

## **Madam's 2391**

### Chapter 2391: Someone Contacted the Reclusive Family

She felt that these bits and pieces of clues were about to connect to a complete truth in front of her eyes!

And she had been waiting for this truth for a long time.

Qiao Nian put the box away, picked up the chicken soup on the bedside table, and slowly lowered her head to drink it. Her snow-white chin was reflected by the sunlight coming in from outside, and her cold beauty could not be looked at directly.

At the same time, in the Ji family's Punishment Hall.

Ji Ming returned from outside and bumped into Ji Beiwang waiting for him. He stopped and respectfully called out, "Hall Master."

Ji Beiwang nodded and asked him, "Have you found out who was hospitalized?"

"No." Ji Ming shook his head. "Bright Gate has taken control of the hospital. Our people can't find out about the situation inside."

Ji Beiwang's lips twitched, and his eyes turned cold. "Huh."

Ji Ming did not dare to look at him and stared at his toes. "But I'm sure that it's not Feng Yu."

Of course, it wasn't Feng Yu from the First Research Institute!

Ji Beiwang waved his hand, indicating for him to go back. "Go back and rest."

"Yes."

Without another word, Ji Ming turned around and walked into the hall.

Ji Beiwang waited for him to walk away. He half-retracted the coldness in his eyes and returned to the ancestral hall, quietly looking at the wooden tablet of the Ji family's previous patriarchs.

Seeming to have made up his mind, he clenched his fists and said in a low voice, "I definitely won't let the Ji family decline in this generation!" He made a mysterious call the moment he left the ancestral hall.

The call was picked up quickly.

Ji Beiwang's face was tense as if he respected the other party very much. He softly said, "... I've found Eldest Miss's daughter. Her name is Qiao Nian. She's been living in Country Z previously, so we haven't heard from her for so many years. A few days ago, she barged into the Ji family's Punishment Hall and took something away. As for what it was... The Patriarch didn't allow me to arrest her. I don't know what she took."

Ji Beiwang did not know who was hospitalized, but from the abnormal movements in the independent continent during this period of time, Feng Yu's actions, and Bright Gate's reaction, he could basically deduce the identity of the person who barged into the Ji family that day.

Qiao Nian was originally the last hope of the Ji family's direct line of descent. Logically speaking, he shouldn't have said anything, but this concerned the family's future. His choice was different from Ji Lingfeng's. He wanted to know what Qiao Nian had taken away.

In addition, Ji Beiwang was not satisfied with Qiao Nian's behavior this time. She ignored the Ji family's reputation and barged into the Punishment Hall.

In his opinion, the family's interests were above everything else.

Including Ji Lingfeng!

He respected Ji Lingfeng very much, but if Ji Lingfeng's actions harmed the family's interests, he would not stand by and do nothing.

At the very least, they wouldn't just watch without doing anything!

"From her actions, that thing should be very important." Ji Beiwang pondered and voiced his guess.  
"Perhaps it has something to do with Missy."

No one spoke on the other end. Only after a while did a cold voice sound. "I understand."

"Do you plan to investigate?" Ji Beiwang still wanted to ask how the other party planned to investigate.

However, the other party had already hung up.

Ji Beiwang was stunned. He did not expect the other party's attitude to be so cold.

He hesitated for a moment. In the end, he put away his cell phone and returned with a frown.

This was the first time he had contacted the reclusive family.

Before Ji Lingfeng's clear attitude towards Qiao Nian's attitude this time, Ji Beiwang had never contacted them before..

Chapter 2392: Sister Nian Opened the Box!

In the hospital.

Ye Wangchuan had already found the key and returned.

Entering the ward, he saw that Qiao Nian had already drunk the chicken soup. She even ate some of the apple. His lips curled up. He walked over and handed her a jade seal-like thing.

“See if it’s this.”

At this moment, Gu San leaned forward and said, “Miss Qiao, we searched for a long time before finding it under a pile of books. You were actually so careless with such an important thing. If you lost it...”

Gu San shivered.

He felt that if this thing was lost, the Ji family would probably fight them to the death.

Qiao Nian took the Ji family’s Patriarch emblem from the man and casually checked it. Then, she said without looking up, “This is it.”

This jade seal was very unique in shape. On the top was the shape of an eagle, and below it was a small private seal.

Qiao Nian checked it repeatedly and could basically confirm that the mechanism lock of Ji Qing’s box was made according to the eagle pattern on the seal. In other words, the symbol of the Ji family’s Patriarch was the only key to this box!

Ye Wangchuan raised his eyebrows and asked, “What do you think is in the box?”

Qiao Nian had seen enough and grabbed the box. Hearing this, she only raised her eyes, looking calm. “I don’t know. We’ll know after I open it!”

Then, she inserted the key into the keyhole. After turning it three times, she heard a muffled unlocking sound.

The next second, the box automatically popped open.

Qiao Nian took the box's contents and looked down.

"A USB flash drive?" Gu San thought that there was something valuable hidden inside. Who knew that it was an ordinary USB flash drive?

Ye Wangchuan frowned and revealed a surprised expression. He did not expect Ji Qing to hide a USB drive in the Ji family.

He did not make a sound to disturb the girl like Gu San. Instead, he remained silent and waited for the girl to judge it.

Qiao Nian was not surprised to see the USB flash drive. She silently took the laptop by the bed and inserted the USB flash drive.

Her computer booted up very quickly.

A few seconds later, it was switched on.

However, the desktop did not appear after the computer was turned on. Instead, a dialog box popped up asking for a password.

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and tried typing something before stopping. Then, she looked at the man and said, "It's a self-destruct system. The files on the USB drive will be automatically destroyed if I don't enter the correct password."

Ye Wangchuan's interest was piqued. He leaned over to take a look and then turned to look at the girl. He asked her with deep eyes, "Can't you decipher it?"

Qiao Nian shook her head and said with certainty, "I've tried it. This system is primitive and doesn't have any technical content. Because of that, the system's mechanism is also stupid. It only knows how to execute a command and self-destruct if it enters an error."

Hackers were not afraid of encountering difficult issues, but they were afraid of encountering such a stupid system.

The Idiot System had always only had one single command. There was no way to modify or hack it.

Qiao Nian returned her gaze to the computer and took off the USB flash drive.

She smiled as played with it. "This USB flash drive is also the most ordinary and cheap USB flash drive."

Dropping it back into the box and letting out a shaky breath, she then said with an irritable expression, "I can't open it.."

Chapter 2393: Someone From the Ji Family Indeed Stopped Them From Chasing After Me That Day

She had spent a lot of effort deciphering the Morse code and barged into the Ji family. She thought that she would be able to find out the truth, but she did not expect to be stuck at the last step.

Qiao Nian was frustrated. She was a little disgusted as she casually pushed the box aside.

"You have no clue?" Ye Wangchuan picked up the USB flash drive from the box and checked it over and over again. Then, he threw it back into the box, put the box back, and raised his eyebrows at the girl. "Why don't you think about whether Auntie left any clues for you..."

As soon as he finished speaking, Qiao Nian looked up at him with lowered eyelashes. "She died not long after I was born. What clues do you think I have?"

Ye Wangchuan pressed his fingers between his eyebrows. Realizing that he had said something wrong, his handsome face revealed an apologetic expression.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean that."

"I know you don't mean that." Qiao Nian waved her hand and her expression softened. "I'm the one who should apologize. I shouldn't have taken my anger out on you."

She was indeed overwrought by being stopped at the last step and was not in a good mood.

Quickly adjusting her mentality, Qiao Nian looked at Gu San and said, "At least I've found the USB drive now. There must be something very important hidden in it. Otherwise, my mother wouldn't have set up such a complicated Morse code to hide it. Also, the 'key' to this box is something that ordinary people wouldn't expect... Now that the box is in my hands, I have time to slowly find clues..."

Gu San smiled. "That's right, Miss Qiao. At least we've found the box now. It's much better than not having any clues! Isn't it just a password? I believe you can definitely solve it."

"Mm," Qiao Nian replied.

Her tightly knitted brows relaxed slightly as she stopped dwelling on this matter. Then, she turned to look at the man standing by the bed. "Guan Yan, she..."

"Don't worry, I'm not making things difficult for her." Ye Wangchuan sneered. There was a rare trace of impatience in his eyes as he lowered his voice. "Is your boyfriend so petty in your eyes?"

Qiao Nian covered her mouth and coughed. "That's not what I meant."

Ye Wangchuan glanced at the girl from the corner of his eye. Since she was a patient, he could not bear to bicker with her. Turning around and pouring water for Qiao Nian, he said, "She left after giving me your laptop. Qin Si sent her off."

Qiao Nian retracted her gaze. The man continued, "The independent continent hasn't been peaceful the past few days since you were hospitalized. All the major factions are investigating this matter. A portion of the Ji family is also thinking of ways to inquire about the situation here. Those smarter should have guessed it's you. However, what's surprising is... Ji Lingfeng." Qiao Nian looked at him again and nodded. "What?"

Ye Wangchuan observed her expression and saw that she was no longer harping on the password. He then unhurriedly said, "Ji Lingfeng didn't investigate you this time."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She clearly did not expect Ji Lingfeng to let her off.

Ye Wangchuan continued, "All the major factions outside are investigating you, and also some people in the Ji family. However, Ji Lingfeng is not one of them. I think he already knew that the person who barged into the Ji family that day was you!"

Qiao Nian was also thinking about this. "When I escaped the Ji family that day, I did hear a voice telling the people chasing after me to stop.."

Chapter 2394 - 2394 Could Ji Lingfeng Be Protecting You?

She remembered that when she climbed over the wall that day, she heard someone calling out to the ones who wanted to chase after her. She was very familiar with that voice. At least, she had heard it before.

Now that he mentioned Ji Lingfeng, Qiao Nian remembered that the voice seemed to be his!

"That's strange... He stood on Ji Ziyin's side and was very unfriendly towards you in the past."

Ye Wangchuan's eyes flashed as he told her the bold guess he thought of in the past few days. "Nian Nian, have you ever thought that he might be doing this to... protect you?"

Even Gu San found this unbelievable. "Master Wang, you're thinking too much. Why would Emperor Ji...?"



Ye Wangchuan leaned against the cabinet beside and calmly asked him, "Why not? Don't you understand the situation in the independent continent?"

Gu San still felt that it was a little ridiculous.

The Ji family had always been unfriendly to Miss Qiao. Why would Ji Lingfeng protect Qiao Nian?

"The Ji family's direct line of descent has declined, and the branch family has risen. It's not peaceful internally. If she goes back at this time, she'll only be roasted on the fire." Ye Wangchuan clicked his tongue and laughed as if he had guessed Ji Lingfeng's thoughts. "The colder he is to Qiao Nian, the more those talents in the Ji family like Ji Xiao don't dare to act rashly. Only then can Qiao Nian do what she wants in the independent continent. This is the simplest and most effective way to protect her."

Ji Lingfeng chose to distance himself from her to protect her.

"What about Ji Ziyin?" Gu San still did not believe it.

Ye Wangchuan's eyes were filled with disdain. "Her? Of course, she's Ji Lingfeng's biggest substitute for Qiao Nian."

It was a pity that this substitute, including some self-righteous ambitious people in the Ji family, thought that Ji Lingfeng really thought highly of Ji Ziyin.

He did not believe that Ji Lingfeng could not tell that Ji Ziyin was not as capable as Qiao Nian.

"What you said... I have to think about it..." Qiao Nian's head hurt. Coincidentally, her cell phone lit up.

She casually took it and pressed the screen. It was a message from Feng Yu: [Someone from the reclusive family is here.]

Qiao Nian suddenly sat up straight and narrowed her eyes, with a dangerous glint in them.

What a coincidence.

She had just found Ji Qing's belongings, and the reclusive family appeared.

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At this moment, at Martin's place.

He was arguing with an old man with white hair and a white beard until his face was red. He clenched his fists. "How many times have I told you that Ji Ziyin is just a show!

"...She's only relying on monopolizing other people's research results. She doesn't have any skills!"

Even though Martin's face was red and his voice was loud, the person opposite him was unmoved. "Is that so? Don't tell me you're on good terms with Feng Yu, so you're speaking up for him and slandering an outstanding young woman." slandering an outstanding young woman."

Martin was so angry that his face turned green. He clenched his fists and said angrily, "Elder Yu, I, Martin, am not this kind of person.

"If she's really talented, I won't say anything bad about her because of anyone.

"The truth is that she doesn't have talent. She only obtained those results by taking the unorthodox path! Those results aren't her true strength. They're shameful plagiarism!"

The old man sneered. "Where's the evidence?"

Martin was furious. He gritted his teeth and said, "The people of the independent continent are all evidence. They all know about it!"

Chapter 2395: Send This News Back to the Reclusive Family

The old man's expression became more and more cynical as he looked at him. He stood with his hands behind his back. "Martin, when did you become so tacky? I've never believed in public opinion. Public opinion can be guided. I'll become brainless if I believe in a mob!

"I only trust my own judgment."

Martin's heart was burning with anger. For a moment, he did not know how to respond.

The white-haired old man did not give him time to think and only indifferently said, "Ji Ziyin showed me her strength. I think she's very suitable to be the next successor of the Ji family... Ji Lingfeng is getting more and more confused.

Master is getting more and more distrustful of him. It's time for the Ji family to change!"

Martin did not expect the other party to bring such a huge piece of news. He was stunned and could not help but frown.

The old man did not give him time to think. Before leaving, he said, "You've also stayed in the independent continent for too long. Master wants you to go back and report. Prepare to leave!"

Martin looked as he and his subordinates left his residence. He stood still for a while before returning to the bedroom and calling Feng Yu...

Outside.

Yu Qingliu did not go far.

After he walked out of Martin's villa, he got into the car.

However, he did not leave this area immediately. Instead, he sat in the car with his eyes closed, as if he was waiting for something.

After a while, someone jogged over and knocked on the window.

Yu Qingliu opened his eyes and pressed a button. The glass window slowly rolled down. "Speak."

That person lowered his head and said respectfully, "We did as you ordered."

After you left, Martin indeed called the dean of the First Research Institute."

Yu Qingliu's expression turned cold. He hummed, and a murderous look flashed across his eyes. "His heart has gone wild. He has even forgotten who he is loyal to."

The people he brought did not dare to make a sound and lowered their heads.

"Send this news back to the family!" Yu Qingliu raised his hand and instructed.

The person immediately agreed. "Yes, I'll immediately send it back."

Yu Qingliu stopped him. "Wait a minute."

His subordinate immediately returned.

Yu Qingliu's expression returned to normal. He placed his hand on his knee and tapped it gently as if he was thinking about something. "Go and check Qiao Nian's background information."

"Okay."

He raised his eyebrows and looked at his subordinate. "Also, hack into the other party's computer and copy all her documents for me."

His subordinate's expression did not change. He seemed to think that this was a small matter and agreed without pressure. "Yes, I'll do it immediately."

Only then did Yu Qingliu wave his hand to let him go. "Go."

The reclusive family had their own hacker team.

The hackers they raised were much more powerful than the hackers outside. As a result, Yu Qingliu did not even think of looking for the Hacker Alliance and directly got his people to do this.

After all, it was just hacking into an ordinary person's computer. To the reclusive family, such a small matter could be done easily.

Ye Wangchuan and Gu San stayed in the hospital for a while before leaving.

Alone in the ward, Qiao Nian turned on her computer and thought about something.

Ji Qing's USB passcode and Ji Lingfeng's abnormal actions... These things circled in her mind. Her finger subconsciously tapped on the keyboard, and her snow-white face was slightly distracted.

At this moment.

The computer screen in front of her flashed and a notification popped up.

[A virus has invaded!]

Chapter 2396 - 2396 Sister Nian Has Never Lost Against a Provocation of This Level

## 2396 Sister Nian Has Never Lost Against a Provocation of This Level

Qiao Nian was pulled back to reality when she saw the small square frame that popped up on the screen. A dark glint flashed in her eyes.

Not long ago, Feng Yu told her that someone from the reclusive family had arrived. In the end, someone immediately came to "provoke" her.

Qiao Nian looked at the small square frame on the screen. It notified her about clearing the other party's virus. She sat up straight and began to use the computer calmly.

Her right shoulder was seriously injured.

Her right hand basically couldn't be used.

Qiao Nian used one hand to hack into the other party's computer system. She was very fast and followed the other party's IP to the source.

Along the way, she even shook off two puppet machines and found the other party's main computer among the other party's fancy video cameras. She clicked on the Enter key with her left hand and inserted the Trojan Horse without a word...

Qiao Nian's Trojan Horse was not sold on the market. She had written it herself.

Its awesomeness was not inferior to the mysterious virus, Lizard Tail, that had stirred up the black market back then.

As soon as her Trojan Horse was successfully implanted, Qiao Nian leaned back and looked at the screen, waiting to read the progress bar.

Once the progress bar reached 100%, she would be able to control the authority of the other party's computer!

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"Our computer has been f\*cked with!"

"Move aside, let me take a look." A bearded man anxiously rushed over and pulled the helpless person away. He then began to operate the keyboard himself.

He had thought that it was just an ordinary Trojan Horse. As long as he activated the computer's antivirus software, he could easily remove it.

However, what surprised him was that their computers had completely lost control!

After he issued a series of commands, the computer showed no signs of stopping. The antivirus software did not activate, either.

It was as if the computer was being remotely controlled. It didn't listen to his instructions at all.

"F\*ck!" The bearded man slammed his fist on the table and looked at the screen in a daze. He frowned and asked, "What kind of Trojan Horse is so vicious? Have you seen it before?"

The others shook their heads. "I've never seen it."

The bearded man focused his gaze on the screen again. The other party had openly taken control of their computer operations. In front of them, he began to open the folders and copy the confidential documents one by one.

The bearded man's expression changed. "What does she want?" "She... she's copying documents," someone said, trembling.

The bearded man yearned to scold him. "Of course, I know she's copying the documents. I'm talking about her. How... how did she do it?"

The other party was too arrogant.

They had just implanted the replicated virus when the other party returned with a Trojan Horse and copied their documents.

This was simply a resounding slap to their faces!

Qiao Nian was faster than they had expected. Seeing that all the documents on the computer were about to be copied by the other party, the veins on his forehead bulged. In the end, he tried to turn off the computer.

However, it was just as he had thought.

This stupid method did not work.

The other party had copied all the documents on the computer under their noses and destroyed the C drive.

At the same time that the red warning box popped up on the C drive, the bearded man saw the computer screen turn black.

On the black screen, a red pentagonal star flag and a thumb-up emoji popped up.

There was also a string of English letters.

[Loser].

Then, black smoke came out of the main board with a crack. The computer was wasted.



## Chapter 2397 - 2397 Let Ji Ziyin Stand Outside For an Hour

Everyone was stunned.

The bearded man looked at the black smoke for a long time. "Is our computer... wasted?"

His subordinate did not dare to look up. He stammered, "The other party's Trojan Horse destroyed our C drive and even activated the computer's self-destruct program. The motherboard must have burned."

"What about the hard drive?" The bearded man clenched his fists and turned to ask him with a burning gaze.

That person was even more afraid to speak. "Um, it should... it should be all ruined. I'm not sure, either. It looks like it's all gone."

The bearded man couldn't speak for a long time.

He already had an answer in his heart, but he just couldn't accept it. "Who exactly is the other party? Isn't she just an ordinary person? She's not even from the independent continent." He barely found his voice. The veins on his neck bulged as he tried his best to suppress his frustration. "Do you call this an ordinary person?"

The person who came with Yu Qingliu's order was at a loss. "I-I'm not sure, either. Elder Yu said that she was an ordinary person. I thought..."

The bearded man pulled him away. "I'll go look for Elder Yu!"

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Ji Ziyin's car slowly stopped outside a large white four-story villa. Asking the chauffeur to wait for her outside, she tidied up, took a deep breath, and got out of the car.

"Miss Ji, right?" A servant walked over from the entrance of the villa and smiled politely at her, asking for her identity.

Ji Ziyin did not dare to be arrogant in front of the other party. She nodded politely. "It's me."

The servant extended her hand, walking in front. "Please follow me. Elder Yu is already waiting for you."

Ji Ziyin followed her into the villa.

The large villa was decorated in a typical European style. The interior decoration was also extremely luxurious and ostentatious. The huge crystal lights in the living room showed that the owner was a person who enjoyed the finer things in life.

Not to mention the carpet that covered the entire villa from the entrance. When she stepped on it, it felt as soft as stepping on clouds.

There was also a large closet on the right side of the living room. A warm charcoal fire burned underneath a cupboard, warming the entire villa.

Suppressing her curiosity, Ji Ziyin didn't look around. Instead, she followed behind the servant without blinking until the servant stopped and said, "Miss Ji, we're here. Please wait a moment. Elder Yu is in the study. He'll be down soon."

"Okay, thank you." Ji Ziyin thanked her generously.

The servant said, "You're welcome." Then, she left without looking back.

Ji Ziyin stood in the living room and waited for him.

No one came out to pour her water, nor did anyone ask her to sit.

Ji Ziyin stood there and waited for a full hour. Then, someone finally came out of the study room when her calves had grown numb.

He was here.

Ji Ziyin took a deep breath and secretly clenched her fists.

She looked at him with a burning gaze. He was an old man in his sixties. Most of his silver hair was white, but his eyes were unforgettable.

Ji Ziyin had thought that all members of the reclusive family should be blond and blue-eyed like Martin, but to her surprise, this old man had a typical Asian face. However, his facial features were slightly more three-dimensional than ordinary people.

"Sit."

Yu Qingliu was dressed neatly. He was of average height and walked with a strong aura. He sized up Ji Ziyin as he walked over.

He didn't reveal his emotions like Ji Ziyin. He only glanced at her indifferently and sat down on the sofa before inviting her to do the same.

Chapter 2398 - 2398 Yes, They Belong to Me

Ji Ziyin had come prepared. Of course, she wanted to leave a good impression on him, so she politely refused. "Elder Yu, please sit. I'll just stand."

Yu Qingliu hadn't expected her to be so calm and composed even after he had left her hanging for an hour. Yet, she was still trying to express her goodwill to him. "Are you the junior from the Ji family who sent me the email?"

Ji Ziyin lowered her head, neither servile nor overbearing. "Yes. I'm very sorry to disturb Elder Yu."

Yu Qingliu sized her up again. He unhurriedly picked up the water on the table and asked, "Why do you have my email?"

Ji Ziyin unhurriedly told him what she had prepared beforehand. "My teacher once met you. He gave me your email."

"Is your teacher Gu Hengbo?" Without changing his expression, Yu Qingliu lowered his head and took a sip of water. Then, he put the cup back down and asked her.

Ji Ziyin was clearly nervous. "Yes."

"Gu Hengbo's reputation in the independent continent has been ruined, but you're still willing to associate with him." These words were clearly a tease and a test.

Ji Ziyin looked up and said with a serious expression, "A teacher for a day is a father for life. He treats me very well."

Yu Qingliu glanced at her again. He didn't reveal the same high opinion Ji Ziyin had of him. Instead, he said nonchalantly, "Of course, he treats you very well. Otherwise, he wouldn't have monopolized the research results of his team members for you."

Ji Ziyin's expression changed slightly. She suddenly looked at him.

Yu Qingliu was also looking at her.

Their gazes met. It was as if he saw through her. She quickly lowered her head like a fleeing dog.

"I didn't know what Teacher did for me. I thought he gave me his research results."

"Heh, stop bluffing." Yu Qingliu did not give her any face. "I don't care about what you're saying! I'll just ask you a question. Answer me honestly."

Ji Ziyin's heart sank, but when she heard him say that he didn't care about the incident from before, she felt slightly relieved. She looked up and said, "Elder Yu, please speak."

Yu Qingliu did not beat around the bush. "Are the contents of the email yours?"

Millions of thoughts ran through Ji Ziyin's mind, but in just a short moment, she made a decision. Under Yu Qingliu's gaze, she nodded slowly and firmly said, "Yes, they belong to me."

Yu Qingliu had suspected her in the beginning. Seeing that she dared to look him in the eye and admit that they belonged to her, he believed her 30%.

Not long ago, he received an unfamiliar email. Ji Ziyin wrote to him about many projects related to weapon manufacturing.

The reclusive families had always valued the development and research of high-tech weapons, but all these years, the First Research Institute had not developed anything useful.

Ji Ziyin's appearance was undoubtedly an excellent opportunity for him.

The reclusive family was a group of more than a hundred forces. The Yu family had spent three generations of effort just to barely squeeze into this circle.

They enjoyed endless glory outside, but among the reclusive families, they were only one of the lowest-ranking families. Therefore, the descendants needed to play a "role" to ensure that their family would not be kicked out of the ranks of reclusive families.

Martin's failure this time made the higher-ups very angry.

If he could seize the opportunity to prove himself, even if he couldn't let the Yu family take another step forward... it would be good if he could replace Martin as the new external hub!

He decided that Ji Ziyin would help him open the path to take the Yu family further.

## Chapter 2399 - 2399 He Wants to Eliminate the Problem at the Root!

Yu Qingliu sized up the young woman in front of him again. After a long while, he waved his hand and said, "I understand. Go back and wait for news."

"Elder Yu, I..." Seeing that he was being ambiguous, Ji Ziyin felt uneasy and wanted to ask about his thoughts again.

Unexpectedly, Yu Qingliu did not give her any face. He locked his poisonous snake-like gaze on her. "Is there anything else?"

Ji Ziyin immediately lowered her head and took a deep breath to calm down. "Sorry to disturb you, Elder Yu."

"Okay." Yu Qingliu waved and gestured for her to leave.

Ji Ziyin bit her lip unwillingly and turned to walk out.

On the way out, she bumped into the bearded man. The bearded man was in a hurry and almost bumped into her.

After Ji Ziyin passed by him, she saw that he had gone to look for Yu Qingliu.

"Elder Yu, the Qiao Nian you asked me to investigate..."

Ji Ziyin's eyelids twitched like a reflex when she heard the words "Qiao Nian".

She couldn't help but slow down and prick up her ears to listen to what was being said.

However, the servant did not give her a chance. Seeing that she was stalling, she took the initiative to say, "Miss Ji, I'll take you out."

Even if Ji Ziyin had ten million selfish motives to hear what the person inside was saying, she did not dare to be impudent in front of someone from a reclusive family. She could only suppress her pounding heart and pretend to be calm as she thanked the other party. "Thank you for your trouble."

"It's no trouble."

The servant led the way.

Ji Ziyin could only follow her.

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In the living room.

Yu Qingliu asked the bearded man to wait for a while. Upon seeing the woman's back disappear at the door, he relaxed his frown. "Tell me, what is it?"

The bearded man was a straightforward person. He didn't beat around the bush. "You asked me to investigate Qiao Nian. I hacked into her computer and was attacked instead. Don't you know that she's a computer expert?"

"What did you say?" Yu Qingliu looked shocked. He clearly hadn't expected this. "I've never investigated her."

Before he came, he had mainly investigated Ji Ziyin's upbringing. He didn't know much about the direct descendant of the Ji family, who had been wandering outside for many years, nor did he bother to spend too much effort on her...

It seemed that the person Martin had taken a liking to was quite capable!

Yu Qingliu quickly composed himself and came back to his senses. "You don't have to worry about her. I'll use other methods to investigate her later."

The bearded man was indignant. Actually, he wanted to compete with Qiao Nian in computer skills again. He was about to speak when Yu Qingliu lightly said, "Hasn't she always wanted to investigate the cause of her mother's death? I'll give her this chance. Let's see if she can withstand this 'good luck...'"

The bearded man looked at him in confusion. "Elder Yu, what do you mean?"

"I think Ji Ziyin will clear the obstacles for her when she takes over the Ji family. Ji Lingfeng's stance is too vague. I can only choose him."

Yu Qingliu had never been a soft-hearted person. He had never taken a liking to Martin, who was the eyes and mouth of the reclusive family but was gentle to outsiders.

His methods were also weak.

He was used to eradicating weeds at the roots. Only by removing the roots of the bad things would it be impossible for them to resurface!

"Get someone to spread the word," Yu Qingliu said. "Let her know that what happened to Ji Qing back then is related to the K Organization."

K Organization was the largest mercenary organization in the world.

They were ruthless.

They would basically accept any job.

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As long as the conditions were agreed, they would never fail.



Therefore, the K Organization was also one of the most terrifying organizations outside. Any force would be afraid of them.

Yu Qingliu was using someone else to do the dirty work.

However, he clearly did not intend to make it so simple. "Isn't Gu Hengbo very disappointed now? Go look for him. I might be able to help him if he has a way to make the Ji family eradicate this direct line of descent. It's fine if he can't do it. We won't lose out."

The bearded man did not expect him to be so vicious when dealing with a girl who was not even twenty years old. He could not stand it. However, his status in the reclusive family was not as high as Yu Qingliu's. This time, the higher-ups had arranged for him to follow Yu Qingliu, so he was helpless even if he didn't approve of the other party's overly vicious methods.

He could only agree. "I understand."

After arranging everything, Yu Qingliu finally remembered why the bearded man had looked for him. "You said that you were defeated by her. What do you mean? You didn't manage to invade her computer?"

The bearded man was a computer expert. The most he could think of to counterattack was Qiao Nian guarding against the computer virus.

At the mention of this, the bearded man's unyielding face turned slightly red. He was too embarrassed to raise his head and only said in a low voice, "No."

"Then the counterattack you're talking about is...?" Yu Qingliu was confused.

The bearded man couldn't raise his head. He stared at his toes and said in an even more indistinct voice, "She hacked my computer and damaged the motherboard. The computer is wasted."

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Qiao Nian was discharged after staying in the hospital for ten days.

She returned to the villa at Bright Gate. Zhou Zhou was afraid that the men around her would not be able to take good care of her, so she volunteered to visit the villa and help out every day.

Qiao Nian's shoulder recovered much faster than normal. In ten days, the wound had already begun to scab. Even the doctor was surprised by her extraordinary healing ability.

Only Ye Wangchuan knew that she did acupuncture on herself every day.

Qiao Nian could only use her left hand, so she used it to perform acupuncture on her right arm for two hours a day.

In the hospital, she still insisted on investigating the clues Ji Qing had left behind, trying to find the password to the USB drive among the few clues.

However, it had been almost twenty years since Ji Qing passed away. Many things were easier said than done.

Qiao Nian asked Feng Yu for help, but he didn't have any clue.

This time, Qiao Nian was accidentally injured. No one in Beijing knew about it, and Ye Wangchuan hid everything for her. However, Jiang Zongjin still sensed it. There were several times when he wanted to video call Qiao Nian, but she always found an excuse to brush him off.

It wasn't until the day Qiao Nian was discharged from the hospital that she put on the long-sleeved T-shirt she usually wore in her room. When Jiang Zongjin called again, she finally picked up.

In the video, the girl didn't look well, but her face was exquisite and eye-catching. She was beautiful.

Jiang Zongjin couldn't tell that she was injured through the video call, so he asked her about her everyday life with concern. Then, he instructed her to rest well and asked when she would be back.

Qiao Nian answered his questions one by one, but her answer to his last question was a little vague.

Jiang Zongjin had guessed that she must have something on, so he didn't pursue the matter.

Before they hung up, Qiao Nian picked up her phone with her functioning hand and walked to the window to look at the scenery outside. She suddenly asked the middle-aged man as he was about to hang up, "Dad, did Mom care about numbers in the past?"