

## Hidden 1731

### Chapter 1731: Off The Charts

Zhuang Rongguang twisted Guan Zihao around and kicked him to the ground. His lungs were about to explode from anger. "You talk about thanking her! About sincerely making amends! All that is bullsh\*t! My cousin isn't dead yet! You're already rushing to find another one for your son! Later on, are you going to also have the wedding ceremony in front of her ward!?"

"Ah!" Guan Zihao's wrist was about to break from getting twisted. He shouted painfully, "No! It's got nothing to do with us! The Lu family has betrayed us and called our entire family over to get rid of the wedding contract!"

What?

Get rid of the wedding contract?

Not just the Zhuangs, even Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi were stunned to hear this.

Guan Rui intentionally looked at the Zhuang family and revealed a disappointed expression. He said mockingly, "I was just saying why did Bro Lu suddenly act so heartlessly... It turns out..."

Mother Guan took advantage of the situation and started to shout with her shrill voice, "Well, Lu Chongshan, I'm saying you initially swore and everything was going well. Why did you suddenly want to cancel the wedding contract with our family?! It turns out you've climbed on a taller branch! Imperial's Zhuang family's granddaughter! Of course, it's not something our family of a lower status can compare to! Lu Chongshan, you've really calculated well!"

When she saw that the Guan family was blurring without thinking and inverting right and wrong, Guan Ziyao stood there with a hurt expression as if the Lu family had really been heartless. Lu Chongshan was so infuriated that his illness was almost provoked again. At that moment, he had really seen this family through and through.

Yan Ruyi had immediately stood out and slapped Mother Guan on the face. "This slap is on behalf of my Little Treasure!"

When she finished, another slap came. "This slap is on behalf of the girl! Chongshan and I have been treating you Guans as longtime friends of the family in vain. We believed in your family's moral character and upbringing. We didn't even care that Tingxiao already had someone he liked and repeatedly wanted to matchmake Tingxiao with your daughter!

"Yet, you people... Until today, until Tingxiao brought out the evidence and exposed everything I didn't know all these years! The people Chongshan and I had trusted and treated as family was a pack of ravenous wolves!

"You keep saying that you're pure and good, yet behind our backs, you have done everything dirty and vile from framing Xiao Xi, hurting Little Treasure, and even scheming how to steal our assets before even marrying into the family. Now, you're still trying to slander us by saying that we have a wedding contract with you Guans?

"At that time, the Lu family met with trouble, and indeed I hoped that the two families could be combined through marriage as soon as possible. Not only did I try to offer Tingxiao all kinds of girls behind his back, I even knocked on your door to probe your family's intentions, yet now, what kind of attitude are you having? When you saw that the Lu family's circumstances weren't positive, you then kept making excuses!

"Now that the company's matters have been settled, and Xiao Xi has even sacrificed her life to save Little Treasure, you guys were really thinking about reaping where you haven't sown? You really think our Lu family is a family of fools?

"I'm telling you! Forget about that girl being in a coma right now! Even if she doesn't wake up forever, I, Yan Ruyi will acknowledge only her as my daughter-in-law!"

Yan Ruyi's words echoed in the corridor... They echoed for a long time...

On the side, Lu Jingli was flabbergasted. He even gasped in amazement.

Whoa! My mother is off the charts today!

One must know that his mother cared most about image. Her personality was delicate and gentle. Usually, she would not speak loudly much, but now she was unexpectedly so ferocious...

Indeed, it complied with that saying: while women are vulnerable, the mother is strong.

"Do you still want me to play your family's filthy evidence in front of Chief Zhuang and Elder Chief Zhuang?" Yan Ruyi shouted coldly, then she looked to her younger son.

"Jingli!"

### **Chapter 1732: Only One With Better Judgment**

Lu Jingli acknowledged the order and immediately clicked on the recording.

Once the recording played, the Guan family's expressions immediately changed. Before the Zhuangs could react, they quickly pulled Guan Zihao away from Zhuang Rongguang and ran off swiftly without even daring to fart.

When Zhuang Rongguang heard the contents of the recording, he instantly erupted, "These pieces of sheet!"

They were the ones behind the incident that had gotten Sis Xi framed previously?

Zhuang Rongguang was about to chase after them when he remembered that he had something more important to do that day, so he temporarily held himself back.

Forget it! There's no rush! Later on, I'll have time to deal with them!

"Huh, now you know who's right and wrong! You should have known earlier!" Zhuang Rongguang muttered coldly, "I think of all you people from the Lu family... only that guy my cousin likes has better judgment..."

Lu Jingli quickly raised his brows and pointed at himself. "Here, here, here! There's still one more person with good judgment! I've always supported my brother and my sister-in-law! Please call me 'godly assist number two'!"

After the misunderstanding was clarified, Zhuang Liaoyuan's expression softened.

As for what the Guan family had said about the Lu family wanting to climb the social ladder, Zhuang Liaoyuan himself knew that this was impossible.

Previously, his father still could not resolve the matter with Lingyu, so he had only been keeping watch of Xiao Xi in private, but he did not officially recognize the child. On the other hand, due to his own prejudice towards Lu Tingxiao, he did not want Xiao Xi to be with that fellow, so even when he clearly knew about the Lu family's situation and knew that Xiao Xi was faced with a difficult situation, he did not step in. Indeed, he had hoped she would back out from the awkward situation herself. In the end, this was the consequence.

They played a huge responsibility in this matter too...

That child Xiao Xi had helped them so many times, yet they could not do anything for her.

After the Guan family ran off, Yan Ruyi walked up to Zhuang Liaoyuan and Zhuang Zongren. With a sincere attitude, she said, "Elder Chief Zhuang, General Zhuang, as parents, we were the ones in the wrong. It was us who did not see the true colors of people, and we kept misunderstanding Xiao Xi. We repeatedly stopped Tingxiao from being with that girl! But our Tingxiao is true to Xiao Xi!"

"This child is stubborn. One glance and he had his eyes set on that girl. No matter how much we advised him, his feelings towards Xiao Xi never wavered. No matter if it was the blind date banquet previously, or the intentions for marriage with the Guan family, they were all his father and my personal decisions against his will..."

Lu Chongshan closed his eyes and sighed, "At the start, I was determined about objecting to their relationship. I told Tingxiao that as the company leader and the entire family head, his choice for a wife wasn't his matter alone. Then, Tingxiao said something to me... He said apart from me and his mother, no one else can affect his decision..."

When he heard this, something in Zhuang Liaoyuan's eyes shifted. Zhuang Zongren's solemn expression looked deeply moved too.

Actually, now that they recalled it calmly, they had met Lu Tingxiao a few times. He even had dinner at their house, and seeing the way he interacted with Xiao Xi, they could tell that the child was genuine about Xiao Xi.

Zhuang Liaoyuan's prejudice towards him had mainly come from the way his family had wronged Xiao Xi...

As Lu Chongshan spoke, tears flooded his eyes and his voice trembled slightly. "Tingxiao is a very filial son. He's always been searching for a way to please both sides. Actually, his mother and I did waver previously and were prepared to go with the flow, but who would've thought that such a turmoil would befall the Lu family?"

"Just seven days ago, Tingxiao told me that they could solve everything and had set a seven-day pact with me, but... I didn't believe him... It was my fault..."

### **Chapter 1733: Today We Must Take Her Away**

After Zhuang Liaoyuan contemplated to himself, he exchanged a glance with his father beside him, then chose his words carefully as he said, "We're not interested in getting involved with the Lu family's disputes. The main point is now that the matter has developed to this, whatever you say won't change the fact that Xiao Xi is in a coma. We just want to take Xiao Xi home now."

"Lin Jian, retrieve the lady." Without waiting for Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi to say anything, Zhuang Liaoyuan had already raised his hand to command the people. Obviously, they were determined to take her away that very day.

"Understood!"

After the young officer from earlier accepted the order, he immediately brought a team of people, including a professional medical personnel, to walk straight towards the ward entrance. Beside them, the doctor and nurses were intimidated by the hostility of the militants. All of them cowered on the side. No one dared to step up and stop them.

That young officer named Lin Jian took huge strides towards the ward entrance and was about to push the door when suddenly, the door was opened from the inside.

A towering man in a black suit with a reserved air stood at the entrance. He gazed around from the corner of his eye. That powerful presence of a person who always found himself in top positions and the murderous aura that could only be exuded by someone who had experienced thousands of battles suddenly oozed right out.

Lin Jian, who had long endured battlegrounds, had his sharp senses heightened towards danger. His hand suddenly felt for the weapon by his waist in alarm and he paused in his steps, not daring to continue moving forward.

When Zhuang Liaoyuan saw Lu Tingxiao appear, the air around him suddenly dropped a few degrees too.

The two men stood opposite each other, their presence equally matched. Suddenly, the atmosphere turned extremely tense.

Zhuang Liaoyuan's thin lips tightened into a straight line. His voice was extremely cool as he said, "Lu Tingxiao, before this I was already against the two of you getting together because I know very well that Xiao Xi is too innocent. Families like yours aren't suitable for her. And this has been proven. All of this has come true. In such a situation, once there's a first, there might be a second.

"I only hate myself for not stopping it in time back then and letting something like this happen today. I watched helplessly as she became the way she is today. So, I'm sorry! Today, we must take her away! In the future, whether Xiao Xi is doing well or not will have nothing to do with you Lus!"

On the side, Zhuang Rongguang nodded in agreement. "That's right! I already thought you didn't match my cousin. She's so beautiful and wonderful. She could've married anyone. Why would she marry

someone with a child from their previous marriage?! Now, my cousin has almost lost her life from rescuing your son! Isn't this enough?"

Zhuang Zongren stood on the side without saying anything, but clearly, he agreed with Zhuang Liaoyuan. It was evident that they had set their mind to it. They were ready to take their granddaughter far, far away from the Lu family.

Lu Tingxiao did not respond to Zhuang Liaoyuan and Zhuang Rongguang. Instead, his eyes fell onto Zhuang Zongren. "Chief Zhuang, may I speak with you privately?"

Zhuang Rongguang became anxious when he heard this request. "What for?! What more is there to say? You should just bring your son to find some family's heiress to be his stepmother! Don't come to hurt my cousin anymore!"

Zhuang Zongren stared solemnly at the young man opposite him. There was no shift in his eyes at all as he stared right back.

Moments later, Zhuang Zongren said, "Okay."

"Grandfather..."

Zhuang Zongren raised his hand to tell his grandson to keep quiet, then he walked to the end of the corridor to speak alone with Lu Tingxiao.

Zhuang Rongguang was worried about them. "Father! Why didn't you stop them earlier?! What if that guy's glib tongue bewitches Grandfather?"

Zhuang Liaoyuan shot his son a sidelong look. "Do you think it's so easy to bewitch your grandfather?"

Zhuang Rongguang scratched his head. "Well, you're right..."

#### **Chapter 1734: Do Not Be Nice, Slam Him!**

Zhuang Rongguang was muttering to himself and rolling up his sleeves ready for battle.

Grandfather, do not be nice! Slam him!

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruiyi exchanged a glance, their hearts filled with unease.

The Zhuang family was very determined. Could Tingxiao really have a way to persuade the Elder Chief?

What if he failed? What would they do?

What about Little Treasure?

At the end of the corridor.

Zhuang Zongren's expression was cold as if there was frost on his face. He was very determined. "What do you want to say? Say it now. But I must state in advance. No matter what you have to say, I'll definitely bring the Xi girl away today. I was already wrong once because of my hesitation. I'll definitely not let Xi girl be hurt once more. Even though Rongguang's words were harsh earlier, his rationale was not wrong. Xi girl doesn't need you people to make anything up to her. She doesn't need your meaningless guilt. You can take the child away and start your new beginnings, while Xi girl..."

"Little Treasure is Ning Xi's and my own flesh and blood," interrupted Lu Tingxiao.

Zhuang Zongren's remaining words were stuck in his throat. He stared in bewilderment at the young man before him. "You... What did you just say?"

"Ning Xi and I are parents to Little Treasure," repeated Lu Tingxiao.

Despite his raging temperament, Zhuang Zongren was currently flabbergasted for a long time before he reacted, "You're saying... You're saying Little Treasure is Xi girl's biological child?!"

"Yes. Little Treasure is Ning Xi's biological son, and your great-grandchild," answered Lu Tingxiao truthfully.

Most of the Zhuang family's generation up to Ning Xi, Zhuang Keer, and Zhuang Rongguang had not gotten married yet. Those who did get married had been so busy with work and careers that they did not have any children yet, so Zhuang Zongren did not have any great-grandchildren. He felt very regretful about this and was wondering if he would be able to cradle the Zhuang family's fourth generation of children before he passed...

Now, Lu Tingxiao suddenly told him that he had a great-grandson...

How was this not a shock to him?

Apart from being shocked, there was a stir of emotions that could not be suppressed.

"Young boy, are you telling the truth? Are you swindling me?" Zhuang Zongren asked seriously.

Lu Tingxiao's expression did not stir. "I privately did a DNA test at Imperial's military hospital for Little Treasure and Ning Xi. If you don't believe me, you can go ask Dr. Zheng from the hospital. You have an amicable personal friendship with him, so I'm sure you'll believe his words. Taking a step back, even if there wasn't any test, just based on your judgment, do you really think that Little Treasure isn't a part of your Zhuang family?"

The old chief immediately replied without even thinking, "This child has excellent marksmanship at such a young age. He's even more talented than Rongguang! Would it be strange if he's a part of our Zhuang family?"

When Zhuang Zongren finished, he realized that he seemed to have fallen into Lu Tingxiao's trap, but he could not care less. He recalled the short encounter he had with Little Treasure back then and was even more fearful as he thought about it. "Similar... Too similar... No wonder I thought that Little Treasure seemed to have a remarkable resemblance to Xi girl..."

Zhuang Zongren then paused. "No, wait... You just said that you only knew about this after doing the DNA test. Could it be that Xi girl doesn't even know about this herself?"

Lu Tingxiao's cast turned grave and he nodded. "Yes, currently Xiao Xi still doesn't know this. This matter is very complicated. On one hand, it's due to my selfishness. On the other hand, there have been too many doubtful points that I've yet to clarify. I daren't act rashly so as to not alert anyone else.

"This isn't the place to talk about this. Later on, I'll explain the whole situation in detail, but before I get to the bottom of things, I hope that you can temporarily keep this matter a secret."

Zhuang Zongren nodded his head heavily and said, "Naturally, I will act accordingly."

Then, he looked somewhat eagerly as he asked, "Where's Little Treasure now?"

### **Chapter 1735: Exactly What He Wanted**

"Little Treasure is with Xiao Xi in the ward."

Lu Tingxiao then continued, "The incident this time has caused a massive trauma to the child because he's feeling overly guilty. He can't face the fact that Xiao Xi might've died to save him. After he woke up, he couldn't hear anyone. He didn't eat, didn't drink, and didn't say anything."

Zhuang Zongren's face instantly tensed up. "How did that happen? How's the child now then?"

"Later on, I told him that Xiao Xi's in a coma right now and that his mother needs him. Then, he started to slowly recover and he's been guarding closely by her side. Little Treasure can't leave his mother right now, and I believe that with the joined hearts of mother and son, Little Treasure is the person who could most possibly awaken Xiao Xi."

Zhuang Zongren, who had treated Lu Tingxiao with disdain earlier, was now nodding at everything he was saying. "That's right, you make a lot of sense! We definitely can't separate Little Treasure and Xi girl now!"

Zhuang Zongren turned to Lu Tingxiao and asked, "What do you think?"

Lu Tingxiao paused before he suggested, "With Elder Zhuang's connections, you can obviously get better medical treatments than me, so I support you taking Xiao Xi away."

When Zhuang Zongren heard Lu Tingxiao's opinion was not like his parents who had wanted to blindly keep Xiao Xi, the remaining anger in his heart dissipated and he revealed a satisfied expression. "At least, you know what's good and what's bad."

"But Little Treasure definitely can't be separated from Xiao Xi, so how about we let Little Treasure go with you?"

When Zhuang Zongren heard this, he was overjoyed as that was exactly what he wanted. "Let Little Treasure come with me? That would obviously be the best! But are you sure you can make the decision about this?"

Lu Tingxiao nodded. "My parents would agree. Don't you worry."

Zhuang Zongren immediately clapped his hands in delight. "That's fantastic. Let's decide on that then!"

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Not too far away, when Zhuang Rongguang saw that his grandfather was still talking to the man for such a long time, he could not help but start to worry.

The two of them had their backs facing them, so they could neither hear anything nor see their expressions. They did not know what they were talking about for so long.

As he was considering whether he should secretly sneak over to eavesdrop, the two people finally returned from the end of the corridor.

"Grandfather! Grandfather, you're back! You definitely didn't listen to this guy's cheating wheedling, did you?" Zhuang Rongguang quickly walked right up to his grandfather with an anticipating expression.

Zhuang Zongren shot his grandson a look. "What nonsense are you spewing?"

Zhuang Rongguang quickly massaged his shoulders to curry favor with him. "I knew that Grandfather definitely wouldn't! Now, we can take Cousin away, can't we?"

Zhuang Zongren responded, "Mmm, naturally we need to take her."

Zhuang Rongguang's was instantly thrilled, while Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi revealed anxious expressions opposite them.

"Lin Jian..."

Zhuang Liaoyuan was about to order his people to go in and retrieve her when Zhuang Zongren unhappily interrupted him, "Hold on, don't move! Everyone, back away. There are so many of you. What if you frighten them? I'll go myself!"

Zhuang Liaoyuan frowned. Zhuang Rongguang was confused.

Frightened? Sis Xi is in a coma! Who is going to be frightened?

Zhuang Zongren personally walked over and naturally, no one dared to stop him.

Thus, the crowd could only watch as Zhuang Zongren walked towards Ning Xi's ward with a grave expression.

After he entered, he saw a tender little guy lying by Ning Xi's bed. His little hand was in his mother's palm as he stared at her without blinking as if afraid she would disappear, as if in his eyes, there was only him and his mother in this entire world...

Zhuang Zongren was moved when he saw this. tears started to well up in his eyes. He tried his best to speak with a gentle tone as if afraid of startling the little guy, "Little Treasure... Hey, Little Treasure! Come to Great... Cough, cough... Come to Grandfather Zhuang..."

### **Chapter 1736: Who Are You Calling Kiddo?**

The little guy seemed to have noticed that an outsider had invaded his reclusive world. His initially clingy expression when looking at his mother suddenly changed. His cute little face suddenly froze and his gaze sharply shot towards the other person in the ward.

Like a little beast that suddenly revealed its claws, even though he was young and tender, his vigor was not weak at all.

Clunk, clunk! Suddenly, there was a weird sound like metal chafing. A row of robots suddenly appeared inside the suite. The robots' bodies reflected ice-cold brightness as the metal arms' pitch-dark ports all pointed towards the "invader".



"Oh my God! When did Little Treasure bring these toys over?" Lu Jingli was so frightened he almost fled ignominiously. He quickly found something to block them to avoid any accidental injuries later on that would bring him to his death.

When they saw those uniformed robots which were clearly controlled by someone, the people in the Zhuang family including the officers outside were all shocked.

Zhuang Rongguang's eyes were about to fall out of his sockets. "So cool! These... these robots can't possibly be controlled by this kiddo, can they?"

When he took a better look, there was indeed a black object that looked like a control device in Little Treasure's hand.

"Little bunny kiddo! Who are you calling a kiddo?!" Zhuang Rongguang had just finished when his head was smacked hard by Zhuang Zongren.

Zhuang Rongguang instantly wailed and clutched his head, seeming stupid from getting beaten. "Grandfather, why did you hit me!?"

Zhuang Zongren shot him a look. His eyes were full of praise as he looked at the little guy who was sternly protecting Ning Xi. His tone was even gentler and more loving now. "Little Treasure, don't be nervous. Don't be afraid. We won't hurt her... We're here to help her..."

Little Treasure's expression did not change at all. He was on high alert as he used his little body to block Ning Xi from the front. Those robots of his remained in their standby mode too.

Zhuang Zongren revealed a helpless expression.

At this moment, Lu Tingxiao walked past the robots and right up to Little Treasure. He squatted down and said to him, "Want to let Mommy get better sooner?"

The little guy's attention was immediately attracted by this sentence and he looked hopefully at Lu Tingxiao.

Lu Tingxiao continued, "You've met Grandfather Zhuang before. Mommy was there too, do you remember?"

When he heard "Mommy", the little bun started to consider seriously, then he nodded.

After Zhuang Zongren saw that the little guy still remembered him, he seemed instantly gratified.

"Grandfather Zhuang is Mommy's friend. He can send Mommy to a better hospital," said Lu Tingxiao.

When the little guy heard this, even though he had relaxed a little, he still did not have any intentions of yielding.

"You stay with Mommy. Go with Grandfather Zhuang, okay?"

It was only when Lu Tingxiao said this did Little Treasure completely relax and he nodded.

At the same, the robots that had blocked the sickbed all put away the weapons on their arms and retreated in two rows, making a pathway.

When Lu Jingli saw this, he patted his chest and walked out from behind the door in confusion.

What was going on? His brother was not only letting the Zhuang family take Xiao Xi Xi away. He even let them take Little Treasure too?

Was this not giving away his bride and losing his son too?

At this moment, Zhuang Zongren took a deep breath and tried to probe again, "Little Treasure, come. Come to Grandfather Zhuang?"

Little Treasure hesitated, then he finally walked towards Zhuang Zongren.

As Zhuang Zongren watched the way the little child pledged his life to protect his mother and the way the child walked towards him while he kept looking back, his heart ached for him. He carefully picked the little guy up in his arms.

After he consoled Little Treasure, Zhuang Zongren then ordered the entourage of medical personnel to transfer the patient out.

### **Chapter 1737: So Aggrieved That He Almost Threw A Tantrum**

Zhuang Zongren carried the tender little guy in his arms and coaxed him extremely patiently, "Little Treasure, don't be scared. Follow Grandfather home. Grandfather will take good care of your mother. Grandfather will also ensure that no one is allowed to separate Little Treasure and Mommy. Little Treasure can continue to stay by Mommy's side!"

As the little bun watched this warm old man before him, his vigilant little face softened and he nodded obediently.

When he saw that the little guy had reacted to his words and had even nodded, Zhuang Zongren could not contain his joy. "Good, good, good... Let's go home right now!"

Zhuang Zongren was very strict with his children and the younger generation. Furthermore, since he had been in top positions for most of his life, he usually conducted himself more seriously and rigidly. A smile in front of the younger ones was rare, yet now he was unbelievably gentle to Little Treasure.

When Zhuang Rongguang saw his own grandfather fondly carrying the little bun, he was dumbfounded. He quickly walked up to Zhuang Zongren. "Grandfather, what's up with you? It's enough to take Cousin away! Why're we even bringing this kiddo... this little brat along?"

What happened to drawing the line with the Lu family? What was up with this little bun!?

Zhuang Zongren gently patted Little Treasure's back to persuade him as he unhappily shot Zhuang Rongguang a look. "Do I need your approval to do things? Don't blindly cause a ruckus here. Now that you're here, quickly return to the unit!"

"Huh! You want to take this little brat home, yet chase me away! Am I still your true grandson?!" Zhuang Rongguang was so aggrieved that he was about to throw a tantrum. "Father, are you even going to care!?"

Zhuang Liaoyuan's thin lips pursed and he did not say anything. He glanced dully towards Lu Tingxiao's direction, not looking satisfied at all.

He did not know what the fellow had said to his father, so much so that he could make his father insist on bringing the child along.

The point was not about bringing the child along; it was that after they did so, they definitely could not pull away from the Lu family.

Damn it, he had still underestimated him!

"I will transfer Xi girl to the Beijing suburban military sanatorium. As for Little Treasure, I'm sad that he's so young and has a close relationship with Xi girl, so he can't leave her now. I'll bring him along. Do you guys have any objections?" Zhuang Zongren turned to Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi.

Even though Zhuang Zongren had used an inquiring tone, he still held on to Little Treasure without letting go. Clearly, he was set on his decision.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi looked at each other. They did not expect that the final outcome would be like this. They suddenly fell into a dilemma.

It was great that Little Treasure and Ning Xi were not separated, but to let the Zhuang family take Little Treasure away too... This...

"Why? Still worried that our Zhuang family will conspire to murder your grandson?" Zhuang Zongren suddenly said in a stiff tone.

Lu Chongshan looked at his son on the side. He knew that this was probably the best outcome that his son could have fought for. Since Tingxiao had done so, he must have had his reasons.

Besides, since people like the Zhuang family were going to fetch Little Treasure over, they would definitely take good care of him, so their worries were unnecessary.

Thus, after Lu Chongshan's short hesitation, he said, "Elder Zhuang, you've nothing to be skeptical about. We're just worried that Little Treasure will trouble you too much!"

"It's no trouble." Zhuang Zongren immediately decided upon hearing this. "Since there're no opinions, it's decided then."

"Damn... Who said there aren't any opinions?" Zhuang Rongguang had been completely ignored.

### **Chapter 1738: Don't Want Father To Leave**

Lu Tingxiao personally sent them to the Beijing suburban military sanatorium.

Only the country's top leaders or their family members could access the sanatorium. All of the medical facilities were top-notch. Most importantly, there were elite troops stationed all around, so it was definitely safe and secured.

Lu Tingxiao bent over to plant a kiss on the girl's forehead. He looked at her for a long time before he got up, then he said to his son, "Little Treasure, stay with Mommy. Listen to Uncle Zhuang and Grandfather Zhuang. Understand?"

Little Treasure stood there, with his head lowered, and did not say anything.

"I'm leaving."

Little Treasure still did not move. There was no reaction at all.

Lu Tingxiao sighed faintly. His wide palm patted the little guy's head gently before he turned around to leave.

He had just walked a few steps away when there was suddenly a soft bump on one of his legs.

Lu Tingxiao looked down and saw that his son was hugging him tightly. He looked up at him and did not say anything, yet his little face was already covered in tears.

Yes, he hated Father. He had always hated him, but he did not want Father to leave...

When he saw his son's little tearful face, Lu Tingxiao heart felt as if it was gnawed on by greenflies. It was a pang of pain right to his heart. He quickly squatted down and pulled his son's little body into his embrace. He had picked up the way Ning Xi usually comforted Little Treasure as he gently patted him in a flurry. "Don't cry. What's wrong?"

Zhuang Zongren, who stood at the entrance, felt tears well up in his eyes. He quickly walked over to console, "Little Treasure, don't cry, don't cry! Daddy's not leaving and not coming back forever. Your father can come over to see you and your mother anytime! Grandfather guarantees it!"

Sigh, he was still a child, after all, and he had just experienced such a shock too. The mother he was closest to might never wake up again for saving him, and now his father was going to leave too. Suddenly, he had to be left in a completely foreign environment. How could he not panic!?

When he saw the little guy cry without a word, Zhuang Zongren's heart ached and he was at a loss. He blurted out, "Ahh, well... Tingxiao, how about you stay here for the night? This suite is huge. It's enough for you two to stay in. You accompany Little Treasure, then we'll decide again when he adapts to the environment. Don't rush to leave! What's more important than your child? Do you hear me?"

Lu Tingxiao was still comforting Little Treasure as he did not know what to do. He sub-consciously nodded when he heard the old man. "Got it."

It was one thing to bring the child along. Now, he had even allowed Lu Tingxiao to visit as he wished, and even let him stay for the night?

At the entrance, Zhuang Liaoyuan could not interrupt at all. Before he could stop the old man, he watched helplessly as things progressed to this stage, seeming rather unhappy and helpless as he sighed to himself.

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Lu Tingxiao left the next morning.

When he reached Platinum Palace, there were already five lean men all in black uniforms, waiting in the study room. One man stood out away from the five of them. Tang Lang wore something multi-colored

like a color palette. He had disheveled, curly hair as he casually laid on the sofa, appearing a little dispirited.

At the desk, the man said with an icy expression, "The operation this time will have Tang Lang as the main commander. Do you have any objections?"

The five people all answered "no" together.

Tang Lang raised his hand and his mouth twitched as he grumbled, "Me? Main commander?"

Lu Tingxiao shot him a side look. "Do you have a problem?"

"No... No problem at all! Boss, you're exceptional at mobilizing people!" Tang Lang's dispirited expression was swept clean and there was a flash in his eyes. "I absolutely won't disgrace your order!"

### **Chapter 1739: Someone Who Can Definitely Get In Touch**

At Ling Zhizhi's office in Glory World Entertainment.

Xiao Tao panted as she knocked to enter. "Sis Zhizhi! Bro Xi's house... and all of the places that Bro Xi might have gone... I've searched them all... but I still can't find her..."

"She's not at any of those places?" Ling Zhizhi's expression sunk when she heard her.

In this period of time, Ning Xi's filming had gone on one after another. She almost had not taken any rest, so after "Thunderbolt Secret Service Squad" finished shooting, she had given Ning Xi a long break to let her rest well.

Even though she was on break, in case there was an emergency, as usual, she had especially urged Ning Xi that communicating via the phone would still be necessary.

In this aspect, Ning Xi had always acted accordingly. Basically, she would not worry her, but who would have thought that this time, there would be a problem?

Tonight was the premiere of "Nine Realms". Initially, she had asked Xiao Tao to call Ning Xi to post on Weibo to promote and interact with her fans and drive up the ratings. However, Ning Xi's handphone and home landline could not be contacted. Xiao Tao was worried and went to Ning Xi's house to look for her, but she did not find her. After that, she had even gone to the places she frequented, yet she was nowhere to be found.

Xiao Tao wiped the sweat on her brow. "Yes, I've looked everywhere! What do we do now, Sis Zhizhi? Something couldn't have happened to Bro Xi, could it?"

"Don't be nonsensical."

"Okay..." Xiao Tao quickly kept quiet, then her eyes lit up. She suggested, "Sis Zhizhi, there's someone who can definitely get in touch with Bro Xi!"

"Who?"

"Big Boss!" Xiao Tao blurted out, "How about we call the Big Boss to ask?"

Ling Zhizhi thought hard about it. That person's identity was rather special, and she was just a mere manager, so directly calling to ask for Ning Xi's whereabouts was probably inappropriate.

After Ling Zhizhi considered it over and over again, she made the call.

It had probably rung seven or eight times before the call got through. A sleepy voice picked up.

"Manager Ling... If you don't have a good reason for waking me up..."

"Ning Xi is missing. Do you have any way of getting in touch with her?" Ling Zhizhi asked frankly.

The other end of the phone was quiet for two seconds, then the man's voice was clearly much more awake. "Ning Xi is missing? What do you mean?"

"Tonight is the premiere of 'Nine Realm'. I initially wanted to ask her to post on Weibo, but we can't get through to her phone. We've looked for her at home and the places she usually frequents, but we couldn't find her," Ling Zhizhi quickly explained the situation.

"Tsk, this fella... Is she hiding somewhere to drink again? Can't believe she didn't call me for a drink!" muttered Jiang Muye.

"Ning Xi isn't someone who'd act inappropriately," insisted Ling Zhizhi.

"Please! Did you forget about the last time she went crazy at the bar and almost caused a fan rebellion?" Jiang Muye immediately dug up an old story.

"I'm just worried something's happened to her..."

"You're thinking too much! Even if something happened. It would happen to someone else, ok?" Jiang Muye mocked. However, when he considered Ling Zhizhi's anxious tone, he kindly said, "Fine, I'll help you look for her!"

"Okay, and may I trouble you to help me check if she's with CEO Lu?"

"Oh..." Jiang Muye was suddenly astonished in the next second. "Bloody heck! You... How do you know about her and my uncle?"

"This isn't the main point."

"How is it not the main point? Gosh! I'm still counting on using this against that girl! She was afraid of you finding out! Now, there's no more fun," Jiang Muye said with a pained tone.

Ling Zhizhi fell into a speechless silence.

#### **Chapter 1740: I'm Here For Ning Xiao Xi**

After Jiang Muye hung up on the call with Ling Zhizhi, he went outside in just his pajamas.

Where else could the girl be? Apart from filming, she would just be showering her affection all over her man...

When he arrived at the door to Lu Tingxiao's villa, a person suddenly rushed over and they both clashed.

"Oh! Second Uncle... What are you doing? Why are you in such a hurry?!"

Lu Jingli picked up the documents from the floor one by one and quickly asked, "I'm here for my brother. Why are you here?"

"I'm here for Ning Xiao Xi! Ling Zhizhi called me and said that she couldn't get in touch with her!" Jiang Muye replied.

Lu Jingli's expression changed and he froze when he heard Ning Xi's name.

Jiang Muye frowned when he saw the change in Lu Jingli's expression. "What happened?"

Lu Jingli pinched the space between his eyebrows. He was not sure where he should begin.

Too many things had happened lately and the whole Lu family was in a mess right now. Everyone was at a loss about what to do. They were just done with the Zhuang family. A lot of other things still had to be handled.

Handling Ning Xi's career would be extremely difficult...

No one knew when Ning Xi would wake up, so what could they do with her career? How should they tell the media and her fans?

Jiang Muye had never seen such a serious expression on Lu Jingli's face before. He became nervous and he asked, "Second Uncle, what's wrong? Could it be... that she wants to break up with Uncle?"

Lu Jingli took a deep breath and said, "Xiao Xi Xi... Something happened to her... Little Treasure was kidnapped... She was injured gravely from rescuing Little Treasure... She's still unconscious after the surgery..."

Jiang Muye's face went blank. He did not expect that something bad would have really happened to Ning Xi.

"What... What do you mean she's still unconscious?" Jiang Muye's voice trembled.

"She's in a coma, a vegetative state. She needs to rely on a breathing machine to survive at the moment..."

"How could it be? How could it be like this?! When did this happen?" Jiang Muye still could not believe it.

"We brought her back the night before yesterday. The surgery was completed yesterday morning, and she's now being sent to the military sanatorium in the suburbs..."

Jiang Muye was stunned. His jaw went slack, but no words came out.

The Lu family had locked down the news, so nothing had leaked out despite it being such a severe matter. Therefore, he only found out about it now!

"Bro!" Lu Jingli saw Lu Tingxiao come out of the house.

Lu Tingxiao took the documents from Lu Jingli. At the same time, a black car stopped by the door. Lu Tingxiao boarded it swiftly and left a message. "Go and get Ling Zhizhi and Xiao Tao. Send them to the sanatorium. I'll be there soon."

Jiang Muye then offered, "Uncle, let me get them!"

Lu Tingxiao contemplated his offer.

Lu Jingli gave Jiang Muye a pat on the shoulder. "Thank you then, Muye. Remember to keep this a secret! We have to discuss how to work this out from now on. We're trying not to affect Xiao Xi Xi's career..."

Jiang Muye nodded.

After the car left, Jiang Muye stood there for some time before he called Ling Zhizhi. "Hello, Zhizhi... Where are you and Xiao Tao? I'll go and get you guys!"