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Margaret was once very worried about the shaping of Charlie's personality, character, and outlook on life as he grew up.

As a mother, she naturally hoped to always give him the best education, the best environment, and the best guidance.

But the actual situation was that she could only watch silently as Charlie grew up with other children in the orphanage.

She could only watch silently as he came out of school after graduating from high school, and went to work on a construction site, but she could not intervene in any way.

Once upon a time, she was also worried about whether Charlie's views would be distorted in that kind of environment, whether he would be too philistine, and whether he would be too commercial.

But fortunately, between Charlie's childhood as a rich young generation and his later status as a poor orphan, He had found a good middle point for his worldviews.

This not only allowed him to maintain a normal outlook on life and a proper sense of justice,

But also allowed him to avoid his father's overly harsh self-imposed moral standards.

In other words.

To a certain extent, this greatly makes up for Changying's character shortcomings.

Just like the position of the head of the Wade family.

The normal succession process of the head of the family should wait until the old man Zhongquan decides to retire,

And then Zhongquan personally points out who will inherit it.

If other children have objections, they must find a way to make the old man change his mind and become more ruthless.

Maybe he will find a way to get rid of the original heir first, and then take the throne himself.

Today's wealthy families are like this, and so were the princes and generals in ancient times.

But Charlie didn't follow the Wade family's example. Not only did he not follow the traditional process, He didn't even say hello to the Wade family when helping himself to the position.

He just told Joseph in an understatement in front of the Wade family,

That he had just taken over the affairs of the Wade family and was short of manpower.

Since Joseph wanted to submit to him, he must be loyal to him.

In one sentence, he not only conquered the entire Cataclysmic Front,

But also directly told everyone that he was already the head of the Wade family.

He did not give the Wade family any chance to react or consider, and did not even bother to tell them his decision in person.

Just announced the results directly to the third party and let them listen. But it was precisely because of such an unruly and uncompromising tough approach,

That Charlie took the position of the head of the Wade family without any hindrance.

If Zhongquan refused to give up that position,

He could only stand up obediently and abdicate in favor of others.

When Margaret heard about this from Leon, She was so excited that she couldn't sleep all night.

She had never paid attention to the little assets of the Wade family,

But the position of the head of the Wade family was a knot in her heart.

At that time, everyone knew that her husband was the most suitable for this position,

But everyone in the Wade family was pretending to be stupid, So that until his death, the husband could not really become the leader of the Wade family.

Margaret had been complaining about this matter to her husband.

And this knot in her heart was finally opened easily by Charlie after twenty years, which made her extremely happy.

At the same time, it also made her look forward to Charlie's future even more.

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The old house of the Wade family. After Charlie had eaten with the old man.

He couldn't wait to say to the old man and Leon:

"Grandpa, Butler Tang, you eat slowly."

"I'll go to my parents' room to take a look."

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Leon asked respectfully: "Master, what are you doing? Do you need your subordinates to accompany you?"

"No need." Charlie waved his hands and said,

"Cathy and I will go together, you don't have to worry about us."

Maria also stood up and said politely: "Grandpa Wade, Butler Tang, excuse me."

After saying that, she followed Charlie out of the dining room, and headed to the courtyard where Charlie's parents lived.

Due to the large size of this courtyard, Charlie's parents had four connected rooms here.

In addition to a main hall and a bedroom, There was also a study room and Charlie's own room.

In layman's terms, it is a three-bedroom apartment with three bedrooms and one living room.

Charlie has lived here for several years and is quite familiar with the overall layout here.

In addition, there are almost no obvious changes here, so it is easier to distinguish.

When he came to the main hall, the furniture and furnishings inside were still the same as when his parents took him away.

The picture of living here with his parents when he was young suddenly appeared in Charlie's mind,

And he suddenly had mixed feelings. afterward, he took Maria to walk through the rooms first.

In addition to furniture, there were some prepared bedding and pillows in the main hall and bedroom,

But it is obvious that they are new. As a result, the main hall and bedroom will lose the value of finding clues.

So Charlie concentrated his energy on the study.

The study room converted from a courtyard wing is not very large,

Almost 30 square meters, but it has three walls of bookshelves and a large collection of books.

Even twenty years later, on the bookshelf in the study room, there are still many books left by Changying and Margaret.

These were the favorites of the couple who could not take away their glasses. Charlie took a quick look and found that although there were many books in it, there were only three categories.

One of the categories is finance and management,

Most of which are related experiences written by some world-renowned economists and financial practitioners,

While the other category is history and biographies,

And the third category is the Book of Changes and Gossip. Charlie didn't know much about it when he was young,

So every time he came to his parents' study to look for books,

He only stared at the interesting history books and basically ignored other books. And it was only today that he finally realized that his parents had been studying the I Ching Bagua a long time ago.

Maria also took a rough look at the collection of books, and then sighed to Charlie: "Master, your parents had collected almost the best books about the Yijing and Bagua in the world."

"Some of them are even from hundreds of years ago and are out of print."

"It seems that they had very deep involvement and research in the I Ching Bagua and Feng Shui secrets."

Charlie nodded absently.

At this time, what he was thinking about was how to quickly convert these books. Go through the whole thing.

So he searched carefully on the bookshelves to see if there were any clues left in these books,

But there were so many books that even if he just took a quick look, it would be impossible to read them all in a short while.

While flipping through the book, he said to Maria:

"With so many books, it seems that it will take at least a few days to sort them out." Maria smiled slightly and said:

"It doesn't matter how many days it takes, just sort it out slowly."

"If the young master doesn't dislike it, I will accompany you to collect them here." Charlie said: "Then let's take a look at these books on the I Ching Bagua first." "My parents had both been exposed to Taoism,"

"So I think there should be some books on the I Ching Bagua or some notes left."

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Maria nodded and asked him: "I also want to share the worries for the master."

Charlie said: "Since Miss Lin has nothing else, let's help together."

"I'll look around, and if you see something that seems suspicious,"

"Tell me as soon as possible."

"No problem!" Maria agreed happily and readily,

And then took a book from the bookshelf and carefully flipped through the pages in her hand to quickly look for things that might be caught in the book and notes left in the book.

However, after reading many books in succession,

Neither of them found anything that could make their eyes shine.

Just when Charlie didn't know where to start,

Maria suddenly took out a black book from the bookshelf, then she opened it took a few glances, and said in surprise: "Master, there is a photo album here!"

Hearing Maria's words, Charlie subconsciously looked at the black photo album in her hand.

As soon as you look at it, you can tell that this photo album is old.

In the past ten years or so, with the rapid development of smartphones, Ordinary people have already unconsciously digitized all image data.

Few people buy photo albums of different sizes and thicknesses the photos are sorted into albums.

Charlie didn't know what was in the album, so he took the album from Maria and carefully opened the first page.

The first thing that catches the eye on the first page is a single photo of two young people in front of the Statue of Liberty in the United States.

The man in the photo looks very similar to Charlie,

But his clothing is relatively retro, wearing a knitted sweater and white jeans unique to that era.

This is Charlie's father Changying Wade;

And the woman in the photo looks like she was in her twenties, Slender, and wearing a light beige long trench coat.

She had a perm of curly hair that was very fashionable at the time and looks no less impressive even now.

The hem of her clothes and hair floated in the wind at the same time, making her look elegant beautiful and rustic.

Maria couldn't help but sigh:

"The young master's mother is really beautiful..."

Charlie nodded slightly, and then asked jokingly:

"Have you never seen my mother before?"

"She seemed to be quite well-known in that era."

Maria shook her head and said: "I once searched for the life of master's mother. It is indeed remarkable, and she had unparalleled popularity in the fields of technology, finance, and venture capital twenty or thirty years ago..."

As she spoke, Maria sighed softly and said:

"In fact, the life trajectory mine is exactly the opposite of that of the Young Master's mother."

"After the Young Master's mother became famous in Silicon Valley and the boom of the internet, she seized the opportunity and became what people call a trendsetter."

"However, I happened to retreat after the rise of the internet."

"After that, I was worried that Victoria's ability to obtain information would rapidly improve due to this technology,"

"And I would have almost no contact with the outside world, so it just happened to be staggered."

Charlie nodded in understanding and then opened the second page of the album.

On the second page of the photo album, there is a photo of the two parents.

Still with the Statue of Liberty as the background, Changying stood tall and straight, and Margaret nestled beside him, stretching out her arms to hug him.

Changying also stretched out an arm to hug Margaret.

The four photos on the left and right of this page are all group photos of two people.

The four photos are either decent, playful, or joyous, but it can be seen that the two people in each photo have love for each other in their eyes.

Maria saw it and couldn't help but sigh:

"The relationship between the young master's parents must have been very good."

"It's really enviable."

Charlie nodded and said: "These should be photos of their relationship."

"In fact, they had been so affectionate since I can remember."

"They had never had a quarrel, and even when there are disagreements,"

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One party will quickly give in before the situation gets out of hand.”

Maria asked curiously: “Then who was usually the first to make concessions?”

Charlie thought for a while and said: “It didn’t seem to be particularly clear who would give in first.”

“The two of them always had a tacit understanding in life and could always judge the other’s persistence on something very well.”

“If they felt that the other is more stubborn on this matter,”

“The more insistent they are, the more one of them would give in, appropriately.”

Maria couldn’t help but sigh: “Two people can balance each other at all times.”

“This kind of relationship is really rare.”

Charlie nodded slightly and turned to the third page of the album.

After opening this page, the photo in the upper right corner on the left is of a small antique shop.

This antique shop is a bit retro. The shape of the door is somewhat British-style.

In the middle of the circular signboard, the one on the right is written in Chinese characters.

The word: “Ancient”.

Maria on the side pointed to a number plate next to the store door and said:

“Master, this store is in Queens, New York.”

“Really?” Charlie asked curiously: “How can you tell?”

“I can’t see it at this resolution. I don’t understand the words on it.”

Maria said: “I lived in Queens. The size, color, and hanging position of this number plate are the early style of Queens.”

“I’m not sure if it is still used now.”

“New York...”

Charlie nodded, suddenly I remembered what my uncle told me a few days ago. “My parents bought a set of antique books in an antique store in New York.”

“That set of books was the “Preface to the Nine Profound Mysteries Scriptures”. Combined with the antique store in the photo, Charlie suddenly remembered something and said to Maria.

“This is probably the antique store where my father bought the “Preface to Nine Profound Mysteries Scriptures”!”

Maria was also surprised and said quickly:

“Preface to Nine Profound Mysteries Scriptures” There must be a certain connection between “The Classic of Nine Mysteries” and “Preface to the Nine Mysterious Scriptures”.”

“The young master accidentally obtained the “Preface to the Nine Mysterious Scriptures” in an antique shop in Aurous Hill.”

“Your father obtained the “Preface to the Nine Mysterious Scriptures” in an antique shop in New York.”

“There must be more than just a coincidence between the two!”

Charlie nodded and said: “The world is so big, it is impossible for two extremely mysterious scriptures to fall into the hands of a father and son respectively,” “And there space and time separation between them...”

After saying that, Charlie quickly looked down again.

The second photo in the lower left corner is a photo of Charlie’s father, Changying, and a young man who is younger than him, in front of this antique store.

In the photo, the two are holding each other’s backs while giving a thumbs up to the camera with their other hands.

Maria pointed to the people around Charlie’s father and asked Charlie:

“Does the young master know this person?” He shook his head: “No.”

Maria said: “It seems that he has a good relationship with the young master’s father.”

“Didn’t you see him when you were there?”

“No.” Charlie said firmly: “I have no information about this person in my memory.” As he said that, Charlie looked at the person’s appearance, suddenly frowned, and said:

“It’s strange... I really haven’t seen this person in the photo when I was a child,”

“At least before my parents and I left Eastcliff.”

“I have definitely never seen such a person, but...”

“But this person looks a little bit familiar,”

“For a while I couldn’t figure out where I had seen him.”

Maria thought for a while and said seriously:

“The familiarity cannot be for no reason.”

“It is possible that the young master has never seen him,”

“But has met his relatives, so he feels that his appearance is familiar.”

“It is also possible that the young master has indeed seen him,”

“But when the young master saw him, his appearance had changed significantly compared to him in the photo,”

“For example, he may have become fatter, bald, mature, or even older.” Charlie said in agreement: “What you said is indeed possible,”

“But I really can’t think of any clear clues right now.” Maria pursed her lower lip and asked Charlie:

“Can I take out the photos and take a look?”

“Maybe there is be something written on the back.”

“People in the past took photos and had the habit of writing on the back of the photos as a souvenir.”

Charlie nodded and said, “Okay, take it out.” Maria carefully pulled out the photo.

Then she glanced at the back of it and said in surprise:

“Master, there is indeed writing on the back!” Charlie took it over and took a look.

On the back of the white photo paper with the Kodak logo, there was a line of words with a pen. : “in Queens with Chou, 12.11”