

## **Madam's 2431**

### Chapter 2431 Strange Movements of the Reclusive Families

Zhou Zhou watched him leave.

She waited until they were far away before saying to Shi Fu, "Deputy Director, can we talk in private?"

Shi Fu knew Zhou Zhou's achievements in the field of physics. He had a good impression of her among the few laboratory heads.

Hence, he readily agreed and asked Zhou Zhou to follow him to his office.

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Arriving at the office, Shi Fu opened the door and let Zhou Zhou find a place to sit.

He went to the water dispenser to get two glasses of water and handed one to Zhou Zhou. Then, he returned to his desk, sat down, and said with a relaxed expression, "Team Leader Zhou, why did you ask to speak in private? Just say it."

Zhou Zhou lowered her head and took a sip of water. Placing the cup on her lap, she raised her head and said with a slightly serious expression, "Deputy Director, I've received news that the reclusive families have been acting strangely... Someone has come to the independent continent."

"You said the reclusive families?"

Zhou Zhou nodded. "Yes."

Surprised, Shi Fu put his teacup down on the table a little too forcefully. He frowned. "But... hasn't Mr. Martin been the bridge between the reclusive families and us? Why did they suddenly send someone else?"

"I don't know." Zhou Zhou then asked, "Deputy Director, do you think they're dissatisfied with our successor selection this time?"

Shi Fu pursed his lips and remained silent. He was starting to think about the possibility.

"The reclusive families have maintained a good cooperative relationship with the First Research Institute for so many years. It has always been Mr. Martin who dealt with us. Now, they suddenly sent someone else to the independent continent, and this person didn't contact us after arriving. I'm worried that they're dissatisfied with the dean and the First Research Institute.

"In addition, I'm worried that they're here for Qiao Nian!" Zhou Zhou was most worried about this.

Shi Fu comforted her. "The dean didn't mention this. You don't have to worry too much."

Zhou Zhou took a deep breath. "I'm not imagining things... Deputy Director, have you heard about the explosion at Victoria Harbor?"

Shi Fu looked at her.

Zhou Zhou took a sip of water to ease her nerves and looked up again. "Someone blew up a submarine with a new weapon. This new weapon has never appeared in our First Research Institute. I'm worried that it was the reclusive families..."

Shi Fu pondered for a moment. "You're saying that the people from the reclusive families attacked on the high seas of the independent continent?"

Zhou Zhou shook her head. Her expression became more serious. "This is not about the location. What I mean is that it's very likely that they have new weapons that did not come from us! That's the most important thing! I'm worried that they found someone else to develop new weapons of mass destruction."

Shi Fu's gaze turned a little intense.

Zhou Zhou did not avoid his gaze. "I know that you and the dean don't want the First Research Institute to become a weapon in the hands of the reclusive families. It's the same for me! I also don't want the research institute to become a place for various forces to compete. That's why I'm especially worried about this matter... Ji Ziyin..."

Shi Fu roughly understood it now.

What Zhou Zhou meant was that the explosion at Victoria Harbor was Ji Ziyin's doing. Ji Ziyin had developed a new weapon for the reclusive families that even the First Research Institute could not control. She was worried that this new weapon would be used by someone with ulterior motives to stir up trouble...

Shi Fu's expression softened and he interrupted her. "It's not Ji Ziyin. She can't do it!"

Chapter 2432 Someone Knocked on the Window on Her Side

Zhou Zhou placed the cup on the table and looked at him. "Who is it then?"

"I don't know," Shi Fu said bluntly. "But I know it's definitely not Ji Ziyin. If she could do it, Gu Hengbo and her would have shown it to the world long ago."

"...That's true."

"This matter should be the work of another person. I'll get someone to investigate this matter and let you know if there's any news."

Zhou Zhou thanked him before turning to leave.

Seeing that she was about to leave, Shi Fu thought of something and suddenly stopped her. "Team Leader Zhou, wait a moment."

Zhou Zhou turned around in confusion. "Is there anything else?"

Shi Fu hesitated and slowly asked, "Can you help me contact Qiao Nian? I can't contact her."

"Huh?"

"The dean hasn't returned. I think she knows where the dean is."

Zhou Zhou agreed readily. "Alright, I'll contact her and tell her to call you back."

"Okay." Shi Fu was slightly relieved.

"Then, Deputy Director, I'll leave now." Zhou Zhou waved her hand and left.

As she walked out, she did not forget to contact Qiao Nian on behalf of Shi Fu.

However, no matter if she called Qiao Nian or sent a message, there was no response.

Zhou Zhou frowned, no longer calm. She opened their group chat and started typing a message...

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Feng Yu's surgery only ended the next morning. The entire surgery lasted for more than 10 hours. When the operating room door opened again, the sunlight was already out.

Looking tired, the girl was the first to walk out.

"How is it?" Qin Si went forward and asked about Feng Yu's condition.

Qiao Nian pulled off the surgical gloves and threw them into the trash can. There was a bruise under her eyelid from not sleeping well, but it could be seen that Feng Yu's surgery was very successful. "His leg is saved. There's no need to amputate it."

"That's good." Qin Si heaved a sigh of relief.

Ye Wangchuan walked over and did not ask about Feng Yu's situation. He was only concerned about her. "What about you? Are you alright?"

He had thought that Qiao Nian would say that she was fine. Unexpectedly, the girl pressed her cold fingers between her eyebrows and suppressed her coldness before replying, "Not really." Ye Wangchuan looked at her.

Qiao Nian said irritably, "... My head hurts."

This time, she did not sleep for another day and night. She stayed up for 24 hours, went to look for Gu Hengbo, and performed a ten- hour, high-intensity surgery...

Qiao Nian's head buzzed and her body was numb.

"Are you sleepy?" Ye Wangchuan understood her well.

He looked up as Feng Yu was pushed out by the doctors and nurses and then said to the girl, "Anyway, Elder Feng is fine now. I'll bring you back. You must have a good sleep. Leave this to me. Mo Dong will keep guard here. I have something to tell you."

"Mm." Qiao Nian really could not take it anymore. After all, she was considered half a patient. Hence, she informed Qin Si and the others and followed Ye Wangchuan...

Ye Wangchuan made arrangements for Feng Yu with Mo Dong. He took the car keys and returned her black shoulder. "Someone called you halfway, but your cell phone happened to run out of battery. It rang once and then turned off."

Qiao Nian followed him out of the hospital and got into the car. She placed her bag aside, planning to charge her cell phone when she got back.

She had just buckled herself in when someone knocked on the window on her side...

Chapter 2433 Miss Qiao, Can We Talk?

"Miss Qiao, is it convenient to talk now?" The young man's voice was gentle and pleasant.

Qiao Nian found this voice familiar as if she had heard it somewhere before. However, when she looked up and saw the person outside, she couldn't remember who it was.

Ye Wangchuan also saw the person standing outside. He raised his eyebrows and asked her, "Do you know him?"

The girl pulled down her baseball cap to hide her frustration. "Probably? I don't remember."

The man politely knocked on the window again and asked softly, "Miss Qiao, is it convenient for you to talk?"

So noisy!

Qiao Nian unbuckled her seatbelt and said to Ye Wangchuan, "I'll see what's this about."

Ye Wangchuan unlocked the door for her to get out. Then, he leaned against the driver's seat and adjusted the seat back. His long legs stepped on the brakes, and his elbows were on the steering wheel. He was watching the man's every move outside.

He knew this person.

He was from the Lu family.

The Lu family's status in the independent continent was second only to the three big families. It was considered one of the newly risen family forces. In the past few years, because Lu Zhi had become bigger and bigger in the illegal district, the Lu family's relationship with the Ji family had become closer

and closer. As the current eldest son of the Lu family, Lu Yiming was very likely to inherit the family's business in the future.

Therefore, Lu Yiming could be considered a young talent in the independent continent. Many people his age had their eyes on him.

However, Ye Wangchuan did not take him seriously.

He had investigated the Lu family and naturally knew their twists and turns.

Lu Yiming looked outstanding on the surface, but he was actually gentle and soft-hearted. He could not be considered a capable person.

The reason why the Lu family could get to where they were today was all because of the... big boss of the illegal district behind them, Lu Zhi!

On the other hand, Qiao Nian seemed to have an extraordinary relationship with Lu Zhi. At the very least, they were very familiar with each other. They had the tacit understanding and familiarity that only friends who had known each other for many years could have...

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Outside.

Qiao Nian got out of the car.

Lu Yiming rubbed his eyebrows and said, "I'm sorry, Miss Qiao. I came to disturb you at this inconvenient time."

"It's nothing." Qiao Nian casually asked, "What do you want from me?"

Lu Yiming thought that she did not know him. Thus, he introduced himself, "It's like this. I'm Lu Yiming, Lu Zhi's elder brother."

Qiao Nian glanced at him again and said impatiently, "I know."

The man in front of her did look a little like Lu Zhi, but the difference in their temperaments was too great.

Lu Yiming was like a precious plant raised in a greenhouse. He exuded a gentle and polite aura.

On the other hand, Lu Zhi had experienced too much of the elements. Even if he smiled, he gave off a coldness that made people not dare to approach him.

Qiao Nian had known Lu Zhi for many years, so she naturally knew how the Lu family had mistreated him in the past. In the end, when Lu Zhi's Tian Chen rose, they shamelessly came to him to acknowledge him as family...

Therefore, she did not have a good impression of the Lu family.

"I've heard a lot about you from Lu Zhi. You're friends, right?" Lu Yiming did not know about this. He smiled and spoke politely.

Qiao Nian was getting impatient, especially since she had not slept for 24 hours. In a bad mood, she looked at him with dark eyes. "What do you want? Just say it."

"Uh..." Lu Yiming was used to the people in the upper-class circle. Even if he had something to say, he had to make polite talk before expressing it. He was a little confused for a moment.

Chapter 2434 Didn't Lu Zhi Tell You? I'm Not Swayed By Persuasion

However, he had been nurtured by a prestigious family, so he was not stupid.



Lu Yiming rubbed the space between his eyebrows and smiled again. He looked at a café by the roadside not far away and gently asked, "Miss Qiao, can we talk in private?"

Qiao Nian's patience was basically exhausted. She looked at the time and said without looking up, "Just say it here."

Lu Yiming hesitated for a moment. Seeing the frustration in the girl's eyes, he knew that he did not seem to be welcome. He hesitated for a moment before glancing at the person in the car. He did not see Ye Wangchuan's face clearly.

Hence, he looked at Qiao Nian again and said cautiously, "I heard that Miss Qiao is making things difficult for the Gu family?" 1

Qiao Nian was patient with him on Lu Zhi's account. Unexpectedly, Lu Yiming questioned her about the Gu family.

Lu Yiming's voice was gentle and soothing as he said softly, "I don't know what grudges Miss Qiao has with the Gu family, but I hope Miss Qiao won't implicate them in personal grudges. After all, they're innocent."

"Are you done?" Qiao Nian looked up. Her eyes were emotionless.

Lu Yiming felt awkward. He hesitated for a moment before tactfully asking, "Miss Qiao, did you... did you make things difficult for the Gu family because of Ziyin?"

"I know that you have some conflicts with Ziyin. Gu Hengbo is her teacher, and something unpleasant happened between the two of you."

"But you're Elder Feng's chosen successor now. Gu Hengbo was from the First Research Institute, after all. He's an elderly of the institute. I'm afraid you'll disappoint the 'old men' of the First Research Institute if you go after him. So, I hope you..."

Qiao Nian was not in the mood to listen to his long speech. She only asked him, "Who asked you to come?"

Suddenly interrupted, Lu Yiming awkwardly said, "Qiao Nian, I didn't mean that. I just wanted to persuade you."

"Persuade me to do what? To be kind?" Qiao Nian asked casually. "Didn't Lu Zhi tell you that I'm not swayed by persuasion?"

"I didn't mean that." Lu Yiming was getting more and more embarrassed.

Qiao Nian did not want to entertain him anymore. She turned around and opened the car's door.

Lu Yiming anxiously tried to stop her. "Qiao Nian."

Suddenly, the door on the other side opened. Ye Wangchuan got

out of the car and grabbed his wrist. Then, he turned to the girl and said, "Get in."

"Mm."

Lu Yiming was Lu Zhi's biological brother, after all. Qiao Nian suppressed her anger and nodded. Then, she got in.

Lu Yiming saw the man's face clearly. "You...?"

He felt that Ye Wangchuan looked familiar, but he could not remember where he had seen him before.

After all, be it Lu Yiming or the Lu family, they were not really into Ji Lingfeng, Ye Wangchuan, and the big families' circle.

Lu Zhi was the only one from the Lu family on equal footing with these big bosses.

And he never represented the Lu family.

Ye Wangchuan closed the door for the girl before turning around and leaning against it. Then, he exuded a condescending aura. "It's not easy for Young Master Lu to find us, right? How did you find out about our schedule? Was it Ji Ziyin or the Gu family?"

Chapter 2435 Master Wang: Get Lost

"I..." Lu Yiming felt a heavy pressure, making him unable to breathe.

This huge pressure was very similar to the feeling Lu Zhi often gave him. It was the mocking suppression from a superior.

Lu Yiming could not raise his head under the pressure and could only avoid the man's sharp gaze. "This has nothing to do with Ji Ziyin."

"Oh, so it was the Gu family?" Ye Wangchuan faintly smiled, but it did not reach his eyes. He did not believe that it was not Ji Ziyin. He was just too lazy to expose him. "Do you know the ins and outs of the entire matter? Do you know what Gu Hengbo did?"

Lu Yiming subconsciously looked up. "I..." He had heard some 'information, but he was actually not clear about the specifics.

Ye Wangchuan's smile faded. His sharp gaze almost saw through him. "You don't know anything. How can you have the cheek to try to persuade her to let them off?"

Lu Yiming felt like a fool under the other party's mocking gaze. He wished he could find a place to hide.

"Don't teach others to be kind before having experienced their suffering!" Ye Wangchuan did not spoil him. He narrowed his eyes slightly, his pupils dark. "If no one in the Lu family teaches you this, I don't mind teaching you how to be a person on your parents' behalf."

Lu Yiming did not move for a long time.

Ye Wangchuan had already walked to the driver's seat and opened the door. He looked at him languidly and said indifferently, "Get lost."

Lu Yiming's handsome face instantly turned red. He clenched his fists and subconsciously looked at the girl.

Qiao Nian did not say anything. She seemed to be playing with her phone with her head lowered. She did not even look at him.

From her reaction, it seemed she did not take Lu Yiming seriously. Lu Yiming looked at her and then at the impatient man. He felt his face burning as if he had run over and been beaten up, but he had no way to refute them. A strong sense of uneasiness even surged in his heart.

He did not dare to stay any longer. He stared at the girl for a moment before leaving the hospital in a hurry.

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Ye Wangchuan watched him until he was far away.

Then, he retracted his gaze expressionlessly.

"He left?" Qiao Nian looked up as the man fastened his seatbelt.

Ye Wangchuan had deliberately closed the windows. She could not hear what Lu Yiming said outside clearly from inside. Of course, she did not want to hear it anyway.

Ye Wangchuan turned the car around and nodded. "Young Master Lu has something on and will go back first."

Qiao Nian looked at him with a complicated gaze and held back the words that almost slipped out of her mouth: 'Didn't you tell him to get lost?'

However, seeing the man's clear profile and high nose bridge, she silently retracted her gaze and forcefully swallowed her words.

She was not interested in Lu Yiming, nor did she expect him to plead on Gu Hengbo's behalf.

If she had known, she would probably have rolled up the window and left.

She wouldn't have wasted her time.

The black SUV sped smoothly on the road with the air conditioner on full blast.

Annoyed, Qiao Nian rolled down the window and let the wind blow on her face. A comfortable wind blew through her hair, sweeping away some of her frustration.

Chapter 2436 Big Boss Lu Knows

At this moment, the cell phone beside her leg lit up.

Qiao Nian lazily picked it up and looked down.

Speak of the devil.

Lu Zhi's avatar popped up. It was a WeChat message: [Why didn't you like my Moments yesterday?]

Qiao Nian opened her WeChat. She found the posts he had posted yesterday and today and liked them.

But she did not reply to his message.

She turned off her cell phone.

Leaning back and raising her neck slightly, she lowered the brim of her cap, revealing only her exquisite chin, then closed her eyes to rest...

Ye Wangchuan saw that the girl seemed to have fallen asleep and silently closed the window, leaving only a gap for her.

Then, he toned down the air conditioner and slowed down. The car circled the city center twice before driving back to the villa.

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On the other side.

Lu Zhi came out of the bathroom after taking a shower.

The servant immediately handed him a towel and dried his hair.

Because of his legs, Lu Zhi basically let him serve him. He only took his cell phone from the sink.

Other than some messages from Jian Jin, the notifications bar exclusive to a certain someone was empty.

Lu Zhi was a little disappointed.

He pursed his lips and opened WeChat, only to see two new notifications on his Moments.

He opened it and took a look.

Indeed, Qiao Nian liked his post three minutes ago.

However, she did not reply to his message.

Lu Zhi frowned.

The servant drying his hair was so frightened that his body froze up. His movements became stiff and mechanical. Accidentally pulling his hair, the servant was so frightened that he trembled.

Lu Zhi did not care about this. His eyes flashed as he received a new message from Jian Jin.

It was a voice message.

Lu Zhi clicked on it.

Jian Jin's voice came out. "20 minutes ago, Lu Yiming stopped Qiao's car and said a few words to her. I was far away and didn't hear what they said. Anyway, I saw Qiao's reaction. What he said probably wasn't very pleasant."

Lu Zhi's expression changed drastically. An icicle seemed to form in his eyes.

Jian Jin's next voice message was only three seconds long. "Did Qiao tell you that Lu Yiming went looking for her?"

Lu Zhi did not answer. Instead, he asked the servant to leave.

He sat in his wheelchair and called the Lu family.

He looked at his pale and sickly face in the mirror and smiled gently. However, it was just as Qiao Nian thought. It was completely different from Lu Yiming's gentle and harmless smile, having been protected by his family all his life.

It was a meaningless smile that had been through a lot and had come from learning to hide all his emotions.

The call went through quickly.

Matriarch Lu's careful voice could be heard. "Xiao Zhi, why are you free to call home today? Your father was talking to me about you. His birthday is coming soon, and our family is planning to hold a big party. If you're free, do you want to come back to eat with us?"

Lu Zhi held more weight than the entire Lu family combined. Of course, Matriarch Lu hoped that he could appear at the banquet and support the family. This way, the Lu family could borrow his power to climb another level in the independent continent...

Unexpectedly, although he was usually cold to her, Lu Zhi, who was still passable on the surface, seemed to have become a different person this time. He only asked, "Where's Lu Yiming?"

Chapter 2437 Lu Yiming Just Returned

"Xiao Zhi, what happened?" Matriarch Lu's eyelids twitched. Her intuition told her that Lu Yiming had done something stupid again!

However, she had recently reminded him repeatedly not to provoke Lu Zhi at this critical moment. Her grandson should not cause trouble at this time.

Matriarch Lu tightened her grip on the cell phone. "Did your brother make you angry again?"

A voice came from the entrance.

The servant ran over happily. "Young Master, you're back? I'll get you slippers. Leave the coat to me."



Matriarch Lu looked up.

Lu Yiming had already taken off his coat and handed it to the servant. He walked up to her and greeted her tiredly, "Grandma, I'm back."

"Lu Yiming is back?" Lu Zhi's lazy voice came from the receiver before Matriarch Lu could think of a countermeasure.

Lu Yiming also saw that Matriarch Lu's expression was not good. He asked her considerately, "Grandma, who are you talking to?"

"Stop talking!" The veins on Old Madam Lu's neck throbbed as she scolded him. Forcing a smile, she tried to comfort Lu Zhi, "Xiao Zhi, don't worry. I'll educate your brother later. You know that he's innocent..."

Lu Zhi ignored her long speech and only said lightly, "Hand him the phone."

Matriarch Lu felt uneasy. "Xiao Zhi..."

"I don't want to repeat myself." Lu Zhi's voice was cold and sinister.

Matriarch Lu knew that there was nothing she could do. She glared at Lu Yiming and handed him the phone. She was furious. "You sinner! Take your brother's call."

Lu Yiming took the cell phone from her. He more or less knew who the person on the other end was.

He picked it up, his handsome face revealing a faint awkwardness and restraint. "Lu Zhi, I'm sorry. I promised you not to look for Qiao Nian, but I still went to look for her for some reason.

"But don't worry, I only chatted with her for a while before separating. She's already gone back, right... Did she tell you?"

Matriarch Lu's expression changed drastically. However, since Lu Yiming was still on the phone, she could not say anything.

However, Matriarch Lu's heart, liver, spleen, lungs, and kidneys trembled. She had never thought that even after Lu Zhi had warned them not to get close to Qiao Nian, Lu Yiming still dared to look for her in private.

Lu Yiming pondered for a moment before adding, "What did Qiao Nian say to you?"

Matriarch Lu looked at him as if he were an idiot that could not be helped. Her eyes were filled with disappointment.

She realized that Lu Zhi might have really been angered by Lu Yiming this time. She was about to ask him to hand her the cell phone.

However, it was already too late.

"Tsk, looks like the Lu family is living too well! You guys are living too comfortably, so you ignore my words."

Lu Zhi's voice was soft. "Lu Yiming, you think that I still feel kinship with you and the Lu family, right?"

Having suffered repeated setbacks today, Lu Yiming emphasized with an ugly expression, "I only chatted with her for a while. I didn't say anything."

"Do you like Ji Ziyin very much?" Lu Zhi ignored him.

Lu Yiming fell silent. It was quite manly of him to bear the responsibility. "This has nothing to do with her. If Miss Qiao is angry, I can apologize to her."

Qiao Nian had never mentioned that Lu Yiming had gone to look for her. On the other hand, Lu Yiming thought that Qiao Nian had complained to Lu Zhi, which was why he suddenly made things difficult for him...

Chapter 2438 The Lu Family and Lu Yiming Paid a Price

The more he mentioned Qiao Nian, the more accurately he stepped into Lu Zhi's minefield!

Lu Zhi had been willing to ease up with the Lu family in the past few years because Qiao Nian's words had moved him.

The Lu family?

He had never taken them seriously!

However, Lu Yiming really thought that the Lu family's insignificant kinship could tie him down!

Lu Zhi looked at his pale and sickly face in the mirror; his eyes were cold and ruthless. He slowly said, "Since you pity your childhood sweetheart so much, go down with her."

"I also want to see if you're still useful to her after you're down and out."

Matriarch Lu's expression drastically changed. She snatched the phone and hurriedly apologized. "Xiao Zhi, don't be angry. Your father and I don't know about this. I'll definitely give you an explanation!"

"There's no need," Lu Zhi said calmly. "Tell Lu Zhenshan to live his own life. I'm not free, and I won't be free in the future."

"Xiao Zhi!" Matriarch Lu shouted anxiously.

The call had already ended.

Matriarch Lu hurriedly called him and immediately realized that she could no longer reach Lu Zhi.

She changed to the landline, but it was the same. Lu Zhi seemed to have blacked their numbers.

Matriarch Lu tried all the methods she could. She even called Father Lu, who was discussing matters outside, to contact Lu Zhi.

It was the same.

Matriarch Lu finally confirmed that Lu Zhi was serious this time. Her legs went weak and she almost could not stand still. She weakly held the sofa for support.

"Grandma." Worried, Lu Yiming tried to help her up.

Matriarch Lu was furious upon seeing that he had yet to realize the severity of the matter and slapped him on the face.

A slap resounded throughout the Lu residence!

None of the servants dared to speak.

Lu Yiming's hair was in a mess as he covered his stinging face. His mind was blank as he looked up at Matriarch Lu, whose face was red with anger. "Grandma?"

Matriarch Lu's blood pressure soared and her vision blurred. She only stared at him fiercely and scolded, "Sinner! The Lu family is going to be destroyed by you!"

Lu Yiming opened his mouth, unable to understand what he had done wrong. Why was everyone scolding him?

Matriarch Lu was so angry that her blood pressure soared. Looking at his aggrieved expression, her blood surged again. Her vision darkened, and her body tilted to the left. She had already collapsed weakly.

"Grandma!" Lu Yiming's expression changed drastically. He immediately ran over and called the servant.  
"Hurry up and call the hospital! Prepare the car, prepare the car!"

His cell phone lit up at this moment. It was a call from Ji Ziyin.

The Lu family was in chaos.

Although Lu Yiming saw Ji Ziyin's call from the corner of his eye, he was too exhausted to answer it.

He carried Matriarch Lu on his back and hurriedly got into the car, rushing to the hospital...

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Ji Ziyin was not in a hurry even though she did not get through to Lu Yiming.

She comforted Gu Fan, who was sitting opposite her and wiping her tears absent-mindedly. Gu Fan grabbed her hand again and asked her to think of a way to find him.

A little annoyed, Ji Ziyin calmly pulled her hand away and softly said, "I've already asked my friend to look for Qiao Nian."

Then, she said with a regretful expression, "But as you can see, it's not that I don't want to help you find Teacher. My friend isn't answering his phone. I think... I'm afraid I won't be able to help this time."

Chapter 2439 Feng Yu Is Awake

Tears fell down Gu Fan's, but she refused to give up. "How could that be? My father has not been seen for a day and a night. Think of another way."

"I've already thought of a way for you. Don't be anxious." Ji Ziyin was already impatient. She raised her hand and called the waiter to pay the bill.

Ji Ziyin's cell phone happened to light up. She looked down and saw that it was a message from Yu Qingliu. He told her that the laboratory was ready and asked her to go over and take a look.

She immediately felt like returning home. She was unwilling to waste time with Gu Fan and Gu Hengbo.

Ever since she successfully became a member of the reclusive family behind Yu Qingliu, everything else from Gu Hengbo to the First Research Institute had become a thing of the past in her eyes.

If Gu Fan had not come looking for her, she wouldn't even have bothered to contact Lu Yiming to look for Qiao Nian for her.

Since Lu Yiming did not pick up her call, Ji Ziyin felt that Gu Hengbo would not be saved this time.

She did not want to be dragged down at the critical moment of her meteoric rise, even if this person was the teacher who took good care of her.

After the attendant came to settle the bill, Ji Ziyin put the wallet back into her bag and looked at Gu Fan. She restrained her impatience and comforted her hypocritically.

In the end, she said, "Since Teacher is not at home, you have to take good care of his wife and the others. I believe Teacher will be back soon."

Gu Fan wanted to say something, but Ji Ziyin beat her to it. "You can look for me if you need anything."

Gu Fan revealed a grateful expression. After all, the Gu family had fallen to this state. No one in the independent continent dared to help them anymore.

However, Ji Ziyin was willing to help them. Gu Fan was extremely grateful and forgot her original intention of asking Ji Ziyin to help find out her father's whereabouts.

"Thank you, Sister Ji."

Ji Ziyin elegantly said, "You're welcome."

Turning around, she picked up her belongings and stood up to say, "I still have something on. Continue eating. I'll leave first."

"... Alright."

Gu Fan was embarrassed to stop her from leaving again. Although she was still worried about her father, she could only watch as Ji Ziyin left the café in a hurry.

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Qiao Nian was exhausted this time. In the next few days, she basically slept in the villa. When she was awake, she would either stay in her room or visit Feng Yu in the hospital.

Qin Si's injuries were superficial, so he was discharged and returned to the villa the next day.

Guan Yan came to see him once midway and even bought some fruits for the first time.

Qin Si valued the fruits very much. As soon as Guan Yan left, he snatched them from Gu San and hid them in his room, ignoring his injured arm.

Because Qin Si was recuperating at home, Ye Wangchuan stayed in the villa for the past few days and did not go anywhere. Because of this, the people from the Bright Gate had to come to the villa every day...

A few times, when Qiao Nian came down to drink water, she saw a few unfamiliar faces. They were not from Bright Gate. She guessed that they were from Ye Wangchuan's other forces.

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Feng Yu woke up on the fifth day.

The doctor immediately informed Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian did not delay and immediately drove to the hospital.

In the ward.

Feng Yu had just woken up. The nurses surrounded the bed to measure his blood pressure.

Seeing the girl rushing into the ward, Feng Yu's gaze turned gentle. Sitting up with difficulty, he smiled and waved at her. "You're here. Come, sit."

Chapter 2440 Someone Slipped Sister Nian a Note

Qiao Nian quickly went over.

Her brows relaxed upon seeing that he was awake. Then, she pulled a chair and sat down. "How does your leg feel? Does your knee still hurt? Can you move it?"

"The doctor examined me before you arrived. He said that I'm recovering well." The moment Feng Yu woke up, he heard from the attending doctor that his life was on the line a few days ago.

He had to thank Qiao Nian for saving his leg from amputation.

Feng Yu thought of what Shi Fu had mentioned to him on the phone. "By the way, do you know about the explosion at Victoria Harbor?"

Feng Yu frowned and said with a solemn expression, "I heard that a new weapon has appeared in the independent continent. It's a laser missile."

Qiao Nian took the knife from the cabinet and began peeling an apple. Hearing this, she did not even look up and only calmly nodded. "I know."



Feng Yu thought the same as Zhou Zhou. "Could it be Ji Ziyin?"

He did not believe that Ji Ziyin had the ability, but she had Ji Qing's notebook. It was hard to guarantee that there was no relevant research recorded in the notebook.

Feng Yu could not stop worrying. "Or... the reclusive family?"

Qiao Nian happened to finish peeling an apple.

She cut it into small pieces and placed them on a plate. Then, finding a toothpick from the drawer and inserting it, she handed it to Feng Yu and unhurriedly said, "It was me."

Feng Yu was stunned.

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and calmly said, "Have an apple."

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Qiao Nian left the hospital after visiting Feng Yu.

As the password of the USB drive that Ji Qing had left behind had yet to be unlocked, Qiao Nian went to the First Research Institute's archive room to look for some information.

However, she had already rummaged through it and found what she could find. There was no point in looking for it again.

Qiao Nian stayed in the archives until five in the afternoon. Seeing that she could not find anything useful, she could only think of another way.

She put all the books back in their places and got up to leave.

Qiao Nian was walking out when Ye Wangchuan called. She picked up the call.

"I'll be right out."

The next second, someone bumped into her. Qiao Nian felt a note being forcefully stuffed into her hand.

She frowned and stopped the person who wanted to run. "Stop."

The person froze. Their legs went weak, and they instinctively did not dare to move.

Qiao Nian walked over and saw who it was. After thinking for some time, she finally remembered who it was. "You are?"

She remembered that a few people in the Level 8 laboratory were very close to Xie Xinyao. They hung out with her all day long and could be considered a small clique.

This Little Fatty was one of them.

Xie Xinyao and Ji Ziyin also interacted. These people usually walked around and even targeted her previously.

She had just remembered who this person was.

Little Fatty's face was flushed. He avoided her eyes and quickly said, "I was wrong in the past, but I don't have any ill intentions this time. Take a look at the note I passed you. Remember to throw it away after reading it. Don't tell anyone else."

Not waiting for Qiao Nian to speak, he ran away as if he was escaping.

Qiao Nian looked down at the note. She pressed the space between her eyebrows, lowered her eyelashes, and slowly unfolded the note.