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Chapter 221 The Reason She Doesn't Remember Him

Shen Ruojing was stunned.

Chu Cichen's gaze became gloomy and he asked, "On 1st November six years ago, on Halloween, did you go to the Hani Bar?"

Shen Ruojing raised her brows slightly. "That's right."

Chu Cichen looked at her. "Do you know what day it was?"

Shen Ruojing pursed her lips, frowning while feeling perplexed. "I don't. I only know that someone asked me to go there but stood me up."

Chu Cichen took a deep breath. "I was the one who asked you out."

Shen Ruojing. "?"

Chu Cichen looked at her while wearing a bitter smile on his face. "I left a note for you, asking you to meet me at Hani Bar."

Shen Ruojing. "???"

She couldn't remember this matter at all. She furrowed her brows and thought about it for a short moment, then the events that had taken place that day flashed past in her eyes.

When she entered the organization, she saw a note that asked her out to meet at the Hani Bar. It was written that the person had something very important to tell her.

She went as 518, so she'd naturally wear her mask.

She went there but didn't see the person who asked her out. Instead, she saw the puppy Chu Cichen at the bar. During that time, Chu Cichen had traveled to F. Country for work and she knew about this.

Moreover, the two of them had started a relationship.

She walked straight in his direction, sitting next to him. She then noticed that Chu Cichen's gaze was dodging hers and he didn't dare to meet her eyes. Moreover, his puppy countenance was flushed red, looking like he had had too much to drink.

She raised her brows and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The puppy Chu Cichen was stunned for a moment. "You know who I am?"

"Of course." Shen Ruojing found him very amusing. She thought that he didn't manage to recognize her because she had a mask on. Therefore, she got close to his ear and said softly, "You're my boyfriend."

Her calm tone caused Chu Cichen to be startled. He then said in joy, "Can you take off your mask?"

"Boyfriend." Shen Ruojing pressed down on his shoulders. At the thought that someone from the organization had asked her out to meet here, she was afraid of being seen and thus said softly, "Not now."

Just as Chu Cichen was hesitant to speak, Shen Ruojing said, "It's very dangerous here. Leave right away."

She then stood up, pretending like she didn't know him, and walked to the side. She wanted to go and find the person from the organization who had called her here.

It was a pity that she didn't meet that person that night.

And this made her even more vigilant. She was afraid that her identity might be exposed.

Thinking back, Shen Ruojing thought that the puppy's appearance there was purely a coincidence. After all, nothing happened thereafter... Could it be...

She was a little surprised. "The person at the bar back then... it was you?"

Chu Cichen's ears were a little red, but he stared at her with a serious gaze, nodding. "That's right."

Afraid that she might not be able to remember the details, he then said each word carefully with pauses, "I wasn't wearing my mask back then and wanted to meet you in person as I feel that one mustn't hide when professing their love. You entered the bar, seeming as if you knew that I'm 527. You walked straight to me to ask why I had asked you out. Back then, I was shocked and asked, 'You know who I am?', and you replied..."

At the mention of this, Chu Cichen's face flushed up even more. However, there was a hint of nostalgia and deep love hidden at the bottom of his heart. "You said that I'm your boyfriend. Later on, I asked you to remove your mask as well, wanting us to face each other with our real appearances. However, you said that it's very dangerous in the bar and told me to leave first. Indeed, I hadn't taken enough consideration of it. There were many different types of people in the bar. I went in my real appearance, thus no one knew that I'm 527. However, you came in wearing your mask. If you were to take it off, you'd expose your identity. Therefore, I left first..."

Shen Ruojing. "????"

She was in a daze for a while.

Seeing her expression, Chu Cichen's countenance gradually changed. "So, there's once again a difference between our memories, right? This is also the reason why you don't remember that I confessed to you."

Shen Ruojing tensed her chin and nodded with a solemn countenance.

Chu Cichen had guessed it before Shen Ruojing said anything. He suddenly clenched his fists and asked, feeling a little nervous, "Back then, were you already in a relationship with your boyfriend, Chu Cichen?"

Shen Ruojing looked at him and nodded.

Chu Cichen immediately felt his heart stop.

Earlier on, he only guessed that he had found the real reason. However, when the real reason was presented in front of him, he found it a little hard to accept and was unable to say anything.

So the confession he had carefully prepared was just a little joke?

Over these years, he had been recalling the events that had taken place that day repeatedly. However, it turned out that day was just a joke.

He looked at Shen Ruojing.

He suddenly thought of his horrible attitude when Shen Ruojing first looked for him when he had just come back to the country. Did she feel the same as he was feeling now?

Joy had filled his heart, but he was then drenched with a basin of cold water.

Shen Ruojing saw that Chu Cichen was silent and had a pale countenance. She finally couldn't bear it and sighed. "I'm sorry."

These words made Chu Cichen panic inside.

Under what situation would one need to apologize?

His voice was hoarse as he said, "We just have no idea why things are like this. I will definitely investigate things clearly. You don't have to apologize to me. Regardless if you're Shen Ruojing or 518, regardless if I'm Chu Cichen or 527, we're still us."

After saying this last sentence, a wave of anxiety flashed past in his heart.

518 was Shen Ruojing.

The memories that each of them had about that bar might be wrong, or it could be said that there was a mistake that was led by different people looking at a problem from different perspectives. However, she was 518.

She was the person he loved deeply. This would never change.

However, was the person who didn't have the memories of their relationship together really the person he was looking for?

Chu Cichen clenched his fists.

Shen Ruojing seemed to have thought of this problem as well, but when she saw the tall man's helpless expression, she didn't say any other vicious words.

She nodded at Chu Cichen. "I'll be heading in first."

She turned and entered the Yun Manor.

The woman's figure looked thin, and Chu Cichen suddenly called out to her. "Jingjing."

Shen Ruojing turned around.

Chu Cichen pursed his lips. The two of them were a little far away, but he was still flustered. He said, "No matter what, we have three children now. You... have to take responsibility."

"..." Shen Ruojing waved at him and turned to enter the Yun Manor.

Suddenly sensing something, Shen Ruojing looked up to the left.

Not far away.

Wen Yuyi stood there and was currently making a call. She nodded at her.

Shen Ruojing also nodded and entered the house.

After Shen Ruojing went in, Wen Yuyi continued to say to the person on the other end of the phone, "Mother, I just saw the father of Shen Ruojing's children! He pestered Shen Ruojing outside and even said that he wanted her to take responsibility for him... It must be that she doesn't want the children's father anymore after acknowledging the Yun Family as relatives, right? I wonder who he is."

Wen Yuyi's mother's voice rang out from the other end of the phone. "They've been wandering outside for so many years, but Shen Qianhui only married a small-time celebrity. Shen Ruojing's background is even worse, so who can the father of the children be? You don't have to worry about these people. The reason I let you stay in the Yun Family in Ford City is for the sake of your marriage!

"By the way, I just heard that Matriarch Chu has come to visit Ford City and asked Madam Yun to prepare a room for her.

"The Sea City's Chu Family is better than the Yun Family. I heard that their heir, Chu Cichen, has returned and that he's still single. You have to seize this opportunity! I'll send you his photo. If he comes too, you must pay attention!"

As she said this, Madam Wen sent the photo over on WeChat.

Wen Yuyi said casually, "He's already so old, but he's still single? Could it be that he looks ugly?"

As soon as she finished speaking, she saw the figure in the photo.

Wen Yuyi was slightly stunned. Why did she feel that... he looked so familiar?

She subconsciously looked toward the entrance

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The area outside the Yun Manor's gate was dim, but there was a figure standing there.

That figure didn't leave even after a long time.

It was as though the person was waiting for Shen Ruojing to turn her head.

Wen Yuyi lowered her head and looked at the picture on her phone.

This picture was taken by a financial channel's reporter when Chu Cichen was at the airport. Although the channel deleted the photo later, people who were interested in Chu Cichen had managed to download and save it.

The man in the photograph looked handsome and graceful, exuding boundless charisma.

On the other hand, the figure outside the manor seemed somewhat desolate in comparison.

Wen Yuyi couldn't help but laugh.

How would she ever think that the blurry silhouette of a figure outside resembled the person in the photograph?

Because the lighting outside was dim, she couldn't see the man's face clearly.

Even if their figures were similar, how could this man be comparable to Chu Cichen?

Wen Yuyi twitched her lips in disdain. Mother Wen's voice then rang out from her phone. "Yuyi, have you seen the photo yet? Stop entangling yourself with Qian Nanyin. Chu Cichen's status is many times higher compared to him."

Qian Nanyin is Yun Wei's fiance, someone from the Qian Family.

The Qian and Yun Families had a marriage alliance agreement, which would allow many of their businesses to work together, so they could prosper in unison. This was also the reason why Qian Nanyin didn't dissolve his engagement with Yun Wei despite him being in love with Wen Yuyi.

Wen Yuyi narrowed her eyes. "Mother, me and Brother Nanyin are truly in love and happy..."

Mother Wen directly interrupted her, "I sent you to the Yun Family for the sake of allowing you to find someone of a higher status. In the past, no one had a higher status compared to Qian Nanyin in Ford City, so I quietly permitted you to do what you did. But he can't even handle a simple matter like renouncing the marriage engagement, so why do you want a useless man like him? You should wake up."

Wen Yuyi then pouted. "I understand."

After she finished speaking, she couldn't help but ask, "Mother, Shen Qianhui has returned. Will this affect us? A part of the shares belonging to grandma was given to you back then. Would they want to take everything back?"

Mother Wen coldly laughed. "She best knows what's good and leaves after staying here for a few days. Do you think I have no tactics if she wants to play the game with me?"

Only then did Wen Yuyi relax.

Although Yun Wei was the most prestigious young miss of the Yun Family, her limelight was all stolen by Wen Yuyi.

However, Wen Yuyi was afraid of Shen Ruojing because her appearance was too striking. She was worried that Shen Ruojing wanted to abandon the father of her children for the sake of finding someone better.

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On the second day.

Shen Ruojing was bringing the two children down the stairs.

Yesterday, when Shen Qianhui came here, she said that they would only be staying for one night, as she didn't wish to have too many interactions with the Yun Family. However, just when Shen Ruojing got down, she saw Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui holding hands and chatting happily.

Shen Qianhui spoke to her, "Your father has gone to the filming set in a car. Ah yes, let us stay in this house for a few more days."

Shen Ruojing asked, "Why?"

Madam Yun smiled. "There shouldn't be so many 'whys'. Can't your mother simply come back to this home of hers to stay? You and the kids shouldn't be in a hurry to leave. We are family."

Shen Ruojing. "??"

She looked at her mother in astonishment and then saw her nodding her head. Evidently, she agreed with Madam Yun's words very much.

Her mother suddenly changed her mind?

Very soon, she understood what was going on...

"Paternal grandma is coming? Awesome!" Chu Tianye excitedly shouted, "I already missed her although it has only been a day since we last met!"

Chu Yu ruthlessly exposed him. "You missed her wallet, right?"

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When the two children chatted with Madam Yun, Shen Ruojing had a half smile on her face as she cast a glance at Shen Qianhui.

No wonder her mother suddenly decided to stay. So, she was planning to work together with Matriarch Chu to fix the relationship between her and Chu Cichen...

Shen Qianhui coughed dryly and smiled dotingly at her daughter.

Shen Ruojing didn't really mind. Matriarch Chu and Shen Qianhui were people with principles and wouldn't press her to accept Chu Cichen.

(Let's just treat this as a holiday trip that will last a few days long.)

After Shen Ruojing finished breakfast with the two children, she lazily sat on the sofa and drank her tea. After that, she heard Shen Qianhui, Madam Yun, and Yun Wei chatting.

She then lowered her head and sent a text to Rong Rong, asking her about her recent situation.

Rong Rong replied that everything was good.

Seeing this text, Shen Ruojing felt relaxed.

Although Rong Rong had just exited prison, she wasn't a weak flower or she wouldn't have killed so many people back then...

As she was contemplating, the butler's voice drifted from the entrance. "Madam, Madam Qian and Mr. Qian came."

Shen Qianhui immediately stood up. "I'll head up first since you have guests."

Madam Yun quickly held her hand. "The Qian Family is Little Wei's fiance's family. Younger sis, you shouldn't leave. We are all family."

Shen Qianhui immediately smiled. "Oh, so they are Little Wei's future family. In that case, I really have to see which family's youth is so handsome and talented that he can marry Little Wei."

However, Shen Ruojing noticed that when the other party was mentioned, a look of sadness flashed on Madam Yun's face.

Also, when she looked at Yun Wei, she couldn't see the abashed look that young girls typically would have. Instead, Yun Wei put on a heavy expression, and it was unknown what she was thinking about.

Not long later, a middle-aged woman and a young man of around 23 to 24 years old walked in.

Madam Qian looked shrewd, and upon entering, she smiled before saying anything. "Madam Yun, we are here today to urge marriage again. This is already the third time, so you definitely have to confirm a date with me today!"

The young man behind her was handsome, and it was clear with a single glance that he felt he had a lofty status, so he liked to look down on people. At this moment, there was an unhappy look on his face. After entering, the first thing he did was to glare at Yun Wei.

Madam Qian spoke, "It has only been a few days, yet you already missed Little Wei? In that case, you guys should head out to chat first. I'll discuss your marriage with Madam Yun!"

As the sound of her voice rang out, violin music suddenly rang out from above.

Qian Nanyin's eyes brightened. "It is definitely Yuyi...she must be practicing music with Yun Yiheng again. I'm heading up to take a look!"

After speaking, he took the lead to head upstairs. Evidently, he was very familiar with the Yun Manor.

Upon seeing this, Yun Wei's expression darkened and became even heavier. She coldly laughed and couldn't help but complain to Shen Ruojing. "She really knows how to pick the right time to practice music."

Madam Yun also looked at Madam Qian and unhappily spoke, "Is Madam Qian here for the marriage date or to listen to music?"

Madam Qian awkwardly smiled. She knew that her son was impolite, so she immediately explained, "Nanyin is still young, so his heart isn't mature yet. He likes lively scenes but don't worry. Yun Wei is the daughter-in-law that our family recognized!"

After saying that, she turned to Yun Wei. Madam Qian's gaze flashed. "Little Wei, speaking of which...you should stop showing such a dark look on your face. Why don't you learn from Miss Wen and treat everyone with warmth and gentleness? Who wouldn't like someone like that?"

Yun Wei clenched her fists tightly.

Madam Qian continued, "Since Nanyin likes to listen to the violin, why don't you take some time to learn the instrument? Girls are very beautiful when they play the violin. At home, Nanyin always says

that Miss Wen looks very elegant when she's playing the violin. Since Miss Wen is staying in the Yun Manor and she's so elegant, why don't you consult her for some tips and guidance...?"

At this moment, the expressions of Madam Yun and Yun Wei changed.

Clearly, Qian Nanyin was the one who went overboard, but Madam Qian's words made it sound as though Qian Nanyin wasn't fond of Yun Wei because Yun Wei wasn't elegant enough.

Sadly, Madam Yun wasn't good at arguing. She was so angry at this moment that she was speechless.

Madam Qian occupied the advantage, so a smile appeared on her lips.

At this moment, Shen Ruojing suddenly halted her action of playing with her mobile phone.

Chapter 223 The Children's Father Has Arrived

Seeing that Madam Yun wasn't able to refute, Madam Qian's words became increasingly over-the-top. "Madam Yun, I know that you dote on your daughter. Don't worry, when Weiwei marries into our family, I'll help you educate her. I'll hire the best teacher to teach her violin and even get someone to come and specially teach her how to retain a man's heart.

"So, let us fix a date for their wedding today. Nanyin is still young, but he will be mature after he is married!"

"..."

Madam Yun grew even more enraged. Her chest was heaving up and down as she clutched Yun Wei's hands tightly. Even her eyes were red, yet she wasn't able to make any rebuttal.

Yun Wei's countenance was ashen.

At this moment, Shen Ruojing locked her phone and her clear voice suddenly rang out, "Does Madam Qian have a daughter?"

Everyone started slightly.

Only now did Yun Wei realize that Shen Ruojing was asking her.

She immediately nodded. "Yes, she is only 17 years old this year..."

"Oh." Shen Ruojing calmly continued, "In that case, what is Madam Qian teaching her now? The piano? Violin? Cello? Organ? Or the zither? Could it be the erhu? Miss Qian must be learning everything, right? After all, she has no idea what her future husband will like. Isn't that so?"

Madam Qian. "??"

Yun Wei immediately felt satisfied when she heard these words and saw the embarrassed look on Madam Qian's face. She smiled and asked, "Oh right. Aunt Qian, I wonder how much little sister Qian has learned?"

Madam Qian choked. "... She is still young, so there's no hurry."

However, Madam Qian wasn't willing to appear weak. She grew anxious in her heart and decided to change the topic. "Madam Yun, so we are here today to confirm a date..."

She could only relax after the wedding date was confirmed.

At this moment, Madam Yun was no longer angry. She smiled and said, "No hurry. At the very least, we have to wait until Little Wei learns the violin. If not, what will happen if she fails to retain Nanyin's heart after she marries? Isn't that so?"

"..." Madam Qian felt as though she had just picked up a rock and smashed it at her own foot. "I was just joking earlier. For rich families like ours, why would we need to learn any musical instrument? We can simply hire a few internationally famous violin players to perform for us."

After she finished speaking, Madam Qian's gaze landed on Shen Ruojing. She narrowed her eyes. "This is?"

She could see very clearly that it only took Shen Ruojing a single sentence to make her become so passive.

Madam Yun then officially introduced Shen Qianhui and Shen Ruojing. But because Shen Ruojing wasn't together with Chu Cichen, and Chu Cichen's attitude was currently unclear, Madam Yun didn't bother to mention Shen Ruojing's relationship with Chu Cichen.

After Madam Qian understood, she lowered her eyelids and mockingly smiled. "Oh, so you two are distant relatives of the Yun Family! I was wondering why I have not met the two of you before."

The word 'distant relatives' had a subtle meaning. She made it sound as though Shen Qianhui and Shen Ruojing were coming here to be busybodies.

Madam Yun then frowned and reiterated solemnly, "Qianhui is my aunt-in-law's biological daughter, and she belongs to the direct line of descent. Since my aunt didn't marry anyone, it means that Qianhui is a part of the Yun Family."

After saying that, she paused. "Zhengyang has said that Qianhui's status is equal to that of his biological younger sister."

Hearing this, Madam Qian's lips twitched.

Shen Qianhui didn't even have any shares in the Yun Family's business, so how could she be considered Yun Zhengyang's biological sister?

In comparison, Wen Yuyi's mother was just a god-daughter, but she had 5% of the total shares of the Yun Family's business!

However, since Yun Zhengyang had said this, it was impossible for Madam Qian to make any rebuttal.

She lowered her eyelids and continued, "Since you two have come to the Yun Family, you have to be clear of the rules in influential families. When the elders are talking, how can the juniors casually interject?"

She was looking directly at Shen Ruojing. "Our family and the Yun Family aren't strangers. Madam Yun might be too kind, so she didn't remind you about the rules. But as for me, I think I should inform you. The Yun Family is different from the family you came from when you are in Sea City. You are just from a small family, so you can act as casually as you want there. However, for influential families like us, we all emphasize..."

After saying that, she didn't wait for Shen Ruojing to reply and immediately turned to Madam Yun. "Madam Yun, you won't blame me for being nosy, right? I won't ridicule them even if they don't show me propriety. But in front of outsiders, if she interrupts casually like this, she will become a joke and people will say that her family lacks discipline..."

She didn't dare to say anything ruthless to Madam Yun, but she didn't give a damn about a small character like Shen Ruojing. She would scold her whenever she felt like it.

Shen Ruojing lifted her eyebrows when she heard this.

Yun Wei's expression changed again and she involuntarily called out, "Aunt Qian, you are too much!"

Madam Yun's expression also turned cold. "Madam Qian, speak cautiously!"

Shen Qianhui, who was someone famous for doting on her daughter, was also angry. "Casually accusing the daughters of other people. Is this the so-called 'discipline' of the Qian Family?'

Madam Qian choked again and was speechless.

At this moment, a voice rang out from above. "Aunt Qian!"

Wen Yuyi led Qian Nanyin down the stairs and walked to Madam Qian's side, "Aunt Qian, I came to greet you after knowing that you came."

Madam Qian immediately held her hands. "Look at this, this is what a good kid is. She knows the rules!"

After she finished her words, she looked at Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui again. "Madam Yun and Mrs. Shen, please don't be anxious. I'm only saying that to Miss Shen for the sake of her own good. If not, how would she be able to find a good family to marry into in the future?"

After she said that, Wen Yuyi hurriedly added, "Aunt Qian, Shen Qianhui already have children."

"Have children?" Madam Qian was stunned.

Although Shen Qianhui was already 26 years old, she maintained herself well and her face looked young and tender. No one would suspect anything even if she said she was studying at university. Yet, she already had children?

She couldn't help but ask, "In that case, which family is her husband from?"

Wen Yuyi revealed an embarrassed smile and spoke softly, "Miss Shen is not married..."

"Not married? Giving birth to children while not being married?" Madam Qian's voice immediately grew louder. "Yun Wei, I have to talk to you properly. You best stay away from this woman, or you might be led astray! If a girl doesn't know how to cherish herself, she will be abandoned by her man sooner or later..."

Wen Yuyi quickly acted kindly and explained, "No, no. Aunt Qian, you are mistaken. Miss Shen is now a relative of the Yun Family, so how could she be abandoned? Yesterday, I even saw the father of her children standing at Yun Manor's entrance, wanting Miss Shen to take responsibility..."

As she said this, Shen Qianhui was shocked. "What?"

Madam Yun was also dumbstruck and then asked, "Wen Yuyi, what are you talking about?"

The father of the children...Wasn't that Chu Cichen?

Didn't he chase Jingjing out of the Chu Family? Why would he stand at the Yun Manor's entrance and utter such words?

The reactions of these two also caused Wen Yuyi to start. "It is true, I saw it personally."

Shen Qianhui immediately looked at Shen Ruojing joyfully and said, "Jingjing, Chu...hmm did the father of the children change his mind?"

Madam Yun immediately persuaded, "If this is the case, you should give him another chance!"

Madam Qian who was watching this at the side clapped her thighs suddenly. "Miss Shen, are you planning to abandon the father of your children, so you can find an influential family to marry into? However, you already have children, so how can it be possible for you to find any good families? Although the background of the father of your children isn't good, you already have children with him after all. How can you still abandon him? Wouldn't you become a female version of Chen Shimei* then?!"

(The background of the father isn't good?)

Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui immediately looked at her speechlessly.

At this moment, a butler from the Yun Family rushed in. "Madam, Matriarch Chu and Mr. Chu have arrived!"

Her elder sister, Matriarch Chu, wanted to come. This was something Madam Yun knew about, but...

Madam Yun then asked, "Mr. Chu? Which Mr. Chu?"

"Mr. Chu Cichen."

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Hearing this, Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui exchanged a glance.

(Well, the father of the children has arrived now!)

Madam Qian's eyes fervently glanced at the entrance.

Matriarch Chu? The Chu Family of Sea City? That was a major influential family that was far more impressive compared to the Yun Family!

Chapter 224 Face-Smacking!

Every influential family in Fort City knew that Matriarch Chu of Sea City was the elder sister of Madam Yun. Hence, although Madam Yun was naive by nature and wasn't good at schemes, she could still have quite a comfortable life in the Yun Family.

Even if one didn't give Yun Zhengyang's face, they would still have to give Matriarch Chu some face. Hence, no one dared to slight Madam Yun.

Many people wanted to get to know Matriarch Chu through Madam Yun. However, although Madam Yun was naive, she wasn't a fool. She didn't give these people any chances to succeed.

Ever since the Yun and Qian Families had a marriage arrangement, Madam Qian had always wanted to get acquainted with Matriarch Chu. However, Madam Yun kept delaying her with excuses.

Now, Matriarch Chu had personally paid a visit... So, Madam Qian stretched her neck and peered outside. At this moment, Madam Yun couldn't possibly stop her from getting acquainted with Matriarch Chu, right?

Wen Yuyi was also staring at the entrance.

She recalled the words that her mother had told her last night and the appearance of Chu Cichen from that photograph. After that, she glanced at Qian Nanyin who was beside her.

Without Chu Cichen as the comparison, Qian Nanyin could be considered handsome and graceful. But once there was a comparison, it was clear that Qian Nanyin was much inferior.

Wen Yuyi seamlessly shifted a step to the side, lengthening the distance between her and Qian Nanyin. After that, she blushed slightly as she continued to stare at the door.

Yun Wei frowned slightly, as only she had noticed Wen Yuyi's subtle actions.

At this moment, Madam Yun said, "Qianhui, come with me to welcome my elder sister!"

Shen Qianhui nodded.

Madam Yun looked at Shen Ruojing and asked, "Jingjing, are you coming?"

"..." Shen Ruojing hesitated.

Matriarch Chu treated her very well. Now that she arrived at the Yun Manor, she should logically go and welcome her. However, Chu Cichen was there as well...

Shen Ruojing pondered and replied, "You guys go ahead first, I'll go upstairs and get the two children."

Chu Tianye and Chu Yu had gone upstairs to play after their meals.

Madam Yun nodded. "Okay."

After that, she walked outside.

Madam Qian immediately thickened her skin and followed her. "Madam Yun, let me go with you!"

Madam Yun's tone was calm. "Madam Qian, relatives came to my place today. Why don't you bring Qian Nanyin back first? We will talk about the date again in the future."

Yet, Madam Qian directly replied, "Why should I go back? We are all family. Let me welcome Matriarch Chu with you!"

Hearing this, Madam Yun immediately halted her steps and looked at her. "In that case, Madam Qian can just sit in the living room to wait. You are a guest as well. It would be illogical if a guest helped to welcome the host's relatives."

What a joke!

She and Shen Qianhui wanted to go out because they wanted to see what Matriarch Chu and Chu Cichen's intentions were. If Madam Qian tagged along, she would just be useless baggage.

Madam Qian could only stop walking. "Alright then, I'll wait in the living room."

Only then did Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui head out.

After the two left, Shen Ruojing turned and went up the stairs, preparing to get Chu Tianye and Chu Yu.

She walked a few rounds up the stairs but didn't discover the two of them. As she was contemplating, she suddenly heard sounds from the music room.

She walked over and discovered that the two little fellows were actually in Yun Yiheng's music room.

At this moment, the three of them were currently chatting.

Chu Tianye. "Uncle, how much did you spend to buy this zither?"

Yun Yiheng. "\$30 million."

"What?"

Chu Tianye exclaimed in shock. After that, pain flashed on his face. He had actually lost 30 million!

He pouted. "Is this zither really worth so much?"

If he knew about this, he wouldn't have urinated on it.

"Naturally!" Yun Yiheng protected his zither a lot. "Qing Dai crafted this zither personally, and she used the best quality wood to do so. In addition, the musical notes produced by this zither are much nicer to listen to compared to all other zithers in the world. If you don't believe me, let me give you a demonstration..."

As he spoke, he placed his two hands on the zither and strummed the strings.

Low but clear-sounding notes immediately rang out.

Chu Yu's eyes brightened. "It's really nice!"

Yun Yiheng lifted his chin. "It has to be nice. Let me tell you guys this. In ancient times, all scholars and gentlemen would treat the zither as their sole mode of entertainment. What musical instruments did you two learn?"

Chu Yu replied, "I learned the cello."

He loved the low-sounding notes produced by the cello.

Meanwhile, Chu Tianye shook his head. "I didn't learn anything as I'm not fond of music."

"In that case, what do you like?" Yun Yiheng curiously asked.

"I like money!" Chu Tianye lifted his head and spoke seriously.

Yun Yiheng. "..."

He asked again, "Oh right, has your mother ever said anything bad about Qing Dai before?"

Chu Tianye shook his head.

Yun Yiheng was astonished. "How can that be possible? She can't possibly be praising Qing Dai, right? They are opponents!"

Chu Tianye shook his head again.

Yun Yiheng. "What do you mean by shaking your head?"

Chu Tianye stretched out his little finger and shook it. "Uncle, I don't answer questions for free~"

"..." Yun Yiheng sneered before taking out his phone to add Chu Tianye on WeChat. After that, he directly transferred \$200,000 over. "Tell me. Did Qing Dai enter reclusion because of your mother?"

Chu Tianye happily accepted the transfer. "Correct!"

Qing Dai was her mother. Hence, the reason why Qing Dai disappeared was naturally because her mother wanted to slack off!

Yun Yiheng asked again, "Is your mother very familiar with Qing Dai?"

Chu Tianye closed his mouth and took out his phone, shaking it.

"..." Yun Yiheng grew angry. "\$200,000 just to answer a single question? Why don't you go and be a robber?!"

After he said that, he transferred another \$100,000 over.

Chu Tianye laughed. "Right, they are very familiar with each other. Uncle, if I can let you see Qing Dai, how much are you willing to pay me?"

When Yun Yiheng heard this, his eyes immediately brightened. "If I can meet with Qing Dai, I'll give you all my allowance!"

"Really?" Chu Tianye's eyes gleamed brightly.

Shen Ruojing who was standing at the door. "???"

She coughed.

The three people in the room immediately turned their heads and looked over. Chu Tianye shrugged and offered a fawning smile.

Shen Ruojing glared at him. "Matriarch Chu and Chu Cichen have arrived."

"Is this real?"

Chu Tianye and Chu Yu immediately dashed out of the room and ran down the stairs.

Shen Ruojing looked at Yun Yiheng.

Yun Yiheng immediately 'snorted' and pointed to the note that he had pasted on his door proudly.

Seeing his behavior, Shen Ruojing lifted her eyebrows and ignored the youth before slowly walking down the stairs with the children.

Just when they got down, Wen Yuyi's voice rang out, "Little friends, you guys should stay upstairs to play. Important guests will soon arrive, so you guys should not run about randomly..."

Chu Tianye laughingly spoke, "Aunty, do you know why Xiao Ming's grandmother can live up to 108 years old?"

Wen Yuyi. "Why?"

"Because she isn't a nosy talker."

""

Wen Yuyi choked. Madam Qian then said with disdain, "What a glib tongue, you are as good of a talker as your mother."

"Thanks for the praise."

""

Madam Qian was actually angered by a child. She then shouted at Shen Ruojing, "You better swiftly bring these two bastards back upstairs. If not, if you guys knock into the VIPs, I'm afraid you won't be able to compensate!"

As the sound of her voice rang out, an imposing voice drifted from the entrance. "Who is the one scolding my two obedient grandchildren?"

Matriarch Chu then strode in with large steps.

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Matriarch Chu's aura was extremely powerful. When compared to Madam Yun, she exuded an even more dignified aura. At this moment, her sharp eyes directly landed on Madam Qian.

Madam Qian was stunned. She subconsciously stood up. "Matriarch Chu, I'm speaking about these two kids. I'm not scolding your grandchildren..."

But as the sound of her voice faded, Chu Yu and Chu Tianye ran over to Matriarch Chu in unison. Each of them was holding one of her hands.

Chu Yu pointed at Madam Qian. "Grandma, she cursed at me, saying I'm a little b*stard!"

Chu Tianye's eyeballs spun. "She even said that daddy is a poor person and scolded mommy for being uncultured! She said we are poor relatives that came here to gain support!"

The voices of the two children were extremely clear as they complained and painted a colorful picture.

Hearing this, Madam Qian was so shocked that her face turned pale.

She stared in disbelief at Shen Ruojing as she gulped down a mouthful of saliva. After that, she involuntarily looked at Wen Yuyi and angrily spoke, "Didn't you say that the father of Miss Shen's children has a low status and background?"

The Chu Family...had a low status?

Wen Yuyi was stunned.

After Shen Ruojing and Shen Qianhui's identity was revealed, although Wen Yuyi was neglected and lost the qualifications to dine at the main table, she didn't feel that it was a big matter.

After all, how great of a status would an illegitimate daughter who had grown up elsewhere have?

So even if Shen Ruojing was more beautiful than her, she didn't really care.

However, she had never expected that these two children were actually from the Chu Family. In that case, which young master of the Chu Family was that man who had spoken to Shen Ruojing last night?

Just as she was pondering, Chu Cichen respectfully followed Shen Qianhui and came in.

The moment he entered, his eyes turned to Shen Ruojing, and a hint of light flashed in his dark eyes.

"..." However, Shen Ruojing shifted her gaze away slightly and lowered her eyelids.

Upon seeing this, the light in Chu Cichen's eyes dimmed slightly, but he soon calmed down and stopped talking. After that, he turned and looked at the two children.

Chu Tianye and Chu Yu immediately turned their heads away, refusing to look at him.

A bad daddy that bullied their mommy... they didn't want someone like that!

Chu Cichen's mouth opened and closed, wanting to say something. But ultimately, he didn't know what to say. He could only turn and look at Madam Qian.

Madam Qian was already trembling when Matriarch Chu was staring at her. Now that Chu Cichen was also doing the same thing, she was so frightened that she trembled even more. She quickly sought help. "Madam Yun, we are all one family. This was really a misunderstanding. Quickly help me to say something!"

Madam Yun quietly sighed.

The Yun and Qian Families were already considered one family in terms of businesses, so Madam Yun could only take a step forward and speak up, "Elder sister, this is Madam Qian. Her son Qian Nanyin is Little Wei's fiance."

When Matriarch Chu heard this, she withdrew her gaze and no longer bothered with Madam Qian.

Seeing this, Madam Qian heaved a sigh of relief and wiped away the cold sweat on her forehead. She still wanted to say something, but Matriarch Chu spoke first, "Madam Qian, do you still have something you need?"

Madam Qian who wanted to stay behind for some interactions immediately understood that Matriarch Chu was extremely unhappy now. Hence, she gulped down saliva and replied, "Nope, nothing. We will make a move first..."

Matriarch Chu's attitude was domineering. "I won't send you off."

Madam Qian, who had been acting like this place belonged to her, could only bring Qian Nanyin along and flee like a defeated dog.

After the two completely left, Matriarch Chu turned to Madam Yun. "Are you sure you want Little Wei to marry into such a family? She will feel aggrieved forever!"

Madam Yun's eyes turned red. "I also didn't want it, but...forget it. Elder sister, let us talk about something else."

Matriarch Chu frowned and wanted to reprimand this weak sister of hers.

But when she saw that there were a bunch of juniors here, she decided not to. This was especially so when she turned and saw Yun Wei who had her head lowered. Eventually, Matriarch Chu decided to just lead the two children to the sofa area.

However, she had made a decision in her heart.

Since she already came, she would pay any price to ensure that her niece's future wasn't destroyed!

Wen Yuyi surveyed the few of them before silently heaving a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, these two children didn't belong to Chu Cichen. After all, the two children didn't look at him or address him as their father when they saw each other. So most probably, these children were Chu Cimo's?

She had heard that Matriarch Chu had two sons, and Chu Cimo was a wild romantic as well as a profligate son. Since Shen Ruojing was pretty, it was normal that Chu Cimo would disregard her background given his personality.

For someone so outstanding like Chu Cichen, he would surely check the other party's background first before deciding to marry...

Wen Yuyi blushed while she contemplated. At this moment, Madam Yun looked at her and said, "Yuyi, you can head upstairs first. We have things to discuss."

Wen Yuyi bit her lips unhappily.

Madam Yun would always act like this. Every time there were guests, Madam Yun would tell her to go upstairs.

Wasn't it because Madam Yun was afraid that she would steal Yun Wei's limelight?

Although she was unwilling, she still had to do so. After that, she politely said a few sentences to Matriarch Chu before heading upstairs. As she walked away, her gaze would flit frequently to Chu Cichen.

It was a pity that the man didn't even bother to cast a glance at her.

As she was walking up, the last thing Wen Yuyi heard was Chu Cichen speaking, "Little Aunt, me and my mother will have to impose on you during this period."

His voice was low, as pleasant sounding as music notes from a cello.

This caused Wen Yuyi's heartbeats to quicken.

She wanted to eavesdrop more. But as she sensed someone staring at her, she could only angrily enter her room and wasn't able to hear anything more.

Downstairs.

After Shen Ruojing heard Chu Cichen's words, she frowned and looked at him.

At this moment, the man lowered his eyelids, looking obedient. The tyrannical aura he had just exuded was gone, and he looked more like the nice 'puppy-like' guy whom she met six years ago.

Madam Yun looked at them and laughed. "No problem. The Yun Family may lack a lot of things, but we don't lack rooms! You guys can stay however long you want! I will get people to immediately prepare some rooms on the second floor. Jingjing, do you want to bring Cichen to tour the garden first? This is the first time Cichen visited our family!"

"..." Shen Ruojing looked at the bright eyes of the three elders and two children. After a few moments, she sighed and spoke to Chu Cichen, "Follow me."

Chu Cichen heaved a sigh of relief.

He then nodded to the elders and followed behind her.

After the two of them arrived at the back garden, Shen Ruojing found a bench and sat down. She then cocked her head and looked at him.

Chu Cichen obediently sat beside her.

Shen Ruojing asked, "...Didn't we agree that before we investigate things clearly and match our memories, we should maintain a distance from each other?"

Chu Cichen nodded. "Hmm, I only want to see you every day. Don't worry, I won't pester you."

Shen Ruojing was speechless.

Given how obedient he looked now, he didn't appear like the tyrannical CEO of the Chu Family.

At this moment, Shen Ruojing's phone suddenly rang.

She glanced over and discovered that it was an unfamiliar number.

As she picked it up, a voice could be heard from the other end. "Shen Ruojing, one month has passed. Do you still remember me?"

This voice...it was the person who called her back then and asked if she wanted to know why Chu Cichen didn't remember her.

The light in her gaze dimmed.

The other party continued, "Up till now, don't tell me you still don't want to know why both of your memories don't match?"

Just when Shen Ruojing wanted to say she didn't want to know, her mobile phone was directly snatched away by Chu Cichen.

The man's gaze was sharp, and he had a look of determination on his face, no longer appearing like the little puppy from earlier. His dark eyes flashed with resolve. "I wish to know the answer."

The other party paused. "You are?"

"Chu Cichen. Tell me your conditions. What do you want for you to tell me the truth?"

The other party fell silent for a few moments and then laughed. "Mr. Chu, there is no need for any conditions. I can give you all the answers for free."

Chapter 226 I Understand

Free?

The scariest thing in the world was freebies.

If that person knew the truth, maybe everything had been orchestrated by him. So, how could he be so kind as to tell them?

Shen Ruojing and Chu Cichen exchanged a mutual glance.

Chu Cichen then spoke, "Please tell me."

The other party laughed. "I know that even if I tell the whole truth, you guys probably won't believe me. In that case, let me give you guys a few reminders. You can investigate the matter based on my clues."

He wanted to lead them around by their noses.

Back then, Shen Ruojing had felt it to be troublesome so she had decided to ignore this call. And indeed, the content of this conversation made her feel very uncomfortable.

However, she was completely clueless about the past.

As for Chu Cichen, he had proven that one of their meetings was different from her memories due to their different perspectives. But in truth, there was no problem with his memories either.

The two of them were like headless flies, and there was only a single choice.

Hence, Chu Cichen fell silent for a moment and said, "Alright, speak."

"The first clue is...Shen Ruojing, have you ever thought about why Chu Cichen vanished after that night? There were no traces captured in the surveillance cameras of that hotel, but what about other things?"

Other things...

Shen Ruojing fell into contemplation.

Back then after Chu Cichen vanished, she did report it to the police. The surveillance cameras of the hotel didn't capture any traces of them because Lin Wanru had wiped it.

It was because she wanted to steal Shen Ruojing's identity.

But what about Chu Cichen's work unit and residential address?

Back then, she and Chu Cichen were dating for half a year. Although they got acquainted with each other in F. Country, they only interacted again in China.

He had said that he was a reporter and had to go around the country. But when the police investigated, they realized that the agency he said he was working for didn't have an employee like him!

The reporter identity of Chu Cichen was a fake one.

He even told her about his residential address and said that his family of three were locals from Sea City. The two of them were discussing marriage, and Shen Ruojing even wanted to bring him home to meet her parents after he proposed...

However, the police then went to his residential address and discovered that the people staying there were indeed a family of three. But the son wasn't Chu Cichen.

So, the residential address was also fake.

He said that he didn't have many friends, so Shen Ruojing didn't know anyone from his social circle at all.

On their usual dates, they would go to the park the majority of the time. There were basically no eyewitnesses.

This was why the police doubted her words back then. They asked if she was sure that there was such a person.

At that time, Shen Ruojing even doubted herself.

Did she fall in love and date an imaginary person...?

It was only after she discovered his pregnancy did she understand that at the very least, the night they had spent together was real...

But other than that, that man seemed to only exist in her memories.

Was he really an imaginary character? Or did Chu Cichen lose his memories?

She narrowed her eyes and wanted to ask something, but the other party started laughing.

He used a voice changer so his voice was an electronic one. His laughter was sharp and unpleasant to the ear, like metal grinding against metal, causing those who heard it to feel an extreme sense of discomfort.

After laughing, he continued, "This is the first clue. After you guys investigated clearly, I'll give you the second clue."

After saying that, he directly hung up.

Shen Ruojing. "..."

Chu Cichen. "..."

They knew things wouldn't be so simple!

Was the other party planning to play with them?

The two of them didn't really understand what his purpose was at this moment.

For a time, they fell silent.

Some time passed before Shen Ruojing spoke, "I feel that..."

"I understand," Chu Cichen spoke.

Shen Ruojing. "?"

She hesitated. "What did you understand?"

"You find it troublesome and don't want to investigate, so let me investigate then."

"..." Shen Ruojing suddenly felt that Chu Cichen was very self-aware.

But...

"Are you not afraid of falling into a trap if we allow him to lead us by our noses?"

"Nope." Chu Cichen looked at her. "No matter what the truth is, the person I love has always been you. This point has never changed. This was so six years ago, and it will be the same six years later."

Shen Ruojing. "..."

She suddenly felt her face turning red. This man was speaking so seriously as though he was confessing to her...Also, because he suddenly became so caring, it made her feel like time had returned to six years ago.

The puppy-like guy in her memories was like this.

She coughed and decisively spoke despite her innate dislike for troublesome matters. "Let me investigate this together with you."

"Sure." Chu Cichen's voice was low but very gentle. His eyes were staring tenderly at her. "We can first investigate whether that person in your memories exists or not."

"Hmm." Shen Ruojing then added a reminder. "Before we are done with the investigation..."

"I won't pester you." Chu Cichen was very self-aware.

The two of them came to a mutual agreement before they returned to the living room.

Madam Yun, Matriarch Chu, and Shen Qianhui had gone to tour the streets. Just as the two of them returned, the butler spoke, "The madams said that since you guys are staying here, please just treat this place as your own home."

Shen Ruojing nodded. After that, she saw Chu Tianye and Chu Yu peeping from above. Her peach blossom eyes then looked at Chu Cichen. "You should be very busy, right?"

Chu Cichen planned to say that he wasn't busy.

But before he could say it, he heard the woman saying, "If you are not busy, you can tutor Chu Yu."

"...I'm actually very busy."

Chu Cichen walked out with no hesitation. If he had time, wouldn't it be much better for him to accompany his daughter who had social phobia? Why did he have to torment himself by tutoring Chu Yu?

Chu Xiaomeng felt that there were too many people in the Yun Family's manor, so it was impossible for her to stay there. Since that was the case, she was still in that small villa of his!

After Chu Cichen left, Shen Ruojing went up. When she got to her room, she saw Yun Yiheng sitting in the living room on the second floor and was currently making a call.

He was on loudspeaker and a male voice rang out from the phone. "Yun Yiheng, can you make it or not? I heard that the western music department has found a few internationally famous pianists to improve on the melody. The only thing we can use to contend against them right now is the [Coldness of Plum Blossoms]. Have you fixed the missing part?"

Yun Yiheng scratched his hair irritably, and the other person grew increasingly anxious. Yun Yiheng then continued, "This piece is unique and I found it randomly from an ancient book. As there's a part missing, how can it be so easily fixed?! This daddy spent the entire time last night, but I still cannot complete the piece!"

The other party sighed. "I understand, but we are really in a hurry. You didn't come to school, so you don't know how arrogant those people from the western music department are. Also, even after the piece is fixed, we still need some time to practice. Time waits for no man! Sigh, if Qing Dai was here, she would easily be able to settle this given her attainment in the zither."

"Alright, stop wasting this daddy's time. I'll look for you again once I fix it."

Yun Yiheng then hung up.

When Shen Ruojing heard the words [Coldness of Plum Blossoms], she halted her steps and couldn't help but glance at the few pieces of paper that Yun Yiheng had placed on the coffee table.

Yun Yiheng sensed her gaze and lifted his head to look over. After matching gazes with Shen Ruojing, he couldn't help but ask, "What are you looking at? Do you even understand music?"

Chapter 227 Bai Family

Although Yun Yiheng's words sounded very rude, what he said was the truth.

Western musical instruments used the five-line staff. And as Anonymous, Shen Ruojing would definitely know how to read it. On the other hand, many eastern musical instruments used numbered musical notation, so anyone who had some musical background would be able to understand it as well.

Most of the music scores for the zither today use numbered musical notation.

However, the score for this piece...was from a sole copy of a book. People who didn't study zither extensively wouldn't be able to understand it. Moreover, the tablature notation used in this zither score was passed down from the Tang dynasty.

It used some strange symbols and characters, differentiated between the right and left hand, and looked extremely complicated. Ordinary people would probably be unable to understand it.

Yun Yiheng's major was in zither and he specially studied these.

This ancient book had a very long history, and its papers were so frail that they seemed as if they would scatter when blown by the wind. Therefore, the original copy was sent to professionals to fix it and was stored in the museum.

So, the few pieces of paper that Yun Yiheng was looking at were photocopies.

And there was a part of the original copy that had been damaged, thus it was hard to see it clearly. One could only try to fill in the missing part to connect the former and latter segments, but to date, no one had succeeded.

Yun Yiheng had asked his teacher for help, but his teacher was helpless as well.

In his opinion, if people who studied the zither couldn't figure this out, how could Anonymous, who only specialized in western musical instruments, be able to understand it?

However, Shen Ruojing understood it.

She was the one who had brought this ancient book from overseas and sent it to the museum anonymously.

At this moment, her lips twitched.

When she sent it over, she had considered filling in the missing part. However, at the thought that it was left behind by the people from back then, and that flaws could be interpreted as a type of beauty, she didn't try to do anything excessive...

She was planning to say something when Chu Yu suddenly came over. He looked up and asked, his eyes opening wide. "Mommy, are you free?"

"Yes!"

Like magic, Chu Yu somehow took out a book on Mathematics Olympiad questions, and he looked at her. "There are a few questions I don't know. Can you teach me?"

Shen Ruojing. "?"

She had miscalculated!

When they left Sea City, it was as if they were fleeing for their lives, so how could Chu Yu have remembered to bring along his Mathematics Olympiad book?!

Her countenance instantly changed. "What did you just say?"

"There are a few mathematical questions I don't understand. Can you teach me?"

"Not this. The previous line."

Chu Yu was perplexed. "Mommy, are you free?"

"No. I suddenly remembered that someone asked me out to go fishing." Shen Ruojing went downstairs in a panic.

She then heard a sneer as Yun Yiheng said in disdain, "What kind of mother are you? You don't qualify at being one at all!"

Chu Yu couldn't stand others saying bad things about Shen Ruojing and quickly explained, "My mommy doesn't know how..."

"If she doesn't know, then she should learn it! After she's done learning it, she'll then teach you!" Yun Yiheng looked at Chu Yu matter-of-factly and waved his hand. "Come, Uncle will help you take a look!"

Chu Yu. "... Are you sure that you know how?"

"Heh, although Uncle majors in music, my school is a national university of great importance. Back then, I got into the school with the best result!"

Yun Yiheng snatched the book that Chu Yu was holding and took a look at it. "These are so simple, but she doesn't know how to do them?"

This was clearly addition and subtraction within 100! What was that about Mathematics Olympiad questions?

Chu Yu's countenance turned a little colder. "Oh, I brought the wrong book. This isn't the right one."

He turned and went to his room, then after some time, took out a set of Mathematics Olympiad questions to hand them to Yun Yiheng. "Uncle, it's this one."

Yun Yiheng took a look and saw a bunch of messy unique symbols that he had seen before in his university mathematics book. He instantly recalled the horror of the risk of failing his subject!

He immediately looked at Chu Yu. "I don't..."

Before he could finish his sentence with "know", Chu Yu said, "Even if Uncle doesn't know how, you'll learn it and then teach me, right? After all, you're a qualified uncle."

"..."

Yun Yiheng wanted to take back his words!

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After Shen Ruojing went downstairs, she walked in the Yun Family's garden, feeling bored.

After a while, she suddenly heard the sounds of a conversation. She then turned and saw Qian Nanyin, who had left with Madam Qian earlier. He came back again.

At this moment, he was talking with Yun Wei. "Little Wei, introduce me to Mr. Chu."

Yun Wei lowered her head. "My maternal cousin isn't around."

"How can he not be around? You just don't want to do the introduction, right?"

Yun Wei pursed her lips. "He's really not around."

At this moment, Qian Nanyin's expression turned sinister from anger. "So what if Chu Cichen is your cousin? Let me tell you, Yuyi promised to introduce me to the Bai Family! That's one of the four major families in the capital! They are many times more amazing than the Chu Family! Why are you acting so smug?"

However, Yun Wei didn't say a word in reply.

Seeing this, Qian Nanyin stomped his feet in anger. "Let me tell you, I won't agree to this marriage. Even if both our parents set a wedding date, I won't appear at the wedding! It's so unlucky to see you in this half-dead state!"

After saying this, he turned around and left.

Yun Wei stood on the spot and clenched her fists tightly.

Just as Shen Ruojing was hesitating if she should go over and comfort her, she saw Yun Wei throwing two punches in the direction he had left and scolding, "Even if I have to go through the wedding rites with a rooster, I wouldn't want you to appear at the wedding!"

Shen Ruojing. "..."

She suddenly saw this unknown side of her cousin!

Shen Ruojing was about to leave quietly when Yun Wei suddenly turned around. The moment Yun Wei saw her, she immediately retracted her fist and placed it in front of her, returning to her serious appearance.

"..." Shen Ruojing was silent for a moment before saying, "Cousin, my condolences?"

Yun Wei. "?"

Shen Ruojing coughed and was about to leave when Yun Wei suddenly asked, "Cousin, do you want to get a drink?"

"…"

Half an hour later.

Yun Wei drove and brought Shen Ruojing to a private restaurant in Ford City.

Neither of them said anything on the way, but their relationship seemed to have gotten closer for some reason.

When they arrived at the restaurant, Yun Wei said, "This is the most authentic restaurant in Ford City. Only the locals in Ford City know about it. When outsiders come to travel, they won't be able to find their way to this place..."

As Yun Wei introduced the restaurant, the two of them walked toward the reserved private room.

However, after taking two steps, she suddenly heard a cry from a private room. "Grandfather? Grandfather! Hurry up and call for an ambulance!"

Shen Ruojing's professional instincts made her walk over and push open the private room's door. She then saw an old man lying on the ground with a pale countenance.

Beside him, there was a young man in a white suit shouting anxiously.

Moreover, a few bodyguards in black, who didn't look like simple characters, were surrounding them. Someone was calling the doctor.

Shen Ruojing only took a glance at the old man on the ground and knew that he had a tension pneumothorax.

This was an acute illness from an accumulation of fluid in the chest, so CPR was useless. By the time the ambulance arrived, it would probably be too late to save him.

This required immediate chest drainage surgery!

Shen Ruojing immediately went up but was stopped by the bodyguards. She then said in a deep voice, "I'm a doctor."

However, the bodyguards didn't let her through. Instead, they looked at the young man in white.

The young man frowned. Seeing how young Shen Ruojing was, he clearly didn't trust her that much. "No need. Our doctor will be arriving shortly."

He felt very regretful about why he hadn't brought along the family doctor when he brought his grandfather out for a meal!

"I'm sorry. There's not enough time."

Shen Ruojing only said this and then turned to say to Yun Wei, "Help me hold them back."

After saying that, she waved her fists and kicked out the bodyguards who were stopping her. She then quickly went over to the dining table, picked up a knife, and disinfected it with the alcohol on the table.

The next moment, she lifted the old man's clothes, pressed down on the middle line between his second rib, and pushed the knife down without hesitation!

Pffft!

Blood splattered out.

"What are you doing?"

The young man bellowed angrily and shouted, "If anything were to happen to my grandfather, our Bai Family will not let this slide!"

Chapter 228 Visitors

Shen Ruojing immediately stabbed the old man with a knife, causing him to bleed. It was no wonder the patient's family member was shocked.

Because of it, Shen Ruojing didn't blame this young man for reproaching her. She only heaved a sigh of relief when she saw the old man, who hadn't been moving, finally regain faint breathings.

However, when she looked up, she saw Yun Wei blocking in front of her. She was also holding a cutlery knife and was waving it. "Ahhhhh, don't come over!"

The bodyguards were stunned by her.

As the young man was eager to save his grandfather, he went forward, grabbed Yun Wei's wrist, and knocked it hard against the dining table. As a result, Yun Wei's wrist hurt badly, and the knife fell to the ground.

The young man then pushed Yun Wei away and was about to pull Shen Ruojing back.

When Yun Wei saw this, she became anxious and bit the man's arm without warning!

The man was in so much pain that he wanted to shake her off, but Yun Wei bit him tightly. At this moment, there was only one thought in her mind.

Her cousin had said to stop them!

She was saving a life and mustn't be disturbed!

The young man was furious and pushed Yun Wei with one hand. "Are you a dog?"

Yun Wei muttered, "@#\\\"

"..." Shen Ruojing didn't expect her cousin to put in so much effort for this.

However, seeing that the ambulance had yet to arrive, she scanned the room again. After finding the first-aid kit, she took out an infusion tube and inserted it into the patient's chest. The other end was attached to a rubber finger glove.

She then cut a one-centimeter opening on the hard end of the finger glove to act as a valve, making it easy for the gas in the chest to be expelled, while the outside air could not enter the chest.

The old man's breathing gradually stabilized.

At this moment, a family doctor who was out of breath from running finally rushed over.

When the young man saw him, he immediately said, "Hurry up and check on my grandfather!"

The family doctor only took a look and immediately shouted, "This is nonsense! The old master has an autoimmune disease and a weak constitution. He mustn't undergo any surgery! He mustn't undergo surgery even if he has tension pneumothorax!"

The moment the doctor said this, the young man's eyes instantly turned red. He looked at Shen Ruojing with a gaze as if he wanted to kill someone. "I told you earlier that we don't need you to give treatment!"

His grandfather's condition was special. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been so rude to a doctor who was merely passing by.

However, this doctor didn't listen to them...

This young man was furious. "Men, tie her up. If anything happens to Grandfather, I want her to die with him!"

"Noisy," Shen Ruojing said indifferently. She then took out a black Chinese medicine pill from her pocket and fed it to the old man.

The pill melted in his mouth and flowed into his stomach.

The family doctor immediately shouted, "What did you feed the old master now? You don't understand the old master's health, so how can you give him medicine recklessly?"

After saying that, he pried open the old master's mouth and smelled a familiar fragrance of medicinal herbs.

The family doctor was stunned. "It's the Five Taste Powder?"

He was struck by a realization. "Did you know that the old master has an autoimmune disease?"

Shen Ruojing nodded. "That's right."

The family doctor was immediately filled with admiration. He asked excitedly, "Young lady, where did you get the Five Taste Powder from? Divine Doctor Jing's Five Taste Powder is almost always out of stock. I've never been able to buy it..."

When the young man beside him heard this, he was puzzled. "Doctor, what do you mean? How is Grandfather's condition..."

Only then did the family doctor say, "Mr. Bai, the old master is saved! Given the old master's emergency today, there was nothing that could be done even if he was sent to the hospital. Even though I was at the scene just now, I couldn't operate on him either... It's all thanks to this young lady!"

When the young man heard this, he was enlightened. He was clearly a reasonable person and immediately apologized, "I'm sorry. I was too agitated just now. I..."

"It's fine," Shen Ruojing said calmly. "The situation was urgent and I didn't have time to explain."

It was understandable for the family to be agitated.

The young man paused for a moment before looking at Yun Wei. "Then... Can you get this young lady to let go?"

Yun Wei immediately released her mouth and placed her hands in front of her chest. She looked very innocent and virtuous as if the person who had bitten someone just now wasn't her.

She glanced at the young man. "I'm sorry."

"..."

Shen Ruojing coughed and gave Yun Wei a look.

The two of them turned around and wanted to leave, but the young man stopped them and handed over a business card. "My grandfather is Bai Wei, and my name is Bai Xiaojiu. Please leave your contact details. I'll definitely visit you on another day to thank you for what happened today!"

Shen Ruojing didn't move.

Yun Wei then took the business card and handed one of hers to him.

When the family doctor was about to ask Shen Ruojing about the Five Taste Powder, she quickly left the private room.

At this moment, the old man lying on the ground suddenly opened his eyes. In a daze, he saw Shen Ruojing, who had left the room. Her side profile suddenly cleared up the blurry old man's mind.

That familiar face...

He was so agitated that he wanted to call out to her, but just as he opened his mouth, he coughed.

The family doctor immediately pressed him down. "Old Master!"

Bai Wei reached out his hand, wanting to stop the two ladies. Unfortunately, in his excitement, he fainted again.

The family doctor hurriedly checked his body and realized that the old master's body was even healthier than before he fainted because he had taken the Five Taste Powder!

The Five Taste Powder was really a miraculous medicine!

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Shen Ruojing left the private room with Yun Wei.

One of them was afraid that the family doctor would pester her on the purchase of the Five Taste Powder, while the other was afraid that the young man whose wrist was bitten would cause trouble for her. Therefore, the two of them headed to the parking lot tacitly and quickly drove away.

When they returned to the Yun Manor, they saw another car in the parking lot.

When Yun Wei saw the car, her expression darkened. "That woman is here again!"

Shen Ruojing asked, "Which woman?"

"Wen Yuyi's mother, my grandaunt's goddaughter!" Yun Wei gritted her teeth in anger. "You don't know how much pain my mother had to suffer at home before Wen Yuyi's mother got married. She's just a goddaughter. Does she really think she's so high and mighty? I really want to bite her to death!"

Other people's bites might only express a form of hatred.

However, when her cousin said to bite someone to death...

Shen Ruojing felt that it could have a literal meaning!!

When the two of them entered, they saw a middle-aged woman who looked a little similar to Wen Yuyi sitting on the sofa in the living room. Madam Yun and the others had yet to come home from shopping, so only Yun Zhengyang sat opposite her. He asked, "Why do you come back here today, Sister?"

Mrs. Wen, Shen Wanxian, said, "I heard that Mother's biological daughter is here. That's why I came back to take a look. Moreover..."

She suddenly suppressed her voice. "Eldest Brother, I heard that the Bai Family's old master has come to Ford City. He went to Sea City previously and just arrived here. I heard that he's looking for someone."

Yun Zhengyang's gaze flickered slightly.

He also wanted to get to know the Bai Family. It'd be good if they could forge a deeper relationship between the two families. With that, he'd be able to reject the marriage with the Qian Family for his daughter!

Shen Wanxian then said, "After moving to the capital after my marriage, I didn't spend my time there for nothing. I recently got to know the Bai Family's third daughter-in-law, and I've asked her to help contact the Bai Family's old master to come to our house for me to play host to him! When they come, I'll introduce Eldest Brother to him!"

When Yun Zhengyang heard this, he was stunned. "Would he come?"

Could the Bai Family's third daughter-in-law successfully ask this of Old Master Bai?

Shen Wanxian wasn't too sure either, but she didn't dare to show this on her face. "Anyway, I've extended the invitation. It'd be up to Old Master Bai to see if he wants to get to know our family! Eldest Brother, what we can do now is wait!"

Shen Wanxian had just finished speaking when the butler entered the room in a panic. "Someone's here! They claim to be from the Bai Family!"

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Someone from the Bai Family was here?

Hearing this, Shen Wanxian started.

Actually, she didn't harbor any hope of them coming. After all, the Bai Family from the capital was one of the four great families!

Being one of the four great families didn't merely mean that they were rich. It was also a symbol of status and identity!

Hence, they basically gave no damn about the small influential families. As an example, Shen Wanxian had married into the Wen Family from the capital for so many years and only managed to get acquainted with the third daughter-in-law from the Bai Family by chance...

The third son was someone who was doted upon the least, so the third daughter-in-law didn't have much status in the family. She basically wouldn't have any chance to speak to the old master.

Since that was the case, Shen Wanxian came this time purely because she had heard that the Chu Family was here. She wanted to use the pretext of her being acquainted with the Bai Family so her daughter would seem more pleasing to Matriarch Chu's eyes.

But who would have thought that the third daughter-in-law actually succeeded?

For a time, Shen Wanxian was extremely excited.

Yun Zhengyang was also surprised. "Which Bai Family?"

The butler immediately replied, "The Bai Family from the Capital. Sir, it is none other than that Bai Family!"

Yun Zhengyang hurriedly asked, "Where are they now?"

The butler then replied, "Their butler came in their stead, and he delivered a card saying that their old master recently had an operation, so he needs to rest now. He will only come to pay a visit in five days."

Yun Zhengyang immediately said, "I'll go with you to see him."

Even the butler from the Bai Family required Yun Zhengyang to personally welcome him. From this, one could tell the disparity between the status of the two families.

Yun Zhengyang only saw Shen Ruojing and Yun Wei after he followed his butler out. He nodded to the two of them.

Shen Wanxian then saw them after he left. She smiled and greeted, "Little Wei, this must be Miss Shen, right?"

Yun Wei nodded, "Correct,"

Shen Wanxian ignored the distant attitude Yun Wei had toward her, and her vision was fixed on Shen Ruojing.

When she saw how beautiful Shen Ruojing looked despite using no make-up, she narrowed her eyes slightly before lowering her eyelids and not speaking anymore.

Very soon, Yun Zhengyang returned with Madam Yun, Matriarch Chu, and Shen Qianhui who had just come back from their outing.

Shen Wanxian's gaze swept past Madam Yun and Matriarch Chu, and ultimately landed on Shen Qianhui. She then passionately stood up to grasp her hand. "This must be the little sister that mother has been raising outside, right? Indeed, she looks the same as mother did when she was younger!"

After saying that, her eyes turned red and she used a tissue to wipe her eyes. "When mother passed away, she held my hands and told me that I must take good care of you from the shadows. I also didn't expect the Shen Family would bully you so badly...How pitiful, you must have suffered a lot through these years!"

Between the lines, she spoke about how Shen Qianhui had been bullied for so many years. She also made it sound as though she was the owner of this place.

Upon hearing this, Shen Qianhui's expression stiffened and she quietly pulled her hand back.

Matriarch Chu lowered her eyelids. "What suffering are you talking about? Mrs. Shen might have been bullied when she was younger, but who in Sea City doesn't know that she is a business genius? She was already managing the Shen Family's business when she was studying at university. Through her hard work, she built the Shen Family up from nothing. I admire her very much!"

Madam Yun also agreed. "She must have inherited aunt's business talent! As expected of her being the biological daughter!"

The moment the word 'biological' rang out, Shen Wanxian's expression stiffened.

She clenched her fingers before smiling. "I see. Younger sister is indeed impressive. I'm not too good at managing businesses. At most, I can only mingle around and make friends everywhere..."

After saying that, she looked at Yun Zhengyang. "Is the matter of the Bai Family confirmed?"

Yun Zhengyang immediately smiled. "It is confirmed. The old master of the Bai Family will personally pay a visit in five days!"

"The Bai Family?" Matriarch Chu couldn't help but be shocked. "The Bai Family from the capital?"

Shen Wanxian satisfiedly spoke, "That's right. The old master of the Bai Family came to Ford City, so I thought of a solution to invite him here so we can take the chance to play host and show our graciousness."

Shen Wanxian then continued, "Matriarch Chu, I heard that the old master from the Bai Family went to Sea City before this. As the leader of Sea City, did the Chu Family manage to host a banquet for the old master?"

"..." Matriarch Chu fell silent. "We are not acquainted with the Bai Family."

The main point was that previously, the Chu Corporation had been in the midst of a crisis. Even if the old master of the Bai Family had gone there, they wouldn't be in any mood to welcome him.

In addition, Chu Cichen was young and vigorous, having his own thoughts. He didn't seem to want any connection with the people from the four great families.

Shen Wanxian lifted her chin slightly. "Look, I only knew that he just came back from Sea City. If I had known about this long ago, I would have been able to help you guys connect with each other. But there's still time now. Five days later, I can make the introduction. Oh right...when they come five days later, will it be for lunch or dinner?"

Yun Zhengyang replied, "Lunch."

Madam Yun immediately expressed, "In that case, during these five days, I'll specially organize a sumptuous banquet to welcome them! I wonder if there's anything the old master of the Bai Family doesn't eat?!"

Shen Wanxian said, "The old master's body isn't very healthy, so there are many things he cannot eat. However, I didn't manage to check this clearly as of now. How about this? Let me be the one to organize the banquet. I will ask the third daughter-in-law of the Bai Family what the old master likes to eat the most."

Madam Yun. "?"

Why did this Shen Wanxian directly snatch away the authority of the female owner of the house the moment she returned?

But no matter how Madam Yun tried, she wasn't able to make a rebuttal!

Shen Wanxian even looked at Madam Yun. "Eldest sis-in-law, you won't mind, right?"

Madam Yun was so angry that her chest was heaving. But she then deeply inhaled twice and could only spit the words "Nope" out.

After that, everyone could see how shameless Shen Wanxian was.

All the furniture here had their placements changed due to her insistence.

Shen Wanxian was fond of European-style stuff, so when she stayed here before she got married, all the furniture was made in Europe.

On the other hand, Madam Yun was fond of Chinese-style furniture. But even after she had married Yun Zhengyang, she couldn't change the furniture according to what she liked despite being the female owner of the house.

It wasn't easy for Madam Yun to wait until Shen Wanxian got married before she finally managed to change the style of the house.

But now, the servants were told to move the European furniture out of the storage and replace the Chinese-style ones. The entire living room had its look completely changed, and it didn't look like the home Madam Yun liked anymore...

This was especially so when Shen Wanxian ordered people to move the Chinese-style furniture away. She even mocked, "This style is too old and boring. It isn't fashionable in the capital. We shouldn't put this kind of furniture here, or people might start ridiculing us..."

Madam Yun held her anger in and decided to head back to her bedroom, so she wouldn't see this nonsense.

When she was enduring her anger, Yun Wei pushed the bedroom door and entered.

Madam Yun's eyes were red as she said, "The mother-and-daughter pair always act like creditors hounding our family for debt!"

Yun Wei angrily spoke, "She has married out, so you don't have to tolerate her nonsense."

Madam Yun sighed. "I know but if we can really forge a connection with the Bai Family, our family will have the confidence to reject your marriage engagement with the Qian Family..."

These words caused Yun Wei to start slightly.

However, she suddenly felt that something was amiss and then took out a name card from her pocket. This name card was given by the young man after Shen Ruojing had saved the old man today.

Yun Wei recalled that she also gave her name card to the other party. She suddenly asked, "Mother, what is the name of that old master from the Bai Family of the capital?"

It seemed that those two she had met today were also surnamed 'Bai'?

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Madam Yun was startled upon hearing this.

After pondering, she patted her head. "I don't know!"

Yun Wei. "Can you ask father?"

Madam Yun was inquisitive. "Why do you want to know this?"

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Yun Wei sighed. "So we can avoid being too impolite."

Yun Zhengyang was currently in the study, so Madam Yun directly sent him a text.

Yun Zhengyang replied very quickly: [The old master's surname is 'Bai' and his name is 'Wei'.]

Bai Wei?

Yun Wei felt that this sounded somewhat familiar. But back when Bai Xiaojiu introduced them, because her teeth were in pain from biting the other party, she didn't manage to hear the words clearly.

She asked again, "In that case, what is the name of his grandson?"

Yun Zhengyang. [He has many grandsons, but the eldest grandson is named Bai Zhongzhang.]

Many grandsons...

Yun Wei used Madam Yun's phone to send another text. [In that case, does he have a grandson named Bai Xiaojiu?]

Yun Zhengyang: [I've never heard that one before.]

Yun Wei. "..."

She felt a little disappointed.

However, she still found this matter to be very ridiculous. If Shen Wanxian could invite Old Master Bai, why would there be a need for Wen Yuyi to stay in the Yun Family and seek a good family to marry into?

She then left Madam Yun's bedroom and went to look for Shen Ruojing. After that, she asked, "Ruojing, are there many families with the surname 'Bai'?"

Chu Tianye and Chu Yu were already asleep after finishing their dinner. While brewing her wolfberry tea, Shen Ruojing calmly replied, "Although it's uncommon, it can still be considered a lot. I know a family surnamed 'Bai' in Sea City."

"..." Yun Wei completely gave up. "That's right, how could things be so coincidental?"

Shen Ruojing was planning to ask her what was the matter, but they suddenly heard knocking on the door.

And before she gave permission to enter, the door was pushed open.

Shen Wanxian brought along two servants and barged in.

Shen Ruojing narrowed her eyes.

Yun Wei was badly enraged. "Aunt, what are you doing? Luckily, we are dressed properly. How can you bring people and barge in like this?"

Shen Wanxian immediately smiled. "Aiya, for a moment, I forgot that there are people staying here. My apologies."

Shen Qianhui, who was in the bedroom, walked out after hearing the noise.

Shen Wanxian said, "Younger sister, I suddenly recalled that there's a jade tea flask in mother's room, so I wish to take that out when we play host to Old Master Bai."

After saying that, she rudely entered the bedroom that Shen Qianhui was staying in and pointed to a cabinet. She then instructed the servants, "The green box on the second shelf."

The servants went over and took the box.

They completely ignored the fact that Shen Qianhui hadn't permitted them to enter.

Yun Wei frowned. "Aunt Wanxian, Aunt Qianhui is currently residing here. If you wish to enter, shouldn't you get the permission of the owner first?"

Owner...

Shen Wanxian's eyes flashed with a mocking light.

Who the hell was Shen Qianhui? She was the owner of this room!

Shen Wanxian sighed again. "I'm sorry. Because I used to stay here, I subconsciously treat this place as my own room. In addition, Old Master Bai is used to a high lifestyle. Those ordinary items are really incapable of matching his expectations. Hence, I can only use some of mother's items to salvage the situation."

Yun Wei tensed. "If you need anything, you can ask Aunt Qianhui to help you get them."

"Oh." Shen Wanxian smiled. "In that case, younger sister...can you help me take mother's porcelain vase? We can place the vase in the living room so the place will look nicer."

"..."

Shen Qianhui clenched her fists.

She just stayed in here, so how could she know where the porcelain vase was?

It felt as though Shen Wanxian sensed her embarrassment. "Oh look at me, how would you know where things are placed in the room? Come, let me show you."

She walked to the entrance of the main bedroom. There were wooden hanging boards there, and on the left-most side, one of the boards was filled with horizontal lines made by a writing brush.

She laughed. "This was when mother recorded my height. When I was six, my growth suddenly slowed, and mother was anxious. She brought me to many doctors but in the end, the doctors told her that she was worrying needlessly. Children have times when they grow fast and slow..."

Shen Qianhui suddenly felt her heart clenching.

A sudden sense of jealousy and sullenness flooded her heart.

When she moved in yesterday, Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun's passionate attitude caused Shen Qianhui's heart, which was lacking in love, to be filled. There was even an instant when she felt that this was her home.

She stayed in her mother's room and she missed everything about her mother. She wanted to know everything about her mother.

But at this moment, Shen Wanxian's casual words caused her to suddenly wake up.

Even when her mother died, she had never acknowledged her.

On the other hand, Shen Wanxian was her mother's legal daughter in terms of identity. Shen Wanxian knew everything in this room clearly. In fact, she grew up here.

This realization caused Shen Qianhui to sigh. Her sense of belonging here vanished completely.

Maybe from the start, she shouldn't have this sense of belonging.

Shen Wanxian seemed to have discovered her disappointment. She then walked to the side and pointed to another vase. "This is the vase mother loves the most. It's a pity that I broke it accidentally when I was little. Mother wasn't willing to throw it away, so she found someone to mend it and placed it here. Look, you can still see the lines of the cracks...

"Oh, as for this secondary bedroom, it was the room I stayed in. Mother helped to design it into a princess-style room. I was still young back then so I loved pink."

"..."

Every single word of hers was flaunting her identity as the 'owner'.

But Shen Qianhui was clearly the biological daughter!

Shen Qianhui's expression was extremely unsightly as she forced herself to smile. She suddenly asked, "Are there guest rooms in the Yun Family?"

Shen Wanxian laughed. "There are many guest rooms here. I've got someone to prepare two rooms for you. Younger sister, you can move over there if you want to."

After saying that, she even acted hypocritically and sighed. "After all, there will be many times when I will need to take things out of mother's room. It won't be too good if I keep disturbing younger sister's rest. Younger sister can move back in after I finish arranging the furniture of the house, okay?"

"No need." Shen Qianhui calmly replied, "Anyway, I have to go to the filming set tomorrow."

If it wasn't for the fact that it was already too late today and the two children were unsuited for long-distance traveling, Shen Qianhui would be leaving now.

After she said that, she went to the washroom attached to the bedroom and put away her toiletries.

She lifted her head and looked at this place.

Yesterday, she had a discussion with Jing Zhen about what sort of person her mother was. Her mother had left many things here, and she could see endless traces of love everywhere through various details.

But now, she understood that all the love here wasn't for her.

She was forever that person abandoned by her mother.

She lifted her stuff and looked like a defeated general. She then turned and was about to leave the room.

But at this moment, a clear voice rang out, "Hold on!"