

## Physician Wife 2001

### Chapter 2001: Zhou Hua is the Mother

After thinking about the upstanding officers of the Eagle Special Forces, the policemen were silent.

This military wife was remarkable!

The Sze family, the Hu family, and Mr. Li, who came here for a blind date, were all taken away.

Sze Lingyun looked around at the empty room after the Sze family left, stunned.

“Nuannuan, are you really sure that they aren’t my biological parents? What if, when the DNA report comes out, they do turn out to be my biological parents? After treating them like this today, they won’t hesitate to go to my university tomorrow and snap my spine.”

“I’ll approve Li Jingyan’s marriage request when I get back. Once it’s approved, you’ll officially be considered a military sister-in-law of my Eagle Special Forces. Anyone who dares hurt you will be going up against my Eagle Special Forces. I’ll make sure they know that you’ll be protected.”

“Don’t worry, there’s no chance of that. Believe me, I only dared to do all that because I’m confident that the DNA test results will prove that you’re not their daughter. Senior Sister, have you looked at yourself in the mirror lately and seen how beautiful you are? Do you think you look like either Zhou Menglu or Sze Dafa?”

Sze Lingyun exhaled. “When I was young, I didn’t think I looked like them. However, as I grew up, I heard my neighbors tell my mother that I inherited her long nose and double eyelids. I figured I just didn’t look much like them. So you also think I don’t resemble them?”

Wu Pingting’s jaw hit the ground. “So, Sister Sze isn’t really the Sze family’s daughter! Then whose daughter is she?”

“I suspect that senior is Zhou Hua’s daughter,” Nangong Nuannuan replied.

“Zhou Hua? Who is Zhou Hua?” Wu Pingting was like a curious child, thinking to herself how she could turn the entire Sze family upside down.

After Wu Pingting’s question, Sze Lingyun also expressed her confusion.

“Why? You haven’t heard of Zhou Hu?” Nangong Nuannuan asked in response.

“No.” Sze Lingyun shook her head and then asked, “Is Zhou Hua a man or a woman? Their surname is Zhou—are they my grandma’s child?”

“Zhou Hua is a woman, and yes, she’s your grandma’s third child. Your Grandma, Li Defen, had three children—the eldest is Zhou Menglu, the second is Zhou Mengjing, and the third is Zhou Hua.”

With that, Nangong Nuannuan retrieved the homework she had completed the night before. She took out her phone and pulled up a photo of a woman.

When Sze Lingyun saw the photo, she felt like she had been struck by lightning.

“Sister Sze, this woman looks just like you!”

Although the woman in the photo was unclear, Sze Lingyun and Wu Pingting immediately widened their eyes in surprise upon seeing her.

It seemed that Sze Lingyun had inherited more than 50% of this woman’s appearance—it was irrefutable she and this woman bore many similarities.

Zhou Menglu’s previous reaction had made Sze Lingyun feel like she might be someone else’s daughter and had only been adopted by Zhou Menglu. With this evidence, she could almost confirm that even though she was a child of the Sze family, she was not Zhou Menglu’s child, but Zhou Hua’s.

“Sister Sze, she looks so much like you! She must be your mother.”

Sze Lingyun nodded, gripping Nangong Nuannuan’s phone tightly.

That was her mother. Zhou Menglu was never her mother.

If her real mother was still alive, she would definitely not be as vicious as Zhou Menglu.

## **Chapter 2002: Why Would They Lie To Me?**

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Her real mother would definitely love and care for her!

Her real mother would certainly approve of her marriage to Li Jingyan—in fact, she would adore him.

“Nuannuan, tell me: if Zhou Hua is my mother, why did my grandmother and Zhou Menglu, or the rest of the family for that matter, never tell me? If Zhou Menglu took on the responsibility of raising me despite only being my aunt, I would certainly be very grateful. Why would they lie to me?”

“There are a few possible reasons,” Nangong Nuannuan answered. “First, they might just see you as free labor. Just like now, when they’re using you as a bargaining chip, trying to get you to marry a rich old man in his forties so they can get more compensation for this house’s destruction. They want more houses and more benefits, which they can get from your marriage. Or maybe your mother left something like an inheritance behind that Zhou Menglu wanted. She inherited what your mother left behind but despises you and refuses to support you. Third, your real mother might have a secret. The family did not want her to live, so they killed her but not you, and decided to raise you out of guilt. But they’ve never treated you well all these years because you remind them of your mother and of all the hurt they caused her. They feel so guilty that they instinctively avoid thinking about it and hate anything associated with her.”

Sze Lingyun was a student at the Military Medical University and a qualified military doctor, so she had learned some basic military skills. Among these skills was understanding criminal psychology.

She felt like Nangong Nuannuan’s analysis was very reasonable.

Wu Pingting was completely shocked. She muttered, “Then... which of those do you think is Zhou Menglu’s real motive?”

“The third,” Sze Lingyun answered without hesitation. She continued, “Maybe there’s a little of the second reason mixed in there, but it’s likely mostly the third reason.”

“Why do you think it’s the third possibility?” Wu Pingting found it hard to wrap her head around the situation.

Wu Zongxu had hurt Wu Pingting because he was not from the Wu family. However, Zhou Hua was Zhou Menglu’s biological sister. Seeing that Zhou Menglu and Zhou Mengjing had a good relationship, she could not understand why Zhou Menglu would have wanted to kill Zhou Hua. Was it not true that blood was thicker than water? Even if there was some hatred between them, no one should be able to kill their own biological sister!

How much hatred did the Sze family possibly harbored to push them to the point of wanting to kill a blood member of their own family?

Sze Lingyun went up to Wu Pingting and said, “Before this, I never thought that I wasn’t Zhou Menglu’s child, so I never had any doubts. However, after I was in that car accident yesterday which almost killed me, and Zhou Menglu’s only response was to urge me to come home back for a blind date, I realized she didn’t care at all. That’s when my doubts began popping up. Now that I’ve confirmed that I’m not Zhou Menglu’s child, I can remove myself from the situation and view this matter from a clearer perspective. Do you notice any differences between my mother and Zhou Menglu and Zhou Mengjing?”

Wu Pingting’s eyes widened.

They were all smart women. Wu Pingting understood almost immediately.

“You and your mother are both the black sheep of the Zhou family! Your grandmother never accepted your mother as her daughter. She named her eldest daughter Zhou Menglu and her second daughter Zhou Mengjing, but she gave your mother the unfitting name Zhou Hua. You can see how much she dislikes her!”

### **Chapter 2003: Uncle Wu’s Relation**

Sze Lingyun nodded in agreement with Wu Pingting.

Her mother’s facial features were completely different from Zhou Menglu’s and Zhou Mengjing’s.

Even though the photo Nuannuan had shown them was blurry, her mother looked like a lady from ancient times holding an oil-paper umbrella in the misty rain even just standing on a path. Even though the photo had been taken when her mother was very young, it was obvious that she possessed a rare charm. It was simply not something that Zhou Menglu and Zhou Mengjing, her two sisters, could compare to.

Sze Lingyun had always wondered why she had a noble aura despite being from the most ordinary family possible. Even attending a socialite’s banquet, she would stand out from the crowd. Now she knew that it was because she had a mother who could charm people even just standing still.

Her serenity and nobility seemed to be genetic, running through her daughter’s blood too.

Noticing that no one was talking, Wu Pingting said, “It’s alright. You haven’t even figured out who you yourself are yet, but the mystery of your mother’s identity has already been revealed.”

Seeing Sze Lingyun smile bitterly, Wu Pingting smiled back and held her arm. "It's okay, it's okay, Sister Sze. Regardless of who you turn out to be, I'll never leave you. You're my sister! Our Wu family will back you up and accept you as part of our family forever! Who knows? Maybe your luck will be like Nuannuan's. Despite having such a terrible father and stepmother, maybe your mother is actually from a prestigious family."

Sze Lingyun genuinely liked everyone in the Wu family, and she liked Wu Pingting the most. Even though she had only known Wu Pingting for a day or so, she could not help but feel very close to her. Looking at the girl who was smiling like a blooming flower in front of her, Sze Lingyun could not help but stretch out her hand and gently flick her forehead.

Nangong Nuannuan smiled as she watched the two interact. The corners of her lips curled upwards despite her efforts to resist it.

"I don't know if Senior Sister's mother is a noble lady, but if Zhou Hua is really her mother, then... Senior Sister should be a member of the Wu family and your uncle's biological daughter."

"What?"

The two other girls spoke in unison. They looked at Nangong Nuannuan in disbelief, waiting anxiously on her explanation.

Wu Pingting liked Sze Lingyun, and Sze Lingyun liked the Wu family. They were a welcoming and honorable family.

Nangong Nuannuan was well aware of how much Sze Lingyun probably yearned for family affection, as she herself was a girl who had lacked fatherly and motherly love since a young age.

Thus, she did want to not tease Sze Lingyun and Wu Pingting. Nangong Nuannuan retrieved her phone again, she pulled up another picture, and said, "This is a portrait that Uncle Wu had 20 years ago. His portrait heavily resembles that lady. I'm almost certain that your mother was the person who saved Uncle Wu when he fell off the cliff."

"Unfortunately, the Zhou family lived in a remote place 20 years ago, and they were the only family in their area. Even though they also had their own village, for some reason, your mother would always cover her face with a silk scarf every time she went out. Thus, it was expected that the villagers didn't know what she looked like. Uncle Wu looked for your mother for a whole year. After he was done with Sea District, he searched almost every nook and cranny in J District and Z District. So, I speculate that, besides the Zhou family, no one else knows what your mother looked like. That's why even though the Wu family offered a huge reward, they couldn't find the woman that Uncle Wu so badly wanted to find."

**Chapter 2004: A Branch of the Family Tree Transtator. EndiessFankasy Translation | Editor: EnriLessFantasy Translation**

"This family is so terrible! They're all just like Wu Zongxu!" Wu Pingting could not help but complain on Sze Lingyun's behalf. After that, however, she was overtaken by ecstasy at the new\_e Lingyun. "But what can I do about it? Ah, I can't even get angry right now! I'm so happy! Sister Sze\_ Oh, no, it's just Sis

now! I'm so happy you're now really, truly a member of our Wu family! You know, the first time I saw you, I felt this warmth coming off of you that I couldn't explain. It felt so odd. I think my grandfather felt the same way too, which is why he wanted you to become his goddaughter. Is this the magic of blood-kinship? Even if a branch of the family tree is snapped off, it's still always part of the tree!"

Sze Lingyun was a more reserved person. She was usually quite mild-mannered, except when it came to matters about Li Jingyan.

As she was hugged by Wu Pingting, her face went red all over, and she felt a little embarrassed.

Wu Pingting jumped for a long time before Sze Lingyun rained on her parade a little. "Air... I can't be sure of things just yet. After all, I haven't confirmed that I'm Zhou Hua's daughter, and we haven't confirmed whether Inle and Zhou Hua have that kind of relationship yet." "We have! Listen up..." Wu Pingting explained anxiously. "Yesterday, you heard from my grandfather that Uncle didn't get married and have children, and instead adopted that ingrate Wu Zongxu, was because he loved this girl, the girl who saved him in the valley. Even though he never said why he was so obsessed with that girl, if that girl was your mother, you can probably guess why. Even though they only had one night, Uncle and your mother did it. After that, Uncle was rescued by Grandpa, and your mother disappeared. Your mother probably went back and realized that she was pregnant with you. And my uncle is a loyal and monogamous man, so he never remarried." With that, Wu Pingting looked at Nangong Nuannuan excitedly and asked, "Nuannuan, don't you think my sister looks very much like a member of my family? You haven't met my Uncle, but you should have met my aunt. Both of them inherited my grandmother's looks and look very similar. Don't you think that Sis looks very similar to my aunt?" Nangong Nuannuan nodded. "Yes, very similar! Senior Sister and her mother's auras are very similar, but they only look about half-alike. I wanted to say it when the two of you met yesterday. but I think that Senior Sister and your aunt look really similar." "Right, right!" Wu Pingting looked at Sze Lingyun proudly, "Sis, since Nuannuan says so, you must be our Wu family's child! Let's go, let's go! Let's go home! I want to make everyone in the family take a DNA test with you." After saying that, Wu Pingting took out her phone and made a call. The call had barely been picked up when she said excitedly, "Dad, Sister Sze is my biological sister! No, I mean, my cousin! Quick, tell everyone! And we'll find a hospital to do a DNA test for us!" After Wu Pingting said this, the other end of the line fell silent for a while. Wu Jingcheng then asked excitedly, "What? Pingting, what did you just say? Are you serious? Where are you now? Why do you say that your Sister Sze is your uncle's child? What's happened to you two?" O Wu Pingting followed Chi Yang, Nangong Nuannuan, and Sze Lingyun back into the car..

## **Chapter 2005: Lucky Star**

On the way back, Wu Pingting detailed the shameless and disgusting story of the Sze family's shenanigans. Then, she said that Zhou Hua of the Zhou family was the girl that her uncle had been looking for 20 years ago and that Sze Lingyun was definitely Zhou Hua's child.

After Wu Jingcheng heard that, he immediately told Old Wu. Old Wu asked Wu Pingting to tell the story again. She patiently repeated it, taking more than ten minutes to retell the entire story.

After Old Wu got his fill, her aunt took over the phone. Wu Pingting then repeated the story again.

Sze Lingyun smiled as she watched Wu Pingting continue to retell the story and listened to the excited voices at the other end of the line.

She was very excited herself. She might be a biological child of the Wu family! Even though she no longer had her birth mother, she still had a father who had always stayed loyal to her mother. Her father was such an upright and kind official. Sze Lingyun felt very happy.

However, for the moment, she told herself to hold back and not hope for too much. The more she hoped, the greater the disappointment would be if it turned out to not be true.

Finally, after spending fifty minutes on the phone with her family, Wu Pingting realized that they had been driving in the wrong direction.

“Big Brother Chi, we’re not going home. We’re going to the private hospital my family runs. My grandfather and the others are already heading there.”

“Where’s your family’s private hospital?” Chi Yang asked helplessly.

Wu Pingting scratched her head. Only then did she remember that she had not told Chi Yang the hospital’s location.

She immediately started giving him instructions on how to get there.

When they reached the hospital, Old Wu, Wu Jingcheng, Wu Jingmin, and Wu Zongyang were already waiting at the entrance.

The car had not even stopped yet when Wu Jingcheng and Wu Zongyang helped Old Wu up and shuffled toward the car in a hurry.

Sze Lingyun’s eyes turned red when she saw how anxious Old Wu was.

The car door was pulled open, and Old Wu’s tears started to fall.

“Little girl, I’ve made you suffer!”

Wu Pingting was touched and heartbroken seeing Old Wu like this. Her grandfather was crying. She forgot about being the elegant granddaughter of the Wu family and threw herself into her grandfather’s arms without hesitation. She hugged his neck, tears streaming down her face too.

“Sob, sob, sob... Sis...” Wu Pingting could not stop her tears. When she looked back at Sze Lingyun and then at her grandfather, who was crying in her arms, she could not help but rush forward and pull Sze Lingyun into her hug too. They all cried together.

In the end, the family was covered in tears before they even started on the DNA tests.

Nangong Nuannuan watched this scene unfold with her mouth agape. Her grandfather, uncle, and brothers loved her, but not to this extent! Could this family wait a little bit to do their DNA tests before crying? Why did they trust her judgment so much?

Sensing someone’s gaze on her, Nuannuan raised her head and looked at Big Brother Chi Yang. She met his smiling gaze.

“What are you laughing at?” Nuannuan raised her head and asked.

"I'm laughing. You're like the Wu family's lucky star. With your help, Wu Pingting's illness has been cured, Wu Jingzhong's matter will be satisfactorily resolved, and even their long-lost granddaughter has been found! You're like their savior. I reckon they'll be grateful enough to burn incense for you after this."

Nangong Nuannuan was so annoyed by Chi Yang's words that she could not help but pinch the back of his waist. However, as soon as she made her move, she remembered that this was her Big Brother Chi Yang. She quickly let go and reached into his t-shirt, her heart aching. She gently caressed the soft flesh under it.

## **Chapter 2006: Spanking Bandit**

Chi Yang's eyes darkened when his wife's hand touched him. He looked into her concerned eyes and lied. "It hurts."

Nuannuan's face turned pale. She quickly reached her hand into Chi Yang's shirt and rubbed the pinched region for him.

"Does it still hurt?"

Chi Yang lied and nodded without even blinking an eye. "Yes, it hurts a lot."

Only then did Nuannuan realize that she had been tricked. She glared at Chi Yang and took her hand out of his shirt. She then aimed it at his butt. Slap!

Who could have guessed that Big Brother Chi Yang's butt was so bouncy? The slap was extremely crisp, and it snapped the family crying beside them out of their daze.

Everyone had been so immersed in their excitement and sadness. When they suddenly heard a loud slap, they all stopped crying and turned to look at Chi Yang and Nuannuan.

Nuannuan's hand was still on Chi Yang's buttocks. Old Wu raised his head and happened to catch Nuannuan swiftly pulling her hand away.

The Wu family members, "..."

Chi Yang, "..."

Nuannuan, "... What had she just done?

Nuannuan's skin was usually quite thick, but under the weight of everyone's gaze, she was so embarrassed that she wished she could dig a hole and bury herself in it.

However, Chi Yang was not blushing at all. He reached his hand back and took the hand of Nuannuan's which had just spanked him. Then, he walked up to the Wu family members and said, "Sze Lingyun brought some hair from her family members. Let's go in and do the DNA tests."

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"Okay, okay!" Old Wu quickly nodded and left the awkward scene.

Nuannuan walked alongside her Big Brother Chi Yang the entire way into the hospital, looking like a proper and prim lady. She looked nothing like the \*ss-spanking bandit she had been just a few minutes ago.

Because it was the Wu family's own hospital, the DNA test results would be released as soon as they could be. Normal patients would usually have to wait for a week. Even if they had a connection to the Wu family, the fastest it could go was still a day of waiting. However, if the medical staff in charge of the tests did not stop working, results could be released within seven hours.

During the seven hours of waiting, Old Wu ordered the cook at home to make a meal for his granddaughter and benefactor since he knew that they had not eaten yet due to their excitement.

During the meal, the whole family was very nervous.

Because they had already accepted in their hearts that Sze Lingyun was definitely their granddaughter, it was expected that they were anxious about the DNA test proving that she might not actually be.

The seven hours felt like seven years to the Wu family.

Nangong Nuannuan also wanted to know if Sze Lingyun and Wu Jingzhong were father and daughter. She did not wait until nightfall before she made her move.

After dinner, Nangong Nuannuan connected her computer to the projector. After making sure that everything she was doing could be seen by the Wu family, she gave Lan Weisong a call.

"Nuannuan, how did you get Lan Weisong's number? Did Big Brother Chi give it to you?"

Seeing that the call was still connecting, Wu Pingting could not help but ask her question in a low voice.

Sze Lingyun pulled Wu Pingting to the side and said in a low voice, "There are a lot of hackers at the Eagle Special Forces. As the commander of the Eagle Special Forces, Big Brother Chi is probably a pro hacker himself."

Wu Pingting's eyes lit up when she heard that.

She had watched a lot of spy movies from abroad, and she especially liked hacker characters. When she heard that Chi Yang might actually be a hacker, she worshipped him even more. She really wanted to kneel down at his feet.

The number Nangong Nuannuan was calling was Lan Weisong's private number, so only his personal contacts could call him through the number. All of a sudden, he saw an unknown encrypted number pop up on his phone. Lan Weisong was in a meeting in the city, so he did not bother with it.

## **Chapter 2007: Asking Me to Interfere With Justice**

After all, Wu Jingzhong and Xu Binren had been arrested. He was the only one in charge of the city now.

Seeing the unfamiliar number, Lan Weisong did not pick up. He declined the call and added the number to his blacklist.



Who could have guessed that a second later, his phone would ring again?

Lan Weisong thought his eyes were mistaken. The number calling him was the same as the one he just blacklisted. He looked at the number carefully before blacklisting it again.

Who could have guessed that another second later, his phone would ring once again?

Lan Weisong frowned as he looked at the incoming call. This phone number looked the same as the previous two. This time, he let the call ring through as he opened his blacklist to have a look at it. He was still in his meeting.

He realized upon checking his logs that the last three calls had indeed been from the same number. He had a few random numbers blocked below it. Frowning, he picked up the phone and asked unhappily, "Who is it?"

At the other end of the line, the Wu family's eyes were wide open. As Lan Weisong picked up his Bluetooth earpiece, a very clear video suddenly appeared from the projector. It was obvious that Lan Weisong was in a meeting.

"It's me, Nangong Nuannuan." Nuannuan got straight to the point.

Lan Weisong was stunned for a moment before a displeased expression instantly took over his face. He smiled and said, "So it's you, Miss Nangong. May I know what business you're calling about?"

As he spoke, he stood up and gestured for his meeting partners to step aside. He then walked out to take the call.

Nangong Nuannuan and the members of the Wu family had seen the shocked and adoring gazes of the participants when Lan Weisong said, 'Miss Nangong'.

After all, there was only one person in Camino called that, and she was the eldest daughter of the Nangong family, the brilliant young Nangong Nuannuan.

Everyone thought it was odd that Miss Nangong was calling Lan Weisong, as he was a member of the Shi family.

Nangong Nuannuan, "..."

Was this call actually shining a good light on Lan Weisong?

Nangong Nuannuan was very unhappy at this thought. Her tone dropped as she got straight to the point and asked, "Governor Lan, I told you yesterday that I would only stay in Sea District for three days. Yesterday was my second day. I hope Governor Lan can release Governor Wu today. How is his matter coming along?"

Lan Weisong frowned. He had not been expecting Nangong Nuannuan to still remember that.

The governor and deputy governor had been taken away by the Ministry of Justice, and he had made a great contribution to the Shi family. How could he return the position that was just within his grasp to that Wu Jingzhong?

Therefore, even though he was facing someone that the Shi family had repeatedly warned him not to offend, Lan Weisong made the bold decision to take this matter into his own hands.

“Miss Nangong, our country is a country with three independent powers, just like Sab. Even the executive hall cannot interfere with the Ministry of Justice’s affairs. Even though they’re established within the administrative office of Sea District, the Ministry of Justice won’t listen to me! You’re asking me to get the Ministry of Justice to release this person? Isn’t that the same as asking me to interfere with justice?”

“So, in other words, Governor Lan has turned a deaf ear to my words?” Nangong Nuannuan asked bluntly.

Lan Weisong disliked Nangong Nuannuan’s tone very much. Her tone made it sound like she was his immediate superior.

“Miss Nangong, even though you’re the eldest daughter of the Nangong family and have a distinguished status, you don’t have the right to interfere in the matters of the executive hall’s affairs, do you? No matter what, Wu Jingzhong did subcontract that four-mile road to the Wu Family.”

## **Chapter 2008: I Truly Want to Treat You as a Friend**

“Since this is the Wu family’s matter, now that this has happened, the head of the Wu family, Wu Jingzhong, should take responsibility. Don’t you agree, Miss Nangong? If I started this incident and got my Lan family involved, then I would take responsibility for the entire incident. Miss Nangong, you asking me to let him go is really quite an imposition.

“But don’t worry, Miss Nangong. I’ve reported Zhou Wei’s actions to the Ministry of Justice. Since Miss Nangong is so close to the Wu family, she must already know what happened last night. A prison guard poisoned Wu Zongxu in prison and killed him. After that, they went to Xu Binren’s residence. My people were paying close attention to the situation. Not only did they arrest Zhou Wei, but they also connected Xu Binren to the case. With Xu Binren arrested, Wu Jingzhong’s responsibility in this matter will shrink and his sentence will be lighter.

“Miss Nangong, I really want to help you and release Wu Jingzhong from jail, but I’m not in the place to do that. I really want us to be allies, so I’ve done my best in this matter. I’ve done my best for the Wu family! Miss Nangong, please don’t make things difficult for me anymore...”

“Hehe.” Nangong Nuannuan sneered and replied, “What if I insist on making things difficult for you?”

Lan Weisong frowned unhappily. “Miss Nangong, if you insist on making things difficult for me, I have no choice but to report this matter to the Shi family. Even though you’re the deeply beloved eldest daughter of the Nangong family, who only found you after many years, the Shi family and the Nangong family are equally matched. I don’t think you want the Nangong family and the Shi family fighting over this small matter that pertains to the Wu family, right?

“Miss Nangong, I truly want to treat you as a friend, which is why I’m telling you the truth. This is coming from the very bottom of my heart. The Shi family and the Nangong family are both magnates. If we fight

openly or in secret, it's very likely that mutually assured destruction will be the case. Are you willing to watch the Nangong family get hurt by the Wu family, to whom you're completely unrelated?

"Miss Nangong, I can only help you so much. If you insist on forcing my hand, I'll have to bring this to the Shi family. But if you let this matter go, I can promise you that I'll protect the Wu family for your sake. In the future, even if the Wu family doesn't get Wu Jingzhong back, I can still open some doors for them. After all, the Wu family is pretty prominent within Sea District. What do you think of this win-win proposition, Miss Nangong?"

When the Wu family members heard Lan Weisong's words, they felt very heavy-hearted.

After all, Nangong Nuannuan had gone up against Lan Weisong because she wanted to help them. Even though they knew that Lan Weisong was the mastermind behind all this, but they really could not bear to allow Nangong Nuannuan to go up against the Shi family on behalf of their Wu family.

The members of the Wu family were all kind-hearted. After Old Wu heard Lan Weisong's words, he instinctively took a step forward and got ready to tell Nangong Nuannuan his plan.

Who could have guessed that the moment he took a step forward, Nangong Nuannuan would say, "Alright. Since Governor Lan doesn't know how to appreciate favors, you can call the Shi family and report this matter to them. Either way, I want Wu Jingzhong out today no matter what. If you don't take the initiative to handle this matter well, I'll handle it myself in an hour. Governor Lan, listen up. You have one hour."

Lan Weisong had already walked to the lounge behind the conference room.

## **Chapter 2009: A Limit to Coddling**

Now that everyone was in the meeting room and there was no one in the lounge with him, Lan Weisong revealed an extremely ferocious expression.

"Miss Nangong, it's not your fault that you're young and naive, but I hope you won't turn this win-win deal into a war."

"Governor Lan, it's good to be ambitious, but I advise you to look into your heart and find some kindness."

"Since Miss Nangong insists, I have no choice but to report this matter to the Shi family."

"In that case, you can also tell the Shi family that I only gave you an hour."

"Hmph!"

Lan Weisong snorted coldly and hung up the phone.

As the call was being hung up, Old Wu hurriedly said, "Nuannuan, I invited you here to treat Pingting's illness. In the end, not only did you help me cure Pingting, but you also helped us find our family's traitor and the evidence of my eldest son being wronged. You even helped us find our long-lost granddaughter. Your great kindness to our Wu family will never be forgotten during our lifetimes."

“But the Shi family is nothing to scoff at. Lan Weisong is a member of the Shi family, and they must know that he wants to become governor. He has already gotten so far, and the Shi family must have helped him a lot. They’re definitely invested in his success, and they’re scary when they’re invested. If you allow the Nangong family and the Shi family to go to war, our Wu family would have failed you.”

“That’s right, Nuannuan! You’ve already done a lot for our Wu family. We owe you more than we can ever repay. If we allow the Nangong family and the Shi family to fight, we’ll really feel bad.” Wu Jingcheng firmly discouraged her.

However, Nangong Nuannuan merely smiled indifferently. “Don’t worry. The Shi family won’t declare war on the Nangong family over their pawn Lan Weisong.”

How could she be so sure?!

Even though the Wu family was not situated in Emperor District, they were very clear on the relationship between the four great families there.

The Shi family was the kind of family that would go all out for the slightest benefit. This was because the Shi family had a complicated and messy history that they were intent on repairing.

It was precisely because of this that no matter what they did, they would go all out when it came to wars, which had earned them the reputation of being the second most powerful family among the four great families today.

Sea District was a very important district, and its governor would always be a very important man. It was unthinkable that the Shi family would not put up a fight over this.

If they wanted a fight, Nangong Nuannuan was going to get dragged in.

If they went up against her, the Nangong family was bound to come out on top, but not without many wounds.

This could be described as a lose-lose situation.

“Lieutenant General Chi, please advise Nuannuan on this. If she continues, she’ll definitely get the Nangong family in trouble.”

Old Wu looked at Chi Yang, hoping that he would open his mouth and say a few words to persuade Nuannuan against this.

“Even for a girl, Nuannuan is too loyal. Since she sees us as friends, as her friends, we can’t allow her to do this. Lan Weisong has already threatened her. We can’t just stand by and watch Nuannuan and the Shi family get into a war.”

Chi Yang glanced at Nuannuan, who was sitting beside him. His eyes filled with affection.

Chi Yang only said six words to ‘help’ Old Wu’s efforts and dissuasion...

“They can count me in too.”

The Wu family members, “...”

They knew that he was a man who doted on his wife, but there should be a limit to how much one could coddle their wife!

“Old Wu, did you hear that? My Big Brother Chi Yang has our backs. I don’t think the Shi family will dare to go up against the Nangong family at all.”

### **Chapter 2010: What Would They Do if Forced Into a Corner?**

Nangong Nuannuan could not reveal that the Shi family feared her, not her family. However, to put the Wu family at ease, Nangong Nuannuan did her best to show off her formidable background. She let the Wu family know that she was not only backed by the Nangong family but the Chi family too. Thus, if the Shi family dared to do anything, the Chi family would certainly lend a hand in ensuring they did not get away with it.

Wu Jingcheng kept quiet, but Old Wu was still worried.

“Lieutenant General Chi, I know that most of the promising officers at the military base are from the Eagle Special Forces, which is your grandfather and father’s brainchild. However, the country’s law is also clear on the fact that soldiers are not allowed to interfere with any of the executive hall’s decisions. These laws are also in place to prevent military officers from becoming president and ruling the country. Even though you and your grandfather do have a lot of power and are well known, going after the Shi family would undoubtedly result in making a few enemies for you and you being criticized. Lieutenant General Chi, Nuannuan, my second daughter-in-law has already gone to the executive hall to look for the 12th official. I believe he will definitely help us. When he arrives with the people from the Ministry of Justice, we will hand over the video we have to them. This way, we can save Jingzhong without disrupting the current harmony between the Nangong family and the Shi family.”

Nangong Nuannuan asked, “We’ll have to wait a few more days for the people from the administrative office and the Ministry of Justice to come over, right? Aren’t you afraid that Lan Weisong will find the time to kill Uncle Wu before then, once he hears of this?”

Old Wu and the other members of the Wu family instantly turned pale.

“No... He wouldn’t, right? Jingzhong is the governor of Sea District, after all. What right does he have to harm Jingzhong? And Jingzhong was taken away by the people from the Ministry of Justice.”

“The Shi family is ranked second among the four big families partly because they have had their sights set on politics all these years. They have a huge advantage here, since they have many people in the administrative office, executive hall, and Ministry of Justice. This is a network that they’ve been building since Shi Gen’s generation. Shi Maowen is the 13th officer. He and the 12th, Li Heyi, are fierce competitors, and the Wu family plans to the 13th official’s competitor to protect Uncle Wu? Even if the Shi family wants to stay out of this, they will probably feel obliged to step in. After all, once the 12th official is instructed to protect Uncle Wu, he will instantly be considered to be on Uncle Wu and the Wu family’s side. Considering the Wu family’s poor record of repaying kindness, is it possible that the Wu family and Uncle Wu won’t help the 12th official if he encounters difficulties? What do you think he would do then? Old Wu, what do you suppose the Shi family will do to Uncle Wu if they feel like they’re being forced into a corner?”

As soon as Nangong Nuannuan finished speaking, Elder Wu turned around and said to Wu Jingcheng, "Quick, give Tang Ya a call. Tell her not to let the 12th official contact the people from the Ministry of Justice."

"Okay."

Wu Jingcheng was very obedient. He immediately gave his wife a call and explained the situation.

It was not until this matter settled down that Old Wu asked Nuannuan again, "Nuannuan, regarding this..."

"Just do as I say. Don't worry, Old Wu. I'm very confident that the Shi family won't have the courage to try to come after me."

Unfortunately, after Shi Yalin's protests, the Shi family had completely hidden themselves away—making it impossible for Nuannuan to find a way to go after them first.

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Therefore, she really hoped that they would come out of hiding to confront her directly. They wanted to fight back, did they not?