

Secret Love 2411

Chapter 2411: This might be a bit difficult

Yin Heng described it vaguely, but Ah-Zhong listened with trepidation and quickly said, "The sole act of putting an item inside Madam's study is impossible! You should know that no one can enter Madam's study!"

Yin Heng aloofly glanced at him. "Have you forgotten about that little b*stard?"

"That child...?" Ah-Zhong was baffled.

"Since that child can enter the study freely, you can cajole that child to bring the item inside and kill two birds with one stone," Yin Heng explained.

"Cajole that little brat? T-that might be a little difficult..." Ah-Zhong replied hesitantly.

"What use are you if you can't even handle a child who's only a few years old? Raising a piece of garbage would be better!" Yin Heng quietly insulted him before easing up and saying bewitchingly, "Ah-Zhong, how have I treated you all these years? You should know that everyone knows you're my person, so you can only survive if the head of the Yin family is me. Otherwise, if we allow Si Yehan to become the family head, do you think you will have any more good days ahead of you?"

Yin Heng's words were beguiling, but Ah-Zhong also knew Yin Heng was right. If someone else became the family head, his fate would be miserable. However, if Yin Heng succeeded, he would be credited for assisting a leader in his ascension and would be superior to everyone else!

In the end, Ah-Zhong gritted his teeth and agreed. "Young Master Yin Heng, leave it to me! This subordinate won't fail you!"

"Great," Yin Heng replied.

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Under the dark veil of the night, Ah-Zhong swiftly left and headed to the Qingyu Alliance as Yin Heng instructed.

Wang Hu had a good relationship with Yin Heng, which was why Yin Heng asked him to safeguard some important items for him.

After arriving at the spot, Ah-Zhong reported his name and a subordinate immediately led him to a nightclub.

Inside a private VIP room:

Wang Hu tossed a brown paper bag at Ah-Zhong. "Here! This is the thing you wanted."

Ah-Zhong hastily caught it.

Since their conversation in the dungeon, Ah-Zhong had been wondering what it was that could knock Yin Yuerong off of her pedestal and make the Arbitration Council act personally.

Ah-Zhong carefully opened the bag, his expression changing after one glance.

The paper bag actually contained a secret account book that detailed all the records of Qin Zong's under-the-table dealings and some letters and documents.

He never expected Young Master Yin Heng to have obtained such an important item.

After Qin Zong's fall from power, many higher-ups of the Arbitration Council were implicated. However, Yin Yuerong was extremely cautious and never did anything that violated the Arbitration Council's laws. She might've had a decent relationship with Qin Zong, but she wasn't impacted in the slightest after Qin Zong fell.

Once this account book appeared in Yin Yuerong's study, she'd be unable to wash herself of the wrongful accusation regardless of what she did.

At that time, the Arbitration Council would definitely take action, and she'd probably be in a prison for the rest of her life.

"Have you seen enough yet? If you have, then scram!" Wang Hu impatiently ordered him and didn't ask why Ah-Zhong wanted this item at all. This item was simply a hot potato in his possession, so it suited him perfectly that Ah-Zhong wanted to take it.

"Y-yes..." Ah-Zhong nodded frantically.

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After obtaining the item, Ah-Zhong immediately returned to Wanmei Villa.

The sky was still dark, so Ah-Zhong first carefully loitered near the study to see if there was an opportunity to sneak inside.

However, Ah-Zhong had worked for the Yin family for so long and knew Wanmei Villa like the back of his hand. He was aware that sneaking into the study was absolutely impossible.

Hence, after thinking it over, he could only employ Young Master Yin Heng's method and seek out that little brat to place this item. It'd be so covert that Yin Yuerong absolutely wouldn't discover it.

Chapter 2412: I'm Grandma's favorite

The next morning finally arrived.

Ah-Zhong went to a store to buy a bunch of candy before secretly planning to seek out Tangtang.

Ever since Tangtang started living there, Yin Yuerong had switched off her usual workaholic mode. On her day off today, she really rested at home and didn't go anywhere or work overtime.

Although the bill revision assembly was imminent, Yin Yuerong remained calm and composed without her typical irritability, as though she had become a different person.

Right now, Tangtang had just finished eating breakfast with Yin Yuerong.

“Grandma, can I go to the plum forest to break off a few branches of plum blossoms?” Tangtang inquired, blinking his large eyes.

From the side, Ah-Zhong inwardly snorted. That brat was truly undisciplined.

Plum blossoms were Yin Yuerong’s most favored item. When a servant randomly touched a single leaf, they’d be severely punished. Even him—he accidentally broke a branch one time and received a round of scolding, so how could she permit this little brat to haphazardly break a branch?

Ah-Zhong coolly interjected, “These plum flowers are Madam’s favorite, so how could you break them off willy-nilly?”

Although Auntie Qiao wanted to say something, she knew Yin Yuerong’s rules, so she kept quiet.

Yin Yuerong glanced at Tangtang but didn’t seem angered. She placidly asked, “Isn’t it good for the flowers to bloom on the branches?”

Tangtang pressed closer to Yin Yuerong and brightly smiled. “It’s pretty for the flowers to blossom on the branches, but Tangtang thinks these plum flowers are better placed near my grandma than blooming on their branches!”

Yin Yuerong was startled briefly before the corner of her lips turned up in an almost gentle smile.

Tangtang added, “I wanted to break a branch to place on Grandma’s desk so that Grandma could constantly see it! Wouldn’t that be better?”

“Madam, look at how filial Little Young Master is!” Auntie Qiao seriously liked this child more the more time she spent with him. She had forgotten how long it had been since Madam truly lived for herself. Ever since Little Young Master got here, Madam’s mood had improved more and more, and she smiled more frequently.

Tangtang paused and intentionally glanced at Ah-Zhong before saying, “Plus, Grandma’s favorite isn’t plum flowers anymore—I’m Grandma’s favorite now!”

Ah-Zhong’s expression was as dark as the bottom of a pan. “...”

“PFT!” A laugh broke out of Auntie Qiao.

Even Yin Yuerong chuckled aloud. “You aren’t humble at all.”

Ah-Zhong forced himself to remember that he still needed the little brat’s help for something today, so he forcefully suppressed his rage, but menace filled his heart.

Young Master Yin Heng was right. If they allowed this little brat to remain the favorite, his position would be nowhere in sight after the Yin family changed masters.

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In the plum forest:

Ah-Zhong brought along the candy and secretly followed Tangtang.

When they reached a spot without any bystanders, Ah-Zhong called out immediately, “Little br—Little Young Master!”

Upon hearing him, Tangtang turned back. “Oh, it’s you, Ah-Zhong! Do you need something?”

This child was clearly only four or five years old and had to look up at people, but his cold gaze made him look like he was born to look down at Ah-Zhong, sending waves of displeasure in the man’s heart.

“Little Young Master, these are candies and toys I bought for you! See if you like them!” Ah-Zhong was fawning in his demeanor.

Tangtang raised his brows at the big brimming bag of candy and assortment of toys in Ah-Zhong’s hold, a glint flashing through his eyes.

One who was solicitous for no reason hid evil intentions.

Ah-Zhong saw the child’s eyes light up, and his expression revealed how pleased he was with himself. “Little Young Master, do you want them? I can give all of this to you as long as you do me a tiny favor!”

Chapter 2413: No one would hate my mommy

Tangtang leisurely asked, “What favor?”

Ah-Zhong looked to the left and right before digging out an exquisitely beautiful wooden box carved with flowers. “Little Young Master, can you help me place this item in a drawer inside Madam’s study?”

Tangtang glanced at the wooden box. “Why won’t you place it yourself?”

Ah-Zhong sighed before replying, “Little Young Master, you should know that I can’t enter the study without Madam’s permission, so I can only ask for your help!”

“What’s inside?” Tangtang asked.

Ah-Zhong hastily opened it, “It’s a piece of porcelain.”

Inside laid a thin and small celadon dish.

“Why do you need to put this inside Grandma’s study?” Tangtang asked.

Ah-Zhong gritted his teeth. This little brat is so paranoid; why is he asking so many “whys”?

Ah-Zhong donned an anxious expression and pitifully said, “Sigh, honestly, this is what happened... Madam ordered me to enter and clean up the study last time, but while I was cleaning, I accidentally shattered this piece of porcelain.

“I was afraid of Madam punishing me, so I didn’t dare to tell Madam and went to buy an identical piece in a wish to replace it before Madam found out! Little Young Master, please do a kind deed and help me out!”

When Tangtang didn’t respond, Ah-Zhong gently said, “Little Young Master, you just need to wait until Madam isn’t there and sneakily help me put it inside. It’s very simple!”

Tangtang didn’t agree or decline, a contemplative expression on his face.

Seeing the situation look hopeful, Ah-Zhong start persuading him more earnestly, "Little Young Master, although I've offended you many times previously, it was with your wellbeing in mind! You don't know but Madam is especially strict normally, so I was afraid you'd do something wrong and anger her. I was afraid she'd punish you, which is why I reminded you carefully every time!"

"Is that so?" Tangtang asked.

A sharp glint flickered in Ah-Zhong's eyes. He intended to use this opportunity and sow some discord, so he said, "That's right! Don't you know, Little Young Master? Madam actually has a bad relationship with your dad and has done many, many terrible things to your dad and even kicked him out of the house. Madam also really hates your mom..."

Before Ah-Zhong could finish speaking, the semi-interested Tangtang's expression suddenly changed and his eyes shot toward him like an ice blade. "No one would hate my mommy!"

"Ahem..." Ah-Zhong was at a loss for words momentarily. "But Little Young Master, what I said is the absolute truth! If you don't believe me, you can go out and ask around! Everyone knows about this!"

Tangtang's cherub face was brimming with a coldness that didn't match his age as he stressed every word he said, "Why should I ask around? I just need to listen to what Mommy tells me. Mommy told me Grandma is a nice person, so Grandma is a nice person! You're speaking badly of Grandma! You're a bad person!"

Ah-Zhong never expected this unpredictable development from the child and was dumbfounded.

He was originally preparing to paint himself with a more favorable light and then vilify Yin Yuerong a bit more. How did he suddenly turn into a bad person?

But wait, Yin Yuerong was a villain from the start, so why did he need to vilify her? Yet this little brat was this stupid and wouldn't believe anything he said.

Ah-Zhong had no choice but to relent. "Little Young Master, I was wrong, I was wrong! It's fine if you don't believe me. I was being a loudmouth and shouldn't have run my mouth off. I beg you to help me and put this item inside! Otherwise, my life will be in peril!"

Chapter 2414: Bask in the sun together

Tangtang harrumphed. "I kinda don't want to help you!"

Ah-Zhong's expression froze. "Little Young Master... I'm truly begging you... Just what do I need to do to make you help me? I will go buy more snacks and toys for you, alright?"

Tangtang mulled it over before replying, "If you want me to help you, I can. But I have a request!"

Ah-Zhong turned joyous. "What request? I'll agree to it regardless of what it is!"

Tangtang nonchalantly said, "Alright, then say my grandma is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden 100 times!"

"..." Ah-Zhong was utterly dumbfounded.

What the heck??

Is this little brat serious??

I-Isn't that too embarrassing?!

"You won't say it? Then I'll leave! Don't disturb me from picking flowers for Grandma!" Tangtang turned to leave when Ah-Zhong failed to speak for ages.

Ah-Zhong panicked. "No no no, I'll say it! I'll say it right now! Madam is... is a celestial maiden..."

"You missed something! You can't miss a single word," Tangtang said.

Ah-Zhong was miserable. Although he was talented in boot-licking, he'd never had to say such humiliating things before.

"Madam... Madam is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden... Madam is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden... Madam is..."

Tangtang started to leisurely walk ahead to continue picking flowers for Yin Yuerong while Ah-Zhong gritted his teeth and trailed behind like a lackey, forced to repeat the words Tangtang demanded in an endless loop.

Forget it, I'll endure it! After today, it'll be my world!

Little brat, just wait!

When Ah-Zhong finally finished, Tangtang also chose an especially pretty plum flower to pluck.

"Little Young Master, you'll agree to help me now, right?" Ah-Zhong wiped his sweat.

"Bring it over!" Tangtang was brisk this time.

Ah-Zhong excitedly handed the item over. "Little Young Master, you must remember! Avoid others and secretly put it inside!"

"I know! So naggy... do you think I'm a fool?"

Ah-Zhong chortled inwardly, thinking: *I managed to get you to do what I wanted with a few words, brat. You *are* a fool!*

However, Ah-Zhong probably forgot that he didn't use "just a few words" ...

Tangtang accepted the item and asked, "Do I put it inside the drawer?"

Ah-Zhong quickly answered, "The last drawer in the left cabinet!"

Yin Yuerong didn't use that spot often, so she wouldn't discover it for now.

"Got it," Tangtang said.

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Ah-Zhong was naturally worried, so he followed Tangtang the entire way there and watched Tangtang enter the study and visually confirmed he took the box inside.

A moment later, Tangtang came out and the item was gone from his hands.

After making sure Tangtang took the item inside, Ah-Zhong followed Yin Heng's plan immediately and anonymously reported Yin Yuerong.

When Ah-Zhong finished, he released a long sigh of relief. He finally completed his mission and just needed to watch the good show coming up.

After today, he would partially become the Yin family's master and wouldn't need to act like a dog under Yin Yuerong and live every day in fear! He wouldn't have to take anything from a little brat anymore either!

The weather was nice today, the winter sun casting its warm rays on the earth. After picking his plum flowers, Tangtang dragged Yin Yuerong to the courtyard to bask in the sun.

Two lounge chairs—one big and one small—were placed in the courtyard and the duo comfortably lay on top of them. They didn't do anything and merely quietly basked in the sun with some chatter exchanged here and there.

Chapter 2415: Anonymous Report

Before, Yin Yuerong wouldn't waste a single second or minute and constantly racked her brain to fight for power and profit.

Doing nothing but lying in the courtyard to bask in the sun was a child's tale for her.

At this moment, as she quietly lay on her lounge chair, peering at the sun above through the slits in her fingers, she oddly felt as if everything was a lifetime ago...

Auntie Qiao stood in the distance and watched this scene, the rims of her eyes tearing up.

She originally thought Madam wouldn't change for the rest of her life. Auntie Qiao didn't expect the heavens to finally take pity on Madam for once and send this child to Madam's side.

"Housekeeper Qiao..." A servant approached Auntie Qiao.

The servant was about to continue when Auntie Qiao interrupted, "Quiet down. Madam and Little Young Master are resting."

The servant reported, "Some people from the Arbitration Council are here! They want to see Madam!"

"The Arbitration Council?"

"That's right. It's someone from the law department and they've brought a large group here."

Auntie Qiao had a faint feeling that something was wrong and didn't dare to delay matters, so she swiftly walked toward Yin Yuerong to inform her.

"Madam, someone from the Arbitration Council's law department is suddenly visiting. Their purpose is uncertain," Auntie Qiao said hastily.

Yin Yuerong switched back into her “Director Yin of the Arbitration Council” mode almost instantly and straightened her clothes before standing up. “I’ll go and see them.”

Then she turned to Tangtang and gently said, “Grandma has visitors to receive. Play by yourself for a little.”

“Okay, Grandma.” Tangtang docilely nodded and watched Yin Yuerong quickly heading toward the living room.

The guards naturally didn’t dare to block the people from the Arbitration Council and could only allow them inside and send someone to inform Yin Yuerong after confirming the identity of the visitors.

Inside the living room:

The chief of the Arbitration Council’s law department was standing there with his arms behind his back while the staff he brought had locked down all entrances and exits to the villa, their ill intentions apparent.

At the same time, Ah-Zhong stood on the side with his breath held as he concealed the excited and greedy glint in his eyes.

He didn’t expect them to come so fast!

However, it wasn’t a surprise since the Arbitration Council attached great importance to Qin Zong’s case.

Yin Yuerong calmly greeted them. “Pardon me for not going out to meet you, Chief Liu. Ah-Zhong, bring some tea.”

“Yes...”

Chief Liu lifted his hand. “Director Yin, no need for the tea. I am here on official business today.”

Yin Yuerong narrowed her eyes. “Official business?”

Chief Liu donned a polite smile. “Director Yin, you should know that I’ve been in charge of Qin Zong’s case, but there’s a very important account book that we’ve been unable to find.”

Yin Yuerong remained composed. “I do know. What about it?”

When Chief Liu saw that her expression remained unchanged still, his eyes chilled. “Just now, someone anonymously reported that this account book is inside your study. May I ask if there’s anything you would like to say, Director Yin?”

Yin Yuerong’s gaze flickered before she turned to Chief Liu. “Is Chief Liu joking?”

“Whether I’m joking or not, we’ll find out after a search. What do you say, Director Yin?”

“After all, there’s no smoke without fire. To prove your innocence, Director Yin, I had to make a personal visit. You’ll definitely cooperate with me, right, Director Yin?” Chief Liu spoke beautifully. He didn’t offend anyone but also didn’t allow anyone to refute him.

Yin Yuerong knew that since Chief Liu paid a personal visit and brought so many people with him, they wouldn't relent until they conducted a thorough search.

The abruptness of this incident didn't give her any room to react. The only thing she could do was allow the other party to search as they desired.

Chapter 2416: Take good care of Tangtang

Yin Yuerong aloofly replied, "Of course, as you wish."

Yin Yuerong quickly regained her composure. She normally had an unyielding attitude and enforced laws especially strictly, so she made many enemies. People had reported her out of sheer displeasure before.

However, she'd always been cautious and careful and didn't allow anyone to gain leverage on her. Hence, the majority of those people only reported her to repulse her.

Whether it was her ancestral Yin residence or Wanmei Villa, they were both tight as an iron tub, and no problems should arise.

Upon hearing affirmation from her, Chief Liu waved his hand and ordered his men to search swiftly.

Yin Yuerong called Auntie Qiao over. "Auntie Qiao!"

Auntie Qiao, who was standing on pins and needles, rushed over. "Yes, Madam? What are your orders?"

"Have people take good care of Tangtang. Don't let him come to the front."

Auntie Qiao knew that Yin Yuerong was afraid this display would scare Tangtang and quickly answered, "Yes, Madam..."

She had always been by Madam's side and knew Madam the best. She was well aware Madam had nothing to do with Qin Zong's dirty business, so how could she secretly be hiding something as important as Qin Zong's account book?

However, Chief Liu came so menacingly and said it with such certainty that Auntie Liu couldn't help but worry...

Within five minutes, a young man in uniform hastily returned with an item in his hold. "Chief! I've found it!"

When Yin Yuerong saw that young man walk out of her study with an unfamiliar red, carved wooden box, coldness flickered through her eyes.

She'd never seen this box before. How did it appear in her study?

Chief Liu quickly walked over and opened the box, discovering a celadon porcelain dish laying inside.

Chief Liu ordered, "Break the box apart."

The young man obeyed and pulled out a dagger, carefully prying the exquisite wooden box apart.

A moment later, the thicker board at the bottom was pried open with a kachak. The box actually had a hidden layer and inside the hidden layer was an item wrapped in a brown paper bag.

The subordinate exclaimed and handed the item over. "Chief!"

Chief Liu slowly opened the item. It was evidently Qin Zong's ledger...

"Director Yin, what do you have to say now?" Chief Liu's expression was chilly.

Yin Yuerong stared at the ledger, a storm brewing on her face. "Heh..."

Say what? In this type of situation, there truly wasn't much she could say anymore...

She was overly confident and never expected someone to place this item inside her study without any notice.

This was the scene that met Auntie Qiao when she returned. She turned pale with fright. "Chief Liu, that's impossible! There must be some misunderstanding! Our madam has always acted honestly, so how could she possibly do something like this? Someone must have intentionally planted this ledger there!"

Chief Liu shot her a cold look. "Plant? This is Wanmei Villa! May I ask who's capable enough to openly place something like this inside Director Yin's study?"

Auntie Qiao replied in a panic, "Madam's study is tightly secured and no one can enter without permission indeed, but..."

Before Auntie Qiao could finish, Chief Liu interrupted her, "Since that's the case, there's no mistaking it!"

Auntie Qiao reflexively glanced at Yin Yuerong. What she didn't finish saying was... but Little Young Master could freely enter as he wished...

Chapter 2417: Never thought about struggling

Little Young Master was the only person who had entered Yin Yuerong's study recently.

Could it be...

Impossible! How could that be possible?!

Forget about it being impossible. Even if they said it, no one would believe a child would do something like that.

With such concrete evidence, Yin Yuerong wouldn't be able to explain herself regardless of what she said.

Auntie Qiao met Yin Yuerong's eyes and Yin Yuerong understood what the other woman was thinking.

She knew her study best and Tangtang was the only one who could enter. Tangtang was also the only one who could secretly put things inside her study without anyone noticing.

Moreover, Tangtang was the only one she didn't guard herself against at all...

An extremely terrifying thought gradually rose in Yin Yuerong's mind, this thought slowly swallowing her whole like a quicksand...

It was Tangtang?

Why...

The darkness that Yin Yuerong had been forcefully suppressing in the bottom of her heart instantly rushed up like a flood.

Heh, no wonder.

She treated his dad and mom like this and she was so unlikeable, so why would he like her?

Why would he show such concern and intimacy toward her after learning about her identity? Why would he treat her like his grandma—his family?!

How cold... how could there be someone who liked her?

The child became close to her merely for this moment—merely to take revenge on her, right...

In the end, her wishes were too far-fetched...

When Auntie Qiao saw the expressions flashing across Yin Yuerong's face, her heart panged with sympathy. She wanted to comfort Madam but didn't know what to say.

She could only pray that the situation wasn't as she thought. Otherwise... the effect on Madam would be too great...

She liked, indulged, and trusted that child so, so much...

"Apologies, Director Yin. Please come with us!" Chief Liu said.

In his hiding spot, the excitement and joy in Ah-Zhong's eyes couldn't be concealed anymore.

Finally! Yin Yuerong was finally finished!

Young Master Yin Heng's method was simply too brilliant!

Not only did they take care of Yin Yuerong but he also stayed completely clean. Regardless of what that little b*stard would reveal later, no one would believe a child's words.

Speaking of which, it was thanks to that little b*stard this time for acting so efficiently and placing the item exactly where he instructed so that things progressed so smoothly.

Auntie Qiao wanted to say something but Yin Yuerong's gaze prohibited her from saying anything else before turning to Chief Liu. "Let's go."

Although this was a higher-up from the Arbitration Council, they still had to follow the due process. Chief Liu ordered people to bring forth the chains and handcuffs specially crafted for people with high martial strength. "Pardon this offense."

Yin Yuerong expressionlessly stared at those handcuffs and remained silent. Her eyes dimmed little by little as though an enormous vortex was swallowing all of the light.

In the end, she merely gave one instruction to her housekeeper. "Auntie Qiao, after I leave, send Tangtang to Ah-Jiu's place."

She should've known that she shouldn't have ever forcefully demanded things that didn't belong to her. How funny. She made a mistake. She actually made a mistake again...

When Auntie Qiao heard Yin Yuerong's instructions, tears spilled out. "Madam! Madam, you'll be fine! You'll definitely be fine!"

However, in this kind of situation, the evidence was discovered at the scene, so even Madam was helpless.

Or rather... Madam didn't... didn't seem to have even thought about struggling...

Auntie Qiao could tell that Madam was truly greatly impacted this time.

Chapter 2418: No one is allowed to take my grandma away!

The past few days, Yin Yuerong had lived like she was dreaming. She might've been relaxed and happy but she was also plagued with fear, afraid that days like these were just an illusion and would disappear in the blink of an eye.

Now that it finally came true, she felt oddly relieved.

As expected, she had to pay the price for something so wonderful.

"Let's move."

Since this was Tangtang's wish, then so be it...

When Chief Liu saw Yin Yuerong didn't resist, he released a sigh of relief. His subordinates each took a side as they approached and shackled her. Chief Liu ordered, "Take her away!"

Before Yin Yuerong walked through the front entrance, a childish voice suddenly shouted, "Hold on!!!"

The little fella's voice was a bit young but his aura was abnormally fierce.

He darted in front of Yin Yuerong, using his tiny body to protect her behind him. "No one is allowed to take my grandma away!"

Yin Yuerong reflexively used her sleeves to cover the handcuffs around her wrists, her expression dazed as she looked at the child who suddenly appeared. "Tangtang..."

Chief Liu saw the child that popped out of nowhere and automatically started examining the child. A glance and he was surprised.

Eh? This child... really resembles Director Si...?

So this was the child detained by Yin Yuerong that everyone was babbling about?

Didn't they say Yin Yuerong loathed this child's mother so she detained this child to torment him every day?

Because of this, the higher-ups of the Arbitration Council had complaints about her and thought her actions affected the Arbitration Council's reputation, so they were planning to condemn her together.

So why did it look like things weren't as the rumors claimed?

If Yin Yuerong tormented this child every day, why would he step forward to protect her at a time like this?

Yin Yuerong never expected Tangtang to appear and froze in her spot...

Tangtang was a tiny ball, but he staunchly stood in front of Yin Yuerong and said, "It was me who placed this red wooden box inside Grandma's study this morning! It has nothing to do with Grandma!"

When Auntie Qiao heard this, surprised covered her face.

When Yin Yuerong heard Tangtang personally admitting that he was the one who put the box there, her face turned as pale as snow and the last trace of warmth in her heart completely dispersed in the chilly wind...

It really was Tangtang who placed it there...

But since it was him who did it, why did he come forward to admit it now?

At this moment, half of Yin Yuerong's heart was sunken into a cold river while the other was burning in a blazing flame.

Ah-Zhong was watching as Yin Yuerong was about to be taken away, but then this little brat suddenly popped up and caused trouble. He hastily approached and said, "Little Young Master, you mustn't speak rashly. You're just a child, so how could you do such a thing? I understand you don't want them to take Madam away, but sigh, even if you say all this, it's useless..."

Because no one will believe you.?

Clearly, Chief Liu looked at Tangtang like he was a child throwing a tantrum.

Tangtang glanced at Ah-Zhong. "I'm a child, so of course I wouldn't put this item inside Grandma's study for no reason. I did it because you told me to put it there."

Upon hearing that, Yin Yuerong's gaze shot toward Ah-Zhong like a knife.

Ah-Zhong told Tangtang to put it in there?

A moment ago, her mind was rattled, so she completely lost the ability to think and didn't consider Ah-Zhong at all. She merely recalled that Tangtang was the only one who could enter her study.

Perhaps because concern threw one's mind into chaos, Yin Yuerong's first assumption was that Tangtang did this because he hated her and never considered that Tangtang might've been tricked...

Chapter 2419: Did you think I was a feeble-minded child?

Ah-Zhong expected Tangtang to say that and made preparations beforehand, so he wasn't afraid. He feigned a stunned expression as he asked, "Little Young Master, you can't wildly say things like that! I've been with Madam for so many years, and I'm undyingly loyal. Why would I tell you to do such a thing?"

“Although I also really hope it was me who did this so Madam will be okay. Unfortunately, Chief Liu won’t believe you even if you say that...”

As Ah-Zhong tried to clear his name, he didn’t forget to express his loyalty and pretend to be a good person.

Hmph, little brat! You want to drag me in? You’re too naive!

Words alone weren’t proof. Plus, Tangtang was a child, so what he said was completely useless.

Yin Yuerong was also aware of that fact...

However, it was enough.

This child might loathe her but had a kind-hearted nature and couldn’t bear it when he saw her being taken away.

To her, it was already enough that Tangtang could step forward and say what he said at a time like this.

When Tangtang heard Ah-Zhong, he looked at Ah-Zhong like he was looking at an idiot. “Ah-Zhong, don’t tell me that you thought I was a feeble-minded child this whole time?”

Are you saying you aren’t a child? Are you saying you’re stupid?

Although Ah-Zhong thought that, he maintained his courteous front. “Of course not, Little Young Master! You’re naturally exceptionally intelligent, Little Young Master!”

“Oh...” Tangtang nodded. “Since I’m not an idiot, then it appears you’re the idiot. Why do you think I wouldn’t be cautious when you acted completely out of character and used toys and snacks to tempt me to do a strange task?”

The child’s words made Ah-Zhong’s heart indescribably skip a beat. This child’s expression was truly too calm and didn’t resemble a child who didn’t know anything.

However, Ah-Zhong still didn’t think such a young child could know anything. Moreover, it was useless even if he did.

Ah-Zhong feigned ignorance. “Little Young Master, what are you saying? I don’t understand!”

Tangtang docilely smiled. “It appears you aren’t only idiotic but idiotic beyond cure.”

Tangtang then dug out an object from his pocket and turned to Chief Liu. “I know words alone aren’t proof, so this is my proof.”

Yin Yuerong immediately saw what Tangtang was holding. That was... the fountain pen I gave Tangtang a few days ago...

This child actually carried it on him constantly...?

“What is this?” Chief Liu frowned.

Tangtang pressed the power button on the pen and Ah-Zhong’s voice immediately drifted out from the pen.

This pen was equipped with a recording function.

[Ah-Zhong: Little br—Little Young Master!]

[Tangtang: Oh it's you, Ah-Zhong! Do you need something?]

[Little Young Master, this is candy and toys I bought for you! See if you like them! Little Young Master, do you want them? I can give all of these to you as long as you do me a tiny favor!]

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Tangtang expressionlessly asked, "Do you want to keep listening?"

When Ah-Zhong heard his own voice ringing out from the pen, he was dumbstruck.

From his interactions with Tangtang the past few days, Ah-Zhong perceived Tangtang as a cute and innocent bat who only knew how to act like a spoiled child and play cute. He never expected the child to be cunning enough to specifically record a random conversation he had with him.

"Madam... Chief Liu... I was just randomly chatting with Little Young Master..." Ah-Zhong finally panicked.

Chief Liu shot him a cold glance. "Quiet. Keep listening."

Soon, Tangtang resumed the recording.

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[What favor?]

"Little Young Master, can you help me place this item in a drawer inside Madam's study?]

[Why don't you place it yourself?]

Because Tangtang clearly asked at that time, he meticulously recorded the whole process of how Ah-Zhong cajoled him.

The red, carved wooden box and celadon porcelain dish that Ah-Zhong mentioned were identical to the ones they found in the study.

Chief Liu's expression was austere as he seriously listened to this important piece of evidence. The more he heard, the more he thought...

This servant named Ah-Zhong was probably a bit dumb. The child had an underlying meaning in nearly every sentence he spoke, tricking information out of Ah-Zhong, yet Ah-Zhong didn't detect a single thing.

[Little Young Master... I was afraid you'd do something wrong and anger her. I was afraid she'd punish you, which is why I carefully reminded you every time!]

[Don't you know, Little Young Master? Madam actually has a bad relationship with your dad and has done many, many terrible things to your dad and even kicked him out of the house. Madam also really hates your mom...]

When Yin Yuerong listened to how Ah-Zhong got Tangtang to frame her, her expression remained calm. However, when she heard Ah-Zhong actually sowing discord in the relationship between her and Tangtang, her expression changed at once.

With a bang, Yin Yuerong kicked Ah-Zhong on the knee. "Dog servant!"

A man who is never content is like a snake trying to swallow an elephant...

When she saved him from the burial mounds, he was overflowing with gratitude toward her and devotedly loyal to her.

However, a person's desires and greed were limitless.

The better she treated him and the more she trusted him, the more it fostered his greed instead...

Also, there was Yin Heng.

It wasn't difficult for Yin Yuerong to figure out who was behind Ah-Zhong...

This thought sent her plunging into an ice cavern.

"AHHH!!!" Ah-Zhong screamed from the kick and fell to his knees with a plop, rolling on the ground in agony.

Yin Yuerong's spine was stiff as she stared intently at Tangtang. When even a close servant of hers viewed her like this, what would Tangtang think?

No wonder Tangtang helped Ah-Zhong...

At this moment, Tangtang's chilly voice was finally heard from the recording pen.

[No one would hate my mommy!]

[But Little Young Master, what I said is the absolute truth! If you don't believe me, you can go out and ask around! Everyone knows about this matter!]

[Why should I go out and ask around? I just need to listen to what Mommy tells me. Mommy told me Grandma is a nice person, so Grandma is a nice person! You're talking badly of Grandma! You're a bad person!]

...

Yin Yuerong never expected Tangtang to respond that way, shock brimming from her eyes.

This child actually never hated me??

When Auntie Qiao heard this, she felt comforted. She knew Little Young Master wouldn't treat Madam like that!

As expected, a mother's guidance toward their child was most important. If Miss Nie didn't keep saying that to Tangtang, Tangtang wouldn't maintain such naivety or his kind heart.

As for Chief Liu and his underlings, they all couldn't help but inwardly mutter: *Director Si's fiancée actually praised Yin Yuerong as a good person...? What a magical woman!*

Then Ah-Zhong coaxed and pretended to be pitiful in all sorts of ways in the recording until Tangtang seemed to finally soften and told Ah-Zhong he would help if Ah-Zhong agreed to a request from him.

When Chief Liu and his group heard the request Tangtang brought up, their expression was... complicated...

What was more frightening was... just like that... they were forced to listen to "Madam is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden".

Because they were worried they would miss some important evidence in the recording, everyone present forcefully listened to that 100 times.

Toward the end, Chief Liu's expression couldn't be any darker.

This was probably the most unforgettable piece of evidence he had gathered in his life.