

Hidden 1721

Chapter 1721: Did Not Want To Be Wrong A Second Time

"Ruyi, you and I are the same. We only didn't trust this girl back then because of her identity as an actress. We were worried that she would be just like that woman from years ago, that everything she did for Little Treasure would be a fake pretense and acting."

As Lu Chongshan said this, he shooked his head and laughed bitterly, "I've lived for so long, yet I still can't see through people as well as Tingxiao. That child was right. In the end, the person who hurt Little Treasure was no one but I who was overprotective of Little Treasure in the name of love. The old man who kept living in the shadow of the past and couldn't walk out of it..."

Yan Ruyi closed her eyes. How was she any different?

"Then, you... agree to the two children...?" Yan Ruyi asked.

Lu Chongshan kept quiet and did not answer immediately.

Yan Ruyi looked like she expected this. She straightforwardly said, "I don't care what you think. Whatever you need to consider or however much you need to worry, this time, I only want to stand on my son's side as his mother."

Lu Chongshan stared blankly at the direction of the ward, a pained expression crossing his face.

For his entire life, he had been the heir, the director, the head of the family. He had always done things for the bigger picture, for the company, for all of the family members, yet he had never done anything for him.

Until he had helplessly watched Little Treasure "die" in the video before him did he realize how many things he had missed out on in his life.

This was his inherent mission. Even if he was given another chance, he could only make the same choices.

Still, he was wrong for being too conceited, too stubborn, and too confident in his own judgments.

He had already been wrong once. He did not want to be wrong a second time.

This time, he chose to believe his own son.

It was not sure how long had passed before Lu Chongshan finally said in a lowered voice, "I'm afraid it won't be easy to explain to the Guans. I'll try my best to come up with a way that satisfies both sides. After all, we're in the wrong too. If that really can't do, we'll just offer them some compensation..."

When she fathomed Lu Chongshan's words, Yan Ruyi could not help but look surprised.

Who would have thought that this man, who had been stubborn his whole life, would see the day that he gave in and compromised?

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At the Guan residence.

"What did you say?" When he finished listening to his wife explaining the whole scenario, Guan Rui slammed the table and stood up.

On the sofa, Guan Ziyao looked incredibly gloomy. "Who does he think we Guans are? They want us to always be at their beck and call! Don't forget that it was them who came knocking on our door first! Now that the company is fine, they're just going to abandon us upon achieving their goals? Nothing's that good!"

Mother Guan was furious. "Exactly! When I heard Yan Ruyi, I almost couldn't hold back and scolded her! What does she mean now? My perfect daughter can't even compare to an actress that's lying on the sickbed and handicapped? The Lu family is such a bully! No matter what, I want justice! Old Guan, say something!"

Guan Rui said coldly, "Obviously we can't just let this go, but it hasn't reached that stage yet. Don't get into a mess just yet! Now, it's just Yan Ruyi's one-sided statement. It's normal for women to be short-sighted and credulous. Besides, her words won't take much effect. We still need to see Lu Chongshan's opinion about this!"

Guan Ziyao frowned. "I think this time, the incident affected Uncle and Aunt Lu a lot. Just in case Uncle Lu is also..."

Guan Rui immediately picked up his phone and made a call. "I'll give Lu Chongshan a call now and invite both families out for a talk! I'd like to ask Lu Chongshan the meaning of all of this myself!"

Chapter 1722: A Proper Explanation

At Imperial Hospital.

Lu Tingxiao finally walked out of the ward.

Yan Ruyi felt her heart ache when she saw her son looking so haggard. "Don't be too sad, Tingxiao. Weren't you the one who convinced Little Treasure before? You have to be well on your own! The modern healthcare system is really advanced now. There's still a big chance Xiao Xi will wake up! As for your father and I... we know that it's too late... I know we've been wrong... We misunderstood this child..."

Yan Ruyi feared that he might not believe her, so she continued, "The Guan family came by just now, and I've already told them about it. Your father shares the same thoughts as mine too. While we have been doing a lot of things behind your back all these years and given Ziyao much false hope, it's our fault, but you don't have to care about this. Your father and I will take care of it and try to not affect the relationship between our families..."

Lu Chongshan understood that his son would never accept any other woman with that girl in this condition. Even if time could heal him and he might one day open his heart again, it would take a ridiculous amount of time...

It was regretful that they were not able to become in-laws with the Guans, but under such circumstances, he could not just let them be and had to give them a proper response.

"We shouldn't become enemies even if we can't become in-laws..." Lu Chongshan sighed. As he was about to say something again, his phone rang.

Lu Chongshan frowned when he saw who was calling. "It's the Guans."

"Speak nicely, please," Yan Ruyi reminded him.

Lu Chongshan nodded and answered the call, "Brother Guan..."

There was a muted anger beneath Guan Rui's voice, "Brother Lu, I understand that the Lu family has suffered a great disaster this time. I, too, sympathize with that girl's condition, but there're a lot of ways to make up to a person. You can't sacrifice the happiness of the two children!"

By the "two children", Guan Rui apparently meant Lu Tingxiao and Guan Ziyao.

Lu Chongshan already expected Guan Rui to call him. He explained helplessly, "Listen to me, Brother Guan. We Lus owe the girl. We can't have Tingxiao marry someone else when the girl has become like this. It's too much of an act of betrayal. We can't do this. Moreover, Tingxiao won't give up on her... and we don't want to waste any more of Ziyao's time..."

Guan Rui did not expect Lu Chongshan to behave this way. His wrath grew stronger. "Waste Ziyao's time? You've already wasted lots! Brother Lu, you told me that Tingxiao was just fooling around with that woman and nothing would affect Ziyao. You were the one who wanted them to get closer too!

"So many outstanding guys came over and proposed after we returned to the country, yet we rejected all of them because you promised me. Then, what happened? We waited and waited, and now you're telling me that you're breaking the promise because of some lowly peasant woman!

"Brother Lu, Ziyao is my precious daughter. I've been taking care of her dearly since she was born. Because of her love towards Tingxiao and our families' relationship, we've been lenient about the matter of Tingxiao with that woman. We even treated Little Treasure as our own grandchild!

"But what about your family? What does the Lu family take us for? Something you can just manipulate at your will? You have to give us a proper explanation!"

Chapter 1723: Wait And See

Lu Chongshan knew he was in the wrong. He said in a lowered tone, "Brother Guan, it's inappropriate of the Lu family to handle it this way, but it's not related to Tingxiao at all. It's my fault as a father. I'll bear all the consequences and am willing to make up..."

Lu Chongshan was suddenly interrupted by his son behind him.

"Let me speak to Chairman Guan," Lu Tingxiao said.

Lu Chongshan hesitated, but he still passed the phone over to his son.

Lu Tingxiao took the phone and addressed coldly, "Chairman Guan."

Guan Rui chuckled when he heard Lu Tingxiao's voice and that distant title. "Tingxiao, what an obedient child. You're not even calling me 'Uncle' anymore?"

Lu Tingxiao's expression did not change even when Guan Rui was ridiculing him. "Meet me at the guest room on the top floor of the Imperial Hospital. I'll give you a proper explanation there, Chairman Guan."

Guan Rui sneered, "How sincere of you! You're going to give me an explanation and you're not coming to me. Instead, you want this old man to visit you at the hospital! Sure, I'll go. I'll see what explanation the Lu family is going to give me!"

Yan Ruyi went over worriedly after the phone call ended. "Tingxiao, what are you going to do?"

Lu Jingli came out of the room and patted his mother's shoulders. "Mother, don't worry! You have two handsome and intelligent sons. Would you really have to worry? Just wait and see later!"

Yan Ruyi pouted at him. "What do you mean wait and see? Don't mess around!"

"Since when did I mess around before!? Even if you don't trust me, have some faith in my brother! Both of you don't have to do anything. Just be there!" Lu Jingli said with certainty.

Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan looked at each other. They had no idea what the two of them had prepared.

However, they were relieved that Tingxiao was not overly depressed and had offered to handle matters.

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Little Treasure stayed right in the room with Ning Xi while Annie looked after them.

Lu Chongshan, Yan Ruyi, Lu Tingxiao, and Lu Jingli were preparing for the meeting with the Guan family.

After half an hour, the Guan family arrived.

"Uncle Lu, Aunt Lu, Jingli..." Guan Ziyao greeted them one by one, then she looked hesitantly at the man she had not seen for some time. "Tingxiao..."

Mother Guan was upset by Lu Tingxiao's cool reaction. "That's enough, Ziyao. So what if you treat him well? Someone got seduced by some woman outside and has no idea what he's doing now after being tricked!"

Mother Guan felt the vibe around the distant and cold man change suddenly. While it was not obvious, she could feel an unseen pressure surrounding her and suffocating her.

Mother Guan coughed lightly and changed her tone, "Tingxiao, take my word of advice. Aunt has lived much longer than you and has seen more than you, which is why I can see things from a clearer perspective. Look at that woman, and then look at Ziyao. Ziyao is our princess and there are no flaws in her personality and talents. She's pure and kind, and your parents have been known her since she was a child. They understand..."

Putting Mother Guan's comments about Ning Xi aside, Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan were really satisfied with Guan Ziyao. At the moment, they could not hide the guilt on their faces.

Chapter 1724: Being Used

Guan Rui retorted when he saw the guilty expressions on Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi, "That woman saved Little Treasure by coincidence. I understand that you'd like to make up to her, which is why I said

over the phone just now that there are a lot of ways to make up to someone, but for Tingxiao to marry someone like her...

"And by someone like her, I don't mean the girl for being in a vegetative state now. I mean that she has a very bad reputation... Like the scandal last time, the videos were spread everywhere on the Net. It's such a shameful thing! How can the head lady of the Lu family be a woman like her?"

Yan Ruyi frowned. "I searched online a little on that matter. Things were clarified afterward. The girl was being framed. Another celebrity had gone under the knife to look the same as her..."

Guan Zihao also spoke up, "Aunty Lu, there's no smoke without fire. That woman must have had some issues of her own. You might not always notice news about the entertainment industry, but this woman always had a very bad reputation. A scandal occurred every few days, and she has haters everywhere!

"For men with an important status like us, sure, we can have some fun with women like her, but it's inappropriate to marry someone like her. You're lucky if you just receive some criticisms here and there. Worst case is that the company stocks might be affected severely!"

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi looked solemn. Although Guan Zihao's words were unpleasant and mostly true, Ning Xi had saved Little Treasure, so they were prepared to bear the consequences.

Mother Guan was very pleased with Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan's reactions. She went on, "Our Ziyao really loves and respects Tingxiao, which is why she doesn't mind even if he has an illegitimate child. In fact, she cares a lot about the child!

"Do you really think she learned all about psychology and early childhood education out of interest? It was all for Little Treasure! But how did Tingxiao treat her? He trampled all her efforts and humiliated her by being with a small-time actress! What is he going to do with Ziyao and the relationship between us two families?

"And now even both you and Brother Lu want to hurt us... I'm really..."

As Mother Guan was running her mouth and declaring how hurt she was, and how they were being betrayed, Lu Jingli picked his ear with a ridiculing expression.

Lu Tingxiao did not interrupt anyone from the Guan family since the start, but now he said expressionlessly, "Are you done?"

Guan Rui remarked rudely, "What now? Is there anything we said that's wrong? Our whole family is here now. Where's your explanation?"

Lu Tingxiao made a phone call. He simply said two words over the phone, "Come in."

The next second, two stony bodyguards came in and threw a man in.

The Guan family saw and recognized who it was. It was the cook of the Lu family.

"Elder Master, Elder Madam, First Master... I know I'm wrong! I really do! I was being used!"

The cook was crying and sobbing as he knelt before Lu Tingxiao. "Please forgive me, First Master! Please forgive me. Little Master isn't really hurt this time! They asked me to put double the dosage, but I didn't! I only put a dab on the food container. I really didn't plan to hurt Little Master..."

Chapter 1725: Couldn't Resist Temptation

Based on the cook's words, he was referring to the last time Little Treasure had food poisoning.

Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan's expressions suddenly changed. They had always thought that it was Ning Xi. They would never have thought that the issue was from their end!

It was none other than the cook who had put poison on Little Treasure's dedicated food box!

Guan Rui drank his tea unhurriedly, then he commented, "So, it was the cook who did something the last time Little Treasure was poisoned!"

Guan Zihao squinted. "Now, we're talking about matters between our families. Why did you pull this person out for?"

Lu Jingli smiled as he said, "Master Guan, what are you rushing for? Just watch!"

Yan Ruyi glared at the cook and was suddenly so furious that she trembled. "Master Chen! You've been working for our Lu family for more than ten years now. We have treated you with nothing but kindness. Who was it that gave you whatever advantages that made you do something as cruel as this?! You know that Little Treasure is my life!"

"Elder Madam... I'm sorry, I'm sorry... I let you down... I'm sorry, Elder Master... I... was possessed! It was that Ning Xi... That Ning Xi... She slept with me for a night and gave me a huge sum of money. She coaxed me to do all of this. She said no one will definitely find out that it was me. I... I couldn't resist the temptation, that's why I took the risk..."

"What are you saying?!" Yan Ruyi's expression suddenly changed.

Lu Chongshan looked grim too, but he did not react much. He just sat there quietly. Since Tingxiao had especially gotten Master Chen over, then the matter must not be as simple as this.

"Elder Madam, Elder Master, and First Master, I'm telling the absolute truth. I daren't lie! It really was that Ning Xi who told me to do this! If I lie, then I will be struck by lightning! Even if you give me a hundred guts, I wouldn't dare lie anymore!" Master Chen made a solemn vow.

When Mother Guan heard him, she instantly shook her head mockingly. "Forget the fact that to achieve her goals, she wouldn't spare hurting a child. She actually even slept with a cook... This is really..."

Right at that moment, the door was flung open once again.

A woman walked in.

"Is that her?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

The cook stared at the woman at the door and immediately nodded. "Yes, it's her! The celebrity, Ning Xi!"

When they saw who the woman at the door was, Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan looked shocked. Ning Xi? How could this be?

Ning Xi was clearly still in a coma and lying on the sick bed!

Then, this woman was...

Yan Ruyi recalled, "Is this... Is this woman who had plastic surgery to look like Ning Xi, Su Yimo?"

"That's right, it's her." Lu Jingli nodded.

Now, Yan Ruyi patted her chest in fright. "No wonder I felt like this woman's gaze is odd..."

"Mother, you have discerning eyes!" Lu Jingli praised.

"Don't be garrulous! So, you're saying, the person who directed this cook to put the poison was actually Su Yimo?" Yan Ruyi clarified.

At this moment, Guan Ziyao said faintly, "You can't be sure! Since the two look exactly the same, who could differentiate who it was? Who knows if CEO Lu didn't frame this woman to clear Ning Xi's name?"

Mother Guan agreed, "With one call, you asked us over, and you didn't talk about the main things, letting us watch all this nonsense instead! What is the meaning of this?"

Lu Tingxiao looked at Lu Jingli, and when Lu Jingli received his brother's hint, he picked up his phone and clicked on a voice recording.

"The following recording might not be suitable for children... but thankfully, we aren't adults yet..."

Chapter 1726: It Is All Over

The instant Lu Jingli clicked on the recording, the room was filled with the heavy breathing sounds of a man and woman as their bodies collided with each other.

Even if it was just audio, everyone present was adults, and they could immediately tell what the two people were doing.

"You damned child, why are you playing this?!" Yan Ruyi shot Lu Jingli an angry look.

Opposite them, Guan Zihao was still listening like it was a farce, yet after a while, his expression suddenly changed as he shot a cold look towards Su Yimo who had cowered in a corner.

Just as Yan Ruyi was about to stop Lu Jingli from continuing the recording, there was suddenly a familiar voice from the phone.

"Tsk, so distracted... Why? You don't care about dealing with me now that you've hooked onto Lu Tingxiao? Let's make this clear. You're a counterfeit, do you really think you can replace the original? Just in the state you're in, apart from your face, you really don't deserve to even help Ning Xi hold her shoes!"

"I've already done all the things you want me to do. I framed Ning Xi, I've slept with so many people, I even had to sleep with the gross cook. Why won't you let me go? I don't want to do things for you anymore!"

"Wow! Lu Tingxiao was just slightly nicer to you and let you go this time without killing you. Do you really think you can make it up there with this face of yours? Can't wait to kick me away? I'll tell you! Don't even think about it! I've spent so much money on you to fix your entire face! Want to run off so easily?"

"Now, Lu Tingxiao has already found out about my existence. Everyone knows that I've gotten plastic surgery to look like Ning Xi. I've been exposed! I can't help you do anything anymore! You'd better not keep coming to look for me. If I get discovered by Lu Tingxiao, don't blame me for not warning you..."

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Then, came the sound of a man and woman panting again, but at this point, they had heard enough.

The voice in the recording was obviously Guan Zihao's.

Deathly stillness stagnated in the room.

It was very obvious that such a private and intimate recording could only be recorded by the people involved.

"B*tch! How dare you!?" Guan Zihao burst with rage as he blurted out and stared at Su Yimo. Then, he suddenly clammed up. His eyes were alarmed as he realized he had just exposed himself.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi would never have thought that everything from Ning Xi being framed and set up, to Little Treasure getting poisoned, had all unexpectedly been Guan Zihao's work. The two of them stared at the handsome and talented youth, then at the Guan family. They were in a dumbfounded daze for a long while...

Guan Ziyao twisted her fingers nervously as she was losing her head out of fear. At the same time, she looked at her brother in disbelief.

She had repeatedly urged him to handle this thing properly, but he had done it like this? All the way onto Su Yimo's bed? And had even left such information that was used against him!

Just because Su Yimo had a beautiful face now?

Even her own brother could not resist the temptation!

Suddenly, Guan Ziyao's face turned extremely morose...

Over... It was all over...

Lu Jingli raised his brows. "Master Guan, do you have anything else you want to say right now?"

Lu Chongshan's fingers were shaking. "Zihao! You actually..."

Before Lu Chongshan could say anything more, Guan Rui suddenly pushed his chair and stood up. He landed a slap on Guan Zihao's face. "Bastard! How can you do such a thing!?"

After Guan Rui slapped Guan Zihao, he immediately turned to Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi sharply. "Bro Lu, Sis, his mother and I were unaware about this. Ziyao knew nothing at all! I didn't think that he would do such things behind our backs! Zihao is full of youthful vigor, after all. He just saw Ziyao wronged and

went to such an extent because he was angry and could not bear it. He even harmed Little Treasure, but his real intentions were definitely not that..."

Chapter 1727: Said They Want To Take Miss Xiao Xi Away

Lu Jingli thought this was funny. "He especially told him to double the dosage. Was that not his real intentions?"

The matter had already progressed to this stage, yet Lu Tingxiao did not say anything. He stood up and left to return to Ning Xi's ward, not wanting to waste any time on anything else.

While Lu Jingli chuckled as he picked up his phone, playing another recording. "Stop acting. I think you guys can go fight for an Oscar!"

The voice from the recording was Mother Guan's.

"Damn it! Isn't that Yan Ruyi an heiress from a prestigious family? How is she a dame? She's practically a shrew! Look at how she hit our Ziyao! She was so vicious with the blows!"

"Forget it, their only beloved grandson has died. It's normal to become a little crazy." Then came Guan Rui's voice.

When they heard these words, Mother Guan and Guan Rui suddenly turned as white as a sheet.

What made them even more fearful were the upcoming words...

"Silly girl, she's just grieving right now from losing her grandson. Wait till you give birth to another one for her... That was why I said that Lu Tingxiao's illegitimate child must not be kept! The Lu family values this child so much that they'd leave all their family property to him in the future. Then, wouldn't our marriage connection with the Lu family be a huge loss? Even if nothing happens to the child this time, we must think of ways to get rid of him in the future..."

"Mother is right, Sister! Don't worry too much. Let's go home and celebrate tonight! Tomorrow, we should be able to hear the 'good news' about that little child!"

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Yan Ruyi could not believe that the whole family she had been treating as kin had such sinister intentions. The entire family, all of them were malicious!

"Guan Rui! You... All these years, I've been helping you and treating you as a bro... You actually..." Lu Chongshan grasped his chest that was vexing with pain from an old illness, and he could not say anything more.

Thankfully, they were in the hospital. Lu Tingxiao seemed to have been well prepared. Immediately, a doctor came in to treat the emergency and stabilized Lu Chongshan's condition.

Someone that he had always treated as a good brother and close friend, the considerate daughter-in-law he had always fancied... He had persistently thought that the Guan family shared a profound kinship with them, that they knew their roots, and most importantly, they would not hurt Little Treasure.

Besides, he had just heard them say for themselves how much they loved Little Treasure and treated him like their own grandson...

But privately!

Despite not even having married into the family, they were already thinking about how to kill Little Treasure and how to seize their assets!

Yan Ruyi was aghast as she thought of whether Guan Ziyao had really been stunned back then, or was it intentional? Thinking about this made her blood run cold!

The truth had proven that they were wrong, extremely wrong. It was them who did not see through people, and it was them who really almost killed Little Treasure.

They were practically pushing Little Treasure into a living hell!

Fancy that they were feeling guilty about how this marriage did not happen! They were thinking about how to make it up to them, yet they were thinking about how to celebrate when a great tragedy had fallen upon their family...

When Guan Rui saw that everything had fallen through and was exposed, there was indignation in his eyes as he said coldly, "Bro Lu, don't blame me. If you want to point fingers, blame your son for being blind. He doesn't want my excellent daughter. He fancied a lowly actor!"

"Ask yourself honestly, if the two of our families are combined by marriage, how perfect would that be? As for Little Treasure, as long as you make Ziyao's child the heir, we obviously wouldn't make life difficult over a child! It's not too late for you to regret now!"

"You... You shut up..." Lu Chongshan panted as he angrily rebuked. Suddenly, Xing Wu's frantic voice came from outside.

"Elder Master, Elder Madam, Second Master! Quickly go outside and take a look! Not good! Not good! A lot of people suddenly came and they're wearing military uniforms. They said they want to take Miss Xiao Xi away!"

Chapter 1728: Here To Retrieve Our Ms. Ning Xi

"What did you say? Take Xiao Xi away?" Yan Ruyi was shocked.

"Who are these people!? How dare they take people away from us Lus?!" Lu Chongshan's expression darkened suddenly.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi ignored the Guans and took a look at what was happening outside.

The Guan family looked at each other, then followed them out in silence.

Lu Jingli frowned. "Military uniform? Could it be..."

Damn it... If it was people from that side, it would be bad...

They saw two rows of grave-looking soldiers when they came out of the room. The President and the Vice President of the hospital were right beside the door to Ning Xi's room, seeming really nervous with sweat on their foreheads.

"Mr. Lu, Madam Lu... Look at this... These people just suddenly rushed in... They even said they have orders to take Ms. Ning away... I can't stop them..." The President looked at the people in fear.

They had experience seeing people like these, and of course, they realized that these were not regular people, or people someone should make enemies with.

"Who are you people? On whose orders did you come?" Lu Chongshan glared at them coldly and asked with a stern tone.

The young leading officer went up to Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi and spoke without any expression on his face, "I'm here on Chief Zhuang's orders to retrieve our Ms. Ning Xi!"

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi were stunned by the young officer's words.

"Chief Zhuang...?" Yan Ruyi looked at her husband, confused.

Lu Chongshan's expression turned complicated. So, he was right. They were people sent by the Zhuang family after all...

Only people from the Zhuang family...

Who else would make such a scene and was daring enough to take people from the Lu family with an army of soldiers?

Lu Jingli stomped his foot and cursed.

Damn it, it's all over! They're really people from the Zhuang family...

In a corner, the Guan family were shocked as they hid behind the guest room door.

"Chief Zhuang? Which Chief Zhuang?" Mother Guan asked quietly.

"Who else could it be aside from Zhuang Liaoyuan?" Guan Rui's face darkened.

Guan Ziyao frowned. "What did the officer mean? Did he say to take back their Ms. Ning Xi? Does he mean Ning Xi? How is Ning Xi related to the Zhuangs? Father, didn't you investigate that Ning Xi's real identity is the daughter of the Ning family, the daughter of Ning Yaohua?"

"Yes, I did, there's no mistake about it! Wasn't that matter made public soon after?" Guan Rui grimaced as well.

Guan Zihao had a twisted expression. "How is that cheap woman related to the Zhuang family? Tsk, maybe she's in a dirty relationship with Zhuang Liaoyuan..."

Mother Guan nodded firmly. "That must be it! What else could it be? Or maybe she violated the law!"

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After Lu Chongshan listened to the officer's reply and realized it was people from the Zhuang family, he pleaded, "Officer, please send a word to Chief Zhuang for me. The Lu family will take full responsibility for Ms. Ning Xi!"

Suddenly, there was an old but strong voice from the back.

"Hmph! You Lu family will take full responsibility? Who are you Lus, and on what grounds are you going to be responsible for my granddaughter? Zhuang Zongren's granddaughter!"

Chapter 1729: Top Family

A old man full of white hair came hobbling from the end of the corridor. He ambled over with the help of his clutch and Zhuang Liaoyuan.

There was also another tall young man beside him who stared at the Lu family in ire with his bright eyes.

Not only Zhuang Liaoyuan, even the Elder Chief Zhuang Zongren was there. Lu Chongshan kept his stern and impatient expression in check., "Elder Chief Zhuang, why are you here?"

At this moment, the few people from the Guan family were all frozen when they heard Zhuang Zongren say "granddaughter".

"Granddaughter... What granddaughter? Ning Xi... is Zhuang Zongren's granddaughter?!" Mother Guan was mumbling unbelievably.

Guan Ziyao's face went pale. "Impossible! How could Ning Xi be Zhuang Zongren's..."

She was suddenly reminded of something. She paused for a bit, then turned to her father. "Father, in the information you found before... Ning Xi's mother... What's her name? Is it... Is her surname..."

Guan Rui was horrified. "That's right, her surname is Zhuang! Zhuang Lingyu!"

Guan Zihao's jaw dropped. He came back to his senses after a long while. "Ning Yaohua's wife is the daughter of the Zhuang family? Impossible! I've never heard about it before!"

Guan Rui pinched the space between his eyebrows. "We've been away for a long time, after all, and we're not sure about a lot of things. I didn't really further investigate when I found out Ning Xi's father is Ning Yaohua. I might've been careless... Zhuang Lingyu's identity isn't so straightforward..."

Elder Chief Zhuang was here to address Ning Xi as his granddaughter personally. There was no mistake at all!

Guan Ziyao stared blankly when she heard her father. Despair filled her eyes as she froze and just stared at what was happening in front of her.

Impossible...

This was impossible...

She still felt hopeful moments ago. Since Ning Xi had fallen into a vegetative state, no matter how sorry the Lu family felt for her, and no matter how much Lu Tingxiao loved her, they would not really wait for

her forever. Furthermore, that child was just in a temporary slump right now and he could probably recover soon. Because the Lu family was not in danger anymore, the Guan family still stood a chance.

She thought that one day, he would realize she was the one for her, and the Lu family would one day turn back to her for the benefits they could reap...

However, she had never expected Ning Xi's grandfather to be Zhuang Zongren!

The Zhuang family had been in political power for generations. As the top family in Imperial, they were definitely not people to mess with, considering their history and achievements. Even the Lu family was beneath them.

"If I were not here, my granddaughter might even lose her life!"

Lu Chongshan did not dare to say anything to Zhuang Zongren's reprimand. He knew he was in the wrong, so he explained with a soft tone, "Elder Chief Zhuang, Ms. Ning Xi's injured this time because of us Lus. Because she rescued Little Treasure, our whole family is really indebted to her. We've hired the best specialists and will give it our all to save Ms. Ning Xi! Please rest assured that we'll take full responsibility of her!"

Before Zhuang Zongren could say anything, Zhuang Rongguang could not wait and started scolding angrily...

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Rage filled the young man's eyes, his tone fluctuating due to his anger. "Get lost! My cousin's in this state because of your family! And you guys still don't want to let her go! Do you think my cousin was ever alone and had no one to rely on? Let me tell you, we're surely taking her away today! Who knows what else could happen to her if she keeps on staying here?! No one from the Lu family is good!"

His team had gone out shopping that day, so Zhuang Rongguang had grabbed the chance to sneak back home. Coincidentally, he overheard his father and grandfather, and found out that something major had happened to Sis Xi. He then also found out Sis Xi was really his cousin!

That was it! No wonder Sis Xi was so awesome! They were a family after all!

So, he decided to forcefully tag along with his father and grandfather to the hospital.

His sister and mother were waiting for their news back at home. He would get Sis Xi out of this mess no matter what happened!

Since there was something his grandfather could not say due to his position, then he would say it! He had the image of a delinquent after all. Without Bro Xi, he would have still been wandering around somewhere aimlessly!

Zhuang Liaoyuan only shot his son a cold stare after the outburst, but there was no intention of stopping him. Apparently, he was very dissatisfied with the Lu family as well.

Lu Chongshan's expression looked terrible after he was criticized, but he could only take them head-on. He continued with a humble attitude, "I've had a lot of misunderstandings towards Miss Ning. It's my fault and I apologize! Miss Ning saved Little Treasure this time and she's our savior. I'll give it my all to

make up to her. Why would I harm her? Please, Elder Chief Zhuang and Chief Zhuang, believe me that we're going to make amends!"

"We'll never know what you really think!" Zhuang Rongguang scoffed.

The quiet Zhuang Liaoyuan finally spoke up, "President Lu, you don't have to. Xiao Xi has always been kind and I believe she willingly wanted to save the child. It's not related to anyone and we don't need anything. As Xiao Xi's family, we just want to get her back and we don't need outsiders to take care of her. I believe there shouldn't be any problems with this request."

Zhuang Liaoyuan's words caused Lu Chongshan to feel at a loss.

They did not need anything and just wanted to take Ning Xi back as her family. Of course, there was no issue at all.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi looked at each other, not knowing what to do.

With the Zhuang family's current attitude, it was obvious that they would forbid anyone from the Lu family to be in contact with Ning Xi after they took her.

Lu Tingxiao had totally fallen for this girl and Little Treasure could never leave her side. If they really took Ning Xi away, what would happen?

"Who are these people who are being so sneaky!? Come out!" Zhuang Rongguang picked up the subtle movement with his sharp eyes. He leaped and dragged one of them out of the guest room.

"Ah! Stop... Let go! Let go!" Guan Zihao groaned in pain. His parents and Guan Ziyao came out and tried to tug him back.

Lu Chongshan's expression turned worse when he realized that the Guan family was still around and that the Zhuangs had discovered their presence.

The Zhuang family was already upset with them. It seemed that this was going to deepen the misunderstanding.

As expected, Zhuang Liaoyuan's eyes looked angrier when he saw those people. "Xiao Xi is in a coma right now, and you guys brought these people here. How sincere..."