

## **Madam's 2111**

### Chapter 2111 - 2111 She's Just a Small Fry

They were all people who loved talent.

Zhou Zhou had picked up Qiao Nian for no reason. They were already extremely envious. Now that they realized that their laboratory also had such unpolished jades waiting to be carved, how could they not be anxious?

The person in charge of the Level 2 laboratory was straightforward. He told her his thoughts in detail and scratched his head in shame. "They've been in our laboratory for a few years, but we haven't paid attention to them. Now that they're in the limelight in the Level 8 laboratory, it's a little embarrassing for us to look for them immediately. Also, we're worried that they won't come back. So..."

"So you want Qiao Nian to speak on your behalf?" Zhou Zhou finally understood. Her red lips curled up, and her eyes were slender and bright. She did not make things difficult for them.

She changed her posture and picked up her things, then looked at the two of them who were looking at her eagerly and waiting for her answer. She smiled and said, "I understand. I'll pass on the message for you. As for whether Qiao Nian is willing to help, I'm not responsible. You've heard of that person's temper. She's not under my control."

Just consider the status of their organization.

Sun was her boss.

She was just a small fry.

However, even the director was a small fry, so it was not so difficult for her, the person in charge of the Level 3 laboratory, to accept that she had become a small fry.

Zhou Zhou recalled the gossip she had heard recently and was in a good mood. Before she left, she said to the two of them, "I'll ask her. Anyway, wait for the news."

She walked out of the office of the Level 2 laboratory head and stopped at the corner of the corridor. After taking out her cell phone, she sent a message to the girl, conveying the two laboratory heads' thoughts.

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At the Level 8 laboratory.

Qiao Nian had just finished a small experiment. She entered the data into the computer and then pressed it into a document to send to Cao Yanhua.

The next second, her cell phone lit up. magic

Qiao Nian was done with her work.

She looked at the time, took off her coat, picked up her cell phone, and walked out.

Outside the laboratory.

Everyone's gazes landed on the girl the moment she walked out.

Previously, they had looked at Qiao Nian with disdain, anger, and disapproval. They all thought that she had gotten in through the back door.

Everyone was more or less indignant.

But now, after what happened in the morning, everyone looked at Qiao Nian with complicated expressions.

Their previous arrogance and contempt were nowhere to be seen. For the first time, they began to properly look at this newcomer who had entered Laboratory 8 less than three months ago.

What others thought of her was not important to Qiao Nian.

After she finished reading Zhou Zhou's message, she had a rough idea of what was going on. After looking around and spotting Xue Zhu and the others, she walked straight over.

"Qiao Nian." Xue Zhu was exceptionally excited to see her come out. She put down what she was doing, washed her hands, then asked her, "Why are you out? Have you completed your tasks?"

Shen Qingfeng and Xu Yi were both here.

Han Cheng took the initiative to bring the three of them along and even assigned them some simple projects. At this moment, Han Cheng also looked at the girl in surprise.

"Yes, I just finished my work," Qiao Nian said as she handed them her phone. "I have something to tell you."

She was not in a hurry and said calmly, "Take a look and think about it."

Xue Zhu took the cell phone in a daze. After reading the message, she was immediately stunned and handed the cell phone to the next person.

Chapter 2112 - 2112 Everyone in Team 10 Took Off with Sister Nian

Soon, Shen Qingfeng and Xu Yi finished reading it.

They returned the cell phone to the girl.

All of them were silent.

Qiao Nian looked at them with her beautiful black eyes and asked unhurriedly, "What do you think?"

The three of them looked at each other.

Xue Zhu was the first to stammer out, "I didn't expect the person in charge to notice me. In the past, when I first entered the research institute, I wanted to make them notice me every day. Now that they have noticed me, I have an indescribable feeling in my heart. It's just... their acknowledgment doesn't seem to be that important anymore."

Shen Qingfeng pursed his lips and looked at the girl. He said, "I'll go along with your arrangements."

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows.

Go along with her arrangements?

Xue Zhu seemed to have found his backbone and immediately said, "Yes, I'm with Senior Shen. I'll go along with your arrangements."

Xu Yi had no objections. His handsome face was as cold as ever, but he was much warmer when facing Qiao Nian.

He also looked at the girl, obviously waiting for her arrangements.

Qiao Nian felt a headache coming on at their stares. She pressed the space between her eyebrows, and the strings on the back of her head tightened. "I say, you guys..."

Before she could finish speaking, Shi Fu came out of the laboratory and saw them gathered together. He walked straight towards them.

"You're all here? That's good. I don't have to go looking for you one by one."

His calm eyes swept across Shen Qingfeng, Xue Zhu, and Xu Yi. He paused for a moment on the latter before handing the document bag he was carrying to them.

“These are some entry-level experimental projects. Take a look and see which one can be done. Han Cheng and Cao Yanhua will guide you.”

Shen Qingfeng, Xue Zhu, and Xu Yi were stunned. They did not understand why Shi Fu was suddenly doing this.

It was not that they did not understand, but they did not dare to even think about the possibility.

Shi Fu turned to leave after handing the documents to them. Before he left, he stopped and turned around. His gaze passed them, and then he said, “If you have any questions you don’t understand, you can ask me. I’ll answer them for you as long as I have time.”

Xue Zhu’s heart raced. She mustered her courage and asked him, “D-Deputy Director, does that mean we can stay in the Level 8 laboratory?”

Shi Fu’s brows relaxed, and his usually serious face became gentler. However, his attitude was still business-like and cold. He said calmly, “You can’t stay according to the rules, but as the person in charge, I have the right to make an exception and keep you on probation. You performed well in the experiment in the morning. I’ll observe you for half a year to a year. If you perform well during this period, I’ll discuss with Dean Feng whether you should stay or leave.

“Of course, you can also choose not to accept it and return to your laboratory.

“I won’t force it.”

Shi Fu spoke calmly, but Shen Qingfeng, Xue Zhu, and Xu Yi’s blood boiled. magic

Xue Zhu had never thought that Shi Fu would notice them. Without thinking, she immediately said, “I’m willing to go on probation.”

“What about the two of you?” Shi Fu nodded and looked at the two men.

Shen Qingfeng and Xu Yi replied, “I’m also willing.”

“Mm.”

Shi Fu nodded in satisfaction and did not say anything else. He only reminded them, “I’ll only give you one chance. Whether you can seize the opportunity depends on your talent and hard work.”

Chapter 2113 - 2113 Xie Xinyao Is Completely ‘Unwell’ Now

The research institute had never been a place where one could succeed just by working hard.

On the contrary, geniuses gathered here.

Shi Fu saw their potential and gave them this opportunity, but he did not intend to coddle them. Everything depended on capability.

After Shi Fu left.

Han Cheng was overjoyed and congratulated the three of them. “You guys are good. Mentor’s attitude means that he acknowledges your abilities.”

“I didn’t expect it, either...” Shen Qingfeng was still pleasantly surprised. The tips of his fingers were trembling.

He placed his hand on Shen Qingfeng’s shoulder and said with a smile, “Don’t worry too much. Mentor is willing to give you a chance, which means that he thinks highly of you. The chances of you staying are very high!”

“I hope so.”

Shen Qingfeng subconsciously looked in Qiao Nian's direction. His heart was racing, and he was even more certain that he had made the right choice back then.

If not for Qiao Nian, perhaps he, Xu Yi, and Xue Zhu would still be the last group in the research institute that everyone mocked.

There was no chance for him to show himself in front of so many laboratory heads.

He was extremely excited. In addition to his excitement, he secretly made up his mind to work hard in the next half a year to a year and not let down the opportunity Qiao Nian gave them!

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Of course, Shen Qingfeng and the others were overjoyed. Even Cao Yanhua congratulated them.

On the other side, Xie Xinyao and the others were in a state of fire and ice.

Ever since Xie Xinyao lost to Qiao Nian in the morning experiment, she had been working silently with a dark face.

The air pressure around her was so low that no one dared to speak loudly.

Originally, everyone would stay until six and then leave.

Unexpectedly, Shi Fu came out halfway and told the three people in Qiao Nian's team that they could stay in the Level 8 laboratory. This time, Xie Xinyao's face was as black as the bottom of a pot. She felt as if she had been slapped for the second time. She was embarrassed, angry, and furious. Her mind was blank.

Xie Xinyao really couldn't stand staying in the same place as Qiao Nian anymore. She threw the folder on the floor and said to the person beside her expressionlessly, "I'm not feeling well. I'll go back earlier today." magic

“Ah, Senior Xie, are you feeling unwell?”

Everyone knew why Xie Xinyao was ‘unwell’. They immediately said, “Then Senior Xie, go back and rest early. Leave the rest to us.”

Xie Xinyao could not stay any longer. She quickly packed her things, took her bag, and left.

Before leaving, she glanced at the girl surrounded by Xu Yi, Han Cheng, and the others. She took a deep breath and left.

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Outside.

The driver of the Xie family was waiting for her to come out.

After she came out, the chauffeur hurriedly opened the door for her.

Xie Xinyao was in an extremely bad mood as she got in. Then, she realized someone else was in the car.

She looked at the rich lady sitting in the back row in surprise. “Mom? Why are you here?”

Mother Xie moved to make room for her without explaining. Instead, she looked at her and asked with concern, “Why did you come out so quickly? I thought you would only come out at six.”

Xie Xinyao closed the door and thought of something unpleasant.

Her gaze darkened. She did not mention what happened at the research institute. Instead, she changed the topic. “I have a cold, so I left early.”

"You have a cold?" Mother Xie touched her forehead. Realizing that her temperature was normal, she was relieved and said, "I'll get the servants to cook some ginger soup for you when we get back. You'll be fine after drinking it."

Chapter 2114 - 2114 Your Aunt Wants to Acknowledge a Goddaughter

Xie Xinyao agreed and looked at her.

"Mom, why are you free to pick me up today? Did something happen at home?" Xie Xinyao asked the key question. She was not stupid. Otherwise, she would not have been able to enter the Level 8 laboratory successfully.

Mother Xie did not hide it from her. She narrowed her eyes slightly and placed her hand on the platinum bag, then said elegantly and dignifiedly, "It's about your aunt."

"Aunt?" Xie Xinyao was stunned for a moment. She looked at her with her almond-shaped eyes. "What happened to Aunt? Did she get admitted to the hospital?"

The Xie family knew that Xie Tingyun's health was not good. She usually lived in a manor in the countryside with Nan Tianyi and rarely appeared.

Xie Xinyao instinctively thought that Xie Tingyun's condition had worsened.

Unexpectedly, Mother Xie shook her head and instructed the chauffeur to start driving home.

After they were a little away from the First Research Institute, Mother Xie said unhurriedly, "Your aunt's condition has been very stable recently."

Xie Xinyao did not understand what she meant. She bit her lip, her face pale and ugly. She wasn't in the mood to understand. She nodded and did not ask further.

Seeing her lack of interest, Mother Xie asked if anything had happened at the research institute.

However, Xie Xinyao refused to say anything.

Mother Xie had no choice but to stop asking and talk about serious matters. "Your aunt seems to want to acknowledge a goddaughter."

Xie Xinyao was already in a terrible mood. Now she was a little dumbfounded at this sudden news. "Goddaughter? Who?"

"Your father and I asked your uncle, but he wouldn't tell us."

Xie Xinyao frowned and tightened her grip on her bag.

Mother Xie looked at her and said in a serious tone, "We all know that your aunt won't live for long. She has no children, and your uncle has such a personality. Logically speaking, you should inherit everything from her in the future... That's what we planned previously. However, if she acknowledges a goddaughter, it's hard to say what will happen in the future."

"I've never coveted her things..." Xie Xinyao said quickly and anxiously. However, the bulging veins on the back of her hand betrayed her frustration.

Mother Xie quickly comforted her and placed her hand on the back of her hand. She said slowly, "I know you don't covet them, but how can our Xie family's things be taken by an outsider for no reason?"

Xie Xinyao relaxed a little.

Mother Xie continued, "I've discussed it with your father. We plan to look for Big Aunt later and see if she knows the inside story. Xinyao, if you're not busy recently, you should visit your aunt and interact more with her. Your aunt used to be a rare genius in the Xie family. You should spend more time with her. If she's willing to teach you, your future path in the research institute will be much easier."

Xie Tingyun did not have any children, and Nan Tianyi was famous for loving his wife as much as his life. magic

Once Xie Tingyun died, the possibility of Nan Tianyi remarrying was extremely low.

The Nan family was famous for having a small number of people and did not care about fame and fortune. The possibility of them fighting with them was not high.

However, Nan Tianyi and Xie Tingyun had worked hard for most of their lives to have an heir. Those manors and connections had to be entrusted to one person.

Mother Xie and everyone in the Xie family thought that these would belong to Xie Xinyao in the future.

Even Xie Xinyao herself thought that Xie Tingyun's future inheritance would be passed down to her. Who knew that Mother Xie would suddenly receive a bolt from the blue that Xie Tingyun wanted to acknowledge a goddaughter? This way, who knew who would inherit Xie Tingyun's large inheritance in the future?

This was absolutely unacceptable to the Xie family!

Chapter 2115 - 2115 The Xie Family Won't Let an Outsider Take Advantage of Them

It had to be known that Xie Tingyun did not only own real estate. Everyone in the Xie family knew that Xie Tingyun also had a notebook. This notebook recorded many top scientific research projects she had participated in when she was young.

Those scientific research projects were all confidential, but Xie Tingyun's notebook had complete experimental data. The Xie family could not bear to let outsiders take advantage of this notebook alone.

They definitely could not accept Xie Tingyun acknowledging a goddaughter.

However, Xie Tingyun was stubborn and was definitely not someone who would be led by the nose.

No one in the Xie family dared to express their dissatisfaction openly. They were afraid that they would anger her and she would directly sever ties with them.

If they wanted to take Xie Tingyun's inheritance, they had to play the emotional card step by step. magic

This was the main reason why Mother Xie came looking for Xie Xinyao.

Xie Xinyao was not a fool. She knew very well what her parents were up to. She pursed her lips and said in frustration, "It's not that I don't want to go to the manor to see Aunt. Every time I go to see her, I try my best to please her and make her happy. But she never mentions the notebook or asks how I am doing at the research institute. I don't think she wants to teach me."

"How could that be?" Madam Xie comforted her and patted her hand gently. She was very confident. "Don't think too much. No matter what, blood is thicker than water. You're her only niece and the heir of our Xie family's generation. There's no reason for her to let outsiders teach you. You have to visit your aunt more and accompany her more. If she's happy, she might give it to you."

Xie Xinyao opened the window of the car to let the air in. Breathing in the fresh air and feeling a little better, she whispered, "I understand."

Mother Xie nodded in satisfaction and returned to her usual dignified and noble appearance. She tightened the scarf on her shoulder and said casually, "As for that goddaughter... Heh, she can forget about taking advantage of the Xie family! I'll find an opportunity to talk to your aunt with your father. If it doesn't work, I'll get your grandfather to take action. I don't believe that your aunt will insist on acknowledging an outsider as her goddaughter."

Xie Xinyao, on the other hand, felt a strong sense of uneasiness. Her grip tightened and she lowered her eyes. "I hope so."

The car drove steadily forward, pulling further and further away from the research institute until it disappeared from view.

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At the research institute.

Xie Xinyao left all her team members behind and left early. Without her around, the atmosphere in the Level 8 laboratory suddenly became much more relaxed.

Cao Yanhua brought up the matter of eating again. "By the way, Qiao Nian, you weren't free previously. We didn't manage to eat together. Do you have time today? Why don't we all go for a meal?"

Xu Yi and the rest were also quite happy and looked at the girl.

Qiao Nian had already put on her baseball cap. She leaned against the table and looked down at her cell phone.

Nan Tianyi happened to have sent her a message asking if she was done with work. He invited her to the manor and said that he had something to discuss with her.

Qiao Nian was worried about Xie Tingyun's health. Hearing this, she looked up and put her phone back into her pocket. She picked up her things and replied, "I can't today. I have something to do and have to leave first."

Cao Yanhua did not expect Qiao Nian to be so busy. He could not hide the disappointment on his honest face. However, he still waved at her generously. "Alright, go ahead."

About to leave, Qiao Nian suddenly stopped and turned to look at them. Her exquisite face under the brim of her cap was beautiful. Her eyes were deep and penetrating. "How about the day after tomorrow? I'll treat you to hotpot the day after tomorrow. I know a hotpot restaurant that has good food."

Chapter 2116 - 2116 Especially Found a Chef from Country Z

She was talking about the restaurant Ye Wangchuan had brought her to eat at previously.

They were originally quite disappointed that they could not celebrate. When everyone heard this, the disappointment and depression in their hearts were swept away.

Cao Yanhua was the first to smile, revealing a row of white teeth. He said brightly, "The day after tomorrow is fine. I have no problem."

He turned around and asked Han Cheng and the others, "What about you guys?"

Han Cheng laughed and said cynically, "Junior Qiao is treating us. I have no problem."

"I'm fine with it too." magic

"Me too."

"I don't have plans the day after tomorrow."

Shen Qingfeng, Xue Zhu, and Xu Yi all said that they were free the day after tomorrow.

Qiao Nian nodded and said coolly, "Then, it's settled."

She waved at them, turned around, and strode out of the laboratory, leaving only a cold back view.

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The First Research Institute was quite far from Nan Tianyi's manor.

Qiao Nian arrived at the manor an hour later.

After she arrived, she first went to visit Xie Tingyun and did a series of checkups to confirm that she had been feeling much better recently.

Then, Qiao Nian put down her shoulder bag and patiently performed an acupuncture treatment. After removing the silver needles, Qiao Nian put them all away and took out a transparent glass bottle from her bag, then handed it to Nan Tianyi.

“Auntie Xie’s body is gradually recovering and her condition is more optimistic. You can reduce the dosage now. Take one pill every fifteen days.”

Nan Tianyi took the glass bottle from the girl and put it away solemnly. A warm expression appeared on his mature and handsome face as he said gently, “Nian Nian, have you eaten? Why don’t you stay for dinner tonight?”

Frowning, Qiao Nian was about to decline when Xie Tingyun barely propped herself up and sat up. Then, she smiled and said, “That’s right, Nian Nian. If you’re not busy, shall we have dinner together tonight?”

Qiao Nian was packing her things. She zipped up her shoulder bag and looked at her. Xie Tingyun looked at her expectantly.

Qiao Nian quickly admitted defeat. “I... am free.”

“That’s great. Uncle Chen, go to the kitchen and tell them to prepare delicious food.” Nan Tianyi hurriedly instructed the old butler.

The old butler was also overjoyed. Without needing his instructions, he said, “Right away.”

Nan Tianyi recalled the last time he ate at the Seaview Pavilion. Last time, he had secretly remembered Qiao Nian’s taste. He quickly stopped the old butler and specially instructed, “Get them to make a spicy chicken and some spicy dishes from Country Z. Tell them to cook as they see fit.”

“I understand.”

The old butler nodded and hurried down.

Qiao Nian had a headache upon seeing their seriousness. She hesitated and said to Nan Tianyi, "Uncle Nan, actually, I can eat anything. You don't have to especially consider my taste."

Nan Tianyi and Xie Tingyun looked at each other and laughed heartily and warmly. "I know you're not picky, but you don't eat much if you don't like it. Don't worry, I especially found a chef from Country Z. I was thinking that if you have to eat at home one day, you won't be used to the taste of the food here."

The taste of the independent continent food was relatively bland.

They preferred simple dishes and pursued the taste of the ingredients themselves.

However, Qiao Nian was addicted to spicy food.

When Nan Tianyi had a meal with Qiao Nian at the Seaview Pavilion last time and saw the dishes Ye Wangchuan ordered for her, he discussed it with Xie Tingyun when he returned. Then, he found a chef from Country Z.

Chapter 2117 - 2117 Auntie Xie, Can I Think About It?

The Nan family was one of the three big families in the independent continent. Nan Tianyi's family was rich, so this was a small matter to him.

However, his concern for Qiao Nian could be seen in this insignificant matter.

He cared about Qiao Nian as if she was one of his own.

"By the way." Nan Tianyi took advantage of the old butler going to arrange dinner to ask about Qiao Nian's recent situation in the research institute. Then, he suggested, "Nian Nian, I called you here this time to discuss something with you."

His gentle gaze landed on Xie Tingyun, and he said with a smile, "Why don't you tell her?"

This was Xie Tingyun's idea.

Moreover, she was very persistent.

Nan Tianyi gave this opportunity to his wife to talk to Qiao Nian.

At first, Xie Tingyun was a little embarrassed to speak. However, seeing the girl's face, coupled with the matter she had recently heard, she looked at the girl in a daze. After a long time, she was reminded by Nan Tianyi.

Xie Tingyun came back to her senses. She took a deep breath and said gently, "Nian Nian, I want to acknowledge you as my goddaughter. Are you willing?"

Qiao Nian did not expect Nan Tianyi to say that.

She had never thought of this.

She instinctively wanted to refuse.

Xie Tingyun said gently, "I have two regrets in my life. One is that I can't give my beloved husband a son or a daughter."

Nan Tianyi's eyes heated up. He turned his head away and reprimanded her, "What nonsense are you talking about? I'm satisfied as long as you're safe and sound."

Xie Tingyun looked at him reproachfully. Her earlobes were slightly red. Afraid that he would interrupt again, she took another deep breath and looked at the girl. "The second regret is that I can't protect the best friend in my life.

"She's the only person I admire in my life. She's braver, stronger, and more opinionated than me... Unfortunately, she left at a young age. I didn't even have time to see her one last time. This is the second regret of my life."

Qiao Nian listened to her quietly. She already knew who Xie Tingyun was talking about.

“Nian Nian, I’m not making a rash decision. I’ve seriously considered it for a long time.”

Xie Tingyun’s eyes were as gentle and quiet as an ink painting. She did not look like a big boss who made weapons. She was as quiet as water.

She said gently, “I’ve felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity ever since I first saw you. So, I want to acknowledge you as my goddaughter. Are you willing?” magic

Qiao Nian had caused a huge commotion in the Ji family. All the major factions in the independent continent investigated her background.

Xie Tingyun’s biological sister, Xie Yun, had married into the Ji family. Furthermore, Xie Yun did not care about the Ji family’s matters and had at least heard some inside information.

Among them was Qiao Nian’s background.

Although Ji Nan had never mentioned to Xie Tingyun that Qiao Nian was Ji Qing’s daughter, Xie Tingyun had already confirmed this matter with her connections.

At that time, she wanted to see Qiao Nian immediately. It was Nan Tianyi who said that she was too agitated and dissuaded her.

Xie Tingyun tossed and turned in bed for the past few days. After discussing with Nan Tianyi, she finally thought of the idea of acknowledging Qiao Nian as her goddaughter.

Qiao Nian listened to her quietly and cooperatively. When Xie Tingyun finished speaking, she pressed her baseball cap and said in a low voice, “Auntie Xie, can I think about it?”

Chapter 2118 - 2118 Giving Sister Nian an Old Photo

“Yes, of course.”

Xie Tingyun's heart almost melted when she found out about Qiao Nian's background. How could she bear to disagree?

"I didn't mean to force you into agreeing," Xie Tingyun said, looking at her with gentle eyes. She rummaged through a drawer on the bedside table and took out a box. Opening it, she took out an old, yellowed photograph, handing it to Qiao Nian. "Nian Nian, this is for you."

Qiao Nian lowered her eyes and took the photo. The photo pictured a high-spirited young woman.

It was an old, yellowed photo.

A total of six people were pictured in the photo.

One of them was Xie Tingyun.

The man in a green Chinese tunic suit was familiar. She vaguely remembered seeing him once at the First Research Institute. He seemed to be Ji Ziyin's teacher, Gu Hengbo.

Standing in the middle was a young woman. The young woman was outstanding and smiled at the camera in an obviously elegant and carefree manner.

—Ji Qing.

Even if Xie Tingyun didn't tell her who this person was, Qiao Nian still had a strong feeling in her heart. That feeling came from the throbbing of blood.

She noticed the woman right away.

Xie Tingyun knew that Qiao Nian didn't want to have anything to do with the Ji family, so she didn't say it explicitly. She said vaguely, "This photo was taken when we were young."

She fell into her memories. "At that time, everyone was very young. No one expected things to end up like that. In the end, only this photo was left as a memory."

Qiao Nian didn't comment and put the photo away.

Xie Tingyun's sadness faded like a tide. She smiled and said, "Nian Nian, I don't mean to force you. No matter if you agree or not, I'll always be your Auntie Xie."

"Okay." Qiao Nian nodded and didn't give her an answer directly. Her heart was still a mess and she didn't understand her feelings well.

Nan Tianyi, who was in the middle to mediate the atmosphere, immediately interrupted with a smile. He helped Xie Tingyun up and said, "We'll talk about it another day. Let's eat. Let's go."

Xie Tingyun knew that Qiao Nian had just returned from the research institute and was treating her without stopping. She must be extremely tired.

Blaming herself for being too anxious, she held Qiao Nian's hand and said softly, "Let's go and eat first."

The old butler prepared a table full of dishes.

However, Qiao Nian didn't have a good appetite.

She didn't show it, but she didn't pick up her chopsticks often. However, she still accompanied Nan Tianyi and Xie Tingyun for the entire meal.

Xie Tingyun asked about her situation at the research institute. Xie Tingyun was a little surprised when she heard that Qiao Nian had entered the Level 8 laboratory.

However, she didn't ask further. She went to the study to get two more books and handed them to Qiao Nian.

One was 'Quantum Engineering', and the other was 'Semiconductor Physics'.

They were heavy. magic

Xie Tingyun didn't say anything else after handing her the books. She only said gently and elegantly, "Nian Nian, read these two books.

"They are considered entry-level. Call me if you encounter anything you don't understand. I'm free anytime. I'll explain it to you."

At this point, a rare look of confidence and calm appeared on her usually sickly face.

Xie Tingyun smiled slightly. She was very reserved, but she couldn't suppress the pride in her bones. "Other than your current mentor, I can barely be considered one of the people in the independent continent who can teach you now."

Chapter 2119 - 2119 Xinyao Called and Said She Wanted to Come Over and Play

Nan Tianyi hadn't seen his wife reveal her youthful side for a long time. Her high-spirited confidence was the reason he was so obsessed with her back then.

His eyes were filled with gratitude as he looked at Qiao Nian. He didn't say much and only reminded her, "Nian Nian, come over and play when you're free. Your Aunt Xie isn't bragging. If you don't understand anything or encounter a problem in the research institute, you can look for her."

"I know." Qiao Nian accepted the books.

Coincidentally, her cell phone lit up at this moment. It was a message from Ye Wangchuan, saying that he was waiting for her outside.

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief when she saw the message. She stood up and said to the two of them, "Auntie Xie, Uncle Nan, my friend is waiting for me outside. I'll leave first."

"I'll send you out." Xie Tingyun wanted to ask her to stay for a while longer, but she was worried that Qiao Nian would be too tired, so she didn't say anything. She stood up and wanted to send her off.

Qiao Nian knew that she was weak. She picked up her bag with one hand and held the books with the other. She stopped Xie Tingyun and said, "Aunt Xie, I'll visit you another day."

Xie Tingyun still wanted to say something. magic

Qiao Nian's clear eyes were exquisite and bright. She looked at her and seemed to sigh, but she still compromised. "About that matter... I'll consider it carefully."

Xie Tingyun's eyes instantly lit up. She grabbed her arm tightly, unable to hide her excitement. "Yes, yes, take your time to consider. There's no hurry. I'm not in a hurry."

Qiao Nian really didn't know how to deal with this enthusiastic elder. After saying goodbye to Nan Tianyi, she waved at Xie Tingyun and left the manor.

Xie Tingyun grabbed her clothes and coughed softly as the girl's back gradually disappeared in front of her.

She asked worriedly, "Do you think we're too anxious? I'm afraid Nian Nian will feel pressured."

Nan Tianyi helped her in and comforted her gently. "Nian Nian is very smart. She should know why you're anxious."

Xie Tingyun was slightly stunned. Then, a bitter smile appeared on her pale face. "I didn't expect her to fall out with the Ji family like that. She's too stubborn. She's exactly the same as her Mom. She only sees right and wrong in everything and would rather break than submit.

"I'm afraid... afraid that the Ji family will do something to her."

Nan Tianyi patted her shoulder and comforted her in a low voice. "You just like to worry too much. We're still here. As long as Nian Nian is willing to acknowledge her family, those who want to touch her will have to think twice!"

With the Nan and Xie families' backgrounds, even if the Ji family insisted on touching Qiao Nian, they had to be wary.

That was the reason Xie Tingyun was anxious to acknowledge Qiao Nian as her goddaughter.

Xie Tingyun's tightly furrowed brows relaxed a little.

"By the way, Xinyao called just now and said that she wanted to come over and play. You..." Nan Tianyi suddenly mentioned this.

Xie Tingyun was still wondering if Qiao Nian would be bullied in the independent continent with her stubborn temper. Hearing this, her gentle face turned indifferent. Obviously, she knew what Xie Xinyao's family was thinking.

"They're afraid that I'll acknowledge my goddaughter and leave everything to Nian Nian to inherit in the future. They probably want to play the emotional card."

"She's your niece, after all. You..."

"She doesn't have talent." Xie Tingyun sighed. "I thought of teaching her a long time ago. I've tried. She doesn't have talent in this aspect. Teaching her would be useless."

"As for what they want, if I didn't meet Nian Nian before I died, I might have given it to them. But I don't want to die now. I want to protect Nian Nian. I can't give them those things."

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"If the Xie family can figure it out, they'll protect Nian Nian with me wholeheartedly. If they can't figure it out, I'll... pretend that I don't have any relatives." magic

Nan Tianyi immediately stopped persuading her.

He knew Xie Tingyun's personality well. She looked gentle and weak, but she was actually the most opinionated. If she decided on something, even ten cows couldn't stop her.

Besides, he couldn't bear to go against his wife's wishes.

Nan Tianyi patted her shoulder. "Don't worry, I'm here. I'll protect Nian Nian too."

Xie Tingyun turned to look at him. Her watery eyes flickered slightly as she leaned on his shoulder and whispered, "Thank you, Tianyi."

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Outside, the black SUV had been waiting by the roadside for a long time.

Ye Wangchuan rolled down the window and rested his elbow outside. He kept his gaze on the opposite side of the road.

Soon, a cold figure walked out.

Ye Wangchuan unbuckled his seatbelt and opened the door. He walked over and took the books from the girl. They were quite heavy.

As he helped Qiao Nian move her things, he said in a low voice, "Why didn't you tell me it was so heavy? I could have come in and helped you."

"Fortunately, it's not that heavy." Qiao Nian felt much more relaxed after being relieved of the burden. She followed him with one hand in her pocket.

Ye Wangchuan opened the door of the back seat and put her things in. Then, he turned around and reached out to the girl.

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and almost instantly understood what he meant. She handed him her shoulder bag.

Sure enough, Ye Wangchuan took the opportunity to put her shoulder bag in and closed the door. Then, he walked around to the front and opened the door of the passenger seat. "Get in."

Qiao Nian got into the car and closed the car door herself.

Ye Wangchuan went around to the other side, got in, and quickly closed the door. After starting the car, he asked, "Have you eaten dinner?"

Qiao Nian hummed as she rolled down the window to let in the air. She rested her elbow on the outside and replied lazily, "Yes."

Ye Wangchuan smiled regretfully. "I see. But what if I didn't eat, Nian Nian?"

Qiao Nian was still thinking about what Xie Tingyun had mentioned to her distractedly.

Hearing this, she turned to meet the man's deep eyes.

Feeling as if someone was tugging at her heartstrings, Qiao Nian quickly turned her head away. "Ahem, what do you want to eat?"

Ye Wangchuan liked to see her uneasy. He supported his chin with his hand and smiled. "That depends on what God Qiao wants to treat me to."

Qiao Nian was speechless.

She quickly realized what he was thinking. Her dark eyes were clear and bright as she looked at him deeply. A dangerous light seemed to glint in her eyes, and her voice grew hoarse. "Are you sure you want to discuss this with me?"

Before Ye Wangchuan could answer her, Qiao Nian reminded him in a low voice, "You were the one who said you would wait a year."

She was talking about that matter.

Ye Wangchuan had said that he would wait a year and a half for her 20th birthday. It wasn't that she was unwilling.

Ye Wangchuan didn't expect Qiao Nian to be so fierce as to directly mention their previous agreement.

The expression on his usually calm and handsome face was slightly stunned for a second. A dense heat rose from his body. He turned on the air conditioner and grew still for a moment.

The cold air lingered in the car, and the sparks in his heart were gradually suppressed.

Ye Wangchuan was helpless and gentle. He couldn't bear to talk about her. He could only digest the anger he had caused. "Go to the movies tonight?"

"You're not busy anymore?" Qiao Nian saw that he had turned on the air conditioner and lowered her baseball cap, revealing an exquisite chin. She sat comfortably in her seat. "No, let's go eat first."