

Sweet Love 2701

Chapter 2701: Gestone

Mu Yancheng was struck dumb for a while before he reacted with a start, putting on a chagrin smile. "I... I am!"

"Do you still want the baby?" asked the doctor again.

"Why do you ask that?"

"If you don't want that child, get rid of it as soon as possible while the fetus is still young. If you want it, then take good care of your wife and child!"

"Stop beating around the bush!" He could not stand it anymore. "The lives of the adult and child have to be saved no matter what the situation is; you haven't answered my question! How is she—is she okay?"

The doctor sighed. "The current situation isn't the worst. We managed to save the child in time, but the next steps depend on the situation. Her body is weak, and though the fetus has been preserved for the time being, the baby will eventually be aborted if her constitution continues to deteriorate. There are signs of early miscarriage, which spell trouble."

"Signs of early miscarriage..."

Yes, that's right.

His henchmen did report a similar situation to him before.

She had almost had a miscarriage.

Chu He asked nervously, "Both the adult and the child were saved, right?"

The doctor nodded. "Their lives are safe for now. We don't dare to guarantee the safety of the fetus, though. If her body fails to keep up, I'm afraid that the baby's life will be put at risk."

"Is she awake now?"

"Eh, she has regained consciousness. You'd better complete the admission procedure; we'll transfer her to the ward soon."

Mu Yancheng was just about to walk away when Chu He stopped him and advised, "You go and take a look at her first. You're not as familiar as me with this place, so let me settle the admission paperwork, instead."

"...Alright."

The man dashed into the emergency room without further ado.

On the hospital bed, Meng Qingxue slowly came around while a nurse gave her a gestrone jab and then a shot of progesterone. The woman stiffened in pain as tears streamed down her face.

She was not one who could take pain well.

The progesterone shot was bearable but this time around, it was given with injectable chorionic gonadotropin. The use of sterile injection water was painful and excruciating.

Worse still, it seemed that she might need to get an injection every day, depending on her condition.

Progesterone injections could be so painful!

She vividly recalled a piece of news she had heard when she was still in modeling. There was a model who became a mistress of a rich man, and she managed to squeeze out his former spouse to marry him eventually, but she was already forty years old when she became pregnant. She was considered a pregnant woman at high risk, with a history of three miscarriages.

In fact, at her age, getting pregnant was a risky business, but marrying into a rich family meant that the clan had high expectations of her bringing them offspring. It was not easy for her to hitch a rich man as a model; hence, she needed to prove her worth with a child!

In order to keep the fourth baby, she was bedridden for 142 days and received more than three hundred injections before she finally gave birth to a child.

It was said that injections, which went beyond three hundred shots, were very painful.

She had scoffed at this initially, but now that she was getting the jab herself, she could truly feel the extent of pain.

The thought of going through this kind of torture every day made her feel despondent.

When she came to her senses, a thought struck her at once. She sat up violently and made a move to get out of bed. When the nurse saw what she was doing, she promptly rushed to stop her.

Chapter 2702: We are done with each other!

“What... What are you doing? You can’t get out of bed yet!”

“Baby Chu... Baby Chu...” she mumbled; the thought of the boy being taken away sans any news filled her with anxiety.

When the man pushed open the door and walked in, he saw her and the nurse having an argument as the woman insisted on getting out of bed. He promptly rushed up to hold her.

“What are you thinking of doing?”

Hearing his voice, Meng Qingxue’s body stiffened for a moment. She dazedly lifted her head, and when she saw that it was her former boyfriend, her eyes turned red instantly.

“Yancheng... why are you here?”

“I...”

Without waiting for his explanation, she pushed him away with all her strength. “I don’t wanna see you... Go away... I don’t wanna see you again... Mu Yancheng, haven’t I told you that w-we’re done?”

The man's eyes flinched and his facial expression tensed up momentarily. "I've never said that I wanted to break things off with you; that's your unilateral decision!"

She opened and closed her mouth without a word, but tears gushed forth from her eyes.

"What exactly do you want before you let me go?"

Her almost supplicating tone made his heart ache for a while, especially when he saw her frail and helpless expression. Excruciating pain filled his chest as if his heart had been pierced through.

"Where... is the child?" Her face turned a shade paler as she fixed her gaze on him.

The man listened in confusion; he did not know which child she was referring to. "What child?"

Apparently, she had assumed that the two men who had abducted Baby Chu were sent by him. She saw his bewildered look and was stunned. "He's a five-year-old kid. Mu Yancheng, don't play dumb with me! Didn't you send two of your men to find me? They claim to be looking for the child; aren't they looking for the unborn baby inside me?"

She panted heavily for a while before she grabbed his collar angrily. "Your men misinterpreted your meaning and took Baby Chu away! You can do whatever you want with the baby inside me, be it aborting this life or something else. This child is your flesh and blood, so you have the right to decide its life, too. I won't hide or run away from you anymore, but Baby Chu is innocent!"

"I don't understand what you mean! Qingxue, did you misunderstand something?" He was absolutely baffled by now.

"Didn't you send someone to find me?"

"Of course, I did, but I definitely didn't instruct them anything else. I sent people to find you, not to take the life of the baby!" declared the man resolutely.

She was completely dumbfounded and her face turned ashen. "What did you say?"

He explained, "D'you know that I've been tracking you ever since you left me? It's hard to find a lead, but once I did, I rushed here without hesitation. As for the child in your tummy, I'll never abort it. I'll be most happy if you're willing to give birth to it for me; I'll take up the responsibility of a father and raise him with you!"

Her pupils lost focus for a while, and she was no longer in the mood to listen to his explanation, for her mind was reminding her of a fact!

There was only one thing that preoccupied her mind: If those men were not sent by him, then who else could have sent them?

The man would never lie to her. If he said 'no', then it was not truly him.

Chapter 2703: You had better behave!

Who could it be and where could have the child gone?

By the time Chu He finished with the admission procedure, Meng Qingxue had already been moved to a recuperation ward. As soon as the latter saw her entering the room, her face turned pale and tears immediately flowed helplessly.

“Chu He, Baby Chu is gone!”

The lady cop stopped in her tracks, her face freezing for a while, yet at the same time, she found the news to be unbelievable!

She thought that her son had been in Mu Yancheng’s hands all this time!

From what she could see, the man had come looking for his girlfriend with no intention of hurting her or the unborn child. Otherwise, he would not have gone to such great lengths of sending her to the hospital for help.

Her son was on her mind when she first stepped into the hospital, but at that time, Meng Qingxue was in a critical condition, and she could not afford to think of other matters. In the end, she did not bring this up.

Now, however, her friend was telling her that the boy had gone missing...

“My son isn’t with you?” Chu He questioned with bewilderment, her face turning a shade paler.

“Two men broke into the house in the middle of the night and took Baby Chu with them. I tried desperately chasing after them, but I couldn’t catch up!” cried the pregnant woman on the sicked forlornly. “Chu He, it’s all my fault; it’s all my fault! I dragged Baby Chu into this!”

The policewoman was unable to understand the situation for a while, and in the end, she only caught the key words. “Did you just say that my son was taken away by two men?”

“I don’t know who those people are! They said that they’re looking for a child, so I thought at first that they’re men who had been dispatched by Yancheng...”

The policewoman inhaled deeply and sharply, then her breathing quickened suddenly.

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There was a loud *PONG*.

In the darkness, Baby Chu was awakened by a violent movement.

He opened his eyes abruptly and found that the car had stopped at some point. The loud bang was the sound of the passenger door closing.

He looked outside the car window and saw the far side of the sky turning lighter. It was actually dawn.

Outside the window, there was a vast open area, but instead of a field, it resembled a wasteland overgrown with weeds.

He was still in a daze when the car door was pulled open at once.

This startled the frail-looking boy into immediately retreating to a corner. With his mouth taped, he could only let out a muffled sound of fear. The man did not look fierce, but to a child who was forcibly brought to a strange environment, he naturally felt lonesome and helpless, which magnified his fear even more.

The man stomped onto the vehicle, reached out, and grabbed the boy's collar. The latter tried shrinking further backward, desperately shaking his head at the same time.

The man immediately scolded him. "Come over here! Sh*t! You'd better behave!"

This frightened the kid even more as he balled himself into a corner without moving. The man lost his patience, and after prodding his body forward, he took hold of the boy's arm and dragged him out of the car.

Being manhandled and dragged out of the corner, the boy stumbled. This caused him to roll out of the vehicle and fall to the ground.

"Wuu..."

It's painful!

His eyes moistened in pain.

The man kicked him several times. "Didn't I tell you to behave? You could've suffered less!"

Baby Chu was a piteous sight to behold as he looked at the adult with tear-soaked eyes, which had gone red and swollen by then.

This only irritated the man further and he pulled and stacked the boy on top of his shoulder. This time around, the latter was better behaved and crouched obediently on his shoulder without kicking a fuss after getting a beating from the abductor.

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Chapter 2704: Desolated Area

This was one of the most desolate areas in the capital. It used to be a well-known industrial area, with plenty of manufacturing plants around.

In a bid to control the smog, however, the government started enforcing strict regulations in industrial areas; these plants were, thus, shifted to other cities, resulting in this particular industrial area being abandoned. The government intended to demolish the factory buildings and convert the place into a park or a landscape garden. Alas, it turned out that this piece of land was toxic.

In the past, it used to be rice paddy fields, but after being reserved for industrial use, its pollution had gone beyond the maximum safe levels, resulting in nearby rivers being heavily contaminated and land

becoming infertile. Demolition works were already underway when the government realized, after investigation, that the land there was unsuitable for developing into a park due to heavy contamination.

The project was, thus, abandoned, and future development projects were shelved, too. Many buildings, which were torn down halfway, were left there just like that.

The missy had chosen this uninhibited place in order to go unnoticed.

While carrying Baby Chu on his shoulder, one of the men kicked open the warehouse doors and then got a chair with a missing leg from a random corner before putting the boy down and tying him to it.

The child stared at the adult with tears swirling in his orbs as the latter gave him another warning before stepping out to make a call.

“Hello, Ms. Song... Yes, we’ve arrived at the stated address; when are you coming over? You’re on the way here already? Oh, twenty minutes. No worries; we’ll wait for you...”

That was all the boy heard the man saying through the wall, and it seemed that a woman would be coming over later.

Was I really abducted by human traffickers?

Baby Chu was scared witless, the restlessness and anxiety in him growing exponentially.

After the call, the man, with his accomplice-cum-driver who was carrying two bottles of beer, came back in. The driver passed the man a bottle, as well as a packet of ham and bread.

“Come, let’s drink some beer to freshen ourselves up.”

The two men were sleepy and exhausted after driving for an entire night. For the sake of completing their mission, they did not make a single stop and had sped all the way to their destination.

“Say, bro, how much can we get for completing this mission?”

“This employer is really generous. She said that she’ll give us five hundred thousand in cash once we bring her the person she wants.”

The other was flabbergasted. “That’s a lot! Half a million, in fact!”

“Hehe! Once we receive the money, we’ll split it evenly between us. Aren’t you getting married soon? With two hundred fifty grand, you can build a decent three-story house back in your hometown.”

A wide grin spread across his accomplice’s face. “That employer sure is generous; I’ve never seen so much money in my life before!”

“That’s nothing! Stick with me, and you’ll earn another few hundred thousand next year,” said the man generously to his excited friend.

Hearing that, Baby Chu became increasingly certain that he had been abducted by human traffickers. Out of misery, he suddenly broke down into tears.

“Woo woo woo...” cried the boy as tears streaked down his face, which had gotten dirty from huddling in the dusty corner of the car earlier. He was in a messy state with his tousled hair and disheveled appearance.

The two men, however, were indifferent to his tears and merely turned to cast him a look. One of them coldly remarked, “Say, this kiddo has such clear and pretty features.”

“I can’t figure out why the employer wants us to abduct this kid.”

“Don’t be a busybody. Knowing too much won’t do us any good...”

Chapter 2705: Wrong Person

“Don’t be a busybody. Knowing too much won’t do us any good...”

The two men started chatting among themselves.

After some time, the child heard a car’s horn coming from outside. His head, as well as the men’s, jerked at once. The men exchanged a puzzled look before venturing out to take a look.

Outside parked a Volkswagen Magotan.

Song Enya alighted from it and was met with fawning smiles as well as a warm welcome from the two men. “You’re finally here, Ms. Song! The person you want is already in the warehouse. Hehe!”

The missy, who was wearing a pair of shades, appeared calm and unruffled as she hummed in acknowledgment. She then warily asked, “Did anyone discover you two while making your way here?”

“No, no! We’ve hidden the kid in a corner, so no one noticed him.”

She cocked a brow, sensing something amiss right away. “The kid?”

It’s Meng Qingxue I want, but how come they got a kid, instead?

“Yep! We did as told!”

That confused her even more, and she barked an order at them. “Take me there!”

Upon noticing her queer expression, the men immediately respectfully showed her the way in.

As soon as she stepped into the warehouse, floating dust engulfed her, which got her waving her hand in disgust. The men next to her immediately followed suit like the bootlickers they were. Laughing awkwardly, they told her, “It’s quite dusty here.”

“Where’s the person I want?” she demanded.

A man grinned and pointed a finger to the boy before he replied with a thick accent, “There!”

The missy wrinkled her brows in disdain and turned to the pointed direction, only to see a five-year-old child, cuffed to a chair, staring back at her with wide, innocent eyes as he trembled in fear.

Her face turned grimly white as she spun around and swept them a stern look. “What is this? Are you freaking hell kidding me!”

“What do you mean, Ms. Song?” The men stared blankly at her with perplexity.

“This isn’t who I want! Why the hell did you guys abduct a child for?” Anger showed on her face. “Didn’t I give you a photo of a woman? Where is she?”

“Huh?”

With wide eyes, the two men exchanged stunned looks.

One of them mustered up the courage to ask, “D-didn’t you say that you want a child... We found that woman, but since it’s a child who you want, we only captured the boy.”

A realization hit the missy right there and then.

These useless bums had likely misunderstood my words and abducted an innocent child instead of the woman I want!

She raised her hand high in the air in a fit of pique, wanting to give them each a tight slap across their faces. Thank goodness she still had a trace of rationality in her, though. These men came from poor villages and had nothing to lose or fear. Should she really hit them, there was no telling what they might do to her in retaliation. Her safety was not guaranteed in this remote wilderness.

Thus, she retracted her hand and lashed out at them, instead. “Are you idiots? I want the child in her stomach, but what on Earth have you done?!”

“Uh...”

It was their turn to be at a loss for words this time.

Chapter 2706: Abandoned in the Wilderness

They reacted a moment later, asking tentatively, “Are you saying that... we got the wrong person?”

“This deal is off!” spat Song Enya before turning to leave.

Seeing that, the two abductors immediately shared a signal with each other and went to stop her.

“You’re leaving already? How can this deal be called off just like that? It wasn’t easy for us to capture the boy, but just because of your one sentence, our efforts went to waste!”

“You guys didn’t even bring the person I want, yet you still want money from me?” The missy snorted and side-stepped them, only to be blocked by the men at the entrance. Clearly, they had no intention of letting her leave at will.

She gave them a sneer. “What? Are you trying to rob me now?”

A man rudely retorted with a smirk. "Ms. Song, there are rules for business dealings! We've done exactly as you ordered, so how can you blame us when it's you who didn't make yourself clear in the first place?"

"How would I know if you did your job properly? Who knows? You might've simply abducted a random kid; am I supposed to give you commission for that?"

"You can't put things that way. How about this, Ms. Song? We might've failed to bring the person you want, but we ultimately did our fair share of work, so it's only right that we get paid for our labor. A hundred thousand yuan is enough!"

She could not resist snorting. "How greedy you guys are!"

The two men, once again, exchanged eye-signals. Their friendly and flattering expressions had disappeared at that point.

Despite the growing fear inside her, she maintained a cool expression on her face and said, "Do you know who I am? How dare you block my way!"

"It doesn't matter even if you're God! Even if we don't get the full sum of five hundred thousand, you must pay us for our efforts at the very least. We drove through the night just to take this boy to you. You can forget about leaving this place if you don't pay us!"

"You!"

Fury robbed her of words as she realized that she was the one at a disadvantage for striking a deal with such people. Therefore, while breathing deeply to keep her cool, she expressionlessly withdrew a stack of money from her purse.

Upon seeing the thick wad of cash, the men exchanged looks. One of them immediately reached to snatch her purse over.

She watched in shock as he pulled out cash, which was estimated to be around sixty grand, and the two realized that the rest of the money must be in her car. Nevertheless, they were satisfied with this sum, so they did not make things difficult for her. After tossing her bag to the ground, they turned to leave.

The missy was beyond enraged as she watched them coolly drive off in their car.

She intended to leave the place, too, but upon recalling something, she turned to look at the child behind her with a frown. She did not say anything, though, and just simply made her exit.

Although she found the boy somewhat pitiful, she could not afford to care about him or she might get herself involved in unnecessary trouble. Thus, she left him to his devices; fate would decide whether he lived or died.

Baby Chu watched the woman leave and heard the roar of a car engine moments later. Only after seeing, through a window, the car speeding by did his heart finally settle down.

Chapter 2707: Escape

I'm safe!

I'm finally out of danger!

Unfortunately, he soon realized that he was akin to a cat or a dog that had been abandoned in the wilderness.

Oh, no!

How am I going to return home?

Such thoughts filled his mind. Even more worrying was that his hands were still cuffed behind his back and he did not know his exact home address.

What should I do?

He forced himself to calm down fast. At such a critical juncture, the little guy's brain worked rapidly; he knew that he should make an effort to leave this place instead of just sitting around and waiting for help.

As he looked down at the chair he was bound, a flash of inspiration hit him and he started struggling and jerking about in his seat. The wooden chair, which had some age and had rotted considerably due to the flooding of the warehouse from prolonged periods of rain over the years, soon broke apart as a result of his fierce movements.

His hands were still cuffed to its backrest, though. Holding up the backrest, he moved, with much difficulty, toward a wall and threw himself against it. After a few repeated attempts, the backrest finally developed some crack lines. He then pulled it apart through the sheer force of his hands.

Although he regained the movement of his arms, the two handcuffs remained on his wrists.

Nevertheless, he could finally get out of the warehouse.

He was about to make his way to the exit when a half-eaten bread and ham lying on the ground caught his attention; he picked them up after much internal struggle. The poor kiddo's stomach had been grumbling nonstop since earlier, having not eaten a morsel of food or taken a single sip of water since last night, so he could not afford to be picky right now.

Still, his obsession with cleanliness had him dusting off the dirty parts and carefully tearing away the bitten corners before he finally took a bite at the food. He then kept the leftover in his pants pocket as he exited the warehouse.

A piece of overgrown land came into view as soon as he stepped outside.

The smart boy gazed into the sky, then he tried to figure out the directions by walking onto the highway and inspecting his surroundings.

The highway was open and unobstructed, with one end leading to a windy road and an overgrown forest while the other having no end in sight.

The road in better condition should take me to the county, right?

The little chap, who grew up in a small village, only had a vague impression of how the county was like: prosperous. He figured that he could seek the police's help once he was there.

His mother had told him that, if he ever encountered danger, the first thing he should do was look for the police. The police officers would then help him find his way home.

Having such optimistic thoughts in mind, he began walking in the direction he had decided on.

It was fortunate that he slept throughout the car ride last night, so he was feeling quite spirited now. Alas, after walking for some time, the highway still seemed never-ending and he came across a road sign at a junction.

He ran toward the sign, but due to his illiteracy, he could only vaguely make out a few common words. The sign also had three arrows, signifying a three-way fork.

The little guy overcame this dilemma in his own way, though. Raising a small finger, he started pointing toward the three arrows while saying, "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe, tell me which way I should go!"

After getting an answer, the boy made his choice.

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Chapter 2708: Getting Rescued

The sun was shining brightly by noon, making his mouth feel dry and parched, but despite feeling hungry again, he could not bring himself to swallow the dry bread. Thus, he reluctantly took out the ham and nibbled on it to fill his hunger.

He was no stranger to walking on mountainous roads, but he was ultimately still a child with limited energy and will. Nonetheless, he held this firm belief that he must find his way home and return to his mother's side, or else she would be worried sick for his safety.

I can't let mommy worry!

I must push on!

Just like that, Baby Chu carried his tired body, as well as his limited food supply, and continued walking until night had fallen.

The sky was gradually getting darker; the temperature had fallen drastically and the wind had begun picking up. The chilly wind blowing against his sweat-drenched shirt had him shivering. On top of that, he was so exhausted that his head was spinning.

He had no idea how long he had walked, only finally stopping when the sky was becoming pitch-black. He then found himself a relatively clean spot, where he sat down and curled up to hide from the wind.

His heels were hurting badly. When he removed his shoes, he realized, with a start, that his heels had gotten scraped and were now tender to the touch from blisters—a result of walking and eventually limping for the entire day.

A wave of heartache washed over him as he sniffled and wondered when he would finally reach the county. He found himself really pitiful for being abandoned alone in the wilderness.

He took out the only food he had left—a half-eaten ham—from his pocket. He had wolfed down the bread earlier in the evening. He was just about to bite into it when, much to his shock, he heard a few whimpering sounds coming from next to him.

He warily whipped his head about, only to spot a tiny, white puppy that was covered in dirt staring right back at him as it licked its mouth. Bright moonlight reflected off its innocent and innocuous eyes, which were trained on the ham in his hands. It did not approach him, though, and from its cautious actions, it seemed quite timid.

The little mutt's keen senses had probably picked up on the ham's delicious scent, which lured it out of its hiding place and led it here.

Baby Chu could not help feeling somewhat sorry for the pup when he saw how skinny it was, but the troubling thing was that he only had this tiny bit of food left to eat; it would be gone once he ate it. On top of that, his stomach was rumbling badly for food and this tiny bit of ham would not even be enough to satiate his hunger.

"I'm sorry"—he felt bad for saying this—"but I'm starving, too, or else I would've given this piece of ham to you!"

Naturally, the puppy could not understand what he was saying; it merely cocked its head as it continued staring at that piece of ham. From time to time, the mutt would look up at him as if it were pleading him, and its big, innocent eyes were hard to ignore.

With a fierce determination, the boy made the hard decision to look away from it and chomp on his food. Just as he moved to do so, he heard another whimper coming from the side, which got him glancing sideways. The puppy was probably starving badly, for it eventually lay on a nearby spot and continued looking at him with its doe eyes. Its aggrieved look really called for pity!

"Ay, forget it! Come over here; I'll share a little bit with you."

Chapter 2709: A silver lining!

Baby Chu hooked his finger, indicating for the puppy to come closer to him, but the dog did not dare to do so. In the end, he broke the ham in half and tempted it with the piece. The puppy looked warily at him still, wanting to go forward yet fearing being hurt.

In the end, the boy simply put the halved ham on the side and could not care more. After that, he focused on eat his share.

When the puppy saw that the boy was no longer observing, it carefully crept forward and clawed the piece of ham with its paws. With the meat safely delivered to its mouth, it crawled to a corner and gnawed the food in relish.

Perhaps the two of them were so hungry that they both finished off the ham in one straight sitting.

The puppy also gradually let down its guard and slowly went up to cuddle against him. It was seemingly not afraid of him as it sniffed his coat and prodded him.

Baby Chu smiled, then he took the puppy in his arms. While gently stroking its fur, he coaxed. "Good boy, good boy! Will you sleep with me tonight?"

Just as he uttered his question, he saw the dog's ears standing erect. The creature seemed to have detected some presence, for it sharply turned its head over in the direction of the highway with great wariness.

He followed its gaze to look over. Not long after, he heard what seemed to be the sound of a fleet of cars driving near.

"Someone's coming!" Surprised, he stood up with the puppy in his arms. Soon, he saw several cars speeding toward his direction and then whizzing past him.

He did not even have the time to wave before the cars drove further away and out of sight!

"Ah—wait!"

Seeing that the only chance of survival had literally passed him by, the boy hung his head in chagrin. He was about to give up when he realized that this was probably the only chance to live. After thinking hard, he frowned suddenly, decided to put on his shoes again, and gave chase in the direction where the cars had sped toward.

The puppy could intuitively tell what he was going to do and ran after him.

He did not know how long he had run before he suddenly found the row of black cars parked not far ahead. At the same time, there was a very large cargo van nearby. This ray of hope restored him and he ran toward the parked vehicles with much power and motivation.

Upon reaching the cars, however, he found the owners gone. He tried to pull the doors, one vehicle at a time and all seemed to be locked. Just as he was getting desperate, he discovered that the Mercedes-Benz parked at the very front of this entourage was unlocked. He quickly wriggled into the welcoming carriage without second thoughts.

"Wow! It's so warm in here!"

The boy sat on the luxurious leather seat with his heart incomparably satisfied. He carried the puppy into the car, closed the door, and finally kept the cold wind outside the door at bay.

The backseat of the car was gawkingly spacious.

He stretched his pair of legs to lie comfortably on the seat. From the corner of his eye, he caught sight of a cup on the armrest cup holder by the driver's seat. He hesitated for a while before he took the cup. When he removed the cup cover, he was surprised to see that there was some brewed tea.

He sniffed and it was something that smelled good.

Having been thirsty for a while, he had a great time drinking the tea. Still, he was kind-hearted enough to leave a small sip. Holding the cup in his palms, he brought it to the puppy.

"Here! You're thirsty too, aren't you?"

The puppy immediately licked the drink clean with its tongue.

After drinking the tea, the boy was overcome with fatigue by then. Not knowing when the car owner would return, he actually dozed off as he kept himself comfortable inside the vehicle!

The puppy nestled in his arms, licked his hands, whimpered momentarily, and then lay comfortably as it closed its eyes.

Chapter 2710: Negotiation

A vast wilderness was not far from where the cars had stopped.

Right then, the sky was dark with generous splashes of black ink and not a star in sight as it turned to night.

Two teams of men had agreed to meet in this wilderness to make a deal.

The van parked at the roadside was filled with military weapons, altogether priced at two hundred million yuan of hard cash.

Amid the crowd of crisp suits was Gu Jinglian, with heavily armed bodyguards around him. He was wearing a white shirt with a draped long trench coat and black slim pants. It was dark in color, which made him almost blend into the night.

His straight, raven-black hair was sleek and hugged his scalp. There were a few fine, loose strands of fringe, which he had not gotten to trimming for some time, covering his pair of deep-set eyes.

His eyebrows gave off an austere and evil veneer. There was a tear mole at the corner of one of his untamed and slightly slanting upward eyes, which added a dash of diabolism to his aura.

His angular features cut a profound shadow in the night. A stud on his ear was extremely eye-catching, and complemented well his evil, impetuous temperament.

He was extremely good-looking, and such a handsome face was somewhat out of place with his identity.

When he first took control of the mafia group, he was just a young teenager. The day he came into power, he was wearing such an outfit, too. He looked like a dashing, young general with his beautiful face. No one in the Gu family, from the elders down to the hall masters, took him to heart.

However, contrary to his appearance, he was extremely vicious.

From the moment he held the head of the household position, it had taken him merely half a year to get rid of the opposition within the family and convinced everyone that he was fit for the job.

Underneath the beautiful appearance was an extremely frigid heart, with mean streaks that could make anyone shudder.

It was said that one of the elders wanted to seize power and sideline him from his position.

The man was not bothered by their blood ties, or the fact that the person in question was his uncle, and severed the older man's tendons and palms before expelling him from the clan, without batting an eyelid.

This very well displayed his evilness.

In the night, the cold wind raged.

He silently lit a cigarette. As a dense wisp of smoke escaped his lips, a bodyguard suddenly came over and whispered into his ear.

"Sir, the other team has arrived."

"Oh?"

He gave his subordinate a slightly oblique glance, and the voice which escaped his lips was incomparably clear and extremely magnetic.

"How many are there?"

"Twenty people and five cars."

He licked his lips. "There's no vehicle?"

"The other side said to trade with the van and tow it away directly."

"Okay."

He flicked his cigarette ash and commented casually, "Let all of them come over."

"Roger."

The man retreated, and not long after that, all the men from the other party were brought over.

The people who came over were also in black. The leader, tall and thin, was a little older with a beard and deep wrinkles. It was obvious that the man was only thirty years old, but his vicissitudes made him seem more like a fifty-year-old fellow, similar to a rotten, aged tree.

"Master Gu, sorry to have kept you waiting; we actually arrived early, but we got the wrong direction as we're unfamiliar with the place."

The man opened his mouth and the trademark hoarse smoker's voice could be heard.

Gu Jinglian turned sideways and faced him, scrutinizing the speaker with his penetrating gaze.

The man knew the customs. He quickly walked forward and extended his hand politely to exchange courtesies.