

The Substitute Madam Amazes the World Once More

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Chapter 371: The Hired Nanny

After saying this, Chen Man moved her gaze away from Mo Zhu and looked around the room indifferently. She saw that there was suddenly an obedient little girl hiding in the corner of the room. She frowned slightly and looked up to ask Mo Wu, "Who is this girl? Why haven't I seen her in the small mansion before?"

Mo Jiu looked at the young nanny and scratched his head lightly as he replied, "Madam, Young Master was afraid that no one would serve Ms. Mo here, so he specially instructed me to hire someone to take care of her. Mo Jiu and I just brought her here, so it's normal that you haven't seen her before."

When Chen Man heard this, she sized up the little girl standing in the corner for a while. After a while, she shook her head and said, "No matter how good a girl is at taking care of others, she definitely can't compare to the people on the old master's side."

After pausing for a few seconds, Chen Man turned to look at Mo Zhu. She touched the back of the girl's hand and said softly, "Xiao Zhu, we've all heard about what happened last night from Huan'er. It's all thanks to you this time. Otherwise, we definitely wouldn't have been able to return safely from the Kang family. I'm very worried about your recovery now. How about this? You go back to the Huo family's old mansion with me and I'll take care of you personally!"

Mo Zhu patted Chen Man's hand comfortingly and looked straight into the woman's concerned eyes. She replied lightly, "Auntie, my health is already much better. In addition, I'm still involved in the training at the research institute. It wouldn't be good if they found out that I'm not back."

Thinking of the research institute, Mo Zhu was a little worried. She did not return to the dormitory last night and she did not know if Meng Ran and the others could hide it from the teachers on duty who patrolled the corridor every day.

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, Chen Man didn't want to force her. She immediately nodded in understanding and replied, "Alright, Xiao Zhu, if you have anything on, feel free to call Auntie. If you're not used to living in the research institute, go straight back to

the old mansion. Just do your best in the Mathematics competition this time. You don't have to force yourself to fight for a ranking!"

Two days ago, Chen Man had found out from Huo Xuan that Mo Zhu had participated in the preliminaries of the Mathematical Olympiad in Jingyang High School and had passed the preliminaries to enter the finals. Although she was very surprised that Mo Zhu could enter the finals with her standard, when she heard that this was a team competition, she was certain in her heart that it was precisely because of this special arrangement this year that Mo Zhu had such good luck to pass the preliminaries. It was definitely with the help of the students with top Mathematics results in the same group!

Originally, she had wanted to bring Mo Zhu to Beijing and hire a few teachers to tutor the little girl before the official finals. Who knew that they would have arranged for the groups to carry out intensive training together? Chen Man understood that although Mo Zhu's results were not that outstanding, this girl had a strong personality. She must have worked very hard in order not to implicate her classmates, so she specially told her that the ranking and results were not that important. Her health was the most important!

Mo Zhu smiled and nodded. "Thank you, Auntie. I understand."

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's agreement, Chen Man looked at the girl in relief. From the corner of her eye, she saw that the food on the bedside table was already a little cold. She frowned and looked at the young lady in the corner and instructed, "Girl, I think this dish is almost cold. Go and make another one for Xiao Zhu. Don't prepare anything too nourishing as she has just woken up. Prepare something light."

The nanny, who was hiding in the corner of the room and trying her best to reduce her presence, suddenly heard that Chen Man had arrangements. She trembled nervously and rubbed her palms before replying softly, "Alright, Madam. I'll go prepare it now."

After saying this, she tiptoed closer to the bed, walked around everyone and carefully picked up the tray on the bedside table. She opened the door and walked straight to the kitchen in the small mansion.

The food on the tray was specially prepared for Mo Zhu in advance. In the past, every time she was unwilling to get out of bed, her mother would always prepare delicious food and place it at the head of her bed to wake her up. Therefore, when she first arrived in the afternoon, she had placed the food at the head of Mo Zhu's bed accordingly so that the girl would wake up quickly when she smelled the fragrance.

Chapter 372: Cheng Yi's Phone Call

After the young nanny left the room, everyone considered that Mo Zhu had just woken up and her body had not fully recovered. Thus, under Chen Man's suggestion, they went to do their own things and let Mo Zhu rest quietly.

After everyone left, the room instantly fell silent. Mo Zhu took the coat she had worn last night from the wooden chair by the bed and prepared to take out her phone from her pocket to look at the time and news.

Unexpectedly, just as she reached out and was about to touch her coat pocket, she suddenly heard a hurried vibration of her phone from the other side of the pillow.

Mo Zhu frowned slightly and looked up to follow the sound of the vibration. It was her phone that had been fully charged. At this moment, there was a caller ID on the phone screen. Looking at the few numbers at the end, it should be from Cheng Yi.

Raising her hand to take the phone, Mo Zhu swiped the answer button neatly. A deep male voice instantly came from the other end of the phone.

“Girl, why can’t I get through to you this morning?”

Mo Zhu pinched the space between her eyebrows calmly. “I had something on in the morning and my phone was turned to silent mode.”

Not wanting to continue this topic, she raised her eyebrows and took the initiative to ask, “Why are you looking for me?”

Cheng Yi had called Mo Zhu twice in the morning, but she did not pick up. He was originally quite worried about this girl, but now that he heard Mo Zhu’s calm tone, he was relieved and said softly, “There are two things I want to tell you.”

“The first matter is about the Huo family. The young master of the Huo family, Huo Xuan, personally sent someone to the Love Pavilion to place an order with me. He wants you to personally investigate a mysterious young man who appeared in the Kang family last night. He also gave me some unusual news. He said that the young man’s martial arts are different from ordinary martial arts. He asked you to pay attention to internal energy cultivation methods and it might be easier to investigate from that aspect.”

Cheng Yi rubbed his palms and paused for a few seconds, as if he was considering something. A moment later, he did not wait for Mo Zhu’s reply and continued, “From the information provided by the Huo family, I’m afraid it won’t be easy to investigate this matter. My thoughts are that our safety is the priority, so I wanted to ask for your opinion first before deciding how to deal with this matter!”

Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and knocked her fingers lightly on the bedside table. She looked like she was really thinking seriously about whether to take this order.

In fact, she had already known about this when Huo Xuan and Mo Wu were talking in the room in the morning. Although she was still unconscious at that time, she didn’t miss a word they said and she heard it very clearly.

After so much had happened in the Kang family last night and that she had already woken up, she more or less had to give Huo Xuan an explanation for these things. Beijing had been filled with danger recently, and now, an expert who was proficient in internal energy like her had appeared. For the safety of Huo Xuan and the Huo family, she had no choice but to investigate the conspiracy behind the truth step by step.

She lowered her eyes and pondered quietly for a few minutes. Cheng Yi, who was on the other end of the phone, was also very tactful and didn't disturb Mo Zhu. After a while, she seemed to have thought of something and replied in a low voice, "I'll accept this mission. Later, you can personally reply to Huo Xuan's people and discuss it with them."

When Cheng Yi heard this, he nodded and said, "Alright, there haven't been many orders recently. Although this matter is a little tricky, I believe that with your strength, it's only a matter of time before you find out the truth. Since you've made up your mind, I'll reply to the Huo family truthfully. If you need anything, we can ask them to cooperate with us with all their might!"

Chapter 373: Another Matter

After saying this, Mo Zhu was in a daze. Before she could hang up, Cheng Yi started chattering again, "By the way, girl, the last time you video called me, I remember you mentioning that you were studying in Cloud City, right?"

Mo Zhu looked away from the window and rubbed the bedsheets beside her. She replied lightly, "Yes, Jingyang High School."

When he heard that Mo Zhu was studying in Jingyang High School, Cheng Yi's eyes instantly lit up. He smiled awkwardly and said, "Girl, listen to me. Jingyang High School is a middle school with a high enrollment rate. If you can study there, your results definitely won't be bad. Study hard and see if there are any good schools or universities in Beijing that you like after you graduate. When you come to Beijing to study in university, it will be more convenient for you to enter and leave the Love Pavilion. You can come to the office to have tea with me more often..."

After a pause, afraid that Mo Zhu would reject him because of her results, Cheng Yi added firmly, "It's fine if your results aren't ideal. With my ability, it's very easy for you to find a top university in Beijing. Girl, feel free to take the college entrance examination and take a look at any universities you like. Leave the rest to me!"

Upon hearing Cheng Yi's words, Mo Zhu could not help but laugh. "Forget it. If you have the time to help me consider the future, why don't you think about how to develop the Love Pavilion better?"

After being reminded by Mo Zhu, Cheng Yi frowned. He suddenly recalled a huge matter that had caused the people in the Love Pavilion to be extremely busy recently.

He coughed twice and said in a low voice, "Girl, to be honest, there's really something tricky these two days. Everyone is helpless and I was just about to ask you for help. I was thinking that if you came to Beijing to study, it would be more convenient for us to do things."

Although the Love Pavilion was established by Cheng Yi, he could not control the entire Love Pavilion one handedly. There were still management levels above him. If he offended the people above him, he would not be able to bear the consequences.

Coincidentally, this very tricky problem was handed to him by his boss and also to the entire Love Pavilion. If the Love Pavilion could not find out the truth behind it or do it well, they might be implicated by this matter and their year-end performance would be severely affected.

Everyone had been busy with this matter for a long time but they were not able to find any clues. Originally, Cheng Yi had wanted to take the initiative to call Mo Zhu two days ago and ask her for help. However, considering this girl's temperament, she was usually not easy to talk to. As he thought that the investigation time given by the higher-ups was not that tight, he did not ask her for help for a long time.

When Mo Zhu heard this, she raised her eyebrows and changed her posture on the bed with interest. "Oh? What's so difficult? Tell me about it?"

After hearing Cheng Yi's words, Mo Zhu was very curious about this matter. As one of the four gods of the Love Pavilion, she had joined the Love Pavilion for many years. For such a long time, Cheng Yi had always given her the impression that he was a calm and steady person. From the rising development of the Love Pavilion, it could be seen that the manager was a brave and intelligent person, so Mo Zhu rarely heard the word 'tricky' from the man.

It seemed like the matter this time was definitely not that simple.

Cheng Yi trusted Mo Zhu very much. Seeing that she had taken the initiative to ask, he did not plan to hide it. He immediately picked up the teacup on the desk and took a sip. He said in a low voice, "Have you heard about the multiple kidnappings in Beijing some time ago?"

Upon hearing Cheng Yi mention this, Mo Zhu also straightened her expression and replied seriously, "I've heard about this."

The man nodded and continued with a serious expression, "After so many days of investigation by the Love Pavilion, these mysterious kidnappings were all done by one person. Furthermore, the other party specially picked on the children of noble families. The strange thing is that with so many cases happening one after another, the police can't even capture the face of a suspect. It's really strange!"

Chapter 374: The Kidnapping Cases

“There are rumors that the kidnapper is like a corpse that has been dead for a long time. Not only does he smell like a corpse, but there’s not a single piece of good flesh or skin on his body.”

After saying this, Cheng Yi frowned worriedly and his tone carried a hint of anxiety. “These days, there have been more and more kidnappings. The police and various organizations don’t have the ability to capture the suspect at all. It was the higher-ups who sent the Love Pavilion’s people to secretly assist in the investigation. However, this matter is so strange, what can our staff do? Now that there’s no progress, we can only delay it!”

When Mo Zhu heard this, she touched her chin and asked in a low voice, “Have you found out which family in Beijing hasn’t buried their dead after their deaths recently? Or which family has a vegetable who has been unconscious for many years and whose organs have started to fail?”

When she saved Xu Huan from the murderer in Cloud City the last time, through Xu Huan’s simple description, Mo Zhu had already placed the focus on the new poison. If she was not wrong, the mastermind had used this poison to control the kidnapper to kidnap the victim and commit extreme violence.

As the new poison had fused with the poison of many types of poison, the effects of each poison would not be too strong and aggressive. Therefore, the person who controlled all of this from behind the scenes was unlikely to target someone who was healthy or had a strong physique. He could only find someone who had just died or someone who had been bedridden for many years.

Upon hearing Mo Zhu’s question, Cheng Yi held his teacup and took another sip of tea. He thought quietly for a while and replied softly, “The staff of the Love Pavilion didn’t notice this. I’ll instruct them to investigate later.”

After a pause, he suddenly thought of something and placed his glass on the desk. He said with a slightly excited voice, “Speaking of which, I remember now. The higher-ups had asked the Love Pavilion to investigate this matter and had given us a stack of useful relevant information. The information shows that the suspect seems to be from Qingyuan Village in Cloud City. Girl, aren’t you studying in Cloud City? How much do you know about this village?”

When Mo Zhu heard this, her eyes darkened. She rubbed her palms and replied with a mocking smile, “Cloud City’s Qingyuan Village? Interesting. Don’t even mention how much I know, I grew up there.”

Just as he finished speaking, Cheng Yi's pupils constricted slightly. He continued asking in disbelief, "Girl, you grew up in Qingyuan Village? Then do you know if anyone in the village disappeared mysteriously or their corpses were stolen after they died?"

Mo Zhu shook her head and replied thoughtfully, "I'm really not sure about that. Besides, I haven't been back for a long time. I don't know much about Qingyuan Village."

Cheng Yi nodded and continued muttering to himself, "It's strange. A few days ago, the murderer was still getting more and more aggressive in arresting people. However, these two days, he seemed to have disappeared. According to the news from the police station, no families from Beijing have come to report the case for two consecutive days!"

"The lesser the news, the harder it is to investigate. The higher-ups have given a death order for our Love Pavilion to find out the identity of the suspect and his ultimate motive for doing these things. This matter is so strange. They have deduced that the mastermind behind all of this is definitely preparing and setting up a shocking situation. In order to ensure the safety of the people, the higher-ups have specially instructed us to hurry up!"

Chapter 375: Arrangements Settled

Upon hearing Cheng Yi's words, Mo Zhu lowered her eyes and pondered.

After a while, she arranged in a low voice, "There's no need to investigate this matter in a hurry. Since that person hasn't taken action for two days, he must have made other arrangements. Send someone to keep a close eye on the Kang family. If there's any movement, send me a message immediately. It is definitely not a coincidence that these things happened at the same time. We might be able to get some idea of what is happening if we track the clues down and follow them."

After saying this and hearing Cheng Yi agree, she recalled the woman she vaguely saw before she fainted after the Kang family attacked last night. Mo Zhu frowned slightly and asked, "Do you know who the unmarried middle-aged women in the Kang family are?"

Upon hearing Mo Zhu suddenly ask such a question that had nothing to do with the case, Cheng Yi held his chin and thought quietly. He replied indifferently, "The old master of the Kang family has more sons than daughters. His youngest daughter in her forties has already married overseas."

After a pause, an idea flashed across Cheng Yi's mind and he quickly added, "However, I heard that the younger daughter of the Cheng family, Cheng Tang, has been very close to the current head of the Kang family recently. She goes to the Kang family to stay for a while from time to time."

"Cheng Tang?" Mo Zhu frowned. "Who is she?"

Following the girl's question, Cheng Yi explained patiently, "Cheng Tang is the favorite granddaughter of Old Master Cheng in Beijing. Her sister married into the Kang family many years ago, so she has been interacting with the Kang family often all these years."

Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows. She seemed to have recalled something and asked bluntly, "Does her sister have a daughter called Kang Wan?"

When Cheng Yi heard this, he was silent for a moment before answering hesitantly, "I'm really not sure about that, but according to the time they got married, if they have children, they should be in high school, about your age."

That's right. Kang Wan was Cheng Tang's sister's child. Cheng Tang was the aunt that the girl in Cloud City often mentioned to kidnap Huo Xuan morally.

No wonder she hadn't heard the news of the Kang family's annihilation since last night. Now, even Cheng Yi didn't take the initiative to tell her about this. It must have been because the woman from the Kang family had suddenly appeared yesterday and threatened Huo Xuan with the favor, causing Huo Xuan to have no choice but to let the Kang family off.

Thinking of this, Mo Zhu clenched her fists without batting an eyelid. An imperceptible ruthlessness flashed across her eyes.

"Sent someone from Love Pavilion to keep a close eye on the Kang family and the Cheng family at the same time. That woman called Cheng Tang is not simple. For such an expert to suddenly appear in the Kang family, I suspect that this woman has something to do with it!"

Cheng Yi raised his hand and tightened his grip on the teacup on the table. He looked out the window and said, "Huo Xuan wants to investigate the Kang family, and you want to keep a close eye on the Cheng family. Could it be that the two of them really have some secret conspiracy?"

Mo Zhu looked up coldly and explained in an unfriendly tone, "You've been managing the Love Pavilion's secrets for so many years. Have you heard of a kind of poison in this world that uses a special medium as a primer and it nurtures people to be emotionless, lifeless, and thoughtless? These poisoned people only know how to obey orders and become a killing machine."

Upon hearing the girl's words, Cheng Yi's expression changed. He suddenly clenched his phone in shock and looked up. "What? Isn't that the legendary living dead? Although I've never seen such a creature with my own eyes, I've seen many of them in television dramas and movies in the past. Could it be? Could it be that what was filmed was real?"

Mo Zhu nodded lightly and replied calmly, "It's indeed not completely appropriate to use the term 'living dead' to describe these people who are neither human nor ghost. It's not

even considered a living creature, but it's basically the same. They are just moving with the bodies of humans, but in reality, they are already a pile of rotten flesh. The person who poisoned them is also controlling and manipulating them to complete their schemes and goals through that special catalyst."

Thinking that this description was too complicated, considering Cheng Yi's current level of understanding and ability to accept it, Mo Zhu changed her words and explained succinctly, "In short, to put it simply, people who are poisoned with this special poison have their hearts and brains corroded by the poison bit by bit, and they will become the tools of the mastermind. If the number of people increases, they will become a team that is absolutely obedient to the ruler's orders and is not afraid of death!"

Chapter 376: Explaining It Clearly

"What?" Cheng Yi was frightened by this matter on the other end of the phone. He quickly panted and asked anxiously, "No way! There's really someone who dares to secretly nurture such an inhumane team in Beijing? No, no, I have to report this matter. This is a matter of life and death for the people!"

Mo Zhu nodded in agreement. She frowned slightly and continued, "Although I haven't confirmed the other party's motive with concrete evidence yet, the person behind them must not be an ordinary small character to be able to nurture that team. If we really let them grow, the consequences will be unimaginable!"

Cheng Yi pondered for a moment and knocked lightly on the table. He said with a hint of worry, "How can we continue to investigate this matter in depth? Be it the new poison you mentioned just now or the experts that might be related to the Kang family that suddenly appeared, we don't know where to start investigating!"

Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu calmly turned her gaze to the window. She pondered for a while and said in a low voice, "How about this? Go online and find some movies or television dramas related to zombies. Take it as a simple understanding of these creatures."

After pausing for a few seconds, she added, "As for the internal energy, ask the staff of the Love Pavilion to focus on the online fantasy novels. I've read one or two of them before. The authors wrote them well as if they were real!"

"It's fine as long as you have a general understanding of the concept. Not many people know about this rare concept. There's no need to be so particular!"

When Cheng Yi heard this, he replied with a grave expression, "Alright, then I'll follow your instructions and let them have a simple understanding of what these things are. However, I have to quickly organize the information later. We have to report this matter to the higher-ups immediately and ask them to make defensive measures and emergency plans as soon as possible!"

“Sure.” Mo Zhu nodded. Then, she seemed to have thought of something and coughed twice. She picked up the glass of water on the bedside table and took a sip before continuing, “I’m participating in a Mathematics competition in Beijing recently. I might return to Cloud City in two days after participating in it. If there’s any progress by then, send me a message.”

When Cheng Yi heard this, he was a little stunned. “What? Girl, you are in Beijing now?”

“Yeah.”

Before Mo Zhu could say anything, Cheng Yi continued excitedly, “Since we’re both in Beijing, come to the Love Pavilion. I’ll bring you around our office. If it’s not convenient, we can arrange a private meeting!”

Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu frowned slightly and shook her head. She rejected him firmly, “No, the training this time is quite strict. In addition, I’ve caused a lot of trouble for the teachers and students of the research institute recently. Let’s talk about this next time.”

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Upon hearing Mo Zhu’s rejection, Cheng Yi lowered his eyes and did not force the girl. “Alright, it’s a deal then. Ever since the office on the top floor was built, the few of you were never around and I’m the only one sitting there. It’s really too empty.”

Mo Zhu smiled and did not continue the conversation.

After a while, Cheng Yi finished talking about the new office building built by the Love Pavilion and changed the topic back to what the two of them had been talking about. “Speaking of this, I suddenly recalled a question I’ve been wanting to ask just now. Girl, you suspect that the Kang family and the Cheng family are related to the mysterious person in this kidnapping case. Although these two families have statuses in Beijing, they are definitely not at the top. How do they have the guts and ability to do such a thing?”

When Cheng Yi was young, he had traveled extensively and was quite knowledgeable. After settling down all these years, he had single-handedly established the Love Pavilion, an organization that knew everything and investigated everything. For this, he had also learned about a lot of secrets that were hidden in the world. He thought that he was already bold enough. He never expected that these two families would actually be far above him and openly do such a thing in Beijing!

Chapter 377: Audacious

When Mo Zhu heard this, her pupils suddenly constricted and her expression turned grave. She said in a low voice, “This matter isn’t that simple. The mastermind is most

likely not someone from the Kang family or the Cheng family. With just them? They don't have such ability."

After a pause, a cold glint flashed across her eyes as she continued, "The mysterious person who is hiding behind the scenes and controlling all of this is hiding very well. Although I don't know what his motive is, by cooperating with these two families, there must be countless connections between them. As long as we keep a close eye on the Kang family and the Cheng family, we don't have to worry about not finding a chance to break out of this situation!"

Cheng Yi nodded in agreement. After being reminded by Mo Zhu, he instantly had a gist of many things that he did not understand previously. He said in a low voice, "Alright, I'll report this matter first. I'll inform you in time if there's any follow-up!"

After saying this, he heard Mo Zhu acknowledge softly and Cheng Yi hung up the phone neatly.

When she heard the beeping sound of the phone being hung up, Mo Zhu turned off her phone screen and gently placed it on her lap. She looked out the window thoughtfully, deep in thought.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door. A careful female voice came from outside. "Ms. Mo, are you awake? I've already made new food. If you're awake, I'll send it in for you."

Upon hearing this cautious and delicate voice, she thought that the person who came might be the nanny who Chen Man had asked to cook for her just now. Mo Zhu replied lightly, "Come in."

After receiving Mo Zhu's approval, the young nanny tiptoed and pushed the door open. She placed the tray of food on the bedside table and the little girl stood by the bed with her head slightly lowered. She said with her head lowered, "Ms. Mo, time is tight. I only had time to cook porridge and make two dishes. Try it and see if it suits your taste. If you're not used to it, I'll take it down and cook it for you again."

Looking at the little girl in front of her who was about the same age as her who looked so cautious, Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows with interest and asked in a low voice, "What's your name? If you want to talk, just talk. Why are you trembling? Do I look very scary?"

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, the little girl immediately trembled even more violently. She quickly looked up at Mo Zhu and lowered her head even more. "I... I'm Xiao Qi. Ms. Mo, you, you're very good-looking. I'm not afraid..."

Although she said that, Mo Zhu usually looked like she did not want anyone to approach her. The cold aura on her body was also very powerful. Now that there was no one else

in the room, this cold aura suppressed the young nanny until the point that she could not breathe.

Mo Zhu nodded and gently picked up the porridge that was just the right temperature from the tray. She scooped a spoonful and took a sip before nodding in satisfaction. "Not bad, your cooking is quite good."

Just as she finished speaking, the young nanny could not help but have a long sigh of relief in front of Mo Zhu.

Seeing this, Mo Zhu frowned slightly and continued asking, "Why? Are you very afraid of me?"

The young nanny's eyes widened in shock. She seemed to have thought of something and her eyes instantly turned red. She replied with a sobbing tone, "Ms. Mo, no, I'm not afraid of you..."

Perhaps thinking that this explanation was too light and unconvincing, she sniffled and stole a glance at Mo Zhu before continuing, "It, it was Young Master Xu who specially reminded me that you have a strange temper and are especially difficult to get along with. He even said that there are many things that you don't like. If anyone makes you unhappy, hang them up and whip them before scalding them with hot oil!"

"So, so I..."

Chapter 378: Looking at the Corpse

Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu clenched her fists quietly. Great, she did not expect Xu Huan to describe her like this behind her back.

This was great, she had caught him red-handed. He can wait, she was someone who was used to settling scores with others!

Thinking that the nanny was also one of the victims, Mo Zhu waved her hand, indicating that she had nothing else for her. "Alright, you can leave. If there's anything else, I'll call you."

Upon hearing this, the young nanny nodded quickly and left the room obediently. When she left, she did not forget to close the door for her.

After eating some of the dishes and drinking a big bowl of porridge, Mo Zhu finally recovered some strength.

Thinking of the black-robed youth who appeared in the Kang family last night and Huo Xuan's subordinates who were seriously injured and killed in one blow, Mo Zhu lowered her eyes slightly. She picked up her phone and called Huo Xuan.

The call was picked up after two rings. When she heard Huo Xuan's answer, Mo Zhu said lightly, "It's me. Do you have time now? I want to understand what happened last night."

Last night, after she was injured and forced to circulate her energy, her body couldn't take it and she fainted. She didn't know anything about the Kang family's current situation, so she wanted to have a simple understanding of it from Huo Xuan.

Huo Xuan was driving to the small mansion. He had just received a call from Mo Jiu saying that Mo Zhu had woken up. He couldn't wait to finish dealing with the company's matters and hurriedly drove back to the small mansion, wanting to see how Mo Zhu had recovered with his own eyes.

Unexpectedly, before he could reach home, Mo Zhu called him.

Upon hearing Mo Zhu ask about last night the moment she woke up, Huo Xuan frowned slightly and said, "I heard from Mo Jiu that you just woke up. How's your recovery? I'm driving to the small mansion now. I'll be there in ten minutes. You've just suffered such a serious injury. Don't worry about this first. It's more important to recuperate!"

Mo Zhu knew that Huo Xuan was worried about her. She looked up and said softly, "I'm not intending to do anything. I'm just asking."

After saying this, she rubbed her palms and continued, "By the way, did any of the people in the Kang family survive last night? I want to go and see the situation personally."

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, Huo Xuan opened his mouth in surprise and replied in disbelief, "They're all dead. Do you mean that you want to examine the corpses personally?"

Although she knew that the man could not see her, Mo Zhu still nodded and replied, "That's right. If I don't see the victim's condition with my own eyes, it's very difficult for me to determine the internal energy path and strength of that black-robed youth!"

Seeing how determined Mo Zhu was, Huo Xuan understood in his heart that with her temper and personality, once she had decided on something, it was useless no matter how he persuaded her. His fingers gently knocked on the steering wheel. He thought for a moment and replied in a low voice, "Alright, I'll get them to store two corpses in the ice coffin for you. When your body is almost fully recovered, I'll bring you to take a look."

When Mo Zhu heard this, she shook her head and retorted, “No, if the corpses are stored in the ice coffin, the original aura in the corpse will be broken. If the flesh is frozen, it will also affect my judgment. How about this? Send me a message when you reach the door later. I’m almost fully recovered. I’ll pack up and go take a look with you!”

Upon hearing her words, Huo Xuan understood that he couldn’t stop Mo Zhu at all. He could only nod and agree to this matter.

After hanging up the phone, he stepped on the accelerator and drove in the direction of the small mansion.

The car drove very quickly. In a few minutes, Huo Xuan stopped at the entrance of the small mansion. When Mo Zhu walked out of the door in her coat, Xu Huan happened to be back to get some materials. When he heard that the two of them were going to the morgue to see the people from the Dark Forces who had sacrificed themselves last night, he squeezed into the car and insisted on going with them.

Chapter 379: Checking the Corpses

The atmosphere in the car was very quiet. Because Xu Huan had forced himself in, Xu Huan was the one driving now. Mo Zhu and Huo Xuan sat quietly in the back seat.

Not long after the car started, Huo Xuan recalled the injuries of the people from the Dark Forces. He took out a stack of documents from the briefcase he carried with him and gently placed it on Mo Zhu’s lap. He said softly, “These are the autopsy reports of the staff previously. Before you see the situation with your own eyes, look through the documents briefly and understand them.”

Mo Zhu nodded. She picked up the information and started flipping through it quickly according to the page numbers.

The subordinates in the Dark Department were all dressed in black. Apart from their eyes, they were all wrapped up tightly. Therefore, Mo Zhu could not obtain any useful information just by looking at the report of the external injuries of the corpse and the examination report of the X-ray.

Just as she was about to finish her check of the reports, her sharp eyes suddenly caught a glimpse of a thin reflective line on the photo of a corpse marked with a code number at the end.

Following this discovery, Mo Zhu carefully compared this photo to the light that shone in from the car window. A few minutes later, she recognized that this person was the subordinate who was sent flying by the black-robed youth last night and fell in front of her.

Mo Zhu lowered her eyes thoughtfully and rubbed her palms slightly. She handed the photo to Huo Xuan and said softly, "Find the corpse with this code number. Let's go and see this person first!"

Huo Xuan nodded and sent the code to the staff. "Sure."

The car sped along and soon arrived at the place where the corpse was kept.

Following the lead of the staff, the person Mo Zhu had pointed out was already lying flat on a wooden table.

She took two steps forward and briefly checked this person's pulse. After a while, Mo Zhu frowned slightly and started thinking quietly.

As she had expected, this person's heart meridian was shattered by the black-robed youth's palm strike. Furthermore, not only was the black-robed youth's internal energy deep, even the control of his internal energy had reached the point where it only damaged the person's heart meridian and not his ribs.

Seeing Mo Zhu standing quietly beside the corpse, Xu Huan could not help but ask anxiously, "How is it, Little Bamboo? Is there anything wrong with this corpse?"

As there were many corpses in the morgue, the smell was a little unpleasant. They had come over wearing just simple masks. Thus. Just as Xu Huan opened his mouth, the stench seeped in through the gaps of the mask into his mouth. He felt nauseous and almost vomited on the spot.

When Mo Zhu heard this, she did not speak. Instead, she turned to the other side of the corpse and continued checking.

A few minutes later, she found the silver needle that reflected the light in the photo. Without any hesitation, almost the instant she saw it, Mo Zhu pulled the silver needle out of the man's body.

Then, an unexpected scene happened. The corpse that was originally lying on the bed and had been diagnosed as dead for a day suddenly twitched for no reason. Furthermore, under the unblinking gaze of the three of them, it twitched for a full minute.

Seeing the scene in front of him, Xu Huan was instantly frightened. He couldn't care less about the strange and unpleasant smell. His body trembled as he asked Mo Zhu, "This isâ€¦ Little Bamboo, is he a zombie?"

Mo Zhu looked up and glared at Xu Huan angrily. She explained as if she was mocking him for not having seen the world, "Last night, just as his pulse was broken, I used these silver needles to seal the major acupuncture points on his body. Therefore, the

last trace of life in his body was temporarily stored in my body. He was lucky. Now, it seems that this trace of life should be able to save his life!”

Chapter 380: Saving a Life

When Xu Huan heard this, he looked at Mo Zhu in shock. He looked up in disbelief and continued asking, “What? No way, Little Bamboo. This person has been dead for a day and he can still be saved?”

Mo Zhu nodded and replied in a low voice, “Yes, it’s not something difficult for me.”

After saying this, she took out the acupuncture bag she had casually brought with her when she left the small mansion and placed it neatly on the wooden board. She prepared to lift the needle and perform acupuncture treatment on the “corpse” who was still breathing.

Seeing that Mo Zhu was about to take action, Huo Xuan took two steps forward worriedly and held the girl’s hand. He quickly said, “Xiao Zhu, your body has just recovered a little. Can you still perform acupuncture to save him?”

Mo Zhu looked up at the man’s concerned gaze and gently shook Huo Xuan’s hand. “It’s alright, I have almost fully recovered.”

Knowing that the girl was persistent, Huo Xuan didn’t say anything else. After he retracted his hand, Mo Zhu quickly picked up the silver needles and skillfully inserted them into the “corpse”.

Ten minutes later, after the last silver needle was used, Mo Zhu heaved a long sigh of relief.

Seeing this, Huo Xuan raised his hand and pulled the girl into his arms. He said in a low voice, “How do you feel? Can you still hold on?”

Mo Zhu smiled and gently raised her hand to instruct, “Don’t touch the silver needles on this person’s body first. Arrange for someone to watch over him day and night. In three days, ask Mo Jiu to come and remove the needles for him. After these silver needles are taken out and he recuperates for a period of time, his body should be able to recover to its previous state.”

After saying this, Mo Zhu did not want to stay here any longer. She had seen everything she needed to see. She frowned slightly and suggested, “We’ve seen everyone. Let’s leave this place first.”

Since a long time ago, Xu Huan had not wanted to stay here and smell that disgusting smell. When he heard this, he immediately agreed and followed the two of them out of the morgue.

After returning to the car, Chen Man happened to call, asking them to go to the Huo family's old mansion for dinner. She even specially instructed them that she would be cooking personally tonight and had made a lot of dishes and soup for Mo Zhu to nourish her body. She instructed Huo Xuan to bring Mo Zhu back to the old mansion no matter what.

After agreeing to this matter, Xu Huan drove to the Huo family's old mansion. Seeing that Mo Zhu was resting against the back of the chair, Huo Xuan also turned his gaze to the window and quietly looked at the night view in a daze.

A moment later, she seemed to have thought of something. Mo Zhu pinched the space between her eyebrows and asked, "By the way, did the research institute send any news while I was unconscious?"

Upon hearing Mo Zhu take the initiative to ask about this, Huo Xuan recalled Meng Ran's previous phone call. He raised his eyes and replied seriously, "Your deskmate, Meng Ran, called and said that every member of the small test group did well in order to reassure you. Also, she promised to cover for you. It seems like the research institute hasn't discovered that you're staying outside. Besides that, they've even applied for sick leave for you. You don't have to attend the test during your sick leave."

When Mo Zhu heard this, she nodded and said, "Sure, as long as they don't find out, everything is fine. That group of old scholars has too many problems. If they know that I don't return at night, they will definitely nag non-stop. It's good to deal with it this way."

After saying this, considering the abnormality she had seen on the corpse just now, Mo Zhu sat up straight and said, "By the way, there's something else I have to tell you."

Upon hearing the girl's serious tone, even Xu Huan, who was only focused on driving, pricked up his ears and listened seriously.

After pausing for a few seconds, Mo Zhu added, "The black-robed youth who appeared in the Kang family last night should have used internal energy that he had learned from a hidden expert. That's why he was able to kill the experts from the Dark Forces in one strike."

Xu Huan frowned and said in surprise, "Internal energy? How is that possible? Isn't that something that only appears in novels?"

Mo Zhu nodded with a grave expression. "That's right. You can interpret it that way. I actually knew a little about this kind of internal energy before, but through the examination just now, I realized that the internal energy that the black-robed youth used was not from the same sect as mine. In layman's terms, his internal energy is very domineering. It seems like it was specially nurtured to kill!"

Chapter 381: The Huo Family's Gathering

Huo Xuan raised his hand and pinched the space between his eyebrows calmly, a hint of worry in his tone. "A killing machine?"

After hearing Mo Zhu's words, he recalled something about the black-robed youth he had discovered last night when he was fighting him. The youth's face was tightly covered by the black robe. He had inadvertently taken a glance when he was fighting with him. That face was pale and bloodless.

Furthermore, it was as if he did not feel any pain. No matter how many punches he landed on him, other than raising his hand to block, that young man had never frowned or taken half a step back!

When Xu Huan heard this, he also turned pale with fright. "In that case, if this person was really carefully nurtured by the Kang family, then the Kang family must have nurtured more than one such person. They definitely have a backup plan!"

Mo Zhu nodded and agreed. "That's right. Those who know internal energy have very powerful martial arts. If they can master and use this internal energy skillfully, it will be an existence even more terrifying than guns and ammunition. That's why I'm saying all of this. My goal is to give you a reminder. From now on, no matter how difficult your tasks in Beijing are, you have to be more careful!"

As the few of them spoke, the car had already stopped at the entrance of the Huo family's old mansion. When they saw that the car plate number was Huo Xuan's, a servant went forward to open the door and help them enter the old mansion after Xu Huan parked the car.

Today, only Old Master Huo, Huo Tao and Chen Man were in the Huo residence. The atmosphere in the house was much better. Without the other families of the Huo family chattering beside her, Mo Zhu felt that even the air in the courtyard was much fresher.

Old Master Huo sat at the head of the table. From afar, he looked much better. However, because the Huo family had been causing trouble over these trivial matters recently, he was in a bad mood. Therefore, he looked a little tired.

Now that the Huo family's few families had been chased out by Old Master Huo and it was rare for Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu to come back for a meal, Old Master Huo's happiness was larger than the frustration in his heart.

He picked up the chopsticks and picked up a few dishes for Mo Zhu. Old Master Huo laughed kindly and said, "Xiao Zhu, I heard from Xiao Man that your health hasn't been good recently. She specially cooked so many dishes today. Hurry up and try which one you like. Let Xuan'er bring your favorite dishes over. We're all family, there's no need to be reserved!"

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Mo Zhu also smiled and nodded obediently. "Alright, thank you, Grandpa."

Seeing how obedient and sensible his granddaughter-in-law was, Old Master Huo looked at Mo Zhu in relief. Then, he happily picked up his food and started eating.

Not only was Old Master Huo busy putting food into Mo Zhu's bowl, but Chen Man was also putting meat into her bowl with chopsticks. As she moved her chopsticks, she instructed, "Xiao Zhu, quickly try Auntie's cooking. If you have anything you like to eat, tell Auntie. I'll send it to the research institute personally the next time I make it!"

Catching the hidden message in the woman's words, Old Master Huo frowned slightly and looked up at Chen Man. "Research institute? Why does Xiao Zhu have to go to the research institute again?"

When Chen Man heard this, she raised her hand and knocked her head with a smile. "Look at me, I've forgotten about this. Dad, Xiao Zhu's grades are outstanding. The college entrance examination is coming soon. Country H has organized an Olympic Mathematics competition. This girl has passed the preliminaries in Jingyang High School and is participating in the training at the research institute. She's preparing for the finals held in two days' time!"

Upon hearing Chen Man's words, Old Master Huo nodded in satisfaction and said with a smile, "Alright, I didn't expect the girl to be a talent with good morals, intelligence, good health, and overall development. No wonder everyone says that the Huo family has chosen a good daughter-in-law. It seems like Xuan'er was really lucky to have gotten Xiao Zhu as his fiancée!"

Chapter 382: Conversation at the Table

After saying this, Old Master Huo seemed to have thought of something and paused for a few seconds before adding, "By the way, speaking of this, I remember something. Xiao Zhu, I heard from the Lu family's grandson that you promised to treat the old master and you also promised to not accept the consultation fee?"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she raised her eyebrows and looked straight at Old Master Huo. She asked softly, "Grandfather, did Lu Zheng tell you about this?"

Old Master Huo picked up the teacup on the dining table and took a sip. He moistened his throat and replied, "I guess so. The two of them went to Cloud City. I'm not feeling well, and it's not convenient for me to go far away to visit them. I suddenly remembered this this morning and called that kid to ask about the situation. That's when I found out about it."

Mo Zhu nodded and continued as she picked up food without batting an eyelid, "Yes, Grandpa, that's right. Old Master Lu's condition is very special. In addition, he's old and it's quite difficult to treat him. Therefore, I've given Lu Zheng some nourishing pills for

the time being and asked him to give Old Master Lu pills on time to increase his immunity. After I return to Cloud City after the competition, I will officially treat Old Master Lu.”

Mo Zhu lowered her eyes and gently fiddled with the vegetables on the plate with her chopsticks. She recalled that she had promised Lu Zheng that she would treat him and Old Master Lu together. She frowned slightly when no one was paying attention. The poison in these two people’s bodies was equally poisonous. It was indeed a little tricky to treat.

In any case, she would only return to Cloud City in a few days. There had been so many strange things happening in Beijing recently, so Mo Zhu decided not to think about this anymore. She shook her head and temporarily forgot about the two people from the Lu family. She picked up a small meatball and stuffed it into her mouth, starting to chew it slowly.

Seeing Mo Zhu eat happily, Huo Xuan also picked up a small meatball with interest and tasted it.

Old Master Huo watched the little interaction between the two of them and couldn’t stop smiling. “There’s no hurry, there’s no hurry. Xiao Zhu, you and Xuan’er should live your lives well. As long as his life isn’t in danger, you can go and treat him anytime!”

When Chen Man saw this, she was also very happy. Seeing that Mo Zhu seemed to like the little meatballs she had made, Chen Man picked up a few more and placed them on the girl’s plate. She smiled and said, “If you like them, eat more. Xiao Zhu, look at how thin you are. The training has been so tiring recently and you have so many worries. You have to take this opportunity to nourish yourself!”

Mo Zhu obediently replied simply before taking her chopsticks and putting food into her mouth. Seeing that the girl was eating so happily, Huo Xuan looked up at Chen Man and said, “Mom, I usually don’t think that the food you cook is any top-notch delicacy. Why does Xiao Zhu like it so much now? Could it be that you used to cook for us perfunctorily before you were willing to reveal your true strength when Xiao Zhu came?”

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Chen Man was amused by Huo Xuan’s words. She raised her hand to cover her mouth and coughed twice. She glanced at her son indifferently and said angrily, “What does my cooking have to do with it? It’s obvious that Xiao Zhu is giving me face. Why? It wasn’t easy for me to raise you. If you don’t praise me, are you not going to let my daughter-in-law tell the truth?”

After saying this, Chen Man saw Xu Huan, who was busy putting food into his bowl, from the corner of her eye. She raised her chin at Huo Xuan and pointed at Xu Huan’s

location. She frowned slightly and said, "Look at Huan'er. He's so sensible and obedient."

Hearing Chen Man suddenly mention him, Xu Huan was confused. He looked up at them in a daze.

Seeing him look over, Huo Xuan glared at him coldly. Then, he raised his hand and picked up some vegetables for him and said indifferently, "It's none of your business. Hurry up and eat!"

Chapter 383: Small Talk

The meal was finished amidst the laughter of the few of them. After the meal, a nanny and servant from the Huo family took the initiative to clean up the dining table. After Chen Man sent the few men away, she pulled Mo Zhu to the sofa in the main hall and drank tea as they chatted.

Seeing Chen Man excitedly telling her about the interesting things that had happened to Huo Xuan since he was young, Mo Zhu lowered her eyes, rubbed her palms slightly, and asked, "Auntie, I've been thinking about a question for a long time..."

Upon hearing the girl's words, Chen Man gently held Mo Zhu's hand and said softly, "Girl, what's there to be embarrassed about asking me? I've been there before and I have much more experience in life than you. If you have anything you don't understand, just let me know. I will definitely tell you everything I know!"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she looked up at Chen Man's sincere gaze and asked with a smile, "Auntie, why were you and Uncle able to live such a sweet life together for so long? The two of you have been together for so long and there's no benefit in your relationship. How did you maintain this relationship for so long?"

Seeing Mo Zhu mention Huo Tao, Chen Man tightened her grip on the girl's hand. The expression of a young lady in love instantly appeared on her face. She blushed and lowered her head slightly, starting to slowly tell Mo Zhu the story of how the two of them met.

"Although the family behind both your uncle and I can be considered noble families in Beijing, we met by chance back then. There were no family benefits or marriage connections involved. After so many years, he is still as sincere and considerate to me as when we first met. He trusts me and dotes on me. Between us, we have already transcended love and family, and we have become inseparable in this life!"

As Chen Man spoke, she felt a little emotional. She raised her hand and ruffled Mo Zhu's hair with emotion. She said softly, "Xiao Zhu, in terms of relationships, Xuan'er is like his father. When you and Xuan'er get married, he will always treat you well."

When Mo Zhu heard this, she was stunned for a moment. She lowered her head slightly and replied softly. Then, she pondered over the questions in her heart.

She had lived in this world for more than ten years since she was young, but she had never experienced the love and care Chen Man had mentioned.

In her previous understanding, there was only a simple and pure relationship of interests. Whoever needed her would treat her well. If others helped her, she would definitely return the favor.

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In this world, only her grandmother was different. However, her grandmother was her only family, and the relationship between someone who is her family was different from the relationship with Huo Xuan.

And after so long, she had developed an indescribable feeling for Huo Xuan. Although this feeling was heavy in her heart, it often gave her a sweet feeling from time to time. Mo Zhu couldn't figure out why.

Seeing Mo Zhu's confused expression, Chen Man knew that the girl was someone who takes time to warm up to others. She held Mo Zhu's hand and gently rubbed the back of the girl's hand. She lowered her voice and continued, "Your uncle used to be a sincere, righteous, and energetic boy. When he was Xuan'er's age, his personality was completely different from Xuan'er's now!"

"I still remember that at that time, he brought me overseas to travel behind your grandfather's back. It was only because I casually said that my hobby was to see the beautiful scenery of the world." As Chen Man spoke, her gaze moved to the window, recalling her youth and her beautiful past.

"He even secretly wrote to me. He wrote me a letter every day, and the words he wrote made me feel the warmth of love."

Mo Zhu also looked up at Chen Man with a moved expression. As the woman spoke, her eyes were a little moist. She looked up at the dim street lamp outside the window and said softly, "You didn't expect it, did you? Your uncle looks so serious now. He used to be a young boy too."

After a pause, she retracted her gaze and held Mo Zhu's hand tightly. "Girl, after following your uncle for so many years, be it when the Huo family's business was booming or when we had no choice but to send Xuan'er to Cloud City to recuperate when he was sick, all of this is a symbol of our family living and sticking together. As long as we love each other, it's worth it. As long as it's worth it, we have no regrets."

Chapter 384: Helpless

At the same time, in the Kang family in Beijing.

Lin Yuan's hospital bed was surrounded by the people from the Kang family. It was so crowded that not even a drop of water could pass through. Everyone stared anxiously at the old doctor who was treating the woman in front of them.

He briefly used the equipment he had brought with him to check Lin Yuan's wounds and various information about her body. After a while, the old doctor stood up from the bed, put away his stethoscope and shook his head.

When Kang Ting saw this, he quickly took two steps forward and grabbed the old doctor's sleeve. His voice was filled with nervousness. "Doctor, what do you mean by shaking your head? How's my wife's illness? Can you reattach her hands?"

The old doctor glanced indifferently at Lin Yuan's broken hand that was placed on the table and soaked in medicine. He sighed helplessly and said, "I'm sorry, I've already done my best. Your wife's hands have been detached for too long. With my ability, I'm afraid I can't reattach them."

Upon hearing the doctor's words, Kang Ying, who was quietly watching Lin Yuan's pale face and crying, could not hold back anymore. She cried and shouted at the old doctor, "What's wrong! Aren't you the best doctor in Beijing? How can you not be reattached to catch my mother's hand! Look again, look more carefully!"

Kang Ting was also affected by his daughter's heart-wrenching scream. He turned around and looked at Cheng Tang, who had been standing by the bed silently since she got up just now. He frowned slightly and asked, "Xiao Tang, didn't you say that this doctor could definitely reattach Yuan'er's broken limbs? Why is he saying that he's helpless now?"

Just as she finished speaking, Kang Ying also looked at Cheng Tang anxiously and asked, "Auntie, is this doctor really an expert you invited? Can my mother's hand recover?"

Kang Ying was Kang Wan's cousin. The two sisters had grown up together and had a deep relationship. Therefore, although she and Cheng Tang were not related by blood, she still addressed Cheng Tang as her aunt.

Cheng Tang had watched Kang Ying and Kang Wan grow up. It was not that she did not have feelings for Kang Ying. This time, it was Kang Ting and Lin Yuan who were in the wrong and the Huo family had taken revenge on them first. If not for these two little girls, she would not have interfered in such a trivial matter like reattaching her broken limbs.

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She had contacted the old doctor and invited him over. His medical skills were definitely trustworthy. Furthermore, before inviting the old doctor over, she had specially reviewed the cases where this doctor had successfully reconnected the broken limbs of many patients. It could be said that as long as this doctor had treated the patient, there was no broken limb that could not be reconnected.

However, the conclusion given by the old doctor this time did surprise Cheng Tang.

Seeing the gazes of the Kang family fall on her, Cheng Tang pinched the space between her eyebrows without batting an eyelid. She looked up at the old doctor and asked indifferently, "Doctor, is there really no chance of success? Your medical skills are so superb. Why don't you try your best? What if you succeed?"

Although Cheng Tang looked down on Lin Yuan's sinister methods of scheming against others, the Cheng family was still in-laws with the Kang family. For the sake of her sister, she had to do her best to persuade the old doctor to help.

When the old doctor heard this, he sighed again. "It's not that I don't want to treat the patient, but I really don't have the ability. It's been too long. No matter how well I perform during the surgery, it's useless!"