

## Hidden 831

### Chapter 831: The Little Bun's Extraordinary Genes

In the office, Teacher Wang poured Ning Xi a cup of tea and spoke hesitantly, "Mrs. Lu, we have had a few tests before. I wonder if you saw Lu Qingyu's results?"

"Yes." Ning Xi nodded.

Teacher Wang was a little stunned at Ning Xi's calmness, but she continued, "All his scores were zero..."

"Yes, I'm aware of it."

"The main point is that he did not make any mistakes; he simply didn't attempt the test at all and submitted blank papers for all of them. Even if he was unsure how to do, it's impossible that he didn't know all of them!" Teacher Wang sighed, "I just want to know what is the child thinking? You also know what's happening with your child. We as teachers can't communicate with him well."

Ning Xi let out a sigh of relief. So, Little Treasure was not bullied at school after all!

Ning Xi chose her words carefully. "Teacher Wang, I'm grateful for your concern for our child, but please understand that his situation is special. Our purpose of sending him here is to let him interact with kids of his own age, hoping that he would be happier. We do not expect anything further than that. We don't demand that he gets good grades, so you don't have to feel pressured."

Teacher Wang was unsure what to reply. It was the first time she had ever heard of a parent being indifferent about their child's grades. Most parents now were focused on their children's achievements, afraid that they might lose out from the start, and began sending them to various classes at very young age...

But since the boy's mother herself had already mentioned that grades did not matter, what else could she say?

In addition to Little Treasure's special condition, Teacher Wang felt she should not be prying more. "Alright then...I understand!"

"I really appreciate your concern about Qingyu! Thank you! If it weren't for you, he wouldn't have adapted to school life this quickly!" Ning Xi acknowledged her.

If she did not understand Little Treasure, she might have worried about him as well. However, she knew him for such a long time, and the little bun's extraordinary genes had surpassed her expectations countless times. His intelligence was way off the charts, and he was talented in many things as well.

The only problem was his motivation.

Ning Xi felt it was humiliating to let the little bun even attempt a kindergarten level test. Every child was unique in their own way, and they deserved their own way of learning, so why should they force an adult's pride onto them and make them get full marks in tests?

"You're welcome, Mrs. Lu, this is my job! Although Lu Qingyu is an introvert, he's very cute and lovable. I hope that he'll do well!" Ning Xi's respectful attitude prompted Teacher Wang to continue providing her best for the boy.

A few days later, in the evening, the banquet for Elder Lu's 60th birthday was about to start and the servants were busy with the preparations.

Yan Ruyi wore an elegant red cheongsam. As she was giving instructions to the servants, she kept on looking outside nervously. Lu Chongshan was pacing around anxiously.

### **Chapter 832: Little Treasure Is Here!**

Finally, a black Maybach parked near the main entrance. The door opened and two people came out of the car.

The father-son duo wore the same style bespoke suits in the same color to fit today's theme. Lu Tingxiao's tie and the little bun's bowtie were a festive bright red. As the both of them made their appearance, they attracted people's attention.

The servants started greeting them...

"Good evening, First Master!"

"Good evening, Little Master!"

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When Yan Ruyi saw her son and grandson, she was relieved, going up to them with a wide smile. "Oh, my baby is back!"

Lu Chongshan's serious face softened the moment he saw Little Treasure. "Little Treasure is here!"

Today was a special day. It was his 60th birthday, and no matter whether it was for the public's perspective or for his own desire, he really hoped his only grandson would come. After all, Little Treasure was his only successor.

Both of his sons were worrisome. One was going to live the unmarried life, while the other was not interested in either men or women. When he was feeling hopeless about the future of the Lu family, Little Treasure appeared as the light shining through his darkness.

Moreover, the little guy was getting cuter, and performed much better than kids of his age. In fact, he was progressing even better than Lu Tingxiao had when he was young...

Ever since the appearance of Little Treasure, Lu Chongshan felt relieved and did not bother either of his sons anymore.

However, bad luck befell them due to his mistake and then that incident happened, causing him to blame himself for it for several years.

Throughout these few years, Little Treasure's condition was very unstable. A once perfectly normal kid suddenly turned into a soulless doll and darkness enshrouded the Lu family like a large rock weighing on his chest and he was unable to get it off.

And now...Little Treasure had been getting better, but he was still worried...

He was constantly anxious, afraid that the same thing might happen again, and that it might lead to another disaster...

Lu Chongshan remembered the times when Little Treasure was sitting on his lap and smilingly calling him. His eyes misted over. "Tingxiao, you can bring Little Treasure inside first, there're a lot of people here today and he might be scared. Only bring him out later when most of the guests have arrived to greet some people."

"Okay." Lu Tingxiao nodded, understanding where his father was coming from. "Oh, Little Treasure prepared a present for you."

Little Treasure blinked and nodded.

Lu Chongshan's worries were chased away and he smiled. "Oh, really? How nice of you! I'm looking forward to it!"

After both of them went into the house, Yan Ruyi sighed, "I would be at ease if Little Treasure could recover completely and if Lu Tingxiao would marry Ziyao!"

Lu Chongshan nodded sagely. "It's never going to be that easy."

Both of them were totally charmed by that woman...

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### **Chapter 833: The Only Grandson**

Night soon fell. The gates opened and the invited guests trickled in. All the guests were to pass through a metal detector and aside from the jewelry on the ladies, all dangerous items were strictly prohibited. More and more people arrived and numerous luxury cars filled the driveway.

As an event hosted by one of the most prestigious families in Imperial, journalists were preying on it, but the Lu family had been low profile as usual. Furthermore, the banquet was not open to the public, so no one dared to approach them.

"Bro Lu, happy birthday!" Guan Rui greeted happily. Aside from Guan Ziyao, there was another teenager following after him.

"Thank you, come in! This is...?" Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi looked at the teenager beside Guan Rui. He was about thirteen or fourteen years old, handsome and carried a slight aura of arrogance.

"This is my grandson, Guan Zhichen!" Guan Rui introduced.

Yan Ruyi gushed, "Oh, Zhichen! He was still so small when I last saw him, but he's all grown up now! I almost couldn't recognize him! He should be in middle school now?"

"Aunty Lu, he's in his third year of high school now, he skipped a few grades," Guan Ziyao replied meekly.

"Wow, impressive! He must be even better than his father next time!"

Guan Rui was really proud of his grandson, but he carried himself humbly. "He still has a long way to go!"

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As they entered the hall, Guan Ziyao looked around then asked, "Aunty Lu, isn't Little Treasure around?"

"Oh, Little Treasure is in the room now., I'm afraid that he might not get used to so many people around, but we'll have him come out later." Yan Ruyi sounded extra kind and loving the moment she was talked about her grandson.

Guan Ziyao then clung onto Yan Ruyi's arms and asked, "Aunty, I...heard a little about Little Treasure's condition. I had a minor in psychology when I was studying abroad, and I've been in contact with numerous special kids. Maybe...I could help and take a look at him?"

"Well..." Yan Ruyi was hesitant.

"Things cannot remain this way! When Zhichen was five years old, he was already following my brother to the company to attend meetings. He was not afraid at all..." Guan Ziyao continued.

She knew the key person in the Lu family was neither Yan Ruyi nor Lu Chongshan; it was Lu Tingxiao's son, Little Treasure...

He was Lu Tingxiao's only son, and Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi's only grandson. Because they only had this sole grandson, they were really concerned about this child more than anything else. Because of this, she had purposely minored in psychology and specialized in autism.

When Yan Ruyi heard her suggestion, she felt uneasy for some reason. Real autism cases would see a child totally cut off from the outside world, but Little Treasure was shocking and acting more extroverted than other kids, so how could he be autistic? Even Qin Mufeng mentioned that Little Treasure did not score highly on the autism spectrum. He surmised that it was more of a post-traumatic disorder.

Moreover, ever since Ning Xi had appeared, Little Treasure's condition had improved significantly. He started to smile and laugh, even talking...

#### **Chapter 834: Little Treasure Has Gone Missing**

Nevertheless, she knew that Guan Ziyao was being nice, so Yan Ruyi patted her hands and thanked her, "Thank you, Ziyao, Little Treasure is doing well now. If there's a need, I'll surely look for you!"

Before Little Treasure's condition stabilized, she would not let anyone be in contact with Little Treasure easily, even if it was Guan Ziyao.

Guan Ziyao still felt hopeful and she asked, "Is Little Treasure going to school now?"

"Yes, he is."

"Which school?" Guan Ziyao asked again.

"Glorious Kindergarten."

"As far as I know, it's a good school, but it is just a normal kindergarten...with Little Treasure's condition, he should go to a special needs school! I know a school specially designed for kids with autism. I've personally gone there before for a project. It's really well planned and most of the children have had positive changes after they went there. I know the principal. Do you want to have Little Treasure transferred there?" Guan Ziyao probed.

Although Yan Ruyi did not think Little Treasure was autistic, if there was anything that could help him progress, she would be willing to try.

She was slightly tempted by Guan Ziyao's persuasive tone, but she hesitated again, "Well, I need to talk to Tingxiao about it before making a decision."

Guan Ziyao quickly clarified, "Of course, it's not an urgent matter, just contact me anytime you need me! I'll talk to Tingxiao about this later and see what he thinks!"

"Alright...thank you, Ziyao!" Yan Ruyi was relieved.

Not only did Guan Ziyao not mind about Little Treasure's existence, she was so concerned about him, pleasing Yan Ruyi immensely.

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As they were chatting casually, a maid suddenly rushed towards them. Whispering into Yan Ruyi's ears, she said, "Madam, Little Master...Little Master has gone missing!"

"What? What did you say?" Yan Ruyi's expression changed drastically.

Guan Ziyao looked over. "What happened?"

A while later, Yan Ruyi, Guan Ziyao, Lu Chongshan, Lu Tingxiao, and Lu Jingli all appeared in the room Little Treasure was in.

Lu Chongshan looked displeased. "Why would he suddenly go missing? What were you doing?"

The maid looked at Yan Ruyi, then at Guan Ziyao, her expression troubled. In order to avoid Lu Chongshan's anger, she replied honestly, "Actually, Little Master came out a little while ago, but when he overheard Madam Lu's conversation with Ms. Guan, he suddenly ran away. There were too many people at that moment and I was unable to catch up, then I couldn't find him anywhere..."

The maid was sobbing. The Little Master was the core of the family! If anything happened to him, she would be done for!

"What were you both talking about?" Lu Chongshan stared sharply at Yan Ruyi and Guan Ziyao.

Yan Ruyi's face went pale. "Could it be..."

Guan Ziyao's expression changed as well.

"Say something!" Lu Chongshan looked at Yan Ruyi anxiously.

As Lu Chongshan was asking Yan Ruyi, Guan Ziyao's voice sounded out from Lu Tingxiao's phone.

"Aunty, Little Treasure's condition...I knew a little...special needs child...when Zhichen was five years old...I knew a school designed for children with autism..."

As they were talking, Lu Tingxiao had calmly accessed the CCTV system and checked through the footages...

### **Chapter 835: Little Treasure Avoided The Security Cameras**

Lu Chongshan was visibly unhappy when he heard what Guan Ziyao said from the CCTV footage.

Little Treasure's kidnapping was a severe matter, and the Lu family sealed off all information from the public. Everyone knew almost nothing about it, but some people within the circle heard bits and pieces of news. In addition to Little Treasure's lack of appearance in public for two years, all sorts of rumors came out. Some even assumed that Little Treasure had become mentally retarded due to shock.

Little Treasure might exhibit signs of autism, but when he heard Guan Ziyao call Little Treasure a "special needs child", an "autistic child", and even compared him to Guan Zhichen, Lu Chongshan was obviously unhappy.

The atmosphere became a little awkward as the footage played...

Guan Ziyao frowned., "My conversation with Aunty Lu doesn't seem to have anything that might have triggered the child. Could there be any other reason?"

Lu Jingli stared at her and mumbled, "Not triggered the child? Put yourself in his shoes! Would you be happy if you were being mentioned as sick, ill, and needed to be sent to a special needs school? Little Treasure is a perfectly normal kid. Of course, he would be sad and upset when he heard what you said!"

Lu Jingli's words were exactly what Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi thought.

Guan Ziyao's expression froze. While she did not think it was her fault, she could not rebut Lu Jingli. She apologized, "I'm sorry, I did not expect this..."

Yan Ruyi understood that she did not do this on purpose, so she gave Guan Ziyao a pat on her back. "Ziyao, it isn't your fault, no one expected him to be there to hear what we said..."

Lu Chongshan was anxious. "Our main priority now is to find Little Treasure."

If anything happened, the consequences could be fatal.

"Tingxiao, can you see where Little Treasure went in the camera footage?" Yan Ruyi asked worriedly.

Lu Tingxiao replied, "He purposely avoided the security cameras."

Guan Ziyao was surprised when she heard Lu Tingxiao. How could a five-year-old child know how to avoid security cameras? Was Lu Tingxiao exaggerating? It could just be a coincidence...

Yan Ruyi became even more concerned. "What now? There are so many guests today..."

Guan Ziyao was thinking of making up for her mistake, so she suggested, "Usually, autistic...I mean children with a personality like Little Treasure lack a sense of security. They would hide in places they feel the safest, so he might be hiding in the room!"

"Have you looked through the room?" Guan Ziyao asked the maid.

The maid nodded. "I've looked through."

"Are you sure?" Guan Ziyao asked again, "In the cupboards, under the bed, everywhere?"

Cupboards? Under the bed?

The maid shook her head and frowned. "No those places...Little Master loves to be clean, he would never go into those places..."

"Just look for him there. With my experience, those are the places with the highest possibility!" Guan Ziyao exclaimed.

The maid did not act immediately, she looked to Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi.

### **Chapter 836: Wife-Protecting Devil Activated**

After getting permission, everyone in the room started looking around. After some time, they still could not find him.

Guan Ziyao thought about it again. "Does the child have places he likes to go?"

The maid replied with sweat coming through her uniform. "I've looked through every place that he could possibly be in!"

"What now, Tingxiao? Say something!" Yan Ruyi looked at her eldest son in desperation.

Lu Tingxiao stared at his phone. "I've looked through the exits, he's still within the perimeter."

"It's all my fault, I didn't notice he was near...and said something that upset him..." Yan Ruyi started blaming herself.

Lu Chongshan did not give up. "That means he's still somewhere around here? But...we still have to look for him! We can't just leave him alone, can we?"

"Let him calm down," Lu Tingxiao said expressionlessly.

Lu Chongshan was enraged. "Are you serious right now? He's only five years old! You want him to calm down!? Little Treasure is already unstable, and he's only gotten better recently, do you want him to go back to the state he was in before?"

Seeing that Lu Tingxiao was not doing anything, Lu Chongshan suppressed his anger. "Fine, you don't have to tell me. Call that woman over!"

That woman...?

As soon she heard the keyword, Guan Ziyao was on high alert.

Lu Tingxiao looked at his father coldly. "Who are you talking about?"

"That wom..." Lu Chongshan stared at his son., "Ning Xi!"

"I wonder who she is to us Lus, that she has to come here the moment you summon her?" Lu Tingxiao said slowly.

Lu Jingli shook his head, knowing that the wife-protecting devil had just been activated!

"Aren't you guys dating right now?" Lu Chongshan was annoyed.

"I see Father knows about it." Lu Tingxiao's casual remark was intentional.

They knew he already had a partner, yet they still tried to match him with other women. They called her "that woman" but when some crisis happened, then only would they remember her as Lu Tingxiao's girlfriend.

Lu Chongshan was embarrassed as he was dissed by his own son in front of an outsider. "You bastard, is this the way to talk to your own father?"

"Why are the both of you arguing?! Is this the right time to do this?" Yan Ruyi pulled Lu Chongshan away, hinting him to calm down for Little Treasure's sake.

Yan Ruyi then looked at Lu Tingxiao. "Tingxiao, your father is just a little upset than usual, don't mind him. Little Treasure is our priority now!"

"Bro, anyhow let's call Sister-in-law over in case of an emergency." Lu Jingli tried to soften the atmosphere as it was their father's birthday anyway.

Yan Ruyi nodded.

Lu Tingxiao spoke up, "I'll call her and see if she's available."

What did he mean by asking her availability? She should come here immediately even if she was busy! What else was more important than Little Treasure? Lu Chongshan was unhappy at Lu Tingxiao's attitude, but he could not say anything about it.

"Okay, quickly call her!" Yan Ruyi said.

### **Chapter 837: Did Something Happen To Little Treasure?**

Guan Ziyao was alert when she saw what had unfolded in front of her.

What just happened?

Judging from the situation, it seemed like "that woman" had quite an influence over Little Treasure. Influential enough for Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan to acknowledge her even though it was obvious that they did not like her.

She was just a petty actress, so how could she be capable of being close to Little Treasure?

Guan Ziyao had already investigated. Even one of the most capable psychiatrists in the country could not do anything about Little Treasure...

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At the same time, in Spirit Studio.

Ning Xi dropped by the studio after attending an event.

Gong Shangze, Han Momo, and Qiao Weilan were working hard. After Ning Xi greeted them, she summoned Gong Shangze alone to her office.

"Boss, what's up?"

Ning Xi nodded and looked at him. "Tell me what you think about Director Qiao."

Gong Shangze looked hesitant., "The truth?"

Ning Xi laughed. "Of course!"

"Alright..." Gong Shangze cleared his throat. "I'll start with her personality. She's a pretty cold person, so we dare not to talk to her any more than necessary. But her abilities are top notch. Tasks that might take us a few days to finish can be completed by her in an instant. Our efficiency has increased sharply in the few days that she's been here. In fact, we're almost done with the orders we received after Fashion Week!"

Ning Xi let out a sigh of relief.

Gong Shangze hesitated again, "But..."

"But what?"

'But...how do I put it? I can feel that her focus isn't here. She does not proactively do anything else here aside from what she's been assigned to," Gong Shangze replied honestly.

It was just as Ning Xi expected. "It's already a blessing to have her with us here."

She had suddenly been transferred here, and to her, it was just a mission from Qin Shengyue. She probably just hoped that she would commit no mistakes, and that she would not do things that were outside her job scope. Once the time was up, she would leave.

"Alright, I got the big picture. Anyhow, Qiao Weilan's arrival has been a big help to us, so be nice to her. As for the studio, we need to improve on our own, we can't always rely on her," Ning Xi said.

Gong Shangze replied, "Understood, Boss."

As they were talking, Ning Xi's phone suddenly rang. It was Lu Tingxiao.

Suddenly, her powerful aura faded and she turned gentle and sweet.

Gong Shangze instantly knew who was calling. "Boss, if there's nothing else, I'll get back to work!"

"Alright then!"

After Gong Shangze went out, Ning Xi picked up her phone. "Hey, Boss, what's the matter?"

"What are you doing?" Lu Tingxiao asked her gently.

"I'm in the studio, just checking on the progress."

"If you're not very busy, could you come by the Lu residence?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

"I'm not that busy...but why so sudden? Isn't today your father's birthday?" Ning Xi frowned and realized that something was not right. "Did something happen to Little Treasure?"

### **Chapter 838: Fully-Automatic "Treasure"-Seeking Ability**

"Don't worry, Little Treasure is alright. It's just that he's gone missing. I've looked through the security camera footage of the exits. He didn't leave, he's still around the perimeter," Lu Tingxiao replied.

"What? Missing? Why is he suddenly missing? I'll come over now! Fill me in on the details later!" Ning Xi acted instantly the moment she realized it was Little Treasure.

"Take your time, grab a taxi, don't drive on your own,." Lu Tingxiao reminded her, apparently worried that she would drive recklessly.

"Alright, I know..."

At the Lu residence, Lu Jingli and Yan Ruyi were relieved when they knew Ning Xi was coming.

Guan Ziyao forced a smile, and she tried to ask casually, "So, it seems that Ning Xi is on good terms with Little Treasure."

"Yeah, our Little Treasure...likes her, and usually listens to her," Yan Ruyi phrased her words carefully. She could never hide this, so she tried to mentally prepare Guan Ziyao.

Guan Ziyao did not expect that the woman would be smarter than she looked. She had actually established a good relationship with Little Treasure this early.

Guan Ziyao sighed, "That's great, hopefully we'll find Little Treasure once Ms. Ning is here!"

Although she sounded hopeful, she knew that Ning Xi was not here frequently and probably had not even gone through the whole of the Lu residence before. The house was so big, it was impossible for her to find Little Treasure on her own!

The greater the hope, the greater the disappointment.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi realized that as well, but they had no other better ideas.

"We cannot just rely on an outsider. I've asked some servants to look for him discreetly. If all else fails, I'll wrap up the banquet earlier!" Lu Chongshan spoke up.

Guan Ziyao was surprised. Although she had prepared herself for it, she did not realize how important Little Treasure was to Lu Chongshan.

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At the Lu Residence, most of the guests had already arrived when Ning Xi reached. The residence was well-lit and she could hear music and the sound of chatter from outside. The security was tight, so taxis could only reach the bottom of the hill.

The moment Ning Xi alighted from the taxi, she saw Lu Jingli already waiting there.

"What happened tonight?"

Lu Jingli revved up the car engine and explained the whole ordeal to her.

"...this is what happened! Little Treasure is still hiding somewhere now, the poor kid!"

Ning Xi squinted her eyes. "Is that Guan Zhichen really that amazing?"

"He's been rumored to be a genius since he was little. He's already attending the third year of high school at just 13 years old, and he's applying to the Imperial University next year! Of course...he's incomparable with our Little Treasure...even I'm no better, alright?"

As they were talking, they arrived at the entrance of Lu Residence.

Lu Jingli opened the door for Ning Xi as he worriedly scratched his head. "Xiao Xi Xi, it's going to be tricky this time, what happened in the past was mostly him locking himself up in the attic, but he's disappeared this time, and you're not that familiar with the surroundings here, but don't force yourself. If we really can't find him, Father will end the banquet earlier. There's nothing more important than Little Treasure..."

As Lu Jingli was mumbling, Ning Xi suddenly yelled, then she bent over in surprise and held up the little guy that had rushed up to her from the dark. "Little Treasure? My baby! You almost scared Auntie Xiao Xi to death! Where have you been?"

Lu Jingli was speechless, gaping at them. "Bro Xi, your fully-automatic 'treasure'-seeking ability...is awesome!"

### **Chapter 839: Little Treasure Had Found Her**

At the same time, Lu Tingxiao, Lu Chongshan, and Yan Ruyi were somewhere in the garden along with Guan Ziyao. There were also a few tense maids joining the search party. The butler was speaking through a walkie-talkie, giving out some instructions.

"Master, we...we can't find Little Master anywhere!" Butler Xing was sweltering heavily.

Lu Chongshan's expression darkened. "Add more people to the search party."

"If we add more people, the guests are going to get suspicious..." Butler Xin hesitated.

They had told the crowd that an expensive necklace of Yan Ruyi had gone missing and that they were looking for it, but if they add more people to the search party, it would seem inappropriate.

Moreover, the host family had not been present after such a long time, so the guests were probably already suspecting something happened...

"Retreat," Lu Tingxiao said a single word to Xing Wu after checking the time on his wrist.

One said to add more people, another one said to retreat. Xing Wu looked at the elder, then looked at First Master. Who should he listen to...?

"Why should they retreat? We haven't found Little Treasure yet!" Lu Chongshan fumed.

"Ning Xi's going to be here soon," Lu Tingxiao replied.

"So what? Is she a god? We have looked through almost every inch of the place and couldn't find Little Treasure, what in the world can she do?" Lu Chongshan was not convinced.

"Tingxiao, Little Treasure's safety is important. Listen to Uncle Lu!" Guan Ziyao tried to persuade him.

"Xing Wu, what are you standing there for?!" Lu Chongshan urged him.

As Xing Wu was in a dilemma as to what to do, he suddenly saw a surprise in front of him.

"Little...Little Master..."

"What? Little Treasure? Where?" Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan asked at once.

"That...seems like Little Master..."

Everyone looked at the direction Xing Wu was pointing at.

They saw Lu Jingli and Ning Xi walking towards them, and Ning Xi was holding a child in her arms.

The little guy had Lu Jingli's coat on him and he was holding Ning Xi's neck tightly as he buried his face in her arms, a position that displayed extreme insecurity.

Everyone was surprised with joy.

"Jingli, where did you guys find Little Treasure?" Yan Ruyi was excited.

"We didn't even try! The moment Sister-in-law appeared, Little Treasure showed up!" Lu Jingli explained.

They were speechless. No one expected this to happen, and they all looked confused.

In the end, Ning Xi did not find Little Treasure...Little Treasure had found her...

No wonder Lu Tingxiao was so calm when Ning Xi arrived. He was sure that Little Treasure would be found. Obviously, Little Treasure was still around, but he did not want to show himself. He would come out on his own the moment he saw the person he wanted to see, the one that he could rely on and gave him enough sense of security.

Lu Chongshan and Yan Ruyi were relieved although they were unsure what attitude they should face Ning Xi with.

Ning Xi did not care about them at all. She was just concerned about Little Treasure, comforting him gently. The little guy was holding his writing board tightly, seeming like he wanted to say something...

"Little Treasure, what's wrong?" Ning Xi took the writing board from him.

Her eyes reddened the moment she saw what was written...

[Mother, I want to go home]

#### **Chapter 840: Home Was Wherever Mother Was**

Mother, I want to go home...

Yan Ruyi cried when she saw what Little Treasure had written. She then realized how much damage her conversation with Guan Ziyao had caused Little Treasure.

He would not have written such helpless words if he was not this upset. They claimed to be the people that loved Little Treasure the most, but they could not even provide him a place to call home. Little Treasure had never felt a sense of belonging here.

He was at home, yet he said he wanted to go home...

Guan Ziyao's attention was on the word "Mother". She thought this woman was probably friendlier with Little Treasure, but he had already recognized her as his mother! She had to speed up her process!

Ning Xi did not want to face this situation at the moment and she was prepared to leave after comforting the little bun, but she changed her mind. With what had happened that day, she wanted to make sure that no one would look down on the little bun again. Even though her journey with Lu Tingxiao might be harsh, she hoped that even without her, the little bun could go on well.

Ning Xi suppressed her emotions and spoke to the little bun gently, "Dear baby, it's your home here, and it's Grandfather's birthday today. Don't you remember we prepared a gift for Grandfather?"

The little bun did not give any response, he just grabbed Ning Xi even tighter.

"I'll accompany you to give the present to Grandfather, okay?" Ning Xi continued.

Little Treasure finally nodded.

He wanted to go home, and home was wherever Mother was.

After comforting the little bun, Ning Xi looked at the two elders. She spoke in a concerned tone, "Little Treasure is really cold now, he's probably caught a cold from staying outside in the breeze. It'd be great if he could take a hot shower right now..."

Yan Ruyi hurriedly invited, "Come inside! Don't just stand in the garden!"

Lu Chongshan was mentally prepared for Little Treasure to leave with Ning Xi, but since Little Treasure was going to stay now, he quickly let them in. As long as Little Treasure stayed here, he would even allow that woman to show her face here.

The guests were already whispering in the banquet hall and shooting furtive looks, so Lu Chongshan went into the hall after confirming that Little Treasure's condition was stable.

"I'm sorry for the wait! Thank you, everyone, for coming here for my birthday today..."

"You're welcome, Elder Lu!"

"We're honored to be invited!"

The guests greeted him warmly without any odd expression on the surface, but they were all suspecting what had happened.

"What do you think happened tonight?"

"They said Madam Lu's precious necklace went missing...but if it was just a necklace, would the whole host family need to disappear for so long?"

"It's probably the little guy again..."

"I guessed so too. The Lu family sure is unlucky, they only have this sole successor and he's retarded!"

"Heh, the Lu family has probably done a lot of dirty deals before, so the karma landed on their grandchild..."

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