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The next day, Ling Li showed Four Eyes the whole mansion. Though he was overwhelmed by the size and luxury of the entire estate, Four Eyes was not very surprised.

"Don't move Quan Ye and Murphy; let them stay in the main house." Four Eyes related to Ling Li in a low voice.

Ling Li got his mind. "Sure, the house is still big enough and has plenty of rooms."

The two of them were walking back hand in hand when Four Eyes noticed several towers facing directly towards their room and having direct access to the main house.

Whoever is staying there definitely could see what they are doing at night.

Four Eyes squinted his eyes.

"What are those towers?" Four eyes asked as he stopped in his tracks; Ling Li also stopped and looked in his direction.

"Those are Pharas', Mushu's, Rocky's, and Reginald's quarters." After she answered, Ling Li started to walk again. Still, to her surprise, Four Eyes remained standing, and she noticed his angry and fiery fire coming from his nose.

'I know this look.' Ling Li thought, her heart skipped.

"Chu Yan, what's wrong? Why are you angry?" Ling Li asked with caution.

"Guess!" Four eyes replied with one word.

Ling Li's heart fluttered, and she even wanted to run away. 'Why would I even ask if I know his thoughts!'

"Honey, can you just tell me why?" Ling Li tried to calm him.

"I am not an exhibitionist!" Four Eyes angrily retorted and left Ling Li standing.

Ling Li was caught off guard by his words and followed him. "What do you mean by that? Do you mean I am?"

Four Eyes stopped and looked at her as he pointed at the towers.

"You liked being watched? I don't." Four Eyes said concisely to Ling Li as he turned around, and left hurriedly back to the main house.

Ling Li now realized why Four Eyes were ranging in a fury. She could only purse her lips.

Ren and Shun were carrying the twins into the courtyard and basking in the sun since it was still early in summer. They saw Four Eyes returning without their Mom.

"Hi, Paps! Where's Mom?" Ren happily greeted him and asked. But to her surprise, Four Eyes only passed them without saying a word.

Both Ren and Shun were dumbfounded; they looked at each other and were curious about what had happened.

Moments later, Ling Li arrived. "Mom, are you alright?" Ren asked with concern.

"Yes. Why? What happened?" Ling Li walked towards them and started playing with the twins.

Ren could only swallow her words, not wanting to add injury to her mother.

"Madam, Miss Ren, Young Master Shun. Breakfast is ready." The Butler announced and interrupted them.

"Thank you, Butler Peng. We'll be there." Ren replied.

"Let's go." Ling Li said.

As they were heading to the dining hall, footsteps from the living room could be heard. So they went to check to see it first.

"Brother!" Ren exclaimed.

"Shi Min!" Ling Li happily called as well.

"Hi, Mom!" Shi Min replied as he embraced his mother.

"Are these our little sisters? How cute they are!" Shi Min remarked as he held the little hand of the twins.

"Big brother! I knew it was you!" Lily came running.

"Hello, little sister! Oh, you're no longer the little sister! But you will always be my baby sister." Shi Min said while pinching Lily's cheeks.

"Big Bother!" Lily exclaimed with her face flustered when she realized everyone was already present, including Four Eyes, Chatty, and Fatty, to welcome Shi Min.

"Hello, nice to see you all again." Shi Min greeted Fatty and Chatty, giving them a handshake, which surprised Lily that they already knew each other.

"How should I be addressing you now? Ha, ha, ha." Shi Min gives Four Eyes a handshake as well.

"We decided to call him Paps!" Ren told Shi Min.

"Ha ha! Paps it is!" Shi Min spoke happily.

"Madam, Masters. Breakfast is ready." Butler Peng reminded them.

"Butler Peng, it's been so long since I last saw you." Shi Min walked towards the elderly Butler and tapped his shoulder.

"Young Master, yes indeed. It's been a long time, and it's a great honor to be remembered by you." Butler Peng replied with teary eyes.

"Oh, come on, Butler Peng. I grew up but didn't lose my memory." Shi Min chuckled, giving the elderly Butler a half hug.

"You are still a charming, happy kid, Young Master. Go and have your breakfast. You had a long trip."

"Yes, I'm famished. I could eat a horse."

"Big Brother, Shun is training with Paps and his friends," Ren said to Shi Min, seated beside each other.

"I heard. Shun's training must be why you have set up your temporary office here." Shi Min responded.

"Brother, your intel is excellent," Ren replied jokingly.

"Ha ha ha ha, but Ren, you have to keep in mind that the training will take place on different grounds. You cannot be beside Shun at all times. You must support him, not drag him down. You must be his encouragement, not his worry." Shi Min reminded his sister.

When Ren heard her brother's words, they struck her and made her think solemnly. 'Am I dragging Shun? Am I making him worry about me?' She looked at Shun with her heartfelt troubles.

"Shi Min, there is a battalion run on Sunday. I'm joining. Would you like to join us?" Ling Li asked him.

"I would love to," Shi Min replied while eating his favorite chicken curry mouthful.

They all chatted during the rest of the meal. Only Ren and Shun knew about the tension between Four Eyes and their mother.

Afterward, they all went on their own ways to start their day.

Four Eyes changed his clothes, and Ling Li went to their room.

"Can we talk?" Ling Li asked Four Eyes when the couple was in the room to prepare.

"Foreign class starts now." Four Eyes replied.

"No, it won't." Ling Li said.

Four Eyes stopped and looked at her.

"You canceled the class?"

"No, I'm the teacher for today." Ling Li replied.

Four Eyes sneered. "Talk."

"About the towers." Ling Li pointed towards the window. "You might not have noticed it before, but it has been there ever since. But they are there for a reason. To protect the four master bedrooms." She explained.

Chapter 62: A CORE IS TURNING AGAIST US

"Honey, it is true that they can see all the activities, as you guessed, but we still have full control. At night, as long as you turn off the light, they won't be able to see anything inside. I turn on the light when we are idle or doing nothing." Ling Li is showing Four Eyes how it works.

"Though when the lights are off, they would still check through an infrared vision for any possible breach in the mansion's main house. It is their line of duty.

Our team of security are all professionals. Have you ever seen any of them looking at you with malice? Have they looked at you differently?" Ling Li is trying his best to make Four Eyes understand.

"Honey, you will also undergo training. Feelings and mind control in this kind of duty are critical. You will also need to master these. In time, you will understand when you face a battle with me." Ling Li stared at Four Eyes as she finished clarifying for him, full of anticipation.

Four Eyes is not closed-minded and clearly understands what Ling Li directly conveyed. From what Four Eyes has seen, Ling Li is not an ordinary person. Her security and that of the other family members must be truly essential.

"I'm sorry." Four Eyes said in a low voice; he strode forward and gave Ling Li a big hug.

"I'm sorry that I let you misunderstand. I should have told you about it from the start and not let you think too much." Ling Li replied as she embraced Four Eyes back. She felt relief that their misunderstandings had been finally resolved.

"It's my fault. Let's go." Four Eyes stated, giving Ling Li a quick kiss. And grabbed her hand and headed out of the room.

Ren and Shun saw them coming from the stairs, hand in hand. They looked at each other and burst out laughing.

"What are you two so happy about?" Ling Li questions the young couple.

"We are so happy to see my mother so in love." Ren teased her Mom.

Rens' words flustered Ling Li.

"You! Since when did you learn how to bully your mother?" Ling Li scolded. "You! Go to your class!" Ling Li pointed her finger at Shun.

"Ha ha ha! Yes, Madam!" Shun reacted and instantly ran away from Ren's side in a breeze.

It was a two-hour foreign language class. This morning, Ling Li took the time from the professor so she could have a chance to speak with Four Eyes.

When the class ended, Fatty commented, "Madam, I think we learn faster with you teaching us. That professor is not as efficient as you."

"I second that," Chatty expressed.

"Really? Is the professor not good? He is the most highly recommended professor sent to me. Let me check." Ling Li said as she wondered if she made a mistake choosing the professor.

"Is he really that bad, Honey?" Ling Li asked Four Eyes when they were walking side by side.

"Um."

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"No one to compare."

"...."

Ling Li could only purse her lips.

Later, Ling Li was working in her study when Ren knocked.

"Come in."

"Mom."

"Ren, is there anything I can do for you?"

"Mom. Am I dragging Shun down? Am I letting him worry about me?" Ren asked her mother, trying to control her tears.

Ling Li knows her daughter well. She knew that Ren was now emotionally wrecked. She's been too dependent on Shun for too long, and she was hit by her brother's words this morning, which Ling Li has heard as well. Though Ren doesn't want to be a burden to Shun, she also can't bear to be apart from him.

"Why do you think you are dragging Shun down? It is only natural for him to worry about you because he loves and cares about you." Ling Li replied to calm Ren down.

"But Mom!" Ren protested.

"But What?!"

"You heard what Shi Min said!" Ren declared.

"I did hear what Shi Min said. Your brother means well. He only wants you to be stronger for Shun. Don't let Shun carry you all the time; you should also know how to stand on your own feet.

What will happen to you on those days when Shun has to leave for training and won't be by your side? Shun will be worried knowing you can't live a day without him. That is what your brother means. Do you understand, Ren?" Ling Li illustrated the scenario.

Ren slowly comprehends her mother's words, piercing her heart as her mind gradually absorbs its meaning and sinks into her spirit.

"Ren, remember, we are here; I am here, Shi Min, Lily, and the twins. We will be with you. You have to be strong for Shun. He will visit, and we can visit. Remember, he is with Paps." Ling Li cheered up Ren.

Ling Li got up from her chair and gave Ren a hug.

"Your Paps will be at wits if he can't see the twins, so I'll make sure he brings Shun every time he comes home, and you can come every time I visit. But when I visit the camp, We might see them, but we cannot always see them." Ling Li said, still hugging Ren.

"Mom, thank you."

"Ren, please be more spirited and don't show this side of you to Shun while he is in training. Otherwise, he will definitely be affected." Ling Li advised.

"I understand, Mom."

"Go, now wash that face. Find your brother and send him here; I must discuss many matters with him." Ling Li said.

Moments later, Shi Min entered Ling Li's study.

"Mom," Shi Min called her attention as he entered.

"Son, have a seat."

"What is so urgent that you even sent a plane to pick me up?"

"One of the cores is turning against us," Ling Li said flatly, handing him the report Mushu had given her.

When Shi Min heard what her mother said, his brows went up, and he chuckled as he read the report.

"I knew you would laugh." Ling Li said, who also was laughing.

"Is he working alone?" Shi Min asked curiously.

"That is why I asked you to come. Since Ren and Lily are here, I decided to call the heavens' help."

"Will we get all the answers?"

Chapter 63: SHI MIN'S PRANK

"As your great-grandfather always reminds me, what is constant in the entire universe is change. Because everything moves around us, Earth revolves, temperatures change, and asteroids, comets, and meteors all move, as well as the planets. What we can only be sure of are the upcoming events. While we can foresee the future, it can still change." Ling Li explained.

"Mom, this is the first time we have discussed this; I have no idea how complex it is."

"Yes, Son. When I draw your blood, that is to see especially for you, but for the other matters, I could know the situation but not the details. If I want the details, I could, but I need a lot of preparation and energy to do it." Ling Li explained further.

"Mom, don't do it," Shi Min said sternly after his ears perked when he heard his Mom saying she needed a lot of energy to know the details.

"You don't need to know the details. We have a lot of resources to find out." Shi Min reminded Ling Li.

Ling Li chuckled after she heard her son's words.

"Now my son is scolding me; I need to retire." Ling Li commented jokingly.

"Mom, I mean every word," Shi Min said seriously.

"Son, I know you mean well, and don't be too harsh on Mom. But you broke your promise to me. Mom is unhappy."

"Promise? What promise?" Shi Min looked at his mother blankly.

"You told Ren you met Otako." Ling Li declared.

Shi Min's face instantly turned ugly and grim, and he could only purse his lips to a thin line.

"She blackmailed me," Shi Min reacted. "That brat!"

Ling Li giggled.

"Ren told you, didn't she?" Shi Min asked with his face in a fury.

"Ren kept asking me why she couldn't meet Otako, but you can. I was surprised how she made you spill the beans. Of course, I must also torture her before telling her why you can meet Otako while she can't." Ling Li responded.

"I'll punish her!" Shi Min retorted with a snort.

"Easy tiger." Ling Li knows Shi Min loves his sisters, but sometimes, they take advantage of Shi Min's love for them and his soft side. Ren touched his bottom line this time, and Ling Li would let him punish Ren since she was also present and could watch over them.

"I know what to do, Mom." Shi Min gave his certainty to his Mom.

At the camp, Pharsa has been adding many drill exercises for her four trainees, like lunges and burpees, and using sandbags to carry on. After all the drills today, Pharsa led the four gentlemen to the open field with their firearms and targets ready.

"I will teach you how to shoot your rifles," Pharsa announced.

"You have to move with your rifle as one. Your life depends on each other. You need to trust each other." Pharsa reminded them and gave them gun safety tips and pointers.

"Position!"

"Shoot!"

The four gentlemen started shooting their targets at sixty yards. After they all finished their rounds, "Retrieve your targets and look at your results," Pharsa instructed them.

They all came back laughing without anyone getting a bullseye. It was their first time, and they all got the same results.

Pharsa expected these results, which is natural for first-timers.

"Reload!"

Someone has already changed their targets.

"Ready, position, Shoot!"

"Retrieve your targets."

"Move it! Move it!" Pharsa yelled as she saw them walking and joking around each other before running back as they heard her shouting.

"Better," Pharsa said; however, she squinted when she saw Chatty's results.

'Dammit.' Pharsa could only curse inwardly.

After their sixth round, Pharsa and the four gentlemen were satisfied with their results.

Just as they finished, Shi Min and the camp commander appeared beside them.

"Masters, the camp has prepared a welcome party for all of you. Coincidentally, our Commander in Chief is here. Isn't this wonderful?" The Camp Commander announced happily.

Pharsa could already smell something fishy going on. She would have known about this occasion if this had been planned.

"We will definitely attend the party," Pharsa replied on behalf of the four masters.

"We will be waiting for all of you at the main ground." The Camp Commander and Shi Min left, with Shi Min giving all of them a simple nod since they can't be too cozy while at the camp.

Meanwhile, Ling Li is having afternoon tea with her two daughters at the mansion.

"Madam!" Mushu calls out, getting all their attention, as he walks briskly toward them.

"What is it, Mushu?"

Mushu looked at Ling Li and looked at Ren.

"Mushu, just say it."

"Madam, Miss Ren. I just received a call from Master Shi Min that during this afternoon's target shooting practice, Master Shun's gun backfired. He is in critical condition, but his blood seems unique.

We have a limited supply of his blood in Camp Blaze. Master Shi Min flew Master Shun to Camp Phoenix, where we had enough supply of blood for the Master." Mushu explained.

"Mom!" Ren shouted hysterically. "I want to see Shun!"

"Calm down, Ren. Did you hear what Mushu said? Shi Min is with Shun. Do you think Shi Min won't take care of Shun? Do you not trust your brother?" Ling Li comforts Ren.

"But Mom, Shun is in critical condition!" Ren said in tears.

"That is because Shun lost blood. Once he gets a blood transfusion, he will be better. Now tell me, what is his blood type?"

"Shun has panda blood, type O Rh Negative," Ren said between tears.

"That is very rare indeed. Mushu, ensure that all our infirmaries have this type of blood available from now on and collect every accessible supply." Ling Li instructed.

"Yes, Madam," Mushu replied, ready to deliver Ling Li's orders.

"Mom, please get an update from Shi Min," Ren said as she pulled her mother's sleeves.

"Let me call the camp first if they have arrived and prepared everything. I don't want to disturb your brother flying the plane." Ling Li replied as she rubbed Ren's hair, walked towards the foyer, and dialed Shi Min's number.

When Shi Min picked up the call, "Mom."

"Shi Min, is this your so-called punishment for your sister?"

Shi Min chuckled and replied. "What do you think, Mom?"

Chapter 64: HIGH PROTEIN DIET

"Son, you know your sister is not as strong as you; how can you be too cruel and do this to her?" Ling Li reminded her son, Shi Min.

"Mom, don't you think this is good for Ren? Shun is in training, and he can be in an accident anytime. It is good for her to realize as early as possible that she needs to be on her own occasionally. Don't spoil her too much." Shi Min asserted.

"I know, son, I know you mean well. But please don't be too harsh on your sisters."

"I understand, Mom, don't worry. I know my limit." Shi Min once again assured her Mom.

"Thank you, son."

Ling Li walked back into the house. Ren is still in tears; Ling Li's heart sank, and her head hurts when she sees how her son punishes her sister. 'Ah, these children!'

"Mom, did you have an update for Shi Min?" Ren rushed up to her.

"Yes, Ren. Don't worry too much now; they have already started the blood transfusions. Your Brother and Paps are both there together with Pharsa. Shun will be alright." Ling Li pulled Ren and hugged her as they sat on the sofa.

Lily, who was with them throughout, could only remain silent and cried with her sister.

"Big sister, be strong. Shun will be alright. You must not look too devastated, or Shun will worry when he sees you when he comes home," Lily said while controlling her tears and consoling her sister.

That night, only the three of them had dinner; it was unusually silent, and the mood was so gloomy.

On the other hand, at the camp, the party already started, and it was in full blast. Everyone was happily drinking and eating; the spread of food was abundant because of Shi Min's presence. Young cadets were performing, and contests were among them. Shi Min had given them several red pockets in which to compete.

Shi Min and the rest of the gentlemen didn't go home that night. The four gentlemen were too drunk while Shi Min was on guard, making sure none of them would go home as per his plan.

After midnight, Ling Li checked on Ren in her room. As expected, Ren was awake and crying. Her eyes were all red and swollen from crying.

"Ren, didn't I tell you that Shun is stable?" Ling Li remarked.

"Yes, Mom. I just miss him."

"What?! Shun is gone for one night, and you are already like this?! Ren, pull yourself together. Your world cannot revolve around Shun only. And you cannot be all over him." Ling Li did not want to scold her daughter, but she needed to advise her.

"Mom, what should I do?"

"Shun loves you and spoiled you too much, so you ended up like this! But what if he gets tired of your clinging over him constantly?" Ling Li reprimanded Ren.

"Mom, what do you mean?"

"Ren, men would also want to have time for themselves, time with their friends. Shun's life cannot only revolve around you. In the future, Shun will run your business and need to meet other people. He would need to travel. You can't always be by his side tagging along." Ling Li explained.

"But I'm afraid whenever I think of being away from him," Ren said in tears.

"What are you afraid of?"

"I'm afraid he won't come back," Ren replied.

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"What?!" Ren's reply dumbfounded Ling Li.

"But Ren, although this fear is real and natural, we must realize that accidents do happen. But we can't let this fear control our daily lives. Look at you now; instead of living with peace of mind, you are living with this fear.

Let go of this fear and learn to trust Shun. Do you trust Shun?" Ling Li conveyed and asked.

Ren nodded.

"I know you do. Because you love Shun, and he loves you very much. Do you believe he will come back?"

Ren nodded.

"Yes. Right. Because you trust Shun. Now, rest. Do you want me to stay with you tonight?"

"No, Mom. I will be fine. Mom, thank you."

"Alright. Good night. I will be in my room if you need me." Ling Li said before leaving Ren's bedroom.

Early the next day, the four gentlemen, Four Eyes, Shun, Fatty, and Chatty, were woken up by heavy footsteps and running from one place to another.

It was four-thirty in the morning. The four gentlemen realized they were at the camp and had a nasty hangover from their heavy drinking last night at the party.

Pharsa suddenly blasted their doors wide open.

"Move it! Move it! No free training, even with a hangover here! Grab your clothes! Hit the shower if you don't want to miss your breakfast!" Pharsa yelled loudly by the door. Looking at her watch, "You have exactly twenty minutes!" She added.

The four gentlemen totally forgot about their sleepiness and hangover; they instantly jumped out of their beds, grabbed their uniforms, and fled the room in a breeze to shower.

Pharsa waited for them at the cafeteria with a smirk.

When the four gentlemen arrived at the cafeteria, they were astonished.

The cafeteria was massive and had several stations, 'High Protein Diet,' 'High Carb Diet,' 'All Vegetarian Diet,' 'Neuro Science Diet,' and 'Natural Diet.'

When they looked at the people lining up the 'Neuro Science Diet,' they were truly dumbfounded to see everyone with an IV attached to each one, and they were handed a little box instead of food.

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"Which station do we go, Chief?" Fatty asked.

"High carbo," Pharsa replied.

Just as she replied, Shi Min arrived. "Oh, come on, Pharsa, let me treat them well. Come, follow me." Shim Min announced as he put his arm around Fatty; the rest followed them.

Shi Min led them to the High Protein Diet Station; looking at the excellent array of food, they all already felt hungry.

The five masters filled their trays with a hefty serving of steaks, salmon, tuna, eggs, and cottage cheese; they took their seats with their milk boxes.

This cafeteria shows how generous Ling Li's family is to their employees. Even the workers in their corporate groups get free breakfast lunches with sumptuous meals. Ling Li believes that their staff should be happy and satisfied and treated well so that they can perform excellently.

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"I just want to remind you that you will be training later. How will you be moving your body with all these foods?" Pharsa kindly reminded them while sitting beside them with her tray containing mashed potatoes, pizza, and vegetables, which made the four gentlemen halt eating and turn to Shi Min with a pleading look.

Shi Min was amused to see their expression. "Let them shoot their target before the drill," Shi Min said. "Then, start their martial arts training and introduce basic sword technique."

"Yes, Grand Master, I understand," Pharsa courteously agreed. 'How can I disagree with the Boss?' she thought as she gave her four trainees a cold, stern gaze.

Only then did they all start to eat, and the four gentlemen enjoyed their food with Shi Min. "If you want more food, you can go back as many times as you want." Shi Min said, which surprised the other four masters for the camp's generosity towards their soldiers.

At the end of the day's training, Shi Min and the rest went home happily chatting as they entered the mansion.

Ling Li was sitting in the living room with Ren and Lily. When Ren heard their voices, she instantly stood up, was surprised to see Shun, and ran towards him.

"Shun! Are you alright? Have you recovered?" Ren asked worriedly, checking Shun's body front and back.

Shun has yet to learn what Ren is talking about.

"Ren, what's wrong?" Shun asked and held Ren's trembling hands.

"Shi Min!" Ren shouted at his brother.

"What?" Shi Min replied, looking at his sister innocently. The people around Shi Min coming from the camp didn't know what was happening either and looked at him.

"Shi Min! You! You lied to me!" Ren cried out, teary-eyed.

"Ren, calm down. Tell me, what is going on?" Shun calms Ren, who is obviously agitated.

"Last night, where were you?" Ren asked Shun.

"There was a welcome party at the camp for your brother and us," Shun explained.

"What's wrong, Ren? Tell me."

Ren burst out crying.

"Ren, what happened?" Shun was shocked beyond words when Ren burst into crying and hugged her.

"You don't know how scared and worried I was last night because I was told you were injured and in critical condition and needed blood," Ren voiced in between cries.

"Oh, Ren, they never said I'm dead. Why were you so afraid?" Shun teased her, holding her tighter in his arms.

"As long as I am breathing, I will return to you. I promised you that, remember?" Shun said, holding Rens' face.

"Ren, look at me."

Ren nodded.

"Shi Min, this is all your trick, right?" Ren exclaimed, looking at her brother full of tears.

"So? If you blackmail me again, I'll send Shun to Afghanistan for training." Shi Min nonchalantly replied, sitting with his arms stretched on the sofa.

"Brother, you're so fierce," Lily commented from the side. She had seen her eldest sister's misery yesterday.

"You! You are your sister's little follower. If you try doing tricks with your sister again on me, I'll send Fatty to Ukraine." Shi Min warned Lily.

Lily looked at Shi Min with a blank expression, "who is Fatty?" She asked naively.

"He is Fatty! I am Chatty, and he is Four Eyes. Your mother gave us these names." Chatty, who is a chatterbox, answered Lily.

Lily's face turned beet red, finding out Fatty was Quan Ye. and Fatty was too embarrassed to be called Fatty in front of Lily. Fatty could only touch his nose to cover his embarrassment.

"Go wash up all of you so we can have dinner." Ling Li said to break up the tension among the children.

Ling Li planned to call on the heavens that night and went to her particular room. No one comes into this room except when Ling Li summons them.

Inside this room are a significant cup, dagger, mat, and an ancient robe that has been passed through generations in their family.

As Ling Li prepares, Mushu, Pharsa, and Reginald stand guard at the door.

"Pharsa, call everyone in." Ling Li instructed.

"Four Eyes with the twins, together with Shun, Ren, and Lily, arrived; Pharsa and Mushu also stayed.

Ling Li took the daggers and started all her rituals. She opened the heaven and started reading.

"Take them away." Ling Li instructed Mushu.

"I'm staying." Shi Min immediately contended.

"I am staying too." Four Eyes seconded.

"Take all the girls away." Ling Li said that since she knew she couldn't convince Shi Min and Four Eyes to leave.

Lily and Ren took the twins from their stepfather. Ren is pulling Shun to go with her, but Shun shakes his head and wants to stay as well.

Ren can only agree and let him be.

"Bring them in." Ling Li ordered. Mushu went out and instructed Reginald.

Within the next minute, Mushu's team came in, and everyone went through the daggers and stood at the back of the group while Ling Li continued her ritual.

Moments later, several men from Mushu's team started dropping on the floor, falling unconscious.

Shi Min is getting worried for his mother.

Soon, Four Eyes and Shun followed and dropped to the floor unconscious, but Ling Li remained focused.

Not long after, Mushu, Pharsa, and Shi Min also passed out.

"Reginald!" Ling Li called.

Reginald instantly opened the door; he was shocked to see everyone unconscious except for Ling Li.

"Call Ren, Lily, Fatty, and Chatty, fast!" Ling Li ordered. Ling Li, too, is feeling weak, but she needs to finish what she has started. Everyone has already put in a lot of effort, and Ling Li has already gone this far, so she decided to go all out.

Tonight is also the first time Ling Li will use this energy-reviving technique, which her great-grandfather taught her, in case this situation arises.

The four people arrived soon.

"Reginald, join us and lock the doors." Ling Li instructed.

Ling Li took the daggers and the cup.

"Faster, we are running out of time." Ling Li said faintly.

Ren, Lily, and Reginald gave their palms smoothly.

Looking at them, Fatty followed through, but Chatty hid his palm and wouldn't give it like a scared kid.

"Chatty, do you see everyone on the ground? We won't be able to revive them if you don't give me your palm, and I'm also losing my time." Ling Li said, her voice getting hoarse.

"Chatty!" Fatty yelled at him sternly, knowing the implication of the matter.