Secret Love 2401

Chapter 2401: Who is that gutsy?

Inside Si Yehan's mansion:

After several days of investigation and preparation, Si Yehan pinpointed Tangtang's location and determined the situation regarding the security at Wanmei Villa. At the same time, all of their men were summoned and could be mobilized at any moment.

As soon as Lin Que thought about how they were going to attack the scariest place in Tianshui City, Wanmei Villa, he started trembling in fright. "Wanmei Villa is the place Yin Yuerong specifically uses to nurture gu, so the ground is filled with poisonous insects and the forest surrounding it is filled with toxic air. No one in Tianshui City dares to approach it..."

Ye Wanwan said, "I requested my brother to have Dead Man make medicinal pouches. They'll be distributed to everyone later. They can help provide resistance against the poisonous insects and toxic air."

As soon as Ye Wanwan thought about how long Tangtang had been in that frightening place, she burned with anxiety.

Initially, she thought Yin Yuerong was merely being prideful and would definitely use Tangtang to trade for Yin Heng after a few days.

To their surprise, Yi Lingjun conducted several probing rounds of negotiations with Yin Yuerong, but the woman remained immovable as a mountain.

After all, this was part of the Arbitration Council's territory, so if this matter escalated, the Arbitration Council couldn't ignore it, and Yi Lingjun would be put in a difficult spot then.

Hence, Ye Wanwan had been placating Si Yehan the past few days while patiently waiting for news from Yi Lingjun.

However, seven days had passed but Yin Yuerong was still unwilling to release Tangtang, so they had no choice but to employ forceful methods.

"Ninth Brother, Ninth Sister, how about... how about we wait until later? It'd be better to go there in the middle of the night, right?" Lin Que persuaded.

Si Yehan's gaze remained placid. "Inform everyone we're departing immediately."

With every second they delayed, any degree of danger could befall Tangtang.

Ye Wanwan looked exasperated. "Do you think Yin Yuerong would be unprepared? There isn't any difference whether we go during the day or night."

Lin Que: "Eh..."

Lin Que couldn't refute Ye Wanwan. He simply wanted to die...

In the end, Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan personally led a team of elites and headed toward Wanmei Villa.

At Wanmei Villa:

Auntie Qiao ordered people to purchase many fresh ingredients and even prepared an apron.

Yin Yuerong changed into a leisurely outfit before washing her hands and donning the apron. Then she started preparing dinner in the kitchen.

She couldn't remember how many years it'd been since she had cooked. She initially thought she'd be out of practice, but when she picked up the knife, a familiar feeling returned to her.

That moment, she realized those memories had never truly disappeared or were forgotten. They had merely been repressed in the deepest depths of her mind.

She never expected she'd cook again for someone one day...

Since the kitchen was filled with smoke and soot, Yin Yuerong forbade Tantang from entering and the little fella could only longingly wait in the dining room.

"Little Young Master, Madam is cooking already, so be good and play here. It will only be a moment!" Auntie Qiao gently reassured him.

"Okay," Tangtang replied.

After saying a few more words, Auntie Qiao made her way back to the kitchen to continue assisting Yin Yuerong.

However, on her way there, someone rushed inside in a panic. "Housekeeper Qiao, Housekeeper Qiao! Not good!"

Auntie Qiao frowned slightly. "Why are you making a ruckus? What happened?"

The man dressed as a guard was panting as he said, "Someone's trespassing! And they're very fast; they've arrived at the foot of the mountain already..."

Auntie Qiao was instantly enraged. "What did you say? Who is that gutsy and dares to break into Wanmei Villa?!"

Chapter 2402: Just a little hot

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"The other party has lots of people and they're all experts. I'm afraid our people won't be able to hold them back for much longer!" the guard anxiously responded.

Auntie Qiao's expression was chilly. "Take me there immediately! I'd like to see who's so suicidal!"

The guard gulped and cautiously said, "Auntie Qiao, I think the leader seems... seems to be Eldest Young Master..."

Auntie Qiao was startled. "Who?"

"It's the Eldest Young Master! And there's a pretty woman next to him..."

Eldest Young Master and Second Miss Nie?

Auntie Qiao never expected Eldest Young Master would employ the direct method of forceful trespassing to snatch someone back with his shrewdness.

However, it also made sense. Auntie Qiao had been in Wanmei Villa the whole time, so she knew Yin Yuerong actually treated the little young master very well, but outsiders wouldn't think so, Eldest Young Master especially. Who knew how he viewed Madam? It was natural he'd burn with anxiety. Eldest Young Master knew Madam too well and knew that since negotiations with Madam had proven useless, trespassing forcefully was the only solution left.

As Auntie Qiao and the guard spoke, Si Yehan, Ye Wanwan, Lin Que, and Yu Shao had barged into the courtyard from the back.

Lin Que said, "Ninth Brother, Ninth Sister, we'll split up and look!"

Ye Wanwan nodded. "Okay."

As the quartet was about to split up their search, a voice suddenly came from the dining room.

"Mommy!"

Tangtang?

Ye Wanwan incredulously turned around and immediately saw the little fella wearing a furry cotton-padded jacket rapidly barreling toward her like a white snowball.

"Tangtang!!!"

Ye Wanwan swiftly darted over and tightly hugged the child.

"Mommy, Tangtang really, really missed you!"

"Sorry... sorry... Mommy didn't come earlier..."

Si Yehan also quickly walked up and the darkness in his face finally dispersed a few degrees upon seeing the little fella's good condition.

Lin Que and Yu Shao also sprinted over. They were very surprised too. The four of them had secretly plotted for so long, thinking Tangtang would definitely be imprisoned in the most secure underground prison at Wanmei Villa.

Because of this, they researched how to break into the prison for several days and finally came to a solution. Who would've expected them to run into this little fella as soon as they entered the villa?

"Baby, how are you?" Ye Wanwan meticulously examined the child up and down and confirmed he didn't have any injuries.

Judging from Tangtang's complexion and expression, he wasn't frightened in the slightest bit. If she had to make a comment...

It seemed like he was wearing too many layers of clothes?

Even now, Lin Que was still in disbelief. "D*mn, isn't this too easy? This isn't deception, right?"

Lin Que couldn't be faulted for thinking like that. Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan were also vigilant.

"Best to be careful." Ye Wanwan grasped Tangtang's hand and securely shielded him in her arms.

Yu Shao wore a solemn expression. "I'm afraid Director Yin is planning to bait us into her trap and catch all of us in one fell swoop. It was easy for us to enter, but it'll probably be difficult to leave!"

Ye Wanwan was still questioning Tangtang with concern. "Baby, do you feel unwell anywhere?!"

Baby Tangtang shook his head. "I don't. Tangtang is very well. It's just..."

Ye Wanwan was instantly nervous. "It's just what?"

"It's just a little hot," Tangtang replied.

The little fella's cheeks were flushed red, and a light sheen of sweat also dotted his forehead, perhaps from running earlier.

Chapter 2403: There's a type of cold called "Grandma thinks I'm cold"

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Ye Wanwan was nervously looking at the little fella's round appearance and suddenly discovered the cause. "Eh, baby, aren't you wearing too many clothes?"

He was basically wrapped into a ball, so how could he not be hot?

Although her baby's current appearance was bursting with cuteness...

Tangtang sighed and helplessly replied, "Actually, I'm not cold, but they insisted on making me were this. There's a type of cold called 'Grandma thinks I'm cold'..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Si Yehan: "..."

Yu Shao: "..."

Lin Que: "..."

Wasn't there something wrong with this situation?

Even Si Yehan's brows furrowed. "Who made you wear the clothes?"

Tangtang replied, "Grandma! Grandma was afraid I was cold, so she made me wear more clothes."

Si Yehan: "..."

Ye Wanwan: "...Huh?"

Lin Que repeatedly picked his ears. "Did I mishear? Tangtang hasn't become delusional because he experienced a great shock, right?"

Yu Shao asked, "Little Young Master, how did you escape from the underground prison? Did someone purposely release you just now?"

Tangtang blinked, his face baffled. "What underground prison?"

Lin Que asked, "Weren't you imprisoned in the underground prison these past few days?"

"I wasn't. I was sleeping in the room next to Grandma," Tangtang answered.

Lin Que: "..."

Yu Shao: "..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Si Yehan: "..."

The more Ye Wanwan heard, the more confused she became. She dazedly turned to Si Yehan. "Ah-Jiu, what's going on?"

This was Si Yehan's first time feeling so clueless. He also had no idea what was happening right now.

Judging from Tangtang's words, not only was he not imprisoned the past few days, but he had also lived comfortably in the villa. Yin Yuerong was even concerned about his wellbeing and made him wear more clothes?

"Ahem, do you know where your grandma is right now, Tangtang?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Tangtang: "Grandma's making dinner for me in the kitchen!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."?What???

Lin Que: "It's over, it's over! This child was probably too shocked, so his mind became muddled..."

In the midst of their confusion, footsteps were heard outside of the dining room.

The four of them were instantly on-guard and turned around. However, what they saw was...

Yin Yuerong was wearing a light blue at-home outfit with a light pink apron wrapped around her, holding a plate of sweet and sour spare ribs...

At the same time, Yin Yuerong also saw the new arrivals in the dining room.

All of a sudden, everyone was staring at each other, dumbfounded.

Lin Que: "My eyes... are they blind?"

Ye Wanwan sluggishly replied, "You aren't the only blind one!"

The instant Yin Yuerong saw the newcomers, her face chilled.

She truly underestimated the nerve of these people! They actually dared to break into Wanmei Villa!

At this moment, Tangtang scurried over to Yin Yuerong. "Grandma, are my sweet and sour spare ribs done?"

Yin Yuerong's expression eased. "Mm."

The sweet and sour spare ribs that Yin Yuerong made were tempting in color and its fragrance assaulted their noses. Even Ye Wanwan couldn't resist staring.

"Wow! Grandma is so awesome!"

Yin Yuerong appeared to treat these trespassing, uninvited guests like they didn't exist and looked at the little fella. "What else do you want to eat?"

Tangtang thought about it. "Mm... Does Grandma know how to make tanghulu?"

Yin Yuerong replied, "I can try."

Joy filled Tangtang's face. "That's great! Daddy loves to eat tanghulu!"

Yin Yuerong: "..."

Si Yehan: "..."

Chapter 2404: I trust Tangtang

Although Yin Yuerong acted like a different person toward Tangtang, her cold demeanor returned as soon as she looked at the others.

Yin Yuerong swept her eyes over the "guests" without a trace of warmth in her eyes. "It appears you lot are treating my Wanmei Villa as a famous tourist spot and want to come and leave as you please?"

Si Yehan narrowed his eyes. "Yin..."

However, before Si Yehan could finish speaking, Tangtang cheerfully interrupted, "That's right, the scenery here is super, super good! And there's a really, really pretty plum forest in the back. Daddy, Mommy, uncles, you came at the perfect time! We can eat dinner together and go to see the plum blossoms after dinner!"

Yin Yuerong: "..."

Si Yehan: "..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Yu Shao: "..."

Lin Que: "..."

View the flowers? And also... also stay here to eat dinner? Was that a joke?!

It was already a miracle if Yin Yuerong didn't chop them into pieces and use them as fertilizer for the plum forest!

Yin Yuerong's expression darkened and shifted several times.

Tangtang proudly bragged: "You'll be able to taste Grandma's cooking in a moment! Grandma's so awesome!"

Yin Yuerong's expression changed several times before she emptied herself of emotion. She expressionlessly said, "Dinner will arrive shortly. Do as you please."

Then the four newcomers watched as Yin Yuerong did nothing to them and turned around to re-enter the kitchen. They were stupefied.

"My God! What... what does this mean... she's really allowing us to stay for dinner?" Lin Que looked like he'd seen a ghost.

Yu Shao was also somewhat panicked. Ever since stepping inside Wanmei Villa, things had progressed beyond his imagination.

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A moment later, all the dishes were served.

Yin Yuerong, Tangtang, Si Yehan, Ye Wanwan, Lin Que, and Yu Shao all sat at the same table.

Lin Que and Yu Shao didn't dare to even breathe too loudly. They were actually sitting at the same table and eating dinner—food that Yin Yuerong personally cooked. Moreover, there was even a red, shimmering plate of tanghulu in the middle of the table.

No one would believe it if they told this story!

The only calm person around the entire table was probably Tangtang.

Although Yin Yuerong permitted the four people to stay, she completely treated them like air and started eating.

The little fella first picked up a piece of the sweet and sour spare ribs for his mom. "Mommy, hurry and try it!"

Ye Wanwan gulped. Sweet and sour spare ribs made by Yin Yuerong...

Did she dare to eat it?

However, in this situation, it also wasn't good if she didn't eat it right?

Ye Wanwan snapped out of it and hastily nodded. "Okay... okay..."

However, as she was about to open her mouth, Si Yehan stopped her with his hand. "Don't touch it."

Si Yehan evidently didn't trust Yin Yuerong.

Si Yehan's little motion naturally didn't escape Yin Yuerong's eye. Yin Yuerong's hand around her chopsticks stiffened, and the aura around her chilled instantly.

Ye Wanwan sighed with exasperation inwardly. She lowered her voice and said to Si Yehan, "I know you don't trust her. Me neither."

Ye Wanwan paused and glanced at Baby Tangtang. "However, I trust Tangtang."

Moreover, with Yin Yuerong's abilities, if she wanted to poison you, she could do it without alerting you in the slightest. There was no way she'd use such a lowly method like poisoning their food.

Then Ye Wanwan lowered her head and bit the piece of sweet and sour spare ribs.

Si Yehan helplessly watched Ye Wanwan eat the piece of spare ribs, his chin tightly taut.

Ye Wanwan: "Uh..."

Si Yehan asked, "What is it?"

Ye Wanwan replied, "This is too delicious!"

Si Yehan: "..."

Chapter 2405: So delicious!

"Yummy, right? I told you Grandma is awesome! Grandma knows everything!" Baby Tangtang delightfully declared.

Next to him, Yin Yuerong's face softened minutely.

"Daddy, you should eat too!" Tangtang picked up a piece of simmer-fried fish for Si Yehan.

"Ninth Brother, don't. Do you really trust Auntie Rong...?" Lin Que nervously grumbled.

Si Yehan didn't say anything and directly ate the piece of fish Tangtang offered to him, mild surprise appearing on his face.

He had thought Wanwan only said that because she was afraid Yin Yuerong would be angered otherwise. He didn't expect Yin Yuerong's cooking to really be wonderful.

"Daddy, is it tasty?" Baby Tangtang asked immediately.

Si Yehan was quiet for a long while before finally nodding. "Mm."

Yin Yuerong was startled briefly but her expression quickly returned to normal.

Since Si Yehan was eating too, Yu Shao had no choice but to also taste a piece.

"D*mn! You guys are way too gutsy! Anyway, I won't eat it! I wouldn't eat it even if you threatened to kill me!" Lin Que frightfully shook his head.

In the end...

As Lin Que watched the rest of his group appear to eat happily, he whispered, "Is it really that good? Let me try..."

Lin Que cautiously picked up a piece from a dish, and his eyes lit up.

"Isn't this too delicious?! Auntie Rong's actually this good at cooking???"

Finally, the whole table started eating for good and all the dishes were wiped clean with Lin Que eating the most.

So delicious!

As Ye Wanwan ate, she kept casting questioning glances at Si Yehan, and Si Yehan could only helplessly say that he'd never encountered a situation like this one.

After all, Yin Yuerong had expressed her loathing and dislike toward Tangtang in front of him multiple times and even spat out vicious words in the Arbitration Council's hallway that day.

However, after personally witnessing it for themselves, the reality was entirely different from their expectations.

Tangtang's reaction couldn't be faked. The little fella had been here for so many days, yet he was stable. He wasn't only stable but his condition was also great and he was well taken care of.

Yin Yuerong even personally cooked for Tangtang, and she, who never touched meat, actually cooked mostly meat dishes tonight.

Furthermore, Yin Yuerong was clearly on the brink of an explosion earlier, but she actually allowed them over for dinner merely because of a sentence from Tangtang.

Si Yehan's eyes were akin to the deep sea thousands of feet below sea level, hidden currents swirling inside.

The Yin Yuerong before him and the Yin Yuerong he knew were like two completely different people.

However, this only applied to her interactions with Tangtang. When it came to people other than Tangtang, she was still that same Yin Yuerong. Otherwise, he would suspect the woman in front of him was an impostor.

"What's going on with your mom...? I'm flabbergasted..." Ye Wanwan anxiously bit the tip of her chopsticks.

"Perhaps you should ask your son." Si Yehan's gaze landed on the child sitting between Yin Yuerong and Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan mused over it for half a day before slapping her thigh and saying, "Ah-Jiu, I know the reason..."

Si Yehan turned to her. "What is it?"

"It must be because my son is too adorable!"

"..." Si Yehan's expression was indescribable. Regardless of how adorable something was, it shouldn't affect Yin Yuerong.

However, aside from that, he also couldn't figure out why Yin Yuerong's attitude toward Tangtang was so strange.

"What? You don't believe me?" Ye Wanwan raised her brows.

Si Yehan didn't respond. His expression sufficed as an answer.

Ye Wanwan tauntingly asked, "Is that hard to understand? Didn't you fall in love with me at first sight because I was also too cute?"

Si Yehan said, "...That's not the same."

Ye Wanwan grumbled, "It's clearly similar logic."

Chapter 2406: Truly like Tangtang

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Lin Que whispered, "Say, Ninth Brother, aren't you too gutsy? You actually really ate it?!"

"..." Si Yehan silently glanced at Lin Que, the one who ate the most.

He never trusted Yin Yuerong; he merely trusted Wanwan.

Tangtang said, "Daddy, this is the tanghulu you like!"

Ye Wanwan added, "That's right, that's right. Tanghulu is your dad's favorite!"

Si Yehan: "..."

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And so, this meal passed in absolute harmony, and everyone inhaled the dessert too.

After that, Tangtang really led the group to admire the plum blossoms.

Tangtang exclaimed, "Mommy, Tangtang will take you to see the plum blossoms!"

Ye Wanwan: "Uh..."

We're really going to see the plum blossoms?!?

Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan exchanged a look.

Right now, the top priority was to quickly get their baby out of here.

However, despite sharing a whole meal together, they still didn't find an opportunity to voice that.

They were very aware that they could reluctantly throw a veil of peace over everything, but once they said that, they probably couldn't feign peace even if they wanted to.

Ye Wanwan was preparing to admire the flowers first before giving the matter further thought and suggest it in a tactful manner, but Si Yehan spoke first.

Si Yehan said, "Tangtang, we should head back."

Ye Wanwan could only quietly sigh and hold her forehead.

Sigh...

No wonder this mother and son duo had such an awful relationship...?

The second Si Yehan spoke, the seemingly warm atmosphere popped like a soap bubble that had shimmered under the brilliant sun but was easily destroyed by the wind.

Ruthlessness flitted through Yin Yuerong's eyes, and she reflexively turned to look at Tangtang next to her.

Ye Wanwan sharply detected Yin Yuerong's gaze changing the instant it landed on Tangtang.

Although that change was nearly imperceptible, perhaps due to her innate maternal instincts, Ye Wanwan clearly saw a trace of warmth in Yin Yuerong's gaze and even... reluctance...

At first, Ye Wanwan also wondered if Yin Yuerong had some secret scheme.

With Yin Yuerong's personality, she never liked to act in a circumvent manner and also wouldn't act to the extent of personally cooking for Tangtang.

Moreover, a child didn't know how to deceive people, and Tangtang's reactions couldn't be faked.

He also really liked this grandma.

Ye Wanwan spent half a day to finally digest this truth: Yin Yuerong most likely truly liked Tangtang.

Otherwise, why would she allow Tangtang to sleep in the room next to hers? Why would she have people prepare clothes for him? Why would she personally cook for Tangtang...?

Which meant...

Yin Yuerong kept refusing negotiations with Yi Lingjun and was unwilling to release Tangtang because she didn't want Tangtang to leave?

Tangtang looked up. "It's time to go back?"

Si Yehan coldly glanced at Yin Yuerong. "Or are you saying you want to continue to keep Tangtang here?"

The atmosphere suddenly froze, and Lin Que and Yu Shao went on high alert.

Before Yin Yuerong could respond, Baby Tangtang answered with a matter-of-fact expression, "Daddy, Grandma likes Tangtang so much, so of course Grandma wants Tangtang to stay!"

Si Yehan: "..."

When Yin Yuerong heard that, her typically expressionless face actually revealed a trace of stiffness and embarrassment, but she didn't refute Tangtang's words in the end.

Ye Wanwan saw Yin Yuerong's expression and finally confirmed her guess without a cinch.

Hence, Ye Wanwan cleared her throat and said, "Hm, we'll leave it to Tangtang when he wants to go back. If Tangtang is happy here, he can stay a few more days. Daddy and Mommy live nearby anyway, so we can come to visit you any time!"

Chapter 2407: Trouble you to take care of him

Yin Yuerong never expected Ye Wanwan to say that, astonishment evident on her face.

She was well aware of how much this woman cared about Tangtang. When Yin Heng abducted Tangtang back then, she had no scruples about exposing her identity.

Tangtang looked at Yin Yuerong. "Grandma, can I speak privately with Mommy for a moment?"

Yin Yuerong replied, "You can."

Tangtang dragged Ye Wanwan into a stretch of forest deprived of people.

Nearby, Auntie Qiao secretly followed and hid behind a fake mountain.

"Mommy, hug!" The little fella immediately started acting like a spoiled child the second they arrived in an empty spot.

Ye Wanwan nearly melted from the cuteness, so how could she reject him? She hastily knelt down to embrace the little fella.

"Mommy..." The little fella looked a bit sad.

Ye Wanwan quickly asked, "What is it?"

The little fella cast down his head. "Mommy, you didn't kiss Tangtang..."

Ye Wanwan broke into a chuckle. Did this little guy pull her over here simply because of this?

He probably found it embarrassing earlier because of too many people.

Ye Wanwan hugged the little fella rolled up like a dumpling and gently kissed his cheeks.

The little fella still didn't appear too happy, and Ye Wanwan chuckled again before smacking another kiss on his cheeks.

Finally, the little fella was satisfied. His cheeks were flushed and his eyes sparkling.

"Tangtang, Mommy has a question for you."

"Does Mommy want to ask about Grandma?"

"Yes. Do... do you like Grandma?" Ye Wanwan probed.

The little fella didn't hesitate before nodding with certainty. "Tangtang likes Grandma. Grandmother acts like Mommy said. She might be hard to get along with and has a low EQ, but she's a very nice and gentle person."

Only then did Ye Wanwan recall the things she told Tangtang and coughed lightly. "That's right, that's right... That's indeed the case..."

After hearing that, Ye Wanwan's worries finally eased up.

Regardless of how Yin Yuerong treated other people, at least she wouldn't hurt Tangtang.

At the same time, behind the fake mountain, Auntie Qiao quietly listened to their conversation but realized she didn't need to continue after hearing that, so she covertly left.

Ye Wanwan patted her son's head. "Alright then. If Baby wants to stay, have a few more days of fun here. Daddy and Mommy will pick you up in a few days."

Baby Tangtang said, "No need, Mommy! I'll ask Grandma to take me home in a few days!"

Ye Wanwan's eyes turned when she heard that.

If they could really make Yin Yuerong send Tangtang home herself, that'd be wonderful!

After all, no matter what method they used to take Tangtang away, they'd probably part on bad terms. If Si Yehan and Yin Yuerong clashed again, they'd waste the days Tangtang spent here for nothing.

And so, after hesitating for an eternity, Ye Wanwan decided to believe in Tangtang. "Okay."

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After chatting a little longer, they returned to the dining room.

When Tangtang returned, Yin Yuerong's gaze immediately shot toward him.

Ye Wanwan held the little fella by the hand and looked at Yin Yuerong with a genial expression. "Ah-Jiu and I happen to be rather busy these days, so can we trouble you to continue to look after Tangtang for several more days?"

Ye Wanwan didn't mention how Yin Yuerong abducted Tangtang at all.

Shock swiftly flitted through Yin Yuerong's eyes, but she quickly calmed herself and went along with Ye Wanwan. She calmly replied, "You can."

Ye Wanwan smiled. "Thank you for the trouble then."

Si Yehan seemed like he wanted to speak but Ye Wanwan sent him a pacifying look.

Chapter 2408: There wasn't harm before the comparison

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Ye Wanwan exclaimed, "I told you my guess was right! Sure enough, your mom really likes Tangtang! So we just have to go back now and wait for news from Tangtang!"

Judging from Tangtang and Yin Yuerong's interactions throughout this visit, Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan could tell they got along very well.

However, Yin Yuerong's image in Si Yehan's mind was too deep-rooted, so he was unable to wholly believe it.

Lin Que exclaimed, "Boss Tangtang is impressive! He actually managed to take care of Auntie Rong! I was wondering why Auntie Rong acted so abnormally—it turns out she was tamed by Tangtang!"

Then he cautiously glanced at Si Yehan. "Why's there such a difference between a son and a grandson! I wager my Ninth Brother has never eaten food cooked by Auntie Rong! It's seriously true that there isn't harm before the comparison..."

Ye Wanwan instantly glared at Lin Que.

He really had to hit Si Yehan where it hurt, huh?

Yu Shao chuckled. "It's probably because a skip in a generation makes them closer. Many older generation folks are strict toward their children but spoil their grandchildren."

Lin Que grumbled, "But who would've expected Auntie Rong to also have a normal side..."

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Inside the study in Wanmei Villa:

After Si Yehan and his group left, Auntie Qiao entered the study.

"What did they say?" Yin Yuerong asked.

Yin Yuerong's personality was both sensitive and paranoid, which wasn't something that could be changed immediately. Hence, when Ye Wanwan and Tangtang were alone, she secretly ordered Auntie Qiao to follow them.

Auntie Qiao truthfully repeated Ye Wanwan and Tangtang's conversation in the plum forest.

"Tangtang likes Grandma. Grandmother acts like Mommy said. She might be hard to get along with and has a low EQ, but she's a very nice and gentle person."

"That's right, that's right... That's indeed the case...

"Furthermore, it appears Second Miss Nie didn't mention to Tangtang at all that you kidnapped him..."

A short few sentences caused Yin Yuerong's expression to change repeatedly.

Auntie Qiao continued, "Of course she doesn't truly think that and probably just doesn't want any resentment or hatred to linger in the child's heart. However, this breadth of mind isn't something that those socialites can compare to."

Although Yin Yuerong didn't say anything, she surprisingly didn't ridicule or retort like she did before. All that remained inside of her was a foreign feeling of having lost something, only to regain it again...

"Ask Tangtang what he wants to eat tomorrow."

"Okay! I'll go right now!"

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When Si Yehan and his group were trespassing on Wanmei Villa, Ah-Zhong went to the Punishment Hall to receive his punishment and only found out what had happened after leaving.

This development was completely different from his prediction.

In the middle of the night, Ah-Zhong quickly snuck into the dungeon to see Yin Heng.

"Young Master Yin Heng, I'm afraid things are bad!!!"

"What happened? Speak clearly."

"This evening, Si Yehan and that woman brought a bunch of people to break into Wanmei Villa!"

Yin Heng's eyes lit up. "What? Did you say Si Yehan actually broke into Wanmei Villa?"

Isn't that a good thing??

He had been hoping for them to hurry and start fighting until one side perished.

Yin Heng could imagine what a hostile scene that was.

"What's the situation like right now? Did they start fighting? Yin Yuerong isn't an easy opponent, so Si Yehan must've mobilized all available manpower, right?

"The security here must be less tight now, so it's a perfect chance for you to think of a way to get me out of here! After I get out, I will find a safe place to stay for a few days and wait three to five days. Within two weeks, both sides must be wrought with damage!

"At that time, I can appear as the head of the Yin family and clean up the mess..." As Yin Heng spoke, his eyes turned brighter and brighter, his expression determined to win.

He still didn't realize how awful Ah-Zhong's expression was.

Ah-Zhong dawdled for an eternity before hesitatingly saying, "Ahem, Young Master, the events turned out differently than we expected..."

Chapter 2409: Regret his past deeds

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"No wonder you managed to sneak inside so easily these past few days. Si Yehan probably doesn't have the time to care..."

Yin Heng was babbling nonstop when he suddenly heard what Ah-Zhong said. He paused before asking, "Different? What do you mean?"

Ah-Zhong gulped. "Maybe it was because Madam's attitude was too resolute and she was unwilling to release the brat no matter what that it was useless for even President Yi to act as a mediator. Hence, Eldest Young Master was backed into a wall and dispatched a bunch of elites and attacked Wanmei Villa in the middle of the day with that woman in tow...

"I originally thought it would be a struggle to the death, but to my surprise, both sides were fine and didn't start fighting. There wasn't a hint of commotion, and moreover..."

"Moreover what?"

"Moreover, Madam kept them for dinner, and they even took a walk in the plum forest afterward! In the end, Si Yehan didn't take away that little brat and said they'd allow the brat to stay to play a few more days!"

"Absolute nonsense!"

"Young Master Yin Heng, I also didn't dare to believe it, but... but that's the truth... In reality... there's another matter I didn't dare to tell you..."

"What kind of time is it now? Spit it out already!" An ominous feeling intensified in Yin Heng's heart. His typical pretense and courteousness morphed into rampaging aggression.

Ah-Zhong quickly replied, "It's... it's that Madam started treating that little b*stard better and better for some reason... She only had him stay in the neighboring room at first and ignored him for the most part, but eventually, she started caring about that little b*stard's accommodations and wellbeing. She had Auntie Qiao buy new clothes and candy for that little b*stard and even permitted him to enter and leave the study as he wanted."

"Every day, when Madam works, that little b*stard keeps her company in the study. Today... today, Madam also broke her many years of solely eating vegetarian and personally cooked meat for that little b*stard!"

Ah-Zhong spat everything out in one go before looking at the other man nervously. "I originally thought Madam would definitely hate that little b*stard, but who would've expected things to have gotten more and more out of hand. Madam... Madam is clearly indulging that little b*stard like a real grandson!"

The more Yin Heng heard, the more awful his expression became. "What did you say... Did you say Mother not only didn't torment that little brat but also spoils that little brat a lot?"

Yin Yuerong was treating that little b*stard like a real grandson? What a fantasy story!

Ah-Zhong clutched the wounds he got from his punishment, furious hatred brimming from his eyes. "It's the absolute truth. That little brat is just like his mom. I have no idea what kind of bewitching drug he gave Madam to have made someone like Yin Yuerong so docile."

"She isn't just spoiling him! It wouldn't be an overstatement to say she'd obey every wish he had! That day, Madam was in a bad mood and I was serving her tea outside the study to placate her, but Madam ended up punishing me! However, that little b*stard just had to utter a few words to soften up Madam, and Madam picked him up and carried him into the study!"

Ah-Zhong provided a lot of detail, so he definitely wasn't lying.

Yin Heng had been by Yin Yuerong's side for so long, so he thought he knew her inside out. Who would've expected this kind of hiccup to happen?!

He had wholly relied on that little b*stard to be the trigger for a war between Si Yehan and Yin Yuerong.

Now though, he tried to be clever and ended up with an egg on his face. There was a great possibility Yin Yuerong and Si Yehan's relationship might gradually improve because of this child...

He simply... shot himself in the foot!

At this moment, Yin Heng was flooded with regret and punched the bars of his cell.

If he knew this would happen, he wouldn't have kidnapped that child! He wouldn't have ended up like this!

Chapter 2410: Then I'll give her a ride

"Young Master Yin Heng, what should we do now? That little brat is basically living in Wanmei Villa now and Madam is increasingly lenient toward him. Because of him, she's not even pursuing the matter with that woman much anymore."

Ah-Zhong continued, "After all, the biggest conflict between Madam and Eldest Young Master is that woman. If this continues and Madam and Eldest Young Master's relationship improves, then the position of the Yin family head..."

"D*mn it..."

If this continued and Si Yehan reconciled with Yin Yuerong, returned to the Yin family, and inherited the position of the family head, he'd become a scrapped chesspiece.

Not only would Yin Yuerong disregard his survival but she might also hold a grudge against him if she felt bad for her grandson.

"Young Master Yin Heng, you must hurry and think of a solution!"

"Think of a solution? With my current state, what solution could I possibly think of?" Yin Heng roared like a trapped beast, his expression stormy.

Then Yin Heng's gaze shot toward Ah-Zhong like a viper's tongue. "Ah-Zhong... now that you see Si Yehan possibly becoming the head of the Yin family... What... Do you want to forsake darkness for light?"

Yin Heng's chilly voice sent a shiver down Ah-Zhong's spine. "I... I wouldn't dare! Why would this subordinate think that?! This subordinate is fiercely loyal to Young Master Yin Heng, without a stray thought! Young Master should know that!"

Yin Heng snorted.

Loyal?

It was merely because he held some heinous dirt on Ah-Zhong. If Ah-Zhong dared to betray him, he wouldn't live either.

"Young Master Yin Heng, the top priority right now is figuring out a solution!" Ah-Zhong exclaimed anxiously.

After digesting this information, Yin Heng calmed down a tinge.

Yin Yuerong didn't express any intent to rescue him whatsoever after he was imprisoned for so many days, which was what caused him to have a breakdown and panic.

Ah-Zhong didn't dare to disturb Yin Heng and cautiously waited on the side.

A moment later, bloodthirsty amusement flitted through Yin Heng's eyes. "Rome wasn't built in a day. Even if Si Yehan wants to improve his relationship with Yin Yuerong, it won't happen within a day or two... Say, if Yin Yuerong was ended now, who's the most likely person to succeed as the head of the Yin family?"

Ah-Zhong's eyes turned. "You, of course, Young Master Yin Heng! After all, you're still the future family head that Madam personally acknowledged!"

As Ah-Zhong spoke, his face paled. "But Madam... e-ended? Madam's perfectly fine. Why would she..."

"Of course nothing would happen to her if she's perfectly fine, but what if... I gave her a ride?" Yin Heng's gaze was bone-chillingly cold.

Ah-Zhong jolted in fright. Could it be that Yin Heng wanted to murder Yin Yuerong?

But he was trapped inside this dungeon! How could he achieve that?

Who was Yin Yuerong? Regardless of whether it was killing her outright or an assassination attempt or poisoning, Yin Heng couldn't accomplish it even if he wasn't imprisoned.

Yin Heng seemed to be aware of what Ah-Zhong was thinking and snorted. "It would be impossible to strike down Yin Yuerong even if it was Si Yehan. There's only one method to eliminate Yin Yuerong—borrow the hands of the Arbitration Council. Coincidentally, I happen to have an item that can force Yin Yuerong down, making her unable to crawl back up!"

"W-what kind of item is it?" Ah-Zhong gulped.

"To find that item, go to Qingyu Alliance and ask for a person named Wang Hu and he'll give it to you. After obtaining the item, figure out a way to place it in Yin Yuerong's study. You should know what to do after that without me directing you!"