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Chapter 36: The Doctor Who Appeared at the Banquet

Cheng Liu saw that her mother was serious, so she paused for a moment and did not dare to make a scene again. She bit her lips tightly and walked stiffly to Ji Qian. She bowed her head unwillingly. "I'm sorry, Qian Qian. I shouldn't have said that about you."

Her voice was as soft as a mosquito's.

Ji Qian did not want to look at her, so she averted her eyes and carefully approached Shen Hanxing. She could tell that Cheng Liu's apology was not sincere. Her words and actions were perfunctory. She did not want to accept such an apology.

Shen Hanxing chuckled. "What's wrong? Miss Cheng did not eat enough at the banquet? Why are you speaking so softly?"

Auntie Ji's expression was unsightly. "Cheng Liu, be serious!"

Cheng Liu gritted her teeth in hatred, but she did not dare to anger her mother. She could only close her eyes and shout, "I'm sorry! I shouldn't have mocked you! Ji Qian, I let you down!"

Someone laughed out loud. Cheng Liu felt as if an invisible hand just slapped her across the face. She was so embarrassed that tears flowed down her cheeks. Seeing her daughter cry so pitifully, Auntie Ji's heart ached. She wanted to step forward and comfort Cheng Liu, but her daughter pushed her away and ran away.

Auntie Ji suppressed her heartache and tried her best to smile at Shen Hanxing and Ji Qian. "Qian Qian, Xiao Liu knows that she's wrong. Can you forgive her?"

Why? Did she have to forgive her just because she apologized? Who set that rule?

However, Ji Qian did not want to communicate with her aunt. She took another step toward Shen Hanxing, sniffed, and whispered, "Sister-in-law..."

Shen Hanxing facepalmed. She's starting to realize that the children of the Ji family were all cry babies, especially girls.

She patted Ji Qian's hand to comfort her, and then said to Auntie Ji, "Auntie, an apology is an apology. Whether we accept it or not is Qian Qian's freedom. It's obvious that Cheng Liu's apology was not sincere, so Qian Qian doesn't want to accept it. Sigh, I think we spoiled Qian Qian. But, after all, Qian Qian is just a child."

"PFFT."

Someone in the crowd was amused by Shen Hanxing's words. Shen Hanxing looked up and was surprised to see a familiar face.

Zhuang Hengyu? Why was he here? Wasn't he that doctor from the hospital? If he was here, then what about Ji Yan's... Ji Yan's surgery...

Zhuang Hengyu... Zhuang family... they share the same surname. Several thoughts flashed through Shen Hanxing's mind.

Zhuang Hengyu did not seem to mind that Shen Hanxing identified him. He even nodded at her from afar. At the same time, the phone in her handbag vibrated. It was the signal that she and Ji Yan agreed upon earlier. After knowing that everything went well on his side, Shen Hanxing was completely relieved.

Auntie Ji did not know what to say in response to Shen Hanxing. She could only nod stiffly. "Yes, you're right."

"Alright, your problem was solved. Now it's my turn to speak."

Old Master Zhuang leaned on his walking stick. When he looked at Shen Hanxing, his expression softened a little, but it was still not very pleasant. "Our Zhuang family's venue is small and can not accommodate guests from the Ji family. Please leave."

He was old and did not care about many things. Ji Qian destroying his orchid was a serious matter, so he did not want to be kind to anyone.

He admired Shen Hanxing's way of handling matters and her decisive attitude, but he could only give her some space to handle her family matters and could not forgive the Ji family for ruining his precious orchid.

Ji Qian's tears flowed down again. She subconsciously grabbed Shen Hanxing's arm and explained anxiously, "Sister-in-law, I didn't. It wasn't me. Someone pushed me behind my back, so I lost my balance..."

At this point, she looked at Shen Hanxing nervously and expectantly. She didn't know if Shen Hanxing would believe her. After all, she was the only one standing in front of the orchid. No one would believe her.

Someone had to take responsibility for Old Master Zhuang's orchid. Everyone only wanted to quickly hand over the perpetrator and end the matter, so they wanted Ji Qian to be the scapegoat.

If they did not believe her, what about Shen Hanxing? Would she, her sister-in-law, believe her? She had to admit that she hoped Shen Hanxing would believe her. However, Shen Hanxing did not reply and slowly pulled her hand free from Ji Qian's grasp.

Ji Qian's heart turned cold inch by inch. The light in her eyes dimmed and she dropped her gaze. At this moment, Shen Hanxing suddenly raised her arm and patted Ji Qian's head. Then she said gently and firmly, "Old Master Zhuang, don't throw us out just yet. I know the Ji family's children. They are not the kind of people who don't know their place."

What? Shen Hanxing said that she believed her?