

Physician Wife 61

Chapter 61: The General Manager of Tianheng Holdings

“...I’m not mistaken, I tell you! I attended the video conference—the chairman is so youthful and beautiful, how could I possibly be mistaken? It’s only that she’s somehow grown even lovelier! I could never mix her appearance up with anyone else, believe me! If not, how could the chairman possibly wink at me when I wanted to speak? ...That, I’m not sure of. From the way things looked, that lady seemed to be the chairman’s mother; both of them resemble each other like two peas in a pod. General Manager, does the chairman not have a good relationship with her mother? From what I observed of her mother’s dressing and appearance, she doesn’t seem like a rich woman at all! ...Yes! ...Yes! ...I admit I’m in the wrong; in future, I won’t discuss the chairman behind her back like this anymore.”

Zhong Nuannuan followed Jian Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian in Tianheng Holdings as they hung out together. On the road, quite a few English-style noble carriages made a sudden appearance.

As Jian Shuwan escorted Zhong Nuannuan and Zhong Qianqian out of yet another branded store, a car came to a stop not too far from them.

A foreigner hurried towards them, surrounded by a cluster of people.

“Good day Madam. I’m the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings. My name is Aiden.”

One look at this tall, handsome foreigner in front of her—190cm tall, all told—and Jiang Shuwan involuntarily blushed, looking extremely flattered.

She forced herself to give a faint, appropriate smile, greeting him in return. “Good day, Mr. Aiden. Is anything the matter?”

“It’s like this, Madam. Tianheng Holdings has only been established in Jiangzhou for less than half a month. In order to make sure we provide perfect service, I would like to accompany you today while you shop in Tianheng Holdings. If you have any dissatisfaction regarding anything at all about the company, please don’t hesitate to let me know, and we will do our very best to improve.”

Zhong Qianqian looked at the handsome foreigner and immediately turned scarlet.

So this was the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings!

At last, she had seen this Adonis of General Managers from Tianheng Holdings!

Tianheng Holdings was originally an extremely strong multinational group that had expanded its market into Camino from overseas. If this Aiden fellow was already District General Manager at such a young age, he was undoubtedly someone of influence!

Zhong Qianqian gave a little chuckle. “Aiden, out of all the many customers here today, may I ask why you choose to accompany us?”

Aiden gave a warm, gentlemanly smile; his reply would have brazenly charmed the birds off the trees in its sincerity. “I was passing by just now, and this high-class lady chaperoning two elegant young women caught my attention. There were no men accompanying them, so I decided to be bold and come over. Beautiful ladies, might I have the distinct pleasure of carrying your shopping bags for you?”

Zhong Qianqian was completely charmed by Aiden's extremely favorable attitude. "Heehee, of course. You're welcome to come with us!"

"How may I address you, Madam?"

"My surname is Jiang. This is my daughter Zhong Qianqian and this is Nuannuan."

"Both of them are your daughters?"

"Yes, they are."

"Madam Jiang really is fortunate to have two such beautiful daughters."

Such praise from Aiden made Zhong Qianqian blush all over again.

"Ms. Nuannuan, may I be of service to you?"

Aiden had noticed the bag that Zhong Nuannuan was carrying; he gallantly held out his hand.

Zhong Nuannuan glanced at him and put her bag into his outstretched hand without a word.

Such an ungracious display on Zhong Nuannuan's part made Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian's expressions turn black with disapproval. This was such a disgrace to them!

"Nuannuan, where are your manners? Mr. Aiden is the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings—we're so fortunate that he's able to accompany us on our shopping, and you can't even say thank you?"

Chapter 62: Haute Couture Placed Aside

"It's alright, I can tell that Miss Nuannuan is a straightforward person. I like that, hahahaha..."

The moment Aiden finished his sentence, Zhong Qianqian's expression darkened even more.

She felt that no matter where she went, as long as Zhong Nuannuan was present, men would only have eyes for the latter.

"Alright, let's go check out the next shop. Aiden, since you're the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings, I'm sure you have insight on the bestselling products of each brand here?"

"Tianheng Holdings has a total of 75 malls around the world, and each mall is filled with different stores; the same goes for each brand's bestselling product as it differs according to the preferences of people in different countries. I'm from headquarters, so I'm still not very familiar with the bestselling products of each brand here. However, my subordinate here, Mr. Wu Jingcheng, the General Manager of Jiang District's Tianheng Holdings, is extremely familiar with the operations of the stores here. If Madam and my two Miss Zhongs don't mind, I can help you with your shopping bags, while Mr. Wu can be your shopping guide. How does that sound?"

Once Wu Jingcheng heard his big boss' suggestion of being a personal tour guide, he immediately straightened his back and perked up. "Hello, Madam Jiang, Miss Zhong, I'm the General Manager of Jiang District's Tianheng Holdings. Happy to be at your service today."

At this moment, Jiang Shuwen and Zhong Qianqian's eyes widened in shock. Without even bothering about Wu Jingcheng's presence beside them, they latched onto the few words that had just come out of Aiden's mouth.

"You... you're the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings' headquarters?"

Zhong Qianqian's voice came out like a frog's croak. Although she had wanted to portray her feminine and graceful ladylike temperament by speaking gently, her voice was betrayed by the excitement building up in her chest.

As for Wu Jingcheng, he was completely ignored by the mother and daughter duo.

It was just that Aiden's position was so powerful. It was powerful to the point that they could no longer maintain their proper etiquette.

Aiden replied with a polite smile. "Our mall in Jiang District had just opened recently, so I'm only here temporarily to overlook things."

"Then... How long are you planning to stay here?" Zhong Qianqian asked with a burning blush across her face.

"It's still uncertain at the moment, but I'll stay for some time if I get used to the customs and culture. Who knows, I might consider settling here permanently if I get too comfortable."

His response seemed almost like a pass issued directly to Zhong Qianqian, causing her heart to flutter impatiently. After all, she had the personality of a proud peacock, so it was only natural for her to assume that Aiden was implying that he was keen on developing a relationship with her. If things worked out between them, Aiden would even stay and settle down with her.

"Real... Really?" Zhong Qianqian became tongue-tied amidst the excitement.

"Really."

Aiden had deep, penetrating eyes that were so blue they seemed to be able to quench all the starlight in the universe, there was a sparkle to them so bright that one would find it impossible to break his gaze.

Aside from the narcissistic Zhong Qianqian, even passersby noticed that the Vice President of Tianheng Holdings, the very General Manager of Tianheng Holdings, was blatantly sending hints to a Chinese lady who was not exactly considered beautiful.

The General Manager always had countless beauties surrounding him. When did he become blind?

Just as Zhong Qianqian had immersed herself in her daydream, Aiden suddenly turned to Zhong Nuannuan, who was standing beside her. Unable to hide his flattery tone, he asked eagerly, "So, I was wondering if Miss Zhong had some time on her hand? I'm still new to this town and I don't have any friends around. If you're free, dare I ask if Miss Zhong would like to meet for tea?"

Zhong Qianqian, who was still in her dream, seemed to have suddenly been splashed with a large bucket of ice water, and her heart went cold.

Chapter 63: His World Had Turned Upside Down

So... The General Manager of Tianheng Holdings' headquarters was making a pass on Zhong Nuannuan?

How could that be?

How was it possible?!

Seeing that Zhong Nuannuan did not respond, Jiang Shuwan quickly chimed in with a laugh.

"Of course, that sounds nice. You should know that both my daughters are still students though, so if you want to arrange something with them, you have to make sure it's outside school hours!"

Aiden's heart leaped in glee. "Of course! Academics is important! I can tell that Madam Jiang's daughters are good students with good grades."

"You're too kind!" Jiang Shuwan replied with a courteous smile before turning her attention to Wu Jingcheng. "General Manager Wu, my Nuannuan was recently accused of murdering someone so she had just spent a whole month in prison. Now that she has been released, her fiancé has organized a banquet for her, which is why I have brought them out today to get them a dress. Many distinguished personalities will be attending my daughter's banquet this weekend, so I'm having a major dilemma now as I have no idea what kind of dress to get her. Would you be so kind as to show us around, please?"

Jiang Shuwan had easily brought up Zhong Nuannuan's fiancé and her time in prison for murder in a single sentence. Zhong Qianqian almost wanted to praise her mother's quick wit.

Seeing the shocked expression on Aiden's face, the mother and daughter were immediately satisfied.

"Mr. Aiden, are you alright?" Zhong Qianqian asked with concern. At this moment, she was focusing all her effort on Aiden, completely forgetting about Chi Yang's existence.

Chi Yang was nothing more than a captain, whereas Aiden was already a General Manager of a top hundred international corporation. It was evident which one of their statuses was more distinguished.

Aiden finally recovered and muttered in shock. "In prison? Fiancé?"

Their big boss has gone to prison? For a month too? How did they not know about this?

Their big boss had a fiancé? When did this happen? Which rowdy man was it? Who dared to snatch away their brilliant and powerful big boss!

What the... D*mn!!!

Aiden's mind was raging like a storm.

"Yeah! Sigh. He was a classmate of Nuannuan and had a crush on her too. When he found out that Nuannuan had a fiancé, he came to confront her. They had a little fight and amidst the pushing and shoving, the poor boy's epilepsy was triggered and he died after falling down the stairs. His parents were adamant about our Nuannuan deliberately pushing him down the stairs, but what does it have to do with our Nuannuan? What do you think? He's just unlucky! Now that Nuannuan had been released and her innocence has been proved, her fiancé wants to hold a special banquet for Nuannuan."

"Then... Who is her fiancé?"

Aiden was no longer concerned about whether or not he was being pushy. He desperately wanted to know who this hero was... This wild man who had snatched their big boss away.

Zhong Qianqian was once again aggravated by how unrestrained Aiden was being as he asked about Zhong Nuannuan. "He's just a soldier," she answered in an extremely shrill and sharp voice.

On the other hand, Jiang Shuyan maintained an elegant and calm expression. "He's a military officer. My future son-in-law is the youngest and most promising military officer in Camino. In fact, I have never seen a soldier who is more outstanding than my future son-in-law."

Pa! The shopping bags fell to the ground.

Aiden turned to Zhong Nuannuan with a look of despair in his eyes.

A military officer!!!!!!

Their big boss was engaged to a military officer?!

What the f*ck...

Aiden felt as if his world had turned upside down.

She was indeed a big boss. Sure enough, nothing about her was normal!

Chapter 64: Serve

Zhong Nuannuan was almost brought to tears just by looking at Aiden's gaze at that moment. Thus, she turned to Jiang Shuwan and said, "Mother, let's go, don't we still have to get some new clothes? I'll be sure to choose an expensive one today."

After saying everything she could, Jiang Shuwan believed that Aiden would no longer be transfixed on Zhong Nuannuan anymore. With a satisfied smile, she took Zhong Nuannuan's hand and pulled her daughter away as they walked in front, leaving the world behind to Aiden and Zhong Qianqian.

Along the way, both of them talked and laughed, and Zhong Nuannuan could sense genuine happiness radiating from Zhong Qianqian.

Proving to be a smooth talker, Aiden maintained a sweet conversation with Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian the entire time. Needless to say, the mother and daughter were particularly happy.

Not only did they praise him for his good Chinese, they complimented his good looks and humor as well.

With Aiden as their shopping guide, Jiang Shuwan bought Zhong Nuannuan a custom-made gown from an unknown brand that was worth almost 30 thousand. Then, she bought Zhong Qianqian a custom-made gown that cost nearly 70 thousand, all to look good in front of him.

At first, Aiden was upset when he noticed the price difference in both gowns, but when his big boss showed no signs of being unhappy, he pushed the unpleasant thought to the back of his mind and continued serving his big boss's family.

Before leaving, Zhong Qianqian cast a reluctant look at Aiden and offered voluntarily, “Aiden, if you don’t mind, can you leave me your phone number? If I have anything I need the next time I visit Tianheng Holdings, I can always ask you. Or will that be inconvenient for you?”

“No, of course! Please feel free to always contact me!”

Aiden keyed in his number right away and watched as she saved his phone number in her contacts. Then, aside from saving Zhong Qianqian’s number, he also noted down Jiang Shuwan’s number. Finally, he turned to Zhong Nuannuan.

“I don’t have a phone.”

Zhong Nuannuan’s cold voice sent a chill down Aiden’s spine.

Big boss... did not look happy.

Cough, oh well. Big boss cared so much about her family, so big boss would surely be happy if they liked him.

With that in mind, Aiden turned his deep and charming blue eyes to Zhong Qianqian as he cast a penetrating gaze at her. “I have Weibo too, may I know if Miss Zhong uses it as well? If you do, we can add each other on the platform and keep in touch.”

At that time, WeChat had only just emerged and had yet to become a mainstream communication platform, hence most people were still using Weibo. Some of the young daughters from aristocratic families even had their own following, and those who lacked followers had easily bought numbers on the platform. Zhong Qianqian was exactly one of these cases.

“Yes, I do. Here, let me add you,” Zhong Qianqian replied excitedly, her mood completely cheering up from the earlier incident with Chi Yang.

Jiang Shuwan looked on with joy as Aiden added Zhong Qianqian’s Weibo account. Then, he escorted the mother and daughters to the parking lot.

As Zhong Nuannuan was about to get into the car, Aiden could no longer help himself, so he asked, “Miss Nuannuan, may I speak to you alone for a minute?”

“Mother, please wait for me.”

With that, Zhong Nuannuan closed the door, separating herself from Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian.

“Mother, Zhong Nuannuan is too much! She already has a fiancé, how dare she try to make a move on Aiden! She’s shameless!

Looking at the sight of Aiden and Zhong Nuannuan walking away side by side, Jiang Shuwan’s expression darkened as well.

“Hmph, she already has Chi Yang! How can she cross the line with other men?”

Chapter 65: Big Boss, Please Praise Me

“Don’t forget that Chi Yang has already reported his marriage to the military, so it’s officially a military marriage now. If Zhong Nuannuan dares to solicit other men outside and ends up getting caught by military officials, she’ll have to face time in prison!”

Zhong Qianqian also understood this, but she could not help but feel angry as she burst into tears. “But Aiden doesn’t know all of that, and it’s so obvious! Aiden likes her! When you told him that she’s engaged, he was so shocked he dropped all the shopping bags. Woo... Mother, Zhong Nuannuan is truly my nemesis. She’s always out for every man I set my eyes on. I don’t care, I don’t want her to steal my men anymore. Aiden’s mine!”

Although Jiang Shuwan remained collected on the outside in the hopes that Zhong Qianqian would calm down, inside, she was boiling with rage to the point that her hands started trembling in anger.

She could understand her daughter’s feelings at the moment because she had experienced the same thing before too. Back then, Pu Yu had once snatched her man away from her. How could she forget the extreme pain that ached to her very bones?

Jiang Shuwan let out a grim laugh. “Qianqian, just wait for a little while longer. I will make sure she loses all dignity and completely embarrasses herself. I’m sure that will show her. Don’t worry, Aiden will be yours.”

With that, Jiang Shuwan opened the door.

“Mother... What are you doing?” Zhong Qianqian grabbed Jiang Shuwan’s hand nervously. “I know I acted too rash toward Chi Yang last time, and that’s why he got so disgusted with my desperation. I can tell now that although Aiden likes Zhong Nuannuan, he’s still on the fence when it comes to me and Zhong Nuannuan because she has a fiancé. I can’t repeat the same mistake again. This time, I’ll make sure Aiden will come to me on his own volition!”

Jiang Shuwan patted her daughter’s hand and reassured, “Don’t worry, let Mother handle it this time. This is their first time meeting, so what’s the need to speak alone? All you have to do is remain the poised and elegant woman that you are and wait for him to ask you out. I refuse to believe that this b*tch has the audacity to seduce another man in front of her mother. Besides... Don’t we have a banquet this weekend? Imagine having the General Manager of Tianheng Holdings on your arm—you would straightaway become the number one socialite of Jiang District!”

Zhong Qianqian’s eyes widened when she heard the words “number one socialite of Jiang District” and a dazed look clouded her eyes. When she finally regained her composure, there was a different kind of sparkle in her eye.

“Mother, it’s up to you then! You must make Aiden fall for me! If I can marry Aiden, forget being the number one socialite in Jiang District, I even stand a chance of being the number one socialite in Camino! Both of us will never have to live under Father’s scrutiny anymore.”

“Yes, that’s right! When my darling Qianqian becomes the wife of Tianheng Holdings’ General Manager, I can do whatever I want, and I don’t need to be worried about what your father thinks of me anymore. Just you wait and see, Mother will go and stir something up.”

“Yes! Mother, you can do it!”

Elegant and poised, Jiang Shuwan stepped out of the car and walked toward Zhong Nuannuan and Aiden.

At that moment, both figures were blocked by the trees around the corner. From Jiang Shuwan's angle, it was impossible for her to spy on them.

As for the two people who were currently hidden from the public eye, their roles have completely reversed.

Aiden who had remained a top-class gentleman in front of others was now looking at his big boss with a sneaky grin on his face, looking like a large dog eager to be praised and petted.

The conversation between the two was open and frank.

"Big boss, what do you think? I performed quite alright in front of your mother and sister, didn't I?"

Chapter 66: Big Boss's Brother-in-law, D*mn

Zhong Nuannuan looked at Aiden in disgust, and just as she was about to speak, he continued urgently, "Big boss, Zhong Qianqian is your biological sister right? Ahahahaha... Big boss, do you think that Zhong Qianqian fell in love with me the second she saw me? She was passing moves on me the whole time, wasn't she? Say, what do you think are my chances if I pursue her? Hah... Hahahaha... Big boss, I might be your brother-in-law in the near future!"

Aiden was so elated he was on cloud nine. After all, nobody would expect life to deal one a reverse card like this. Who would have imagined a lousy little boy like him becoming the big boss's brother-in-law?

Aiden was smiling so hard his eyes were barely open anymore, hence being unable to see the increasingly dark frown that clouded Zhong Nuannuan's face.

"Say, big boss, would others be jealous of me if I were to become your brother-in-law? Would they be so jealous that they would be tempted to kill me? Ahahahaha... I can already imagine the envy in their eyes. I'm so tempted to call them right now!"

Aiden felt an inexplicable giddiness as he thought of the others' awe-struck expression.

The big boss's brother-in-law, for f*ck's sake!!

He would have the highest status among everyone in the future, and even the big boss would have to listen to him!

Although it was still a long way to go, Aiden was already eager to marry Zhong Qianqian.

Zhong Nuannuan silently watched as Aiden crumbled into a rambling shell of a man. She was unable to provide any response would be even moderately appropriate to his stupidity.

With a coquettish and sweet smile, she asked softly, "Do you know why I faced time in jail?"

"Ah?" Aiden, clearly still immersed in the joy of becoming the big boss's brother-in-law, was taken aback by her question. Immediately, the gentleness and pure bliss in his eyes disappeared as it was replaced by a piercing entered. "Why? Did someone accuse you?"

"It's because Zhong Qianqian killed someone, and everyone in the family, especially my mother, couldn't bear the thought of her going to jail. That's how I became her scapegoat and went to jail in her place."

"..."

Aiden felt as if someone had just poured a bucketful of cold water over his head.

"The first day I entered prison, I immediately found out that someone had bribed one of the prison guards into killing me, or more precisely, to feed me pesticide. Would you like to have a guess who was so vicious to do that?"

"!!!" Aiden's expression sank immediately.

"They... but aren't they your family? Didn't they only acknowledge you as a daughter after running a DNA test in the past? You share a resemblance to Jiang Shuwan too."

"Because of how much we look alike, nobody bothered to run a DNA test, and neither did anyone ever doubt her identity. However, after being released from prison, I had a good look at her and discovered that she had undergone plastic surgery. She only bears a slight resemblance to me now because everything is artificial. Therefore, I can conclude that her original appearance is nothing like the way she appears now."

"Big boss, are you saying... she's not your biological mother?"

"Yep," Zhong Nuannuan said with a nod.

"What about Zhong Kuijun then? Your DNA was a complete match to his."

"Zhong Kuijun should be my father, but I think it'll still be safer to do another test."

With that, Zhong Nuannuan retrieved a small plastic bag from her purse.

"All our names are marked on these bags, so just run another DNA test for us. Focus more on Jiang Shuwan and me, as well as Zhong Qianqian and Jiang Shuwan's blood test."

"Yes, big boss."

"I'm returning to classes next Monday, so I also need you to help me find out what happened to our family 17 years ago. I need a detailed investigation done on one person in particular as well."

"Who's that?"

"Nangong Yu."

"Nangong Yu? Isn't that the richest and most wealthy family in Camino?"

Chapter 67: Nuannuan's Great Ambition

"Yes." Nuannuan nodded. "Nangong Yu was the Nangong family's only beloved daughter, but she vanished 20 years ago. After passing through many places, she finally showed up in Jiang District and was rescued by Zhong Kuijun, whom she later married. It's not clear if she lost her memory, or if she was fleeing from being hunted down and killed, but she changed her name to Pu Yu later on. If my guess is right, this woman is my biological mother. The only thing is, Nangong Yu died not long after giving birth

to her child. This is why I want you all to investigate what happened in the Zhong family that year and what caused Nangong Yu's death. I also need a photograph of Nangong Yu."

"That's far too despicable! If that's the case, big boss, isn't it possible that back then, someone deliberately plotted to have you abducted and sold? Was it that Jiang Shuwan?"

Aiden did not seem particularly concerned that his own family's big boss might be the elder miss of the Nangong family. His focus was entirely on the matter of the big boss' abduction as a child.

After all, in his eyes, his family's big boss was herself a top international tycoon. Regardless of whether her identity was ultimately that of the humble Zhong family's beautiful daughter or the Nangong family's aristocratic debutante, she was still his wise and resolute big boss who was more awesome than anyone else!

Seeing the hate that filled Aiden's eyes as if it had been his own mother who had been maliciously driven to her death and he had been the one abducted and sold by human traffickers, Zhong Nuannuan could not help chuckling in amusement.

"Big boss, what are you laughing about?"

Zhong Nuannuan winked at him. "So now do you still want to be my brother-in-law? If you really like Zhong Qianqian, I might take into consideration your relationship as my brother-in-law and won't exact retribution on my family if justice demands it!"

Aiden was rendered speechless by this. What was he to do, now that he no longer wanted to speak to Zhong Qianqian any longer?

"Big boss, this family of yours is so vile, why do you still persist in remaining as part of them? You're even going to school! Isn't it enough to have a free, happy life with the few of us brothers?"

When he remembered how he had sent the big boss home six months ago and how he had stared blankly upon seeing her in a school uniform with a very short skirt, her hair in a ponytail and a school bag on her shoulders for class—Aiden could not bring himself to meet her gaze at all.

"If any outsiders find out that you're in a small provincial town like this in Jiang District going to high school, I can predict they'll be so shocked even their teeth will fall out! Big boss, the few of us siblings won't be able to live it down you know!"

Zhong Nuannuan was dumbfounded. "You do whatever you like; I do whatever I like. We stay in contact and we don't get in each other's way—what's wrong with that? It's not that I'm not acknowledging all of you anymore. However, if you feel I'm an embarrassment, you can all choose not to acknowledge me."

"You like going to high school?" Aiden's voice rose higher in pitch; he could not help it. Who would have thought that the big boss had such abnormal tastes!

"You wouldn't understand; I'm a person with dreams," Zhong Nuannuan replied in all seriousness.

"Big boss, you're already an extremely wealthy woman. Not just you, but the few of us siblings who have been with you and Big Brother—even if we just lie idle and squander that wealth, we'll never be able to squander it all. What other dreams do you have in mind? Just say the word and all of us brothers will go through fire and water to make it come true."

The big boss' dreams were their dreams too; Aiden did not consider this to be a laughing matter.

"I'm the only one who can achieve my dreams," Zhong Nuannuan told him.

"Well, tell me about them then."

"My dream is to become a doctor. I want to take the entrance exam for the best medical school in the country so I can be admitted to the best medical research institute."

"...What?" Aiden thought he had misheard.

"In a nutshell, I want to become a highly-skilled doctor who can contribute to society!"

Aiden's jaw dropped in astonishment.

Chapter 68: My Big Boss Has Been Switched Out

Aiden stared at Zhong Nuannuan in a daze. For a long time, the words were stuck in his throat.

"What's wrong?" Zhong Nuannuan curled her lips, looking at a dumbstruck Aiden.

"No... Nothing. I'm just trying to see if you've been switched out. Judging from your external shell, you're still my big boss, but inside, you're already someone else."

Zhong Nuannuan smiled gently. She said seriously, "After getting back on the right track, I kept thinking that I needed to do something useful. Then, I had a earlier. A really long dream. After waking up from that dream, I decided to become a doctor who helps the dying and heals the injured." Best if I could become a military doctor.

She did not verbalize the last sentence at the end, though. She was afraid that she would frighten these little buddies.

"..." Aiden was left speechless.

"Look at your face, it's like you're saying that becoming a doctor isn't a legitimate occupation. Think about it. I have a good grasp of pharmacology and know the acupuncture techniques too. Once I learn the ins and outs of surgical operation and how to be smart with my ability, when I become a famous doctor, if any of you falls sick or are injured, even if it is really serious, I will be able to treat you. Isn't that good?"

If she could become a highly-skilled doctor, she would be able to treat Chi Yang. She swore an oath that she must cure Chi Yang illness!

"... Good!" Hehe. It was precisely because it was so good that he could hardly react.

"Big boss, I can't believe that you're actually a lady who's so... traditional and noble at heart!" Aiden nearly peed his pants from his big boss' noble wil.

Zhong Nuannuan gave him a huge grin in response. She patted Aiden's shoulder, saying, "My life goal is to become a fine woman who has a distinguished career, can support my husband, and raise my children as well."

The corner of Aiden's lips twitched violently, looking as if he had just seen a ghost.

“Big boss, are you really so heartless that you don’t want your brothers anymore?”

“Didn’t I already mention it earlier? When I become a highly-skilled doctor, you can come to me immediately when you’re sick! No matter how sick you are, I won’t charge you a cent. Brothers will stay brothers—forever!”

Would not charge a cent?

How generous!

Aiden wanted to chuckle in Zhong Nuannuan’s face.

But he did not dare.

Seeing as if his spirit had left his body, Zhong Nuannuan talked sense into him patiently, “Aiden, I need to live my own life too! I will have a husband and children in the future. Although we can’t hangout like we used to, sticking together all the time, no one can change the fact that we’re friends forever — brothers for life. Once I’ve familiarized myself with this place, you can then infiltrate slowly.

“From now on, we will watch out for each other from afar as we live our new lives. Isn’t that good? Don’t worry. If anyone is so bold as to mess with our hard-earned new lives, I will not balk at killing that person.”

When she recalled the scene of her death, Zhong Nuannuan ordered, “Oh right, there’s one more thing. Find out about this woman with the code name ‘viper’. Look into list of international A-class assassins or mercenaries and see if you can identify this person. I’ll send this woman’s digital portrait to your email in a while.”

Aiden nodded absent-mindedly. “What’s wrong with this person? Did she offend you, big boss? Why don’t I just issue an assassination order straight away and f*ck her up.”

“This person is KE’s last surviving member.”

“Surviving member? I’ve not heard of this person before! If she’s really KE’s last surviving member, how could she possibly make it to the A-class name list when I’ve never even heard of her before?”

Zhong Nuannuan took a deep breath, then broke the tragic news to him. “King isn’t dead.”

Chapter 69: Kill Him Again

“What?” This time, Aiden’s expression changed for real. A hint of trepidation was evident in his eyes.

“How is that possible? We killed him with our own hands. We also blew up the entire island. How could he possibly survive that?”

“Yeah. Why isn’t he dead?” This was something that even Zhong Nuannuan herself could not comprehend.

“Big boss, are you mistaken?” Feeling rather defeated, Aiden asked.

Zhong Nuannuan shook her head. “King is indeed alive. This is a fact.” This was classified information that she had gotten in exchange for both her’s and Chi Yang’s life in the past.

Nevertheless, Aiden did not ask Zhong Nuannuan how she could be so sure.

This concerned their subordinates' safety. Zhong Nuannuan would never joke about things like that.

"If you want to find out about King's whereabouts, you need to start with this viper woman. Be careful. Right now, we're out in the open while they're hiding in the dark. If you hit a wall, come back and report it first. Don't confront them head on."

"Yes."

Seeing the dignified look in Aiden's eyes, Zhong Nuannuan patted his shoulders once more and said, "Don't worry so much. Even if he's not dead, he must have turned into a crippled who's knocking on death's door after we blew him up real good. If we could kill him the first time, then we can kill him the second time. If he has nine lives, we'll kill him ten times. Do you think he can still bounce around after all that?"

Aiden's morale was lifted by Zhong Nuannuan. "You're right, big boss. He's someone whom we will mop the floor with! Next time, I guarantee that he will die a clean death—a complete death!"

"Mm."

"Boss."

"Hmm?"

"What's up with the fiancé thing?" Aiden finally asked the main question.

Indeed, this was ultimately the thing that he was most concerned about.

Although the news that King was alive made him lose his head at first, Aiden returned to his unperturbed state after calming down. If the five of them could wipe out a massive organization such as KE, would they be defeated when facing a person who was teetering on the brink of death?

"Do you really have a fiancé now? Are you planning to marry him after the engagement?"

"Of course!" Thinking of Chi Yang and her life after marrying him, Zhong Nuannuan's heart was filled with longing.

Aiden saw the warmth in Zhong Nuannuan's eyes. This was his first time seeing big boss filled with such deep affection toward a man. At once, a sense of déjà vu arose in his heart, like a good white cabbage that had been dug up by a pig.

"That pig... No, I mean, is your fiancé really in the military?"

"Mm."

"But big boss, we're..."

Before Aiden could finish his sentence, Zhong Nuannuan gave him a gesture that forbade him from continuing. At almost the same time that Zhong Nuannuan asked him to stop talking, Aiden also sensed someone walking toward them.

"My big sis doesn't have a fiancé. If you want to court her, feel free to do it any time!"

Aiden, “!!!”

Jiang Shuwan walked over and heard these words.

Previously writhing with anger, when Jiang Shuwan spotted Aiden, she was prepared to disgust him by talking about how great Zhong Nuannuan’s fiancé was treating her and how deep and profound their relationship was.

After hearing Zhong Nuannuan’s words, however, her anger dissipated.

As it turned out, Aiden pulled Zhong Nuannuan aside to ask about Qianqian!

As for Zhong Nuannuan... Humph, consider herself sensible.

She was already dating Chi Yang. Naturally, she was not supposed to have any wishful thinking about Aiden.

Besides, Aiden was not a person who a country bumpkin like her had any right to contact.

“Alright. I can only say so much. My mum is still waiting for me. I’m leaving now.”

Having said that, Zhong Nuannuan headed back in the direction of the car.

She had turned around when she saw Jiang Shuwan.

Chapter 70: Expert At Smearing Subordinate’s Name

“Mum, why are you hear?”

Jiang Shuwan was grinning from ear to ear and was in high spirits. “I’m planning to organize a banquet party at our place this weekend. It may not be some kind of a grand banquet, but didn’t Aiden just arrive in Jiang District and, thus, not have many friends here? Aiden, if you don’t mind, feel free to join us this weekend.”

“Can I?” Aiden asked in delight.

“Of course you can! If you can come, your presence will certainly brighten up our humble dwelling!”

“Alright! I’ll make sure to drop by then.”

“Mm. You have Qianqian’s phone number anyway. I’ll ask Qianqian to contact you when the time comes to let you know about the specific time and address.”

“Alright. Madam Jiang, Miss Nuannuan, take care and goodbye.”

“Madam Jiang? It makes us so distant when you address me that way, don’t you think? Just call me Aunty Jiang next time.”

“Alright, Aunty Jiang.”

“I can’t thank you and General Manager Wu enough for accompanying us today.”

“Don’t mention it. Goodbye, Aunty Jiang.”

When Jiang Shuwan led Zhong Nuannuan back in the car, the look on Zhong Qianqian's face was one that could not wait to chop Zhong Nuannuan into pieces.

Afraid that Zhong Qianqian was going to do something awful again, the first thing Jiang Shuwan did when she climbed into the car was grin and say, "Qianqian, do you know why Aiden pulled Nuannuan aside just now?"

"..." She did not want to know! She did not have even the slightest interest to know!

"Just now, mum went there and overheard Nuannuan telling Aiden that you don't have a fiancé, then asked Aiden to pursue you freely."

Turning her head at breakneck speeds, Zhong Qianqian was lost for words. "Really?"

"Of course." Jiang Shuwan turned to look at Zhong Nuannuan. "Nuannuan, what exactly did Aiden tell you just now?"

"Nothing, really. At first, he was concerned about my going to prison. Then, he congratulated me for gaining freedom. Afterward, he complimented sis and my good looks, saying that it's a privilege for him to meet us. After exchanging conventional greetings for a very long time, he finally asked me if big sis has a boyfriend or fiancé. Foreigners are really annoying. They should get straight to the point if they want to ask something. Why go in one big circle. So exhausting!" Zhong Nuannuan climbed inside the car and smeared her subordinate's name without batting an eyelid.

After hearing what she said, Zhong Qianqian was completely over the moon.

"What do you know? That's him being polite. He can't be pulling you aside and asking you directly if I have a boyfriend or not, can he? How rude will that make him look? Ugh, you won't understand even if I explain it to you. Anyway, this is the mandatory social procedure and basic gentleman behavior of the upper class." Zhong Qianqian put in a good word for Aiden.

Seeing Zhong Nuannuan's disapproving look, she could not help thinking of her unsophisticated ways.

"Nuannuan, I think both you and Chi Yang look pretty good together, actually."

Of course, as soon as Chi Yang was mentioned, Zhong Nuannuan showed no humility. "That much is obvious! Chi Yang is my fiancé. If we're not a match, then is he supposed to be your match?"

Zhong Qianqian's temper immediately flared. However, when she recalled that the international group Tianheng Holdings' General Manager Aiden had actually fallen for her, all her grievances suddenly seemed to be bearable.

"As a soldier, Chi Yang may be exceptionally good-looking, classy, and has a bright future ahead of him, but he's doomed to be a rough man for the rest of his life due to the nature of his job. You, on the other hand, grew up in a farming district, so even though you can't pick up the many aspects of etiquette and nobility, a man like Chi Yang will surely look past that. Hence after thinking about it, both of you are truly a match made in heaven."

Did this woman describe her ridiculously good-looking prince charming, the Chi family's one and only crown prince, as a rough man? Zhong Nuannuan really wanted to spit in her face.