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### Chapter 611 - 611: Probing 3

However, it was precisely because of Lian Zixin's inexplicable actions that she felt an extra layer of concern. "Zixin, is there something wrong with you? I'll have a physician come and check on you right away."

Having said that, Lian Mengzhu promptly instructed the servants to call a doctor for help.

In the Ye family, while there might not be many other things, there was certainly an abundance of physicians. Although Ye Wanwan was present and a qualified physician, Lian Mengzhu, being too nervous, had forgotten about this fact.

As for Ye Wanwan, she never particularly liked her aunt. Witnessing her actions now only intensified her unfavorable opinion. Naturally, she refrained from interfering and suggested that Lian Zixin should be examined.

"I'm fine," Lian Zixin immediately interjected after regaining her composure. "Sister, there's no need to call for a physician. I just suddenly felt a bit dizzy; it's nothing serious."

Upon hearing Lian Zixin's reassurance, Lian Mengzhu breathed a sigh of relief but remained insistent. "No, let the physician examine you! It will put my mind at ease."

Lian Zixin was about to say something, but Ye Lengan cut in.

"Ms. Lian, is this your bracelet?" Ye Lengan asked directly. "I believe you've had a good look at it by now and should have recognized it."

The bracelet in Lian Zixin's hand had become a proverbial hot potato for her. She forced a smile and promptly returned the bracelet to Ye Lengan. "Miss Ye, this isn't my bracelet."

"Isn't it yours?" Before Ye Lengan could respond, Lian Mengzhu couldn't contain her surprise. "This bracelet bears a striking resemblance to the ones you typically engrave on other jewelry! It's because of this that I thought it was yours."

This approach mirrored Zixin's usual practices, and the design of the bracelet was one she favored. Hence, Lian Mengzhu initially believed it to be Zixin's.

"No, this isn't my bracelet," Lian Zixin loudly denied. However, she soon realized her reaction was overly dramatic. Lowering her voice, she adopted a casual demeanor and smiled, saying, "Perhaps someone else has a similar taste! If it truly were my bracelet, I wouldn't deny it!"

Although Lian Zixin said so, she felt exceptionally uneasy. She didn't dare look in Ye Lengan's direction, let alone inquire about where the bracelet was found.

This particular bracelet had gone missing after the incident all those years ago. Even she didn't know where she had misplaced it. Unexpectedly, today she encountered it again.

The reappearance of the bracelet brought back memories she had tried to bury. She didn't know where Ye An'an had found this bracelet, but she didn't want to see it again.

"Is that so?" Ye Leng'an, holding the bracelet, smiled. "It seems I made a mistake. Unexpectedly, in the Hidden World, someone shares similar habits with you, Ms. Lian!"

"The world is vast, and it's full of wonders. Coincidences like these happen frequently!" Lian Zixin wore a forced smile. "However, I still appreciate Miss Ye for going through all this trouble."

"No problem. Since it's not yours, let's forget about it." Ye Lengan shook her head and continued, "However, Ms. Lian, do you know where this bracelet was found?"

"Uh..." Lian Zixin shook her head. "That has nothing to do with me!" She didn't want to lay eyes on this bracelet or Ye Aryan. If possible, she just wanted to return home quickly and contemplate what was happening.

"Indeed." Ye Lengan nodded. "It's quite strange. I found this bracelet in a mortal world hospital. Isn't it strange to discover a Hidden World item in the mortal world?"

"Then it truly isn't Zixin's." Lian Mengzhu smiled and added, "Zixin has never been to the mortal world!"

A clear sound of breaking porcelain echoed through the air.

Everyone followed the sound and turned their gaze, only to find that Lian Zixin's clothing was now stained with tea. On the ground lay a shattered porcelain cup. It seemed that Lian Zixin had accidentally broken the cup just moments ago..

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"Zixin, are you alright?" Seeing Lian Zixin's state, Lian Mengzhu frowned and remarked, "How could you be so careless? Did you get scalded?"

"I'm fine." Lian Zixin forced a smile and replied, "I...I'll go back and change my clothes first. You guys chat!"

With that, she stood up and left without waiting for anyone else to respond. However, after taking a few steps, Ye Leng'an's cold voice unexpectedly sounded from behind her.

"By the way, Ms. Lian, I'm seventeen this year. I'm the same age as Ye Wanwan!"

No one present understood what Ye Lengan meant. Both Lian Mengzhu and Ye Wanwan were surprised by Ye Leng'an's sudden revelation of her age.

Only Lian Zixin, upon hearing Ye Leng'an's words, halted briefly. Despite not turning back, she quickened her pace and left the hall.

Observing Lian Zixin's hurried departure, Lian Mengzhu couldn't help but frown. Her sister seemed unusually off today, perhaps since she laid eyes on that bracelet. However, she couldn't comprehend what made a simple bracelet so significant. Furthermore, Ye Anan's actions were perplexing. Visiting them just for a bracelet? Was there a concealed secret?

As the matriarch of a prominent family, Lian Mengzhu was far from naive. She was certain that something peculiar had occurred today. However, questioning Ye An'an was not an option. Besides the difference in status, there was no assurance of receiving a response. Therefore, she decided to approach Zixin after Ye An'an's departure.

Having achieved her goal, Ye Lengan had no intention of lingering. Rising with a smile, she spoke, "Mrs. Ye, it's getting late. Ling is still waiting for me at home. I'll head back now."

Lian Mengzhu found Ye An'an's abrupt departure even more bewildering. However, since Ye An'an had already mentioned the head of the Huangfu family, she couldn't insist on her staying.

Soon, Ye Lengan left the Ye family.

Meanwhile, Lian Zixin had returned to her guest room. Because Yan Chenlang and Yan Xiaolei are now cultivating in the Ye family, and Lian Mengzhu cared much for her sister Lian Zixin, the Ye family provided Lian Zixin with an exclusive guest room.

Remaining in the room, Lian Zixin's complexion was devoid of color, resembling someone who had suffered a great blow and might collapse at any moment.

Indeed, she felt on the verge of breaking down. The appearance of the bracelet today stirred memories of a past event. Back then, after exchanging her daughter with her sister's, she sent the infant to the mortal world. She hadn't left the child in the Hidden World to prevent potential issues. She would not allow anyone to snatch away what rightfully belonged to her daughter.

Upon returning from the mortal world, she discovered the loss of a bracelet. At the time, it seemed inconsequential, just a piece of jewelry she had plenty of. However, seeing the same bracelet today, in the possession of Ye An'an, triggered questions. What did Ye An'an mean by her words before leaving? She mentioned being seventeen this year, coincidentally the same age she left the infant in the mortal world.

Back then, she had given the child to a family with the surname Ye, both coincidental and driven by her own desire. She wanted the child to bear the surname Ye. Her own daughter would grow up in the luxurious lifestyle of the Ye family, becoming an exceptional alchemist inheriting everything. Meanwhile, the child, despite sharing the surname Ye, would remain an ordinary girl in the mortal world.

When the two children grew up, her child would surpass her sister's child by a significant margin. This comparison made it seem as if she could triumph over her sister.

With time, she gradually forgot her initial thoughts, deliberately erasing the child in the mortal world from her memory. Yet, Ye Anan's appearance today brought it all back. Could Ye An'an be that child?

No, that was impossible. If Ye An'an truly was that child, why wouldn't she acknowledge to be a member of the Ye family? Moreover, she had handed the child to an ordinary family back then, making it impossible for them to enter the Hidden World.

Yes, she was overthinking things.

Everything should be fine. Seventeen years had passed, and there was no way this secret could be exposed.

Despite self-assurance, Lian Zixin's unease only grew. It felt as though the situation had spiraled beyond her control, rendering her unable to predict the outcome.

As Lian Zixin remained lost in her thoughts, Lian Mengzhu had entered the room. Although she had knocked for a while without receiving a response, Lian Mengzhu, considering Zixin's earlier condition, pushed the door open out of concern.

However, upon entering, she found Lian Zixin sitting on the bed, her eyes distant and unfocused. She seemed oblivious to Lian Mengzhu's entrance.

Approaching the bedside, Lian Mengzhu extended her hand, placing it on Lian Zixin's forehead. The sudden warmth jolted Lian Zixin awake. Startled, she instinctively tried to push the person in front of her away.

Yet, upon realizing it was her sister Lian Mengzhu, she ceased her actions.

"Sis, why are you here?" Lian Zixin quickly forced a smile, concealing her true emotions. "Aren't you supposed to be accompanying the guest in the hall?"

"Miss Ye has already left." Lian Mengzhu looked at Lian Zixin with concern. "Seeing your complexion earlier, I was worried you might be unwell. Zixin, I should call a physician to examine you! Your complexion is truly dreadful, devoid of any color."

"I'm fine." Lian Zixin promptly declined. "I probably had a restless night's sleep, causing my current appearance. I'll go back and get some good rest; I'll recover soon."

Seeing Zixin's insistence, Lian Mengzhu refrained from further comments.. After a moment of contemplation, she asked, "Zixin, is there something between you and Miss Ye? Or did you know each other in the past?"

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"No." Lian Zixin's voice immediately rose, tinged with a hint of panic. However, upon noticing the peculiar look Lian Mengzhu shot her way, she swiftly controlled her emotions, wearing a masked smile on her face. "Sis, what's on your mind? Let's not talk about anything else. The age gap between me and Miss Ye is so significant; how could there be any connection!"

Lian Mengzhu's gaze remained fixed on Lian Zixin, allowing her to detect something awry. She squinted suspiciously and asked, "Zixin, your behavior today is truly peculiar. It seems your emotions have been off since you laid eyes on that bracelet. What's going on?"

She knew her sister, enabling her to sense that Zixin's actions today were exceptionally strange. There must be a secret she wasn't privy to.

"I'm perfectly fine," Lian Zixin promptly denied, her tone assertive. "Sister, don't overthink it. And if there were truly something wrong, how could I not tell you?"

Lian Mengzhu furrowed her brow, not entirely convinced by Lian Zixin's words. Yet, she could discern that Zixin had no intention of revealing the truth. Continuing the conversation would likely prove futile.

"Alright, if you don't want to talk about it, I won't press you." Lian Mengzhu sighed. "But, if there's something, remember to tell me. I'm your sister, and regardless of what happens, I'll protect you."

Upon hearing Lian Mengzhu's words, a glint of emotion flashed in Lian Zixin's eyes. She gazed at Lian Mengzhu and suddenly asked, "Sis, if in the future, you discover I've done something wrong, would you forgive me?"

"What are you talking about!" Lian Mengzhu gently patted Lian Zixin's hand, smiling. "From childhood to now, I've never held any of the absurd things you've done against you. You're my only sister. Even if you genuinely make a mistake, do you think I'd sever ties with you?"

Despite Lian Mengzhu's reassuring words, Lian Zixin showed no sign of relief. She unexpectedly grasped Lian Mengzhu's hand, her tone unintentionally tense. "Sis, what if the mistake I make harms you? Would you still forgive

"Zixin, what's going on with you?" Lian Mengzhu looked at her tightly held wrist, expressing confusion. "You're acting so strangely today. What did you do? Tell me, and I'll listen."

"It's nothing." Lian Zixin released her grip, forcing a smile. "I just feel like sometimes I act without considering the consequences. I might inadvertently do something that hurts you. I'm afraid you'll be angry with me for that."

"Zixin, you're overthinking it." Lian Mengzhu smiled and shook her head. "As you said, it's unintentional. I might get upset, but I won't hold it against you forever. After all, we're sisters!"

Instead of easing, Lian Zixin's mood grew heavier after hearing Lian Mengzhu's words.

"Sis, I'm a bit tired. I want to rest for a while," Lian Zixin said. "Probably because I didn't sleep well last night, I feel quite dazed now."

"Then rest up!" Lian Mengzhu responded with concern. "After you wake up, I'll have someone bring you some supplements. Your body is quite weak, and you need proper nourishment."

Once outside the room, Lian Mengzhu's doubts persisted, if not intensified. The recent conversation confirmed that Zixin harbored a secret, likely connected to her. However, Zixin's reluctance to share was evident. Even as her sister, Lian Mengzhu couldn't force her to reveal it.

Outside the door, Lian Mengzhu was filled with uncertainty, while inside the room, Lian Zixin's mood remained far from settled.

She lay silently on the bed, unable to find sleep. Claiming to want to rest earlier was merely an excuse. She didn't want Lian Mengzhu to keep probing, fearing she might inadvertently spill the beans..

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At the same time, she scoffed at Lian Mengzhu's so-called concern. If Lian Mengzhu really cared about her sister, she should have promised to forgive her no matter what wrong she did, right?

However, she had no time to dwell on these matters now. The only thing she needed to consider was whether she should tell Ye Wanwan about this.

She knew very well that if Ye Wanwan found out about this, the impact would be huge. However, if Ye Wanwan remained unaware, she would definitely be caught off guard when it surfaced in the future. Moreover, the most crucial aspect was that if she wanted to continue covering up this matter, she simply did not have the ability. Ye Wanwan was the young lady of the Ye family, and in every aspect, she was much stronger than her.

If Ye Wanwan knew about this, it would be a piece of cake for her to destroy all the clues from back then. At the very least, it would definitely be much easier than what she was dealing with now.

On the other side, Ye Lengan had already returned to the Huangfu family.

Upon entering the courtyard, she saw Huangfu Ruiling sitting there waiting for her.

"How's it going?" Huangfu Ruiling stepped forward and asked, "That bracelet..."

"That bracelet is still in my possession." Ye Lengan waved the bracelet. "Lian Zixin denied that the bracelet was hers. However, her reaction was very suspicious. It seems our speculation was correct. She should be very flustered now. As soon as she panics, she'll easily reveal herself."

Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "I have already sent someone to keep an eye on her. We'll know everything when the time comes."

"Now, we just have to wait for me to confirm some things," Ye Lengan said indifferently. "However, even though I'm about to discover my past, my heart remains unaffected."

It wasn't because she was cold-hearted but because the time she had spent being alone had been too long, wearing away all her desires for kinship.

If this were still her first life, she might be excited and eager to reunite with her biological parents. However, it was different now. She was investigating her identity just to give her first life an explanation.

“Even if you don’t want to acknowledge your parents, you can’t let others take your place,” Huangfu Ruiling said lightly. “Moreover, the person who replaced you should also be punished, right?”

Although Ye Leng’an didn’t say anything, he could roughly guess what was going on. Whenever he thought of Ye Leng’an’s past experiences, he couldn’t help but feel his heart ache. The reason for all this was the greed of some people, causing her to end up like that even though she should have been a blessed daughter.

Ye Leng’an had never told him in detail about what had happened in his first life. However, just from those few words, he knew how much Ye Lengan had suffered.

Therefore, even if Ye Lengan didn’t care, he would never forgive the culprit.

“That’s for sure.” Ye Lengan nodded in agreement. “I’m not a saint. How can I let those people have it easy?”

“Alright, let’s not think about these things anymore,” Huangfu Ruiling smiled and said. “Recently, the Grand Elder obtained a spiritual plant. He has no idea what it is. He just came to look for you to see if you know it.”

“Spiritual plant?” Ye Leng’an’s interest was immediately piqued. She immediately forgot about the Ye family and pulled Huangfu Ruiling forward with interest. “Then what are we waiting for? Let’s hurry over and take a look! Seriously, why didn’t you mention it earlier?”

Huangfu Ruiling allowed Ye Lengan to pull him forward. His eyes were fixed on Ye Lengan with a faint smile on his face.

After several days of mental struggle, Lian Zixin finally decided to tell Ye Wanwan about that matter.

Although it might be hard for Ye Wanwan to accept and it would also be a significant blow, it was still better than suddenly finding out about it. Moreover, she didn’t know if Ye An’an was the baby from back then. If that were the case, then what was Ye An’an trying to do?

No matter what Ye An’an was planning, she would never be able to fight against her. Therefore, no matter from which perspective, Ye Wanwan had to know the truth..

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Just as Lian Zixin was lost in her thoughts, Ye Wanwan arrived at the agreed location.

This was a private room in a teahouse. Ye Wanwan quickly took a seat opposite Lian Zixin.

“Auntie, why did you ask me out today?” Ye Wanwan furrowed her brows, concealing the disgust in her eyes. “It’s almost time for the Family Competition, and I need to focus on my cultivation!”

She didn't understand why her aunt suddenly wanted to meet her. She had no intention of attending the appointment, but her aunt insisted, claiming that it concerned her future. Reluctantly, she came.

However, she believed it was just a ploy to deceive her. She doubted her aunt had anything important to share about her future. The Yan family was declining and would possibly disappear without the support of the Ye family.

The only reason she was willing to come out now was out of consideration for her mother's feelings. Her mother still cherished her only sister, and because of this, despite finding it bothersome, she continued to accommodate her aunt.

However, she couldn't help but think her aunt was quite insensible. Didn't she realize the Family Competition was imminent? Right now, she should be focusing on cultivating at home rather than socializing here,

Unlike Ye Wanwan's impatience, Lian Zixin, upon seeing Ye Wanwan, had a face filled with affection. She even, regardless of her status as an elder, stood up to welcome Ye Wanwan, courteously pouring her a cup of tea.

Ye Wanwan didn't find anything inappropriate in Lian Zixin's actions. After sitting down, she silently observed Lian Zixin, seemingly waiting for an answer.

Lian Zixin understood Ye Wanwan's unspoken request, revealing a bitter smile. She had planned to confess to Ye Wanwan before coming here, but now, the words were stuck.

Seeing Lian Zixin's hesitation, Ye Wanwan's eyes flashed with disgust.

Impatiently, she said, "Auntie, you didn't call me out just to waste time, did you?"

Upon Ye Wanwan's urging, Lian Zixin took a deep breath and looked her way. She said, "Wanwan, you'd better be mentally prepared. What I'm about to say might be a huge blow to you, but you need to know."

Ye Wanwan didn't understand, but she was dissatisfied with Lian Zixin's suspenseful behavior. "Just say it! I'm not a child anymore. There's nothing I can't handle."

"Wanwan, you're not your parents' biological daughter," Lian Zixin gritted her teeth and confessed. "You're my daughter. When you were born, I swapped you and Lian Mengzhu's daughter. Therefore, you are my biological daughter."

Ye Wanwan felt as if she had been struck by lightning. She stood up abruptly and subconsciously denied, "Impossible, you're lying to me."

She couldn't believe her ears. Now, her aunt was telling her that she was not the daughter of her father and mother but her own daughter.

Impossible, this was absolutely impossible.

Although Lian Zixin knew that this revelation would cause a massive blow to

Ye Wanwan, seeing her firmly deny it, Lian Zixin still felt very uncomfortable.

Tears ran down uncontrollably, and she kept apologizing, "I'm sorry,

Wanwan, I'm sorry, I didn't mean it. I really didn't mean it."

“You’re lying to me, aren’t you?” Ye Wanwan’s gaze fell straight on Lian Zixin.

“You said you were lying to me, right? Why did you lie to me, you liar?”

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry.” Lian Zixin didn’t know what to say other than apologizing.

Ye Wanwan couldn’t hear a single word of Lian Zixin’s apologies. At this moment, she was in a daze, completely overwhelmed.

She didn’t know what kind of reaction she should have now. While she kept denying Lian Zixin’s words, deep inside, she was already beginning to waver. Especially when she saw the guilty look on Lian Zixin’s face, she broke down even more..

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She had always been proud of being the young lady of the Ye family, the sole daughter of the family head, and the only heir. Growing up, her parents showered her with love. She had never fathomed that she might not be their biological child.

What hit her the hardest was discovering that her biological mother was, in fact, her aunt. What was worse, it was her biological mother who had swapped her with her aunt’s daughter.

The child – she had to know about that child. “What about that child?” Ye Wanwan urgently asked, “Where is that child? Is she still alive?”

That was her sole concern. As the esteemed young lady of the Ye family, the heir to their legacy, and an envy-inducing figure in the Hidden World, she couldn’t afford to lose everything.

Upon hearing Ye Wanwan mention the child, Lian Zixin struggled to stop crying and replied, “I’m not entirely sure about that child. After swapping you with that child, to eliminate any potential issues, I sent her to the mortal world. I haven’t kept a close eye on it since.”

Ye Wanwan breathed a sigh of relief, then forced herself to calm down. Only in composure could she make the right decision. Simultaneously, she began to condemn Lian Zixin in her heart.

To Ye Wanwan, Lian Zixin appeared to be a coward. If she had already committed such an act, why not eradicate the source? The child was just an infant – wouldn’t it have been more efficient to end its life?

She didn’t consider herself heartless. She absolutely couldn’t tolerate anyone attempting to take everything away from her.

“Wanwan, I didn’t deceive you. I am genuinely your biological mother,” Lian Zixin emphatically stated. “Back then, I swapped you two so that you could inherit everything from the Ye family. Wanwan, I love you; that’s why I did it.”

Ye Wanwan’s expression remained unchanged. In fact, after hearing Lian Zixin’s words, a hint of derision surfaced on her face. “If you truly loved me, you shouldn’t be revealing this now. Tell me! Why did you bring up this matter now? What do you want from me?”

Despite her verbal denial earlier, Ye Wanwan knew deep down that Lian Zixin was telling the truth. She wasn't truly the biological daughter of her parents; she was an impostor who had infiltrated their family. Yet, even armed with this knowledge, she had no intention of leaving the Ye family.

She understood that everything she possessed was granted by the Ye family. She was still young, and if her true identity were discovered at this juncture, her future would be irreversibly jeopardized.

The reason for uttering such words to Lian Zixin was her genuine belief that Lian Zixin wanted something in return for disclosing this information. Perhaps she intended to use this revelation as leverage!

Contemplating this, frustration welled up within Ye Wanwan. When she gazed at Lian Zixin, there was even a glint of murderous intent in her eyes.

Unaware of Ye Wanwan's current hostility, Lian Zixin quickly shook her head after hearing those words. "No, Wanwan, you've misunderstood. I don't want anything, and I have no intention of threatening you with this matter. If I could, I'd never tell you the truth."

This was genuinely her intention. From the moment she swapped the two children, she considered herself to have lost her daughter. Moreover, she never entertained the idea of revealing the truth; she feared any inadvertent revelation would jeopardize everything.

"Are you sure about the things you're saying now?" The derision on Ye Wanwan's face intensified. "If you're not seeking some advantage from me, why reveal this matter now?"

"Wanwan, I didn't plan this. It's just that I can't avoid saying it now." Lian Zixin looked at Ye Wanwan and continued, "I suspect that the child swapped back then might also be in the Hidden World now."

"Clang!"

Ye Wanwan's abrupt movement accidentally swept the cup off the table. The scalding tea spilled onto her hand, turning her once fair skin into a fiery red hue.

However, Ye Wanwan seemed impervious to the pain. She stared fixedly at

Lian Zixin and demanded, "Who is that child? Have you seen her? Moreover, does she already know everything?"

"Wanwan, your hand." Concerned for Ye Wanwan's burn, Lian Zixin tried to pull her hand, intending to apply medication.

Ye Wanwan immediately retracted her hand, her icy gaze fixated on Lian

Zixin. "I'm asking you a question! You haven't answered me."

"Wanwan, let's address the injury on your hand first!" Lian Zixin pleaded in a hushed tone, "We can talk after the medicine is applied, alright?"

“I’m asking you!” Unmoved by Lian Zixin’s concern, Ye Wanwan continued, “Answer me.”

She needed to know who that person was. Only by ascertaining the person’s identity could she decide her next course of action.

Seeing Ye Wanwan’s unwavering determination, Lian Zixin had no choice but to respond, “I’m just speculating, Wanwan. That child is very likely Ye Aryan.”

“What? Ye An’an?”

Ye Wanwan abruptly stood up, her eyes widened in panic. “Are you sure? Is it really Ye An’an?”

She suddenly recalled that Ye An’an had met Lian Zixin at the Ye family’s residence. When Lian Zixin left, she even emphasized that she was seventeen years old.

During a previous encounter while shopping with her mother, she had coincidentally met Ye Anan. Over lunch, Ye An’an had mentioned that they were of the same age.

If that person was indeed Ye An’an, what should she do?

“I’m not entirely sure.” Lian Zixin shook her head. “Back then, I clearly sent the child to the mortal world. However..

“Ye An’an came from the mortal world,” Ye Wanwan coldly interrupted Lian

Zixin. “I’m asking you now, can you confirm that Ye An’an is the child from back then?”

Lian Zixin didn’t know how to respond. After a long pause, she sighed and shook her head. can’t confirm. It’s been too long, but the bracelet on Ye

Leng’an’s hand might have fallen off when I brought the child to the mortal world..

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“What?” Upon hearing Lian Zixin’s words, Ye Wanwan immediately shot her an indignant look, her eyes filled with displeasure. “What’s wrong with you? How could someone be so foolish as to lose their own bracelet? Are you out of your mind?”

Now she finally understood why Ye An’an had mysteriously shown up at her doorstep with a bracelet. It was all because of this revelation. Did Ye An’an already know everything, prompting her visit?

With these thoughts in mind, Ye Wanwan couldn’t shake off a sense of unease. At this moment, panic overwhelmed her, fearing that Ye An’an might head straight to her parents and spill all the details. If that were the case, she would be in deep trouble.

“Wanwan, don’t be hasty. Things haven’t reached their worst yet!” Lian Zixin quickly interjected to console her. “Moreover, we’re not certain whether Ye An’an is the child

from back then. If she is, why would she engage in such mystification here? She would have surely disclosed everything by now."

If she were in Ye An'an's shoes, discovering such a significant secret on her person and having powerful biological parents, she would waste no time in acknowledging them.

"Even if Ye An'an isn't the child from back then, she must know something." A sharp gleam flashed in Ye Wanwan's eyes. "Otherwise, why would she come to our doorstep with that bracelet?"

"Wanwan, I told you this today because I'm truly at my wit's end." Lian Zixin sensed Ye Wanwan's growing disdain but had to press on. "I'm running out of options, and I hope you can send someone to the mortal world to investigate whether Ye An'an is the child from back then. Also, erase all traces of my past actions.

She keenly felt that ever since the truth came out, Ye Wanwan's attitude had soured. Ye Wanwan was only willing to sit here and talk to her because of Ye

An'an.

If possible, she intended to guard this secret for the rest of her life. She couldn't let anyone jeopardize her daughter's inheritance of the Ye family, including herself. However, Ye Aryan's appearance made her fear exposure.

Unable to prevent it, she had to approach Ye Wanwan and disclose the truth.

"You are really useless." Ye Wanwan glanced at Lian Zixin but agreed nonetheless. "I'll dispatch someone to the mortal world to investigate. During this period, behave yourself and refrain from reckless actions. Also, you absolutely mustn't reveal any slip-ups in front of Mother, or I won't spare you."

Although Ye Wanwan now knew that Lian Zixin was her biological mother, in her heart, Lian Mengzhu, the matriarch of the Ye family, held that place.

From childhood, she had always looked down on Lian Zixin. Even knowing the truth now didn't change that. If possible, she wouldn't have wanted to come from Lian Zixin's womb at all.

"No, no." Lian Zixin felt uncomfortable with Ye Wanwan's attitude, but she would never express any dissatisfaction in front of Ye Wanwan. "It's been so many years; I'll never show any lapses in front of my sister."

Though Ye Wanwan was her daughter, she perpetually harbored a sense of inferiority in her presence. Ye Wanwan's aura was overpowering, having grown up in the Ye family and been personally nurtured by Ye Hongxuan. She was worlds apart from someone from a modest background.

Seeing Ye Wanwan in this light, Lian Zixin's heart swelled with both pride and bitterness. Nevertheless, no matter what, she remained content.

In this lifetime, she could never surpass her sister. However, her daughter could outshine her sister's daughter. Furthermore, her daughter had inherited everything from her sister's daughter.

Contemplating this, she felt that it was all worthwhile. Even if Ye Wanwan wasn't close to her, their bond through blood was indissoluble..

## Chapter 618 - 618: Family Competition 2

Looking at Lian Zixin's obedient attitude, Ye Wanwan felt even more displeased. Then, as if she had thought of something, she suddenly asked,

"When you swapped the two babies back then, did anyone else know?" If anyone else knew about it, she would have to think about what to do next.

"No, " Lian Zixin quickly said. "I handled this matter alone from the beginning to the end. No third party knows."

After getting Lian Zixin's answer, Ye Wanwan heaved a sigh of relief.

As long as no one else knew, this matter would be much simpler.

However, the most important thing now was to find out as soon as possible whether the matter back then had been cleaned up. Also, how was the baby

"Got it."

Ye Wanwan got up and planned to leave. She wasn't in such a good mood to accompany Lian Zixin here and chat about everything.

She really couldn't accept the sudden news today. If it hadn't been for the fact that this matter had a huge impact on her, she might have left long ago. If this matter was really exposed, she would really have nothing left. Therefore, she could only force herself to calm down.

However, right now, she truly did not want to continue sitting here with Lian Zixin. It could be even said that, after learning about this matter, her aversion towards Lian Zixin did not diminish; instead, it deepened.

She could not accept that her biological mother was such a person and everything she had now was fake.

"Wanwan." Seeing that Ye Wanwan was about to leave, Lian Zixin quickly called out to her, but when she saw the coldness in her eyes, she almost couldn't say anything.

"It's fine. I just wanted to tell you to be careful on the road."

Ye Wanwan frowned, then turned around and left without looking back.

Time passed in a flash. A few days passed, and the Family Competition arrived as scheduled.

This time, the Family Competition was held in the largest square in the Hidden World's Imperial City. However, not everyone was qualified to watch the competition. Among them, the best seats were naturally the seats of the ten great families.

Early in the morning, the people from the various families had already arrived at the scene.

All the patriarchs of the major families had already arrived, except the head of the Huangfu family. There were only a few elders of the Huangfu family here. Everyone was not surprised by this. After all, the patriarch of the Huangfu family rarely attended such an occasion. Usually, it was the Grand Elder who attended in place of him.

At this moment, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu were already seated at the Ye family's table. When they saw the empty seat of the Huangfu family, they had different thoughts from the others. They felt that Huangfu Ling would definitely appear today.

However, whether Huangfu Ling appeared or not was not important to them.

Because his appearance would not affect the outcome. After all, the Family Competition was just a competition between the younger generation. Even if they were to sit here, they could only be spectators.

Even though Ye Wanwan was also one of the participants in this year's Family Competition. However, because of her identity as the young lady of the Ye family, she was sitting slightly below Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu.

She sat there with a faint smile on her face, coupled with the air cultivated within a large family. It truly made people involuntarily want to take a few more glances.

However, at this moment, she was not as calm and composed as she appeared to be. Her gaze occasionally drifted towards the two empty seats in the Huangfu family, and she couldn't find peace in her heart no matter how hard she tried.

Ever since she found out that she wasn't her parents' biological daughter and wasn't the young lady of the Ye family, her mood had never been calm.

In the past few days, she had sent people to the mortal world to investigate behind her parents' backs. However, until now, she had not received any feedback. She didn't know what she was feeling, and she didn't know what she would do if Ye An'an was really the baby from back then..

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However, one thing she was certain of. No matter what, she had to prevent her parents from discovering the truth. She absolutely could not lose her status as the Ye family's young lady or the love of her parents.

Although uncertain if Ye An'an was the baby from back then, it was certain that Ye An'an knew something. However, she couldn't fathom what Ye An'an was thinking or planning.

However, it had only been a few short days, yet for her, each day felt like an eternity.

If Ye An'an wasn't Huangfu Ling's fiancée, she would have found a way to eliminate Ye An'an long ago. Regardless of Ye An'an's identity or knowledge, her safety would be assured as long as Ye An'an disappeared from this world.

Even if she couldn't get rid of Ye Aryan, she wouldn't allow Ye An'an the opportunity to expose the truth.

With these thoughts, a ruthless glint flashed in Ye Wanwan's eyes.

Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu weren't sure about Ye Wanwan's current thoughts, but witnessing her composed demeanor, they nodded in satisfaction.

In recent days, they noticed significant changes in Ye Wanwan. She became more composed and showed increased filial piety toward them.

They were pleased, attributing it to the guidance she received during this period, making her more sensible.

Just as the Family Competition was about to commence, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan appeared together.

Unlike the other family heads who attended in mature and steady suits, Huangfu Ruiling, at this moment, was dressed in a black casual outfit. His nose was tall, his lips thin, and his sword-like eyebrows slanted into a few strands of black hair that fell from his temples. The features beneath the mask were flawless and impeccable. Behind the mask, his pitch-black eyes hid boundless coldness – clear yet unfathomable. Only when he occasionally glanced toward the woman walking beside him did a trace of tenderness color his expression.

Beside him, Ye Lengan wore the same white casual attire. Her raised eyebrows resembled distant mountains, and her eyes were captivating. Delicate features, skin as white as snow, and lips like a red plum in the snow created an unparalleled beauty. Even with the matching mask, her peerless charm was undeniable.

This heavenly pair instantly became the center of attention.

Many were curious about the suddenly appearing couple.

Huangfu Ruiling usually kept a low profile and avoided such events. Therefore, many didn't recognize him. The heads of the other nine top families had seen him, but they were curious about the woman accompanying him.

No news about Huangfu Lings romantic life had ever circulated, and there were no rumors about him being close to any woman. Suddenly bringing a woman to such a significant occasion, acting so intimately, made it hard for anyone to believe they were just ordinary friends!

Surprisingly, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan didn't head straight to the Huangfu family; instead, they walked toward the Ye family, catching everyone off guard.

Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu hadn't anticipated this turn of events. Seeing Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan approaching, they immediately stood up.

As the two figures approached, Ye Wanwan's expression became increasingly unpleasant. She felt as if even breathing had become difficult at this moment as if she might suffocate at any time. The sight of Ye An'an intensified her unease. She wondered why Ye An'an had approached at this moment and whether she intended to reveal everything.

She couldn't fathom how her parents would react or what fate awaited her if they discovered the truth.

These thoughts left her struggling to breathe, her heart racing.

Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu were focused on Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan, failing to notice Ye Wanwan's distress.

However, Ye Lengan glanced at Ye Wanwan from the corner of her eye. Noticing Ye Wanwan's pale face, trembling lips, and panic-stricken eyes, a smile of interest played on her lips..

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Ye Leng'an's smile, to Ye Wanwan, seemed like a provocation, and she was on the verge of jumping up. However, at the last moment, she managed to pull back her composure, reminding herself of the occasion and forcing herself to calm down. She then turned her head, glancing elsewhere to conceal her unease.

Nevertheless, even so, her entire focus remained on her parents and Ye Lengan, fearing that Ye Lengan might utter something chaotic.

"Master Huangfu, Miss Ye." The first to greet was Ye Hongxuan. Although he didn't understand why the couple was approaching them, indifference was not an option.

"Master Ye, Mrs. Ye," Huangfu Ruiling spoke. "We just came to say hello."

Meanwhile, standing beside Huangfu Ruiling, Ye Lengan was already fully concentrated, employing secret techniques learned from the cultivation world.

It felt like an instant, yet at the same time, as if a considerable time had passed, she experienced a surge of familiarity welling up from the depths of her blood.

At the same time, probably due to the connection of bloodlines, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu also suddenly felt waves of surges emanating from their blood, as if something was calling out to them. However, this feeling was very brief, just a momentary sensation, so swift that they almost believed it to be their own illusion.

Exchanging a glance, the couple saw astonishment and perplexity in each other's eyes. Yet, it was evidently not the right time to discuss these matters.

Thus, after their brief exchange of glances, they both averted their gazes, as if nothing had transpired.

Even Ye Wanwan, who had been observant of the developments, failed to detect any anomaly.

After completing everything, Ye Lengan lightly hooked Huangfu Ruiling's palm with her fingers.

With the signal received, Huangfu Ruiling nodded again at Ye Hongxuan and his wife. "The competition is about to start; I won't disturb you any longer."

After that, he held Ye Leng'an's hand and headed toward the Huangfu family's table.

They left abruptly just as their sudden arrival.

Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu exchanged glances, puzzled about Huangfu Ruiling's intentions.

Actually, it wasn't just them. Onlookers who witnessed the scene found it strange. Huangfu Ling, head of the Huangfu family, greeted the head of the Ye family before the Family Competition.

Moreover, it seemed like he merely wanted to exchange pleasantries. It amounted to just two sentences, not even allowing Ye Hongxuan an opportunity to respond before leaving.

No matter how one looked at it, it seemed peculiar.

Others were full of questions, but Ye Wanwan, who had been attentive to the proceedings, couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

Because, from start to finish, she hadn't seen Ye An'an speak, which eased her mood considerably. Simultaneously, she was privately speculating. Perhaps, this Ye An'an wasn't the infant from back then! If so, she would have disclosed the truth to her parents long ago.

Was the bracelet truly a coincidence? However, if it were, what was the significance of Ye An'an coming in person? Or could it be that Ye An'an only vaguely knew something and sought to threaten her?

Yet, if Ye An'an intended to threaten her, wouldn't it be more straightforward to approach her directly? Why involve Lian Zixin?

For a moment, Ye Wanwan's thoughts were in turmoil. Because she still couldn't fathom Ye An'an's true objective.

At this juncture, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan had returned to their section and taken their places at the main seat. None of the surrounding elders raised objections. Upon seeing Ye Lengan, they even greeted her with smiles.

What a jest. Miss Ye was so young, yet her cultivation was already advanced. Moreover, she was a high-level alchemist with broad knowledge. She and the family head were simply a perfect match. All they hoped for now was the swift marriage of the two and the birth of their young master.

The family head and Miss Ye were both so talented; their child would undoubtedly be extraordinary.

Others had been speculating about the girl who had been following Huangfu Ling. When they saw her sitting beside Huangfu Ling on equal terms, it became apparent that her identity was not simple. Observing the Huangfu family elders' pleasant demeanor towards the girl, her identity was evident..