

## Physician Wife 991

### Chapter 991: Coincidence

The security guard did not speak loudly but he was not soft enough to stop others from listening in.

This lost the Gu and Huang families' a lot of face.

"Don't know where they are? Perhaps they've gone to prepare some ceremony to welcome our Qianqian back to their family? After all, even the old master is here today!"

Although Jiang Shuwan had a bad hunch about this, she still blurted those shameless words to support Zhong Qianqian.

Everyone from the Gu family and the Huang family did not look so well. Mrs. Gu looked at Zhong Qianqian and felt that she should make an appearance one more time.

"Qianqian, it's already half-past twelve. The guests are all hungry. Why don't you call your uncle again and ask when they can come over?"

"Okay." Since Nangong Qin answered her call earlier, the single-celled Zhong Qianqian did not realize that the situation had developed in a way that the Gu and Huang families did not dare imagine. She immediately fished out her phone that had been smashed into a spider web and called Nangong Qin.

The phone rang for a long time, but no one picked up.

Zhong Qianqian was not worried at all. She mumbled, "No one is picking up the call. Maybe they're truly preparing a huge present for me?"

The guests at the back felt like laughing.

As her family, they did not acknowledge her before she got married. Now that it was already half-past twelve and they had yet to reach the wedding venue. Yet, she still thought that they would give her a big present?

It would be good enough if this did not end up in sorrow!

"Tsk tsk, what a joke. There I was, wondering if she's some treasure of the Nangong family. In the end, she's just a pair of worn-out shoes that the Nangong family abandoned!"

Shi Yalin had originally come to provoke Zhong Qianqian. Now that she saw that the Nangong family did not care about Zhong Qianqian, she instantly felt that all of these had been for naught. She pressed the elevator button, and the elevator happened to be on the 22nd floor. Then, she went down.

She went down...

Coincidentally, the elevator beside that one was also on the 22nd floor. The elders who accompanied Shi Yalin were collateral descendants of the Shi family. Seeing that their Elder Miss left, they no longer had a reason to give the Gu and Huang family any face and entered the elevator as well.

After a while, the phone of the head of a second-tier wealthy family rang. He picked up the call.

"Hello? ...what? ...okay, I'll be right there."

After hanging up, the man's eyes flashed shiftily. He pressed the elevator button too, but it went up.

After pressing the elevator button, only then he explained, "I'm sorry, there's something urgent at my company. I'll head up first."

After saying that, he glanced at Gu Mingzhe and Zhong Qianqian and smiled. "I wish the two of you a blissful marriage."

Since the man was a top-tier powerhouse from the second-tier wealthy families, both the Huang and Gu family heads were exchanging pleasantries with him. After all, it was already good enough that he had come personally.

The Gu and Huang family heads could only express their regret that the man could not attend the wedding banquet. They said that they would definitely tell their in-laws that he was present.

The guest nodded politely. The elevator arrived and he entered.

"Wait, let's go together."

The Ning family and the Xiao family also sent some people over today. They were all collateral relatives. However, to the Gu family and the Huang family, these people were still far beyond their reach since they were equivalent to the top second-tier wealthy families.

"I'm going up."

After the guest entered, he told them where he was going.

However, the Ning and Xiao families also smiled and said, "What a coincidence. We also have something to attend to upstairs."

Then, they walked in.

After entering the elevator, they were about to press the button to the 66th floor when they realized that the button had already lighted up.

Therefore, the three parties looked at each other in the elevator in tacit understanding.

Before this group of people went up, another guest received a call and pushed the elevator button to head up too.

## **Chapter 992: 66th Floor**

"I'm sorry, Mr. Huang. Something came up, so I have to go now."

To those who left in the beginning, the Huang and Gu families could still see them off with smiles on their faces. However, as more and more people left, their smiles grew stiffer and stiffer.

Especially Gu Mingzhe's face—he could no longer suppress his grave expression.

At that moment, his mind was racing. He kept mulling over about might have gone wrong.

After all, since the beginning, after he revealed Zhong Qianqian's identity, the Nangong family did not act like this even when they found out that Zhong Qianqian was still in jail. Especially Nangong Qin, who called Gu Mingzhe almost every day and visited the Gu residence many times.

However, ever since he brought Zhong Qianqian back to the Nangong family and met Old Master Nangong, Nangong Qin stopped contacting him as frequently. It was only a few days ago when Nangong Qin called to inform Gu Mingzhe that Old Master Nangong was not in good health and hoped that they could have the wedding soon. After that, Nangong Qin did not contact anyone from the Gu family again. Also, the Nangong family did not express any opinion on Zhong Qianqian's marriage either.

Looking at the expensive watch on his wrist, Gu Mingzhe realized that it was already a quarter to one in the afternoon and the Nangong family had yet to arrive. Gu Mingzhe's heart sank.

Something unexpected must have happened before their wedding.

Similarly, many of the wedding guests' phones started to ring one after the other. The Gu and Huang families noticed that these people came up with various excuses after receiving the call and left.

Their company was either in trouble, they had important business matters to deal with, or their children fell sick. Someone even came up with a particularly careless excuse—they claimed that they forgot to turn off the stove before leaving the house.

Damnit...

Everyone who attended the wedding banquet was either rich or wealthy.

Which one of them did not have a maid or butler at home?

What was the difference between using such a horrible excuse to leave and face-smacking you by announcing that they would no longer attend the wedding?

Most importantly, these people did not leave the hotel after taking leave. Instead, they headed toward the 66th floor. Knowing this sent the Gu and Huang families' hearts down into the deepest depths.

The Gu and Huang families could no longer hide their suppressed anger as they watched the gossip columnists happily filming from the side. Their smiles disappeared completely as they stared bleakly after the guests who left one after the other.

At least the first few guests still came up with excuses to leave. Soon, those who followed realized that the people before them had exhausted all the excuses they could think of. What else could they say? Thus, they all left like a swarm of bees, not even bothering to say goodbye.

Those who could not take the elevator to the 66th floor hastened to make a long trip to the elevators on the other side and went up to the 66th floor.

Needless to say, everyone shared some form of tacit understanding.

The gossip columnists realized something was amiss the moment the Ning and Xiao families went up to the 66th floor. Although there were still people filming here, each media company seemed to have left one person here. The rest of the reporters secretly sneaked up to the 66th floor from the back.

Five to six hundred people started to leave like a swarm of bees, and none could stop the rapidly decreasing number of guests from leaving. Gu Mingyan could no longer maintain a friendly expression on her face. She glared at Zhong Qianqian and asked sternly, "What's going on? What are you scheming?"

Zhong Qianqian was also scared out of her wits by these guests who retreated like the tide. Now that Gu Mingyan yelled at her like this, her tears squeezed out from her eyes immediately.

She looked like a helpless and pitiful little white flower once more.

"All you know is to cry! What's the point of crying? Hurry up and go check what's going on upstairs!"

### **Chapter 993: The Bride And The Little Princess**

"Hey, why are you shouting at our Qianqian? You're truly no different from a dog when it comes to exploiting others. When there are mishaps, you'll scold our Qianqian like a rabid dog. How highly do you think of yourself? At most, our Qianqian will simply not marry into your family! After all, our Qianqian has done a DNA test with the Nangong family. Nothing can go wrong with her identity. I'm telling you—if our Qianqian decides to end this marriage, we won't agree to anything even if you beg our Qianqian in the future! How dare you! If not for the fact that our Qianqian likes Gu Mingzhe, would I agree to let Qianqian marry a family like yours? Bah!"

Jiang Shuwan fully activated her superpowers as a shrew as she showered Gu Mingyan with insults. Gu Mingyan was furious.

The Huang family head furrowed his brows. Something had definitely gone wrong here, but there was no way Zhong Qianqian's DNA was a lie.

Therefore, refusing to chance offending Zhong Qianqian, he mumbled, "Let's go and take a look."

"I'll go!"

"I'll go too!"

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Initially, the Huang family head only meant to invite Gu Mingyan along. However, Mr. Gu and Mrs. Gu could not bear suppressing their anxiety and insisted on following them up too.

Gu Mingzhe had long wanted to go to the 66th floor to see what was going on, but unfortunately, he was the groom. Within their argument that lasted for just a few minutes, Gu Mingzhe realized that only about five hundred guests were left in the hall that was bursting at the seams with more than two thousand people. Meanwhile, since nearly all five hundred people left were relatives who fared worse than them, there was not much left for him to feel embarrassed about.

They were thoroughly embarrassed when the Nangong family delayed their arrival for so long that the rest of the first-tier wealthy families left.

"I'll go too."

The expression on Gu Mingzhe's face was as dark as an inkwell. Leaving behind the dumbstruck Zhong Qianqian, Jiang Shuwan—along with the distraught Grandma Jiang and Xie Congrong—Gu Mingzhe moved forward decisively.

Finally, Zhong Qianqian stopped pretending to be a white lotus. Her expression was now twisted and she could no longer cry even if she wanted to.

"I'll go take a look too."

Jiang Shuwan was worried that Zhong Qianqian would go upstairs alone, especially since Zhong Qianqian was still in a burdensome wedding gown.

"I'll accompany you."

She wanted to see what could be so interesting on the 66th floor that could attract so many people.

Naturally, Jiang Shuwan's heart was palpitating in fear too.

That was because she was afraid that it would be the Nangong family on the 66th floor.

If that was the case, only bad things would follow.

"We'll go too."

Unable to continue becoming the butt of everyone's joke here, Grandma Jiang and Xie Congrong also followed Zhong Qianqian and Jiang Shuwan upstairs.

When Zhong Qianqian appeared on the 66th floor in a heavy wedding gown, all the guests welcomed her with mocking eyes and opened up a wide path for them.

Only Zhong Qianqian, Jiang Shuwan, Grandma Jiang, Xie Congrong, Mr. Gu, Mrs. Gu, and Gu Mingzhe stood in the path.

The Huang couple, as well as Gu Mingyan's son and daughter, had already sensed that something was amiss and hid among the crowd.

Even though they were destined to lose all face, at least they did not have to subject themselves to the spotlight.

Zhong Qianqian was dressed in a white and gorgeous wedding gown, looking like the biggest joke of the century. She stared at the girl sitting next to Old Master Nangong on the raised platform with a pale face. Although she came dressed in casual attire, it could not contain any of the sophisticated elegance Zhong Nuannuan emanated. Zhong Qianqian's entire body trembled in anger, and her nails dug into her palms. Even though she had always been afraid of pain, Zhong Qianqian was not even aware that her palms were currently turning into a bloody mess.

#### **Chapter 994: Real And Fake Miss**

The men of the Nangong family sat on either side of Zhong Nuannuan like stars surrounding the moon.

Meanwhile, Nangong Xu sat on Zhong Nuannuan's left knee while Nangong Ling sat on her right. Looking like two pieces of jewelry from the same set, the twins looked like immortal children who had walked out of a traditional woodblock print.

On the seats below the platform were important military and political leaders who often appeared on television.

Behind them was the official media of the international level, hired by the Nangong family. They had set up a camera on a tripod and were utterly focused on filming.

In front of said media company and the serious atmosphere, the gossip-heavy media did not dare to act rashly.

The meeting had obviously been going on for some time, and Old Master Nangong was already making his concluding statements.

"Therefore, even though I was seriously ill, I'm glad that I can find the pearl that we, the Nangong family, have lost for so many years. Even if I see my wife in the afterworld after my passing, I won't have any regrets!"

When the people downstage heard him, they immediately responded, saying that Old Master Nangong was still young and energetic. He still had a long future ahead of him, and he could definitely enjoy his old age longer.

Zhong Nuannuan, who had been silent all this while, was moved by the Nangong family's sincerity in taking her back. They were more serious than when they welcomed Zhong Qianqian back to the family in Zhong Nuannuan's past life.

Softly but assertively, Nuannuan muttered, "You won't have any problems living for another 30 years. I promise."

After all, Grandpa Chi and Grandpa Nangong were good friends. She had already decided to let Grandpa Chi live for at least another thirty years. How boring would it be if he did not have good friends to accompany him?

Therefore, Zhong Nuannuan decided to let Old Master Nangong live another 30 years on account that he was her maternal grandfather and also as an appreciation to the Nangong family's sincerity.

Even though Nuannuan's voice was soft, she forgot that there was a microphone in front of her. Thus, her small voice rang clear in the hall, attracting a wave of friendly laughter.

"Miss Nuannuan's words sound very domineering. She truly sounds like a descendent of the Nangong family."

"What's so impressive about how she sounds like? Didn't you read the entertainment column from a while ago? Although Miss Nuannuan was abducted when she was three years old, she was adopted by Duke Eton of Luntan. Even Tianheng Holdings is a part of Miss Nuannuan's assets."

"Good gracious! Is that real?"

"Of course!"

Amidst their shock, everyone took out their phones and started searching for Zhong Nuannuan's Baidu page.

In the blink of an eye, many videos and Baidu Encyclopedia pages appeared on their phone screen.

When they read that Zhong Nuannuan was actually the mysterious chairman of Tianheng Holdings, everyone lost their mind.

Initially, everyone thought that Zhong Nuannuan was simply luckier than most to be able to reemerge from her sad past and turn into a phoenix. Never would they expect that before her return to the Nangong family, she was already a soaring phoenix who claimed the skies.

She was the daughter of a duke whose name was recorded in the historical annals of Luntan. At the same time, she was also the chairman of Tianheng Holdings—a world-class first-tier wealthy family.

Returning to the Nangong family and becoming the little princess of the Nangong family was just icing on the cake for her.

At this moment, everyone happened to notice Zhong Qianqian, and some reporters from the gossip columns could not help but ask, "Mr. Nangong, if Zhong Nuannuan is your granddaughter, then what is Zhong Qianqian?"

"Mr. Nangong, the Huang family, the Gu family, and Zhong Qianqian have all claimed that they've gone through a DNA test with the Nangong family. Is this true? What is the result of the DNA test?"

"According to our understanding, Zhong Nuannuan and Zhong Qianqian are sisters. Furthermore, they're sisters who aren't on good terms with each other. Is there the possibility that Miss Zhong Nuannuan's identity is fake?"

#### **Chapter 995: There Must Have Been A Mistake**

"Not long ago, I heard Miss Zhong Qianqian call Chairman Nangong on the phone. That meant that Miss Zhong Qianqian has been in contact with the Nangong family. May I ask why the Nangong family suddenly refuses to acknowledge Miss Zhong Qianqian? If the Nangong family didn't think that Miss Zhong Qianqian was the little princess of the Nangong family from the start, why did they contact her?"

The reporters from the gossip columns felt that this had developed into something too explosive for them to bear. They all started live-streaming the event on the Internet.

Even if it was to clear Zhong Nuannuan's name, they should clarify the matter with Zhong Qianqian, right?

Therefore, the originally quiet scene instantly skyrocketed to its climax as the reporters joined in.

Even though the entire hall was still rather quiet out of respect for the Nangong family, everyone could hear the blood boiling inside their heads.

The word 'pale' was no longer sufficient to describe Zhong Qianqian and Jiang Shuwan's faces. To the mother-and-daughter duo, there was nothing they wanted more than to run away from here.

However, just as they started to retreat, a swarm of excited reporters blocked their escape route.

Nangong Shu stood up.

As he was the overall Commander-in-chief of the Northern military base cum Emperor District military base, Nangong Shu had the most say as one of the top admirals in Camino.

His eyes pierced into Zhong Qianqian until his domineering aura started choking Zhong Qianqian. Zhong Qianqian staggered a few steps back before Jiang Shuwan held her arm. Only then did Nangong Shu spoke in a low voice, "There's only one little princess in the Nangong family, and that's our Nuannuan. As for Zhong Qianqian, she's just a fish eye. The Nangong family won't do something so stupid as to mistake fish eyes for pearls."

If not for the fact that many cameras were focused on her, Zhong Nuannuan would have pursed her lips.

Did the Nangong family not enjoy themselves in her previous life when they mistook fish eyes for pearls?

"How's that possible? Zhong Qianqian clearly went through a DNA test with you. We saw the test results. You and Zhong Qianqian are directly related!"

"That's right! Previously, Young Master Nangong Yun had his blood drawn in our hospital before, so we have his blood stored in our blood bank. Before we went to the Nangong family, we compared Zhong Qianqian's blood with Young Master Nangong Yun's. Their DNA test results proved that they're relatives!"

Mr. Gu and Mrs. Gu could not accept such an outcome. Since they were destined to lose face, they must get to the bottom of this.

Gu Mingzhe, on the other hand, had his eyes fixed on Zhong Nuannuan from the start. He could not shift his gaze away.

After all, the person he loved had always been Zhong Nuannuan. The reason why he did not pursue Zhong Nuannuan was to ensure his family continued to prosper. For that, he had willingly sacrificed the love of his life.

Although Zhong Nuannuan was not the little princess of the Nangong family, she was Duke Eton's adopted daughter. Furthermore, she was a descendent of the Luntanese royal family whose name was included in the royal family's genealogy book. Gu Mingzhe was overwhelmed with regret the moment he realized that.

Now, seeing the woman he loved sitting on the raised platform and surrounded by the Nangong family, Gu Mingzhe failed to accept everything that happened.

"Why is it Nuannuan? Isn't she Jiang Shuwan's daughter? Why is it Nuannuan? There must have been a mistake! You must've made a mistake..."

Nangong Shu rarely directed an expression of disgust to anyone, but when he had to face Jiang Shuwan, Zhong Qianqian, and those who remained close to these two, he would be reminded of the person who always held his hand and called him brother so affectionally. When that happened, a surge of murderous aura would blaze from the darkest corner of his heart.

## **Chapter 996: Bestial Outburst**

“Gu Mingzhe, it’s fortunate that you’ve pursued Zhong Qianqian and not our Nuannuan. Otherwise, just knowing that you pursued her would be blasphemous toward our Nuannuan.”

After that, Nangong Shu turned to the camera and announced, “Dear media friends, please turn your cameras toward Ms. Jiang Shuwan, Ms. Zhong Qianqian, and Mr. Gu Mingzhe.”

Before his sentence ended, all the cameras turned to focus on Zhong Qianqian and Jiang Shuwan. Their shock twisted their expressions.

Zhong Qianqian once again put on the look of a little white flower that she thought she mastered. Her tears trickled down her cheeks without brewing.

“Why are you all doing this to me? What have I done wrong? It was Brother Mingzhe who told me that I was the granddaughter of the Nangong family. I’ve never harbored any thoughts of joining the Nangong family in the first place. Why must you do this to me? It’s true that my DNA is similar to the Nangong family’s...”

The official media group hired by the Nangong family had never experienced Zhong Qianqian’s smugness on the 22nd floor prior to this. Now that they saw her sobbing like this, they started to develop a sense of compassion for her.

However, since the grand general asked them to train their camera on her. Even though they were sympathetic, they continued to snap photos of her fiercely.

“When everyone sees Ms. Zhong Qianqian crying like this, do you think she’s very pitiful?” Nangong Shu asked.

Those who could not read between the lines nodded.

She did look rather pitiful.

After all, Zhong Qianqian put in a lot of effort to dress up today. Even though her defective brain cells damaged her initial image, in the eyes of those who did not know her, her looks were still above average. Otherwise, she would not have fought with Ye Mengxi to be the school belle back then. Coupled with the fact that she was now sobbing—accompanied by such a grievous reason—she could make anyone sympathize her.

However—

“Everyone, look at the person beside her. When she became the target of public criticism while even her newlywed husband abandoned her, this woman, Jiang Shuwan, continued to support Zhong Qianqian. If I tell you that Jiang Shuwan is actually Nuannuan’s mother and Zhong Qianqian’s stepmother, will you believe me?”

The crowd was in an uproar.

No way.

Of course not.

Who would treat someone else’s daughter so well while ignoring their own biological daughter?

“That’s right. She did not care about her own daughter, but she treated the child that her husband bore with another woman so well. You might accuse her of violating social norms, but nobody would do that even under a bestial outburst. This is something that goes against logic. Only a fool will fail to notice that.”

After saying that, Nangong Shu glanced at the Gu family and the Huang family with a meaningful gaze before fixing his gaze on the pale Gu Mingzhe.

Grand General Nangong’s gaze led all the camera lenses in the hall. Even though the Nangong family had not produced any scientific evidence to convince everyone, they all believed one truth.

Zhong Qianqian was Jiang Shuwan’s daughter! Meanwhile, Jiang Shuwan deceived the Gu family successfully just to ensure that her daughter could live a princess-like life.

Even the Gu family was furious at Zhong Qianqian. Mrs. Gu’s could not afford to take this blow to her ego. She screeched, “What happened?! Are you Jiang Shuwan’s daughter or Nangong Yu’s daughter? How did you tamper with the DNA test?”

The guests also turned to look at Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian. They really wanted to know the answer to this question too.

After all, Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian were just commoners. What miraculous methods did they conjure up to alter the DNA test conducted by the Gu family and the Nangong family so many times?

### **Chapter 997: Tampering**

Zhong Qianqian was so frightened that she did not dare to speak.

What was supposed to be her dreams coming true became a hellish interrogation.

Zhong Qianqian turned around to leave, but Jiang Shuwan stopped her.

Nothing could describe Jiang Shuwan’s hatred for Zhong Nuannuan right now!

Zhong Nuannuan must have found out about her identity, so when she heard that the Nangong family wanted to acknowledge Qianqian’s return to the family, she ran over to the Nangong family and did a DNA test with them instead.

So what? Qianqian’s DNA was exactly the same as hers. Since she decided to hurt Qianqian like this, she should have the mental preparation of facing the consequences too.

Jiang Shuwan, who had zero medical knowledge, could not understand that even though Nuannuan had given Zhong Qianqian her bone marrow, the DNA in their somatic cells could not be changed just because Zhong Qianqian had the same blood and immune cells as Nuannuan. One in-depth investigation was all it took.

Therefore, Jiang Shuwan decided that she must fight for Zhong Qianqian’s future right now. Even if she was destined to stink, she could not let Zhong Qianqian stink alone. Even if she had to go to hell, she would make Zhong Nuannuan break her fall.

Therefore, Jiang Shuwan stiffened her neck. There would not be a better time for her to show everyone what she was made of and make the Nangong family reevaluate Zhong Nuannuan.

“What’s going on? Shouldn’t you ask Zhong Nuannuan? What tricks... can our Qianqian play? If Gu Mingzhe didn’t come after our Qianqian by hook and by crook, slept with her before the wedding, and even pushed Qianqian to the Nangong family, Qianqian wouldn’t even know her family background. Now you’re questioning Qianqian. Do you think that our Qianqian was very close to Gu Mingzhe when they conducted the DNA test in secret? Clearly, you have ulterior motives and want to cheat our Qianqian of her feelings, and then use the chance to ride on someone else’s coattails. Why, now that you realize that the coattails are out of reach, you’re angry? How is our Qianqian so unlucky to meet such a shameless and despicable family like yours? Wealthy family my ass... Bah!”

Mrs. Gu, “...!!!”

When it came to scolding people, Mrs. Gu could never be as good as Jiang Shuwan. Now that her intentions were exposed in front of everyone, Mrs. Gu felt a sharp jab in her chest. She covered her chest and gasped for air. The only words that came out of her mouth were, “You... you...”

However, Huang Yuhua unleashed her full shrewish potential.

She finally realized that Zhong Qianqian was not a phoenix but a wild pheasant that Huang Yuhua would not even bother lifting her feet for even if she came kneeling and licking her foot. Her anger escalated to new heights.

She was the daughter of a second-tier wealthy family, yet she was being fooled around by a wild pheasant. Choked by her anger, she sneered.

“Oh, aren’t you making the b\*tch, Zhong Qianqian, sound so pure and innocent? Are you sure she didn’t sleep with my cousin willingly? Don’t tell me you don’t know where Zhong Qianqian slept with my cousin. It happened at your house. You accused my cousin of trying to ride on your coattail. How dare you claim that you’ve never thought of riding my cousin’s coattail instead? You’re clearly a b\*tch, but you still want to establish a good reputation. Have you looked at your own daughter’s face? If not for whatever meager status she has, I’m afraid no one would want her even if she was dumped into the lowliest of the lowliest places! Hmph, she’s clearly a brainless, shameless, and incomparably vicious woman. Even all the two-faced snakes in the world would feel insulted to be put in the same category as her.”

## **Chapter 998: Tarnished Reputation**

“Even if you want to be a white lotus[1], you’re not worthy of it. You’re just a wild flower. The kind that even if you grew up in the wilderness, anyone who passed by would still think of you as ugly and painful to look at!”

However, Jiang Shuwan’s fighting spirit had been fully unleashed by her motherly nature. She ignored Huang Yuhua and said to the others, “I’ll tell you now why as a mother, I have such a good relationship with Zhong Qianqian, my stepdaughter, but treat Zhong Nuannuan, my biological daughter, so badly! That’s because my biological daughter was abducted when she was three years old, and she blamed it on me.

“We went out of our way to find her and brought her back. I was so happy at that time! Yet, I didn’t expect her to treat us as enemies and come back to take revenge. Back then, their father introduced Qianqian to a boyfriend. He’s a young and promising military officer cum a captain. However, as the younger sister, Zhong Nuannuan removed her clothes in front of everyone to take revenge on her elder sister. She seduced the military officer. Eventually, she drugged the military officer and slept with him. She embarrassed the Zhong family. How could we accept such a shameless daughter?

“Just because we scolded her as her parents, she decided to move in with the military officer and never returned to the house.

“In-laws of the Nangong family, it’s not that I have any selfish motives. It’s also because I have a conscience that I’m standing here and talking to you today. I know that climbing up the social ladder through a high and mighty family like yours is out of my league, but there are some things that I must say. Putting aside everything else first, please take a look at me and Zhong Nuannuan. Don’t you think that I look more like my daughter, Zhong Nuannuan?”

It would not have occurred to anyone if Jiang Shuwan did not bring that up. Once she spoke, everyone realized that her words rang rather true.

Although Jiang Shuwan was not as good-looking as Zhong Nuannuan, they shared certain similar features.

On the contrary, there was nothing alike between Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian.

It was not an exaggeration to say that Jiang Shuwan was much prettier than Zhong Qianqian.

Therefore, when they heard that, they believed Jiang Shuwan even more.

Even the Gu family and Huang family were stunned.

Sensing everyone’s gaze, Jiang Shuwan felt more gleeful now. She thought of how Zhong Nuannuan would be kicked out of the Nangong family later, so she said earnestly, “In-laws of the Nangong family, I don’t know what methods Zhong Nuannuan used to join the Nangong family. Whatever it is, it’s so powerful that she’s managed to make the Nangong family believe that she’s a real member of the Nangong family and destroyed her elder sister’s life. After all, she has many dirty tricks up her sleeve. It’s just too much for the eyes to take in, and unbearable to scrutinize.

“However, I know that she has no lower limit to her shamelessness. Plus, that fiancé of hers is extremely cunning, so she must have used some underhanded method to obtain DNA similar to the Nangong family’s.

“Even so, please believe me. This wicked girl is the daughter I gave birth to after ten months of pregnancy. If not for the fact that she’s rotten to the core, which mother in the world would treat her like this? Oh, and one more thing, please take a look at me.”

Saying that, Jiang Shuwan lifted her shirt in front of everyone.

A woman in her forties lifting her shirt in front of so many people was unbearable to look at, but the cameras remained unmoved.

## **Chapter 999: Inspection**

Under her blouse, Jiang Shuwan had a splint at her ribs.

“My ribs are broken. Do you know how my ribs were broken? It was because Zhong Nuannuan refused to listen to my advice. After sleeping with her elder sister’s fiancé, she went to live with him. At the same time, she had an affair with another classmate. I couldn’t stand it anymore and criticized her. In the end, she knocked me down and broke my ribs.”

The crowd erupted into an uproar and glanced at Zhong Nuannuan.

After all, Jiang Shuwan’s looks were undebatable. There should be no doubt that she was Zhong Nuannuan’s mother. Nobody would have thought that such an ethereal and sophisticated girl would have such a cruel heart.

However, since the Nangong family seemed to be protective toward her, no one dared to speak up.

Just as the reporters from the gossip columns were about to speak, the Nangong family could no longer tolerate Jiang Shuwan.

Nangong Shu asked, “Are you done?”

Jiang Shuwan was struck dumb for a second. Why did the Nangong family still look unaffected?

While Jiang Shuwan was still in shock, Nangong Shu finally rebuked her.

“Jiang Shuwan, you’re right. The Nangong family is out of your league. If you treated Nuannuan well, the Nangong family would’ve rewarded you handsomely for taking care of Nuannuan for so many years. However, you’re a vicious woman. We wouldn’t usually want to have anything to do with a nobody like you, but since you’ve badmouthed our Nuannuan so horribly, I’ll now let everyone here witness how this evil stepmother cuckooed her way into the family.”

After saying that, Nangong Shu gestured to his own people. His aide-de-camp immediately brought up all the information about the Zhong and Jiang families from the thorough investigations that the Nangong family conducted. Then, he projected it onto a huge screen.

“You said that you’re Nuannuan’s mother, so let’s take a look at these pictures first.”

Everyone saw a woman who resembled Zhong Qianqian consulting a plastic surgeon for burns at a general hospital.

“You probably can’t recognize her. That’s Jiang Shuwan.”

Everyone was shocked, and they instantly thought of something that they had previously ignored.

Plastic surgery!

Jiang Shuwan panicked when she saw the photos.

After all, she was born a country bumpkin. Even though she had been rich for so many years, she still failed to understand the real wealthy families and the kind of reach they had.

It was the late ’80s and early ’90s. Back then, surveillance cameras were not as widespread back then. Thus, she did not expect her past to be exposed like this.

"This picture is about her inquiring about plastic surgery. The second picture shows her undergoing plastic surgery. The third picture is of her after the plastic surgery. In the fourth picture, two years later, she continued to alter her appearance. The fifth picture shows her final look—her current look. I've employed a plastic surgeon for burns from the Military Medical University. Professor Hu, please."

A middle-aged man wearing a pair of gold-rimmed glasses stepped forward and nodded at the crowd, then walked to Jiang Shuwan.

Jiang Shuwan subconsciously stepped back and shouted, "Don't touch me!"

Nangong Shu replied coldly, "That's not up to you now."

With that, a group of security guards immediately walked over and separated Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian aggressively.

Zhong Qianqian had already gone limp from fright. She stumbled and fell to the ground after that aggressive push.

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Jiang Shuwan wanted to scream, but her mouth was stuffed and her hands were restrained.

Professor Hu stepped forward and examined her face.

"Grand General Nangong, there are 16 spots with surgical traces on Jiang Shuwan's face, namely 3 marks on the eyes, 3 marks on her nose, two marks on her forehead, 3 marks on her chin, and 4 marks on her facial contours."

"Tsk, tsk. Jiang Shuwan is really willing to do anything to help her daughter get promoted. She went through 16 plastic surgeries! How persistent!"

"Hehe, great motherly love."

"Come on, are you sure this is motherly love? This is called shamelessness! How dare she accuses someone else of being shameless? I can't even!"

"I just want to know the name of that hospital. Such great work! It's been so many years but there aren't any signs of distortion. This is great for their portfolio."

Jiang Shuwan, "..."

Another new round of pictures appeared on the screen.

"This photo is a screenshot of the footage of Jiang Shuwan's interaction with a human trafficker called Matchmaker. Although this video is a little old and isn't very clear, everyone can take a look at this enlarged photo. Matchmaker had a mole on her chin and a mole around her eye.

"This photo was taken on the day when the three-year-old Nuannuan was abducted. Jiang Shuwan took Nuannuan and Zhong Qianqian to the park to play. This is a photo taken from the ticketing office. As you can see, Jiang Shuwan carried Zhong Qianqian in her arms and bought her cotton candy, but Nuannuan had nothing.

“This photo was of the day Matchmaker took Nuannuan away. Nuannuan was still crying. Everyone could see that this was the person who took Nuannuan away. The two moles here were the same as the photo shown. Meanwhile, in this picture, Jiang Shuwan could be seen still smiling and buying candied haws for Zhong Qianqian after losing Nuannuan.

“Jiang Shuwan, if Nuannuan is truly your child, would you still buy candied fruits for another woman’s daughter after losing your own?”

Jiang Shuwan turned pale.

At this moment, she knew that everything was over.

Zhong Qianqian’s eyes widened. She could not believe that the Nangong family could even pull up a video from 14 years ago.

This video should have disappeared long ago, should it not?

How did such a video appear?

Did this mean that no matter what kind of explanation she came up with, the Nangong family would no longer believe her?

What should she do then?

At this moment, both the media and the guests had figured out Zhong Qianqian and Zhong Nuannuan’s identities. The word ‘disdain’ was an understatement to describe how they looked.

Jiang Shuwan was indeed a vicious woman!

“General Nangong, how do you explain the DNA test? Why does Zhong Qianqian have DNA similar to yours? Did Jiang Shuwan and Zhong Qianqian do something? Or is it the Gu family that did something to alter the report?” a reporter asked.

The Gu family and the Huang family also looked at Nangong Shu. They wanted to know the answer to this question too. After all, they were the ones who fell into the trap.

Nangong Shu nodded to someone downstage, and the picture on the screen changed again.

Jiang Shuwan had always wanted to give Zhong Qianqian a bright future—she wanted Zhong Qianqian to be reborn as a phoenix who could continue soaring into the sky. However, after reading the information projected on the screen, she felt all her energy had been sapped and extracted out from her body. Her knees gave way and she collapsed onto the ground.

Others might not understand what those were, but she did.

She understood it too well.

This time, the Nangong family displayed a photo of...