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Pei Huan was about to give him a brush off, but she swallowed her words upon seeing Bao and Aunt Zhang giggling happily in the living room. She didn't want to ruin the atmosphere. "Bao and I are only here today to have a meal. You know it." Her voice was soft but firm.

It made her feel uneasy when Li Heng fixed his gaze on her. Luckily, Aunt Zhang took the heat off her when she called them over, "Heng, Huan, what's taking you so long? Did Huan manage to find her shoes? You told me Huan was back a couple of days ago, so I've already washed them clean and kept them in the shoe cupboard."

"I found them, Aunt Zhang." Pei Huan forced a smile as she changed into her house slippers and walked past Li Heng to head to the living room.

Li Heng's gaze followed her figure until she vanished from sight. *Time is on my side! I believe she will come back to me one day. I will wait for her.*

Aunt Zhang was shooting the breeze with Bao. "Bao, are you hungry yet? Grandma has cooked a lot of food. We can eat now if you're hungry. What do you think?"

"Alright." Bao rubbed his tummy as he exclaimed, "I'm so so so hungry! I want grandma to feed me!"

"Okay! Grandma will feed you," Aunt Zhang replied, indulging his request.

Pei Huan was looking at the two getting along with each other. *Bao seems to have forgotten about what happened a year ago.* Based on her observation, Bao

seemed to be unaffected by the incident as he could get along with other people rather well since they were back in Jiang City.

However, he had been diagnosed as a child with low emotional intelligence when she brought him to a psychiatrist. Not only that, but he was also always plagued with nightmares when he was in Jiang City. She couldn't help feeling suspicious because Bao had always behaved like a normal child in Jiang City.

"Let's have dinner!" Aunt Zhang brought Bao to the dining hall. Li Heng slightly frowned upon seeing Pei Huan staring blankly into space. "If you really don't like it here, I won't force you to come over next time."

Pei Huan snapped out of her trance. "Huh? What did you say?"

"It's nothing." Li Heng pursed his lips, knowing that he was still repulsive to Pei Huan. "I said if you really don't like it here, I won't force you to come again." Then, he rose to his feet.

Before Pei Huan even realized it, she had grabbed hold of his hand.

Li Heng froze at once, but he didn't dare look at her. Although he had his back to her, Pei Huan could feel his body stiffen, so she loosened her grip. Li Heng turned to face her and held her hand. "Are you giving me hope?"

"I... I have something to tell you." She evaded his question.

"What is it?" Li Heng took a glance at Aunt Zhang and Bao in the dining hall. "Aunt Zhang, you and Bao can start eating first. Don't feed him food that's too spicy," he reminded.

"I know, I know. I'm not yet a dotard!" Aunt Zhang complained, "Don't you remember I'm the one who brought you up? Of course I know how to take care of a child." She huffed in annoyance.

Li Heng let out a chuckle. Then, he shifted his gaze to Pei Huan. “Tell me, what is it that you wanted to say?”

Pei Huan shot a glance at Aunt Zhang before suggesting, “Let’s talk in the study.”

Li Heng was slightly bewildered, but he nodded and led the way up the stairs. Pei Huan looked around as they headed to the second floor and noticed that the decoration in the corridor looked exactly like how it used to be three years ago, with the same antiques and paintings. It made her heart pound like crazy.

When she decided to cut ties with Li Heng and left with a broken heart, there were times when she would think about him. However, she would always remind herself that Li Heng didn’t love her at all and he was only making use of her. At this moment, however, her thoughts wavered.

“We’re here.” Li Heng pushed the door open to let her in.

As expected, the decoration of the study remained unchanged. Everything in Wuyun Residence was a reminder to her of the times when they had first gotten married.

Li Heng knew she wasn’t unperturbed at all, but he remained silent while gesturing her to take a seat. “So tell me, what is it? Forget about it if you’re going to ask me to give up.”

“It concerns Bao,” she began.

Li Heng’s eyes flickered.

“I need your help to look into something...”

“Go on!”

“As you know, Bao was kidnapped a year ago. After that incident, I noticed Bao was behaving abnormally, so I brought him to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist said Bao has not worked through the trauma, and he has started showing signs of autism. And also... He said Bao has a low degree of emotional intelligence.”

Low emotional intelligence? Autism? Is it really that serious? Li Heng couldn't help but furrow his brows.

From his contact with Bao the past few days, the boy seemed like a normal child.

“Do you think I'm lying? I was actually doubtful as well because Bao looks so normal when he's with you. However, he's slow on the draw, and there are times where I catch him blabbering to himself. Do you think I don't wish to bring him to the amusement park? I can't bring myself to do so because he was kidnapped before at the amusement park. I brought him there once, but that place repulses him.”

“What do you want me to do?” Li Heng knotted his brow. “Do you want me to look for an eminent psychiatrist? Or do you want me to look into the kidnapping incident? Weren't you with Li Cenbei at that time? Didn't he do anything about it?”

Pei Huan's face darkened at the mention of Li Cenbei's name. “He was not there when the incident happened, and I never told him about it afterward either.”

Li Heng frowned slightly. “Leave it to me; I will look into it.”

Pei Huan was relieved. “Thank you.” However, Li Heng was displeased by her distant manner. “You don't need to thank me for this. After all, Bao is my son as well.”

“I...” Pei Huan intended to refute his claim, but then she saw the ambiguous smile on his face. *He is too clever to let someone pull the wool over his eyes!*

“I know you haven’t forgiven me for what happened three years ago, but trust me, I will get to the bottom of it. And about Bao... Anyone can tell that he and I look alike, and taking a DNA paternity test is just a matter of formality. If you really need a paternity test report to prove that we are blood-related, it’s a cinch for me to obtain one, but I don’t wish to do it that way.” Li Heng bore straight into her eyes. “Huan, please give me some time.”

Pei Huan bit her lips and fell silent. For the first time, she didn’t come back at him. Instead, his words made her rethink whether it was the right decision to leave Jiang City three years ago. *What if it’s all a conspiracy? Otherwise, wouldn’t it be too coincidental that Li Heng’s uncle, Li Cenbei, happened to be the one who came to the rescue?*

“Come on! Let’s join them for dinner.”

“Li Heng!” Pei Huan called out. “Don’t tell my brother about Bao’s condition just yet.”

Li Heng narrowed his eyes. “Alright!” *Bao is my son, so of course, I will take matters into my own hand.*

Even though Fu Chengyan was his buddy and Pei Huan’s brother, he would sometimes be jealous of him for having such a close relationship with her. Bao and Pei Huan were the most important people to him. Li Heng was unwilling to share them with anyone else, not even Fu Chengyan.

Pei Huan had no idea that Li Heng was acting like a green-eyed monster. Since Ning Xin was in poor condition and Fu Chengyan had to take care of her, she was reluctant to bother Fu Chengyan.

When Li Heng and Pei Huan went downstairs, they noticed Aunt Zhang telling Bao a story. The boy’s eyes were full of excitement – he was completely absorbed in the story.

With his one hand and in his pocket, Li Heng approached them with a smile. “Bao, are you done eating?”

“Daddy!” Bao hopped off the chair and clung to Li Heng’s thigh. “Grandma is amazing! She knows a lot more stories than Mommy does.”

Li Heng narrowed his eyes, casting a glance at Pei Huan. “Really? What kind of stories does your mommy tell you?”

Bao tilted his head as he tried to recall. “Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Snow White, and The Seven Dwarfs, and also The Prince and The Frog.” Bao added sheepishly, “Actually, Mommy knows a lot of stories, but she has run out of stories because she needs to tell me one story every day.”

Li Heng grinned. “Bao, do you enjoy listening to stories?”

“I love it!” Bao gave a firm nod.

“But Mommy does get tired sometimes... Why don’t we let your grandma tell you stories in the future?”

“That’s great!” Bao cheered while clapping his hands. Then, he trotted toward Aunt Zhang and held her hand. “Grandma, tell me a bedtime story tonight!”

“Alright!” Aunt Zhang nodded. “Heng, you and Huan must be hungry. I’m going to take Bao for a walk. The two of you can have your meals.”

On the other hand, the Li Residence was in chaos, unlike the peaceful atmosphere in Wuyun Residence.

Li Xinzhi had passed out after being driven up the wall by Li Heng, but the latter had left with Pei Huan. The whole Li clan was thrown into a chaotic state. When the family physician arrived, he couldn’t believe that the invincible patriarch of the Li clan had fainted.

Li Xinzhi regained consciousness an hour later, and the first thing he did was summon all Li clan family members. Soon, everyone was there except Li Heng and Pei Huan.

Li Xinzhi stared at Li Cenbei with his sunken eyes. “Bei, tell me you have nothing to do with Pei Huan!”

“Dad, I...”

“Hmph! That lady is up to no good! First, she hurt Xufan, then Heng, and now you’re the next target! Has she blinded all of you? She is nothing but trouble! I demand you to divorce Pei Huan immediately, or else I will not show you any mercy!”

“Dad, I will never divorce Pei Huan!”

“You bastard! Heng has already made me mad. Are you going to be the death of me as well? Since you’re back, I think you shouldn’t leave Jiang City again. I will put you in office in Li Group once you divorce Pei Huan. Whereas Li Heng... He’s so disappointing. Li Group is no place for someone like him.”

“Dad...” Li Cennan regarded Li Xinzhi with disbelief. “Heng has worked for Li Group for years...”

“Hmph! If I don’t give him some punishment, he will be too full of himself. I’m going to teach him a lesson to show him that he can’t achieve anything if he’s not a member of the Li clan and Li Group.”

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“But Dad, you—”

“Stop it. Since he dares to do so, we need to teach him a lesson. Otherwise, he might think the Li Group and we depend on him entirely?” Li Xinzhi was very determined. He looked up at Li Cenbei. “Bei, take over Li Heng’s position tomorrow. Xufan, help your great-uncle, alright?”

“I—” Li Xufan was about to say something when Li Min glared at him. “Thank you, Grandpa. Xufan has been working hard lately. He’ll do his best to help his great-uncle get used to the Li Group’s style of management as soon as possible.”

Li Xufan wanted to say something, but he knew he shouldn’t be saying it now.

He despised Li Cenbei, but he despised Li Heng more. Hence, he felt better after knowing that Li Heng was leaving. Li Xufan had been working in the Li Group for some time, but he has always been under Li Heng, which frustrated him a lot.

Li Min was staring at Li Cenbei intently. Li Xufan was very upset, so he said, “Great-grandpa, Xin Yuan and the kids are tired, so we’ll be leaving now.”

“Sure!” Li Xinzhi had always adored Li Xufan.

After Li Xufan’s family left, Li Min had no excuse to stay on anymore.

Li Cennan and his wife, Bai Jing, parted their lips intending to say something. But, the old man shut his eyes indicating that he was not interested. In the end, Li Cennan gave up. “Dad, have a good night’s rest. Our family will leave now.”

Soon, only Li Xinzhi, Li Cenbei, and the old butler were left in the room.

Li Xinzhi told his butler to leave and shut the door. Sighing, he inquired, “Bei, are you still mad at me for what happened back then?”

“Dad, it has been years. I’ve forgotten all about it.”

Li Xinzhi nodded. “I didn’t want you to leave, but Min...” He sighed. “I have wronged your mother and you.” He held Li Cenbei’s hand and patted it gently. “Your mother should be happy to know that you’re doing well.”

Li Cenbei looked down as something flashed across his eyes. He nodded. “Mm, I’ll visit her tomorrow. I won’t be going to the company.”

“Okay, sure. You should be a filial son and visit your mother who’s all alone there.” Li Xinzhi sighed again. “Li Group is yours. I’ve made sure of that. This time, don’t leave, okay? Run the company well. Xufan is just a kid, so please take care of him.”

“What about Heng?”

“Don’t mention that unfilial son.” Li Xinzhi got frustrated at the mention of Li Heng. “Didn’t you see him today? He brought that woman back just to infuriate me. Why is he so infatuated with her? Bei, Li Heng might be confused, but you can’t be like him. Listen to me and get a divorce now. Why did everyone fall for her? Li Heng and Xufan fell for her trap, but you can’t!”

“I...” Li Cenbei fell silent for a moment. “Okay. I didn’t know she was Heng’s ex-wife. I met her in C Country, where she was struggling to make a living alone, so...” he trailed off. “Don’t worry, since she’s Heng’s ex-wife, I’ll get a divorce asap!”

“Good.” Li Xinzhi patted Li Cenbei’s hand again. “I’m tired. You should also rest. I told the butler to tidy your room earlier.”

“Okay, rest well then.”

After Li Cenbei left, the butler came in to give Li Xinzhi his medication. He seemed like he had something to say.

Li Xinzhi glanced at his butler. “Do you want to ask why I made Li Heng a figurehead?”

The butler was taken aback. “Sir, I dare not.”

Li Xinzhi snorted. “Li Heng is too talented. If no one in the Li Group can keep him in check, I’m afraid he’ll take control of the entire company. He’s indeed, a capable leader.”

“Then why don’t you let Young Master Heng take over Li clan? Actually, the previous heads of our clan had always been talented. I believe under Young Master Heng’s lead, the Li Group and Li clan can reach new heights!”

“Well,” Li Xinzhi sighed. “But he’s too ruthless. Both Bei and Xufan won’t be able to survive under him.” He shook his head. “Forget it, you know nothing. I hope the Li Group can fare well under Bei’s leadership.”

“Then what about Young Master Heng?”

“Let him cool down for now!”

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“Mr. Li, your grandfather has arranged for your uncle to take over your position and work,” Liang Lin reported carefully. He was afraid he might offend his boss accidentally.

Li Heng narrowed his eyes before sweeping his gaze over Liang Lin. “He’s trying to make me a figurehead?”

Liang Lin nodded. "Yes, I've just received news from our spy in the Li Residence. Those were your grandfather's exact words."

"Got it." Li Heng dismissed him with a wave.

Liang Lin was astonished. "Mr. Li, you—"

"Isn't that a good thing? Anyway, I no longer want to work in the Li Group. I want to spend more time with my wife and son." Li Heng rose to his feet and glanced at the files on his desk. "Go to the Li Group tomorrow and send these to Li Cenbei."

"What about the project with Shengyuan Group?"

Li Heng smirked. "You can ask Chengyan about that."

"Yes, sir."

Liang Lin left with the files, but Pei Huan, who had accidentally overheard their conversation, got anxious.

"Come in!"

Pei Huan pushed the door open in surprise. "How do you know I was outside?"

Li Heng grinned. "I can smell you."

Pei Huan blushed prettily. For once, she didn't retort. Instead, she seemed concerned. "Is this because of what happened today? Did you get into trouble because of me?"

If she hadn't followed Li Heng to the Li Residence and said all those things to Li Xinzhi, the latter wouldn't have fainted from anger and make Li Heng a figurehead.

“I’m sorry. It was all my fault. Actually, you don’t have to do this. We’re already divorced. Just tell your grandfather we’re no longer related. He’ll take back his order for sure. After all, you’re part of the family!”

“Are you worried about me?” That was the only thing Li Heng had heard.

Pei Huan was stunned. “Li Heng, I am being serious. You don’t have to go against your family just for me. That’ll only bring trouble to you.”

Li Heng chuckled. “You’re really worried about me.” He came to her and held her hand. Pei Huan tried to shove him away, but he refused to let her go. “Don’t worry. These are all within my expectation.”

“Huh? Within your expectation?” Pei Huan was confused. “Why did you say that?”

“The Li clan will act that way even if you didn’t get involved. The Li Group can’t tolerate me anymore. Besides, I’ve never wanted anything from them.” Li Heng pulled Pei Huan to the sofa as they sat down. “Where’s Bao?”

“He’s downstairs. Aunt Zhang adores him.” Pei Huan glanced at Li Heng, noticing his expression softening at the mention of Bao. “Li Heng, you...”

“What?”

She regained her composure and shook her head. “It’s nothing. It’s getting late. I think I want to go home with Bao now.”

Li Heng pursed his lips in displeasure. But after glancing at Pei Huan, he nodded. “I’ll give you a ride home.”

“It’s alright.”

“You don’t have a car. Besides, Wuyun Residence is quite far from Wutong Residence.” Li Heng stood up, ignoring her rejection. “Let’s go. I’ll give you a ride home.”

“Okay, thank you then.” Pei Huan scurried after him.

Downstairs, Bao was nearly asleep after listening to a few stories. He was nodding off adorably. Aunt Zhang felt her heart softened at the sight as she patted his back gently. “Heng? Huan?”

“Yes. Aunt Zhang, I’ll hold him.” Li Heng went to her and took Bao from her arms. Aunt Zhang was reluctant to see them leave. “Huan, are you going to leave now? It’s late!”

“Yes, Aunt Zhang. I’m going home as my brother is waiting for me.”

“But...”

“Aunt Zhang!” Li Heng cut her off abruptly. “They’ll come more often in the future.”

Aunt Zhang didn’t want them to leave, but she nodded nonetheless. “Okay, then. Huan, when you have time, please come to visit me with Bao. He’s such an adorable kid.”

“Sure,” Pei Huan nodded. She couldn’t bring herself to reject Aunt Zhang.

Li Heng patted her shoulder. “It’s late. You should rest now.”

After placing his jacket on Bao, Li Heng carried him and left. Pei Huan hurriedly went after him.

It took over an hour for them to reach Wuyun Residence from Wutong Residence. When they reached and got off the car, Li Heng was still holding Bao in his arms.

Fu Chengyan and Shi Nuan were watching a show on TV. Shi Nuan kept trying to guess which stage Pei Huan and Li Heng were at now. As Pei Huan wasn't back this late, she was babbling nonstop about how they should've gotten back together.

Before she could even finish, the doorbell rang. Shi Nuan frowned while Fu Chengyan brushed his finger across her nose affectionately. "Your guess was wrong."

"Well, it might be Mr. Su!" Shi Nuan refused to give in. Fu Chengyan stood up to open the door. Indeed, it was Li Heng, who was holding Bao in his arms with Pei Huan by his side.

Fu Chengyan grinned. "Come on in."

Li Heng lifted his head and came in with Bao.

Shi Nuan parted her lips in disappointment. "It's so late. You should just stay there and let Bao sleep in peace."

"It's alright, Bao has been a good boy." Pei Huan was about to take Bao from Li Heng's embrace, but the latter refused to let go. "I'll take him to his room."

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Pei Huan wanted to follow him upstairs, but Shi Nuan stopped her in time. “Huan, have a seat.”

“But Bao—”

“Li Heng will take care of him. Come, have a seat. I need to ask you about your checkup.”

Pei Huan watched as Li Heng went upstairs with Bao. Fu Chengyan shot a look at Shi Nuan, shaking his head in exasperation before following behind Li Heng.

Li Heng took off Bao’s clothes and was cleaning him when he realized Fu Chengyan had followed him upstairs.

At his friend’s amused grin, he frowned. “Do you want to talk to me?”

Fu Chengyan crossed his arms as he studied how Li Heng took care of the kid attentively. “I can’t believe what I’m seeing.”

Li Heng swept his gaze over Fu Chengyan coolly. “I think you’re jealous of me.”

Fu Heng lifted a brow in response. “What happened today?”

Li Heng fell silent for some time before replying, “Li Cenbei’s back. What do you think happened?” He placed Bao on his bed and tucked the boy in before gesturing Fu Chengyan to head out with him.

Fu Chengyan gave a half-smile. "I heard you brought Huan to the Li Residence?"

Li Heng stopped in his tracks. "He's back, so we need to play along."

"Please protect Huan."

"Of course. I don't need you to remind me." Li Heng scrunched up his brows. "What else do you have to say?"

"So you're now a figurehead." Fu Chengyan stated, seemingly enjoying his friend's misfortune. "The head of Li clan is funny. He chose those useless rocks instead of a precious gemstone."

Li Heng said nothing as Fu Chengyan continued, "What is your plan now?"

"We'll see. Anyway, I wasn't planning on staying in the Li Group, so I welcome his return."

"The old man will be infuriated if he heard that." Fu Chengyan patted Li Heng's shoulder. "Ask for my help if you need anything from me."

As Li Xinzhi dared to hurt someone from the Fu clan, Fu Chengyan would definitely take revenge.

Li Heng's gaze lit up at his announcement. "I don't need your help for now. But for the project you suggested earlier..."

"Got it," Fu Chengyan smirked. "How is the preparation for your company in Sheen City going?"

"Jingxiu's there, so I'm not in a hurry. But the price of the Li Group's shares will drop soon, so you should take note of that. I can't do anything. You and Jingxiu should take the necessary actions." Li Heng then got to his feet. "It's late, so I should go now."

“Li Heng, she was at your place but why did you send her back?” Fu Chengyan commented coolly. Li Heng narrowed his eyes and met Fu Chengyan’s amused gaze. “You’re Huan’s brother, so you should be on her side instead of mine.”

The smile on Fu Chengyan’s face faded away. “She’s my sister, but May and I don’t get to spend time alone if she’s here. Li Heng, if you’re loyal friend, you would’ve gotten her this morning. You already have a son with her, but she’s still insisting on staying with me and May!”

Li Heng’s gaze darkened before he let out a chuckle. “Chengyan, are you jealous of me?”

“Get out!”

As Li Heng had predicted, the third day after Li Cenbei took charge of the Li Group, trouble broke out. Actually, on the first day Li Cenbei assumed his post, the sudden change had already caused an uproar among the employees.

They had no idea why Li Heng, the Managing Director of the Li Group, was dismissed from his post. After the incident, which happened eight years ago, the Li Group had never undergone such a drastic change.

Besides, since Li Heng took charge of the Li Group, he brought in new talents and fresh ideas. Now that Li Heng was nothing but a figurehead, his subordinates expressed their displeasure instantly. Many of them resigned while the rest of them just passed time at the office.

the Li Group was in hot water. No matter how capable Li Cenbei was, he couldn’t control these employees. After those companies who were collaborating with the Li Group immediately suspended their collaborations and demanded an explanation.

By now, the Li Group was in utter chaos.

Li Cenbei had expected this problem, but his hands were tied.

Li Xufan had always been working in the Project Management Department, so this was the first time he saw this grand spectacle. Their share prices dropped drastically while everyone speculated the Li Group was about to change hands.

However, the most important person involved in this situation was eating dinner peacefully with Aunt Zhang at home. Aunt Zhang had already glanced at him a few times, seemingly worried.

Li Heng placed his bowl down. "Aunt Zhang, you've been staring at me for some time. If you have something to say, just go on."

Aunt Zhang sighed. "Heng, are you going to cut ties with the Li clan?"

"Aunt Zhang, you shouldn't concern yourself with this matter. Some things just don't belong to me." Li Heng took a piece of meat and placed it in her bowl. "So don't worry."

"But, you're not working now. How will you support Huan and Bao?" Aunt Zhang was worried. "I have some savings that can help."

"Aunt Zhang, do you think I'm penniless after leaving the Li Group and the Li clan? Am I that useless?" Li Heng was amused by her reaction. "You really don't have to worry. I can afford to support you, Huan and Bao!"

"Well," Aunt Zhang sighed. "They are your family. How could they be so cruel? Also, your parents..."

Aunt Zhang used to be Bai Jing's servant. When Bai Jing married Li Cennan, she followed her mistress to the Li clan. She had always felt that Li Heng's parents didn't care for him. "Can't they say something in front of your grandfather?"

"Enough, Aunt Zhang. Did you cook the soup I asked for?"

"Yes, yes." Aunt Zhang placed her cutlery down. "Heng, what is this for?"

“I’m going to the hospital to visit Mom.” Li Heng was talking about Pei Huan’s mother, Ning Xin. “With Huan and Bao.”

“Oh, good. You can take care of Heng and Bao as you’re no longer working. Bring them back as soon as possible. I can’t wait for Wuyun Residence to become lively.”

“Mm!”

Aunt Zhang gave the insulated food container to Li Heng. “Heng, you should eat more.”

“I’m full. Have a good rest. Goodbye.”

“Okay!”

Aunt Zhang watched as Li Heng left the house before she let out a deep sigh. Thirty minutes later, the doorbell rang. When Aunt Zhang opened the door, she was surprised to see Li Jing. “Ms. Li!”

“Aunt Zhang.” Li Jing smiled and looked inside. “Where is my brother?”

“Ms. Li, you came at a bad time. He just left not long ago.”

“Oh? Where did he go?” Li Jing seemed disappointed. “I thought he’s at home!”
Since he’s just a figurehead at the Li Group now.

“Ms. Li, come on in!”

“No. Since he isn’t here, I shall leave.”

“Ms. Li, wait!” Aunt Zhang stopped her. “Heng went to visit Huan and Bao.”

“Pei Huan?” Li Jing froze. Upon recalling how Pei Huan angered Li Xinzhi back in the Li Residence, she let out a long sigh. “Do you know where they are?”

“They are at the hospital. Huan’s mother is sick, so he told me to prepare some soup for her. If you need to meet him urgently, you can go to the hospital. He should be there.”

When Li Heng arrived at the hospital, both Pei Huan and Bao were with Ning Xin. Fu Heng stood aside and looked on. At the sight, Li Heng broke into a smile.

Bao noticed him standing outside and struggled out of Pei Huan’s embrace. He ran to Li Heng and flung his arms around the latter’s thigh. “Daddy, I miss you so much!”

“Good boy. I miss you too!” Li Heng ruffled the little boy’s hair before picking him up. He strode into the ward and greeted everyone. “Dad, Mom, Huan.”

Pei Huan knitted her brows and ignored Li Heng. Shocked flashed across Ning Xin’s gaze when she heard Bao addressing Li Heng as “daddy.” A smile played on her lips. “Heng, you’re here. Have a seat!”

“Thank you, Mom.”

The frown on Pei Huan’s forehead deepened. As Fu Heng and Ning Xin were present, she said nothing.

“Good, you’re here. We were just talking about you.”

“Me?”

Li Heng placed Bao down and told him to go to Pei Huan. He unscrewed the insulated food container and said, “Aunt Zhang found out you were sick, so she cooked some soup for you. Here you go.”

“Aunt Zhang?” Ning Xin was curious. Pei Huan immediately chimed in,

“She’s the housekeeper in Wuyun Residence. Back then, she took great care of me.”

“Oh, I see. Thank you,” Ning Xin answered. She had heard of this housekeeper’s name. Li Heng might be from the Li clan, but everyone in the upper class society knew he had grown up alone. It was Fu Chengyan who told Ning Xin later on that the housekeeper was the one who brought Li Heng up. Hence, her impression of the Li clan had been very bad.

That was also why Ning Xin said nothing when Pei Huan divorced Li Heng. Now that she thought about it, the Li clan was indeed cruel. Li Xinzhi was ruthless toward both Pei Huan and his grandson, Li Heng.

“By the way, I heard you’ve left the Li Group.” Fu Heng looked at Li Heng, who nodded his head. “Yes.”

Fu Heng pursed his lips. “What will you do from now on? I won’t let you take my daughter and grandson if you can’t promise them a happy life.”

Upon hearing his words, Li Heng’s mouth curved up into a smile. “Dad, don’t worry. I promise her life will get better if she becomes my wife.”

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Fu Heng merely snorted. “Everyone can make empty promises. I want to see what you’ll do.”

“Yes. I’ll prove that I am the best match for Huan!” Li Heng promised while he poured a bowl of soup for Fu Heng. “Dad, try some soup.”

Fu Heng nodded in satisfaction.

In the meantime, at the Li Group. After Li Heng’s departure, the share prices had been dropping drastically. In just a few days, a company in Sheen City had bought the small shareholders over.

A storm was brewing right in the Li Residence. After reading the files sent over by the Li Group, Li Xinzhi trembled in rage. “Find out what this company is. Why don’t I know of this company which is in Jiang City?”

“Great-grandpa, this isn’t a company in Jiang City.”

“Then where is it located?”

“Sheen City!”

Li Xinzhi was dumbstruck. “What? Did you say Sheen City?” *Impossible! How could they take advantage of the Li Group’s situation?*

“Yes, the company is from Sheen City. It had only prospered these few years. Even those in Sheen City had no idea of this company’s background. Also, this

Prosperous Group had acquired over ten companies in Sheen City. They were established around four years ago, but their financial power..." Li Xufan trailed off.

He was stunned at the turn of events too. The sudden deficit of the Li Group had happened too suddenly. Moreover, it happened right after Li Heng left.

"Great-grandpa, do you think it was my uncle's doing?"

"That's impossible!" Li Xinzhi shook his head. "He isn't that capable. Besides, he has been managing the Li Group all the while in Jiang City. He doesn't have the time."

"But..." If it weren't Li Heng, Li Xufan couldn't think of anyone else who was capable of hitting the mark.

"That's enough. Find out who it is. You can leave now." Li Xinzhi dismissed him with a wave as there was nothing he could do. He added, "Now, the company is in tenterhooks. You and your great-uncle should be more careful. Don't fight among yourselves."

"Yes, Great-grandpa." Li Xufan had a thought. "Then what about Shengyuan Group?"

Li Xinzhi felt his head throbbing at the mention of Shengyuan Group. "Are they cancelling the project?"

"Yes!" Li Xufan knew why the project was cancelled. Pei Huan was Fu Heng's daughter. As the Li clan had mistreated Pei Huan, the Fu clan would avenge her for sure.

Fu Chengyan and Li Heng were best friends. The former was exactly like Li Heng and would make decisions based on his mood. Those who offended these two would die a horrible death.

Back then, Fu Chengyan didn't take action because of Li Heng. Now that Li Heng was no longer working in the Li Group, Fu Chengyan went all out. He must've taken advantage of the Li Group's situation and hit the mark.

Li Xinzhi's expression darkened at the thought. "Meet this Fu Chengyan and find out what he wants. The Li Group can't afford to lose that piece of land!"

"But Great-grandpa..." Li Xufan was about to say it was an arduous task, but when he met Li Xinzhi's gaze, he nodded. "I'll try."

At the hospital, Li Heng went to Su Shaoqing's office. He glanced at the busy bee Su Shaoqing and asked, "Hey, when will you stop working?"

"I wish I can stop working too!" Su Shaoqing stared at Li Heng. "You're jobless, but I have a job. I'm a dedicated employee."

Li Heng snorted and drummed his fingers on the desk. "You're a dedicated employee? Then all the other excellent employees must be dead."

"Hey!" Su Shaoqing couldn't take it anymore. "Don't insult my professional ethics." He threw his pen away and stared at Li Heng sternly. "What do you have to say? Say it now and leave. I'm really busy! I don't have time for you."

"Okay. Is the result for Bao's checkup ready?"

"Da*n it!" Su Shaoqing slapped his own forehead. "I nearly forgot about it. It's here!"

Su Shaoqing rummaged around for the report and gave it to Li Heng, who was glowering at him maliciously. He trembled in fear and declared, "This isn't entirely my fault. I'm really busy with a few complicated surgeries. Also, I'm still figuring out Pei Huan's checkup. There's a virus in her body."

"What did you say?" Li Heng tightened his grip on the report.

Su Shaoqing inhaled sharply. “My friend, calm down. I’m not done yet. I can’t figure out what the virus is for now. I suspect it’s a new virus that has been in her body for some time. So…”

Li Heng’s face contorted as he pursed his lips angrily. He flipped open Bao’s report. At the sight of the unfamiliar terms, he flung the report back to Su Shaoqing. “I don’t understand a word. Just tell me!”

“To conclude, this new virus in his body is similar to the one in Huan’s body. I suspect the virus in Bao’s body is a new variant that is much more dangerous. Li Heng,” Su Shaoqing paused. “Be careful. I think the other party is coming after you.”

Li Heng clenched his fists, utterly infuriated. It took him some time before he calmed down and regulated his breathing. “I don’t want Huan to find out about this. Also, you must get the antidote!”

“Don’t worry. I’ve made the necessary arrangements. Now that the virus is in Huan’s body, what about Aunt Ning?”

Li Heng furrowed his brows. *This will complicate things.*

None of them knew what the virus in Pei Huan and Bao’s body was, nor how dangerous it would be.

When the Li Group was in total chaos, Liang Lin and Pei Jingxiu were in the Prosperous Group. The former handed a file with documents on the acquisition to Pei Jingxiu. “Mr. Pei, this is the shares of the Li Group we bought for the past month. Including the shares in Mr. Li’s possession, he’s now the biggest shareholder in the Li Group. But—”

Pei Jingxiu curled his lips. “This isn’t important to Li Heng at all.”

Liang Lin couldn't figure out the men's plan. Li Heng and Fu Chengyan had established this company in Sheen City three years ago, but the person who ran the company was Pei Jingxiu.

"Continue buying the shares of the Li Group. I want to see when they will fall by the daily trading limit."

"Yes!"

Pei Jingxiu's gaze turned sharp. "Is there anything else?"

"Mr. Li told me to help you out for now. You'll be arranging my work from now on."

Pei Jingxiu nodded. "If that's the case, you should stay in Sheen City and take charge."

"What?" Liang Lin jumped to his feet. "Mr. Pei, you..."

"I need to go back to Jiang City to deal with something. You can talk to Ning Xi and make the decisions yourselves. Only come to me when both of you can't solve them!"

Pei Jingxiu stood up and hung his jacket over his arm before making a call to Ning Xi. "Stay in Sheen City and help Liang Lin. Don't return to the Ning family without my permission."

"Yes!"

Liang Lin parted his lips as he watched Pei Jingxiu leaving the office sorrowfully.

Pei Jingxiu arrived in Jiang City at 3 p.m. with Dr. Paul. They headed straight to Su Shaoqing's hospital.

It was rare for Li Heng, Fu Chengyan, Su Shaoqing, and Pei Jingxiu to get together. This time, they gathered to discuss Ning Xin and Pei Huan's condition. Dr. Paul was a prestigious medical expert. Li Heng had run out of ideas, so he asked for Pei Jingxiu's help.

After Dr. Paul read the report prepared by Su Shaoqing, he furrowed his brows. "Pei, this is a new virus. Only those from K Nation have access to it. I've heard about it but have never come across it in real life."

Pei Jingxiu's forehead creased as he glanced at Fu Chengyan and Li Heng.

Li Heng remained silent for a while before he spoke. "Does this virus have an incubation period? How long will the incubation period be? If a donor needs to donate her blood marrow, will it cause any harm to the donor and recipient?"

"Well," Dr. Paul seemed stumped. "I've never actually seen this new virus before, so I can't give you an exact answer. How long has the virus been in the patient's body?"

Li Heng, Fu Chengyan, and Pei Jingxiu turned to look at Su Shaoqing. "Why are you guys staring at me?" he demanded. "I can't be sure, too. Since Huan hadn't been with us for three years, I am afraid she must've been injected three years ago."

Su Shaoqing himself wasn't sure, hence he made that assumption.

"Three years ago? When Huan was pregnant with Bao?" Fu Chengyan's brows knitted together. "That person actually injected a pregnant woman. Li Heng."

Li Heng was already scowling angrily. "We need to find a solution soon. Mom can't wait any longer. Besides, Huan and Bao might get sick anytime." He was terribly worried.

I've been through a lot and got used to seeing people die, but I'm rendered helpless in front of Pei Huan. I have to admit, I'm really terrified. "Dr. Paul, please save my wife and son."

Paul looked slightly pained. "You're Pei's friend, so I'll try my best. But because I've never come across this virus before, you need to be prepared."

Su Shaoqing and Pei Jingxiu accompanied Dr. Paul to the lab. After a long silence, Fu Chengyan patted Li Heng's shoulder. "You should go to Huan now. I'll arrange for someone to investigate this in K Nation. But you should know that only a few people will dare to target you."

A vicious glint appeared across Li Heng's gaze. "I know!"

I Want a Lifetime with You

Chapter 340

Both Fu Chengyan and Li Heng were concerned about Pei Huan. Besides worrying about Pei Huan and Bao's health, Ning Xin's condition was also getting worse. The original plan was that Pei Huan would return to the country to carry out the bone marrow transplant, but now Fu Chengyan would have to reconsider as Pei Huan was no longer fit to do the transplant.

At night, Fu Chengyan was still busy explaining things to his subordinate regarding K Nation. Shi Nuan felt for him as he had been working day and night recently.

Fu Chengyan didn't even have time to finish dinner, so Shi Nuan prepared some noodles for him. She stood outside his study for some time and overheard Fu Chengyan talking on his phone. Frowning, she pushed the door open. Fu Chengyan froze in his tracks upon hearing the sound. "What's wrong?" He wrapped up his conversation with Zhou Zheng and hung up. Pursing his lips, he inquired, "Did you overhear everything?"

Shi Nuan nodded worriedly. "What happened to Huan and Bao?"

She found out Pei Huan was sick, but she didn't know how serious her condition was. "Tell me about the virus and investigation you mentioned earlier."

Fu Chengyan sighed and took the bowl from her. He was slightly stunned to receive a bowl of noodles. "Did you cook this for me?"

Shi Nuan nodded her head. "Yes. You only took a few bites during dinner, so I was worried you might starve. You have gastric problems, remember?"

Fu Chengyan patted her head. "Wow, my May is concerned over me!"

"Hurry and eat the noodles. They'll get soggy soon." Shi Nuan pushed Fu Chengyan into his chair.

As Fu Chengyan didn't want her to worry, he sat down and ate the noodles. Shi Nuan watched as the man finished the entire bowl of noodles in just a few bites. After handing him a glass of water, she questioned, "What happened to Huan?"

Fu Chengyan knew he couldn't lie to her, so he explained everything in detail. "That was what happened."

"You mean someone injected a virus into Huan three years ago? And then injected the same virus into Bao now? When did this happen? Why don't I know about this? Bao is still a little kid!"

At the thought of the three-year-old Bao suffering from this plight, Shi Nuan demanded, "Who is that cruel to torture a pregnant woman and a little kid?"

"We don't know yet." Fu Chengyan had a wild guess, but there was no evidence. "I don't know whether the other party is targeting the Li or Fu clan, so we need to be careful. You should come back home at once after work, alright?"

"Got it!" Shi Nuan grinned. "Don't worry. I'll take good care of myself. What about Huan and Bao? Aunt Ning can't wait any longer."

Fu Chengyan's expression turned grim. "Jingxiu invited Dr. Paul, who's a top expert in this field, to help us out. He can help to stabilize Aunt Ning's illness for now. If he can confirm the virus in Huan's body is not dangerous, then I don't mind trying. But I can't take the risks." Both he and Li Heng dared not take the risk. "The best way is to eliminate the virus in Huan's body or find a new bone marrow donor for Aunt Ning."

“It’s hard to find a compatible bone marrow donor. That will take a long time.” Shi Nuan was concerned. “The best way out is for Huan to donate her bone marrow to Aunt Ning.”

“Mm!” Fu Chengyan nodded. “Don’t worry, Li Heng, and everyone else will think of a way out. By the way, Huan and Aunt Ning don’t know about it.”

“Got it!” *If Pei Huan, Aunt Ning and Uncle Heng find out about this, they might collapse.* “Uncle Heng and Aunt Ning finally reunited with Huan, and Li Heng finally got back together with Huan. Why did this happen and who did that to them? Yan, who have you and Li Heng offended?”

“I don’t know either.” Fu Chengyan seemed exasperated. “If I know, things will be so much easier. But...” *Someone seems suspicious to me.*

“But what?”

“Nothing. Anyway, you needn’t worry about this. How are the preparations going for the project in Western District?”

“Oh, we’re at the final stage. By the way, I heard Mr. Lin say that you’re not going to partner with the Li Group?” Shi Nuan asked. “Is it because of Li Heng?”

“It’s because of Pei Huan.” Fu Chengyan ruffled her hair. “The Li clan bullied her. If I don’t do anything, they might think we’re pushovers.”

Shi Nuan nodded in agreement. “Huan is Uncle Heng and Aunt Ning’s precious daughter. We can’t let the Li clan bully her.” She was upset over what the Li clan did, too. Although she had never met any of the Lis, Ning Xin told her about what they did to Pei Huan back then. Pei Huan would’ve died if Li Heng weren’t there to protect her.

“But if you refuse to partner with the Li Group, who will you partner with?” It was a huge project, so she knew Shengyuan had to consider many things before deciding on a partner.

Fu Chengyan chuckled. "Don't worry. You'll hear good news soon."

The next day, Li Xufan came to Shengyuan to talk to Fu Chengyan, but he didn't get to meet the latter. There was no way Fu Chengyan would agree to meet someone from the Li clan. Li Xufan knew this would happen, but because of Li Xinzhi's insistence, he came to Shengyuan a few times but to no avail.

During the Li Group's meeting, Li Xufan and Li Cenbei were blamed for the huge losses suffered by the company. Everyone started doubting their capabilities and demanded Li Heng to return to his position. The only person who could run the Li Group was Li Heng.

When Li Xinzhi finally realized how upset the shareholders were at Li Cenbei and Li Xufan, he summoned Li Cenbei back home. "Bei, what is your opinion on this?"

Li Cenbei was reading the file about the company in Sheen City. He replied coolly, "Actually, I think the shareholders are right. Heng is the perfect candidate for this position. I've just returned to the country and am still figuring things out. Besides, the employees are not very happy with me."

"That b*stard. I know he must be behind this. He's trying to warn me the Li Group won't be able to survive without him." Li Xinzhi banged his walking stick on the ground loudly. "Let me tell you, the Li Group will never welcome him. I promised your mother I'd leave the Li Group to you. Bei, I'm no longer young, so I can't manage the company anymore. But the Li Group is my sweat and blood. I don't want it to go bankrupt under your management. Do you get it?"

Li Cenbei frowned. "But you should know I'm not—"

"Bei!" Li Xinzhi cut him off abruptly. "Do you know why I insist on sending Li Heng away back then?"

Li Cenbei said nothing, but Li Xinzhi sighed. "The boy is just like me when I was young. He is ruthless and would not stop at anything to get what he wants."

Hence, he isn't the right fit for the Li clan and the Li Group. You'll be the head of our clan and run the company. After my demise, take care of Min and Xufan. They are the only relatives you have."

Li Cenbei's grip on the file tightened as a vicious glint flashed across his eyes.

Outside the room, Li Xufan clenched his fists as the same vicious expression appeared on his face.

Li Xinzhi insisted on firing Li Heng, so those who worked for Li Heng resigned and entered the Prosperous Group—the company that had just been established in Sheen City three years ago.

"Find out who is behind Prosperous Group!" Li Cenbei stared at the file in his hand intently before looking up at the woman standing at a distance away. "Why are you here?"

"Cenbei—"

"I'm your Uncle Bei!" Disgust flitted across his gaze. "I'm at work. Why did you come to my office?"

"Cenbei, do you have to be this cruel? You should know I've never thought of you as my uncle. We..." Li Min bit her lip. "Why did you marry that b*tch Pei Huan? When you were with me—"

"Enough!" Li Cenbei rose to his feet and looked at Li Min without any emotion. "How many times do I have to tell you that I'm your uncle, your elder?"

"No, you're not!" Li Min flung her arms around him. "I've never thought of you as an elder. Cenbei, I've been your lover since I was sixteen. Back then, you dumped me without saying anything. Do you know Grandpa forced me to marry another man? I couldn't find you and—"

Li Cenbei grabbed her hand and shove her away forcefully. “You did it willingly back then. Don’t forget, I’m your uncle. We can’t be together!”

“But I don’t care. I’ve never cared since I became your lover. I know you love me. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have taken me back then, right?”

“No, I’ve never loved you, ever. Li Min, you’re my niece, nothing else. I don’t want to commit incest!”

Li Cenbei glared at Li Min. “If Father knows about this, both you and Li Xufan won’t be able to stay in the Li Residence. Leave right now, and I’ll pretend nothing has ever happened.”

“Ha! Do you think Grandpa knows nothing? He adores Xufan a lot because of you. I got pregnant before getting married, and he was afraid people would talk, so he got a man to marry into the Li clan. Xufan is your son!”

Li Cenbei gripped his fists. “Li Min, if you continue sprouting nonsense, don’t blame me for taking action.” He pressed on the internal intercom. “Send the security to my office now!”

Suddenly, the door of his office was kicked open, revealing a scowling Li Xufan. When Li Min spotted Li Xufan, her entire being trembled in horror. “Xufan, I...”

“Li Cenbei, you b*stard!”

Li Xufan rushed forward and gave Li Cenbei a punch. “I am going to beat the sh*t out of you. You bloody scum!”

“Xufan, stop!” Li Min stood in front of Li Cenbei to protect him from her son’s attack. “Xufan, what are you doing?”

“What am I doing?” Li Xufan sneered icily. “How much more disgusting can this be?”

