

Boss Mommy 341

Chapter 341 Truth Revealed

Bai Xiaojiu asked anxiously, "Which testing organization was it?"

As Matriarch Bai frowned, Shen Ruoqing smiled. "All three testing organizations in the capital belong to the Shen Family. Therefore, regardless of where you go, you won't be able to get the real results."

The moment she said this, Matriarch Bai clenched her fists tightly and doubts rose in her heart. "What do you mean by that?"

As the wife of an influential family, Matriarch Bai had been through many years of hardships and was sensitive to the slightest bit of movement. She was already starting to feel suspicious.

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Could it be that what Shen Ruoqing said was the truth?

In the room, Shen Wanying yelled, "Shen Ruoqing, what do you mean by that?! Grandmother, don't listen to their rubbish! The testing organizations are all orthodox and regulated. How can they fabricate lies?!"

"If Bai Xiaojiu hadn't gone for a DNA test, I wouldn't have such doubts either." Shen Ruoqing's tone was calm.

Bai Xiaojiu had visited the Bai Residence and seen the photo of the Bai Family's second son. He was sure of the other party's identity.

Bai Shanshan was clearly Bai Jiayao's daughter, and the father and daughter shared a 70% resemblance, so how could it be faked? How could the test result show that they were not cousins?

Shen Ruoqing had secretly reported the capital's DNA testing organizations for making some fabrications. She had asked Captain Cui to help with the investigations.

Who was Captain Cui?

He was the captain of a unique department!

He was an amazing character in the country with a specialization in interrogating criminals. With just a simple interrogation, he made the testing organization's staff members reveal the truth.

Shen Ruoqing then took out his phone and opened up a video that Captain Cui had recorded for her. One of the testing organization's members was interrogated in the video. The person said to the camera, "That's right, Miss Shen Wanying told us that if anyone from the Bai Family were to do a DNA test, we must inform her in advance."

The speaker was the one who had done the DNA test for Bai Xiaojiu. Matriarch Bai didn't know this person and said warily, "How would I know if this is real or fake when you just randomly get someone to record a video?"

"Then what about this one?"

Shen Ruoqing opened another video, and it was a person that Matriarch Bai recognized!

When Matriarch Bai went to do the test, this was the person who attended to her! This person said to the camera, feeling scared, "When Matriarch Bai came, we immediately informed Miss Shen Wanying. As we needed some time to fake the report, Miss Shen Wanying had us use the excuse that the machine was damaged and she told us to drag for more time...the real report showed that the little girl and Matriarch Bai are related..."

When Matriarch Bai saw this, she stumbled.

The balance in her heart was already tilted to the side...

All three testing organizations belonged to the Shen Family. The Shen Family had a huge share in the medical and pharmaceutical industry, and many hospitals were owned by them. Therefore, it wouldn't be hard for Shen Wanying to contact them in advance.

Seeing that Matriarch Bai had stopped talking, Shen Wanying was even more stunned. She suddenly slammed the door intensely. "Grandmother, they must be trying to slander me! Trust me, this is definitely not true! Bai Shanshan's father has passed away, but Second Uncle is still alive and well! He calls you every month. Have you forgotten?!"

The words "alive and well" stimulated Matriarch Bai. Her eyes turned red and she immediately took out her phone with trembling hands. "That's right, my second son is still alive! He even added me on WeChat, and we would call each other every month..."

Back when the Bai Family's second son left home, there was no WeChat.

Therefore, Shen Wanying took a lot of effort to convince the Bai Family's "second son" to add Matriarch Bai on Wechat after she had found him.

Shen Wanying, who was in the room, was shivering badly from the cold.

She took out her phone with trembling hands.

Thank goodness Chu Cimo hadn't taken her phone...

She first opened up WeChat and messaged Hacker CY: [The video from the surveillance camera has been recovered!]

CY replied very quickly: [I'm sorry, you notified me too late and it was recovered before I could delete it completely.]

So this was how it was...

A hint of resentment flashed in Shen Wanying's eyes. [You spoiled my plans!]

In a certain dim room in the capital, the lights weren't turned on.

The glow from the computer screen shone on the young man in front of it.

At this moment, the young man's phoenix eyes stared at the WeChat message window on the screen. He was chewing on gum, but a hint of viciousness flashed in his eyes.

He had always cooperated well with this client. The other party had always been generous with the pay, and he was extremely skilled. Therefore, they trusted each other.

This was why, this time around, Chu Ciyuan thought that he would only need to delete an ordinary video and did not pay much heed to it. Shen Wanying only had him quickly take care of things after Shen Qianhui had made a ruckus to do a search of the building.

He then opened up the video.

After seeing it, Chu Ciyuan sat up straight.

F*ck!

Wasn't the person harmed by the butler, Chu Cimo's girlfriend? She had even given birth to a daughter for him!

Chu Ciyuan subconsciously wanted to call Chu Cimo to have him save her, but at the next moment, he saw Chu Cimo dashing into the hall.

Chu Cimo's action of calling paused.

Heh.

The entire Chu Family had moved to the capital, but no one informed him. They didn't take him as a member of the Chu Family!

Then how could he possibly help them?!

Therefore, he deleted the video angrily.

It was impossible to destroy a video like this by just deleting it. It would require multiple actions and a programming code. Other than Hacker X, who was the number one international Hacker, no one would be able to recover it.

However, Chu Ciyuan seemed to have forgotten about this matter and didn't write a code to delete it repeatedly.

He only used the simplest method and put it in the recycle bin.

Anyone who knew how to use the computer a little would be able to restore it.

Chu Ciyuan stared at the screen and watched the footage. He then replied casually. [I already said that I'm sorry.]

Shen Wanying. "..."

She took a deep breath. [Are you done with the technology I asked you to do the other time?]

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CY: [It's done.]

Shen Wanying: [You're sure that there won't be any problems?]

CY: [I'm sure.]

When Shen Wanying saw this, she felt at ease. She immediately deleted the chat history and shouted, "Grandmother, get into a video call with Second Uncle! I'll show you that Second Uncle is alive! What they are saying are lies!"

Matriarch Bai opened up WeChat while trembling and started a video call with her second son!

The other party rejected the call and replied with an audio message. The familiar voice sounded, "What do you want? I'm busy!"

After he said this, Shen Wanying shouted from the other side of the door, "Second Uncle! Hurry up and turn on the camera! Prove to Grandmother who you are!"

The other party paused. He seemed to understand the hidden meaning behind her words.

Therefore, he cursed as he hung up the call before turning on a video call.

Other than sending a photo to Matriarch Bai at the beginning, the Bai Family's second son had never turned on a video call before. He had only spoken to Matriarch Bai through audio calls. Therefore, this was the first time Matriarch Bai ever got on a video call with him.

After the other party agreed to the video call request, Matriarch Bai selected to accept the call with trembling hands.

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A familiar and slightly aged face appeared on the screen, and Matriarch Bai's eyes immediately contracted. "That's right, that's right, you're my second son... there's no way this is faked!"

Shen Wanying heaved a huge sigh of relief.

This was her trump card!

A long time ago, she had gotten CY to make her a photo of their second uncle, which looked a little older than when he had left the family.

After all, they had been on the calls for two years. If they still didn't get on a video call, Matriarch Bai would start to have doubts!

Thankfully, Shen Wanying was prepared for this. After seeing the person on the phone, Matriarch Bai would definitely choose to believe her without any hesitation.

As expected, the voice of the Bai Family's second son rang out through the video call. "Mother, do you not trust me? Do you think that I'm lying to you? Then don't contact me anymore in the future..."

"No, no, no! I was wrong! Son, Mother was wrong... Mother was muddle-headed..."

Matriarch Bai's eyes had turned red, and she didn't even blink as she stared at the screen.

This was the first time they were seeing each other after 28 years...

Her second son had aged...

Matriarch Bai now completely believed Shen Wanying, but just as she was about to fall out with the Chu Family and forcibly save Shen Wanying, the screen on her phone paused and suddenly flickered. The scene then changed! The special effects had disappeared!

Her second son suddenly turned into an unfamiliar face. However, he still used a voice that she was familiar with and said to the camera, "Then have you taken a good look? I've just gotten a little older than I was back then. How can I not be your son?"

"..."

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Matriarch Bai was dumbfounded.

She stared at the person on the video call and finally understood what was going on...

She then lifted her head in disbelief.

Inside the room.

Shen Wanying was still shouting, "Grandmother, please save me on behalf of second uncle! I'm too cold, this place is too cold..."

But despite shouting, there was no sound from outside the door.

At this moment, her phone vibrated and she lowered her head for a look. She then saw CY sending her a voice message. [Sorry, the network is bad, so the special effects have fallen off.]

Shen Wanying. "..."

She was infuriated and roared at her phone, "What the hell are you doing exactly?"

However, CY was as calm as ever. [I've said I'm sorry. Forget it, if you are not happy, I'll return the deposit to you.]

...Was the failure of special effects something that could be mitigated by returning some money?!

Shen Wanying directly tossed her phone down and used even more force as she knocked on the iron door. "Grandmother, listen to my explanation. Things aren't what appeared on the surface. I...I'm only doing this for your own good. I found someone to imitate second uncle because I saw that your mental state wasn't very good!"

Matriarch Bai's hands were trembling as her phone fell to the ground.

She stared at the iron gate in absolute disbelief.

So during these two years, the person talking to her on the phone wasn't her second son?!

Everything was a scheme set up by Shen Wanying to swindle her!

Matriarch Bai was in so much shock that her legs turned soft. If it wasn't for her butler supporting her, she would have fallen to the ground at this instant!

She wasn't a fool!

If it wasn't for the fake DNA report, she might still continue to lie to herself for the sake of peace in the Bai Family, ignoring Shen Wanying's plot and treating it as if Shen Wanying was really doing this for her sake.

However, Shen Wanying had swapped Chu Xiaoqi's DNA report, and this meant that she had long since known the truth. Shen Wanying knew that Bai Shanshan was the Matriarch's biological granddaughter!

And in that situation, she even schemed to get Bai Shanshan frozen to death in this room!

Shen Wanying wanted Bai Shanshan to die, so everything would be concealed!

When Matriarch Bai thought about this, she abruptly turned her head to look at Bai Shanshan who was covered in Chu Cimo's shirt and supported by Shen Qianhui and the assistant...

This small-time celebrity that she looked down on, someone who she disdained verbally for having a low status, was actually her biological granddaughter!

But what had she done?!

She had helped Shen Wanying to deal with Bai Shanshan and seize Sparton's slot away...

In fact, just earlier, even when she clearly knew that Shen Wanying had attempted to kill Bai Shanshan, she still stood protectively before Shen Wanying...

How could she do this to her second son's daughter!!

Matriarch Bai's eyes turned red and her lips trembled. She walked toward Bai Shanshan stiffly and stretched out her hand, wanting to touch Bai Shanshan's face. She spoke, "Good child, I...your grandmother was wrong...I was wrong!"

Matriarch Bai burst out crying in agony!

As she was an old woman, she looked extremely miserable when she cried.

Her expression of agony and regret also caused Bai Shanshan's eyes to turn red.

Bai Shanshan fell silent for a moment before she supported Matriarch Bai up. "Old madam, I don't blame you. My father had told me since I was young that his mother was a person who loved him deeply."

Although Bai Shanshan said that she didn't hate her, she actually addressed Matriarch Bai as 'Old Madam' and not 'grandmother'...

Matriarch Bai knew that she had done too many over-the-top things, and Bai Shanshan would never acknowledge her.

She grabbed Bai Shanshan's hands. "Your father, your father..."

"He passed away when I was fifteen."

Matriarch Bai clutched her face and started bawling.

Her second son was truly gone.

He was dead.

The only bloodline he left behind in this world was Bai Shanshan...

Matriarch Bai then recalled the day when her second son was young. When she hugged him, she grumbled that her eldest son wasn't filial. So, her second son immediately said to her, "Mommy, when I grow up, I'll definitely be filial to you! In the future, my children will also be filial to you!"

Matriarch Bai smiled at him. "Sure! Sure! Mommy will also dote on your children!"

But right now, her actions almost caused the death of his daughter!

She truly regretted this. She was in extreme regret!

Her cries were desolate and sorrowful, causing Bai Shanshan's eyes to also turn red.

No matter how much she loathed this woman, when she saw how her grandmother cried so much for her father, and also the fact that this old woman was her kin, Bai Shanshan's heart ultimately softened. She was somewhat helpless. "D...don't cry anymore..."

A single sentence from her triumphed over any consolation that anyone on the scene could offer.

As expected, Matriarch Bai slowly stopped crying. Right now, Bai Shanshan was like a porcelain doll in her eyes. She was deeply afraid that she might break her.

She was also afraid that her behavior would cause her granddaughter to feel sad, and she dreaded scaring her granddaughter even more...

Matriarch Bai wiped the tears that were falling unceasingly from her eyes. "Hmm, I won't cry anymore, I won't cry..."

Chu Cimo who was standing at the storage room's entrance suddenly asked coldly, "So, do you still want to save her now?"

Save Shen Wanying?

When Matriarch Bai thought of how Shen Wanying had treated Bai Shanshan today, she wanted nothing more than to tear Shen Wanying into pieces!

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Before she spoke, Shen Wanying who was locked in continued to forcefully knock on the door.

"Grandmother, I was wrong! I was wrong! Save me please!"

"Grandmother, I'm Little Tong's mother! You cannot watch me die!"

The room was simply too cold...so cold to the extent that Shen Wanying had lost the sense of touch in her legs.

As a doctor, she was very clear that she would suffer hypothermia in just half an hour.

Bai Shanshan could persist for two hours here because she had kept running around to keep her body temperature up. However, Shen Wanying's ankle was broken by Chu Cimo, so she couldn't move!

She might really die in just half an hour!

However, Matriarch Bai's attitude had completely changed compared to before. "Since you know that you are in the wrong, you should just accept the punishment. Shanshan suffered from the cold for two hours. We can forget about this matter as long as you endure for two hours as well!"

Two hours? This was equal to wanting her life!

Shen Wanying continued knocking the door in anger. "Grandmother, I will die, I will really die!"

Matriarch Bai continued, "When you locked Shanshan in, didn't you know that she could die as well?!"

"But she didn't! Even in terms of the law, murder and attempted murder don't have the same penalty. Open the door, you guys better open the door now! You are all a bunch of lunatics!"

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However, no one outside bothered with her.

Shen Wanying was terrified.

She cried and begged, "Grandmother, you cannot treat me like this. I'm someone from the Shen Family. I'm also the granddaughter that my grandfather dotes on the most! If you truly freeze me to death, how will the Bai Family give an explanation to the Shen Family?!"

Matriarch Bai coldly laughed. "Shanshan is also the granddaughter I dote on the most. In addition, you are still alive. Maybe we might have no way to provide an explanation, but after you die...would the Shen Family fall out with the Bai Family for the sake of a dead person?"

Naturally not!

Family benefits would always be put first compared to individual benefits!

However, she didn't want to die!

She also couldn't die!

When Shen Wanying thought of this, she took out her phone and called her father and mother. "Dad, mom, quickly come and save me! Come and save me...get grandfather to come. Not my biological grandfather but Shen Yuansong! Get Shen Yuansong to come save me!"

After saying that, she knocked on the door again. "Shen Yuansong is coming immediately. Damn old woman, are you sure you don't want to open the door?!"

She knew that she had something wrong. Now, only if the Shen Family Leader personally appeared would she be able to retain her life.

Outside the door.

Shen Ruoqing heard her words and glanced at Matriarch Bai in worry.

As expected, Matriarch Bai's expression froze when she heard the name 'Shen Yuansong'.

The Shen family was more influential compared to the Bai Family. They had more authority too!

Shen Wanying was lowering her own status when she married into the Bai family. This was why she acted so arrogantly when she was in the Bai Family.

However, Shen Yuansong?

Which 'Yuan'?

Which 'Song'?

Did the name has a 弑 radical in it?

Shen Ruoqing suddenly thought about the biological father of her mother, Shen Qianhui. At this moment, the photograph of her grandfather flashed in her mind.

Why did she feel a faint sense of anticipation to meet with this old man?

Chapter 343 People From The Shen Family Comes!

After Matriarch Bai heard Shen Yuansong's name, she was indeed a little worried.

Earlier, when she learned that Shen Wanying had lied to her and also bullied her granddaughter, attempting to freeze Bai Shanshan to death, Matriarch Bai was so angry that she wanted Shen Wanying to suffer the same fate.

But at this moment, she fell silent.

And right now, her phone suddenly rang.

The butler quickly looked at the phone and discovered that it was Old Master Bai, Bai Wei.

Matriarch Bai immediately picked up the call, and Old Master Bai's voice rang out. "I already know what happened. What you have done is enough."

Matriarch Bai's eyes turned red.

Upon hearing his voice, the pressure she felt toward Shen Yuansong seemed to have partially vanished. She then lowered her voice and spoke ruthlessly, "This matter would definitely not be reported to the police for the sake of the family's prestige. I will just freeze her to death and you can personally head to the Shen Family to apologize after that. Wouldn't this matter be over then?"

Old Master Bai sighed. "Can you stop being so biased when dealing with people and things?"

Matriarch Bai was immediately enraged. "What do you mean by being biased? I..."

Before she finished speaking, Old Master Bai raised his voice as he angrily reprimanded, "In the past, our second son was the only one in your heart, and you also deliberately targeted the fourth house. Just think about it, what have you done?"

What had she done...

Matriarch Bai looked at Bai Xiaojiu whose face was still swollen. Actually, when Bai Xiaojiu was young, she also doted on him very much.

When did she start finding Bai Xiaojiu unpleasant to her eye?

She lowered her eyes, but she still argued, "I will make reparations in the future!"

Old Master Bai spoke again, "What about our eldest son? What about his son?"

Matriarch Bai was stunned.

Old Master Bai finally said, "Shen Yuansong just called me. He said that Shen Wanying's crime doesn't deserve death."

It was indeed not deserving of death.

Even if this was reported to the police, the law wouldn't sentence her to death.

Matriarch Bai exhaled deeply. "I know."

After hanging up, she looked at Bai Shanshan and wanted to speak, but she hesitated. After a long time, she finally sighed. "Shanshan, the Shen Family Leader gave a call to your grandfather, so we definitely have to spare her today...but don't worry. Even if she gets out of this alive, her life in the Bai Family won't be smooth. I'll treat her with the greatest hostility!"

Matriarch Bai felt so much hatred that she gnashed her teeth.

She actually wasn't that unreasonable to outsiders. After all, back then in the kindergarten, she didn't do anything to Bai Shanshan and Chu Xiaoqi.

It was Shen Wanying who told her that Bai Shanshan had cosmetic surgery, which was why Matriarch Bai began to instinctively dislike Bai Shanshan for looking like her second son!

She didn't know if Bai Shanshan would forgive her, so she could only shift her hatred to Shen Wanying, this woman with a venomous heart!

Bai Shanshan was a kind person. Since she was fine now and Shen Wanying definitely wouldn't die if she agreed, she hurriedly nodded in response. "Okay."

After that, she looked at Chu Cimo and said, "Let's release her."

Hearing this, Chu Cimo narrowed his eyes which flashed with a hint of ruthlessness. He didn't wish to release her like this, but he also didn't want Shen Wanying to truly freeze to death as that might scare Bai Shanshan. Hence, he decided to move away from the door.

Just as Matriarch Bai and her butler were preparing to enter and save Shen Wanying, Shen Ruojing suddenly took a step forward and blocked the door. At the same time, the area beside her dimmed.

Chu Cichen's tall figure also stood behind her.

The two of them stared at each other in astonishment. After that, Chu Cichen looked at Chu Cimo, asking, "How long was Miss Bai trapped in there?"

Chu Cimo replied with hatred in his voice, "Two hours."

"The Chu Family has always emphasized fairness. How can we let the other party suffer a 'disadvantage'?"

Shen Ruoqing curled her lips.

She hadn't expected this fellow to think like her.

Bai Shanshan was almost frozen to death, so how could they let Shen Wanying come out so fast?

Right now, Matriarch Bai was fully standing in Bai Shanshan's camp. So, she couldn't help but speak a reminder after she heard this. "Make sure she doesn't freeze to death, or our Bai Family won't be able to explain this."

Right now, the way she spoke was extremely cautious as though she was afraid that Bai Shanshan might misunderstand her, thinking that she was biased toward Shen Wanying.

And after her voice rang out, a commotion rang out in the great hall again. It seemed that more people had arrived.

When the group of them turned their heads, they saw Lu Hui jogging over and said, "The people from the Shen Family have arrived!"

Chapter 344 The Secret Of The Past

As he said this, a number of people could be seen swiftly walking over. There were old and young-looking ones.

Their faces had expressions of nervousness as they ran over, and they even shouted, "Wanying! Shen Wanying, where are you?"

After Matriarch Bai saw them, she quickly explained to Chu Cichen, "These are people from the second house of the Shen Family. The two in front are Shen Wanying's parents, while the younger ones are her siblings!"

Matriarch Bai heaved a sigh of relief. "Shen Yuansong didn't come."

After saying that, she subconsciously wanted to let Chu Cichen move forward. By doing so, it would reduce the conflict between the Bai and Shen Families, but the moment she saw Bai Shanshan, a sense of shame immediately rose in her heart.

She quickly took a step forward and stood before Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen!

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen were doing this to help her granddaughter, so how could she still consider the Shen and Bai Family's interest at this moment?

When she was feeling conflicted, the people of the Shen Family rushed over.

After they saw Matriarch Bai, they immediately asked, "Where is Wanying?"

Matriarch Bai lowered her eyelids and intentionally delayed them. "Do you all know about her collusion with the DNA testing organizations? Do you guys know what she has done?"

Shen Wanying's mother took a step forward with a domineering aura. "Madam, let's talk about all of these after we find Shen Wanying! Right now, her life is in danger!"

After that, her gaze swept through the surroundings and finally landed on Chu Cichen and Shen Ruoqing who were blocking the iron door.

Matriarch Bai wanted to block them from everyone's sight, but Mother Shen immediately held Matriarch Bai's arm. "Matriarch, Wanying might have been muddle-headed. I'll apologize on her behalf to you..."

As she was stopping Matriarch Bai, Father Shen rushed forward while Shen Wanying's elder brother angrily roared, "Do you know who we are? Make way immediately!"

Chu Cichen. "Nope."

"Nope?"

Shen Wanying's elder brother took a step forward in anger and directly grabbed Chu Cichen's collar.

Chu Cichen's gaze dimmed. Just as he wanted to move, Shen Ruoqing who was beside him suddenly moved a step forward and directly dragged Shen Wanying's brother by the collar and forcefully yanked him to the ground.

After she was done, she flexed her wrists.

Chu Cichen's lips curled into a smile after seeing how she acted.

518 was still as protective of him as ever...

Back when they were doing missions, she would always rush ahead of him no matter what happened. She would still mock him every time and say, "How can I let the young master be the vanguard? Your flesh is so tender and soft and will be damaged by the slightest impact."

Now, the two of them were fighting together, and he faintly felt like how they were in the past.

The guards that the Shen Family brought here were stopped outside.

How could these few people be a match for Shen Ruoqing?

The people from the Shen Family were persuading Matriarch Bai while threatening Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen. However, Shen Ruoqing continued blocking the door for over an hour before she finally made way.

Father Shen and Mother Shen immediately opened the door and saw their daughter lying on the ground near the entrance. She was freezing so badly that she was about to lose consciousness.

Mother Shen immediately called an ambulance, and Chu Cichen's men finally let the Shen Family's guards enter after hearing the order. After that, Shen Wanying was carried out in a fainted condition.

Shen Ruoqing glanced at Shen Wanying's condition, and her gaze fell onto the twisted ankle.

Shen Wanying wouldn't die, but her leg was crippled...She had always acted lofty and arrogant, but she could only spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair now.

This could be considered revenge!

The drama here finally concluded.

Bai Shanshan had suffered from frostbite and her body was still very weak. Hence, they didn't plan to stay here any longer. Chu Cimo directly carried Bai Shanshan in a princess carry and was about to head home.

At this moment, Matriarch Bai wanted to say something but had no idea what to say. She could only follow silently behind Bai Shanshan.

Bai Xiaojiu then walked over and wanted to support Matriarch Bai and bring her away.

However, he was pushed aside by her. "Don't stop me from following your cousin!"

Matriarch Bai was still as rude as ever to him.

When Bai Shanshan saw her acting like this, she sighed.

She didn't bother with Matriarch Bai, but she looked at Bai Xiaojiu and said, "Mr. Bai..."

Bai Xiaojiu took a step forward. "Shanshan, you can actually address me as cousin."

Bai Shanshan paused before changing her way of address. "Cousin, you should bring old madam to my house, the Bai Residence. Before my father passed away, he left some words for her."

Matriarch Bai was rooted to the ground the moment she heard that.

Bai Shanshan addressed Bai Xiaojiu as 'cousin' but called her 'old madam'...

Her eyes instantly turned red, but she no longer dared to follow her. She could only watch the people from the Chu Family leaving.

After they left, Bai Xiaojiu walked over and helped Matriarch Bai into a car as they headed to the Bai Residence.

On the way there, Matriarch Bai's gaze flitted across Bai Xiaojiu's face. When she thought of how Bai Shanshan was closer to him than her, she couldn't help but implicate him in her anger. "Don't think that because you helped Shanshan, I will forgive you! Xiaojiu, don't forget that your second uncle only left home because of your mother! If he didn't leave home, how would he have died at such a young age? I will never forgive the fourth house!"

Bai Xiaojiu silently sighed when he heard this. "I know you won't believe my words, but I've never thought of vying with the first house. My mother also has never thought about being unpleasant to second uncle. I keep feeling that there was a secret why second uncle left home in the past..."

"What kind of secret could there be?" Matriarch Bai felt stifled every time she thought about the fact that her son had passed away.

Seeing his grandmother like this, Bai Xiaojiu no longer spoke. He could only lower his eyes.

They soon arrived at the Bai Residence. After knocking on the door and explaining the purpose of their visit, Mother Bai looked at Matriarch Bai before sighing deeply and stepping aside. "You all can enter. Madam, Jiayao has left a letter for you."

Left a letter for her?

It seemed that there was a secret indeed!

Chapter 345 She Looks Very Familiar

After Matriarch Bai entered, she first went to Bai Jiayao's tablet. After seeing the familiar face that was skinnier than what she remembered, Matriarch Bai's tears started falling.

She started to bawl her eyes out before her second son's tablet.

After an entire hour, she finally left with swollen eyes and sat before Mother Bai.

Mother Bai then took out a letter and passed it to Matriarch Bai. Matriarch Bai impatiently opened it and the first paragraph she saw was. "My beloved mother, you should have found me when you see this letter and also know that I'm no longer in this world. Please forgive your son for being unfilial and unable to show filial piety to you. Please also forgive me, your son, for leaving without giving a reason all those years ago.

"How I hope that you will never find me... I never told my wife and Shanshan about your identity, and I don't want you to know that I've already passed away. I don't want you to watch me die first...

"But since you already found me, I'll tell you the truth. Back then, I didn't leave because I didn't want the marriage alliance. But because...I discovered that I had cancer after a checkup..."

When Matriarch Bai read this, her fingers began to tremble intensely.

She looked at the content of the letter in astonishment. After that, her heart began to clench when she saw the familiar writing.

So the reason why her second son had left back then was because he had cancer!

He didn't know how much longer he had to live. It might be one year, it might be two, or it might be five or eight. However, he wasn't able to be so cruel as to let his mother who loved him so much watch him die.

Hence, he found an excuse to leave home, using the pretext of not wanting to be part of the marriage.

He wanted to die quietly outside, but before he died, he left this letter for his mother to tell her about the life he wanted. What he truly wanted was to find someone true to him so he could live a quiet life forever.

At that time, he truly didn't expect to be able to find such a person.

He got acquainted with Bai Shanshan's mother in a support group for cancer in Sea City. At that time, she also had chronic cancer, and the two of them became each other's support and mutually encouraged each other.

The two of them then bypassed crisis after crisis.

It was due to their similar experiences that the spark of love finally bloomed between them.

They then got married and Mother Bai was unexpectedly pregnant. After that, she risked her life to give birth to a daughter...

At that time, he had just started a new round of chemotherapy and almost died!

But after seeing his newborn daughter and his wife who was sick, he didn't know how they would survive if he left them like this. Hence, he eventually managed to defeat death. Although he kept vomiting due to the chemo, he would still force himself to find food and eat, managing to survive every time...

In the end, Bai Jiayao didn't expect that he would actually manage to live for 16 years after he left home...

However, when Bai Shanshan was 15, he finally reached the end of his life.

Upon reflecting back on things...

He had let his daughter down and wasn't able to watch her get married.

He had let his wife down and wasn't able to continue accompanying her.

He had let his mother down even more. She had raised him, yet he couldn't be there for her and accompany her all the way until her end.

Bai Jiayao was 36 years old when he died.

At this moment, Matriarch Bai clutched her face and started crying in agony.

She suddenly recalled that back then...

Her eldest son grew up with Old Master Bai, and he always looked down on her. He felt that she was only a homemaker and didn't know anything.

At that time, her second son unconditionally shielded her every time, causing her eldest son to be extremely unhappy. There were a few times when they almost came to blows during quarrels, and her eldest son would ruthlessly say this to her second son. "The heavens will definitely kill someone like you!"

At that time, Matriarch Bai was badly enraged.

Her second son then hugged her shoulders. "Mommy, don't worry. I won't die even if elder brother dies. I still have to accompany you all your way until your end!"

At that time, the relationship between her eldest son and her second son was already not harmonious.

In the letter, her second son mentioned his third and fourth brother and asked if they were doing well. He even mentioned Fourth Madam Bai and said that he had harmed her because of his own selfish reasons. Fortunately, he heard that she had married his fourth brother, so he even told Matriarch Bai in the letter to treat Fourth Madam Bai better in order to make up for the harm he had brought her.

However, her second son didn't mention anything about his elder brother.

Matriarch Bai understood that because her second son had really gotten cancer after their quarrels, if he continued to stay at the Bai Manor, wouldn't that prove his elder brother's words to be true?

Her eldest son would just smirk and say that he was right.

Matriarch Bai clutched her face and sobbed even more miserably!

Her second son had always been kind and had never said anything bad about his elder brother.

Matriarch Bai hugged the letter and cried for a very very long time. When she finally lifted her head again, she saw her palm mark on Bai Xiaojiu's face.

She was wrong again in this!

She was so, so wrong!

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Matriarch Bai had cried too many times tonight. Finally, Bai Xiaojiu helped her into the car and the two of them returned to the Bai Manor.

The moment they entered, Fourth Madam Bai came to receive them. After seeing Matriarch Bai, her footsteps paused and her gaze went to the red palm print on Bai Xiaojiu's face.

Fourth Madam Bai's eyes narrowed and she immediately asked, "Who hit you?!"

Bai Xiaojiu didn't say anything.

Fourth Madam Bai immediately understood that it was done by Matriarch Bai. The first house must have tossed out some lures and caused Matriarch Bai to implicate her son in her anger.

She bitterly lowered her eyelids. "Mother, let's split the family. Let our fourth house move out..."

Matriarch Bai replied, "We should indeed split the family."

Fourth Madam Bai bitterly smiled. She didn't know what had happened and had no idea if Matriarch Bai would take the chance to harm them even more by not allowing them to have their rightful shares.

But just when her thoughts were flying around, Matriarch Bai suddenly took a step forward and grabbed her hands. "The first house has made such a huge mistake. We should indeed split them away from the family!..."

Fourth Madam Bai started.

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After that, she heard Matriarch Bai speak in a choking and quavering voice, "Fourth daughter-in-law, it has been tough on you all these years..."

Fourth Madam Bai froze.

She lifted her head in disbelief and after her gaze met Matriarch Bai's eyes, her eyes suddenly turned red.

Fourth daughter-in-law...

Such a common address yet Matriarch Bai had never admitted her status after so many years. At this moment, Matriarch Bai finally acknowledged her...

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Shen Family.

"It can be considered that her life is retained. However, her legs are crippled now!"

Shen Wanying's father, Shen Zhong, was currently looking at the old man, who had his eyes closed in meditation, before him. He didn't dare to let his emotions get too agitated, so he suppressed the rage in his voice as he reported this. "They did this intentionally! Matriarch Bai didn't really stop us, but the Chu Family kept interfering and caused us to miss the best chance to treat Wanying! Eldest Uncle, you watched Wanying grow up. You definitely have to help us make a stand!"

Shen Yuansong sat on a bamboo chair, rocking it slightly.

After hearing Shen Zhong's words, he opened his deep eyes. "So many of you went, yet you guys were still led around by the nose by someone?"

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Shen Zhong replied, "The main thing is that Chu Cichen's wife is a martial artist. Her skill is too impressive."

Shen Yuansong asked, "What is her origin?"

Someone who could fight one against many would surely belong to a sect. Although he only dreaded the Valor Gate in the whole of China, what if she precisely was one of their members?

He didn't care about the Chu family, but why did the Chu Family dare to be so arrogant despite having just come to the capital? They basically didn't place the Shen Family in their eyes at all.

Shen Zhong said, "I've sent someone to investigate. This is Chu Cichen's wife, Shen Ruoqing's information. We didn't manage to find any records of how she learned martial arts. I've also asked my contact in Valor Gate, and there is no one named Shen Ruoqing there."

Members of the Valor Gate were all registered.

Shen Yuansong immediately grew interested.

He received the information reports and turned to Shen Ruoqing's page. The first thing that entered his eyes was her bare face with no make-up on...

After seeing her face, Shen Yuansong was startled.

Why did she look so familiar?

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The photo should have been sneakily taken by someone.

The young woman in the photo was bare-faced, and her clear peach blossom eyes exuded a little hint of arrogance. Her lips, which were slightly curled, caused everyone to know that she wasn't a good target to antagonize with just a single glance.

Her looks alone could make her a celebrity!

A celebrity...

Shen Yuansong suddenly recalled the performance he watched at Ford City Music Academy.

She was Qing Dai!

Shen Yuansong's gaze flashed.

Qing Dai was actually Shen Ruojing? Chu Cichen's wife?

Shen Yuansong frowned. "I don't remember that Chu Cichen is married."

When Shen Zhong heard this, he started slightly. "They are not married, but they have three kids together. It is the same as though they are married. But Uncle, the main point now isn't all these...the main point is that they bullied Wanying! Could it be that you are not going to help Wanying vent her anger?"

Shen Yuansong calmly looked at him. "What do you want me to do?"

Shen Zhong immediately stated, "Everything was actually caused by the dispute between the Bai Family's first and fourth houses. We will definitely pursue the culprit. For now, it's enough to chase the Chu Family out of the capital. As for the Bai Family, we will make them split their family and make the fourth house leave! After Zhongzhang's position as the successor of the Bai Family is confirmed, we will forget about this matter."

When Shen Yuansong heard this, he looked at him. "What about the things Shen Wanying has done? How are you planning to apologize for them?"

Shen Zhong was stunned and subconsciously asked, "Why should we apologize?"

Shen Yuansong was teased into laughter after seeing his nephew's manner. "So, only Shen Wanying can bully the Bai Family, bully Matriarch Bai, and bully the small-time celebrity? If they retaliate, they must be in the wrong? What logic is this?"

Shen Zhong choked.

He almost forgot that his eldest uncle had always sought fairness when he handled things!

He subconsciously replied, "That small-time celebrity is fine, but Wanying is crippled!"

"In that case, do you know that if it wasn't for me making a call to Old Bai, Shen Wanying would have died?" Shen Yuansong slowly continued, "For what she has done, even if she died because of her actions, I wouldn't have any face to ask Old Bai to bear the responsibility."

Shen Zhong. "..."

He angrily spoke, "But should our family just endure this matter and let it slide? They didn't give our Shen Family any face at all!"

"That is true. They are too much!" Shen Yuansong angrily spoke.

Shen Zhong finally heaved a sigh of relief.

This matter involved the Bai Family. It was easy if Shen Zhong wanted to deal with the Chu Family, but as for the Bai Family...he couldn't do anything to them. However, he also didn't want his daughter to be crippled for nothing!

It was great that his uncle was going to help him vent his anger.

After that, he heard Shen Yuansong speaking with righteous indignation. "Old Bai didn't give me face, so he has to compensate me!"

After he finished speaking, he took his phone out and called Old Master Bai.

Old Master Bai soon picked up the call.

Shen Yuansong angrily said, "My grand niece is a cripple now. The Bai Family ignored the Shen Family's prestige in this matter, so you have to compensate me!"

Old Master Bai coldly snorted, "You still have the face to look for me? Your grand niece's actions were too much. I have yet to talk about your side compensating us for psychological damages!"

Shen Yuansong coldly laughed. "Bai Wei, I'm not joking with you. I'm very angry now. Your actions caused my Shen Family to have no face. In the future, wouldn't others think that they can trample on us casually?"

Upon hearing this, Old Master Bai's aura immediately weakened. "If it wasn't for me speaking up, my wife would want nothing less than to kill your grand niece. It is already very good that Shen Wanying is alive. You shouldn't be too overbearing! At most, I will treat you to some wine as compensation and let the entire capital know that this is my apology!"

"You think it is enough with just wine?"

Old Master Bai immediately got angry. "Don't even think about raising some unreasonable requests or meddling in the internal conflict of my Bai Family! This concerns the next generation of the Bai Family, so I won't listen to your suggestion. Don't act anymore, your grand niece almost froze my biological granddaughter to death! So on what grounds do you have to be angry?"

"Heh, I'm very angry. Unless you give me two calligraphy works of Madman, my anger won't subside."

Old Master Bai. "..."

Shen Zhong. "..."

Shen Zong couldn't tolerate it anymore.

He didn't expect that after so long, Shen Yuansong's objective was the two calligraphy works?

As for Old Master Bai, he sneered. "You want them? Just go and eat my fart! I will only give you one at most!"

"Alright, one then. I'll send someone to your place now to get it."

Old Master Bai. "??"

F*ck!

This shameless old freak. From the start, his objective was only one, right?!

He was so old, yet he still wanted to play pranks!

Old Master Bai took a deep breath. But when he wanted to speak, he heard the other party laughing. "Old Bai, if you give me one of the works, the matter between our family will be settled. But if you give me two, I won't pursue the in-laws of the Bai Family's fourth house. How about it?!"

"I don't care."

Old Master Bai was about to roll his eyes. "Just one."

As for the Chu Family...hehe. If Shen Yuansong was truly so narrow-minded to pursue them and offend Shen Ruoqing, Shen Ruoqing's father, that major character, would surely destroy the Shen Family!

When he thought about how Shen Yuansong would rush over ferociously to teach the Chus a lesson only to return defeated...

Old Master Bai immediately grew joyful. "You definitely have to pursue things with the Chu Family! If you don't pursue this, you are a dog!"

Shen Yuansong. "??"

The two of them were old men who could make the capital tremble as long as they stamped their feet. They might look solemn to outsiders, but when interacting in private, they were like two old tricksters.

Old Master Bai then hung up the phone.

Shen Yuansong touched his chin and pondered Bai Wei's words.

Shen Zhong was so angry that he almost stomped his feet. He couldn't tolerate it anymore and spoke, "Uncle, how can you let this matter slide so frivolously?"

Shen Yuansong looked at him. "Do you know how much one of Madman's calligraphy works is worth? I was willing to pay \$200 million, but no one was willing to sell. Don't you think a single leg of your daughter is worth \$200 million?"

Shen Zhong. "??"

With the Shen Family's status, how could they measure their own people with money?

He choked and wasn't able to say anything for a time.

After that, he finally understood. Shen Yuansong was never married and had no descendants, so he naturally wouldn't know how angry parents would be if their children were injured.

“Enough, you can go out first.”

Shen Yuansong waved his hands.

Shen Zhong wanted to say something more, but after looking at Shen Yuansong, he ultimately didn't dare to say anything. He could only leave in a rage.

Shen Yuansong pondered for a moment before he looked at his butler. “Contact Yun Yiheng.”

In the past, he didn't know what the relationship between Qing Dai and Yun Yiheng was. But now, he understood. So, Qing Dai was Yun Yiheng's cousin-in-law?

The matter of Shen Qianhui being the past Yun Family leader's illegitimate daughter was kept a secret. In the video that Yun Zhengyang's aunt left behind, she instructed that this matter must never be made known to anyone outside. Hence, Yun Zhengyang immediately removed all speculative reports about Shen Qianhui's background and strictly warned everyone in his family not to leak Shen Qianhui's identity.

This was why Shen Yuansong had no idea about Shen Qianhui or Shen Ruoqing's identity.

The call was soon connected.

Shen Yuansong asked, “Has your hand recovered?”

“Yes.” Yun Yiheng was a little nervous and he spoke concisely.

Shen Yuansong continued, “I heard that your cousin-in-law Qing Dai has come to the capital. When you arrive tomorrow, why don't you bring her along with you to my place?”

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When Yun Yiheng heard this, he subconsciously wanted to reject it.

However, Shen Yuansong continued, “There are some misunderstandings between the Shen and Chu Families, and I don't plan to pursue anything. I only wish to invite Qing Dai for a visit. Help me convey my words to Chu Cichen.”

“...” Yun Yiheng immediately understood the importance of this matter, and he replied, “Okay.”

After hanging up, Shen Yuansong sat on his chair.

The male butler beside him asked, “Sir, are we really not going to pursue this?”

“Pursue what? Shen Wanying was the one in the wrong! However, the Shen Family's prestige has to be guarded. This is why I got Old Bai to give me one of his beloved calligraphy pieces. Outsiders will understand what happened then.”

The butler. “But I think Mr. Shen Zhong won't be willing to give up just like this.”

Shen Yuansong lowered his eyelids. “Our Shen Family has always been upright. As long as his means aren't illegal, I don't care what he does. But if he crosses the boundaries and acts like Shen Wanying, losing his bottom line, the Shen Family isn't afraid to clear such filth out. Do you understand?”

The butler immediately replied, "Understood."

His meaning was clear. If Shen Zhong used legitimate means to suppress the Chu Family's business, Shen Yuansong could close one eye.

After all, the Chu Family always acted so arrogantly and clearly didn't give the Shen Family any face.

Shen Wanying was in the wrong, but they could have reported this matter to the police. Even if they didn't want to blow it up like that, they could have told Shen Yuansong so he could be the one to punish Shen Wanying. However, the Chu Family had chosen to punish Shen Wanying on their own. They basically had no regard for the Shen Family.

In addition, the Chu Family was in the pharmaceutical business.

The entire pharmaceutical industry in the capital was controlled by the Shen Family! However, Chu Cichen had simply barged in and didn't even bother to give him a greeting. He didn't even know basic business courtesy.

So, it was very okay to give the Chu Family a small punishment.

But if Shen Zhong proved that he had no bottom line...

Shen Yuansong wouldn't tolerate someone like this in the family!

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Chu Manor.

After the group of them returned home, Chu Cimo carried Bai Shanshan upstairs and entered their bedroom.

The few children were already asleep. Matriarch Chu was seated in the living room and finally heaved a sigh of relief after seeing that they were all fine.

She asked about what had happened. After hearing that Shen Wanying's leg was crippled, Matriarch Chu revealed a look of worry. "Will the Shen Family find trouble with us?"

Chu Cichen showed a nonchalant face. "We will face them no matter how they come at us."

If the Shen Family dared to make trouble for them, Chu Cichen didn't mind showing them what he was capable of!

In any case, he didn't place any of the four great families of the capital in his eyes.

However, Matriarch Chu didn't know about his influence overseas and only thought that her son was too young and hot-blooded. She directly reprimanded, "You are now someone with children and a wife, so you have to be more cautious when doing things! The Shen Family has a very deep foundation in the capital, and our Chu Family has just arrived here. You shouldn't depend on violence for everything you do. Do you understand?"

With a wife...

When Chu Cichen heard this, he looked at Shen Ruoqing as his lips curled happily.

Before he could say anything, Shen Ruoqing calmly explained, "I'm not his wife yet."

Chu Cichen. "..."

Matriarch Chu continued, "Right, not yet. If you cannot give Jingjing a stable life and keep causing trouble for her due to your actions, you better be careful that Jingjing might not want you!"

Matriarch Chu had long since seen through Shen Ruoqing's personality.

Although Shen Ruoqing was impressive, she was very carefree and hated dealing with troublesome things.

Hearing this, Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruoqing and suddenly sighed. "Luckily, she is not my wife yet. If the Shen Family targets our Chu Family, Jingjing can still not be implicated."

Matriarch Chu immediately scolded, "Is Jingjing someone so selfish? Who are you actually scolding?"

Shen Ruoqing. "??"

When Chu Cichen was tyrannically taking revenge, Shen Ruoqing thought that he had some trump cards so that he wasn't afraid of the Shen or Bai Family. But after so long, it turned out that he didn't have anything up his sleeves?

She originally felt that the Chu Family had too many troublesome matters, so she was intending to move away in a few days. But once Chu Cichen's words were out, she suddenly felt a little hesitant.

She looked at the worried look on Matriarch Chu's face.

She then looked at Chu Cichen...

The man had his head lowered, and his aura seemed sluggish and dispirited. He wasn't as confident as how he acted when they were teaching Shen Wanying a lesson.

Shen Ruoqing suddenly felt that if she moved away now, would she give off the feeling that she wanted to break her relationship with the Chu Family?

This was especially so considering how much Matriarch Chu trusted her!

...Forget it, she would move away after staying for another half a month.

She couldn't possibly leave now when the Chu Family was facing difficulties.

Shen Ruoqing abolished her thoughts of moving and coughed. "It isn't early anymore, I'm going to rest first."

She turned and headed up.

Chu Cichen stood behind her and stared at the familiar back view of this woman as his lips curled again.

Since there were currently so many matters in the Chu Family, it would surely disrupt Shen Ruoqing's life. Today, he had seen some hints of impatience on the usually calm face of this woman.

And a few days ago, he had secretly investigated and learned from Chu Xiaomeng that Shen Ruoqing was looking for another place to rent.

He immediately understood that Shen Ruoqing wanted to move out.

But how could he let her leave?

Before Shen Ruoqing fell in love with him again, he had to make her stay physically!

If not, what would happen if the person masquerading as him suddenly appeared and snatched Jingjing away?

The 'two-faced' Chu Cichen followed her up and saw that she entered her bedroom without even turning her head back. She didn't even bother to say 'good night' to him.

Chu Cichen silently sighed.

He turned away and walked toward his bedroom in disappointment.

But after he had just taken two steps, the door behind him swung open. He abruptly halted his steps and heard the clear voice of the woman ringing out. "Wait."

Chu Cichen turned his head and thought that Jingjing had thought things through, wanting to whisper some sweet nothings before they slept. However, he hadn't expected Shen Ruoqing to toss a little bottle to him.

Chu Cichen paused.

He lowered his head and stared at the bottle in his hands that was exquisitely packaged. He felt a little stupefied. Was this a gift for him? Or was this a token of their love?

As his thoughts ran wild, Shen Ruoqing spoke, "Frostbite medicine. Help me deliver this to Chu Cimo's room."

Chu Cichen. "..."

Chu Cichen then walked toward Chu Cimo's room with a face filled with reluctance, and this caused Shen Ruoqing to feel very bewildered.

Why was he so unwilling to help her deliver something?

Tsk, this tyrannical CEO must be too used to ordering people around and wasn't used to being ordered. This was such a bad habit.

She then entered her bedroom while feeling disdain.

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Yun Yiheng, who had just finished speaking with Shen Yuansong, saw that the others had already returned to their rooms to sleep. Since it was already late, he didn't disturb them.

The next morning, Yun Yiheng woke up very early. When he headed down, he saw Chu Cichen jogging around the park, and Shen Ruoqing was doing her morning routine by practicing Taichi as expected.

He then walked over and conveyed Shen Yuansong's words.

Upon hearing this, Chu Cichen's expression darkened and he was planning to reject it.

However, Shen Ruoqing pondered and said, "Sure, let me shower first and I'll go with you after breakfast!"

She was worried that her little cousin might be too straightforward and get bullied by the Shen Family.

Chu Cichen initially wanted to say something more as he was worried about them, but Shen Ruoqing added, "Don't worry, they have to have some capabilities first if they want to trap me there."

After all, 518 was ranked first on the international killer ranking!

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Shen Ruoqing cast another glance at Chu Cichen.

When she recalled what the man had said last night...Anyway, if she could help Old Master Shen restore some ancient zither music manuals, maybe he wouldn't implicate them in his rage.

They might have gotten revenge on Shen Wanying, but it was true that they didn't give any face to the Shen Family.

Great families would place an emphasis on their prestige, and they would give each other face when it came to doing things.

For example, for the matter yesterday, most family leaders would only complain about Shen Wanying's evil deeds to Old Master Shen, and the Shen Family would be the ones to give the punishment.

However, they all knew that the Bai Family was weaker than the Shen Family.

If they really had given Shen Wanying to Old Master Shen, maybe the Shen Family might make some compromises in terms of benefits, but there wouldn't be any qualitative harm to Shen Wanying. Hence, they had decided to ignore this option.

As Shen Ruoqing pondered, she finished the last stance of her morning taichi exercise.

She had exercised for an hour, and Chu Cichen also accompanied her by jogging for an hour.

There was some sweat on her body, but Chu Cichen's shirt was soaked. His clothes were stuck to his stomach area, and one could faintly see his abs,

Shen Ruoqing lifted her brows after she saw this.

Chu Cichen was originally planning to walk to the room, but after seeing her look, he suddenly stopped and lifted his shirt to wipe the sweat on his face.

His abs were fully revealed.

It was indeed nice to look at and also caused those who looked at it to feel a sense of 'personality'.

Shen Ruoqing couldn't help but take a few more glances at the abs.

Chu Cichen's lips curled slightly and just so coincidentally, a servant passed by his side. He then immediately pulled his shirt down, acting as though not everyone was qualified to see his abs.

Tsk.

Shen Ruoqing involuntarily laughed.

Her peach blossom eyes shone as she retracted her gaze. They then went to their respective rooms to shower.

On their way back, they walked past the living room and coincidentally met Chu Cimo who was rubbing his eyes as he went down to take breakfast for Bai Shanshan. He looked like he had just woken up, and this caused Matriarch Chu to reprimand him angrily.

“Look at your elder brother and sister-in-law, they went to exercise early in the morning. What about you?”

Chu Cimo couldn't help but pout, “They are merely exercising, but when it comes to true combat, how can they be a match for a disciple of the Valor Gate...?”

He spoke the latter part of his sentence in a very low voice, but there was a faint sense of pride in it.

He was a rare genius of the Valor Gate back then! In the past, his teacher was incredibly excited after accepting him as a disciple. His teacher had even told him that in recent years, the only one who was more talented than him was a martial uncle...

Matriarch Chu started. “What did you say?”

“Nothing much.” Chu Cimo acted coquettishly. “Mother, your daughter-in-law was injured and she is hungry now!”

Matriarch Chu immediately added, “Why are you moving so slow then? Your body is too weak!”

Chu Cimo then brought the breakfast upstairs.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen went to the second floor and returned to their respective rooms. At this moment, Chu Cichen took the initiative to say, “After we are done showering, let's meet downstairs.”

Shen Ruoqing. “?”

Why did this sentence sound so ambiguous?

However, she could see that the man had a straight face.

She must probably be thinking too much.

After the two of them showered, they headed down and ate breakfast together.

Yun Zhengyang, Madam Yun, and Yun Wei had gone back to Ford City early this morning. They couldn't possibly ignore the management of such a large entertainment company like the Yun Corporation for too long.

Because Yun Yiheng had to restore some musical scores in the Shen Family and also play the zither for Shen Yuansong, he temporarily stayed in the Chu Manor.

He had originally wanted to rent a house outside or buy a small condo to stay in. However, Madam Yun didn't agree and was afraid he might make trouble if he lived alone. Hence, she got Matriarch Chu to help look after her son.

During breakfast, Chu Cichen received a voice message. He wasn't bothered that Shen Ruoqing was here and directly clicked it open. After that, Lu Cheng's voice rang out. "Bro Chen, the Shen Family is too much! Our medicine has all been approved in Sea City, but they actually imposed a lockdown on our goods. Also, for the batch of bacteria we recently planted, they just contacted me, saying that they wanted to buy it at one-tenth of the normal price. What is the difference between their actions and a robbery? F*ck!"

One could hear that Lu Cheng's voice was filled with rage.

Shen Ruoqing then looked at Chu Cichen.

The man's expression was calm and no one could tell whether he was happy or sad. This was especially so for his pair of phoenix eyes. They seemed like they could contain the world and were boundlessly deep.

His long finger clicked on the second voice message and Lu Cheng's voice rang out once more. "Shen Zhong is the one in charge of this matter. He is none other than Shen Wanying's father. He just contacted me, saying that he wanted to have a proper negotiation about the pricing and told me to tell you to personally head to the Shen Family for the discussion."

Lu Cheng's third voice message was sent over.

Before Chu Cichen could play it, Lu Cheng sent a text over. [F*ck! The Shen Family doesn't want to give us face. I think we should just reveal our overseas identity and directly crush the Shen Family!]

Chu Cichen replied. [You are so barbaric.]

Lu Cheng. "?"

If the Shen Family was crushed, Jingjing would have no reason to continue staying in the Chu manor.

Now, she only chose to remain because she was worried about the Chu Family.

After Chu Cichen replied to Lu Cheng, he then lifted his head and looked at Shen Ruoqing. He smiled. "How coincidental, it seems that we are going to the Shen Manor together today."

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

She lowered her head and ate two mouthfuls of porridge before involuntarily looking at him. "A batch of your medicine is lockdown by them?"

Chu Cichen sighed and looked a little embarrassed. "Correct."

Shen Ruoqing lifted her eyebrows and suddenly asked, "What are those ingredients?"

Chu Cichen explained, "The Chu Corporation purchased Professor Z's biological Petri dish technology and used it to cultivate a batch of bacteria. Many pharmacies need this raw material, but you should understand that the Shen Family has always been purchasing them from overseas. I originally wanted them to develop in the domestic market."

A moment later, Shen Ruoqing laughed. "Oh, that's the case? There's no rush then!"

Chu Cichen paused.

Shen Ruoqing continued, "I...I mean one of my friends said that the environment for cultivating bacteria is still according to the standards of the past. But right now, the global environment is changing and the global temperature rose by 0.5 degrees last year. This will affect bacterial growth. Bacterial farmers from overseas don't have time to make the adjustments yet, hence, the bacteria they cultivate will surely have problems sooner or later."

Chu Cichen naturally knew all these. This was why he was willing to pay a high price to purchase Prof. Z's petri dish patent.

The data within was much more accurate.

After the bacteria from overseas showed problems, the researchers would research suitable temperatures and nutrients to cultivate the bacteria. However, they would require two months no matter what.

He didn't expect Shen Ruoqing to know all these as well.

But he pretended he was ignorant. "In that case...did your friend say roughly how long will it take for the current overseas bacteria to start having problems?"

Shen Ruoqing smiled as she looked at him.

She felt as though he had managed to guess something.

Shen Ruoqing then answered, "At most a week. If the Shen Family don't want to buy your stock now, they will be begging to purchase it for you a week later."

Chu Cichen laughed. "Okay, in that case, I'll wait for them to kneel and beg me."

After the two finished breakfast, they brought Yun Yiheng along and headed to Shen Manor.

Shen Ruoqing felt some anticipation on her way there.

It was said that the four great families in the capital were equivalent to the four major enterprises of China. They had robust might and powerful influence. She had already been to the Bai Family, and she couldn't help but wonder what the Shen Family would be like.

Chapter 349 Establishing Dominance

The group quickly arrived at the Shen Manor.

As expected of the family with the strongest foundation amongst the capital's four great families, the manor that the Shen Family lived in was located in the city center, a place where the land price was exorbitant. In addition, the Shen Manor was at least double the size of the Bai Manor.

On their way here, Shen Ruoqing thought that this was a district when she looked at the tall walls.

However, it was only when they arrived at the door did she discover that the entire stretch of land belonged to the Shen Family!

The place was so high-profile, flaunting its presence. Two stone lions bared their fangs and claws at the door, bringing out the same flair that ancient nobles would have!

However, the architecture was ancient-style, and the heavy red walls brought out a historical charm. One could tell from these that this family was very powerful.

Lu Cheng drove while Yun Yiheng took the front passenger seat. Looking at the magnificent iron gate, he was too shocked for words. "Isn't this too impressive and high-profile?"

They said that the capital was filled with influential families everywhere. Any tile that dropped off from the sky could land on either someone from an influential or distinguished family.

Therefore, most people kept a low profile in doing things. However, this was clearly not the case for the Shen Family.

Lu Cheng said, "This is nothing."

(Bro Chen's residence overseas is a palace, and it is a lot more impressive and luxurious than the Shen Manor!)

Chu Cichen didn't show much expression when looking at a residence like this.

However, he had always been one who didn't show his feelings on his face.

Shen Ruoqing, on the other hand, clicked her tongue.

Chu Cichen immediately looked at her with his expressionless face, asking, "You like this manor?"

"I do." Shen Ruoqing tilted her head and smiled. "It's rustic and impressive!"

Such a great manor would definitely have all sorts of entertainment facilities. It'd allow one to have an extremely comfortable retirement life!

When Yun Yiheng heard her description, he almost choked on his own saliva.

How was this rustic and impressive? It was clearly a high-profile extravagance!

However, at the next moment, he heard Chu Cichen say. "Then I'll buy it."

Yun Yiheng. "!!!"

Yun Yiheng didn't have any monetary worries since young, which allowed him to focus on music in school. Furthermore, the Yun Family had never cut his allowances. However, he was still astonished by Chu Cichen's words.

(Cousin, do you know how much this manor costs?!)

This profile and land mass would probably cost several billions to tens of billions!

Just the two stone lions at the door were probably priceless!

He didn't expect his male cousin, someone who had always been stern and indifferent, to also be one to start boasting to coax a woman.

Yun Yiheng then looked at Shen Ruoqing, who replied calmly, "No need."

Yun Yiheng heaved a sigh of relief.

At the next moment, he heard the woman say indifferently, "With fewer people, living here will be an inconvenience."

"..."

Yun Yiheng was dumbfounded.

Although he knew that his female cousin was Qing Dai, his idol, and he had endless feelings of admiration toward her, he was unable to accept his two cousins taking turns to boast.

The most important thing was that Chu Cichen actually replied to her statement, "We have more children at home, and the number of people in the family will slowly grow. If the living space is small, it won't be comfortable to live in in the future."

Shen Ruoqing thought about it. "We can build a separate one. I don't like to stay at someone else's house."

Chu Cichen smiled dotingly. "Alright."

This topic finally ended and Yun Yiheng heaved a sigh of relief.

When the Shen Family's guard saw an oncoming car, he ran over and asked politely, "May I know who you are?"

Yun Yiheng replied, "I'm Yun Yiheng. I have an appointment with Old Master Shen to help fix his ancient zither scores."

The guard immediately said ardently, "Alright, alright, and the others with you are?"

Lu Cheng replied, "My boss is Chu Cichen. We have an appointment with Director Shen Zhong."

Upon hearing this, the guard's expression immediately became awkward. "So it's Mr. Chu!"

7th-grade officials stand in front of the Prime Minister's door... From this saying, one could say that those who worked as guards for the Shen Family were all good at observation. So, the guard paused for a moment before pointing to the side. "Then please park the car at the car park by the roadside. The car cannot enter."

The manor was so big, so how could it be possible that cars weren't allowed to enter?!

The group looked over to the side.

Not far away from the left side of the Shen Manor's gate, there was a small-scaled car park that was catered specially for the Shen Family's servants.

The Shen Family's masters and guests could usually drive their cars in directly. After all, it would probably take a five minutes drive from the main gate to the guest's area and the residential area!

Hearing this, Chu Cichen's countenance didn't change.

However, Yun Yiheng's countenance sank. "I'm going to meet Old Master Shen, and our appointment time is almost up. Are you sure you want us to park the car here?"

The guard naturally didn't dare to treat the old master's guests poorly.

However, he couldn't ignore Mr. Shen Zhong's instructions either. Therefore, he smiled and said, "Mr. Yun, we have a shuttle bus here and can send you straight over to where the old master is at."

Yun Yiheng. "Then let my cousins take the shuttle bus too."

The guard continued to smile awkwardly. "The places that you guys are going to are in different directions. It isn't convenient."

He then added, "Mr. Yun, this is the masters' instructions. I'm just a guard... Please don't make things difficult for me..."

Shen Zhong clearly wanted to make things difficult for Chu Cichen.

Shen Ruoqing's countenance sank as well.

She was about to speak up when Chu Cichen held her hand. "I don't mind walking in. It'll be a good chance to admire their courtyard's layout."

Yun Yiheng said angrily, "Then I won't take the shuttle bus either!"

The guard heaved a sigh of relief and smiled, saying to him, "That's right. The Shen Manor has wonderful scenery. If Mr. Yun isn't in a rush, I can be your guide."

It was difficult for him as a guard too.

He had to complete the tasks that the masters instructed him!

Shen Ruoqing had always been one with a chill attitude. When she heard this, she nodded.

The car was parked at the side and the four of them got off. The guard then opened a side door to let them in. Yun Yiheng didn't know about such rules, and this didn't matter to him.

However, Shen Ruoqing glanced at the guard.

The latter revealed a fawning smile once again.

Only the people who were not important guests and were here to ask for a favor would take the side door.

The guard was clearly diminishing their statuses again.

Shen Zhong wasn't holding back against Chu Cichen at all.

Shen Ruoqing herself wasn't particular about such things, but upon seeing Chu Cichen, the little wolfdog who had always been at a superior height and had a domineering disposition, entering from such a small and narrow side door, she somehow felt a gush of fury.

It was a five minutes drive from the entrance to the residential area. However, it took them 30 minutes to walk the same distance.

It was true that the Shen Manor's scenery was beautiful, but no matter how nice it was, the group was in no mood to admire it.

However, Chu Cichen looked very composed. Although he appeared calm, he had been surveying Shen Ruoqing from the corners of his eyes.

Hmmm, Jingjing was feeling heartache for him again!

Yun Yiheng was filled with admiration for Chu Cichen when he saw this side of him.

No wonder his cousin could manage such a big company! His tolerance was so good!

They finally arrived at the owners' residential area. The guard heaved a sigh of relief and passed the two groups to the butler.

The old master's butler had received news long ago of their arrival. He then looked at Yun Yiheng and Shen Ruoqing, saying, "Mr. Yun, Miss Shen, please come with me. Our old master is waiting for you!"

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After Shen Ruoqing heard this, she lowered her eyes for a moment.

Yun Yiheng was clearly treated kindly, and no one here dared to bully him. From this, it seemed that Old Master Shen was a magnanimous person and didn't implicate Yun Yiheng because of Shen Wanying's matter.

She had accompanied Yun Yiheng here because she was afraid he might be bullied.

Now that Yun Yiheng was fine, Chu Cichen on the other hand...

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When she thought of this, Shen Ruoqing spoke, "Go on ahead, I'll go accompany Chu Cichen."

Yun Yiheng also knew that his cousin-in-law would be deliberately targeted today. He nodded and just when the butler was about to leave, Chu Cichen called out to Yun Yiheng.

Yun Yiheng turned his head and heard Chu Cichen saying, "You are just here to play the zither for Old Master Shen. You don't have to care about anything else."

Yun Yiheng immediately understood his meaning.

He originally planned to complain about this to Old Master Shen, but from his cousin's words, it seemed that Chu Cichen didn't want to implicate him?

Yun Yiheng tensed his lips, but he eventually agreed. "Alright."

Business was business, playing the zither was playing the zither.

These were two different matters. It was indeed not apt to speak of this to Old Master Shen.

Yun Yiheng was led away politely by Old Master Shen's butler. The remaining three stood at the entrance and saw the servant that Shen Zhong had sent over. He was smiling at them and said, "Mr.

Chu, I'm sorry. Mr. Shen is currently in an international meeting, so I'm afraid the three of you might have to wait a little."

After that, he added, "In addition, there are many people in the manor, so it isn't suitable for you all to run around. It wouldn't be good if you guys bumped into any of the little young masters."

His meaning was clear. They were supposed to stand here and wait!

After saying that, the servant directly left.

This place was near the entrance and many servants were moving around. Moreover, many other guests were also walking around, so the three of them felt very awkward standing there.

Lu Cheng glanced at the people in the surroundings and was infuriated. "Bro Chen, why do we have to endure their nonsense?! This is simply too much!"

Shen Ruoqing tensed her chin, and a hint of coldness could be seen in her clear peach blossom eyes.

She looked at Chu Cichen.

This man who had always been proud had his phoenix eyes lowered at this moment. He then spoke in a low voice, "Back in the Sea City, we are number one and others are begging us for our help. But things are different in the capital."

Lu Cheng's lips twitched.

How were things different? If Bro Chen revealed his true identity, even Old Master Shen would have to receive him sincerely and with respect.

In addition, overseas, they had also encountered obstinate people before. Anything could be settled if they barged head-on with their current power.

Or could it be that Bro Chen wanted to act like a bullied little bunny before Lord Jing?

Lu Cheng tactfully didn't comment on this.

As expected, once Bro Chen said that, Lord Jing's gaze changed.

Shen Ruoqing indeed felt heartache for Chu Cichen.

Back then, no matter whether it was overseas or in China, Chu Cichen had always been imposing. She had never thought that he would encounter a setback at work.

Now, she faintly felt some anger in her heart.

After pondering, Chu Cichen spoke, "Jingjing, the Shen Family has such a large pond. When the lotuses bloom in summer, it will surely be a very beautiful sight. You can fish here as well. In the future, we will build one for our home."

Shen Ruoqing loved fishing and her eyes brightened after hearing this. After thinking about the land size of the Chu Manor, there was indeed space to install a pond. Hence, she nodded.

After the two of them finished talking about this, a cold snort rang out from the side. So, the two turned their heads and saw a young woman in her twenties walking out of a room.

This woman bore a 30% resemblance to Shen Wanying, but she was more arrogant in comparison. Her chin was lifted slightly as she spoke arrogantly, "What big words, simply ignorant! Do you even know how much we spent to construct this lake-size pond or how long we have to maintain it? Do you know that this pond alone needs three servants to clean it? You think this is a pond similar to the one in your lowly villages?"

After she said this, she saw Chu Cichen and Shen Ruoqing turning over.

At the instant they turned, her eyes brightened as she spotted Chu Cichen.

Her gaze was fixed on Chu Cichen, with undisguised awe and admiration within. Her earlier arrogance vanished completely as she asked him, "Who are you? Why have I never met you in the capital before?"

However, Chu Cichen's attitude was cold. He ignored her.

The servant beside the girl immediately replied, "Fifth young miss, they are here to beg your eldest uncle for something."

The fifth young miss was named Shen Jiayi, and she belonged to the second house. Four of her elder female cousins had been married and she was the only one of suitable age left. Hence, although her personality was a little arrogant, she had many pursuers in the capital.

Just like the saying goes, as long as a family has a beautiful girl, she would have no lack of suitors.

Those who could marry her would become part of the Shen Family and immediately soar to the skies. And because Shen Yuansong had no biological granddaughter, her current status was similar to a princess in ancient times.

Shen Jiayi immediately replied after hearing the servant's words, "Is uncle busy? Do you need me to help you guys call him?"

Chu Cichen remained aloof and directly held Shen Ruoqing's hands. "No need. Me and my wife will just wait here for a little more."

Wife?

Shen Jiayi's expression immediately changed.

She angrily turned around and departed.

The servant hurriedly followed behind her. "Miss fifth, please don't be angry. I think they didn't know what's good for them and had no idea about your identity! It can already be considered their fortune that you deigned to speak with them!"

As they spoke, they walked further away.

After some time, Shen Jiayu suddenly halted and turned her head again. She bit her lips as she looked at Chu Cichen in the distance.

She had lived so many years in the capital and had never met such a handsome guy before. He was even more handsome than celebrities! After thinking for a bit, she spoke to the servant, "Do an investigation and check his family situation. Find out his identity too."

The servant. "...Okay."

Chu Cichen, who had no idea he was being surveyed, had his eyes on his hands that were holding Shen Ruoqing's. His lips curled into a smile.

Shen Ruoqing. "...She has already left."

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"But what if she returns? After all, there are many people moving around here."

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

She twitched her lips and glanced at the time again. Shen Zhong had actually made them wait for over an hour!

In this cold weather, it was simply too much that he made them stand outside.

Usually, they would either be in the car or in their rooms. The houses in the capital had warmers after all. Hence, they had too few clothes on right now as they didn't expect to wait outside in such weather. Lu Cheng only had a thin shirt and a suit on. He was so cold that he was jumping around as he scolded, "They are simply bullying us!"

Shen Ruoqing's constitution was good, so she didn't feel cold at all.

Chu Cichen's large hand that was holding hers was warm as well. He was evidently fine too.

However, how could they allow others to bully them like this?!

Shen Ruoqing coldly laughed and dragged Chu Cichen along as she strode with large steps into the living room.

Shen Yuansong was at home. She wanted to blow this matter up and let Shen Yuansong see how Shen Zhong handled things!

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