

Sweet Love 4091

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Natalia stared at him, speechless.

“You...” Her snow-white face flushed red, and her expression grew icy. She stood up angrily as her bright eyes grew misty. “Give me back the candies!”

But the boy clung to the box. “You can’t eat that!”

“Why?” Natalia blinked, tears staining her lashes. “Why did you snatch my candy?”

“If Professor Romanka won’t let you eat it, it must be inedible. So, you shouldn’t eat it.” The boy was doing this out of kind intentions. Because it is true that some patients need to watch their sugar intake carefully when they are on medication.

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Natalia seemed to read his concern, but it only made her angrier. “You’re just like them!” Her face was pale as she stood up. Pushing him away angrily, she said, “You’re just like them!” With that, she bit her lip in sadness and ran away.

As Youyou got up to run after her, his movement knocked over the cart.

The boy stared after her as she ran away. Sighing, he turned back to the stack of papers that had been knocked over and bent over to pick them up. As he was doing so, he scanned the documents and realized it was Natalia’s pathology report. He glanced at it casually at first, but his gaze fell on something and he stopped.

“Hallucinogen”.

The word on the pathology report caught his eye. Pinching the pathology report between his fingers, Youyou read through it intently. Then it hit him. No wonder Professor Romanka wouldn’t allow Natalia any candies.

Hallucinogen is a drug developed to cause hallucinations. It is usually used in psychotherapy. Patients on this drug would hallucinate. A patient on hallucinogen must not take any sugar because this drug contains a high amount of lactose. Ingestion of additional sugar may trigger diabetes. That was why Professor Romanka kept a tight rein on Natalia’s sugar intake.

Hallucinogen is not a commonly used word in the English language.

Most people had no idea. But he knew. This was because Gong Fan took this medicine while he was recuperating on Acklan Island.

This drug, taken in a low dose, would cause drowsiness. However, the boy noticed that the note on the pathology report, that the dosage was five times his.

This was considered a high dosage. An overdose of this drug could be fatal. Why would Romanka do that?! Youyou was outraged!

“There you are!” Gong Jie’s voice came through the doorway. He sounded relieved.

He pushed open the door and walked in, muttering, “I thought you said you’d wait for me at the swing. I was ready to face dire consequences when I realized that you’d disappeared!”

He said it so pathetically that it sounded exaggerated. The truth, though, was that he could imagine Yun Shishi in a foul mood. The boy was her treasure. If he lost his nephew, he wouldn’t be able to atone for it with his own life!

When the boy looked up and saw Gong Jie, he raised an eyebrow.

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“Hallucinogen?” Alice was surprised. “What’s going on?”

In the office, the boy laid out Natalia’s pathology report before Alice. The woman picked it up and froze. “What’s going on?”

“Didn’t you know?” Youyou was surprised. He thought Alice must have known about this.

Alice shook her head and said honestly, “I didn’t know Professor Romanka was giving her these.”

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“Hallucinogen is a hallucinogenic drug. Surely Professor Romanka knows the true purpose of this drug.” The boy paused, his facial muscles stiffening.

Alice hesitated for a long moment as she held the pathology report. Then it dawned on her. “Maybe... I have a good idea why Professor Romanka gave her this drug.”

The boy was perplexed when he heard this and asked for confirmation, “Tell me. What’s the reason? This drug can be toxic. Though I don’t think the dosage is fatal, it’s higher than the usual dose used purely for management of illnesses.”

“As you know, this drug causes hallucination.”

“Uh huh.”

“Generally, when a patient has bipolar disorder, for example, or is anxious and has insomnia, taking this drug at a low dose can have a calming effect. However, at this dosage prescribed here, the patient taking it will hallucinate.”

“Hallucinate...”

“Uh huh.”

“In other words...” The boy had obviously guessed Professor Romanka’s intentions. His expression froze over.

Alice nodded and sighed. “My guess is that Professor Romanka wanted to experiment on Natalia. By creating the illusion, he awakened or created Natalia’s second personality. By creating the illusion, he convinced Natalia’s primary personality that she actually had a twin sister. Through the illusion, he tampered with her memory. Once the primary personality believes deeply in this, a second personality would naturally be created. This is the case in theory, but no one had ever practiced it. Of course, back then, Professor Romanka wanted me to hypnotize Natalia so that he could create a second personality. I didn’t agree to it. It looks that he has gone down a crooked path to achieve his goal.”

The boy clenched his fists tightly.

‘The medication must be stopped at once.’

“My guess is that it has stopped.” Alice said, “This is last month’s pathology report. They should have stopped it this month.”

She couldn’t help being curious. “How did you get this pathology report?”

The boy pondered for a moment, then decided to keep the secret for now. “I got lost in the hospital, and then I happened to walk into a room where I saw this pathology report.”

Of course, he was curious. Natalia had been taken back to the ward by Alice. Why had she reappeared in the back garden? Although he was genuinely curious, he had to keep his word since he had promised Natalia to keep the secret.

“I see...” Alice nodded. “Professor Romanka has gone too far,” she said earnestly. “He shouldn’t have done this!”

“Natalia is his daughter. Doesn’t he find this cruel? Using his own daughter as an experiment is too much.”

Even as Gong Jie was amused by Youyou’s special concern for Natalia, he had to remind the boy, “Natalia is not Professor Romanka’s biological daughter. Not every adoptive father will treat his adopted daughter as if she were his own. Perhaps Professor Romanka adopted Natalia with a motive.”

Youyou found it heartbreaking. He suddenly looked up and tugged at the corner of his uncle’s shirt. He seemed to be negotiating, but his tone was clearly commanding. “Will you adopt Natalia, Uncle?”

“What?” Gong Jie was suddenly perplexed. “Why should I adopt her?”

“Because, that way, she can get out of here legitimately.”

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“But Natalia has already been adopted by Professor Romanka.” Gong Jie reminded the boy kindly.

Youyou was unimpressed and retorted, "That's not adoption, it's abuse!"

Alice agreed earnestly, "Going by international law, Professor Romanka would not be considered to have violated adoption-related laws. His adoption relationship with Natalia would also be perfectly justifiable. There would be no way for us to interfere. And there would be no way for your uncle to adopt Natalia directly because the conditions for adoption would not be met."

The boy was naturally saddened to hear that. Alice noticed this and was intrigued. She squatted in front of him and tugged gently at his little hand.

"Do you like her?"

Youyou immediately blushed and looked away awkwardly with a snort. "No!"

"Then... why are you so concerned about her?" Alice grinned, probing to get to the bottom of it.

"Ha!" Gong Jie rubbed his nephew's head indulgently. "Our boy is in love. Are you attracted to the girl?"

The boy's face was flushed as he emphasized. "Stop talking nonsense! It's just that I feel so sorry for Natalia that she has to go through such abuse!"

He couldn't help but think of his own childhood. As a child, he, too, had been imprisoned in such a world, he was without freedom. But then, Natalya was different from him. She was a healthy child.

It was hard to imagine that she'd been abandoned when she was born. She'd survived bad luck in that kind of winter, and she'd been healthy, but she'd been held prisoner in a hospital like this, subjected to these disguised experiments.

She was clearly not someone with a split personality, but she had been created to be one. She could have been carefree, like the other children, out playing, or eating delicious candies. But instead, she was locked in a cold, miserable ward where freedom was a luxury.

"Professor Romanka doesn't deserve to be her father." With that, Youyou turned his brooding gaze on Gong Jie.

The man cleared his throat. "You don't... really want me to adopt her, do you?"

The boy continued to look at him.

The man spoke again. "I'm not married..."

"Girls love a man with a kind heart and sense of responsibility."

"..."

The kid was clearly trying to get him involved in this matter. Still playing dead, Gong Jie looked up into the distance. The boy continued to look at him. The uncle and nephew faced each other silently.

The boy's gaze was so sharp that Gong Jie finally gave in. "I surrender. Please don't glare at me like that. You could have gotten your dear daddy to adopt her. Then you'd have a lovely sister!"

The boy pursed his lips. "But Daddy and Mommy have already adopted Lisa."

“It doesn’t matter. Your daddy can afford to adopt any number of Natalia.”

“That’s different!” The boy folded his arms and said matter-of-factly, “I think you’re the best person for the job.”

Gong Jie fell silent. This kid clearly wanted to push him into the pit of fire, right?

Alice said quietly, “Adopting her won’t hurt you. It’s not going to reduce you to a pauper. You might as well agree!”

The man’s face turned ashen. “I don’t know how to take care of a child at all. How am I supposed to do that?”

Natalia’s gaze, noble and inviolable as a Ragdoll cat’s, appeared in his mind. He felt that this little girl was arrogant and definitely not easy to get along with. He had no experience, especially when it came to pacifying children.

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Both Alice and Youyou hoped that Gong Jie would adopt Natalia, but the man was particularly adamant. “Give up trying to talk me round! I can’t possibly adopt the girl.”

And yet...

Half an hour later.

Gong Jie was livid as he sat down opposite Professor Romanka and slammed the table.

“I want custody of Natalia. Whether you like it or not, you have to let me have it.”

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Professor Romanka stared at him in shock. “Alice, what...”

Alice sized Gong Jie up in a glance, then turned to Professor Romanka with a smile. “Young Master Jie feels a special connection with this child...” After a pause, she leaned towards him and whispered into his ear, “Professor, you have no idea. Young Master Jie doesn’t like women... so he thought he might as well adopt a child. But don’t worry, he’ll be good to Natalia. He’ll treat her like his own.”

Professor Romanka, however, was reluctant. Not because he had a strong bond with Natalia. It was the fact that he was reluctant to give up Natalia. After all, her condition would be of some help to his scholarship. He was naturally unwilling to let go.

The professor shook his head, clearly reluctant.

But Gong Jie was not averse to using force, since the man wasn’t going to take the easy way out.

“Don’t think I don’t know what sort of research you’re using Natalia for.” Gong Jie’s eyes narrowed. “I now have evidence of your abuse of adopted children. If we appeal to the International Court of Justice, all your fame and fortune will be gone!”

“...”

Professor Romanka was aghast. “What do you mean by that?”

“You’re using Natalia for experiments, aren’t you?” The man leaned closer to him and said expressionlessly, “Hallucinogen. This pathology report alone will do you in!”

Professor Romanka had initially suspected that Gong Jie had no evidence and was only making empty claims. He didn’t think that the man would actually have Natalia’s pathology report!

Professor Romanka finally showed some unease.

Alice shook her head helplessly and lowered her voice. “Professor Romanka, you know that Young Master Jie works for the Hurricane Group. You wouldn’t want to offend the Hurricane Group, would you?”

Professor Romanka forced a smile. After a long silence, he finally gritted his teeth and nodded. “All right! But... Natalia’s condition is very unstable. If anything goes wrong, send her back here to me at once.”

Youyou stood to one side. When he heard Professor Romanka saying this and saw that there was no trace of reluctance in his eyes, he became even more certain. In Professor Romanka’s mind, Natalia was simply a sacrifice. An object of experiment. He had no feelings for her at all! That made the boy all the more glad that he had forced Gong Jie to adopt Natalia. It was definitely a wise choice! This man was not fit to be Natalia’s father!

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In the ward.

Natalia’s solitary figure leaned against the window. She looked out of the window, seemingly confused. Her eyes were empty and unfocused. Her chestnut hair fell over the side of her ear. She pouted and sat there for what seemed an eternity until a thin rustling sound came from the doorway.

Puzzled, she looked in the direction of the sound. At the corner of the doorway, a tiny hand suddenly slipped a candy through the gap.

Candy?

Natalia’s gaze was fixed on the object. She walked over, crouched by the doorway, and picked up the candy. It was her favorite strawberry flavor.

She was startled. “Who’s there?”

As soon as she said that, another candy bar rolled in under the door.

Natalia was puzzled by this. She picked up the second bar of candy – it was green in color. It was a green apple-flavored candy.

Who could that be?

She wondered who would be so bored as to be shoving candies under her door.

“Who’s that?” She asked again, and three more candy bars rolled in.

Natalia picked them up and suddenly realized they were different flavors from the candies that she’d previously hidden. These were purple, and there were pink ones too. She had never eaten this kind of candies before. She curiously peeled one open and realized that this was a soft candy. When she bit into it, a rich yogurt aroma suddenly filled her palate and overflowed between her teeth!

So sweet! But it also carried a tinge of sourness.

However, this sourness did not affect the taste at all. Instead, the combination of sourness and sweetness made it taste better than all the other sweets she’d eaten in the past. She’d never had many candies. Until she was six, she didn’t even know there was such a thing as candies.

It wasn’t until later, after coming to Michel Hospital, that a nurse saw how lovely she was and secretly slipped her a candy. It was the first time she’d tasted anything that sweet and she loved it.

This nurse really loved her. Every time she saw her, she would give her all the candies she had. Sometimes, they were apple flavored. Sometimes, they were strawberry flavored. Sometimes, they were grape flavored. But the nurse always had only these two kinds of hard candies. Sometimes she had one, sometimes she had a few with her.

Later on, the nurse gradually became busy. Often, she would not see her for days. And so Natalia would secretly hide these candies in a box, one at a time, and after a while, she managed to hoard a box full of them.

She especially loved these candies, but she couldn’t bear to eat them. Because back then, Professor Romanka had just started experimenting on her, and so he warned her that no sugar was allowed.

Unaware of the consequences of her sugar consumption, she would eat these candies surreptitiously.

Later on, Professor Romanka found the hidden candies under her pillow. It then led him to discover the box full of candies. In a fit of anger, he reprimanded her and kept the box of candies in his office.

Since then, Natalia had not been very close to him. She had never liked Professor Romanka very much, to begin with.

Children are spiritual. Because they don’t understand many things, their liking for or dislike of a person is purely based on whether that person is friendly enough to the child.

Although Professor Romanka appeared to dote on the girl and be close to her, for inexplicable reasons, Natalia just didn’t like him. If she had a choice, she would have chosen to stay in the orphanage rather than be with Professor Romanka. Up till now, she addressed Professor Romanka as “Professor.”

In fact, the first reason Romanka had adopted her was because he thought she was cute. The second reason was because he thought she had some potential. Having a dual personality made her a good test subject and she had experimental value. There were many factors that he could exploit.

And because of that, she'd started to withdraw from people. Later, the nurse became too afraid to continue giving her candies and was also re-assigned to another department. Thus the girl became even more withdrawn.

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After being held in the ward for a long time, she became unwilling to be imprisoned indefinitely. Having studied it for some time, she finally discovered a secret door that allowed her to enter and leave the ward freely. As a result, Natalia would often sneak out of.

She had been trying to retrieve the box of candies from Professor Romanka's office while he wasn't paying attention. It was hers. Professor Romanka had no right to take it away!

Actually, she had stopped taking her medicine, so she could eat candies. However, Professor Romanka had forgotten about this matter, so he did not take it to heart.

Natalia was not close to the man and therefore was unwilling to be upfront with him in all matters. Naturally, Professor Romanka could not understand why Natalia kept escaping from the ward.

"It's yummy!"

Candy makes people happy. There is no doubt about that.

Natalia's mood brightened suddenly, like sunshine after the rain. It really tasted great. However... There seemed to be only one soft candy of this flavor. Was there no more? She couldn't help feeling disappointed. She lay on her stomach and looked out through the crack in the door. She saw a few candies placed outside the door, but it was obvious that no one was outside.

Who was the person who had just given her the candies?

Natalia was curious, so she sneaked to the window, taking out a strong magnet from her pocket to unlock it. She flipped herself out of the window before landing and turning to look at the door. She was surprised to see candy bars forming a line that continued down the hallway.

Curious, she walked over and took a look. Then she knelt down and picked up the candies one by one. She followed the route marked by candy bars all the way to the end of the corridor, and saw that they continued around the corner.

Natalia hid behind the wall and peeked out from around the corner. From where she was, she could see candy bars stretching out into the distance in a line.

She wasn't sure if it was a prank.

Who could it be? Could it be that someone was deliberately teasing her?

Natalia frowned, suspicious, but she followed the route formed by the candy trail and picked them up one by one.

Natalia finished picking up all the candy bars by the time she got to the end of the corridor. By then the pockets of her hospital gown were full. She stood up and suddenly noticed a figure standing at the end .

She looked at it and stepped closer, curious. Only then did she realize that it was Youyou standing there quietly holding a box of candies. It was the same box he had confiscated from her. Now he smiled at her and beckoned.

“Come here.” Natalia stepped closer as the boy held out the box to her. “There!”

Natalia became sulky when she saw him and recalled how he had refused to let her have the candies previously. “You again?”

There was a contemplative pause before she asked suspiciously, “Did you leave all these candies at the door?”

“Yes. Are they yummy?”

Natalia nodded as though she had forgotten all her anger! She quickly held herself back and snorted. She looked haughty and was reluctant to acknowledge him.

The boy felt helpless. “Are you still angry?”

Natalia glared at him, clearly perceiving him to be the big bad guy.

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Natalia immediately retorted, “I’m not a patient. I’m not sick.”

“Well, now I know. You’re not a patient and you are allowed to have candies.” Youyou placed his palms together, looking aggrieved. Cautiously, he gave her a wink and said, “Don’t be mad, okay?”

Perhaps his mischievous look finally dispelled the moodiness Natalia was feeling. She took a deep breath, raised her eyebrows and mumbled an “uh huh”, feigning generosity.

“Alright then! I guess you didn’t mean it!” As she spoke, she fixed her eyes on the box of candies the boy was holding. She couldn’t bring herself to reach for it, so she used her eyes to subtly remind him to hand over the “candy box”.

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The boy watched helplessly as her eyes remained fixed on the box.

Wasn't this lass rather gullible? A stranger could just come along and trick her into leaving with him, using a few candies!

Youyou deliberately raised the box, and immediately, Natalia's purple eyes followed the movement of the candy box, focusing all her attention on it. The boy could imagine the amount of drool forming in her mouth.

"Do you want some?" he asked the girl.

Natalia, however, was instantly on her guard. She was deliberately calm, trying to appear as if she didn't care. Her throat moved as she gulped, but she was obviously ravenous.

"That's ... my candies!"

She emphasized.

However, Youyou said solemnly, "The box might look like your box, but it's not. Besides, the candies here are mine!"

"You're lying!"

"I'm not lying to you. If you don't believe me, see for yourself."

The boy opened the box. Natalia looked inside and saw that none of the candy bars was hers. Besides, these were the same soft candies she had tasted earlier, better than the ones she had hidden herself.

She looked at the candies transfixed, ravenous.

In fact, the so-called candy box was just an ordinary box, a metal box used to hold surgical instruments like those commonly seen in hospitals.

She had stolen one to hide the candies in it.

She gulped. She really wanted it, but she pretended to be reserved and just stared.

The boy was terribly amused by her feigned nonchalance and had to suppress his own laughter. "Do you want some?" he asked her.

"Mmm..."

Natalia nodded at first, then blushed and quickly shook her head. "I don't feel like eating..."

"This candy is my favorite."

As he spoke, the boy helped himself to a candy bar and popped it into his mouth.

"It's yummy!"

As he chewed, the scent of blueberries filled the air and reached the tip of Natalia's nose.

She sniffed and the aroma of the fresh fruit immediately caused her to salivate!

As though it was provoking her.

Because it was a soft candy, the sound it made when he chewed only made her salivate even more.

After the boy finished eating, he even smacked his lips and licked them.

“Smells good.”

Natalia felt as though she would drool the moment she opened her mouth. She swallowed but said nothing, staring at him silently.

The boy laughed inwardly at this, so he casually peeled off the wrapper of a strawberry-flavored soft candy and walked over to her. He held it and beamed at her.

“This is strawberry-flavored!”

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Just by looking at it, Natalia could imagine the juiciness of the candy as one’s teeth sank into it.

Youyou pinched the soft candy and smiled deeply.

“Do you want some?”

Natalia did not speak, neither did she look away. She simply stared at the candy in his hand. Other than craving it, she couldn’t think straight. Except, she did not compromise. Instead, she held a proud expression on her face and did not intend to bend over for this soft candy.

“You don’t want to eat it? What a pity! This candy is more yummy than yours!”

Natalia thought to herself, *it must be delicious!* Just smelling its fragrance, she found it hard to hold herself back!

But she must not compromise!

Natalia tried to look away, but no matter how hard she tried, she couldn’t. That candy was too tempting! She couldn’t help it. She couldn’t help it...

No, she must not cave. She had to hold out.

With that thought in mind, she didn’t move, but she couldn’t pull her gaze away either. She allowed her saliva to wreak havoc.

The boy studied her expression and sighed inwardly. *This lass is rather cute, isn’t she?*

Natalia stared at the candy without moving. She clearly wanted to pretend to be disdainful, but her unblinking gaze betrayed her!

He had already seen her gulp a few times, but she was still holding back. He could not help but feel sorry for her!

Forget it! Stop teasing her! Otherwise, it would only make him look unkind.

So he brought the candy to her mouth. "Eat it then! I'll feed you."

Hurry up and eat!

Otherwise, you'll start drooling!

Natalia swallowed hard and was about to open her tiny pink mouth to take in the candy when the boy blurted out, "After you've taken this candy, we're considered friends, huh?"

Natalia stopped abruptly at that, shutting her mouth and giving him a disgusted look. She finally looked at him, but from the corner of her eye. She clearly despised him.

The look said: Trying to buy me off with a candy?

Naive.

But the boy laughed. "Why? Are you not willing to be my friend?"

Natalia shook her head.

Tilting his head slightly, the boy rubbed his chin. "Don't you like me?"

Natalya remained impassive.

"It seems that one candy won't be enough." The boy held up the candy box again. "If you and I are friends, then this box of candies is all yours."

And so Natalia finally wavered! Not that she wasn't tempted. Looking at the box full of candies, her eyes were filled with yearning.

The boy raised the candy to her mouth again, enticing her, "Be a good girl and eat!"

Natalia could stand it no longer. She opened her tiny mouth and carefully bit into the candy.

The candy wasn't very big. The movement, along with her lips, brushed against his fingertips lightly.

Youyou blushed. Her touch made him feel as if his fingertips were burning!

Natalia, on the other hand, was oblivious. She took the candy in her mouth and was finally satisfied. It was the first time she'd eaten a soft candy, and the first time she'd ever tasted anything so delicious.

Ohhhh... So sweet! The candy alone had raised her opinion of the boy a few levels.

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Natalia's mouth was filled with sweetness, and her mood naturally improved. When she looked at the boy again, she finally found him pleasing to the eye. She did not look at him out of the corner of her eye, but she did glance at him. Finally, her gaze fell on the candy box he was holding.

She looked at it tentatively, and half-suggested, "Is the purple one blueberry-flavored?"

In other words, she was eagerly expecting the boy to give her the purple candy to try as well.

Youyou wanted to laugh aloud. This lass looked cold and aloof, but she was actually a little foodie. The moment she saw candies, all reservations went out of the window.

The boy ventured, "Will you be friends with me, then?"

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"Unless ..." Natalia's gaze was locked on the candy box cradled in the boy's arms. "Give me the box of candies and I'll be your friend!"

Youyou wondered if she would turn on him if he handed over the candy box to her just like that.

Still, he held it out to her. "Here, it's yours!"

Natalia's eyes widened in surprise! She had not expected the boy to be willing to give her all those candies. Wasn't he having any? Or... was there poison in the candies?

Perhaps because candies were precious to Natalia, and because the boy had given them to her so casually, it was hard not to doubt if this was real.

The boy stifled a laugh at her skeptical expression and pursed his lips. "These candies are all yours. Don't worry, I won't take them back!"

"And you won't go back on your word?"

"Uh huh, of course!"

Natalia's face finally broke into a genuine bright smile. Her eyes crinkled as she smiled at the boy, peeled the wrapper off another candy and popped it into her mouth.

In the distance, Alice and Gong Jie watched them, rubbing their chins.

"Are you ... going to settle Natalia in the Hurricane Group?"

The man furrowed his brow for a moment. "Youyou says he is not keen on having Natalia grow up in Hurricane."

"Why?"

"With you around, he's worried."

Alice fell silent. What did he mean by being worried with her around!

"Am I a tiger?"

"He's afraid you'll use Natalia as a guinea pig."

Alice fell silent yet again.

Fine! It seemed that her image as a witch had taken root in the boy's mind. "So where are you going to settle her?"

Gong Jie was contemplating this as well. He racked his brains and suddenly thought of a good candidate.

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Ding dong ding dong.

On the big bed in the bedroom of the apartment, Hua Jin was still deep in sleep. As the doorbell continued to chime, he finally woke up.

“Who is it?” He muttered angrily and reluctantly lay on the bed for a while. The doorbell continued to chime, more urgently now.

He finally got out of bed and shuffled to the door in his slippers. He thought his new assistant had gotten the schedule wrong again. He opened the door and said unhappily, “It’s my day off!”

The moment he opened the door and saw the tall figure standing before him, Hua Jin became wide awake! His sleepiness disappeared without a trace instantly.

“Gong...” The words were barely out of his mouth when he noticed, out of the corner of his eye, Youyou standing next to Gong Jie, and with them, an unfamiliar but adorable little girl. He was even more startled and awake now.

“What’s going on?”

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“Hey...”

Gong Jie entered the bedroom before Hua Jin could stop him. The latter was stumped.

What was this? Wasn’t this considered trespassing?

Youyou entered the room holding Natalia’s hand. He looked around, puzzled. “Aren’t you up yet, Uncle Hua Jin?”

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The actor rubbed his forehead in frustration and nodded weakly. “It’s my day off, so I’m catching up on some sleep.”

“Catching up on sleep?”

“Uh huh.”

The actor said, “I have three days off. Why? What’s up?” He looked down and saw the cute little girl next to Youyou looking up at him. He couldn’t help marveling at her prettiness. And more amazing than

that, he realized, she had purple eyes. Taken aback, he squatted down and studied the girl's eyes intently.

Seeing that Hua Jin was staring at her, Natalia, who was not used to this, hid behind Youyou, clearly fearful.

The actor smiled at her and reassured her, "Don't worry, I'm not a bad person.

Somehow, as though Hua Jin's smile was naturally non-aggressive and harmless, Natalia realized that the good-looking man would never harm her. Finally, she gathered her courage and stuck her head out. Blinking her beautiful purple eyes, she studied Hua Jin curiously.

The actor was impressed by her purple irises. He thought she was too young to be wearing colored contact lenses, neither did it look like she was wearing them.

He was rather amazed. He had never seen naturally purple eyes, so he couldn't help himself from looking at them.

Perhaps she was born with rare eyes!

The actor could also tell from Natalia's delicate profile that she might be Eurasian. Probably because of her mixed parentage, the color of her irises was different from those of ordinary Asian girls'.

"Her name is Natalia."

"Natalia..."

What a lovely name. Hua Jin was about to speak when he heard Gong Jie's footsteps coming up from behind him and then halted.

"Your house is so small?"

Annoyed by the remark, the actor rose to his feet. "Don't you know how expensive property is in the capital?" he muttered.

A 100-square-meter apartment like this, in the city's business district, was worth tens of millions! This man actually thought this place was small!?

Gong Jie glanced at the actor fleetingly and said "Get dressed."

This confused the actor. "Huh?"

More than an hour later, he found himself in the sales office of one of the villa complexes. He looked at Youyou and Natalia, who were sitting on the left, and then at Gong Jie, who was looking at the floor plans. The salesperson opposite them tentatively asked, "Excuse me, are you paying in full or taking out a loan?"

Gong Jie casually said, "Paying in full."

The actor's jaw dropped even further. Huh? Did being rich mean he could do whatever he wanted?! Full payment!?

A villa here was worth more than a hundred million because it came complete with its own furnishings. Did the man just say “paying in full” so casually? Was this guy going to sell him off?

Even as the contract was being signed, the actor was in a daze. The salesperson’s eyes were all lit up!

“May I ask whose name this house will be in?”