

Hidden 1711

Chapter 1711: You Said Little Treasure Is Alright?

After they passed through a long corridor, they reached a hidden room.

There were two people on the stone bed inside the hidden room. It was Ning Xi and Little Treasure.

After searching for so long, he had finally found them...

"They... How are they?" Lu Tingxiao's voice trembled as he got closer to them. He wanted to touch her, but he was afraid he might affect the girl's wounds.

Ning Xi's wounds seem to have been treated, but he could not feel her breathing at all. As for Little Treasure, he could see his chest undulating evenly.

The man replied, "The little guy is alright. I'm not very good with children, so I made him fall asleep for now. As for the big one..."

"What about the big one?"

The man looked at the girl on the stone bed, then he sighed and spoke with a complicated expression, "My expertise is with external wounds and it can only help this much. Bring her to a hospital now, but I can't guarantee her survival."

The man's words brewed an extremely uneasy feeling in Lu Tingxiao. "Okay! Thank you!"

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At the Imperial Hospital in China.

After a night of tough tracking, Lu Tingxiao had finally found Ning Xi and Little Treasure, then he brought them back.

Yun Shen did not go to the hospital, but he let Annie accompany them.

Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan rushed to the hospital from home immediately, while Lu Jingli went there from the office.

"Tingxiao! Where's Little Treasure?! Where's my Little Treasure?! Where's Little Treasure?!" Yan Ruyi's face looked pale as she grabbed onto Lu Tingxiao's clothes tightly. Her reddened eyes looked everywhere frantically in fear.

Lu Chongshan was panting and he barely managed to walk with a crutch. "How's Little Treasure?"

Lu Jingli's tears fell as he saw Lu Tingxiao staring blankly outside the operating room. "Bro, is Little Treasure..."

After a while, Lu Tingxiao finally spoke up, "Little Treasure is alright."

Yan Ruyi, Lu Chongshan, and Lu Jingli were stunned when they heard Lu Tingxiao.

"What? Tingxiao what did you just say?"

"Bro, did you say Little Treasure is alright?"

"Tingxiao, don't try to lie and comfort me! How's Little Treasure? As long as he's alive, I'm not hoping for much..."

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The impatient Tang Lang looked at the anxious Lu family. "Stop pestering him. Didn't he say Little Treasure is alright? He's in the room upstairs. Go and look at him yourself!"

After Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi heard him, they hurried upstairs with the help of Lu Jingli.

As the three of them arrived at the door of the ward, a doctor in a white robe came out of the room.

"Doctor! Doctor! How's Little Treasure?"

The person who treated Little Treasure was the deputy head of the hospital. He replied to them, "Elder Mister Lu, Elder Madam Lu, rest assured. Your grandchild is alright. He only has some external wounds. While he was still unconscious earlier, he should be up soon."

Yan Ruyi was stunned when she heard the doctor. She could not believe her ears. "Doctor! What did you say? Little Treasure is alright? Did you say Little Treasure is okay?"

"Yes, you may go in and take a look at him now," he told her.

"Okay... I'll go now!"

The three of them went in and saw the little guy sleeping on the bed.

Yan Ruyi grabbed the little guy's warm hand. She also touched his beating heart and felt his rhythmic breathing. Then only did she finally believe he was alive...

"Little Treasure is alive... My Little Treasure is still alive... Thank God... Thank God..." Yan Ruyi could not hold it in anymore. She sobbed as she held onto Little Treasure's hand.

Lu Chongshan had tears in his eyes too. He thought that Little Treasure would become a sacrifice this time and did not expect Little Treasure to return safely to them.

Lu Jingli's expression became worse after he saw his relieved parents and the safe and sound Little Treasure. "Father, Mother, I'll go down and take a look at Sister-in-law. I wonder what happened to her..."

Chapter 1712: We've Tried Our Best

"Right, that girl..." Yan Ruyi suddenly remembered her.

"You take care of Little Treasure. I'll go down and take a look." Lu Chongshan looked at Little Treasure dearly, then he touched the little guy's warm face before leaving with Lu Jingli.

Yan Ruyi was worried as she saw them both out.

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The red lightbulb of the operating room was still lit up when Lu Chongshan and Lu Jingli went downstairs. Ning Xi was still in the middle of her surgery.

"How's the girl?" Lu Chongshan asked.

Lu Tingxiao had been sitting on the cold bench since just now. He looked downcast without moving an inch. Despite having heard his father, he did not react at all.

Tang Lang replied coldly, "She was shot in her arm, her torso, both her calves, her scapula sustained a fracture. She's also got three broken ribs, and her head received..."

Lu Chongshan's face turned paler and paler as Tang Lang said more. He witnessed what had happened to the girl in the video, so of course he knew.

Lu Jingli did not know what to say. He went up to Lu Tingxiao and put his hands on his brother's shoulders. "Sister-in-law is blessed. She'll be alright!"

Lu Tingxiao still did not respond.

Lu Jingli knew he would not listen to anything no, so he stayed quiet after a few words of comfort.

His brother was not talking, while Tang Lang looked like he was about to explode anytime soon. Lu Jingli felt really anxious. Then, he suddenly saw a savior. Annie was standing by the corner and he went up to her. "Hey, you're my sister-in-law's friend. You're the really talented doctor named Annie, aren't you?!"

Annie nodded. She was staring blankly into the distance and was not really focused.

"My sister-in-law... How is she? She'll be alright since you're here, won't she?" Lu Jingli asked.

Annie looked at him in the eye and answered plainly, "I wasn't able to help much."

No matter how good she was, she could not be better than the most advanced modern healthcare system. Moreover, the mysterious man had handled Bro Xi's wounds perfectly. Even she had to admit that she would not be able to do as well a job. If that person had not been there, Bro Xi would not have made it to the hospital in time.

The girl did not say anything else afterwards and just stared at the direction of the operating theatre.

Lu Jingli studied Annie's eyes. He felt an uneasy feeling in the depth of her eyes...

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Time passed by slowly...

The surgery went on from midnight until sunrise.

At 6 o'clock sharp in the morning, the red light was turned off. The door of the operating theatre opened from the inside.

Two operation assistants came out, followed by the main surgeon.

The surgeon was drenched in sweat. The surgeon's gown clung onto his sticky skin. He took off his mask and had an unpleasant expression on his face.

Everyone's hearts sank when they saw the doctor's expression.

Yan Ruyi came over as well. She had been praying with her hands clasped together as she chanted Buddhist scriptures. Nervously, she went up to ask as the doctor came out, "Doctor, how did the operation go? How's the child?"

The doctor phrased carefully as he studied their gazes, "I'm sorry. We've tried our best. Although the operation was successful, the patient received too much damage, and she can't wake up now. The patient is unable to breathe on her own. Her brain stem reaction and brain waves can't be detected..."

Chapter 1713: Xiao Xi, Forgive Me For Being Selfish

When they heard the doctor's answer, everyone stood there stunned. They froze for a long time.

After a while, Lu Jingli asked emotionally, "What do you mean 'unable to breathe on her own'? What 'missing brain stem reaction and brain waves'... These damned descriptions... Aren't they all just a way of describing a dead person? Doctor, can you please be clearer?"

The main surgeon was the President of the hospital himself, and he knew how important this operation was. However, at that moment, he could only be honest. "The patient has now entered into a deep coma. Currently, we can only use a breathing machine and medication to sustain the patient's sign of life. Once life support is pulled off, the patient will immediately be dead."

With the doctor's words, the entire corridor fell into a deathly stillness.

Yan Ruyi turned pale as she slumped onto the bench. "How could this be... How could this be?"

Lu Tingxiao was like a statue as he stood there without moving at all.

The doctor paused and looked at Lu Tingxiao. "My condolences to the family members. I apologize that right now I still have to formally ask if... you want to continue to keep the patient on life support or... remove it... and let the patient pass away in ease..."

A while later, the tension in the air was at its peak. No one said anything. In the end, it was still Tang Lang who asked with a tremble in his voice, "What will happen if we continue to keep the life support?"

"If you continue to keep the support... then she'll be in what we commonly know as being in a vegetative state. She might lie on the bed forever. Usually, even if we use machines and medication to sustain them, they'll only be able to hold on for slightly over ten years because when the time passes, the patient's living functions will gradually degenerate," answered the doctor with a sigh. Even though this was considered living, it was actually just living to suffer.

Every word that the doctor said chilled everyone's hearts even more.

"Of course, we'll keep her! Even if she's in a vegetative state, there might be a day when she wakes up!" Lu Jingli quickly said.

The doctor nodded. "That's right. Even though the chances are very minimal, there have been many previous successful cases."

"Is that still a question then? Of course, we'll maintain life support!" Lu Jingli immediately decided.

The doctor looked a little unsure. At last, he still turned to Lu Tingxiao and asked, "CEO Lu, do you want to..."

When Lu Jingli saw that the doctor was still asking his brother, he became very anxious. Asking his brother this question was practically the same as using a knife to stab his heart!

Some seconds passed before the empty corridor was filled with the man's raspy voice, "Continue the life support."

"Okay, understood," the doctor sighed and left.

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In the best ward of the hospital.

At that moment, that girl, who was always so reckless and at ease as the wind, now lay quietly on the bed. She had been beaten black and blue, and had lost all consciousness. She could only rely on the breathing machine to preserve her life.

Lu Tingxiao sat in front of the sick bed without any expression on his face. He carefully held the girl's hand, which was filled with little cuts, and gently lowered his head to plant a kiss on it as if he was afraid that he would disturb her even though he knew that she might never wake up ever again.

Xiao Xi... I'm sorry...

Forgive me for being selfish...

I can't let you go...

I am sorry...

Outside the door, Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan did not enter because they blamed themselves. They looked through the window into the ward with solemn expressions on their faces.

They saw their stern and apathetic eldest son, who usually remained calm even if he met with the most insurmountable challenges, currently holding a girl's hands with his head buried, shoulders trembling as he broke down in tears...

Chapter 1714: Gift You As Dowry

All this time, they had misunderstood the girl, been suspicious of her, and denied everything that she had done for Little Treasure. They thought that she would definitely hurt Little Treasure.

However, in the end, when Little Treasure was in the most danger, only she had gone forward to protect Little Treasure regardless of everything.

In that situation, as she faced all those vile people, she had protected Little Treasure and ensured that he was not hurt the slightest. In the meantime, she had been wounded to this extent and might never wake up ever again...

In Yan Ruyi's head, the image of a girl flashed. Even if she had been shot, she still carried Little Treasure and ran quickly. Her mind flashed to the moment right before the bomb, and the girl's first reaction had still been to protect Little Treasure tightly under her. The guilt and regret wrenched Yan Ruyi's heart.

How much of pain and torture had the girl suffered just to make sure Little Treasure was safe and sound?

Even if she did not understand it, she could tell that the girl was skilled. With her talents, if she had not taken Little Treasure with her, she could have escaped herself. Besides, all of these disasters were unrelated to her, yet she had done all she could to this extent for Little Treasure.

She truly liked Little Treasure, loved Little Treasure...

A love like this was no less than a mother's love for their child!

As a mother, how could she hurt her own child?

As Yan Ruyi looked at the girl in the ward who was covered in bruises, she was overcome with regret. "It's all my fault... I shouldn't have misunderstood that girl... Someone that Tingxiao trusted so much... Someone that Little Treasure liked so much... Why didn't I try to get to know her better back then?"

"If I had trusted Tingxiao and Little Treasure... trusted that girl... all of this wouldn't have happened..."

"Now, this girl is like this... How can I face Tingxiao? When Little Treasure wakes up, how can I explain this to him?"

As he listened to his wife choke with sobs, Lu Chongshan stood there blankly. He did not say anything. All of his hair had turned white overnight as if he had aged ten years.

His grandson was safe...

Yet, as he looked at the girl in the ward...

The Lu family owed this girl too much, far too much. He was afraid that even if they did everything, they would not be able to repay her...

One mistake led to the other. Because of his stubbornness and bigotry, he had almost lost his grandson. In the end, had let an innocent person suffer all the consequences.

If he could, he would much rather that it was him suffering all of this, but now nothing he said could reverse the situation.

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At the end of the quiet corridor.

Annie stood there for a long time in a daze. Finally, she picked up her phone and made a call. "Hey..."

"How's she?" From the other end of the phone came a man's low and hoarse voice.

Annie kept silent for a long time. While the person kept silent on the other end of the phone, he did not rush her.

A long while later, the girl took a deep breath and said, "The operation just ended. Even though it was very successful, Bro Xi is severely injured. She can't wake up just yet. Currently, they can only preserve her life through a breathing machine. If she's lucky, maybe she'll wake up some day. There's also a possibility... that she might never wake up forever..."

As the girl finished, the other end of the phone remained silent. There was no response for a long time.

"Bro Shen?" Annie asked with a concerned tone.

"Nothing. Stay there. If you can help with anything, help them," the man said before he hung up.

In the darkness, the man stared at the complicated stock charts on his flickering computer screen and muttered softly to himself, "Huh, these toys... I'll consider it your dowry then... If you don't wake up, they'll benefit another woman..."

Chapter 1715: Little Treasure Woke Up

The sun rose, and the bright radiance shone upon the whole city.

The Lu family's large-scale fight for power between the eldest son and the illegitimate child, as well as the the Lu Corporation and the Yi Lan Innovative Investment Group's war had ended with the Lu Corporation emerging as victor.

Because Yi Lan's many important investments and shares suffered a steep fall and huge losses in addition to the large penalty from their trading partner, they had no choice but to toss out the Lu Corporation's shares in large quantities to repay their debts. In just one night, they had completely withdrawn from the Lu Corporation's board of directors.

However, this incident still wavered the Lu Corporation's roots. After all, there was still much left to deal with, and the other party might come back from their defeat anytime.

It was as if Lu Jingli had matured overnight. From being a frivolous heir without high ambitions, he had silently assumed all responsibilities, this scattered family, and this company with all the chaos breaking out everywhere...

Ever since the start of Ning Xi's surgery, Lu Tingxiao had not left her side at all.

Lu Jingli turned away. He covered his teary eyes and then turned to look at the man by the sickbed. He said seriously, "Bro, don't worry. You have me at the company. I'll take care of Father and Mother too. You... just have to accompany Sister-in-law... You don't have to think about anything else..."

He understood too well. Understood how much pain and remorse he must be feeling right now.

Until now, he still remembered the moment before the grievous news was broken. Lu Tingxiao had suddenly told him to pick Ning Xi up and put her within his line of sight.

He had probably sensed the danger then.

Lu Tingxiao held the girl's hands tightly. There was agony curling at the corner of his mouth.

Huh, accompany her right now? What was the use anymore?

Even though he did not want to admit it, he knew clearly that those pictures and his jealousy for that man had made him lose rationality and judgement in this incident. In his absorption to resolve all of this, he had neglected the most important thing.

He had made her wait... Wait for everything to get sorted out...

And now, she could not even see the results.

If only he had considered things more thoroughly, maybe all of this would not have happened...

When he thought of this, the huge lump of hopelessness and remorse that surfaced almost swallowed him whole.

He thought that if he had considered things more thoroughly, if he could have been calmer and less extreme, if he had not teased her right from the start... If he had not forcefully brought her into his world...

She had been so wanton and at ease, so free, so enthusiastic. The person she liked was just like her too...

Yet, she had slowly put away her ridged corners and folded her wings for him. She had slowly changed herself, wronged herself, and even put her life at stake...

"Maybe I've been wrong right from the start... I shouldn't have forced her to be with me..." At that moment, the man's tone had lost all its usual arrogance and reclusiveness. His tone was weak as if it could be broken with a touch.

Lu Jingli had never seen someone as proud as Lu Tingxiao look this frail and dispirited. His heart throbbed with pain. "Bro, what nonsense are you saying!? Xiao Xi Xi truly likes you!"

Lu Jingli anxiously wanted to comfort him further when his phone suddenly rang. It was Yan Ruyi.

"Hello, Mother. What happened?"

"Hello, Jingli. Quickly come over. It's best for your brother to rush over too. Little Treasure has woken up..." From the other end of the phone came Yan Ruyi's panicked voice.

Lu Jingli's expression tensed up. "Little Treasure is awake? Okay, I'll be there right away!"

Chapter 1716: That Was His Mother

Downstairs, inside the VIP ward.

"Little Treasure, you're up! Are you hungry? What do you want to eat? Grandmother will get someone to make whatever you like for you!"

"Little Treasure, are you feeling uncomfortable anywhere? Tell Grandfather!"

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Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan helped Little Treasure up carefully, then they stood by the bed and anxiously bombarded Little Treasure with questions.

On the bed, the little guy was sitting there quietly with his clean clothes. There was a plaster on the back of his hand, and he had no expression on his pale little face as he stared blankly at Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan who kept talking to him.

That was the scene Lu Jingli and Lu Tingxiao saw when they arrived.

The two elders were speaking to the child worriedly while Little Treasure just sat on the bed quietly, devoid of expression. His eyes were like a puddle of stagnant water. There was no light in his eyes at all as if he was only a shell.

"Jingli, Tingxiao... Look at Little Treasure! What's happened to him? He's been like this ever since he woke up. He has no reaction at all! He's not replying to anything we're asking!" Yan Ruyi panicked.

Lu Jingli went over and gave the little guy a hug, then he patted him on the shoulder. "Don't be afraid, Little Treasure. It's alright now and you're safe. No bad guys will hurt you again! Look, Grandfather, Grandmother, and everyone are here! Everyone will protect you!"

At this moment, the door opened and Xing Wu came in with a few boxes of food. "Madam, the meals are ready!"

"Good, bring it over quickly!" Yan Ruyi took the boxes and said, "Little Treasure, you must be hungry after so long. Eat something, alright?"

"Yeah... Eat something!"

The few of them tried to get the boy to eat or say something, but no matter what they said or did, the little guy on the bed did not react at all.

Yan Ruyi's hands were trembling. She then started crying, "What should we do?"

Lu Chongshan closed his eyes, frustrated.

In the end, he had made Little Treasure suffer...

Little Treasure had recovered and become a smart and cheerful kid under the girl's patient care. However, now he had turned into a state that was worse than before...

Lu Jingli closed his eyes. "Little Treasure must've known that Xiao Xi Xi... If he didn't wake up, then he wouldn't have to face all of this..."

The atmosphere in the room was heavy.

After some time, the quiet Lu Tingxiao went to the bedside and looked at his son who was staring blankly. "I'll bring you to her."

Yan Ruyi sounded afraid. "How can you do that!?"

Lu Chongshan frowned as well. "Little Treasure is in shock and it's already bad enough. If he saw the condition the girl is in now..."

Lu Tingxiao bent over and carried his son up from the bed. "He'll have to face it one day."

"But... It's too cruel..." While Yan Ruyi knew they could not hide it forever, she still could not bear the agony her grandson would have to go through.

Lu Tingxiao brought his son to the room Ning Xi was in.

He then put his son down when they arrived at the door. The little guy stood by the door and looked at the bed in the middle of the room.

There was a woman on it. Her face looked drained and there were bandages all over her. She was hooked up to a breathing machine. With the countless complicated tubes and wires connected to her, she looked scary.

His breath hitched when he realized that the unnerving person who was lying in the bed was his mother.

Chapter 1717: Mommy Needs You

Lu Chongshan, Yan Ruyi, and Lu Jingli looked at Little Treasure anxiously. They were afraid that he would lose control when he saw his mother. They even had the doctor stand by in case anything happened.

What awaited them was something far worse than him losing control.

The little guy still had no reaction at all even after he saw Ning Xi. His dull expression did not change one bit from before.

What they worried about the most had still happened...

The child had witnessed Ning Xi being shot. In addition to that, Ning Xi had knocked him out while his extreme fear was at its peak. He might have even woken up for a little when Ning Xi had been covered in blood...

In his sub-consciousness, Ning Xi might have died.

So, he had followed his mother and locked himself in that world.

Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan looked at their unresponsive grandchild, who behaved as if he was a wooden puppet without any emotions, in despair.

Because of Ning Xi, Little Treasure was able to walk steadily on the path of recovery.

However, this time, Ning Xi would not be around. Who else could help Little Treasure come out of his trauma for the second time?

Lu Jingli was impatient. He held Little Treasure's hand and walked towards the bed, then he placed Little Treasure down beside Ning Xi and led his little hand to touch Ning Xi's cheek gently. "Baby look, it's your mother!"

The little guy was like a doll being controlled, like a machine...

Lu Jingli's heart sank and he hugged the little guy. "Little Treasure, please wake up..."

Lu Tingxiao's cold voice echoed in the room, "Her arms, her torso, and her feet were shot. She also had a scapula fracture plus three broken ribs..."

Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan were apprehensive when they heard Lu Tingxiao's words. They did not understand why their son would say these words to trigger Little Treasure, and they tried to stop him.

Still, Lu Tingxiao continued without hesitation, "She's in a PVS state now, which means she'll remain in a vegetative state. Because she was injured too severely, she might not wake up forever even if her life isn't in danger anymore."

Lu Tingxiao looked at his son whose back was tense. He knew his words were heard. "Of course, she might suddenly wake up one day. She'll then need someone who cares and loves her to be by her side, calling her, and taking care of her.

"Your mother did her very best to protect you. If you want her to stay like that forever, if you're willing to let her sacrifice to go to waste, then you can continue to be like this."

Lu Tingxiao paused, then continued in a voice that broke everyone's hearts, "Little Treasure, Mommy needs you."

The little guy's blank eyes finally changed after he heard Lu Tingxiao. His little hand on Ning Xi's cheek fidgeted a little.

Yan Ruyi quickly went over when she saw Little Treasure looking at the food she was holding. "Little Treasure, do you want to eat?"

Little Treasure stared blankly at the food Yan Ruyi had and nodded slowly.

Yan Ruyi was overjoyed when Little Treasure reacted. Lu Chongshan and Lu Jingli were relieved as well.

"Come, Little Treasure, let's have some porridge! This porridge smells really nice!"

Little Treasure took the bowl and slurped the porridge down quickly as if he was really hungry.

"Take your time. There's still a lot..."

Little Treasure only stopped after finishing two bowls. He turned around and went beside Ning Xi, taking his mother's hands and putting them on his round tummy.

Mommy, look! Little Treasure is doing well. Little Treasure is good...

Chapter 1718: Things Might Go Wrong

At the Guan residence.

"How is it? Did you find out anything? What's the situation?" Mother Guan asked nervously when she saw her son return.

Guan Ziyao looked over tensely. "Brother, how're Little Treasure and that woman?"

Mother Guan rolled her eyes. "How fortunate of them to come back alive from that situation!"

Guan Rui sat there, relaxed. "Why are you so impatient? Listen to Zihao carefully!"

Guan Zihao took off his coat and drank some tea, then he said, "Mother, Ziyao, don't worry. While they did rescue them, the results aren't really that different. The two of them don't pose a threat to us anymore!"

"No? You mean... They've broken down? I heard that those people are especially good at torture!" Mother Guan commented.

"It's way worse. The vixen is in a coma. As for Lu Tingxiao's child, I asked around and heard that he stopped talking and eating because of the shock. He's now like a wooden puppet and it's much more severe than before. Basically, he's useless now!" Guan Zihao explained to them in detail.

His parents looked gleeful when they heard the news. "Are you sure? Is your source reliable?"

"Of course! You guys can start preparing for a visit soon!" Guan Zihao said with certainty.

Guan Ziyao's expression softened, but she was still slightly worried. "If she's in a coma, it means there's still a chance for her to wake up, right?"

Mother Guan fretted, "That's right! What if the woman wakes up? That witch isn't simple to handle. If she wakes up and makes Little Treasure well again, then our efforts will go to waste!"

Guan Zihao said in a carefree tone, "It's not so easy for a person in a coma to wake up! And that woman suffered grave injuries! It'll probably take her 8 or even 10 years if she's lucky. Lu Tingxiao isn't an idiot. He wouldn't waste so much time waiting for a person in a vegetative state! Even if he wanted to, Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi wouldn't allow it!"

"I'm just afraid... things might go wrong if we leave it be for too long..." Guan Rui mumbled, then he looked at his wife and Guan Ziyao. "Ziyao, pay a visit to the hospital now with your mother. Take a better look at the situation and get an idea of what they're thinking about!"

Guan Ziyao instinctively touched the scars on her skin with a darkened expression. She did not seem very willing to go. "Now? But Aunt Lu was so unhappy with me. The last time, she even..."

Mother Guan held her hands tried to convince her, "Didn't I tell you last time? It's just temporary. Wait until you give them a cute little grandchild, then everything will be fine! Be patient for now. No matter what Yan Ruyi thinks, we have to let them know that it was an accident and that you feel very guilty about it. Don't let her think that you're trying to hurt Little Treasure on purpose..."

Mother Guan knew that hurting the little guy was the biggest taboo of the Lu family. If they crossed the line, then there would be no chance left for them.

Guan Rui nodded. "Your mother's right. Go now, Ziyao. Be patient and our plans will prevail!"

Guan Zhichen suddenly came out of his room. "I want to go too! Has that dumb kid turned back into an idiot again? I want to see!"

"Stop messing around. You're just going to trigger him if you go!"

Chapter 1719: I'm Setting My Mind On This Daughter-In-Law

At Imperial Hotel.

Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao had just walked out of the elevator when they saw someone standing at the end of the hallway and wiping away their tears. It was Yan Ruyi.

"Sis! Are you okay?" When Mother Guan saw her, she quickly went over, full of concern.

Guan Ziyao did not dare to go to near. Instead, she stood behind Mother Guan and her pale face was covered with guilt. "Aunty Lu, how's Little Treasure?"

Yan Ruyi quickly wiped away her tears and returned to normal. She looked at the two of them and replied, "Little Treasure is awake. Thankfully, he wasn't really hurt, just still slightly shocked."

At this moment, Yan Ruyi was an entirely different person from the unkempt shrew that she had been last night. She had returned to being the noble and elegant lady of the wealthy family that she was.

Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao exchanged a glance, slightly shocked. Indeed...

"As long as he's fine, then that's good..." Mother Guan looked allayed as she patted her chest, then she tugged at Guan Ziyao to apologize once again, "Sis, we really let you down this time. It's right for you and Bro Lu to blame her. Ziyao has been feeling horrible about it too. In fact, she's been feeling so bad that she hasn't had any appetite. She hasn't even drank a drop of water!"

As she looked at Guan Ziyao's pale and frail demeanor, Yan Ruyi sighed, "I should be the one saying sorry. I was too impulsive last night. Ziyao, does it still hurt?"

When she saw that Yan Ruyi had changed her attitude, Guan Ziyao's eyes secretly lit up. "Aunty! I'm fine! As long as you'll forgive me, I'll do anything! I can even help to take care of Little Treasure!"

Yan Ruyi tactfully rejected her, "I'm very thankful that you offered, but there's no need. There are already people taking care of Little Treasure."

When they heard Yan Ruyi's evading reply, Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao already confirmed what her brother had found out.

Mother Guan gently comforted Yan Ruyi a while more. When she saw that Yan Ruyi had softened, she tried to probe, "Sis, as they say, those who survive a great disaster are destined for good fortune after that. Now that the company is alright, and Little Treasure is saved, extreme sorrows will definitely turn into joy later on! But with so many things having happened, there'll still be some bad luck. You need to have some happy occasions to rinse it away. What say you?"

When Yan Ruyi heard this, she paused, immediately understanding Mother Guan's intentions.

Initially, she wanted to find a suitable opportunity to talk about this later on, but since she had brought it up, she did not want to drag it on either.

Thus, after Yan Ruyi contemplated momentarily, she turned to Mother Guan and said, "Sis, the reason I don't blame Ziyao is that she's still unrelated to us in any way. I don't have the right to ask her to do anything for our Little Treasure. At that time, in that sort of situation, if Ziyao had done anything, she would have most likely been implicated too, so I don't blame her."

When they heard Yan Ruyi pretty much drawing a line between their relationship, Mother Guan's face instantly soured and Guan Ziyao frowned.

Yan Ruyi continued, "While that girl Ning Xi... One could say... that this time... our Little Treasure's life was saved by her! She exchanged his life for her own!"

As Yan Ruyi said this, tears could not help but well up in her eyes. She slowly started to continue, "We must conduct ourselves with a conscience. Based on the fact that she's done so much to this extent, if I still continue to misunderstand her and stop her from getting together with Tingxiao, wouldn't that be too frightening?!"

Aware of the change in expressions of Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao, Yan Ruyi summed up, "So, no matter how the girl is going to be, and whether she'll wake up again, I'm setting my mind on this daughter-in-law!"

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When Yan Ruyi finished, Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao stood there stunned. They were in disbelief as if they had not expected Yan Ruyi to say such things.

"I won't hide it from you. That girl's severely injured and she might never wake up forever..."

Wouldn't she be stabbing her own son's heart if she forced him to marry another woman right now? How could she bear to do such a thing?

Even if it were not for her son, she would not have done it for the sake of Little Treasure!

Mother Guan did not think that Yan Ruyi's attitude would have changed so drastically. She took a long while to calm down before she said, "Sis, I understand what you're thinking, but... but you can't just let Tingxiao marry a person in a vegetative state because you feel guilty, and in turn, make a decision that could harm the child forever!"

Yan Ruyi let out a bitter laugh. "If I force him to marry someone he doesn't like right now, that would really be harming him forever..."

As Yan Ruyi said this, she gave them an apologetic look. "Sis, you know I've always liked Ziyao very much. I thought that Ziyao could cultivate some feelings within Tingxiao... yet, in the end, it was still... I'm very regretful... Tingxiao's heart and eyes are only filled with the girl right now. In these circumstances, to force Tingxiao and Ziyao together would be irresponsible to Ziyao too!"

Yan Ruyi looked at Guan Ziyao and sighed, "Ziyao, you're a wonderful young lady. It's us Lu family that's not blessed!"

Guan Ziyao looked even paler than before. She bit her lips and did not say a single word.

Yan Ruyi would rather have Tingxiao marry a person in a vegetative state than let him marry her?

Ning Xi had already become like this... and she had still lost to her?

Just because that woman had saved Little Treasure?

Since Yan Ruyi had already put it that way, Mother Guan was obviously uneasy. "Sis, there are some things I think you can't just rashly come to a conclusion about. How do you know that Little Treasure

was definitely saved by that woman? What could she do as a woman herself? It'd be good enough if she didn't become a hindrance after she forcefully followed them!"

When she heard Mother Guan's doubts, Yan Ruyi's gentle expression suddenly hardened. "Sis, you can be very assured that I've obviously investigated this matter clearly!"

When Yan Ruyi finished, she laughed at herself on the inside. Right now, she was unhappy with other people's doubts about Ning Xi, yet back then, the person who had been dubious all along was herself...

Mother Guan suddenly could not find any else to refute. She only frowned and said, "Sis, I think it's best if you consider this matter properly! After all, this is related to the children's lifetime happiness! The child's headstrong, but you can be headstrong with him too!"

Yan Ruyi laughed, "I've been rational my whole life, sometimes I want to listen to my heart too. Sis, Ziyao, thank you for coming over with concerns, I still have to go and take care of Little Treasure, I won't accompany you longer then."

It was only when Yan Ruyi had tactfully asked them to leave did Mother Guan unwillingly bring Guan Ziyao out of the hospital unhappily.

After she sent Mother Guan and Guan Ziyao off, she turned around and saw Lu Chongshan standing not too far away from her.

Yan Ruyi was startled. "Did you hear everything?"

Lu Chongshan did not say anything, implying that he did.

Yan Ruyi's expression suddenly turned cold. She glared at him defensively. "Why? Want to criticize me?"

Lu Chongshan looked at his wife's rare fierce stance even though she was soft on the inside, and sighed, "Am I really that unreasonable in your eyes?"