

Sidekick 1411

Chapter 1411: Two Old Men Quarreling

When Grandpa Jian heard this comment, he rolled his eyes and replied: "What's the use of having a great-granddaughter? Sooner or later, she's going to be abducted by someone else's family!"

His only granddaughter was abducted just like that!

Master Zhai snorted and replied: "Well, unlike you, the Zhai family will recruit a son-in-law in the future! She won't be marrying into another family. She will be ours forever."

All of a sudden, Grandpa Jian became upset: "Are you reminding me I shouldn't have agreed to marry Yiling into the Zhai family? Alright, I will get Yiling to divorce that brat of yours. If she does that, the child inside her belly will also be ours!"

"No way! Yiling belongs to our family! You can't take her back!"

In the beginning, when Master Zhai came with Zhai Yunsheng's marriage proposal, Grandpa Jian treated him incredibly respectfully and cautiously. Under no situation did he want to anger Master Zhai.

However, after interacting with him for a couple of years, Grandpa Jian was no longer afraid of Master Zhai.

"Why not? Divorce happens quite often in marriages. It's supported by the law! My darling granddaughter can divorce your grandson whenever she wants!" Grandpa Jian retorted.

"You're speaking nonsense! My granddaughter-in-law loves my grandson. If you really want someone to divorce, you can divorce your wife! Don't involve my precious granddaughter-in-law in your craziness!"

Everything else was negotiable. However, Yiling was theirs!

"I watched Yiling grow up! She's much closer to me than to you! If you don't believe me, I will ask her whether she likes me more or likes you more!"

Once again, Master Zhai and Grandpa Jian began quarreling.

This was not the first time these two old men argued.

Ever since Yiling became pregnant, Grandpa Jian and Master Zhai began arguing at least once a week.

And each time, their argument revolved around Jian Yiling and her soon-to-be-born child.

The two of them were once renowned and respected big shots in the corporate world. Together, their combined age was almost a hundred and sixty years old.

Yet, they were still arguing and bickering like children once again.

Even Jian Dan could not stand to watch this. He sighed like an adult and said to his brother in the crib: "Brother, we must not learn from them. They're way too noisy."

Jian Yumin who was peeling an apple for his wife in the ward commented enviously: "I hope we have this kind of energy when we get old."

Upon hearing this, Luo Xiuen laughed: "Maybe it will be even more chaotic."

"How come?"

"Because you'll have more people to argue with."

As there were so many brothers in the Jian family, if Jian Yumin wanted to argue with someone, there would absolutely be no shortage of people.

On the other hand, Jian Yuncheng, Jian Yunmo, and Jian Yunnao stood in a line outside Luo Xiuen's ward.

They were currently being reprimanded by their mother.

"Other people have two grandchildren already! What about me?" Wen Nuan questioned her sons.

"You're going to be a grandma soon," Jian Yunnao replied.

"But that's not the same!"

Why were her sons so useless?

A few years ago, Wen Nuan did not understand Grandma Jian well. However, the older she became, the more she agreed with Grandma Jian's thought process.

Jian Shuxing hurriedly defended his sons: "A Nuan, relationships can't be forced. If they meet the right person, they will naturally get married. However, if they don't meet the right person, you can't force them to get married right? If you do that, it'll definitely do more harm than good."

Chapter 1412: Yiling's Child is Born

Then, Jian Shuxing turned to give his sons a meaningful look.

"Mother, we will try our best," Jian Yunnao hurriedly promised.

"Mhmm," Jian Yuncheng repeated. Even though his response seemed perfunctory, Jian Yuncheng was still expressing his views.

Jian Yunmo said: "Mother, it's not that we don't want to get married. Rather, we just want to spend time on more important matters.. After all, shouldn't we be more concerned about Yiling right now? After she gives birth to our nephew or niece, we can then focus our attention on finding a partner and marriage no? What do you think about this arrangement?"

Out of her three sons, Jian Yunmo was definitely the one who knew how to convince Wen Nuan.

"Don't go back on your words then!" Wen Nuan exclaimed. She was willing to let her sons go for now.

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Two months later...

The entrance to Lahaisen Hospital's Beijing branch was filled with limousines and other luxury car brands. These cars belonged to the Zhai family, the Jian family, and the Wen family. In addition, various powerful and respected individuals who knew Jian Yiling also visited.

Everyone was visiting because Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng's first child was born.

Surprisingly, the whole process of birth was quite smooth.

It was a baby boy. He weighed three kilograms and was very healthy.

When Master Zhai saw his great-grandson, tears almost rolled out of his eyes.

There was finally another member of the Zhai family!

When Grandma Jian saw her great-grandson, she became a bit depressed.

Why was it another boy?

She already had two great-grandsons!

She desperately wanted her granddaughter to give birth to a daughter.

However, it was impossible to ask for that now.

Hence, Grandma Jian wasn't very happy.

She would be happier if Yiling gave birth to a girl.

"Old woman, don't be stubborn. Your great-grandson is so cute. He looks just like Yiling," Grandpa Jian said cheerfully.

"It's not a great-granddaughter. I'm not happy," Grandma Jian exclaimed. Her childish temper came up again.

"What's the hurry with that? Didn't you wait a long time for Yiling? This is only the third great-grandchild. You still have a fair bit to wait," Grandpa Jian replied.

He was looking at the bright side of things.

According to their family tradition, they had to wait a long time for a baby girl to grace their family.

"You have a point," Grandma Jian said. "Then I have to remind the other brats to get married soon. If they get married, the chances of getting a great-granddaughter become higher."

Unlike everyone else, Zhai Yunsheng did not hold his child. In fact, he didn't even want to look at him.

After all, when Jian Yiling gave birth, the pain made her entire face turn pale. In fact, it seemed as though the pain made Jian Yiling have a trip to hell and back.

During the delivery process, all of the Jian brothers crowded the door. They kept trying to peek inside.

As there were too many people, Jian Yujie and Jian Yunnao were pushed to the back. They could not compete against the others in height and strength. This meant they could not see anything and were incredibly anxious.

Even after so many years, they could not change their fate.

When Jian Yiling successfully gave birth, a hoard of people gathered around her. And thus, Jian Yunnao and Jian Yujie could only look at their little nephew.

A look of disgust appeared on their faces.

“Why does he not look like Yiling?” Jian Yujie exclaimed in disappointment.

He was alright with a nephew. However, why did his nephew not look like Yiling at all?

“Yeah, it’s not good to look like Zhai Yunsheng,” Jian Yunnao spat out.

This was way too disappointing.

Upon hearing these comments, the nurse holding the child didn’t know whether to cry or laugh.

This child was such a good-looking baby! How could they make those comments?

Once he grew up, he would definitely be a handsome man.

However, this was to be expected. After all, the Jian family’s genes were insane. Each of them was incredibly handsome. All the female doctors and nurses swooned over their looks.

Chapter 1413: Little A Sheng

When Jian Yiling woke up, she saw a group of people gathered beside her.

“How are you feeling?” Zhai Yunsheng asked worriedly.

“I feel a bit of pain,” Jian Yiling softly answered. The look on her face appeared a bit aggrieved.

However, in reality, Jian Yiling did not feel aggrieved. Her pale face accompanied by her soft voice just gave off that impression.

“It’s alright. Let’s not have another child.”

“I want to see my baby.”

“Bring him here,” Zhai Yunsheng said.

Upon hearing this, Master Zhai hurriedly gestured for someone to bring over Jian Yiling’s baby.

He was sleeping soundly in a bundle of lightweight cotton.

“He looks like you,” Jian Yiling said with a smile on her face.

She was really happy.

It was a smaller version of A Sheng.

Jian Yiling stretched out her finger and gently poked his fleshy and soft cheeks.

As her baby was sleeping soundly, he didn't wake up from the poke. Instead, he continued sleeping and there was a drop of drool on the side of his mouth.

He was adorable.

As Jian Yiling looked at her baby, the smile on her face became even brighter.

At that moment, she realized she became really different from the person she once was.

"Okay, carry him away," Zhai Yunsheng said.

"I want to continue looking at him," Jian Yiling said somewhat reluctantly.

"He looks like me. You can look at me instead," Zhai Yunsheng replied shamelessly.

"It's not the same..." Jian Yiling softly muttered.

"It's the same," Zhai Yunsheng answered. Zhai Yunsheng did not like his son.

His son caused Jian Yiling so much pain.

After a few moments, Jian Yiling looked around her bed for Jian Yunmo. When she saw him, she called out: "Brother Yunmo."

"I'm here," Jian Yunmo said as he walked over to hold Jian Yiling's hand.

"Give the child a checkup."

Jian Yiling was still thinking about the matter. She wondered if her child inherited Zhai Yunsheng's heart condition.

"Liu Ting already arranged for it. It will be done later."

It was impossible for Jian Yunmo to forget this matter.

He just wanted his sister to see her child before he took him away.

Naturally, none of them wanted Jian Yiling's child to inherit Zhai Yunsheng's heart condition. They wanted her child to be happy and healthy.

Even though the condition could now be controlled by regular injections of inhibitors, no one wanted to inject such things into a child from such an early age.

"Mhmm."

"Everything will be alright. You don't need to worry about these matters. For now, you just need to take care of yourself. Leave the rest to your brother, okay?" Jian Yunmo said softly. His eyes were full of heartache.

"Mhmm. Brother Yunmo, don't be sad. I'm not in pain."

"Okay, I believe you. Rest up," Jian Yunmo replied.

Then, he looked up and gave Zhai Yunsheng a meaningful gaze.

After that, he walked out of the ward to find Liu Ting. They were going to perform a checkup on Jian Yiling's newborn child.

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A few months ago, there was a competition between Jian Yiling and Zhang Xin.

As it took a bit of time for their research to be evaluated and verified, the final results were only announced by the national medical institution in the last few days.

After the results were announced, the reputation of the Zhang family was greatly affected.

Zhang Xin began to hear a lot of whispers which doubted the abilities of the Zhang family.

"Send a note out to the eight reclusive families! I want to unite with them to deal with Jian Yiling and Lahaisen Hospital!"

The recent events made Zhang Xin furious.

"Head of the family, I don't believe that's a wise decision," an old servant beside Zhang Xin advised.

It had been many years since the eight reclusive families had gathered together.

Originally, there were nine families. However, their leader, the Xie family, had disappeared many years ago for some unknown reason.

Chapter 1414: Why Aren't You Holding Him?

Even though they had the ability to compete against the most powerful and wealthy families in their world, the Xie family just disappeared overnight.

After the Xie family's disappearance, the eight remaining reclusive families interacted less.

However, Zhang Xin refused to listen to any advice.

"The Lahaisen Hospital has cutting edge medical technology and extreme amounts of wealth. The other reclusive families would definitely be interested in this. Furthermore, I heard someone from the Xue family once submitted an application to Lahaisen Hospital when he was sick and got rejected. If that's the case, he would definitely hold a grudge."

The old servant attempted to remind his master: "But Jian Yiling's background is incredibly complicated. She has the support of the Zhai family, the Jian family, the Wen family, and the mysterious and unpredictable Second Master of the Zhai family. They won't be easy to deal with."

After all, right now, almost everyone knew of Jian Yiling. Even though she looked adorable and easily bullied, she had powerful backing to support her every decision and move.

"Tch, maybe I'd consider the Zhai family and the Second Master of the Zhai family as a potential problem and hindrance. But the Jian family and the Wen family? You're duly overestimating them. If I can unite the other reclusive families, we can easily deal with the Zhai family and the Tianxing Group.

Besides, hasn't Jian Yiling just given birth? The Zhai family's attention will definitely be on her newborn child. This will be our best opportunity."

Upon hearing this, a helpless expression appeared on the old servant's face.

"And you need to stop saying useless things. You're just an old servant of the Zhang family. You can't dictate my decisions. Hurry up and send the Nine Dragons Post to the other reclusive families!"

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The Nine Dragons Post was a special invitation used when the Xie Family was still around. Back then, it was used to inform important matters to other families.

This meant more than thirty years had passed since someone last used the Nine Dragons Post.

After receiving this order, the old servant of the Zhang family could only listen to Zhang Xin.

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As usual, Zhai Yunsheng accompanied Jian Yiling on a daily basis.

Jian Yiling's baby was still unnamed. For now, everyone called him Xiaobao¹. He was currently being held by Master Zhai.

"Ahh, my precious great-grandson! He's so cute! He's definitely going to be incredibly good-looking when he grows up!" Master Zhai exclaimed proudly for the hundredth time.

When Grandpa Jian heard this, a disgusted expression appeared on his face. Wasn't it just a great-grandson? The Jian family had two of them!

"Are you done with hugging him? If so, you should hand him to me! I want to hold him too!" Grandpa Jian complained.

Did Master Zhai never get tired of holding Xiaobao? He had been holding him for almost an hour.

"Don't you have two great-grandchildren of your own? Why do you still want my family's?" Master Zhai replied. He put particular emphasis on the words my family's.

Upon hearing this, Grandpa Jian replied in disdain: "What do you mean by your family's? Without my darling granddaughter, your family wouldn't even have a great-grandchild in the first place!"

"But she married into my family! She now belongs to the Zhai family!"

Hmph! No one could steal his granddaughter-in-law from them!

"What do you mean by that? Yiling's surname is Jian! She will always belong to the Jian family!" Grandpa Jian exclaimed.

Once again, the two of them began to bicker.

In the eyes of many, their actions were more childish than Jian Dan's. In fact, this was probably how children quarreled in kindergarten.

"Wa... Wa..."

When Xiaobao heard the noise, his brows became furrowed. It seemed like he was about to cry at any minute.

Upon hearing this, the two old men immediately stopped arguing.

However, there was still a displeased look in their eyes.

Master Zhai planned to hand his great-grandson to Zhai Yunsheng.

“Hold your son more often.”

Zhai Yunsheng glanced at his son. However, he did not reach out to hold him. Instead, he replied: “Get the wet nurse to hold her.”

Upon hearing this, Master Zhai exclaimed: “What’s wrong with you? My great-grandson is so cute. How can you possibly not want to hold him?”

Chapter 1415: I Will Just Hug My Wife

“I just don’t want to,” Zhai Yunsheng replied.

In Zhai Yunsheng’s mind, he found it difficult to hold a child.

He felt like if he wasn’t careful, he’d accidentally crush him at any moment.

“If you don’t know how to hold a child, you should learn how to, no?” Master Zhai replied. He called over the wet nurse and asked her to teach Zhai Yunsheng how to hold Xiaobao.

Zhai Yunsheng’s attempt to learn was rather perfunctory. On the other hand, Jian Yiling listened to the wet nurse’s instructions seriously.

“Young Master Zhai, please make a more serious attempt to learn,” the woman said cautiously.

“I can just hug my wife,” Zhai Yunsheng replied. He didn’t believe hugging his child was an important thing.

Upon hearing this, Master Zhai grunted: “If you don’t want to hold him, so be it. I will hold him! Don’t be jealous later on!”

Then, Master Zhai said to his great-grandson: “Good boy, let’s ignore your bastard dad.”

“Do you not like our baby?” Jian Yiling asked.

“I like him,” Zhai Yunsheng replied. Despite saying this, the expression on his face told another story.

“Then hold him,” Jian Yiling said.

As it was Jian Yiling’s request, Zhai Yunsheng held his son reluctantly.

His movements were stiff when he took Xiaobao from the wet nurse’s arms.

This thing was way too small and soft.

“Zhai Erdan,” Zhai Yunsheng said to the child in his arms.

Perhaps, the little boy understood what his father called him. When he heard those words, he immediately began crying.

His cries were very loud.

When Master Zhai heard this, he hurriedly asked the wet nurse to take Xiaobao back. Then, he sternly criticized Zhai Yunsheng: “What do you mean by Zhai Erdan? I told him not to call him by that name! You’re not allowed to give my precious great-grandson strange names! Look at what you did! You made him cry!”

The poor boy.

“He can’t understand my words yet,” Zhai Yunsheng corrected.

Xiaobao was probably upset because he held him in an uncomfortable position.

“Let me hold him,” Jian Yiling said. She hadn’t gotten an opportunity to hold her baby. Whenever she wanted to, Zhai Yunsheng would say it would take a toll on her body. After saying that, he would ask someone else to hold Xiaobao.

When Jian Yiling held Xiaobao in her arms, he quickly fell asleep.

It seemed like he was quite picky about who held him.

When Jian Yiling looked at Xiaobao’s sleeping face, a smile appeared on her face. He really looked like a miniature version of A Sheng.

She reached out to poke his cheeks again.

Xiaobao was even cuter than Zhai Yunsheng.

Zhai Yunsheng was quite prideful. He won’t let her bully him like this.

When Zhai Yunsheng saw this, he turned to the wet nurse and asked her to take the baby away from Jian Yiling.

“Yiling needs rest. Take the baby away.”

Upon hearing this, Master Zhai couldn’t help but look at his grandson in disdain. Why was his grandson treating his own son like an enemy?

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During the next few days, Jian Yiling’s friends and relatives came to visit her one after another.

Gifts were piled up in a corner of the hospital ward.

Anna from the Goodman family also came to visit her.

“Congratulations,” Anna said as she handed over a congratulatory gift.

“Thank you,” Jian Yiling replied. She was not close to Anna. The few encounters she had with her were because of the Goodman family compass.

“As you know, I’m a person who does things for a purpose. I didn’t come to just congratulate you on your baby.”

Anna was very frank. She cut out all the pleasantries because she knew Jian Yiling was a straightforward person as well.

“Mhmm. I understand. Do you want something from me?” Jian Yiling asked.

Chapter 1416: Anna Asks Yiling for Help

“It’s regarding the Goodman family compass. We recently found some new clues,” Anna said.

“Congratulations. But why do you need to tell me about it?”

“Don’t reject me just yet. Hear me out,” Anna continued.

“Okay.”

“The Goodman family compass is not only related to the Goodman family but it’s also related to the Xie family. As you’re a descendant of the Xie family, I decided to come to you on this matter.”

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“How is it related?” Jian Yiling asked. In the past, Jian Yiling had heard a few things about this. However, there was no exact information available.

“The hidden treasures recorded by the compass not only belong to the Goodman family, but some also belong to the Xie family,” Anna responded. She surprisingly told Jian Yiling the truth.

The huge amount of wealth left behind by the Xie family did not suddenly disappear into thin air. Instead, it was also hidden in the same location as the Goodman family’s hidden treasures.

Anna continued to explain the situation to Jian Yiling: “According to the information I know so far, back then, the Xie family discovered where the Goodman family hid their treasures. However, for some reason, your family did not take those treasures. I don’t know the specific reason for this. Regardless, I just hope we can cooperate to find the treasures which belong to our respective families together.”

Before Jian Yiling got a chance to reply, Zhai Yunsheg appeared at the entrance of the ward and coldly rejected Anna: “That’s your business. It has nothing to do with Yiling.”

“But only your wife has the ability to locate the hidden treasures.”

“She’s a doctor. She shouldn’t get involved in your nonsense,” Zhai Yunsheng replied resolutely.

“She’s more than a doctor,” Anna calmly answered. She knew about Jian Yiling’s abilities. “Furthermore, we need her expertise as a doctor. Some of the traps set in the treasure location were tailor-made for her. I can guarantee to you that she’s the only suitable candidate.”

Anna knew for certain that Jian Yiling was the only person who could help her.

Then, Anna confessed: "If not for that reason, I wouldn't have been so kind and generous to come and tell you that the Xie family's wealth was also hidden in the same place. I would have just silently taken everything. However, as Jian Yiling is the only person who can help me, I sincerely hope to cooperate with her."

Anna never hid the fact that she was a greedy businessman.

"I refuse," Jian Yiling replied resolutely. She was not interested in what Anna was saying.

"Okay," Anna replied. Then she said: "I'm sorry for disturbing you. However, if you change your mind at any time in the future, feel free to contact me. The door of the Goodman family is always open for you."

Anna did not want to force Jian Yiling to do something she didn't want.

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After the Nine Dragons Post was sent out, the remaining seven reclusive families gathered together in Beijing.

This result surpassed Zhang Xin's own expectations.

Originally, he only expected two or three reclusive families to turn up.

However, to his surprise, everyone came.

The representatives of each family were in their fifties or sixties.

They were all dressed plainly and at first glance, they would look no different from any other old man.

However, when they sat together at the conference table, they gave off a feeling of leadership.

After all, most of them had a lot of influence in their respective countries. In fact, they held more power than the Zhai family and the Qin family.

For the first time in decades, the eight remaining reclusive families gathered together.

Chapter 1417: Is That All You're After?

Zhang Xin humbly greeted every representative from the reclusive families as they were all older than him.

Then, he told them his intentions and explained why he gathered everyone here today.

After listening to Zhang Xin's description and plan, all of them were silent.

After a long while, one of them asked Zhang Xin: "Are you talking about Jian Yiling, the Dean of Lahaisen Hospital?"

The old man who spoke up was the current head of the Situ family. The Situ family used to make weapons. During war times, they made large contributions to their country. And even though they were quiet nowadays, they still contributed to weapons manufacturing.

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Although the current head of the Situ family was not tall, he had an arrogance that seemingly made him look down on everyone.

“That’s right,” Zhang Xin said with certainty.

“So you gathered us to deal with Lahaisen Hospital?” Situ Zhong said with disdain.

“Yep.”

“Head of the Zhang family, I truly overestimated you,” Situ Zhong sighed and shook his head with a disappointed look on his face.

“What do you mean by that?” Zhang Xin responded somewhat angrily. He hated being looked down upon.

Situ Zhong replied enigmatically: “At first, I thought you were interested in Jian Yiling because of that matter. However, you were only interested in Lahaisen Hospital. What was I even expecting? The Zhang family was only known for their medicine. Your vision of the future is limited.”

“That’s quite true,” the others echoed. They expressed their agreement with Situ Zhong’s point of view.

“What exactly do you guys mean?” Zhang Xin said in an angry and puzzled tone.

If they didn’t come for Lahaisen Hospital, what did they all gather in Beijing for?

“As expected, the Zhang family knows nothing at all. Well, at the very least, do you know about the Goodman family?”

“The Goodman family? What about them?”

“Recently Anna, the future successor of the Goodman family arrived in Beijing with their family compass. At the same time, it’s rumored that the secret behind the compass has been finally solved. Do you know how many treasures were hidden away?”

Even though Zhang Xin did not know the details, he knew about the countless treasures the Goodman family possessed. The Goodman family had risen during the Medieval Period in Europe.

“But... Does that have anything to do with us?” Zhang Xin asked.

“I thought you summoned us to Beijing for the Goodman family’s treasures. However, it turns out you only had eyes for Lahaisen Hospital. Do you not think you’re short-sighted? Is Jian Yiling that much of a problem?”

Despite being annoyed, Zhang Xin could not refute their words.

If they found the Goodman family’s treasures, it would indeed be worth much more than Jian Yiling’s Lahaisen Hospital.

“But that’s the Goodman family... Can we really deal with them...?” Zhang Xin asked hesitantly.

He wasn’t scared of Jian Yiling. However, the Goodman family was a different beast to handle.

Situ Zhong replied: “Well, you should have a think about whether you want to join us and compete for this great treasure. In recent years after the annihilation of the Xie family, the reclusive families have already faded out of the limelight. Even though our power and influence are still here right now, can you guarantee that in ten years or twenty years from now, our power and influence will still have an effect? Aren’t you yourself a good example? Lahaisen Hospital has already taken over the Zhang family’s position in the medical world.”

As Zhang Xin was still young, he did not know the glory their families had when the Xie family still existed.

However, everyone else present knew and experienced it.

Chapter 1418: Visiting the Xie Family’s Former Mansion to Find Clues

As Zhang Xin listened to everyone else, he became somewhat convinced about joining in. After all, he did not want the Zhang family to be perceived as a scaredy cat. At the same time, he was interested in this hidden treasure as well.

“Alright, let’s change our plans and focus on the Goodman family instead,” Zhang Xin decided. For now, he was willing to delay dealing with Jian Yiling.

After all, once he got his hands on the hidden treasures of the Goodman family, he would definitely have ways to make Jian Yiling and her Lahaisen Hospital disappear from existence.

“To find the treasure, there’s an important clue we could look into,” Situ Zhong mentioned.

“What clue?” Zhang Xin hurriedly asked.

“It was rumored that the Xie family was very close with the Goodman family. Apparently, the location of the treasure was recorded on a piece of vellum.”

In the past, there were somewhat frequent exchanges amongst the nine reclusive families. Hence, most of the other reclusive families knew that the Xie family interacted with the Goodman family.

“But everyone says the entirety of the Xie family is dead. One day, they just suddenly disappeared from Country M. No one knows where they went,” Zhang Xin replied.

If they were dead, why was Situ Zhong still mentioning them?

Situ Zhong had an answer prepared for this: “Didn’t the Xie family leave a mansion in Country M? There’s always the possibility they left some clues there.”

During the Xie family’s golden age, they owned a mansion that had thousands of acres of land.

And now, that mansion had been completely deserted.

"I'm happy to go and look for clues. But isn't the place incredibly big? How can we find the so-called clues?" someone asked.

"If our eight families work together, will that still be a problem?" Situ Zhong responded.

After discussing this matter for a while longer, the eight reclusive families decided to go to the Xie family's abandoned mansion in Country M the next day. They were ready to scour each and every inch of land.

Naturally, Zhang Xin sent some people over as well. However, Zhang Xin himself stayed in Beijing.

After losing to Jian Yiling, his family business suffered many losses.

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The Zhang family opened hundreds of stores in China. It was a very important part of their income. However, as he lost the competition against Jian Yiling, the Zhang family's income stream was much worse than before.

Therefore, Zhang Xin was trying to fix the situation. At the same time, he still wanted to get revenge on Jian Yiling.

However, there were too many people around Jian Yiling at any time of the day. Furthermore, the Zhai family's protection of Jian Yiling was all-encompassing.

Around the same time, Qin Chuan was also discharged from the hospital.

Zhang Xin went to look for Qin Chuan instead.

As soon as he entered Qin Chuan's office, Zhang Xin felt a change in Qin Chuan's aura. His face was much more cheerful than when he first met him.

"It seems like Jian Yiling not only healed your health but she also healed your heart," Zhang Xin said with a smile on his face. There was a trace of mockery in that smile.

Upon hearing this, Qin Chuan replied: "My health is indeed better. As for my heart, I do not know whether it's better. I just know I'm no longer confused and lost. I just know I will no longer force myself to think about questions I will never get an answer to."

"Are you going to tell me you really let go of her?"

Chapter 1419: Don't Want to Disturb Her Life

Zhang Xin came to visit Qin Chuan because he was convinced that Qin Chuan was unable to let go of his obsession with Jian Yiling. If that were the case, there was a possibility that Qin Chuan might be willing to help him.

Qin Chuan did not give a direct answer to Zhang Xin's question. Instead, he said: "I know you're unwilling to accept your loss. However, if you dare to hurt her, I won't forgive you."

When he heard this, Zhang Xin laughed: “Qin Chuan, who do you think you are? Do you still think you hold power or something? You know, even when you were the head of the Qin family, you were still nothing to me. The Qin family is nothing compared to the eight reclusive families.”

Despite hearing this, Qin Chuan replied calmly and indifferently: “I know you’re speaking the truth and I know how terrifying the reclusive families are. However, that does not change my thoughts.”

Even if it was a futile attempt, Qin Chuan refused to back off.

“And why exactly do you even still try? Everyone in Beijing already knows how useless and hopeless you are. Jian Yiling and Zhai Yunsheng barely put any effort into dealing with you. Originally, I wanted to help you because of our past friendship. I was willing to give you a chance to seek revenge on them. However, it seems like I overestimated you. You’re nothing but a coward.”

After being rejected by Qin Chuan, Zhang Xin decided to mock Qin Chuan.

Then, he turned away with a look of disdain on his face.

Qin Chuan did not get angry with Zhang Xin. Instead, he sent a message to Qin Yufan. He asked Qin Yufan to tell Jian Yiling that Zhang Xin was still thinking of ways to cause her trouble. This time, he involved the Nine Dragons Association which hadn’t united together for many decades.

As the name implied, the Nine Dragons Association once consisted of nine families.

The Xie family was once the head of the association. However, after they disappeared, the Nine Dragons Association also faded from everyone’s minds.

When Qin Yufan saw her brother’s messages, she replied: [Why don’t you tell Yiling yourself?]

[I don’t want to disturb her life.]

He promised to quietly watch over her and protect her. He did not want to disturb her life anymore.

When she read this response, Qin Yufan understood Qin Chuan’s behavior. She thereby responded: [I will tell her what you said. I will also remind her and Zhai Yunsheng to watch out for the reclusive families.]

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After giving birth, Jian Yiling stayed in the hospital for an entire month.

The day she left, the Zhai family brought Jian Yiling and her baby home with great fanfare.

When Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling got out of the car, there was a man waiting for them. The man was wearing an eye patch and there was another young man with strange eye movements standing beside him.

Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling immediately recognized the man wearing an eye patch. They met him during an escape room a few years ago.

Back then, Jian Yiling registered her information as she became their store’s VIP member.

However, during those two years, Jian Yiling did not go and visit the escape room again.

Hence, it was strange why they appeared in front of the Zhai Residence today.

“Young Master Zhai and Miss Jian, it’s been quite a while. Do you still recognize me?” the man with an eye patch asked. He was not confident that Zhai Yunsheng and Jian Yiling remembered him.

“I have a good memory,” Jian Yiling replied.

Even though they had only met once briefly, Jian Yiling had an excellent memory. This meant she did not forget about them.

“Did you guys come here for something?” Zhai Yunsheng asked.

He also remembered these two people.

And thus, he did not know why they were here today.

Chapter 1420: Jian Yiling Solves the Hidden Secret with One Glance (1)

The man with an eye patch pulled out a piece of vellum with shaking hands.

The piece of vellum looked quite old.

He unfolded it in front of Jian Yiling and said: “Originally I wasn’t sure if I should come to you for help, but I recently learned that your grandma was a descendant of the Xie family. Therefore, I no longer hesitated to pay a visit.”

The man had spent many years searching for someone who could solve the secret recorded on the vellum.

Every time he met a suitable person, he would write down their name and contact details.

Hence, over the years, he screened other suitable people besides Jian Yiling.

It was not until the man with an eye patch learned about Grandma Jian’s identity did he decide to look for Jian Yiling.

When Jian Yiling looked at the piece of vellum, a frown appeared on her face.

This was actually related to the Xie family.

Then, Jian Yiling turned to look at Zhai Yunsheng. She didn’t know what to do.

Upon seeing this, Zhai Yunsheng suggested: “Why don’t the two of you go and sit down in the living room? Grandma Jian should be here. Maybe it’s more appropriate to discuss those matters with her.”

As Jian Yiling and the others walked in, she saw Grandma Jian.

“Miss Jian,” the man with an eye patch knelt down as soon as he saw her.

Grandma Jian hastily said: “Get up, get up. Why are you kneeling at such an age? It’s not good to kneel!”

“I must not break the rules passed down by our ancestors. The collateral kin of the Xie family must protect the direct descendants of the Xie family,” the man replied.

When she heard this, Grandma Jian frowned for a moment. Then, she carefully examined the man kneeling down in front of her.

“You’re a collateral kin of the Xin family..?”

“My father’s name is Xie Guofeng.”

“Ahh...” Grandma Jian exclaimed. There was a considerable amount of surprise on her face.

“Old woman, who is he talking about?” Grandpa Jian asked. He knew the Xie family’s background was rather complicated. Even though they had been married for many years, he still did not know much about the Xie family.

“Xie Guofeng is my cousin,” Grandma Jian sighed. “If this man is the child of Xie Guofeng, he should address me as his aunt.”

Even though she wasn’t close to him in terms of bloodline, she was still his family member.

“I won’t dare to do that. You’re a direct descendant of the Xie family. I must respect you,” the man with an eye patch replied. He had a strict sense of hierarchy.

“So why did you come to see me?” Grandma Jian asked.

“Because of this,” the man replied as he handed the piece of vellum to Grandma Jian.

When Grandma Jian took a look at the piece of vellum, the expression on her face became different.

“Old woman, are you alright? Don’t be so shocked, please. You know your health isn’t great. You had a stroke a few years ago!” Grandpa Jian scolded his wife. Even though he was scolding her, Grandpa Jian was incredibly worried about his wife. He didn’t want her blood to rush to her brain and cause a tragedy.

“No no... I’m okay... I just remembered something from the past,” Grandma Jian muttered as she gazed away.

She had seen this piece of vellum a long time ago. Back in the day, she saw it in her grandpa’s hands.

At that time, she was the only daughter in the Xie family. As she was also her grandpa’s most beloved grandchild, she would often run into his study.

There was turmoil during that period of time.

As Grandma Jian reminisced through her memories, she said to the man: “Ahh, so this was given to you.”

“To be exact, it was given to my father who then entrusted it to me before he died. Ever since then, I’ve been looking for someone who can solve this hidden secret.”

After his father died, the man with an eye patch tried to follow his father’s wishes.

To him, it didn’t matter that the Xie family disappeared for so many years.