

**Chapter 341: Subservient**

Jiang Jin softly said, "Remember not to let your guard down. Our enemy is hidden while we're out in the open. We have to be extra careful. We don't know their objectives for now. Is it the Mu family? Zhuang Ji? The company? Do they want everything?"

Mu Chen held Jiang Jin's frail hand and said, "Don't worry, Grandma. I'll definitely protect our family and Zhuang Ji. Grandma, you must take care of your health. The baby and I need you..."

Jiang Jin placed her hand on the back of Mu Chen's hand and said, "I know what to do. I'll definitely wait for Song Ning to return so our family can continue to live happily..."

Mu Chen nodded; his heart felt incomparably heavy.

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Chen Chen stood in front of Ye Cheng solemnly as he said, "Young Master, Young Miss seems to have vanished into thin air..."

Ye Cheng leaned against the car seat. One of his arms rested on the armrest as he twirled a string of red sandalwood beads in his hand. A disdainful expression could be seen on his face as he said, "With that brain of hers, do you think she's capable of such a feat?"

Chen Chen remained silent.

After thinking for a moment, Ye Cheng asked, "Did you investigate Ning Zhe?"

Chen Chen replied, "I did. I've been closely monitoring Ning Zhe's house and company. His movements are all under our surveillance. However, there's no indication that the Young Miss' disappearance has anything to do with him. Recently, he's been focusing on Zhuang Ji, trying to find ways to work with Zhuang Ji through various channels. Ning Dong and Ji An are still very close. He had given Ji An a lot of money recently to recruit people. He's trying to form a team of his own..."

Ye Cheng continued twirling the beads in his hand. "Who else could it be? Since she dared to leave, it means that someone was waiting for her. When did that person approach her? What exactly does he want her to do?"

Beads of sweat appeared on Chen Chen's head as he listened to Ye Cheng. After a moment, he said, "Young Master, perhaps, Young Miss is just unhappy. Who knows maybe she'll return after her anger subsides?"

Ye Cheng scoffed. "Chen Chen, don't you think you're too naive? Do you think she'll quietly leave when she's unhappy? If she's unhappy, she's the type to make the entire world unhappy as well. Since there's no movement now, it only means that something big is looming up ahead. We must take precautions. We can't allow any negative news about her to leak."

Chen Chen hurriedly nodded. However, he really did not know where he could find that Young Miss who had never acted according to common sense.

At this time, Ye Cheng's phone rang.

Ye Cheng answered the call. Despite the frown on his face, his voice was exceptionally gentle as he said, "Tingting, what's the matter?"

Fu Ting replied in a tone that brooked no arguments, "Ye Cheng, come and pick me up. I'll send you the address."

"Okay," Ye Cheng replied without any hesitation,

After the call ended, a notification rang from his phone.

Ye Cheng took a look and gave the address to Chen Chen.

Chen Chen wordlessly started the car while the knuckles of Ye Cheng's hand that was holding onto the phone were white. He gritted his teeth silently as he wondered to himself, 'Since when did I become her chauffeur and bodyguard who's at her beck and call? Why? Just because her father is the Vice Mayor?'

Ye Cheng smiled bitterly. It seemed like sometimes servility could subtly happen.

At any rate, he was still the Young Master of the Ye family; he was the only heir. Once upon a time, he was a son of a prominent family like Mu Chen, arrogant and domineering. Now, Mu Chen was still arrogant and domineering, but what about him? Just for his political career, he was tied down by that woman and became subservient to her. How could he endure being ordered around?

Chen Chen studied Ye Cheng's expression before he said, "Young Master, Ms. Fu isn't taking you seriously..."

Ye Cheng smiled wryly. Even Chen Chen could not stand to watch the way Fu Ting treated him..

### **Chapter 342: Weary**

Ye Cheng said somewhat wearily, "What else can I do? She's the Vice Mayor's daughter. I've only just stabilized my position. The Bureau Chief is only grooming me as his successor because of this relationship. Unless Fu Ting dies, I'll have to continue like this. If I marry her..."

Ye Cheng could not finish his words.

Chen Chen said, "The society is plagued with instability now, and there's chaos everywhere. With Ms. Fu's temper, if anything happens, no one can be blamed. Don't you agree?"

Ye Cheng did not reply. Instead, he turned and looked out the window.

Chen Chen pursed his lips slightly. In his opinion, the matter regarding finding Ye Xin was difficult to solve, but the matter regarding Fu Ting could be easily resolved.

After a moment, Ye Cheng finally said, "Tell Ji An to be more meticulous. Don't leave any traces behind that can lead to future trouble. Make sure he doesn't implicate us..."

Chen Chen nodded. "Understood. Don't worry, Young Master."

Ye Cheng looked out of the window again. He did not want to continue like this. After entering politics and becoming an official, it would be too meaningless if he had to continue living like a coward.

Thinking about what he had gained and lost during this period of time, his heart felt even heavier. In the end, he still lost to Mu Chen. Mu Chen completely controlled the Mu Corporation, and he had his wife and son waiting for him at home; Mu Chen was truly the winner in life.

On the other hand, for him, the more he wanted, the more he lost.

"Chen Chen, tell Ji An to clean up the Vice Mayor's affairs. I don't want to wait anymore. During this period of time, I'll arrange a public outing to N City in the neighboring province to take action. Help me keep an eye on the Ye Corporation and don't let my father do anything reckless."

"Understood!" Chen Chen responded before sighing in relief.

"What's wrong?" Ye Cheng asked, looking at Chen Chen through the rearview mirror.

Chen Chen said slightly sheepishly, "Young Master, seeing you suffer, how can I be in a good mood? Why don't we go out tonight and have a good time?"

Ye Cheng smiled and shook his head. "It's a pity we're being attacked from both sides. There are many troubles outside..."

Chen Chen naturally knew what Ye Cheng was talking about. "Madam has been locked up at home. She has had no contact with the outside world."

Ye Cheng nodded. "That's for the best. Those serving by her side must learn to keep their mouths shut. Otherwise, I don't mind silencing them..."

"Rest assured and go to N City, Young Master. I'll tell Ji An to get to work immediately while you're there..." Chen Chen said, feeling more relaxed now.

Ye Cheng leaned back against the seat and said in a low voice, "I need to know about Mu Chen and Song Ning's companies' movements at all times..."

Chen Chen smiled disdainfully. "Mu Chen's heart is only filled with his son now. He doesn't even go to the company that often now. Meanwhile, Cheng Che had become obsessed with the entertainment industry recently. He's very diligent in selecting actors and scripts. I heard that for a new movie, he even arranged for the cast and the crew to visit the mental hospital to observe what it's like..."

Chen Chen shook his head. He and Cheng Che were both assistants, but Cheng Che was a few levels higher than him. After all, Cheng Che was an adopted son of the Mu family; Cheng Che could be considered a half Young Master of the Mu family. Moreover, Cheng Che also had inheritance so he was not short of money. It was only natural that Cheng Che was better than people like him. For this reason, he had always disliked Cheng Chen.

Ye Cheng was very sensitive. He asked, "Mental hospital?"

Chen Chen hurriedly replied, "Yes, but it's not the one where Young Miss went. It's said that Cheng Che thought the conditions of the mental hospital where Young Miss was admitted was too good so it didn't fit the script. In the end, he found another mental hospital in the suburbs. He's crazy..."

Upon hearing these words, Ye Cheng heaved a sigh of relief. "Don't let your guard down about the Young Miss' matters..."

Chen Chen hastily nodded. "Don't worry, Young Master. I'll be vigilant.."

### **Chapter 343: Seduction**

Cheng Che looked exhausted as he spoke to Mu Chen through a video call. "Brother, I visited many mental hospitals in the city under the pretext of researching for a movie. Ye Xin isn't in any of the hospitals. I discovered that she had been substituted in the mental hospital that she had been publicly admitted into. That girl looks about 30% to 40% like her. She makes a mess of herself every day so no one notices that she's not Ye Xin."

Mu Chen nodded. "Grandma was the one who raised the suspicion that Ye Xin might be involved in this. After all, she resembles Song Ning, to begin with. She only needs a little tweak here and there during surgery so the recovery wouldn't take long compared to an entire facial reconstruction."

Cheng Che sighed and said with a hint of admiration, "Grandma is really perceptive. Do you think Ye Cheng is the one who brought Ye Xin out? After all, the Ye family was forced to send Ye Xin to the mental hospital due to public pressure. How could he be willing? It's not surprising for him to secretly bring Ye Xin out and arrange for someone to take her place." He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "However, why did he send Ye Xin to our family? Was it to satisfy her wish to marry you? Or, does he have another plan?"

Mu Chen was also puzzled. After a moment, he asked, "Does Ye Cheng and Mr. Mu have any interactions?"

Cheng Che was stunned. "I... I didn't check. It's impossible, right?"

Mu Chen said, "Anything's possible. Cheng Che, we have no leads now so we can't let go of any possibility..."

Cheng Che nodded solemnly. "I understand, Brother."

After ending the video call, Mu Chen placed his phone on the table and leaned back against his chair. The room was dark; he did not turn the lights on. Only the dim light from the computer screen illuminated his face.

At this time, someone knocked on the door. When the door was pushed open, Song Ning walked with a plate of fruits and turned on the lights. "Why didn't you turn on the lights?"

At this time, Mu Chen had already adjusted his sitting posture. He held the mouse in his hand and looked at the computer screen.

After Song Ning placed the fruit platter on the table, she said, “Mu Chen, try these cherries I bought today. They’re very sweet. Grandma really likes them, but she can’t have too many of them so I brought some over for you.”

Mu Chen nodded slightly. He remembered that cherries were the real Song Ning’s favorite fruit. On a whim, he picked one of the cherries up and handed it to Song Ning and said, “Have one.”

Song Ning was delighted. She hurriedly took the cherry from Mu Chen. However, she brought it to his lips to feed him and said coquettishly, “I carefully selected these cherries for you. Hurry up and eat them...”

Mu Chen moved to the side and hurriedly picked a cherry up on the plate and ate it, avoiding Song Ning’s touch.

Song Ning leaned against the table and rested her chin on her hands before she said coquettishly, “Hubby, why are you always so busy?”

Mu Chen instinctively looked at her when she said the word ‘hubby’, but he quickly averted his gaze.

Song Ning was wearing a rather sexy pink nightgown, and because she was leaning forward, the top of her chest was exposed.

Mu Chen stared at the computer screen intently as he said, “I’m currently trying to purchase a company, and it’s at the critical stage...”

The real Song Ning had always addressed him using his name. She would only call him ‘hubby’ occasionally when there was a special occasion. Hence, he was very sensitive to this word. However, when he looked at the woman in front of him, he felt as though he had been splashed with a bucket of cold water. He even felt coldness seeping into his heart.

Song Ning was unaware of Mu Chen’s thoughts. She stood up and moved to stand behind Mu Chen before placing her hands on his shoulder to give him a massage. “Hubby, you should rest for a while. Why don’t you accompany me?”

Mu Chen’s body stiffened. He suppressed and endured his instincts to run away..

### **Chapter 344: Hidden Illness**

As Song Ning leaned forward, Mu Chen instinctively dodged, causing her to fall into his arms. She reached out and hugged Mu Chen’s neck before saying in a soft voice, “Hubby, do you not like me anymore?”

Mu Chen’s body stiffened, and he did not look at the woman in front of him.

Song Ning said, aggrieved, “Hubby, do you really not like me anymore? You don’t love me at all. I really regret having a child. If I had known you wouldn’t be interested in me after I gave birth, I wouldn’t haven’t given birth to the child...”

Mu Chen suppressed the discomfort and disgust in his heart and carried Song Ning. After placing her on the couch, he said in a flat voice, "Stop fooling around. Grandma said that your body hasn't fully recovered."

Song Ning hurriedly sat up and hugged him again. "I've recovered. I know my body the best. Hubby, don't ignore me. We're husband and wife. Why don't we give our baby a little brother?"

Mu Chen said coldly, "I prefer daughters."

After saying that, Mu Chen turned around and returned to his desk.

Song Ning hastily stood up before pouncing on Mu Chen. She hugged him from behind and said, "Hubby, then let's give our baby a little sister."

Mu Chen exerted a little strength and pushed her hands away.

Song Ning winced in pain. She wore an aggrieved expression on her face as she said, "Hubby, what's wrong? What did I do wrong for you to treat me like this? Have you forgotten what you'd said back then? You said unless one of us dies, we'll never part and that you'll love me forever."

As she spoke, tears fell from her eyes.

Mu Chen looked at her and sighed. He took a step forward and gently said, "Song Ning, it's not like you're unaware of what's going on with my body. It's already a blessing from God that we have a baby now. We can't... overdo it. Have you forgotten what the professor said? Do you want to check my pulse to confirm it? If you want me to die early, let's go to our bedroom now..."

Song Ning was stunned. She looked at Mu Chen, horrified.

Mu Chen looked at her intently and continued to say, "You're a doctor so you know what's best for me. You know it takes a lot of my willpower to refuse you, and yet, you're still trying to seduce me. Don't you want to spend a longer time with me in the future?"

"M-mu Chen..." Song Ning was speechless as she looked at Mu Chen in shock and disbelief.

Mu Chen sighed softly before he said, "Leave first. I want to be alone for a while."

Song Ning walked out of Mu Chen's study in a daze. She could sleep at all the entire night, tossing and turning as she mulled over Mu Chen's words.

'So Mu Chen has a hidden illness? He's... impotent? How's that possible? Where did the baby come from then? He said the baby is a gift from God. Does that mean it was very difficult to conceive the baby? Impossible! Impossible!'

She could not believe this. It was Mu Chen, after all. However, which man would admit to being impotent unless they had no other choice?

Then, she began to feel that it was not entirely impossible as she recalled the times she had tried to seduce Mu Chen and failed.

Her heart was raging at this moment. Everything she had worked so hard for was for naught. How could her life be so miserable? She did not expect that Mu Chen whom she had been longing for, the dream of millions of girls in the city, was actually... impotent.

She sat up in a daze and picked her phone, quickly sending a message. She needed to see him at this moment; only he would be able to soothe her heart now.

At this moment, she felt like she was deeply wounded and deeply wronged. She could not help but cry as she wallowed in her misery..

### **Chapter 345: Going Out**

When Cheng Che saw the news on his phone, he was stunned. Due to his perceptiveness brought about by his profession, he could sense that something was amiss. Hence, he called Mu Chen immediately.

“Brother, Vice Mayor Fu’s daughter was involved in a car accident. Moreover, I heard that a piece of scandalous news is about to be leaked...”

Mu Chen frowned. “Scandalous news? Where’s Ye Cheng?”

“Ye Cheng isn’t in the city. I heard he went to N City for a business trip two days ago. Miss Fu and Ye Cheng have already publicly disclosed their relationship so Vice Mayor Fu attaches great importance to Ye Cheng. He’s also doing very well in the Public Security Bureau. It’s unfortunate that he’s absent when such a thing happened...”

Mu Chen said in a deep voice, “Miss Fu isn’t a simple person; she’s not easy to get along with. Ye Cheng looks gentle and amicable on the surface, but deep down, he’s vicious. If Miss Fu is having an affair, do you think Ye Cheng would be unaware of it? Since he’s aware of it, do you think he’d be able to endure it? He might not like Miss Fu, but he definitely likes Vice Mayor Fu’s power...”

Cheng Che nodded. “I think him being in N City is also just a cover-up. However, I just don’t know what he’s up to...”

“It doesn’t matter. Get someone to keep an eye on him. He won’t choose to go to N City randomly even if it’s just a cover-up. He must have dealings there as well. Investigate this matter.”

“Okay. I’ll also inspect our company in city N. I’ll use this as an excuse as well to bring people to sister-in-law’s maternal grandmother’s house to have a look...” Cheng Che said.

Mu Chen’s heart ached when he heard these words. Originally, he and Song Ning had planned to return to her maternal grandmother’s house after she graduated. The old house was still standing. He was going to bring Song Ning and their child back this summer. However, life had always been unpredictable. He never expected such a strange thing would happen to them. Sadness surged in his heart as he thought to himself, ‘Song Ning, will you be there at the old house?’

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When Mu Chen went downstairs, he happened to see that impostor’s back as she left the house. He subconsciously looked at the time; it was already seven in the evening.

When he entered his grandmother's room, the baby was still not asleep. He was playing with their newly selected helper, A Nuan, as his grandmother and Sister watched happily.

Jiang Jin gestured for him to take a seat next to her before she pointed at A Nuan. "She's chosen by Yu. She's really good with the baby. I don't know what they're babbling about, but both of them are really happy..."

A Nuan seemed a little afraid of Mu Chen when she saw him.

Upon seeing this, Jiang Jin quickly said, "Don't be afraid. The Young Master just looks scary because of his cold expression. Look after the Little Master well, and the Young Master will give you a huge red packet during the new year!"

Upon hearing this, A Nuan smiled and bowed. Then, she turned to play with the baby again.

Sister Yu said with a smile, "Since she's already bowed, Young Master, you can't be stingy with her red packet."

Mu Chen could not help but smile at Sister Yu's words.

Sister Yu sighed before she said in a soft voice, "This child's father is a distant relative of mine. He lives in a very remote village in N City. The conditions there are very bad. The girls there aren't given proper education. Apart from getting married at a young age, there aren't many options for them to choose from. However, her father is very determined. He worked hard outside the village for many years. When he saw the girls outside the village living better lives, he wanted to bring his daughter away... However, before she graduated from junior high school, he was seriously injured at the construction site. Before he died, he asked someone to look for me and requested for me to bring her out of the village. Since I'm childless and she was really pitiful, I brought her home.."

### **Chapter 346: A Nuan**

Mu Chen looked at the young girl playing with his son by the cot. He did not expect her to have such a rough life. If Song Ning were here, she would definitely feel distressed.

Sister Yu continued to say, "I thought she should first adapt to living in the city and learn the ways of the world before asking Young Master and Young Madam to find a place for her to learn some life skills. With that, she can settle down and live a good life. That'll fulfill her father's wish as well. She grew up in the countryside so she's simple and kind, but she's very mature. She just needs to be taught slowly..."

Jiang Jin said, "Look at how good she is with the baby. She's the most suitable to take care of the baby. Yu, don't worry. Let her help us look after the baby at home. The Mu family will look after her for the rest of her life.."

Sister Yu wiped her tears away as she nodded. "This is A Nuan's blessing."

These were all trivial matters so Mu Chen did not have any objections. With his grandmother and Sister Yu taking care of this matter, there was no need for him to worry.

"I saw Song Ning leaving the house. It's so late now. Did she say where she's going?"



Jiang Jin nodded. "She said she signed up for postpartum yoga classes. She goes to class at this time every day. She said it's a habit she formed from the time she was an actress and that she must maintain her figure..."

Sister Yu said, "I think Young Madam's figure is very good as it is. It's not much different from before she was pregnant."

Jiang Jin looked at Mu Chen and said, "Call A Jiang. He's been following her for a few days. He should know about the situation."

Mu Chen looked at Jiang Jin, unable to speak.

"Go." Jiang Jin prompted him again.

Mu Chen left the room to make the call.

Just as Cheng Che had said, 'Wisdom comes with age'. His grandmother had everything under control; she was even more meticulous than him and Cheng Che.

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Meanwhile, Ye Xin wept as she recounted her experience a few days ago.

Mu Qing stood up silently and brought an ice pack out from the fridge before handing it over to Ye Xin. Then, he gently said, "Put it against your eyes. If your eyes are swollen, how are you going to face everyone when you return? What did my mother say when you asked her about it?"

Ye Xin pressed the ice pack against her eyes as she said through tears, "She said that he has a hidden illness. They were barely able to conceive the baby. That's why he can't be with me. Tell me, are they telling the truth or not?"

Mu Qing frowned. He really did not have the answer to this question.

Ye Xin asked, "You're his father. How can you not know about this?"

Mu Qing remained silent. When he left home, Mu Chen was still young. Moreover, Mu Chen had always been under his former wife and mother's care. He had never asked about his son's matters. He was a man, after all. He did not have time to care about every little trivial thing. Moreover, Mu Chen was only a child at that time. How could he think to ask about matters such as impotence? Hence, he really did not know if it was true or false.

"This matter is easy to deal with. Just speak to his attending doctor," Mu Qing said.

Ye Xin shook her head. "He said that Song Ning's mentor is the one treating him. Moreover, Song Ning is a doctor herself. Why would he embarrass himself by seeing an unknown doctor?"

Mu Chen fell silent and frowned. This woman's mind was only filled with amorous thoughts. He really wondered how the Ye family raised her. After going through so much trouble to send her into the Mu family, she did not focus on serious matters but only think about ways to sleep with Mu Chen.

After a while, he asked, "How does my mother treat you?"

Ye Xin stopped crying. A smug smile appeared on her face as she said, "She treats me really well. Song Ning gave her a great-grandson so she worships me now. I'm really jealous of Song Ning. Why is her life so good?"

Mu Qing's expression darkened immediately as he said sternly, "What are you talking about? You're Song Ning."

Ye Xin was shocked by his tone..

### **Chapter 347: Jealousy**

Ye Xin hastily said, "I'm sorry. I... I thought I could relax in front of you. At home, I don't dare to relax at all. I'm always Song Ning, the Young Madam of the Mu family."

As she spoke, she moved to Mu Qing's side. Then, she kneeled next to his leg before leaning against it and said, aggrieved, "It's not easy for me to come out. Don't be angry at me. Do you know how difficult it is for me in that place where I'm all alone? I feel like I'm always walking on thin ice..."

Mu Qing's expression softened as he reached out and placed his hand on her head. "If you want to achieve your goal, you'll have to pay the price. We're not in a hurry. All you have to do now is get used to being Song Ning. You have to restrain your temper. Song Ning is gentle and kind. However, she's also independent and prideful. You have to pay attention to these things and not give yourself away."

Ye Xin placed her hand on Mu Qing's knee. She raised her head and smiled sweetly at Mu Qing. "Have you forgotten that I'm an actress? I can easily act out her hypocritical ways. I know her well enough to act out her prideful ways..." She continued to say, "In short, don't worry. Grandma likes me very much. It's just that Mu Chen always has a cold expression on his face. However, he's always like this. Although he swore publicly that he'd treat Song Ning well, behind the doors, he's still cold. He's been like that since I was young. Speaking of which, I think it has something to do with you..."

Ye Xin looked at Mu Qing carefully. When she saw there was no change in his expression, she continued to say in an affectionate tone, "My brother and Mu Chen were classmates when they were young. My brother said he used to be a warm young man who loved to talk and laugh. He only became cold when his parents divorced. I don't remember anything since I was too young at that time. Moreover, I quarreled a lot with my brother back then so I didn't have a good impression of his friends."

Mu Qing looked at the woman in front of him as skepticism rose in his heart. Could this woman really shoulder the heavy responsibility that lay on her shoulders now? He sighed inwardly. Things had already come to this point; there was no going back now.

He held Ye Xin's hand and called out, "Song Ning."

Ye Xin was stunned by the name and his action of holding her hand. She smiled sweetly at him.

Mu Qing looked at her and gently said, "I often think that it's too cruel to let you complete this difficult task alone and make you sacrifice so much. I know your life isn't easy now, and there's nothing I can help you with now. I can't even visit you too often. You can only rely on yourself. Do you blame me?"

Ye Xin felt a warm current slowly flowing to her heart. Mu Qing's voice was like a hypnotic spell that made her feel at ease, comfortable, warm, and willing to do anything for him. She grabbed his hand and placed it against her face as she said, "No! Why would I blame you? I'm grateful to you for giving me hope. You gave me a chance to be reborn. I'll listen to everything you say. I believe that everything you do is for our good!

"I know that your life is not easy, but unfortunately, I can't help you with anything. Even when I visit you, I can't do it too often. You can only rely on yourself. Will you blame me?"

Ye Xin felt a warm current slowly flow through her heart. Mu Qing's voice was like a hypnotic spell that made her feel comfortable, made her feel at ease, made her feel warm, and made her willing to do anything for him. When you succeed in your plan, I'll live in seclusion in this villa and be the woman behind you, okay?"

Mu Qing smiled. "Don't you feel wronged? I'm already an old man."

Ye Xin shook her head fiercely before saying vehemently, "No, you're not old! You're not old at all. In fact, I think it's quite good that Mu Chen has a hidden illness. This way you don't have to worry about anything between him and me.."

#### **Chapter 348: Explanation**

Ye Xin's smile was very bright and beautiful.

Mu Qing smiled and reached out to pull her up. After she was seated next to him, he began to brew the tea.

As though reminded by something, Ye Xin tightened her grip on Mu Qing's hand and asked with a pout, "Can you teach me how to brew tea?"

Mu Qing paused for a moment before he said with a smile, "With your temperament, how can you sit still and learn these things?"

Ye Xin bit her bottom lip before she said, "But you taught Liang Zhou!"

Realization dawned on Mu Qing, and he could not help but smile. "I taught Liang Zhou so she can accompany my mother often. She won't be able to enter the Mu family for the rest of her life so it's a big regret for her."

Ye Xin lowered her head and did not say anything."

He let her sit beside him and made tea for her like flowing water.

The smile on Ye Xin's face froze.

She pressed down on Mu Qing's hand. "Can you teach me how to make Tea Too?"

She pouted angrily.

Mu Qing paused and smiled. "With your personality, how can you sit still and learn these things?"

Ye Xin bit her lip. "But you taught Liang Zhou!"

Mu Qing finally understood and couldn't help but smile. "I let Liang Zhou learn so that she can often accompany the old lady. She won't be able to enter the MU family for the rest of her life. It's also a regret for her."

Ye Xin lowered her head and didn't say anything.

After pouring Ye Xin a cup of tea, he smiled when he saw her sullen expression. "What? Are you jealous of Liang Zhou?"

Ye Xin nodded very seriously. "Yes. Seeing how kind and gentle you were to her makes my heart uncomfortable."

Mu Qing gestured for Ye Xin to drink the tea before he said, "Liang Zhou has been with me for more than ten years. It hasn't been easy for her as well. Moreover, I have the reputation of forsaking everything for love. With this, it's easy for me to make others lower their guards against me. Liang Zhou is an indispensable chess piece. As long as she's around, the Mu family won't suspect me. Do you understand?"

Ye Xin nodded reluctantly. "However, I'm still unhappy. You have to teach me how to brew tea.."

Mu Qing's tone remained gentle as he said, "It's not a problem for me to teach you. However, you have to remember that in the future, I will often send Liang Zhou to accompany my mother. My mother will definitely ask her to accompany you as well. You can be unenthusiastic toward her, but you can't speak rudely."

Mu Qing explained slowly, "Song Ning has always alienated Liang Zhou because Liang Zhen was her mentor. It's destined that she won't have any warm feelings toward Liang Zhou. However, no matter what, Liang Zhou is still an elder and she is Mu Chen's biological aunt. Hence, Song Ning was never disrespectful toward her. Do you understand?"

"Then, it means I can't be friendly with you, right?" Ye Xin asked.

Mu Qing nodded. "Do you understand now?"

Ye Xin bit her bottom lip again before she asked, "Then, the other day... did I do something wrong?"

Mu Qing nodded solemnly. "Yes."

Upon hearing this, Ye Xin grew anxious. "Why didn't you give me a hint then?"

Mu Qing shook his head. "My mother is very shrewd. If I'd done anything out of place at that time, she'd definitely notice it. We have to act as naturally as possible. After I left, did she say anything to you?"

Ye Xin shook her head. "After you left, she went to the baby in a hurry. Currently, she only has the baby in her heart. She can't even bear to part with him for a moment. She doesn't have the time to care about anything else..."

After a moment, she added, "However, she treats me very well. Although she was very kind to me in the past when I visited, there's still a sense of alienation. However, she really treats Song Ning like her biological granddaughter. In fact, she treats Song Ning better than Mu Chen and Cheng Che..."

Mu Qing nodded. "That's right. She has always been like this."

In the past, Jiang Jin had always scolded him because of Liang Zhen. She had treated Liang Zhen very well so Liang Zhen was completely devoted to her.

In terms of winning people's hearts, he had always believed that there was no one better than his mother. Obtaining people's hearts was a very difficult thing to do. Those who could win people's hearts could win the world. In this regard, he still needed to learn from his mother..

### **Chapter 349: Encounter With A Nuan**

Mu Chen was sitting in the car when he saw the fake Song Ning leave the villa before getting into an unknown car and leaving.

Mr. Jiang wanted to follow her, but Mu Chen stopped him. Following that, he made a call and asked someone to check the car's license plate number.

Mr. Jiang asked, "Master, what are we waiting for here?"

"Waiting for the other person to leave the villa..." Mu Chen calmly replied.

Mr. Jiang was stunned. He nodded after realization dawned on him. "I'll get someone to investigate the owner of the villa as well..."

Mu Chen shook his head. "It's useless. The name the house is registered under might not be the same person as the culprit..."

Mr. Jiang fell silent. It seemed like they could only wait for now.

After about an hour, a black car slowly pulled out of the villa.

Mu Chen patted Mr. Jiang's shoulder and said, "Follow the car."

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When Ye Xin returned to the house, she listened for movements as she changed into her indoor shoes.

A helper came over. "Young Madam, you're back."

"Yes, yes. Where's Grandma?" Ye Xin asked.

The helper replied, "The Old Madam is upstairs with the Little Master. He's not feeling well today and vomited milk during dinner."

Ye Xin nodded. Then, as though she had just recalled something, she hurriedly rushed upstairs.

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The baby had just finished his meal and was lying on Jiang Jin's bed while A Nuan played with him.

At this time, Ye Xin burst into the room without knocking. As soon as she entered the room, she asked anxiously, "What's wrong with the baby?"

The baby was so frightened by the sudden commotion he trembled for a moment before he began to cry loudly.

A Nuan quickly leaned down to coax him. "Good boy, don't cry. Don't be afraid."

Ye Xin pushed A Nuan aside and shouted, "What's wrong with him?"

Ye Xin threw her handbag to the ground and reached out to carry the baby.

At this time, A Nuan hurriedly rushed over and carried the baby. Then, she turned around to avoid Ye Xin's hands. She said, "Young Madam, you just returned from outside. You have to wash your hands first."

When Ye Xin finally registered the new face in front of her. She asked, "Who are you?"

A Nuan hastily replied, "I'm A Nuan. I'll be taking care of the Little Master in the future."

A Nuan had spoken in a manner that was neither servile nor overbearing.

Jiang Jin and Sister Yu exchanged a look, satisfied with A Nuan's performance.

Finally, Jiang Jin spoke to stop Ye Xin from rebuking A Nuan. "Song Ning, why did you come back so late today?"

When Ye Xin turned to face Jiang Jin, her expression changed immediately. "Grandma, a few of us went for dinner with our yoga teacher. That's why I came home late. Grandma, I heard from the helper that the baby isn't feeling well and vomited during dinner so I came up to have a look. However, this A Nuan won't even let me carry my own baby..."

Ye Xin stomped her foot and acted coquettishly.

Jiang Jin waved at A Nuan. "Bring the Little Master to the balcony to get some fresh air. The breeze now is very refreshing as well. After that, we can put him to sleep."

A Nuan replied respectfully before she brought the baby away without even sparing a glance at Ye Xin.

Ye Xin pointed at A Nuan's back and complained, "Look, Grandma, look at how disrespectful she is to me!"

Jiang Jin grabbed Ye Xin's hand and pulled her to sit down. "Song Ning, what's wrong with you? Why are you so angry?"

Ye Xin continued to point at A Nuan, who was already on the balcony, as she angrily said, "Grandma, who is she? How can she ignore me like this? Fire her.. I want to fire her!"

## **Chapter 350: Father**

Jiang Jin did not get angry. Instead, she said kindly and gently, "Song Ning, Grandma and Yu are old. A Nuan helps us with the physical work such as carrying the baby. She's very honest and straight. We've told her that she only needs to focus on caring for the baby. She's very mature and obedient. Most importantly, she's very sincere when caring for the baby. She's the most suitable candidate to care for the baby..."

Ye Xin could not let the matter go. She said indignantly, "She still shouldn't have ignored me."

Jiang Jin smiled. "It's not just you. She ignores Mu Chen as well. I've told her that apart from Yu and me, no one's allowed to touch the baby, and she took this very seriously since I told her I'd fire her if she doesn't do a good job." She paused briefly before she continued to say, "She takes her job so seriously that she doesn't even let Mu Chen touch the baby. It's not surprising that she ignored you. Listen, we have many staff members in the house so we don't know if any of them harbors ill intentions. This baby is our treasure. If anything happens to him, what are we going to do?"

Jiang Jin looked at Ye Xin with a burning gaze, causing goosebumps to rise on her skin. She hurriedly forced a smile on her face and said, "Grandma, I was wrong. I was too rash earlier and lost control of my emotions... It's not my intention to do so..."

Jiang Jin smiled and looked away before she said, "It's fine. I know you're just worried about the baby. You're his mother, after all. However, as someone with experience, I want to tell you that even if you love him, you can't be too attached to him. A family like ours isn't suitable to raise a child who's always attached to his mother. Hence, it's necessary to maintain a distance when the child is young. Do you remember that we spoke about this before you gave birth?"

Ye Xin quickly nodded. "Of course, I remember, Grandma. That's why I left the baby under your care. I have to force myself not to see him all the time because I'm afraid he'll get too attached to me in the future. Fortunately, you're taking care of him so I feel less worried."

After saying these words, Ye Xin leaned against Jiang Jin affectionately. "Grandma, you're the treasure of our family. It's because of you that Mu Chen and I are so happy."

Jiang Jin patted her shoulder and said, "Alright. You were out for quite a while; are you tired? Go rest after you take a bath..."

Ye Xin rose to her feet immediately. "Okay, I'll listen to Grandma."

Ye Xin walked out without even looking at the baby.

Sister Yu looked at Ye Xin's back, perplexed. "Old Madam..."

"Yu, tell A Nuan to bring the baby back into the room." Jiang Jin interjected.

Sister Yu swallowed the words hanging at the tip of her tongue and went to get A Nuan.

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Mu Chen's body was cold when he saw the man who alighted from the car.

Mr. Jiang was in shock as well. "M-Mr. Mu?"

When Mu Chen finally regained his senses, he said, "Let's go home."

"Yes, Young Master." Mr. Jiang no longer said anything as he started the car.

Mu Chen leaned back against the seat and rubbed his temples. He felt his heart grow cold.

'Song Ning, I'm sorry I implicated you with my matters. If you didn't marry me, you wouldn't have to suffer... Please be safe. You must wait for me to find you. Please forgive me for the baby's sake. Please forgive me for the pain I've caused you...'

Mr. Jiang looked at Mu Chen quietly through the rearview mirror and could not help but sigh inwardly.. He wondered to himself, 'How can there be a father like that? How can he do such a thing to his son? How can he be so heartless?'

### **Chapter 351: Mocking**

When Mu Chen came home, exhausted, he saw Ye Xin sitting on the couch in the living room watching the television. He stood by the entrance and closed his eyes, inhaling deeply.

Song Ning had never spent much time watching television. She was too busy, after all. The moment she got off work, she would check Jiang Jin's pulse, cook delicious food for the family, and worry if Cheng Che was eating and sleeping enough while he worked overtime. When she was around, the house would be bustling and voices of family and helpers calling out 'Song Ning' or 'Young Madam' would ring in the air frequently.

When Mu Chen walked closer, he discovered the impostor was watching 'Yi Yao'. However, it was the version that starred Ye Xin. He could not help but sneer as he asked, "You can even watch a show like that?"

Ye Xin turned around in surprise and said with a smile, "You're back!"

Mu Chen did not say anything. As expected, after meeting that person, she no longer called him hubby and became calm. He said coldly, "Watch another show.."

Ye Xin blinked her eyes innocently. "What's wrong? It's quite good. I've acted in the movie before. Did you forget?"

Mu Chen stared at her and said, "Can this lousy version be compared to the movie? In terms of acting, you're high above her. In terms of looks, she can't even compare to you. What 'Little Ning Xia'? This show and the company lost so much money because they had a terrible taste and cast such an actress who's nothing but a cheap imitation of the real thing."

Ye Xin felt as though her heart had been ruthlessly stabbed by these words. It hurt so much that she trembled involuntarily. "Mu Chen, do you really hate Ye Xin so much? She's your childhood friend; she grew up together with you!"

Mu Chen's sneer deepened as he said mockingly, "How many times have I explained this to you? Her brother and I were classmates since we were in kindergarten. After that, we went abroad to study. When we were in a foreign country, our relationship eased. On the other hand, the number of times I've



met Ye Xin and the number of times I've spoken to her since we were young can be counted with one hand. How did we become childhood friends? The whole 'childhood friend' thing was created by that shameless woman. All she dreams about is marrying into the Mu family and becoming the Young Madam of the Mu family. Well, she can only dream! I've explained this to you so many times. How can you forget about it?"

Ye Xin's body trembled even more. Her face was pale as she blurted out, "But you originally wanted to marry her, right? If she didn't say no, the current Young Madam of the Mu family would've been her!"

Mu Chen sneered. "It was only because I was in desperate need to find someone to play the role since Grandma was seriously ill at that time. Fortunately, that stupid woman didn't know how to grasp that opportunity. Song Ning, don't you agree?" He heavily emphasized the words 'Song Ning'.

Ye Xin was in a daze. She felt as though her heart had been reduced to ashes.

As Mu Chen made his way upstairs, he said, "You're Song Ning, the Young Madam of the Mu family. How can you watch this woman's show? Don't tell me you admire her? Don't you think you're degrading yourself? That woman is now locked up in a mental hospital. Do you know she's not actually crazy? It's just that her brother dislikes her. After all, if she continues causing trouble, Ye Cheng's career will be ruined. The Ye family values sons over daughters. Moreover, Ye Cheng has worked so hard. How could he allow his troublesome sister to ruin his career? Moreover, that woman is Madam Ye's illegitimate daughter with another person.."

### **Chapter 352: Obstacle**

Before Mu Chen climbed up the stairs, he said, "Turn off the TV!"

Ye Xin felt as though she was soaked in ice water. No, she felt as though she had been frozen for 1,000 years. As it turned out, she was so disgusting in Mu Chen's heart.

Previously, no matter what Mu Chen said or how affectionate he was with Song Ning, Ye Xin did not believe that he did not have the slightest feelings for her. There had always been hope in her heart. She had liked him for so many years, and with her qualifications and appearance, it was impossible for him not to be moved at all. Moreover, he had once 'proposed' to her. Hence, she was convinced he liked her, and she believed he was just angry at her. He was the Young Master of the Mu family, after all, and had never been refused in his life. It was only natural he was angry. After thinking about it, she felt that it was her fault for making him angry so she had been trying to make up for it. She was even ready to put down her pride since she firmly believed that Mu Chen liked her.

However, today, Mu Chen said these words to her, thinking she was Song Ning. Moreover, there was no one else around. If she still could not see the truth, then she was really a fool.

She collapsed limply against the couch.

On the television, Ye Xin smiled innocently and asked, "Am I a fool?"

'Yes, you're a fool!' Ye Xin raged in her heart. She was furious her brother had given up during the critical moment and locked her up in a mental hospital for the sake of the Ye family's reputation. Her

brother's previous kindness to her made her certain her brother would definitely bring her out eventually and send her abroad. After all, her brother had never let her down before. It was also because of her brother's support that she dared to be arrogant and domineering outside. Hence, Mu Chen's words were like knives stabbing at her heart.

When she was out during the past few days, she had asked around discreetly and discovered that 'Ye Xin' was still in the hospital. Although her brother was aware that she had left the hospital, he had to keep up appearances and find a substitute in the mental hospital. He was afraid of ruining his career. Even if she was somewhat aware of all these facts, it was different when someone directly said it to her.

Apart from that, the words 'Madam Ye's illegitimate daughter with another man' further stabbed her heart.

Ye Xin was in so much pain that she instinctively curled up. Even breathing felt painful at this time.

"Young Madam? Young Madam! What's wrong?" A helper rushed in at this moment.

With this, Ye Xin regained her senses. She hurriedly rose to her feet and rushed to her room. She reminded herself she was no longer Ye Xin; she was Song Ning. Ye Xin was gone.

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Meanwhile, Mu Chen kneeled in front of Jiang Jin and hugged her, burying his face in her arms. When he was young and had suffered grievances, he would throw himself into his grandmother's arms as well for her comfort.

Jiang Jin patted her grandson gently and rubbed his head. She sighed inwardly. She wondered if this was karma. Her biggest failure was not raising her son well. Her son grew up to be a heartless scumbag. How could he come up with such a despicable idea and harm her granddaughter-in-law?

'Poor Song Ning. Where's she now?'

If any harm came to Song Ning, let alone Mu Chen, even she would not let Mu Qing go.

When Jiang Jin recalled Mu Qing's usual gentleness and filial piety toward her, she felt chills running up her spine. While her son was chatting and laughing with her, inwardly, he probably could not wait for her to die, right?

After all, currently, she was an obstacle standing in his way..

### **Chapter 353: Help**

"My child, at times like these, you mustn't be distracted. The most important thing now is Song Ning. You have to find her as soon as possible and ensure her safety. The company and money are just worldly possessions. If we can use them to exchange for Song Ning's safety, we have nothing to feel reluctant about. Do you understand?" Jiang Jin said. Her voice was steady and powerful.

Mu Chen raised his head to look at his grandmother; his eyes were brimming with gratitude.

Jiang Jin looked at him and continued to say, "When you reach my age, you'll understand what's most important. With Song Ning, you have a complete family. Husbands and wives are the most important people to each other; they'll spend the rest of their lives together, after all. I know about the heavy burden and responsibility you carry because of the Mu family. Let me make it clear to you; if you have to choose between Song Ning and the company, you must choose Song Ning. I will support you. Fame and fortune are meaningless in comparison to family. Don't feel burdened. I only have one wish and that's for you to be happy. Wealth and material things can't compare to your happiness. Do you understand?"

Mu Chen nodded.

Jiang Jin sighed. "I taught my grandson well, but I didn't teach my son well. I still failed in the end..."

Mu Chen held Jiang Jin's frail hand. "Grandma..."

Jiang Jin knew Mu Chen was worried about her health. She smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry. Song Ning looked after me very well before this. I haven't forgotten her instructions to me. I'll make sure to look after my health so you can be at ease and concentrate on looking for her. The sooner you find her, the sooner both of us will feel at ease..."

Mu Chen nodded. His voice was slightly hoarse as he said, "Grandma, for my sake and the baby's sake, you have to look after your health..."

Jiang Jin smiled and nodded.

The grandma and grandson hugged each other as sadness lingered in the air.

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It was late at night, and A Nuan was sleeping soundly next to the baby's cot.

At this time, Sister Yu gently closed the door before bringing a blanket to the balcony and draping it across Jiang Jin's shoulders. She said softly, "Old Madam, it's late. Let's rest..."

The grandfather and grandson hugged each other gently. The air was filled with a faint sense of sadness.

Since things at home had gotten strange, Sister Yu had been staying by Jiang Jin's side and sleeping in Jiang Jin's room at night.

Jiang Jin pulled the blanket tighter around her as she said, "Yu, we have to help Mu Chen and Cheng Che while they're busy with their affairs..."

Sister Yu stood at the side and asked, "Old Madam, what do you want to do? I'll accompany you as long as you promise to take care of your health. If not for anything else, then do it for the two Young Masters and the Little Master..."

Jiang Jin softly sighed. "I've lived a long and fulfilling life. However, I still worry about my two grandsons. I can't stand at the side and do nothing while others try to scheme against them. There's also Song Ning. We have to get her back..."

Sister Yu's eyes widened in shock upon hearing the latter part of Jiang Jin's words. "Old Madam..."

Jiang Jin looked at Sister Yu meaningfully. "Yu, I'm sure you understand what's going on, right? The Song Ning at home isn't our Song Ning. If I'm not mistaken, she's Ye Xin. Our Ningning is currently missing. We can't just sit around and do nothing. We have to help in whatever ways we can..."

Sister Yu moved closer to Jiang Jin and said with tears in her eyes, "Old Madam, Young Madam... She's..."

Jiang Jin shook her head gently. "Yu, I'll explain it to you slowly.. I know you've always been able to keep secrets, but this matter is too important to be rushed..."

### **Chapter 354: Guidance**

Sister Yu nodded and hurriedly wiped her tears away. "Old Madam, just tell me what to do. I'll make sure to do a good job..."

Jiang Jin looked at the dark sky as she murmured, "I want to drag all those wicked people in M City hiding in the darkness out into the sun. Not a single one of them is allowed to escape..."

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Ye Xin was slightly listless when she woke up early in the morning. No matter how strong she was mentally, she still suffered a heavy blow from Mu Chen's words.

After she hastily tidied up, she went downstairs. Unfortunately, no matter how carefully she dressed up, Mu Chen still did not spare her a second glance. She finally knew how Song Ning and Mu Chen lived in private; as it turned out, their affection for each other was just an act. It seemed like Mu Chen treated Song Ning so affectionately only for the sake of his reputation and the Mu Corporation. In her opinion, Song Ning must have loved Mu Chen as much as she did for Song Ning to endure such a life. Song Ning even tried so hard to give birth to a child.

Ye Xin felt rather conflicted. On one hand, she was rather unwilling to believe Mu Chen was impotent. After all, he was the man she had loved for so many years. On the other hand, she wanted it to be true because it would be a misfortune to Song Ning. Nothing comforted her more than Song Ning's misfortunes.

"Song Ning, why do you look so tired?"

At this time, Jiang Jin's voice pulled Ye Xin back to her senses.

Jiang Jin seemed to be in a good mood as she said, "Song Ning, let's go to Zhuang Ji today. I haven't visited in a long time..."

Ye Xin hesitated for a moment. 'Zhuang Ji?'

Jiang Jin continued to say with a smile, "I see that you're almost recovered. Didn't you say that you don't feel like returning to work at the hospital? I agree that it's too tiring for you to work at the hospital. Why don't you learn to manage Zhuang Ji instead of letting Cheng Che manage it for you..."

Ye Xin hesitated and did not respond to Jiang Jin's words.

Sister Yu smiled and added, "That's right, Young Madam. When Miss Jiahui returns, I'm sure Young Master Cheng Che will be in a hurry to propose to her. Once they get married, it'd be inconvenient for your brother-in-law to manage Zhuang Ji for you. You should learn from the Old Madam how to manage a business..."

Then, after Sister Yu finished speaking, she winked at Ye Xin meaningfully.

Upon seeing this, Ye Xin hurriedly said, "Alright. Thank you, Grandma!"

Jiang Jin nodded in satisfaction. "I've taught Mu Chen and Cheng Che in the past. After teaching you, I can finally retire..."

Ye Xin smiled. Then, she said uneasily, "Grandma, is it really okay for me to take over managing Zhuang Ji? I... I'm afraid I'll do a bad job..."

Jiang Jin smiled reassuringly and said, "It's alright. We have a lot of time for you to learn. We can treat it as a way to pass the time as well. Zhuang Ji is doing very well now so there's not much for us to do except to maintain it. Previously, I've been worried since you're only focused on being a doctor. I was worried you won't be good at socializing. If that's the case, how are you going to take on the responsibilities of being the future Madam of the Mu family? How will you help Mu Chen if you're not good at socializing?"

Then, Jiang Jin turned to Sister Yu and continued to say with a smile, "I really didn't expect this child's personality to change after giving birth. To think that she wants to give up on being a doctor and work on managing Zhuang Ji. However, it's really to my liking. I have to teach her so she can be like me..."

Sister Yu's expression was one of joy as she said, "Young Madam, hurry up and thank the Old Madam.. This is a rare opportunity! The Old Madam personally taught Master, Eldest Young Master, and Young Master Cheng Che, after all!"

### **Chapter 355: Teaching**

Ye Xin hurriedly stepped forward to hold Jiang Jin's arm and said, "Grandma, thank you!"

Jiang Jin patted Ye Xin's hand and said, "The first thing we should do is win over those fussy wealthy and influential Madams..."

"I'm good at that!" Ye Xin said excitedly. It finally dawned on her that Jiang Jin was really going to teach her how to run a business. Taking down Zhuang Ji was one of the tasks Mu Qing had given her.

Ye Xin had already mentioned it once to Mu Chen that she did not want to return to the hospital and wanted to focus on Zhuang Ji instead. She did not think it would be so easy for her to succeed. Who knew Jiang Jin would take the initiative to bring this matter up and pave the road for her? This was an unexpected windfall! She was so ecstatic that she forgot herself and said words that should not be said. She was filled with disdain for Song Ning when she saw the dazed expressions on Jiang Jin and Sister Yu's faces. Based on the two elderly women's expressions, she could tell Song Ning was really bad at winning over those wealthy Madams. She felt a sense of superiority when she thought about this.

Ye Xin tried to restrain her excitement before she said with a smile, "Grandma, I really need to learn to get along with those wealthy and influential Madams. Like you said, this will help Mu Chen in the future. Moreover, I'll be the future Madam of the Mu family. I have to learn to do things properly. Otherwise, it'd be embarrassing for Mu Chen."

Ye Xin's smile vanished as she continued to say, "Mu Chen seems unhappy with me recently. Perhaps, if I can help him lighten his burden, he won't be unhappy with me anymore. I want to be the leader of the family like you, Grandma. You have to teach me!"

Mu Qing was the one who gave Jiang Jin the nickname 'the leader of the family'. Apart from Mu Qing, no one called her that.

Ye Xin, who was unaware of the thoughts in Jiang Jin's mind, asked happily, "Grandma, are we really going to Zhuang Ji today?"

Jiang Jin nodded. "Go and change. You have to dress well. We can't let those Madams think badly of you..."

Upon hearing these words, Ye Xin rushed back to her room, delighted.

At the same time, Jiang Jin and Sister Yu's smiles vanished.

Jiang Jin said with a hint of frostiness, "Tell A Nuan to keep a close on the baby. No one's allowed to touch the baby..."

"Don't worry, Old Madam. Everything has been arranged..." Sister Yu said in a low voice.

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At this time, Gao Wen was walking around the exhibition hall in Zhuang Ji. She sneered when she looked at the things here that were made by Zhuang Yi.

Gao Wen's eyes swept over the exquisite embroidery pieces in the hall and sneered inwardly. 'Such a talented woman, and yet, she was still abandoned in the end...'

She thought she was much better than Zhuang Yi even if she was not as talented as Zhuang Yi. Her family background was superior, and her husband, Ye He, did not abandon or divorce her.

Gao Wen looked at the embroidery of a pair of mandarin ducks, which symbolized conjugal affections and love, and thought to herself mockingly, 'Mandarin ducks? Your husband and I were once like a pair of mandarin ducks as well. Whoever thought to use mandarin ducks to symbolize love is stupid. Mandarin ducks aren't loyal, after all.'

"Madam, do you like this piece of embroidery?"

A voice filled with laughter pulled Gao Wen back to her senses.

Gao Wen turned around. She was stunned when she saw the Old Madam of the Mu family. She hurriedly smiled and greeted Jiang Jin. "Hello, Old Madam Mu!"

Gao Wen felt uncomfortable and embarrassed. After all, the previous incidents had caused their relationship to sour. Moreover, she did not expect Jiang Jin to be so polite to her as though Jiang Jin had forgotten what had happened in the past.

Gao Wen was not someone who did not know what was good for her. She naturally knew it was good to remain diplomatic.

Jiang Jin asked with a smile, "Did you see anything you like? Why don't you let my granddaughter-in-law help you choose a piece?"

Only after Gao Wen heard these words did she notice the young woman standing behind Jiang Jin. She was briefly stunned due to how much the young woman resembled her daughter, Ye Xin..

### **Chapter 356: Concern**

Soon after, Gao Wen realized the young woman was not her daughter, Ye Xin. The young woman was Song Ning, the Young Madam of the Mu family. Song Ning and Ye Xin resembled each other greatly; they were half-sisters after all.

Gao Wen felt as though an invisible knife had stabbed her heart at this moment. They were half-sisters, but their fates were vastly different.

Song Ning was already the pampered Young Madam of the Mu family. Everyone envied her fortune. However, what about her daughter, Ye Xin? Her daughter was currently locked up in a mental hospital. Thinking about this, it felt as though the invisible knife that had stabbed her heart was twisted.

After a brief moment, Gao Wen forced a smile on her face and said, "Young Madam, you've only given birth a few months ago, but you seem to have become even more beautiful. Old Madam, you're really blessed."

Meanwhile, Ye Xin, who was standing behind Jiang Jin, stared at her mother. Her heart was filled with mixed feelings. She was still 'locked up' in the mental hospital, and yet, her mother had the mood to come shopping. She wondered if her mother even cared about her. Her mother kept telling her that she was the most important person, but contrary to her mother's words, her mother only watched as she was locked up in the mental hospital. She was locked up for months, but her mother did not visit her nor did her mother think of a way to get her out of the hospital. How could her biological mother act like that?

With all these thoughts in mind, Ye Xin asked coldly, "Why is Madam Ye here alone? Did your daughter not come with you?"

The smile on Gao Wen's face froze immediately.

Jiang Jin hurriedly pulled Ye Xin's hand and said, "Ningning, how can you speak like that? It's not like you're unaware that Ye Xin made a mistake and is mentally unstable due to her stimulated emotions. She's still in the hospital. Your words are like knives that stabbed Madam Ye's heart..."

Then, Jiang Jin stepped forward and held Gao Wen's arm. "Madam Ye, don't mind her. Young people don't think before they speak. I'll speak to her again when we're home."

Gao Wen forced a smile on her face again. How could she get angry at this time? It was her daughter who offended Song Ning and ended up in her current state. Even if Song Ning provoked her now, all she could do was endure.

Jiang Jin did not release her grip on Gao Wen's arm as she said in a lowered voice, "Madam Ye, I have a few words in mind, but I don't know if I should say them..."

Gao Wen raised her head and looked at Jiang Jin in confusion. Jiang Jin's friendliness was well-known. This kind of friendliness made her, whose heart had been severely damaged recently, feel warm. It had been a long time since someone had cared about her. Her attitude had clearly changed as she said, "Old Madam, please speak."

Jiang Jin and Gao Wen walked side by side, leaving Ye Xin behind.

Ye Xin looked at her biological mother's back and tried her best to suppress her surging emotions. She could not reveal even a trace of Ye Xin's character.

When Jiang Jin saw there was now distance between them and Ye Xin, she said, "I originally thought Ye Xin is quite good. Why did she suddenly change? She used to be a good child..."

Upon hearing this, it was as though a dam had broken as tears streamed down Gao Wen's face. She could not help holding Jiang Jin's arm as she cried. "Old Madam, I'm sorry... It's all... It's all my fault..."

When a person's emotions had been suppressed for too long, they would collapse in an instant with just the slightest prod.

Jiang Jin patted Gao Wen with her other hand and said, "Alright, stop crying. Our families can be considered friends. At that time, we're too impetuous as well. We were too protective of Song Ning. It's just like how you're all so protective of Xinxin. Things will be fine. I just feel sad for Ye Xin.. Why did she suddenly develop mental issues?"

### **Chapter 357: Evil Encounter**

Since they were in public, Gao Wen naturally could not break down completely. She tried to calm down and stop her tears from falling. She hid behind Jiang Jin and wiped the tears off her face. Then, she said, "It's all my fault for spoiling her excessively. That's why she's so domineering and quick to anger. It's good that this happened so she can learn a lesson."

Jiang Jin frowned. "How can you endure it? My heart aches when I think about it. If you ask me, I think you're too muddle-headed. How did a good child turn out like that? Why didn't you look for the reason?"

Gao Wen was stunned by these words. She looked at Jiang Jin wordlessly as various thoughts appeared in her mind. 'The reason? Isn't it because of your grandson? If your grandson didn't suddenly marry a strange woman and marry my daughter instead, would my daughter be in such a state now?'

Upon seeing Gao Wen's lack of response, Jiang Jin continued to say, "Have you ever brought Ye Xin's birthdate for divination? Did she encounter something evil, causing her to act like this?"



Gao Wen was taken aback. She had never thought about this at all.

Jiang Jin smiled and said, "I'm old. I've experienced all kinds of storms in my life. Anything is possible in this world. Sometimes you might encounter things that can't be solved logically. There are many prominent families that declined for unknown reasons as well. Think about it.... Don't you agree with me?"

Gao Wen's expression turned slightly solemn.

Jiang Jin did not rush and slowly told Gao Wen about two prominent families that fell into decline in the early years.

Gao Wen grew more and more relaxed around Jiang Jin as she listened to Jiang Jin speak.

Meanwhile, Ye Xin, who was standing in the distance, wanted to approach Jiang Jin and Gao Wen to listen in on their conversation. However, Sister Yu stopped her.

Sister Yu whispered, "Young Madam, the Mu family and the Ye family are old friends. Miss Ye behaved outrageously previously so the relationship between the families was slightly tense. The Old Madam specially invited Madam Ye here today to resolve the conflict and make peace. They're your elders; it's best to leave them alone to speak. Why don't you entertain the other Madams and socialize a little? Don't think that the Old Madam is distracted while she's speaking to Madam Ye. In fact, she's probably observing you as well. You have to seize this chance to show off your ability."

Sister Yu's words successfully ignited Ye Xin's fighting spirit. She had wondered why Jiang Jin had brought her here but left her alone to chat with another person. As it turned out, it was to test her ability!

Ye Xin felt rather excited by this opportunity. If she had to go to the hospital and treat patients, she would have to spend a lot of time explaining herself. However, she was like a fish in water in this environment. Initially, she had been worried she could not imitate Song Ning or her medical skills. However, Mu Qing had advised her and told her to adapt to the situation as needed. During the past three months, she managed to muddle through and avoid checking Jiang Jin's pulse. This matter had been bothering her; she was afraid Jiang Jin would think she was useless. However, she was now presented with such a good chance to display her skills. She might not know how to check someone's pulse, but she was highly skilled in socializing, especially with the wealthy Madams. She had plenty of topics to speak to them about and please them.

Ye Xin glanced at Jiang Jin and Gao Wen before she decided to heed Sister Yu's advice. Moreover, she did not want to spend any time with Gao Wen. It would make her think about how Gao Wen had been so cruel and let others mistreat her.

Ye Xin's fighting spirit soared. She had an important job to do now. She had to help Mu Qing obtain Zhuang Ji. One day, she would tell her family she was Ye Xin; Ye Xin who had taken everything away from Song Ning.

Since she was young, she had gotten everything that she had wanted. Currently, it was the same!

She wanted Song Ning's man. It did not matter if he was impotent or not. She wanted Song Ning's career as well.. From now on, everything that belonged to Song Ning would belong to her!

## Chapter 358: Similar Mannerism

Ye Xin's performance was rather commendable. She had a good chat with all the rich and powerful Madams.

When Jiang Jin and Gao Wen came over, someone said in an attempt to curry favor with Jiang Jin, "Old Madam, your granddaughter-in-law is really a gem. No wonder everyone praises her."

"That's right, Old Madam. Your granddaughter-in-law has really good taste. She's knowledgeable about the bags we carry and the jewelry we wear. Not only does she know about traditional crafts like embroidery, but she's knowledgeable about fashion and current trends. She's really amazing!"

"That's right. I don't understand why some people say she doesn't know how to run a business? I think she's very shrewd and knowledgeable."

"Old Madam, you're really blessed to have such an amazing granddaughter-in-law. With her around, you don't have to worry at all."

Everyone complimented Ye Xin and Jiang Jin.

Ye Xin stood at the side as pride rose in her heart. Her chin was slightly raised, and she did not bother to conceal the smug expression on her face.

Gao Wen, who happened to look at Ye Xin at this moment, was stunned. Currently, the young woman in front of her resembled Ye Xin too much. It was not her appearance, but her expressions and movements that spoke of arrogance and pride.

Ye Xin had always been like that in the past. She loved listening to praises and compliments. When people praised her, she would lift her chin slightly, looking like a proud little princess.

Gao Wen did not expect Song Ning to have this habit as well. She wondered if it ran in their blood. After a moment, sadness welled up in her heart again. Ning Zhe did not speak to her for many years now, and not once did he ask about his daughter, Ye Xin.

Back then, Ning Zhe had made it very clear that nothing would come out of the affair. They would return to their respective homes and pretend that nothing happened. Although he knew Ye Xin was his daughter, he had never cared about her at all. After all, he already had children of his own; why would he care about his illegitimate daughter?

Fortunately, Ye He was a good father to Ye Xin, but unfortunately, Ye Xin had a bitter life like her.

Gao Wen mulled over Jiang Jin's earlier words and could not help but feel uneasy. Indeed, why was she so ignorant? Why did it not occur to her to seek a psychic for help and divination? Her daughter would definitely get better. Even if her daughter could not marry Mu Chen, she would definitely be able to marry someone as talented as Mu Chen in the future. Her daughter could lead a happy life then.

The more Gao Wen thought about it, the more she agreed with Jiang Jin. The entertainment industry was so complex, and Ye Xin was very eye-catching. Perhaps, someone was jealous of Ye Xin and put a curse on her.

At this time, Gao Wen was determined to look for a psychic to rescue her daughter. She thought about bringing her daughter home first but quickly dismissed that thought. She knew her son would definitely object to it. What she should do now was seek help from a psychic to cure her daughter before bringing her daughter home. With that, her son would not be able to object.

Recently, Ye Cheng rarely came home. His attitude toward her had been frosty as well, causing her to feel panicked.

Now that Gao Wen had made up her mind, she could not stand to waste a single minute. She found an opportunity to bid farewell to Jiang Jin before she left in a hurry.

Meanwhile, Ye Xin watched Gao Wen leave with a cold expression on her face. Then, she turned around indifferently and continued to chat with the other Madams.

At the same time, everything that had happened did not escape Jiang Jin and Sister Yu's notice. After Gao Wen left, Jiang Jin looked at Sister Yu meaningfully.

Sister Yu understood Jiang Jin's thoughts and quietly slipped away.

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Today was the happiest day in Ye Xin's life since she came to the Mu family. Hope surged in her heart as she waited for Jiang Jin to praise her. However, Jiang Jin's calmness was beyond her expectations.

Jiang Jin said calmly, "I'm very tired. You should rest early as well."

This took the wind out of Ye Xin's sail, and she deflated immediately. She suppressed displeasure in her heart before she said, "Grandma, don't you think I'm very talented in business management? I feel that I'm a completely different person after giving birth. Even my interests and hobbies have changed..."

Jiang Jin replied lightly, "Oh? Is that so? Then you should visit Zhuang Ji more often.."

### **Chapter 359: Yoga?**

Jiang Jin called Sister Yu over. "I've been out the entire day so I'm a little tired. Help me to the room and massage my legs. How's the baby? Did A Nuan say anything?"

Sister Yu smiled and held Jiang Jin's arm. "Don't worry. A Nuan said the Little Master was very well-behaved today. He ate well, slept well, and had a lot of fun."

Jiang Jin smiled. "That's good, that's good. I feel at ease with A Nuan looking after the baby."

The two elderly women chatted and laughed as they made their way upstairs.

Ye Xin watched angrily as the two figures disappeared upstairs. She stomped her feet before turning around to leave.

When a helper that was at the entrance of the house saw Ye Xin, she asked, "Young Madam, where are you going?"

Ye Xin said unhappily, "I'm going to attend my yoga class!"

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At the entrance of the yoga studio.

Ye Xin's car had just driven away when an inconspicuous car followed after her.

Liang Zhou looked at the road ahead nervously before she asked Mu Chen who was sitting next to her, "You... Where are you taking me?"

Mu Chen ignored her. He crossed his arms and closed his eyes to rest.

Liang Zhou looked at him helplessly. Mu Chen was the only one left in the world who was related to her by blood, but he hated her to the bones because she had stolen his father and caused his mother's death. This made her unable to face him for the rest of her life. She was deeply afraid because she knew she owed him; she did not need anyone to remind her of that. For all these reasons, she had always been timid and careful in front of him.

Just when Liang Zhou had given up on receiving a reply from Mu Chen, he suddenly asked, "Do you really believe he's loyal to you?"

Mu Chen's voice was so calm that it was eerie.

"What? Who?" Liang Zhou asked, confused. It took a moment before she realized he was referring to Mu Qing. Her heart skipped a beat before she mustered up her courage and said, "I... I trust him."

Mu Chen did not respond. He did not even open his eyes.

Liang Zhou could not help but say, "Mu Chen, I know you hate us, but we really love each other from the bottom of our hearts. When I was young, I was insensible. I ran away from our marriage and forced your mother into marrying into the Mu family. I... I was the one who ruined her life. Later on, when I met Mu Qing, I had no idea he was the man I was supposed to marry; I didn't know he was my brother-in-law at that time. Please believe me."

Mu Chen sneered. "So what? After you found out about his identity, didn't you refuse to give up?"

Liang Zhou fell silent. This was her original sin. After a moment, she said sincerely, "Mu Chen, just like how you love Song Ning, Mu Qing and I love each other deeply as well. For the sake of love, we betrayed our family. We deserve the consequences resulting from our actions. However, Mu Chen, I really don't wish for your relationship with your father to be so stiff. Now that you're a husband and a father, I'm sure you understand your father a little, right? Put yourself in his shoes, Mu Chen. Don't hold a grudge against him anymore..."

A hint of mockery could be seen on Mu Chen's face as he said, "Such deep feelings really moved my heart..."

Liang Zhou did not know what to say. She did not dare to show her temper in front of Mu Chen.

Mu Chen asked, "If he betrays you one day, what will you do?"

Liang Zhou's heart felt as though it had been stabbed when she heard these words. She forced a smile on her face before she said, "He won't. Mu Chen, the feelings between me and your father are similar to

those of you and Song Ning. He won't betray me. He made a promise to me..." Her expression grew solemn as she continued to say, "Mu Chen, love has no rhyme or reason. The heart wants what the heart wants.. Mu Chen, please believe us, okay?"

### **Chapter 360: Probing**

Mu Chen sneered. "Don't compare Song Ning and me to you. Don't taint our feelings!"

Liang Zhou's expressions changed slightly.

Mu Chen asked, "Do you know he has a small villa on Xiushui Road?"

Liang Zhou was stunned by these words.

Mu Chen sneered as he said, "Don't tell me you don't know anything about his properties and assets because you don't care about his wealth..."

Liang Zhou opened her mouth and hesitated for a moment. Ultimately, she did not speak.

Mu Chen continued to say, "If you don't even know what properties he owns, it means you don't know where he keeps his lovers..."

Liang Zhou clenched her hands into fists; her nails dug into the flesh of her palms. She tried her best to calm down as she said, "Mu Chen, he's your father. Please don't slander him like this. He's not that kind of person."

Mu Chen looked at her with pity in his eyes. "How can you believe that a man who could betray his wife wouldn't betray you? If he cheats once, he'll cheat again. Don't you think you're too old to be so naive? Why can't you see this?"

Liang Zhou tried her best to reign in her surging emotions. Her heart had been driven mad by the little bast\*rd in front of her, and yet, she did not dare to say anything excessive. She did know what had gotten into him today or why he was wasting her time. In the end, she gave up and coldly said, "Where are you taking me? Your father is waiting for me at home."

Mu Chen scoffed. He looked as though he had heard a very funny joke. "Waiting for you to go home? I don't think so. I'm taking you to see the good man who's waiting for you to come home. No, actually, he's waiting for someone else to come home..."

Liang Zhou was stunned. She looked outside the car window. The sky was getting darker, but there were still a lot of pedestrians on the road. This road did not lead to her house. All of a sudden, her heart was overwhelmed with unease. She grabbed her bag, wanting to bring her phone out to call Mu Qing.

The mocking smile on Mu Chen's face vanished in just a blink of an eye. "Ask him where he is now. I'll help you verify if he's lying. Both of you have been together for more than 20 years, and it hasn't been easy. Since your love is so strong, why don't you boldly test his loyalty? You'll be able to see if your sacrifices all these years are worth it..."

Following that, Mu Chen looked out the window as though he did not care if Liang Zhou made the call or not.

Liang Zhou's palms were sweaty as she held her phone. After a while, she gritted her teeth and dialed a string of numbers. When the call connected, she asked gently, "Hey, it's me. Where are you now?"

Mu Qing answered smoothly, "I'm having tea with a friend at a teahouse on Shifu Road. I'll be back later. You don't have to wait for me to have dinner. Your stomach is weak so you must remember to eat, okay?"

Liang Zhou nodded to herself. A trace of sweetness welled up in her heart, dispelling the unease. She said happily, "Alright, I understand. It's so late now so don't drink too much tea in case it affects your sleep at night."

"Alright," Mu Qing replied gently.

After the call ended, Liang Zhou looked at Mu Chen. Her expression clearly said, 'Did you hear that? We're clearly in love.'

Mu Chen did not see anything. His eyes were still fixed outside of the car window.

Liang Zhou did not know what to say and decided to stop protesting. Since she was already here, she might as well see what Mu Chen was up to. She could also shut his mouth completely after this. She knew he was incredibly stubborn since he was young..