

## Sweet Love 3641

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"I wish to leave this place right now. If anyone dares to stop me, do it at your own risk!" With that, Mu Yichen headed for the door.

For a moment, everyone became alert and raised their guns, ready to fight. Lisa started to worry when she saw this. She immediately followed Mu Yichen.

"Lisa!" Gong Shaoying spun around in fury and said icily, "Even you are betraying me?!"

Lisa's posture stiffened, but she did not dare to turn around to look at the man in his eyes.

Gong Shaoying turned cold and said, "Fine! Then I'll also warn you, that unless I die, none of you can leave this place!"

Mu Yichen stopped in his tracks, but he did not turn around. He raised his chin, and even though his voice was not loud, it was powerful and resonating. "Unless you kill me, no one can stop me!"

The boy had inherited Mu Yazhe's arrogance. From his tiny silhouette, Gong Shaoying felt as if he had seen the shadow of Mu Yazhe! He was completely enraged and clenched his fists tightly! Both of them were equally insufferably arrogant! The older one and the younger one – the two of them were just one terrifying powerhouse !

Mu Yichen had only taken a few steps when he suddenly felt a strange stabbing pain on his back.

He turned around in shock, and saw a mercenary pointing a gun at him. He reached out to touch the spot where he felt the stabbing pain, there was a sticky and wet mark!

"What's this?"

Mu Yichen pursed his lips and looked coldly at Gong Shaoying, but saw only disappointment and indifference in his eyes!

His own heart froze over too! However, he was not afraid at all ! He was going to leave this place even if he died doing it!

Mu Yichen's body swayed as he turned around and continued to walk towards the door.

Gong Shaoying was so taken aback that he found it almost impossible to breathe.

Even so...

Even so, this child did not beg him at all!

Where was he going?

Did he really think that he would be able to leave this remote island just by walking out the door?!

Even if it meant death, he insisted on returning to that meh?!

Mu Yichen walked unsteadily as if he was about to collapse. He struggled to support himself against the wall as he slowly walked toward the door. Intense waves of dizziness kept sweeping over him.

His forehead was covered in a sprinkling of cold sweat and he felt as though he would faint in the next moment!

Gong Shaoying was both heartbroken and disappointed at his persistence!

“Shoot him!”

“No!”

Lisa’s eyes in shock as she saw one of the mercenaries behind him raising a gun and pointing it at the boy. Instinctively, she threw herself in front of Little Yichen. With a whoosh, a bullet pierced her skin. She groaned and furrowed her brow.

Mu Yichen frowned when he heard her groan. Before he could turn around, his vision turned dark and his body fell to the ground. He wanted to get up, but Lisa fell into his arms\_\_.

“Lisa, LL..’

Mu Yichen’s gaze froze for a moment before he too, crumpled into a pile on the ground.

In the darkness, a pair of frightened eyes suddenly snapped open.

Youyou sat up on the bed, startled. He subconsciously clutched his abdomen, which still seemed to be tingling.

It was so painful, as if he had been shot.

He dreamed that he was imprisoned in a cage and was trying all ways and means to leave. However, he was surrounded by countless black shadows.

Following that, he as though he had been shot many times. Only then did he wake up from his dream, drenched in cold sweat!

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Why did he have such a dream?

Youyou held his forehead as his temples throbbed. His veins were bulging so much that they looked like they would burst!

“What’s going on...” The pain drove him to gently knocked on his temple. Just as he stood up, he heard a clear cry from next door.

“Boohoo...”

“Waah...”

It was Yue Yao.

Youyou got out of bed and opened the door. Yueyao’s room was right next door. He walked in and switched on the lights. He could vaguely see a pair of tiny hands and feet flailing about in the crib.

He walked to the crib nervously and saw that Yueyao’s face was flushed from crying and her eyes were wet with tears! The boy bent over slightly and lifted her up in his arms. Now that he had learned how to carry a

child, he could pick up Yueyao comfortably!

Surprisingly, the child stopped crying when he picked her up! She widened her tear-stained eyes in curiosity, then gently blinked as her tears continued to flow!

However, almost at once, the girl opened her mouth to reveal two snow-white front teeth and laughed!

“Hehehehe...” She giggled happily and actually extended her tiny saliva-covered hand to touch his face.

Youyou frowned and pushed her hand away in disdain. He muttered, “Don’t touch my face with your dirty hands.” He gave her tiny hand a slap and Yueyao retracted her hand in pain. She pursed her lips pitifully and

looked like she was about to burst into tears!

“Sob...” She curled her tiny hand and stared at her brother innocently, looking like she was about to say something!

However, she had not completely learned how to speak yet. She could only utter a few clumsy words.

“Big Brother... hug...” Yue Yao carefully extended her chubby little claws and opened them, asking for a hug. “Big Brother, hug hug...”

Youyou was stunned. He looked at Yueyao and then at her glistening saliva-stained fingers. Despite his disgust, he frowned and held her wrist as he guided her hand. Yue Yao tried to grab his face with her saliva

covered hand.

At this point, Yueyao finally stopped crying. She grinned and grabbed his tender face, refusing to let go. This made her laugh happily!

Youyou touched her face and suddenly heard Yun Shishi’s voice coming from behind. “Why are you awake?”

He turned around and saw her standing in the doorway, her gaze was soft and gentle. Embarrassed, the boy tried to put Yue Yao down, but she clung to his clothes like a kitten, unwilling to let go.

Yun Shishi was a little surprised and asked, “Yueyao seems very attached to you. She doesn’t easily allow people to carry her!”

Youyou was stunned. "Oh, really?"

"Uh huh, you probably don't remember. In the past, she'd start crying and kicking if anyone carried her for too long. You and I were closest to her. I didn't expect that she'd be so attached to you still, after you've been

absent for more than a year."

Oddly, Youyou found it heartwarming to hear this.

"She's hungry." Yun Shishi walked over and said to him, "Keep carrying her. I'll heat up some milk."

Youyou did not say anything else apart from a soft, "Uh huh."

Yun Shishi smiled and left..

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Youyou lowered his head to look at Yueyao, who was nestled in his arms. His eyes were filled with tenderness.

"Call me Big Brother." Youyou squeezed her fleshy little hand. The softness of the contact melted his heart in a strange way. However, now that he asked her to greet him, she refused.

As if she could not understand his words, she cocked her head to one side and blinked. Her clear eyes were wide open and looking right into Youyou's, but her face was filled with confusion.

"Didn't you call me Big Brother just then?" Youyou shook her tiny hand and said, "Call me Big Brother again."

Yueyao grabbed his face and her gaze suddenly fell on his chest. She opened her mouth and revealed her soft and pink gum. Suddenly, she lunged at his chest and bit at his shirt.

Youyou turned ashen at once! He told her stiffly, "I don't have milk for you!"

However, Yueyao could not understand him. She tugged at his shirt haphazardly with her tiny hands, and kept biting his shirt, staining it all over with her saliva. When Yun Shishi came in, she saw Youyou standing

helplessly by the crib as Little Yueyao bit at his clothes as if she was drinking milk.

Yueyao had stopped breastfeeding for a long time now. Subsequently, she had been fed milk powder.

Hence Yun Shishi was greatly amused by this scene. She immediately walked over to put the milk bottle aside and took Yueyao over from Youyou. Hugging Yueyao, she coaxed, "You must be hungry?"

She coaxed the child as she reached for the milk bottle. Youyou, on the other hand, had already taken the milk bottle and carefully placed it against Yueyao's mouth.

Yueyao took the teat in her mouth and started to suck on it with relish.

“Tsk tsk tsk...” Accompanied by the sound of sucking of milk, Yueyao held the milk bottle in her hands and drank hungrily.

Youyou sat by the side quietly, but he did not look at Yueyao. Instead, he looked at Yun Shishi in a daze, his eyes flashing with complex emotions.

Yun Shishi did not seem to notice that he was staring at her from the side. She mumbled to herself, “When you were young, you were much more well-behaved than your little sister. Even when you were hungry in the

middle of the night, you would not cry. You would sleep through till dawn and not wake Mommy up. When Mommy finally woke up and ran over to check on you, I’d only see you gnawing on your own fingers hungrily!

At that time, I thought that it must be because you were worried about Mommy being exhausted from work, that’s why you didn’t want to wake me up.”

Youyou was a little surprised. “You... Were you still working at that time?”

“Uh huh.” Yun Shishi nodded lightly. “At that time, I did some part-time work during the day and came home from work in the afternoon. It was only after you were weaned that I was able to go back to work without

having to worry too much.”

“What about Daddy?” When he realized he’d actually blurted out the word “Daddy”, he blushed and turned away from her awkwardly.

When Yun Shishi heard this, she smiled in relief and immediately answered, “At that time, your daddy... wasn’t by our side. You know, in the past, there was no daddy, no brother, only you and I. The two of us relied on

each other. Although our lives weren’t as comfortable as now, with you around, Mommy was always happy.”

As she spoke, she recalled their happy past. Suddenly, she felt a stinging in her eyes. She blinked away her tears.

After doing so, she turned to look at Youyou. He was staring at her without saying a word.

“Youyou...” She took a deep breath and continued, “Don’t leave Mommy again, okay?”

She could not bear such pain a second time..

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Youyou’s expression was calm, but deep inside it was like the tumultuous sea.

She said not to leave her again. Why was his heart so full of emotions when he heard this? Especially the name "Youyou", hearing it caused his heart to burn.

Countless thoughts swirled in his head at once, He suddenly stood up and turned around to leave the room. Behind him, Yueyao suddenly let go of the milk bottle and her gaze followed him. She called out in a childish voice, "Big Brother.

Youyou did not stop walking and returned to his room in a sorry state,

Mu Yichen woke up and opened his eyes to bright surroundings.

He looked around and tried to move. [It was at this point that he realized he was tied to a chair and could not move at all. He lowered his head and saw that he was sitting on a chair with his hands handcuffed behind his back. His legs were chained, and his body was chained as well, to the back of the chair.

What was going on?

Wasn't he shot?

He looked up and finally saw that he was in an extremely dark room. A beam of light shone down from overhead, blinding him. Little Yichen tried his best to widen his eyes and force himself to adjust to the strong incandescent light. When he looked to the side, he saw that Lisa was also tied to a chair with her head lowered, She was still unconscious.

His gaze fell on her back and he noted that her wound was not deep. If it had been a real bullet, it wouldn't have left such a shallow wound,

When he recalled how he had passed out when he was hit, and how he had remained unconscious afterwards, he immediately realized that Gong Shaoying had ordered them to be shot with a tranquilizer gun. Had they been shot with tranquilizer, given this?

Little Yichen tried calling out to Lisa. "Lisa! Lisa! Li..."

"You're awake?"

A deep voice suddenly interrupted his thoughts.

Startled, Mu Yichen turned around, To his shock, Gong Shaoying was standing in front of him, looking down at him!

When he saw Gong Shaoying, anger was immediately evident in his eyes. He struggled violently and roared, "What did you do to Lisa?"

Gong Shaoying replied coldly, "Don't worry, she's not dead!"

Upon hearing these words, Mu Yichen became suspicious and asked, "You used tranquilizers?"

"Ha! You even know about tranquilizers. Rather smart." Gong Shaoying casually pulled a chair over and sat down, sighing, "These two grandsons of mine, one is a scholar and one is a warrior. One is intelligent and the other is skilled. What an eye-opener!"

“Grandsons?” Mu Yichen mocked, “I, for one, haven’t acknowledged you as my grandfather! Old man, stop indulging in your one-sided affection! I’ll never acknowledge you as my grandfather!”

Gong Shaoying cut straight to the chase. “Where is Gong Fan?”

Mu Yichen retorted, “Do you think I’ll tell you? Besides, you’ve asked the wrong person, I don’t know any Gong Fan!”

“You don’t have to tell me, I know that Gong Fan must be with the Mu family now since you two have switched places.”

Mu Yichen snorted, although feeling a little flustered.

Gong Shaoying calmly sized him up. Seeing that the boy refused to even look at him he said helplessly. ‘You’re my grandson and I’m your grandfather. No matter how much you deny it, this is a fact! You don’t have to speak coldly to me. This won’t do you any good!’

When the boy heard this, he snorted again as though this was a great joke.

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Mu Yichen was a proud person. After all, he was Mu Yazhe’s son, and he had inherited Mu Yazhe’s unruly character. It was just that, be it in front of Yun Shishi, Youyou, or

Mu Yazhe, he had always been a warm and affectionate little boy. However, in front of outsiders, he was a mini Mu Yazhe.

How could he possibly bow to Gong Shaoying? Whether the man used threat, force or bribery, Little Yichen would never give in to him.

Gong Shaoying’s facial muscles twitched with fury when he heard this! Having finally lost control of his emotions, he stood up and glared at Little Yichen, saying, “I’m not

threatening you! I’m not trying to scare you! I have erased Youyou’s memories, and I can do the same to you!”

It would have been better if he hadn’t mentioned this.

At the mention of this matter, Little Yichen’s anger rose and he said to the man, “You were the one who erased Youyou’s memory! For this alone, don’t even dream that I’ll

ever acknowledge you! Gong Shaoying, I respected you in the past because you were Mommy’s biological father and my grandfather, hence no matter what, I respected

you! But that doesn’t mean that you can push your luck this far! What right do you have to erase Youyou’s memory? What right do you have?! Don’t you dote on Mommy the

most? If that’s the case, why did you do something that would make her sad?!”

Gong Shaoying was taken aback and stared at him. He had thought that this child would be furious, but he did not expect him to maintain an unusual calmness despite his

anger! He was too calm!

Gong Shaoying said coldly, "Aren't you worried that I can erase your memories just like how I've erased Youyou's?!"

"You can't erase it!" Little Yichen said expressionlessly, "Even if you tried, you won't be able to!"

"Ha! Where did you get your confidence from!?" Gong Shaoying scoffed. "Memories that cannot be erased?! I'd like to see what kind of memories Alice can't erase!"

"No... don't..." Beside him, Lisa struggled to raise her head. She opened her eyes and weakly said, "No..."

The tranquilizer had yet to wear off.

So much so that she stumbled over her words and her reactions were extremely slow.

However, when she heard Gong Shaoying threatening Little Yichen to erase his memory, she became anxious!

Gong Shaoying shouted, "You betrayed me! You have no right to speak here!"

"L... L.. didn't... betray..." The girl struggled to utter a few words. Her words were incoherent.

Little Yichen looked at her, only to hear Lisa say with determination, "Youyou... is... my... master... I... didn't betray him..."

Ever since that day Gong Jie brought her to Youyou and told her that he was to be the person she would be loyal to all her life, she swore to herself that Youyou would be

her only master!

She would never change her mind unless she died or Youyou died!

Youyou was her only master!

Even if she had to betray the entire world, she would never betray the person she pledged her loyalty to! She had never betrayed Youyou! Therefore, she was not a traitor!

Suddenly, Lisa declared loudly, "I... I'm... not a traitor!"

Little Yichen was stunned for a moment before he broke into a smile!

"Lisa..." He was touched! Touched by Lisa's loyalty! Touched by the fact that hidden beneath her tough exterior was a gentleness that was rarely seen!.

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Gong Shaoying looked at Mu Yichen silently. Eventually, he got onto his feet and said, "Looks like you won't shed a tear until you face your death! Let's see if there are really memories that cannot be erased!"

Having said this, he immediately instructed his subordinates, "Bring Alice here!"

"Yes."

A few minutes later, two subordinates brought Alice in. Rather than saying that she was ushered into the room, it would have been more accurate to say that she was shoved along.

The moment Alice walked into the dark room, she saw Little Yichen and Lisa tied to the chairs, unable to move. She looked stunned for a moment before anger overtook her!

"Boss, how could you... How could you tie Little Yichen up...? He's your grandson!"

Gong Shaoying glanced at her coldly. He suddenly walked up to her and delivered a slap across her face! Her head spun to the side.

"Don't think that I don't know what you've done! You won't be able to shake off responsibility for the swapping of these boys! You know very well what you did! Do you need me to remind you?"

Seeing this, Little Yichen glared at Gong Shaoying anxiously and immediately warned, "You're not to hurt her!"

"Little Yichen...!" Alice turned her back on him and stopped him. "Shush! This has nothing to do with you!"

Little Yichen was stunned. Alice turned her head around. There seemed to be some emotions surging in her eyes!

She looked straight at Gong Shaoying, her chest heaving for a long time. Suddenly, she gave a bleak smile. "I know that I betrayed you, so I deserve this slap! But boss, what kind of deep hatred do you harbor that you can't let go of after so many years? And what kind of deep hatred do you harbor that you want to take it out on these two children?! They're still so young! Youyou's memories were erased under my hypnosis! But ever since his memories were sealed, I've never stopped regretting it! Look at Youyou; what has he become?!"

Gong Shaoying seemed taken aback and fell silent at once.

"Do you think you're doing this for Youyou's benefit? He has lost all his memories, Yun Shishi, MuYazhe, and even who he is! Do you think this is good for him?! You have no right to do this, nor do you have the right to erase Youyou's memories and change his life!"

"Shut up!" Gong Shaoying interrupted coldly, "You don't have to point fingers at me!"

"Yes! You're high up in the hierarchy and always get what you want, you're insufferably arrogant. No one has the right to criticize you for whatever you do! But..."

As Alice spoke, her lips started trembling violently.

“Youyou is innocent. He’s just a child. He only wants to be by his mommy’s side. Look at how cute Youyou was in the past! He was always smiling when he was with his family. But now? He has become a cruel, cold, and heartless person! He has also become a person with terrifying ambitions and hatred that a child his age should never experience. He’s clearly a child; how can you bear to torture him like this?!”

Gong Shaoying finally couldn’t bear to listen any longer. He suddenly grabbed her throat and warned at the top of his lungs, “I... I told you to shut up! Did you hear me!?”

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Alice said without reservation, “If you do this and refuse to realize your mistakes, your daughter will never forgive you!”

Gong Shaoying’s pupils constricted as he stared fixedly at Alice. It felt like a time bomb waiting to bow up!

Alice had always feared Gong Shaoying! However, there was no fear in her eyes now!

“Right now, I want you to seal this child’s memories like how you sealed Yun Tianyou’s!”

She would not make the same mistake again! Even though she had no great affections for Little Yichen. However, perhaps it was because she was barren, she could understand deeply the pain of mother and son turning against each other. Hence, she could understand Yun Shishi’s pain, as well as Youyou’s and Little Yichen’s pain. She had already ‘murdered’ Yun Tianyou; there was no way she could murder Little Yichen too!

Gong Shaoying glanced at Mu Yichen before turning back to Alice. His tone was full of threat as he said, “Do it immediately!”

“No.” Alice took a deep breath and coldly refused, “I don’t want to do such things again!”

She mustered up her courage and rejected him with absolute conviction! She knew what would happen if she disobeyed this man’s orders! The man standing before her was the head of the Gong family. He was the most powerful person in Hurricane Group! Alice knew very well what it meant to defy his orders!

However, she was unwilling to carry out his order and even more unwilling to align herself with this man’s decision!

Gong Shaoying did not expect Alice to disobey his orders!

His expression turned stern as he looked at her in disbelief. With a furious laugh, he asked, “Do you know what you’re talking about?!” “I know and I have it clearly in my head that I’m disobeying your orders to erase Little Yichen’s memory. I will never agree to it!”

As Alice spoke, her tone gradually softened. “Boss, please... don’t continue down this path! You’ve already hurt Yun Shishi once, and you’ve hurt Yun Tianyou once. How can you bear to do it again...? Do you really want to fall out with Yun Shishi?!”

For a moment, Gong Shaoying looked shaken. However, almost immediately, he gritted his teeth and said, “Whether it’s Mu Yichen or Yun Tianyou, isn’t she with Mu Yazhe because of their two children?! If both children are in my hands now, she will come home.”

His eyes softened at the mention of Yun Shishi. The reason why he hated Mu Yazhe so much was not merely because of the feud between the two generations.

He found out that the reason Yun Shishi had this pair of children was as a result of a surrogacy agreement with the Mu family when she was eighteen.

She, Gong Shaoying’s daughter, his daughter, was actually pathetic enough to be used by the Mu family!?

How could his daughter do such a despicable thing! How dare the Mu family?! Hence, he would never forgive the Mu family, or Mu Yazhe for hurting his daughter!

“So what even if Yun Shishi were to come back to you?!”

Alice wanted to knock some sense into this man. “What’s the difference between you and an executioner!?”

“Shut up!” Gong Shaoying interrupted her. “Don’t think that I won’t dare to lay a finger on you just because you’re Gong Jie’s staff! Even if I were to kill you today...”

“Just kill me then!”.

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Alice was not the least bit fearful. “My life is in your hands! The fate of many people in Hurricane Group is also in your hands! Taking my life is just a matter of giving an order! But, don’t you regret it!”

“You...!” Gong Shaoying raised his hand high in the air as though it would descend on her again. However, Alice looked at him without cowering!

His hand did not fall.

“Do you think you’re the only one who is skilled at hypnosis?” Gong Shaoying slowly lowered his hand and sneered. “Do you think I can’t do it without you?”

Alice froze.

Gong Shaoying turned around and said in a deep voice, “Come in!”

Just as he had spoken, the door swung open slowly and a man in a white cape coat walked in unhurriedly.

The man was very young and rather thin, as though his coat was filled with air. His face was hidden under the brim of his hat, its shadow obscured his eyes. But even then one could tell that the man had exquisite features.

However, it was quite impossible to attribute those features to any particular gender. There was a sinister coldness about him, reminiscent of a poisonous snake beautiful yet deadly!

His beauty had nothing to do with the attraction between a man and a woman. It was the sort of beauty that made one involuntarily hold their breath and focus.

He was holding a crystal ball in his hand. However, this crystal ball looked a little special.

Inside the transparent globe, there was a dark purple fog that was swirling and surging.

Mu Yichen looked up and saw the man as well. His heart skipped a beat.

For some reason, this man had an especially dangerous aura!

The man removed his hat as he walked in. His sinisterly feminine but beautiful face was revealed.

Alice gasped at the sight of him. "Senior..."

Senior Brother?!

Back then, she Alicc understudied a master hypnotist. The master hypnotist had a few students.

Hypnotism was an art that required talent.

Not many people possessed such talent. It could be said to be one in a million.

And this man was one of her senior brothers. His skills in hypnotism were above hers.

How did it turn out to be him?!

The man glanced in her direction as if he did not see her at all. He walked up to Gong Shaoying and nodded slightly. Unless he was performing hypnosis, he was usually very quiet and did not speak much. Although when he did speak, he was able to draw in the person undergoing hypnosis right from the onset.

His voice seemed to possess a unique

Sometimes, Alice was led to think that instead of hypnosis, he practiced a form of magic that simply could not be explained by scientific means.

"Senior Brother, why... it's you!?"

The man turned around and finally noticed her. His deep set eyes were like blackjade without any luster, a bottomless pit. It was as though one's soul could be sucked out of one's body just by staring into those eyes.

Gong Shaoying said coldly, "Seal all the memories of that child, understand?"

The man nodded gently. "Yes."

He only spoke one word, but it was as cold as the ice of the North Pole, chilling one to the bones.

"Senior Brother, you can't do this!"

Alice said in a panic: "You can't erase this child's memory' Senior..."

"Take her away!" Gong Shaoying ordered impatiently.

Before Alice could say anything, she was led out of the room by the henchmen.,

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The man in white coat slowly walked up to Little Yichen and squatted down elegantly. His dark eyes scanned the boy's features inch by inch, and his thin lips slowly curled into a cold arc. Just looking into his eyes, Little Yichen felt as if his body had frozen over.

Lisa started struggling when she saw this!

The man glanced sideways at her, but wasn't the least perturbed. No matter how strong she was, being tied up like this made her no threat to anyone.

However, it was easy to disrupt the hypnosis when there was someone around making noises.

The man said, "She doesn't need to be here!"

"Take her away." Gong Shaoying issued an order. Immediately, Lisa was brought out of the room while he left with his men.

All the doors were locked. The man slowly picked up his crystal ball and held it in front of Little Yichen. The latter was attracted by the dreamy purple mist in the crystal ball. In an instant, his eyes lost focus! He felt as if he was being drawn into this man's world. He immediately pinched his palms together to force himself to stay alert!

Yichen shook his head vigorously and turned his head away from him! If he did not look at the man, he would not be hypnotized!

The man smiled faintly. He had hypnotized countless people, and most of them had been unwilling.

"Who do you want to see the most right now?" The man gently placed his hand on the surface of the crystal ball and asked casually, "Is it her?"

Little Yichen could not help being attracted by his words. He turned his head to look at the crystal ball, and saw that the mist in the ball was gradually forming, reflecting his mother's gentle smile.

"Mom... Mommy..." Little Yichen was completely taken aback!

He could actually see her face in the crystal ball?!

The man observed his expression and asked faintly, "Who is she?"

Little Yichen looked at him and bit his lips tightly without saying anything! Droplets of cold sweat trickled down his forehead and seeped between his lips. They were extremely bitter.

"Oh, not her?" The man caressed the surface of the crystal ball again. Little Yichen stared fixedly at the transparent globe. The mist kept swirling and transforming till it reflected a tender but adorable face.

Yueyao...

"Yueyao!" Little Yichen was agitated. He struggled, but the more he struggled, the tighter the chains around his hands became! "What are you trying to do!?" He questioned angrily.

But the man smiled and held the crystal ball out to him. In the crystal ball, that young and adorable face slowly became animated. Yueyao widened her eyes and stretched out her hands towards him. "Big Brother, hug..."

"Yueyao..."

"Is she the one you want to see?" The man caressed the crystal ball again, and this time round the mist took the form of Youyou's face.

However, his eyes were cold and distant.

"Youyou..."

In the mist formation, Youyou suddenly opened his mouth and spoke. "Mu Yichen, don't come home."

His voice was cold and his words cruel to the extreme! Little Yichen was startled and his brow furrowed in disbelief. It was his brother who had said that.

"Why?" He smiled wryly as he spoke to the boy. "Why shouldn't I go home?"

"Because no one needs you around here."

Youyou continued, "Be it Mommy, Yueyao, Daddy, or I—none of us needs you!"

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He did not know why, but no matter how tough or desperate the situation was, he was not one who would shed a tear. But now, his brother's words almost broke his heart!

"You don't need me..."

"That's right." The boy in the crystal ball replied, "No one needs you."

Little Yichen's pupils gradually lost focus. He stared numbly at the crystal ball as a line of tears slowly flowed from his left eye. One tear followed another. In an instant, tears streamed down his face.

The man looked at the boy who was now in the midst of being hypnotized and smirked coldly.

“No!” Little Yichen suddenly raised his head and broke down in anger. “It’s not like that! Youyou won’t say such things! This isn’t Youyou; this is an illusion created by you!”

But the man smiled. “I’m not a mage. I don’t know magic. This isn’t something I’ve conjured up. This is your own inner world.”

He leaned closer to Little Yichen, his breath escaping from his thin lips. He said unhurriedly, “You desire to be needed, to be valued, your fear is to be ignored and swept aside, isn’t it? But you’re not needed, not relied upon. None of them need you.”

“It’s not like that!” Little Yichen hollered madly, “You’re lying! Be it Mommy or Daddy, Youyou or Yueyao! They all need me, they all need me!” He was irreplaceable! He was Mu Yichen!

The man smiled. “Is this how you’ve been deceiving yourself all this time?”

Gritting his teeth, Mu Yichen suddenly lunged at the man and smashed the crystal ball in his hand!

With a ripping sound, the crystal ball fell to the ground and shattered! The mist in the ball slowly rose, and Mu Yichen saw it molding into the form of Youyou!

The next moment Youyou was standing right in front of him, in-person. He was just within reach.

Then, darkness engulfed the entire world! It was pitch dark. Everything had changed. The man in the white cape seemed to have vanished as well.

He looked down at himself. There was no rope, no handcuffs, no chain, no chair. He stood up and looked up. The boy was still standing in front of him, but not gone.

“Youyou!” Mu Yichen nervously lunged at the older boy and took him in his arms. The boy’s body, however, was cold and had no warmth.

“Why is your body so cold!?”

He gripped the boy’s shoulder nervously and looked him up and down, but the boy pushed him away unfeelingly.

“Don’t touch me.” As Youyou spoke, his gaze fell on Mu Yichen’s neck, around which a chain with a pendant hung. It was a purple crystal.

Youyou suddenly pulled off the amethyst and casually dropped it on the ground.

“You...”

“Don’t speak my name.” Youyou turned around and said ruthlessly, “Mu Yichen, no one needs you anymore. Mommy and Yueyao already have me. No one wants you to come home, so...”

He slowly turned his head, his eyes were hidden in the shadows. The only visible feature was the icy smile on his lips. “Don’t come home anymore.”

“No... no...” Mu Yichen shook his head in disbelief and squeezed a bitter smile. “Youyou, I know you lost your memories and don’t remember me, but it’s alright. You’ll definitely regain them.”

“Mu Yichen, don’t you know, in Mommy’s heart, I’m more important than you?”

