew it was Dugu Xiao.

Hence, he got Muscles to verify Dugu Xiao's location and he immediately came over.

After hearing the words, Chu Cichen was silent for a few moments before he hoarsely replied, "517, long time no see."

Dugu Xiao's fingers trembled slightly.

He had thought that Chu Cichen was just the Chu Corporation's successor. But after he came to China and interacted with Chu Cichen, Dugu Xiao found Chu Cichen to be somewhat familiar.

This was why he had sent men to investigate Chu Cichen.

However, he didn't expect Chu Cichen to expose his identity himself.

He was none other than 527?!

Just when Dugu Xiao was astonished. Chu Cichen then asked, "Why did you come here to eat this stuff?"

Why?

Dugu Xiao lowered his eyelids.

He still remembered his last mission with 518 in the organization. They hadn't expected the other party to have set up a trap, waiting for the two of them to step into it.

After he and 518 fell into the predicament, they were trapped for two days and nights with no food or drink. They were both extremely hungry.

The two of them felt like they were going to die soon. This was why 518 revealed a few sentences of truth that were usually impossible for her to speak of.

Dugu Xiao asked 518 about what she was thinking of doing at that moment.

518 replied, "I wish to eat the mala soup cooked by that couple."

The woman wore the mask and her ruby-red lips curled up slowly. "In Sea City of China, beside the No. 1 Experimental Middle School, there's an insignificant-looking store, but the food is really good, so good that it is unforgettable. I once suspected that they must have added poppies in the soup, but I discovered that they didn't in the end..."

"I don't know if I can ever eat that again."

And after that, 527 suddenly appeared and saved the two of them...

Dugu Xiao reminisced about this. His voice was now very low and filled with boundless longing. "I'm here to help her eat the mala soup she wanted to..."

During these years, he had always wanted to investigate 518's identity, but he didn't dare to do so.

She had already died, so what was the point of investigating?

But if she had eaten the mala soup here before, didn't that mean that she had once studied in the No. 1 Experimental Middle School?

As his voice faded, Chu Cichen's pupils suddenly constricted. "What did you say?"