Little Sweet 411

Chapter 411: Danger as predicted

At the same time in Imperial City, Si family's old residence:

Old madam Si was sipping tea in the living room.

Qin Ruo Xi and another board member of the company came rushing over.

"Both of you, why are you here at this hour?" The old madam furrowed her brows and looked somewhat worn down as she asked.

She wasn't sure why, but she had felt uneasy the entire day.

Now that Qin Ruo Xi and a senior from the company appeared at this hour, a bad feeling arose instantly.

Qin Ruo Xi glanced at the board member next to her; the board member looked like he was in a difficult position and had a hard time finding his words. Then he turned to Qin Ruo Xi and said, "Miss Ruo Xi, why don't you do the talking?!"

Qin Ruo Xi hesitated for a moment and considered her words carefully before finally speaking up: "Grandma, I have something I need to discuss with you, but when you hear it... please remain calm and don't get too agitated..."

When the old madam heard that, she frowned. "What is it? Is it that serious?"

"Yes..." Qin Ruo Xi took a deep breath. "It's Ah-Jiu, something happened to him..."

The old madam's face changed instantly as she probed impatiently, "Little 9th? What happened to Little 9th?"

Qin Ruo Xi replied in a grave voice, "Ah-Jiu and the others were surrounded by an unknown force in country B. Xu Yi issued a signal for help and we immediately organized a rescue party, but we didn't expect that the unknown force was so powerful - they had the entire country B under their power and our people couldn't figure out their specific position at all. Xu Yi's network was also cut off, so he wasn't able to communicate with us. We've completely... lost all communications from that end..."

On Si Ye Han's side, they'd lost all contact with them; their whereabouts were unknown and their survival was uncertain. Although they were worried the old madam couldn't handle it, they didn't dare to keep such critical news from her.

The moment Qin Ruo Xi's words landed, the old madam stood up suddenly but she only managed to get up halfway before she fainted from the shock.

"Grandma!"

"Old madam!"

The old madam fainted suddenly, causing the living room to enter into chaos.

Qin Ruo Xi got the housekeeper to fetch the doctor while she massaged the old madam's temples.

The old madam awoke after some time and she immediately grabbed Qin Ruo Xi's clothes, agitated. "You... what did you say?! Ruo Xi, what did you just say? Ah-Jiu and the others were abducted?"

"That seems to be the case at the moment..." Qin Ruo Xi's expression was solemn. There were shadows under her eyes; it was obvious that she hadn't slept well.

The old madam's face turned gloomy. "What kind of people are they and how dare they lay hands on the Si family!"

"They're an organization called Murderous Blood Gang and the Si family didn't have any disputes with them at all. I'm guessing they were hired by someone," Qin Ruo Xi replied.

Hearing these three words, "Murderous Blood Gang," the old madam's face turned pale instantly. She had definitely heard rumors about that organization.

What kind of people, what kind of deep hatred must they have...? They actually hired such vicious villains to attack the Si family...

At first, she wondered whether their objective was to obtain those expensive pieces of equipment or to disrupt important negotiations.

Now it seemed like... this wasn't a robbery at all. They were obviously forcing Little 9th to his death!

At this moment, the old madam suddenly recalled what Xin Yu said to her before - she told her that before they left, Wanwan kept pestering Little 9th and tried to stop Little 9th from leaving. She even said she dreamed that he would be in danger.

At that time, she just assumed that the little brat was willful and insensible, trying to find excuses to keep her boyfriend at home...

Who knew Ah-Jiu would really encounter danger...

Chapter 412: Truly unlike any other

As Liu Ying and Song Jing's injuries were severe, the first thing they did after they arrived at the Chinese border was to get treatment.

Once they settled down, they could finally learn about the detailed sequence of events from Eleven.

Faced with eager pairs of eyes staring at him, Eleven started explaining everything from the beginning: "Then we indeed escorted Miss Wanwan to a safe place, but after we reached our destination, Miss Wanwan suddenly refused to leave!"

"Refused to leave?" Xu Yi mumbled.

"Yes, we were furious at the time. At the hotel, under such crucial life-or-death conditions, she still insisted on bringing her luggage filled with clothes and makeup. We thought she was just being difficult, but little did we know..."

Recalling the events, Eleven's tone was still somewhat emotional as he said: "She brought along her luggage on purpose. It was filled with props to disguise us as the Rose of Death..."

Liu Ying, Xu Yi and all the bodyguards turned to look at one another, confused.

The huge black luggage that Ye Wanwan treated like her baby actually contained all of that?

Liu Ying immediately asked, "Then what about the Black Widow's weapon, the golden silk?"

Eleven rubbed his nose. *cough* "According to Miss Wanwan, she bought it online for \$9.90... those clothes were also custom-made online... since she bought many pieces... she got them for a wholesale price... less than \$100 per piece..."

Everyone's expression: "..."

They actually relied on a bunch of cheap props to scare away the terrifying Murderous Blood Gang?

If they hadn't lived through the story just now... it would truly feel as if they were listening to a fairytale...

"But the thing is, how did she know so much about the Rose of Death? She even knew about K's real identity. Also, she made all these preparations beforehand?" someone from the group asked.

This was probably on everyone's mind as well.

Eleven waved his hand. "This... I'm not too sure myself..."

At this moment, a half-naked Song Jing wrapped up in bandages coughed lightly and muttered, *cough...* "Erm, it couldn't be that she predicted this again, right?"

At his words, everybody's expression was muted.

On the first day they arrived, Ye Wanwan predicted that Liu Ying would meet a bloody disaster; on the third day, she predicted that Song Jing would encounter a romantic calamity. Also, even before the trip, Ye Wanwan was certain that master would encounter danger during his trip...

Everything she predicted, every single incident, came to pass.

"Amazing! I suddenly realized that everything Miss Wanwan predicted till now actually happened..."

"Isn't this a little too unbelievable, huh?"

"666! She's indeed the woman our master has his eyes on! She's truly unlike any other!"

Everyone started exclaiming one after another, but of course, there were people who still had their doubts. How could there be someone who could really predict the future?

She's just an ordinary and weak woman, so how could she have known all these insider secrets?

After hearing Eleven's explanation and seeing everyone's doubtful expressions, Xu Yi's gaze swept across everybody and he said, "It doesn't matter how Miss Wanwan got to know all this. What's certain is that she helped us and saved all our lives, so she definitely doesn't have any evil intentions."

This was true - if it wasn't for her, all of them would have died...

Hearing what Xu Yi said, the doubts in everyone's hearts dissipated.

Especially Dark Team 1, who had gone through the life-or-death situation with Ye Wanwan and rescued the others, didn't have any suspicions at all.

Ye Wanwan could have easily chosen to protect herself, yet she chose to walk straight into danger and save the others.

This alone was enough to earn their respect.

What made them admire her more was that as a woman under such intense pressure, she was calmer than them, yet they had even undergone training for such circumstances. She personally led them to take control of the entire situation and escape from danger...

Chapter 413: Since when did she become a fortune teller?

Liu Ying was unable to refute what Xu Yi said.

As the leader, he was unable to protect master; he couldn't even protect his own men.

If she hadn't appeared when she did, Song Jing would've already been a corpse and he never would've forgiven himself for that.

Ye Wanwan saved every one of them - he had nothing to say to this.

In the bedroom:

Ye Wanwan had just fed Si Ye Han his medicine and was about to help him change.

The man didn't have his usual terrifying, cold aura around him while he was asleep. The weak appearance of this powerful man actually gave off a harmless and gentle feeling.

It had been an entire day, yet there weren't any signs of Si Ye Han waking up at all.

She remembered that in her past life, Si Ye Han was in a coma for three months; he almost didn't make it. Thankfully, he wasn't injured this time, but there was significant damage done to his body and there could still be more hidden symptoms to come.

She wasn't sure how long he would remain unconscious before waking up...

Ye Wanwan was lost in thought when there came a knock on the door. *dong dong dong* A bodyguard walked in carrying food.

"Miss Wanwan, have a bite?" The little bodyguard had an obvious change in attitude towards her.

All the men under Liu Ying's command didn't display their displeasure on the surface, but the coldness and mockery in their eyes were unconcealable before.

"Alright, thank you. Just leave the food there!"

The little bodyguard placed the food down but didn't leave immediately. Instead, he stood there and seemed hesitant to speak.

"What is it? Is there anything else?" Ye Wanwan asked after noticing that he wasn't leaving.

The little bodyguard blushed like he was somewhat embarrassed then he scratched his head and hesitated before speaking: "Nothing, nothing, it's just that... that... Miss Wanwan... could you read my fortune for me please?"

Ye Wanwan was stunned. "Huh?"

Help him do what?

The little bodyguard quickly said, "You don't have to give me a 20% discount! Full price! Full price is fine!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Since when did I become a fortune teller?

"Is... is it okay?" the little bodyguard asked eagerly.

Ye Wanwan was somewhat speechless. It seemed like all those times she played make-believe were too believable; all these people actually believed she could read fortunes.

In her situation, she was able to read people's fortunes more accurately than fortune tellers. But the problem was that she didn't know just any random person's future!

For instance, this person in front of her.

Looking at this very unfamiliar face, there was nothing about this person that came to her mind, so Ye Wanwan could only reply perfunctorily: *cough* "I have rules and will only read fortunes of people who were brought to me by fate."

As for what counted as fate, that wasn't for her to say.

The little bodyguard could only leave with a face of disappointment after hearing what she said.

At this moment, a chuckle came through the door. "Miss Wanwan, could you read my fortune please?"

She wasn't sure when Xu Yi arrived, but he walked through the door.

When Ye Wanwan saw the visitor, she raised her brows - Xu Yi?

Ye Wanwan laughed. "Housekeeper Xu, don't tease me. I was just joking around with them. How could I read fortunes? That's too crazy! If I really knew how to read fortunes, why would I be in this state, huh?"

But the truth was that as Si Ye Han's right-hand man and one of the closest people to him, she knew everything about his fate...

At this moment, Ye Wanwan's expression became overcast all of a sudden.

Lately, she had been worrying about Si Ye Han's condition so she hadn't paid attention to Xu Yi. Now that Xu Yi brought it up, she remembered that what happened to Xu Yi... was quite tragic...

Chapter 414: Xu Yi's fate

And...

If she remembered correctly, Xu Yi's tragedy was closely linked to the attack on Si Ye Han.

In her previous life, after the huge incident of Si Ye Han being attacked, the Si family naturally wanted to conduct a thorough investigation to find the main culprit.

This investigation pointed them to their own people - it was a traitor within the company.

And this traitor... was Si Ye Han's most competent and trusted assistant, Xu Yi...

Due to Xu Yi's position and influence, everyone in the Si family was shocked.

During that time, Si Ye Han was still unconscious, so the old madam, the senior managers of the company and the elders in the family were the ones who dealt with this.

Many higher-ups in the senior management did a joint investigation and finally determined that the evidence was undeniable.

Their equipment was robbed, the entire team of bodyguards and secret agents were injured and there were innumerable casualties. Furthermore, Si Ye Han was still in a coma at the time. With such severe accusations on Xu Yi, the extreme punishment dealt by the Si family was to be expected.

At that time, Xu Yi tried his best to explain and begged for a second chance, denying all the accusations. With the irrefutable evidence, no one believed him or stood by his side.

In the end, Xu Yi was isolated and was offered no help at all. His entire family was exterminated and he was the only one lucky enough to escape.

But to Xu Yi, being alive was more painful than death.

He had to bear the label of a traitor forever and the pain of losing his family. He had to live the remaining years of his life in anguish and torture...

Ye Wanwan remembered that when Si Ye Han found him, Xu Yi's right leg was disabled. He covered himself in rags and was lying under the overpass, deranged and delirious.

Although Si Ye Han found the real culprit after he awoke, this was meaningless to Xu Yi.

Subsequently, Si Ye Han brought Xu Yi home and sent someone to care for and treat him, but not long after, Xu Yi disappeared one night during a heavy storm and didn't reappear. People weren't sure whether he was dead or alive...

Since that incident, Si Ye Han kept everybody at a distance. Mentioning Xu Yi's name was taboo - nobody ever dared to bring him up.

Therefore, Xu Yi's fate in her previous life was pretty tragic... not just ordinarily tragic...

In her previous life, Xu Yi was responsible for every matter of hers. Back then, she caused trouble every day and nitpicked at every single thing. It was always Xu Yi who had to clean up her mess.

Although Xu Yi had his guard up around her, he was always responsible and dutiful. He even helped her cover up countless troublesome incidents and tried his best to resolve conflicts and misunderstandings between Si Ye Han and her. When Xu Yi left, her life in the Si family became even more difficult.

And in this life, Xu Yi had helped her lots too...

If it was possible, she hoped Xu Yi would not meet such a tragic ending...

"Miss Wanwan... Miss Wanwan..."

Xu Yi's voice suddenly resounded in her ear, making Ye Wanwan, who was immersed in her memories, jump and return to her senses. "What?"

"Liu Ying and Song Jing's injuries have already been treated. We're ready to leave," Xu Yi said.

"Oh, alright," Ye Wanwan nodded then subconsciously furrowed her brows.

Although Xu Yi met such a tragic ending in her previous life, she had already drastically altered the course of events in this life, so according to the butterfly effect, there was a high chance that Xu Yi's fate would change too, right?

Maybe in this life, things wouldn't turn out that way?

Hopefully, she was just worrying irrationally...

Otherwise, under this situation when Si Ye Han was still unconscious, Xu Yi's situation would really be terrible...

Chapter 415: They're back

Si family's old residence:

The old madam was having an urgent meeting with Qin Ruo Xi, the senior managers of the company and a group of family elders to discuss a rescue plan when they heard a pair of urgent footsteps coming towards the door.

Following that, the door of the study was pushed open and the servant was extremely emotional as he panted, "Old... old madam... back... 9th master and the others are back!"

The old madam went blank for a moment then her face filled with joy. "What did you say? Little 9th is back?"

Qin Ruo Xi instantly stood up as well. "Where are they now?"

"They're already at the door!"

The old madam struggled to get up. "Quick! Quick, bring me over!"

The housekeeper immediately helped the old madam up and together they walked briskly towards the main gate.

Before, when the old madam heard the bad news, she couldn't even stand properly, but now she was able to run like she was flying, eager to see her grandson immediately.

Indeed, there were a few cars parked at the gate. Xu Yi, Liu Ying, and the others came out of the car, one after another.

After them, Si Ye Han was slowly and carefully carried out of the car by a few men. Ye Wanwan got out of the car and followed closely.

Seeing Si Ye Han being carried out of the car, the old madam's excitement turned to panic. "Little 9th is injured?"

Xu Yi quickly placated her: "9th master's not injured, old madam, don't worry. It's just that he overexerted himself, so he fainted. I will need old madam's help to call Dr. Sun over as soon as possible to take a look at 9th master!"

The old madam had numerous questions on her mind, but at this moment, all her attention was trained on her grandson. She swiftly got the old housekeeper to call Sun Bai Cao and allowed everyone to carefully carry Si Ye Han inside.

In just a brief moment, Si Ye Han was surrounded by the old madam, Qin Ruo Xi, a group of elders and servants.

Ye Wanwan was squeezed out of the group and could only follow far behind them.

In the bedroom:

After confirming that her grandson was unconscious due to over-exertion and hadn't sustained any injuries, the old madam's heart finally calmed down a little. But seeing her grandson's pale and weak complexion and his extreme fatigue that made him unconscious, her eyes turned red as she trembled and held onto her grandson's fingers tightly.

After she collected herself, the old madam turned to Xu Yi and the others with a serious expression. "What happened exactly? How were you able to escape?"

Xu Yi immediately recounted what happened to the old madam. Everyone present weighed each word as he spoke.

"On the third day when we were en route to country B and were getting ready to continue on our journey, 9th master's body couldn't take it any longer and he fainted all of a sudden. Not long after that, the bodyguards got the news that country B was controlled by an outside power - they investigated and confirmed that the power was actually the Murderous Blood Gang."

"At the time, our connections with the outside world were cut off completely, so we could be slaughtered by anybody. Old madam, one thing you should be clear on is that even if we doubled or tripled the number of men we brought along, we couldn't take on the Murderous Blood Gang."

"In a situation like this, I could only allocate a small team to escort Miss Wanwan to safety. The other party's target was obviously the Si family, so they wouldn't care if an unimportant person was missing..."

Worried that the old madam would blame Xu Yi, Eleven chimed in, "Under those circumstances, we wouldn't be able to change the outcome even if we stayed, so special assistant Xu Yi got us to protect Miss Wanwan and leave."

The old madam could not blame Xu Yi for the way he handled the situation.

"Xu Yi knows Little 9th best. If Little 9th was awake then, he would definitely have done the same." Even though this was what the old madam said, she still frowned slightly, a tinge of disappointment in her eyes.

Chapter 416: She's an outsider afterall

After listening to the reports of Xu Yi and the others, all the elders from the Si Corporation turned solemn.

How many people are eyeing this position of the mistress of the household?

Initially, when Si Ye Han didn't have a woman by his side, everyone lived together in harmony. Who knew that Si Ye Han would bring a stranger into the old residence to meet the old madam all of a sudden, breaking the superficial peace they had.

As they were intimidated by Si Ye Han's power, everyone remained silent about this, but it didn't mean they didn't have any opinions. This kind of discontentment would only gradually intensify over time.

One of the elders sitting on the sofa with a purple teapot in his hand said languidly, "That lady is an outsider, after all - she really didn't have to be dragged into the Si family's disputes. Special assistant Xu's actions were right. There was no problem at all; I agree with what he said."

The elder turned to look plainly at Ye Wanwan who was standing in the corner. "Since this is the case, now our family has to have internal discussions with classified information, so I request for this lady to be excused."

Ye Wanwan discreetly glanced at the person speaking.

Each individual in the Si family's internal department was part of a direct line of descendants. The competition between subdivisions was very strong and was divided into many denominations. The person speaking had close relations with the Qin family and was one of Qin Ruo Xi's important supporters.

In the beginning, the woman with the highest potential to be the mistress of the household was Qin Ruo Xi. In order to butter up the Qin family, these people invested in many bargaining chips, had entangled relationships and inextricably linked interests with the Si family. Now that this outsider had suddenly taken up this position, how could they sit back and do nothing?

Furthermore, these people were very good at reading body language - once they saw that the old madam was slightly unsatisfied with her, they grabbed hold of this perfect opportunity to get rid of her.

With just a few words, she was publicly denied her rightful place.

As expected, although the old madam frowned, she didn't say anything.

No big deal - Ye Wanwan had been fearful and on edge these past few days, so she couldn't wait to get some rest. Who cared about the lengthy talks of these people here?

But...

Ye Wanwan glanced at Xu Yi. In her previous life, the real traitor tried to cover up for himself so the moment Si Ye Han and the others returned, they immediately made a move on Xu Yi and accused him of being the spy, making him a scapegoat...

She had a feeling that even though she changed the course of events by interfering, the Si family still had to thoroughly investigate to find the main culprit for this incident. After the plans of the mastermind failed, there was a high chance they would find someone to take the fall for their crimes.

So, what happened next could very well be the same as in her previous life...

Seeing that Ye Wanwan was still standing there unmoving with a brazen expression, the elder's eyes turned icy. "Excuse me, miss, do you have something to say? If not, please leave."

At this moment, Qin Ruo Xi came to Ye Wanwan's rescue, "Uncle Feng, Miss Ye is Ah-Jiu's girlfriend and also the future mistress of the household. She's not considered an outsider."

The moment Qin Ruo Xi said that a piercing sneer came from the door, "Tsk, mistress of the household? What a joke! How is she even qualified?"

The elders turned to the girl, "Qin Yu, why are you here?"

"Dad, I'm here to accompany grandma. Just now, I heard you all saying that 9th brother was in danger, yet this shameless woman abandoned him and the others and ran away by herself!" Feng Qin Yu said indignantly.

Chapter 417: Just a lesson

When Xu Yi heard this, he furrowed his brows. Without any regard for his manners anymore, he interrupted Feng Qin Yu and explained, "Miss Feng, I haven't finished what I was saying just now. It's not what you think..."

Before Xu Yi could finish, Feng Qin Yu berated him sharply, "Who on earth are you?! I'm speaking to my father. Who are you to interrupt? You couldn't even protect your master; what's the point of having a useless piece of garbage like you in the Si family?"

Xu Yi's face turned red from the scolding and his fists were clenched tightly. Even Eleven, who was about to speak, felt awkward.

Feng Qin Yu looked condescendingly at Ye Wanwan with contempt in her eyes. "Since she's the one 9th brother chose to be the mistress of the household, she should've stuck with the team in a situation like this. Even if they were faced with death, she shouldn't be the only one getting out alive!"

"This cowardly woman who neglected 9th brother and the others, caring only for her own life - how could she take up the position of being the mistress of the household? According to the Si family's rules, deserting your family is enough reason to be thrashed to death by rods and fed to the dogs!"

Simply chasing Ye Wanwan away would be too lenient a punishment for her!

The other elders felt completely apathetic when they looked at Ye Wanwan and all agreed.

"Qin Yu's right. Elder Feng merely asked her to leave - that's already saving face for her."

"No matter what her status was before, from the moment she abandoned the family, she no longer has anything to do with the Si family anymore!"

"Since she thinks she isn't an outsider and insists on keeping this title, let's fulfill her wishes and treat her according to the family rules!"

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Seeing as Ye Wanwan hadn't spoken a word, Feng Qin Yu slowly made her way towards her and scoffed lightly, "Tsk, why haven't you spoken once we mentioned the family rules, huh? Don't you want the title of mistress of the household? You don't want it anymore now?

"Let me warn you, I've seen plenty of women like you - people who would go through dirty means for the sake of money and power. You still dream of becoming the mistress of the household? I find you abhorrent even as a playtoy for 9th brother!"

Watching this socialite suddenly launching an attack on her, Ye Wanwan looked at her with complete indifference as all the memories from the past surfaced.

Feng Qin Yu, we meet again...

The expression in Ye Wanwan's eyes changed very quickly; first, she gave Xu Yi and Eleven a meaningful glance to hold their horses. After that, she looked casually at Feng Qin Yu. "Miss Feng, may I ask you a question?"

Feng Qin Yu looked at her calmly, "Sure, go ahead!"

I want to see what kind of tricks she has up her sleeves at a moment like this!

"According to what Miss Feng said just now, you already acknowledged my status as the future mistress of the household, right?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Feng Qin Yu crossed her arms with a face of mockery and disdain. "9th brother and grandma already acknowledged it, so how could I not?"

This dumb woman, she's still hoarding this status at this point.

When Ye Wanwan heard that, she nodded and turned to Xu Yi, "Housekeeper Xu, are there any rules in the family on how to punish someone who offends his or her superiors and is disrespectful towards the mistress of the household?"

Xu Yi replied instinctively, "According to the family rules, one who is disrespectful to the mistress of the household should be severely punished..."

The moment Xu Yi's words landed, a loud slap resounded.

Ye Wanwan gave Feng Qin Yu a tight slap right in front of everyone's dumbstruck gazes.

Feng Qin Yu was in a complete daze. She stood there holding her face blankly and the others were tongue-tied and stunned; even the old madam who had been observing indifferently at the side gave a look of surprise.

Under everyone's shocked gazes, Ye Wanwan slowly retracted her hand and said very casually and calmly, "No need for severe punishment - let this slap be a lesson for Miss Feng."

Chapter 418: Saved everyone's lives

"You hit me... you actually dared to hit me! Just a lowly and vile playtoy like you actually dared to act with the power of the mistress of the household and dared to teach me a lesson?!"

Feng Qin Yu was so mad that her face turned the color of a pig's liver. She raised her hand and was about to slap Ye Wanwan brutally. "B****!"

The next second, Xu Yi and Eleven took a step forward at the same time like two boulders, blocking off access to Ye Wanwan.

Eleven: "Miss Feng! You can't be disrespectful towards Miss Wanwan!"

Xu Yi: "Miss Feng, please be mindful of your words and actions!"

Feng Qin Yu glared at the two of them in a fiery rage. "Great... really great... two truly loyal and devoted dogs! Are you guys completely smitten by this vixen that you've forgotten who your master is? Both of you are actually shielding a cowardly and ungrateful slut?"

A murderous intention in Eleven's eyes flashed as he spoke without a trace of warmth, "Miss Feng, Miss Wanwan certainly did not choose to die with us, but she saved all of our lives!"

Feng Qin Yu was stunned before she let out a laugh. "Saved everyone's lives? This woman? In order to protect this vixen, you guys could come up with any kind of nonsense, huh? How dare you speak without thinking in front of grandma, in front of all of us!"

"Qin Yu, keep quiet!" The old madam shot a stern look at Feng Qin Yu then turned to Eleven and asked, "What you just said now - was that the truth?"

Faced with the old madam's and all the elders' questioning gazes, Eleven's expression was unperturbed as he said, "I would never dare to lie. If it wasn't for Miss Wanwan, I'm afraid we would all be corpses now, including master!"

"Miss Wanwan was quick-witted; her courage and insight were even more admirable. She was simply pretending to leave with us at that time but after that, she came up with the idea of disguising us as another power that the Murderous Blood Gang was extremely fearful of. She went forward and scared

off every single one of them so we could escape! Miss Feng went overboard by insulting and speaking so rudely to Miss Wanwan just now!"

Although this retelling of events was very short, only people like them who had personally experienced it could understand how dangerous it was - if they were just a little more careless, they would have no hope of surviving.

Xu Yi, who was next to him, continued, "At that point, our people were already up against the Murderous Blood Gang, and Liu Ying and Song Jing were severely injured. It was Miss Wanwan who led Dark Team 1 to us in time. In the beginning, we all misunderstood Miss Wanwan as well; we only found out the truth when we were safely out of harm's way and Eleven and the others revealed their faces!"

After Eleven and Xu Yi finished speaking, the entire room entered a weird silence.

Everyone returned o their senses after a long time. The elders present turned to look at each other, surprised.

"Are you sure? It was that brat who saved all of you in the end?"

"How could it be... I thought a powerful force came to help..."

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The old madam turned to the only person who hadn't spoken, Liu Ying. She asked him solemnly, "Liu Ying, were Xu Yi and Eleven telling the truth?"

Liu Ying pursed his lips. Although there were many things he wasn't happy with Ye Wanwan about, he couldn't possibly lie to this kind of question. So in the end, he lowered his head and answered truthfully, "Yes, it's true, old madam. Indeed, Miss Wanwan's plan saved us all."

Hearing what Liu Ying said, Qin Ruo Xi's eyes shifted subtly.

"How... how is that possible..." At this moment, Feng Qin Yu had a complete change in expression.

It was actually this witch, who only knows how to show off her charm, who saved 9th brother and the others...

Chapter 419: The mastermind

Feng Qin Yu gritted her teeth as she murmured resentfully, "How is she that quick-witted and resourceful? She probably played some small tricks! Anyone would know how to do that!"

Hearing what Feng Qin Yu said, Eleven's eyes were filled with ridicule. Simply played some small tricks? All these high and mighty ladies kept in boudoirs are truly naive to the point that they're stupid!

Now, the way the old madam looked at Ye Wanwan was much warmer than before. She also looked at her in a new light for the slap she gave Feng Qin Yu with the authority of the mistress of the household.

"Wanwan, you're only Little 9th's girlfriend after all and haven't married into our family yet, so the Si family doesn't have the right to demand anything from you. However, you stayed back with Little 9th and even thought of a plan to save everyone - this makes grandma really glad."

Originally, after they returned this time, Ye Wanwan found that the old madam's attitude towards her had turned colder.

She didn't have to think much to know that someone had definitely said something to grandma.

But Ye Wanwan didn't mind this at all. Even if it was the case, it didn't matter much. After all, she met grandma with all that "honor and glory" in her past life and grandma still accepted her.

As long as she didn't cause trouble like she did in her past life or break the old madam's taboos, her socalled "dark history" would not cause any real damage for her.

Ye Wanwan revealed a hint of shyness as she replied obediently, "Grandma, I didn't do much. I just moved my lips. It was all thanks to everyone working together and helping out that we solved this crisis!"

Seeing as Ye Wanwan didn't openly take credit, the old madam nodded. "Alright, you don't have to be humble. You did very well this time, grandma will remember this!"

Now, all the elders finally had nothing to say.

One of them who had a white beard and seemed to be the oldest in the family clan glanced at Ye Wanwan coldly then said indifferently, "Since this is the case, this problem ends here then!

"What's important right now is that we find out who the mastermind is behind all this. The Si family doesn't have any ties, much less any feud, with such a notorious organization like the Murderous Blood Gang, so why would they target the Si family? Those outlaws were definitely hired by someone!"

An elder in a green shirt sitting in the corner scowled and echoed, "That's right, they actually dared to act against the master of the Si family! It's simply outrageous! We must seize that person by hook or crook!"

"But... right now, we have no leads at all. Where should we start to investigate?" someone asked with knitted brows.

Listening up to this point, the old madam's expression turned rigid. She looked towards Xu Yi and the others and probed, "When all of you were up against those guys, did you get any useful information?"

When Xu Yi heard this, he recalled what happened and replied, "When we were confronted by those people from the Murderous Blood Gang, I did give them a warning - I asked whether they had considered the consequences of their actions. If they really killed 9th master, they would have to face the fury of the entire Si family. Even the Murderous Blood Gang couldn't possibly be completely fearless of the Si family, but they were very arrogant. It seemed like they were emboldened by the backing they had and it was definitely a little fishy..."

At this moment, a cold light abruptly appeared in the white-bearded elder's eyes. "They were emboldened by the backing they had? Why would they have a backing? Could we surmise that the mastermind behind all this is someone from the Si family who has a high position and right of inheritance? You think this was a vain attempt to murder the master and replace him? So that's why the Murderous Blood Gang didn't have any fear of retaliation from the Si family!"

Chapter 420: Thorough investigation

A vain attempt to assassinate the master to replace him? This isn't just an ordinary offense...

The white-bearded elder's words resonated throughout the entire room. Everyone kept silent in fear.

The white-bearded elder was Si Ye Han's grandfather's second younger brother, Si Ming Rong. In other words, he was Si Ye Han's second great uncle. He held the highest position and prestige in the clan; even the old madam would discuss many issues with him and listen to his opinions.

In the family, he was equivalent to a law enforcer and had been faithful and true towards the Si family all these years. He did his best to support the master of the household and was never afraid of offending anyone.

The moment Si Ming Rong said those words, almost everyone turned towards the elder dressed in a western suit, sitting in the corner and sipping his tea leisurely.

The elder in a western suit seemed to be around 60 over years old. Seeing that everyone was staring at him, his face turned slightly dark. *cough* "Uncle Rong, how could you put it that way?"

This person was Si Ye Han's father's cousin, Si Huai Liang, third great uncle's son. Previously, when Si Ye Han's father, Si Huai Zhang, passed away, Si Ye Han and a few of the uncles fought like demons. Until Si Ye Han seized the position of head of the Si family many years later, those people kept eyeing that seat.

Especially Si Huai Liang. He loved pulling strings and forming cliques. He caused a scene several times when he was drunk, displaying his dissatisfaction towards Si Ye Han and criticizing him for usurping the position when he was just a newbie. He even threatened to find someone to kill him. Hence, it was no wonder that everyone's first instinct was to blame him.

The white-bearded elder swept a stern gaze at Si Huai Liang. "It was just a guess; why are you so paranoid? Unless you're the one who sent those people?"

Si Huai Liang immediately became agitated. "Uncle Rong! You can't speak your mind like that! I think it's a little hurtful that we get suspicious of our own family members just by relying on these people's words without any evidence! Don't you all agree?"

When the others heard that, they also spoke up one after another: "Uncle Rong's suspicions aren't without reason, but this is such a serious accusation! Of course, we need to investigate thoroughly and find substantial proof!"

"That's right, the master of our family is now seriously ill and in a coma. We're without a leader; we can't have disorder amongst our own people!"

The white-bearded elder exclaimed harshly, "Of course we'll investigate! And we must start from our own people! As long as none of you have done anything wrong, what disorder will there be?"

The old madam took a deep breath and opened her eyes. When she considered how her grandson nearly lost his life, her eyes scanned every single one of them icily. All of a sudden, she said, "Uncle Zhong is right. Since we don't have any evidence, we'll investigate till we do! We'll start internally. Everyone must cooperate with the investigation - otherwise, you'll be treated as the traitor!"

"I've already warned all of you umpteen times - internal strife is strictly prohibited. No attacking each other. If I find that anyone dared to violate this, you will not be let off lightly!"

Si Huai Liang curled his lips and didn't dare to object. He said, "Yes, yes, yes great aunt, I will definitely cooperate! But I just want to make this small declaration - great aunt, you know me best. I have a sharp tongue, but I mean well. Although I made some poorly-thought-out comments before, I would never, ever do something like this to Ah-Jiu! I hope you'll have a thorough investigation!"

The old madam gave him a sidelong glance. "As long as you didn't do it, you won't be wrongly accused!"

Once the old madam finished speaking, she turned to the old housekeeper and ordered, "Pass on my order. Within three days..."

The old madam was about to give her orders when an elder sitting at the corner in a navy blue Tang suit lit up and exclaimed all of a sudden, "Hold it!"