

Chapter 528 The Basement

Like a gecko, Mona pressed against the wall, tapping and listening intently before zeroing in on a central position.

"I think this part of the wall is hollow. Maybe you're right—there could be a hidden space in this room."

Melissa traced her fingers along the seemingly ordinary wall, unable to find any switches or indications of another space.

Suddenly, a thought struck Mona. "Check the wardrobe. In movies, the switches are usually hidden there. We should search it first for any hidden mechanisms."

"Okay."

Following Mona's advice, Melissa inspected the wardrobe until she discovered a familiar pattern on a board.

She retrieved a jade pendant from her suitcase and placed it onto the pattern. A creaking noise echoed from beyond the wall.

Rushing to investigate, the pair found the white wall had vanished, revealing a door half the height of a person.

"Unbelievable!"

Mona gasped in amazement, approaching the wooden door. With a gentle push, a damp scent wafted out.

As the odor dissipated, Melissa knelt to examine it. She discovered that the entrance to the basement was indeed dim and well-concealed.

"It's incredible. Who gave you that jade pendant? Why does it have the same pattern as the one on the wardrobe?"

Melissa smiled. "When I was very young, I always had this jade pendant with me. Later, my father told me it was left by my mother and she

wanted me to take care of it."

"Your mother left it to you? Perhaps she believed you'd come here eventually."

Melissa shook her head, thinking her mother had never expected her to arrive.

The secrecy surrounding this place suggested her mother wanted to keep its contents hidden from outsiders.

But from whom was she hiding?

"Shall we explore the basement?" Mona asked.

They could have left the basement untouched, returning the wall to its original position, but Melissa yearned to uncover her mother's secrets.

With no stairs leading down, they descended carefully.

As they ventured further, the darkness intensified and rats scurried about.

Finally, they reached the bottom. Mona, flashlight in hand, led the way.

The space showed signs of habitation.

There was a table, chair, and bed occupying a corner.

Melissa spotted several pieces of paper on the table containing prescriptions.

She suddenly remembered her mother had some medical knowledge. Studying the prescriptions closely, Melissa noticed something amiss.

The medicines were combined in an unconventional manner, and some were entirely unfamiliar.

As she pondered her mother's intentions, a scream erupted nearby.

Melissa rushed to find Mona in a cave, staring up at a cabinet.

"What are these? They look like sundried herbs," Mona exclaimed.

Melissa swiftly compared the herbs to the prescriptions, realizing that

many of the unknown medicines were stored in the cabinet.

One thing was evident, these herbs were processed.



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