

Chapter 401: Description

The smell of incense permeated the air, and Gao Wen felt her heart calm down. She was very grateful that she had someone like Liang Zhou as a confidant.

Gao Wen brought a necklace out and said devoutly, "Master, this is the necklace that Ye Xin used to wear all the time. I've been wearing it for seven days. Please help me to find her."

The master's assistant took the necklace from Gao Wen and handed it over to the master with both hands.

The master looked at the necklace for a moment before she brought it to her nose and sniffed it. Then, she began to chant the scriptures as she held the necklace in her hand.

Gao Wen stared at the master unblinkingly. She subconsciously leaned closer to Liang Zhou.

Liang Zhou reached out and held Gao Wen's hand and discovered that Gao Wen's hands were cold and clammy. She thought that her heart was cold as well. She had never thought she was a good person. She was the kind of person where if she was unhappy, other people were not allowed to be happy either. Moreover, she felt that those who made her unhappy should be cast to eternal damnation.

After the time it took an incense stick to burn passed, the master slowly opened her eyes.

Gao Wen looked at the master hopefully with bright eyes as her body trembled slightly from nervousness.

The master drank a mouthful of water before she said, "Your daughter is doing very well now. It doesn't seem like she misses you. Are you sure you want to look for her?"

Gao Wen was briefly stunned by these words. She did not quite understand the master's words.

Liang Zhou gently nudged her. "Gao Wen, if Ye Xin is doing very well now, and she doesn't want to be found, do you still want to look for her?"

Gao Wen looked at Liang Zhou with a puzzled expression as she asked, "Why doesn't she want to be found? I'm her mother. I... I'm the person who loves her the most in this world. How can she be doing well without me?"

Liang Zhou nodded solemnly. "You're right. There are no parents in the world who don't love their children. How can you not look for her? Even if you can only look at her to make sure it's okay, it's still good enough!"

Liang Zhou's words seemed to validate Gao Wen's feelings, and she grew even more determined. She kowtowed as she said, "Master, please help me."

The master sighed softly. "Parents are all the same. Rise to your feet. I can only describe her location and situation to you. Whether you can find her or not, depends on you."

Gao Wen nodded. "Thank you, master! Tell me! I'll look for her myself."

The master closed her eyes as she joined her palms together. A prayer bead was twined around one of her hands. Then, she began to say, "The house your daughter is living in is spacious, and the interior is luxurious. There are many cars in the garage as well. She has someone serving her as well. There's a kind elder in the house, and the elder is really blessed. However... It seems like the elder doesn't care for your daughter..."

Gao Wen's heart jolted.

The master tilted her head slightly, and a slight frown could be seen on her face as she continued to say, "The situation is... a little strange. It seems like... It seems like no one in the house likes your daughter. The people around don't treat her sincerely..."

Gao Wen felt as though her heart was going to leap out of her chest.

At this moment, the master sighed and opened her eyes. She looked very tired.

The assistant hurriedly handed a glass of water to the master and said, "Master, please rest." Then, she turned to look at Gao Wen and Liang Zhou before she said, "It takes a lot of skills to search for someone using an object. Moreover, it's extremely tiring as well. Master helped you because she can see how much you love your daughter."

Gao Wen quickly kowtowed again and expressed her gratitude. "Thank you, Master!"

After drinking some water, the master looked slightly better. She waved her hand slightly, gesturing for Gao Wen to stop. Then, she said with a sigh, "Before the vision was cut off, I caught a glimpse of the word 'Cloud' at the entrance to what seemed to be a large residential area. I didn't have time to see clearly. Apart from that, your daughter's job now seems to have something to do with textile. I vaguely heard something about this earlier."

Gao Wen was shocked..

Chapter 402: Main Point

Gao Wen was at a loss. How was she going to find her daughter with such a vague description? She instinctively turned to look at Liang Zhou.

Liang Zhou did not look at Gao Wen. Instead, she looked at the master and respectfully asked, "Master, apart from that, is there anything else you want to tell us?"

The master sighed before she looked at Gao Wen and said, "If it's possible, it's best for you to bring your daughter back. Currently, the people around her don't treat her sincerely at all. In fact, everyone around her now seems to hate her deeply. If this continues, I'm afraid she won't have a good ending."

Gao Wen asked anxiously, "Why? Is she around bad people?"

The master shook her head gently. "In fact, the people around her are good people. They're very blessed and even have the protection of Buddha. Your daughter must have been manipulated by someone and

was sent to that place. On the surface, she looks like she's doing very well; she looks cheerful, she's eating well, and she's dressed in fine clothes. However, at this moment, she's like a sheep that has entered the lion's den. Things won't end well for her. Only you, her mother, can save her now. Moreover, you have to look for the evil person who's manipulating her. Otherwise, your daughter will no longer be your daughter."

Gao Wen was still confused.

At this time, the master reached out and placed her hand on her assistant's arm.

The assistant helped the master to her feet. Before going into the private room, she said to Gao Wen, "The heavens' secrets can't be revealed. Master can only help you up to here. In the coming week, the master will have to cultivate in seclusion to recover the energy she expended when she looked for your daughter. Go back and think about the master's words. If you still can't figure it out, come back a week later."

Gao Wen quickly nodded and kowtowed to express her gratitude again.

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After they left, Gao Wen grabbed Liang Zhou's arm and asked, "Liang Zhou, I don't have any clue even after listening to the master's words. Where is my daughter?"

Liang Zhou thought about it for a moment before she said, "Don't worry. Let's find a quiet place, and we can analyze Master's words together."

Gao Wen did not have any objections and obediently followed Liang Zhou's arrangements.

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Liang Zhou found a teahouse and asked for a private room. After they took their seats, she brought a pen and a piece of paper from her bag before she solemnly said, "Gao Wen, we need to recall all the main points of the master's words and write down our thoughts. Then, we can go through it one by one and try to deduce Ye Xin's location."

Gao Wen's eyes lit up. "You're right! You're so smart!"

Liang Zhou seemed a little embarrassed as she said, "I was worried you'd think my method is stupid."

Gao Wen shook her head. "No, I couldn't think of anything at all! You're really smart; you immediately came up with a plan." Then, she hurriedly said, "The master said Ye Xin is living in luxury now, and she should be living with a wealthy family now."

Liang Zhou held the pen in her hand as she said, "M City is a famous city in our country. There are too many wealthy families here. Moreover, how wealthy is wealthy? Everyone's concept of wealth is different. Hence, how can we be sure that our concept of wealth matches the master's?" Then, she lowered her voice before she continued to say, "Anyway, Master described her home earlier. Perhaps, we can start from there to see if we can get any clues."

Upon hearing, Gao Wen tried hard to recall the master's words. "Master said the house is very big, and the interior is luxurious. These words are too general. However, she also said there are many cars in the

garage. Liang Zhou, if she has a garage that can house many cars, then she should be staying in a villa at least, right?"

Liang Zhou looked excited upon hearing Gao Wen's words. She gave Gao Wen a thumbs-up and wrote the word 'villa' on the piece of paper. Then, she said, "This clue is very important. With this, we can eliminate many other places. Now, the scope of our search has gotten slightly smaller.."

Chapter 403: Speculation

Gao Wen nodded and was extremely excited by their first clue.

Liang Zhou continued to think as she said, "Master said that she saw the word 'Cloud' at the entrance of a residential area. This narrows down our search again. Let's try and think... No, let's go online and search for residential areas with villas that have the word 'Cloud' in their names!"

Gao Wen seemed to be in a daze as Liang Zhou brought her phone out to search for information. After a moment, Gao Wen said faintly, "Cloudy Peak."

Liang Zhou was briefly stunned before she exclaimed, "That's right! Cloudy Peak Villa! Cloudy Peak Villa is the wealthiest residential area in M City." Then, she frowned slightly as she said, "However, there are only about a dozen families living there..."

Liang Zhou and Gao Wen exchanged a look before Liang Zhou said tentatively, "The Mu family house is in Cloudy Peak Villa."

Gao Wen nodded in a daze.

Liang Zhou continued to say tentatively, "Ye Xin looks a little like Song Ning, the Young Madam of the Mu family..."

Gao Wen looked at Liang Zhou and asked, "Did master confuse Song Ning and Ye Xin? Did he think Song Ning was Ye Xin?"

Liang Zhou's expression changed. After a long time, she finally said, "No. We gave the master Ye Xin's birth date, not Song Ning's. It's impossible for Master to make a mistake. Gao Wen, let's think about this calmly. Master's words seem to point directly to the Mu family house in Cloudy Peak."

Gao Wen recalled the master's words again. Then, she nodded and asked in a trembling voice, "Liang Zhou, what should we do now?"

Liang Zhou bit her lip before she said, "After the Young Madam gave birth, she hasn't been herself..."

Gao Wen was stunned upon hearing this.

Liang Zhou frowned as she continued to say, "Mu Qing and I don't visit the Mu family house often. Mu Qing and Mu Chen's relationship is very tense, after all. Even the Young Madam maintained a distance from me. However, after giving birth, the Young Madam seemed to have changed and is rather warm to me now."

Gao Wen seemed like she had yet to regain her senses.

Liang Zhou looked at Gao Wen and tentatively asked, "If... It's just an 'if' ... If Ye Xin is really in the Mu family, do you still want to bring her back, Gao Wen?"

Gao Wen trembled as she muttered, "Ye Xin's biggest wish is to marry Mu Chen. Unfortunately, things with Mu Chen didn't work. If only Mu Chen didn't have another woman, things might end up this way!"

Gao Wen covered her face and began to cry again.

A hint of derision flashed in Liang Zhou's eyes before it quickly disappeared. Then, she asked, "So if Ye Xin is really the Young Madam of the Mu family now, you won't look for her anymore, right?"

Gao Wen wiped her tears away and said, "This is just our speculation. If your Young Madam is Ye Xin, then what about Song Ning? Where's Song Ning?"

Liang Zhou remained silent as she looked at Gao Wen.

Gao Wen muttered to herself, "Ye Xin and Song Ning resemble each other. When I last saw Song Ning, for a brief moment, I thought I was looking at Ye Xin. Her hair and her lips were like Ye Xin's. Put aside their mannerism and personality, they really look alike."

Liang Zhou did not say anything and waited for Gao Wen to continue.

Gao Wen seemed like she was struggling inwardly before she said, "If Ye Xin were the one who married into the Mu family back then, how happy would she be now? She has liked Mu Chen since she was young. Even when she became famous, she only thought about Mu Chen.. Mu Chen was her dream! Who knew their misunderstanding would lead to such an outcome? That Song Ning is really amazing! She suddenly appeared and seduced Mu Chen so quickly! She didn't leave Ye Xin with any chance! She's really amazing!"

Chapter 404: Guidance

Liang Zhou felt a little impatient, but it was not obvious when she asked, "So, are you still going to look for Ye Xin?"

Gao Wen looked at Liang Zhou, clearly at a loss.

Liang Zhou continued to say, "The Young Madam of our Mu family is treated like a queen in the family. The Old Madam pampers her, her husband loves her, and the helpers respect her. If I were you, if Ye Xin is really with the Mu family in Cloudy Peak, I won't look for her. Let her enjoy her life. What do you think?"

At this moment, as though a bolt of lightning had struck her back to her senses, Gao Wen hurriedly said, "No! Liang Zhou, have you forgotten what the master said?!"

Liang Zhou feigned a puzzled expression.

"Master said that the people around Ye Xin now are insincere and that they hate her," Gao Wen said.

Liang Zhou nodded. "You're right. I remember now."

“In that case, I should bring Ye Xin back with me. The Mu family doesn’t really care about her and that place isn’t good for her. Master said Ye Xin is being manipulated by someone as well,” Gao Wen said.

Liang Zhou nodded again. “That’s right. The master did say that. She said that the people around Ye Xin don’t care for her at all.” She hesitated for a moment before she said, “However, Gao Wen, we don’t know for sure that the Young Madam is Ye Xin...”

Upon hearing these words, Gao Wen calmly said, “No, I have a strong feeling that Master was talking about the Mu family.”

Lu Zhou remained silent.

Gao Wen remained silent as well.

After a while, Liang Zhou took the initiative and broke the silence first. She asked, “Gao Wen, I... What do you plan to do? Is there anything I can help you with?”

Gao Wen’s gaze grew more and more determined as she said, “Liang Zhou, only you alone can help me.”

Liang Zhou hesitated for a moment but still nodded in the end. “If it’s within my capability, I’ll definitely help you.”

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When Liang Zhou arrived at the Mu family house, Jiang Jin and Ye Xin were both present.

Liang Zhou handed a box to Sister Yu with a smile before she said to Jiang Jin, “I bought a new toy for the baby.”

Jiang Jin beamed and said, “The baby already has so many toys.” Then, without waiting for a reply, she said to one of the helpers, “Unwrap the toy and pass it to Nuan so the baby can play with it.”

Following that, Jiang Jin said to everyone, “The baby has been very curious recently and is fascinated by new things.”

“I’ll send the toy up,” Sister Yu volunteered.

Jiang Jin nodded.

Liang Zhou smiled as she watched Sister Yu climb up the stairs. She had already realized that Jiang Jin and Sister Yu had already alienated Ye Xin from the baby. It was clear the duo did not allow Ye Xin to get close to the baby at all. However, it seemed like Ye Xin did not mind it at all.

Liang Zhou looked at Ye Xin furtively. Ye Xin did not seem to be paying attention to their conversation and was engrossed with reading the document in her hands. Upon seeing this, she asked curiously, “Young Madam, what are you reading?”

Jiang Jin did not say anything and just took a sip from her teacup.

Meanwhile, Ye Xin turned a deaf ear to Liang Zhou’s words. Instead, she set the document down before she looked at Jiang Jin and said with a sigh, “Grandma, Zhuang Ji keeps losing money... We can’t let it continue like this, right?”

Liang Zhou's heart skipped a beat. 'Zhuang Ji? Losing money?'

Jiang Jin calmly said, "You've just taken over Zhuang Ji so it's normal for you to lose money. It takes a lot to manage a business. Even if you're smart, it's impossible for you to learn everything in such a short time. Don't worry. Take your time."

Ye Xin nodded solemnly.

At this moment, Liang Zhou said with a hint of envy, "The Young Madam is really lucky to receive the Old Madam's guidance."

Ye Xin pursed her lips, reaching out for her teacup. Then, she said, "I want to be of use, unlike some women. I don't want to depend on my husband and only go shopping every day or have tea every afternoon with my friends. I don't want to embarrass the Mu family, after all.."

Chapter 405: Stealing

After saying that, Ye Xin smiled coquettishly and asked, "Isn't that right, Grandma? Do you agree with me being an independent woman?"

Jiang Jin only smiled in response; she did not reply to the question. Instead, she turned to Liang Zhou and asked, "Aren't you going to go upstairs to have a look at the baby?"

Liang Zhou was overjoyed and flattered upon hearing these words. "I'll go now."

Jiang Jin nodded as Liang Zhou happily made her way upstairs.

Ye Xin pouted. "Grandma, you're biased toward her!"

Jiang Jin sighed before she said with a smile, "Song Ning, no matter what, she's your elder."

Ye Xin's expression turned rather unsightly when she heard these words. "Grandma, didn't you use to dislike her in the past?"

Jiang Jin's smile slowly vanished as she said, "Whether I like her or not is my business. She's still my son's wife. As long as my son likes her, it's fine. I'm old now, and Mu Chen already has a child of his own. I think he'll gradually understand the heart of a father. I think he and his father will reconcile one day. Hence, there's no reason for me to be harsh with Liang Zhou anymore. Moreover, I can't deny that she's been faithful to Mu Qing all these years. Song Ning, the most important thing is to have a sense of propriety. No one likes a woman who doesn't have a sense of propriety."

Ye Xin lowered her eyes guiltily. After a long while, she asked, "Grandma, do you think Mu Chen will reconcile with his father?"

Jiang Jin smiled faintly as she replied, "Who knows? However, if they do, what are you going to do, Song Ning? Hence, you have to maintain a good relationship with Mu Qing and Liang Zhou. Otherwise, it would be awkward. I see that you've warmed up to Mu Qing previously. However, your treatment of Liang Zhou is a little... bad. I advise you to rethink your attitude toward her."

Ye Xin clenched her hands. Many thoughts raced through her mind at this moment, but in the end, she still said with great reluctance, "I don't like her..."

Jiang Jin's expression turned cold.

Ye Xin said through gritted teeth, "She's the one who caused Mu Chen to lose his mother and destroy his family. I don't like her. No, I hate her!"

Jiang Jin looked at Ye Xin in confusion and said, "I remember you were very warm to both of them after you've just given birth. Don't tell me this change is also due to your hormone change after labor? It's impossible for all your changes to be from your postpartum hormone change, right?"

Ye Xin was at a loss for words.

Jiang Jin continued to say, "Song Ning, you're Mu Chen's wife. I hope you'll remember this and not do anything that will embarrass Mu Chen. Otherwise, no one will be able to protect you."

Ye Xin was shocked. Jiang Jin had never spoken to her in this tone before. She could not help the sudden chill that permeated her heart.

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Liang Zhou looked to the left and the right when she arrived at the corridor upstairs. After determining no one was around, she hurriedly went into Mu Chen and Ye Xin's bedroom and made a beeline for the bathroom.

The bathroom was very neat.

Liang Zhou's gaze fell on a toothbrush. It was the only one in the bathroom. Since she knew Mu Chen and Ye Xin were sleeping separately, she knew without a doubt that the toothbrush belonged to Ye Xin. She was about to take the toothbrush when she saw a few strands of hair tangled in the bristles of a hairbrush. Overjoyed, she brought out a small bag that she had prepared beforehand and put a few strands of hair into it.

When Liang Zhou exited the bathroom, she heard Ye Xin speaking to one of the helpers outside. Her heart began to pound in her chest due to her nervousness. When the door was suddenly pushed open, she felt as though her heart had stopped beating.

"Baby wants to see Mommy and Daddy's room so let's have a look," Sister Yu gently said to the baby as she walked into the room. She did not seem surprised to see Liang Zhou. Instead, she held the baby's hand and said, "Let Grandma Zhou tell Baby what's in the room..."

Liang Zhou's palms were clammy. Although she felt like a fool, she was relieved..

Chapter 406: Cover

Shortly afterward, the door opened again and Ye Xin walked in with a gloomy expression. She heard Liang Zhou saying, "Baby, let's see if Mommy and Daddy's bathroom is bigger or your bathroom is bigger."

When Ye Xin turned to look, Liang Zhou was holding the baby's hand and gently speaking to the baby. No one could tell how Liang Zhou felt as though her heart was going to leap out of her chest at this moment.

Ye Xin asked pointedly, "What are all of you doing in my room?"

Sister Yu remained calm as she turned around and said with a smile, "The baby just drank milk and is rather excited. So I decided to show him every room. He likes it when we talk to him."

It took a lot for Ye Xin to get her expression under control. When she finally did, she reached out and held the baby's hand gently as she cooed, "Is my baby very happy today?"

The baby blinked his big eyes and stared at Ye Xin for a moment before he pulled his hand out of her grip. Then, he turned to look at Liang Zhou and giggled happily.

Liang Zhou's heart softened. Her heart felt as though it was going to turn into mush when the baby smiled at her. Tears almost fell down her face. She had carried the baby, the lifeblood of the Mu family, out of the fire at the hospital, and he was smiling at her.

Liang Zhou raised her hand, which was trembling slightly. She suddenly hesitated to touch the baby. After all, the baby was so precious, and she did not dare to touch him. She did not expect the baby would suddenly reach out and grab her finger.

The baby giggled again.

Sister Yu smiled upon seeing this before she said, "Alright, let's go. Baby, we'll let Grandma Zhou lead us to the next room, okay?"

None of them paid attention to Ye Xin or her unsightly expression. The trio left the room together.

Liang Zhou's heart finally began to beat normally. Her entire body was drenched in sweat. However, she did not care about it. Right now, all her attention was focused on the soft and cute baby.

Sister Yu looked at the baby but she said, "Does Grandma Zhou want to hug the baby?"

Liang Zhou looked at Sister Yu in shock. "... I can hold him?"

Sister Yu adjusted the baby's position before handing him over to Liang Zhou. She said with a smile, "You carried him out of the fire, after all. He'll definitely remember this life-saving grace for the rest of his life. I believe his Grandma Zhou will protect him forever as well."

Liang Zhou held the baby with so much care that it looked as though she was carrying the world's most priceless treasure.

The baby smiled and placed his hands on Liang Zhou's face.

Tears brimmed in Liang Zhou's eyes immediately. She held the baby as she murmured, "Grandma will protect you forever. You'll be safe and sound for the rest of your life."

When Liang Zhou saw her tears were dropping onto the baby's clothes, she handed him back to Sister Yu with an apologetic expression. She tried hard to smile as she said, "The baby is much heavier now compared to when he was born."

Sister Yu knew Liang Zhou was overwhelmed by the favor. She acted naturally as she took the baby from Liang Zhou. Then, she said with a smile, "The baby is still growing, after all. The Old Madam has said that the baby suffered when he was born so he needs more people to protect him. You have fate with him. Moreover, you're the one who carried him out of the hospital during the fire. Madam said this life-saving act shouldn't be forgotten."

Liang Zhou could not help but cry. "It's not worth mentioning. It's something I should do."

Sister Yu smiled and said softly, "The Young Madam is busy with her career and can't look after the baby. If you're free, you should come over and play with him. As the baby grows older, he'll need more people to play with him. It's good for his mental development as well."

Liang Zhou nodded repeatedly. "Alright!"

Sister Yu looked at Liang Zhou's handbag meaningfully before she said, "You're busy today so I won't keep you. The baby will wait for you to come and visit him when you're free."

Chapter 407: Test

Sister Yu carried the baby into the living room and put him into his rocking cradle.

Jiang Jin immediately took a toy and teased the baby with it before she asked, "She left?"

Sister Yu nodded and said softly, "When I told her the baby will always remember her kindness, she was very moved."

Jiang Jin nodded. "With this, she'll help Mu Chen sincerely. It's not enough to only rely on her hatred for Mu Qing."

Sister Yu remained silent. Liang Zhou was doomed the moment she decided to run away from her marriage to Mu Qing.

"Did she succeed in her task?" Jiang Jin asked.

Sister Yu nodded.

Jiang Jin heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing this.

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When Liang Zhou met up with Gao Wen, they did not waste time and went to the hospital immediately.

Gao Wen could barely conceal her nervousness.

As the two women sat on a bench outside the hospital to wait for the result, she asked, "Liang Zhou, did you meet the Young Madam?"

Liang Zhou nodded with a grave expression on her face. Then, she said worriedly, “Gao Wen, I don’t know if it’s because I know what I know, but I feel that the Mu family isn’t very warm toward the Young Madam...”

Gao Wen’s heart skipped a beat. Then, she asked, “How do they treat her?”

Liang Zhou said with a frown, “Even A Nuan, who’s in charge of caring for the baby, doesn’t seem to respect her much. With that, you can imagine the attitude of Yu, who’s been the Old Madam’s companion for a long time, toward her. Yu sometimes even ignore her, pretending not to hear what she said.”

Gao Wen clenched her hands into fists when she heard these words. “She’s always been pampered and doted on. When has she ever been treated like that in the past...”

Liang Wen hurriedly nodded. “You’re right. When I saw on TV in the past, I can tell she’s well-loved.”

Gao Wen grabbed Liang Zhou’s hand and said, “Liang Zhou, you have to help me. Help me save Ye Xin!”

A troubled expression appeared on Liang Zhou’s face as she said, “Despite the cold treatment at home, I can see that Ye Xin doesn’t mind; she’s willing. I felt uncomfortable when I saw the way she was treated, but she endured it all. Tell me, why is that?”

Upon hearing these words, Gao Wen felt she understood what was going on. “Master said there’s someone pulling the strings behind the scene. Liang Zhou, someone must be forcing!” Then, she asked anxiously, “Liang Zhou, what should we do now? What if her life is in danger?”

Liang Zhou quickly shook her head. “I think she’s safe for now. However, her disguise will be exposed sooner or later. When that time comes, do you think Mu Chen will let her off? With the Old Madam’s strong personality, do you think she’ll let her off? Apart from that, if she was really manipulated and sent to the Mu family for some reason, will that person behind this matter let her off for failing the mission? I... I think I understand now why the master advised you to bring Ye Xin away. Gao Wen, looking at this way, Ye Xin is really in danger.”

Gao Wen could barely contain her anxieties at this moment. “What should we do? Liang Zhou, what should we do?”

At this time, in Gao Wen’s heart, she was already certain the current Young Madam of the Mu family was Ye Xin. The DNA test was merely a formality.

Liang Zhou patted Gao Wen’s hand to comfort Gao Wen as she said, “Don’t worry. We’ll think of something slowly.”

“We can’t take this slowly. Ye Xin’s in danger! Something could happen to her at any given moment,” Gao Wen said anxiously.

Liang Zhou looked slightly troubled as she said, “Then, why don’t I invite her out alone? At that time, you can show up and ask her what’s going on?”

Chapter 408: Danger

Gao Wen hastily nodded. "This is a good idea! This is a good idea! Liang Zhou, I can only rely on you. You have to invite her out. Help me invite her out!"

Liang Zhou patted Gao Wen. "Let's wait for the results to come out first. We'll continue talking about this once the results are out. Who knows if we're wrong?"

Gao Wen wanted to protest but thought better of it in the end.

The two women continued to chat as they waited.

After a while, a nurse called out, "Gao Wen!"

Gao Wen immediately jumped to her feet. "Yes, yes, I'm here!"

After reading the report, Gao Wen was filled with mixed feelings. She hugged Liang Zhou as she cried and laughed.

Liang Zhou returned the hug. However, one could see the cold expression on her face and the hatred flashing in her eyes from her reflection in the window across from them.

'Ye Xin, I'll make sure you die a horrible death!'

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Song Ning wore a mask as she performed acupuncture on the assistant director on the film set who had fainted due to heatstroke. She was extremely skilled, and the people on the set looked at her in a new light when they saw her cold and professional attitude.

When the assistant director regained consciousness, he was a little stunned when he saw Song Ning as soon as he opened his eyes.

Song Ning asked gently, "You had a heatstroke. Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

The assistant director shook his head.

Song Ning pulled out the acupuncture needles as she said, "Your qi and blood are weak. You can't keep on staying up late in the future. Otherwise, you'll develop heart problems sooner or later."

Upon hearing these words, the assistant director smiled wryly. "In our line of work, how's it possible to not stay up late? Even if I don't want to stay up late, I don't have a choice."

Song Ning did not say anything in response to that. As she packed her medicine box, she said, "Then, you better be careful. If you feel any chest tightness, you can look for me. You can't dismiss this. You have to understand that if you continue staying up late, it's no different from gambling with your life."

When Song Ning rose to her feet, she waved her hand, gesturing to someone to help the assistant director up. Then, she carried her medicine box and walked into the crowd.

As the cast and crew gathered around the assistant director, Song Ning did not look bad and entered Zhuang Ning's room.

When she entered the room, she studied the medical journal her grandfather left behind, whiling away the time.

At some point, someone came in and told her Peng was looking for her.

As she walked, a voice suddenly called out from behind her, "Song Ning!"

Song Ning instinctively turned around, surprised. She saw an unfamiliar man immediately.

Upon seeing Song Ning's reaction, he smiled. "I didn't expect it to really be you!"

Song Ning was shocked. There was no one around this place. Everyone was on set, working. She had taken a shortcut since she did not want to waste time.

When the unfamiliar man walked toward her, she stepped back and asked in a hoarse voice, "Who are you?"

The man did not stop walking as he said, "There's no need for you to know who I am."

Song Ning spun around and ran immediately. At the same time, three silver needles were already in her hand. During the past few months, her body had already recovered. However, the man behind was clearly not an ordinary person. She did not run far before he caught up to her.

The man grabbed Song Ning's hair, and she had no choice but to stop moving. She tried to pry the man's grip away.

The man sneered. "You think you can run? I can't believe you're still alive!"

Song Ning did not say anything. She decisively stabbed the three needles at lightning speed.

The man immediately let go of his grip on her hair.

Song Ning did not even look at the man and seized the opportunity to run. When she finally turned back, she saw the man did not give up. He was limping slightly as he continued to chase after her. She felt her mind go blank; she did not know what to do at this moment.

All of a sudden, Song Ning heard a cry of surprise behind her.

"Don't move! If you move, I'll cripple you!"

Song Ning turned her head when she heard a new familiar voice. A horrified expression appeared on her face when she tripped and fell. As she fell, she sighed inwardly and instinctively closed her eyes. It seemed like she was going to hurt her face again..

Chapter 409: Greatest Gift

To Song Ning's surprise, the pain she had expected did not come. Instead, she fell into someone's arms. She was in a daze as someone helped her up and did not regain her senses until she heard a familiar voice ring from above her head.

"Are you okay? Did you hurt yourself? Tell me where it hurts?"

'Mu Chen!'

Song Ning was dumbstruck as though she had been electrocuted.

Mu Chen checked Song Ning's body for injuries from top to bottom while tears fell like rain down her face.

After Mu Chen determined Song Ning was not hurt, he looked at the face that was hidden by a mask. With just the pair of eyes alone, he could confirm her identity. He said in a trembling voice, "Sorry, I'm late."

He wanted to stroke her head, but his hands were trembling so much.

Song Ning reached out and hugged as she continued to cry.

Mu Chen tightened his hold around her, overwhelmed by the familiar feeling.

At this moment, Cheng Che, who had knocked the man out, called out, panting, "Brother, sister-in-law, we have to leave now!"

Mu Chen patted Song Ning's back and said, "We have to go now."

Cheng Che lifted the man off the ground with great difficulty and supported him as though he was supporting a drunken person.

Song Ning knew it was important that they left now so she hurriedly followed Mu Chen.

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They returned to the hotel that Cheng Che had arranged for the cast and crew of the film to stay in.

The hotel, which was under the Mu Group, was the best in the area.

The lobby was crowded, and no one paid attention to them when they entered the hotel. Even the security guards did not spare them a second glance.

After entering the elevator, they went straight to the top floor. Mu Chen deliberately blocked Song Ning so the surveillance camera would not capture her.

After entering the room, Cheng Che threw the man to the ground. Beads of sweat could be seen on his forehead; he was clearly exhausted. However, he did not rest. Instead, he hurriedly made arrangements for the surveillance cameras to be turned off and the surveillance footage to be deleted.

Meanwhile, Mu Chen embraced Song Ning in his arms again. He was so overwhelmed that he could not speak. He only hugged her tightly, feeling her heartbeat and listening to her breathing.

Cheng Che found a rope and clumsily tied the unconscious man up. Then, he dragged the man into the bathroom and closed the door. When he came out, he clapped his hands and said, "Brother, hurry up! We need to discuss this matter now!"

When Cheng Che saw he was being ignored, he said anxiously, "Brother, we don't know if that man has accomplices! We need to think of a countermeasure!"

With this, Mu Chen finally let go of Song Ning who was still crying. He said hoarsely, "I finally found you, Song Ning."

“Sister-in-law, my brother almost went crazy from worrying,” Cheng Che added to lighten the atmosphere.

Song Ning looked up at the man whom she had been thinking about day and night. She could not say a word and only continued to cry.

Mu Chen stroked the side of her face and softly said, “Let me have a look at your injury.”

Song Ning nodded. She raised her hand to remove her mask.

The hideous scar on her face stung Mu Chen and Cheng Che’s eyes.

While Mu Chen pulled Song Ning into his arms again, Cheng Che said furiously, “When I catch them, I’ll cut them into pieces!”

Song Ning gently pulled away. She looked up at Mu Chen and said softly, “

Mu Chen put his hand next to Song Ning’s ear and said softly, “Let me take a look at your injury.”

Song Ning nodded. She raised her hand and slowly took off the mask.

The Hideous Scar Stung Mu Chen and Cheng Che’s eyes.

Mu Chen pulled Song Ning into his arms again.

Cheng Che was furious. “When I catch them, I’ll cut them into pieces! Cut them into pieces!”

Song Ning gently broke away from Mu Chen’s arms. She looked up at Mu Chen and said softly, “I... I don’t think I’ll be able to see anyone with this face...”

Mu Chen held her face and gently kissed the scar. His eyes shone with tears as he said, “You’re alive. All that matters is that you’re alive.. This is the greatest gift God has given me!”

Chapter 410: Worried

Song Ning felt distressed when she saw the tears in Mu Chen’s eyes.

Meanwhile, Cheng Che turned around and wiped his eyes. He had seen how his brother had been living over the past few months. After meeting his sister-in-law today, he also understood why she did not return to them immediately. As it turned out, her safety was constantly threatened.

At this time, Song Ning anxiously asked about the people she cared about, “Mu Chen, how’s the baby? Is he okay? What about Grandma? Is there any problem with Grandma’s health?”

Mu Chen stroked her hair as he replied, “The baby’s fine. Grandma’s fine as well. They’re both fine.”

Mu Chen felt his heart ache as he looked at the angry scar on Song Ning’s face.

Cheng Che was moved. This was how it should be. People who truly loved each other would not care about appearances at all. Apart from not caring about Song Ning’s scar, Mu Chen remained unmoved by Ye Xin even though Ye Xin had undergone surgery to look like Song Ning. Clearly, Mu Chen was unmoved because Ye Xin was not Song Ning even if she resembled Song Ning.

When Song Ning finally calmed down, she called Cheng Che over before she began to recount what happened to Mu Chen and Cheng Che.

“We kept moving around until Yang Li had plastic surgery and changed her identity to become Zhuang Ning. Only then did we have a moment of respite. I don’t know when I was exposed. If it weren’t for both of you today, I’m afraid I’d be doomed,” Song Ning said before she sighed in relief. Now that she was by Mu Chen’s side, she finally felt safe.

Mu Chen hugged her again and kissed her forehead. “Don’t be afraid anymore. I won’t let anything happen to you ever again. I’m sorry. This is all my fault!”

Song Ning patted his hand and continued to say, “No one expected this. I thought about this many times. It must have started after I gave birth to the baby. Their plan is really perfect. They did everything in one go without any flaws. I’m really lucky to have met Yang Li and Peng.”

“In the days that followed, I could feel that those people were chasing after Yang Li, not me. The person behind this must have thought that I’d died. However, I really have no idea when I was exposed. It’s really too scary...” Fear still lingered in Song Ning’s heart whenever she thought about this matter.

Mu Chen and Cheng Che exchanged a look and saw the shock in each other’s eyes.

Cheng Che said, “No one knows that I’ve been searching for sister-in-law. I’ve made sure of that.”

Mu Chen thought about it for a moment before he finally said, “It’s the mental hospital! Gao Wen caused a huge commotion at that time, and Liang Zhou called the media over. In fact, we found you because of the commotion at that time. It must be the same for the other party!”

Cheng Che nodded.

Song Ning said slowly, “Not long after I woke up, I saw pictures from the baby’s banquet. At that time, I realized I had been replaced. I wasn’t sure if you knew there was an impersonator next to you, and I didn’t dare to reach out to you. In fact, after Zhuang Ning got the lead role, we still didn’t dare to recklessly approach Cheng Che. Instead, we were waiting for a suitable time to reach out. We were afraid that all of you will be harmed as well...” Tears welled up in her eyes again as she said, “I’m most worried about the baby and Grandma. One is so young, and the other one is advanced in age. I was worried Ye Xin would harm them. Peng Peng didn’t dare to ask too much about the Mu family in fear of being discovered...”

Cheng Che asked in surprise, “Sister-in-law, you know that the impostor at home is Ye Xin?”

Song Ning nodded. “Yang Li and Peng Peng used to work closely with Ye Xin, after all. They’re very familiar with her gestures and expressions. Moreover, the only person in this world who could resemble me so flawlessly after getting plastic surgery is Ye Xin..”

Chapter 411: Plan

She could not help but lower her voice. This was all caused by Ning Zhe’s romantic debts.

Mu Chen pressed her head against his shoulder. "I've found you. That's great, that's great. I'm a little absent-minded. I'm afraid this is a dream. I've had many dreams. Every time I wake up, I feel sad."

Song Ning held Mu Chen's hand. She was feeling the same way.

Cheng Che's brain was spinning rapidly.

"Zhuang Ning, that's Yang Li. She wants to enter the entertainment industry to develop. Why?"

"In order to find a chance to get close to Ye Cheng, ye Cheng owes her his life. It was ye Cheng who caused her to be like this. Sister Yang Li had more than ten skin grafts before she finally became like this."

"Her face was completely destroyed, and she was pursued too tightly. The treatment was not timely, and the wound was festering and infected. When the surgery was finally able to be carried out, she could only reconstruct a new face. She was truly reborn and had gone through hell. Therefore, she hated ye Cheng to the bone."

Cheng Che and Mu Chen could not help but nod. It was completely understandable.

"If I hadn't met them and if sister Yang Li didn't have any good intentions, I would have died in the Sea of fire without a sound. And by your side, I'm still alive and well. This trick of theirs is really flawless!" Every time song Ning thought of it., she couldn't help but shudder.

Mu Chen tightened his arms. "Yang Li and Peng are our mu family's benefactors. No matter what she wants to do, I will spare no effort to help her!"

Mu Chen promised sincerely.

Cheng che hurriedly said, "Don't worry, sister-in-law. Her wish will definitely be fulfilled. I will support her with all my strength. When she becomes famous, I will arrange for her to get to know ye Cheng. Even if she wants to drink ye Cheng's blood, I will tie ye Cheng Up and let her drink it!"

Song Ning's heart was incomparably at ease.

This was her family, the family that gave her an incomparable sense of security.

"Mu Chen, Cheng Che, I can't go home for the time being. We have to find out who's behind this!" Song Ning's attitude was so resolute that it caused Mu Chen and Cheng Che's hearts to ache. They were speechless.

Song Ning wrapped her arms around Mu Chen's waist. "With Ye Xin's intelligence, she wouldn't have thought of such a method to insert herself by your side. Someone must be using her. Then this person's goal definitely isn't to help her obtain you. I'm worried that his goal is the MU family. Mu Chen, Cheng Che, you guys have to be careful!"

Cheng Che was touched. "Sister-in-law!"

Mu Chen hugged song Ning. The corners of his eyes were moist, and his heart was filled with emotions.

Mu Chen and Cheng Che discussed for a while, and finally agreed with Song Ning's suggestion. They would not return to the MU residence for the time being, but Mu Chen also did not agree with her

staying here. The one tied in the bathroom.., she would definitely not be the only one who would follow them. Therefore, Song Ning had to listen to their arrangements and move to a safe place so that grandmother and the baby could visit her.

Song Ning gritted her teeth. "This won't do! If I leave, they will be even more suspicious. It's better to stop them with silence. Let those people observe and be suspicious. Then, we can test them again. This way, we can at least calm them down."

Song Ning's mind was always clear and her logic was especially strong.

Mu Chen and Cheng Che also calmed down and discussed with Song Ning. When the three of them reached a consensus, there was already a commotion outside.

The production crew had finished their work.

Song Ning's gaze could not help but fall on the bathroom.

Mu Chen said calmly, "Don't worry about it. Leave it to us to handle. You just need to go back and tell Yang Li and Xiao Peng about this matter. As for the other matters, please don't worry about them. We will arrange everything.."

Chapter 412: Meeting

Song Ning had no objections. After a moment, she asked apologetically, "Mu Chen, I want to see the baby and Grandma. Is there a way?"

She knew she should not make any demands at this time, but she really missed the baby and Jiang Jin. She had been thinking about them every day and night.

Mu Chen nodded. He held her hand and said, "I'll make the arrangements. They miss you too. I feel bad for Grandma the most. She's already advanced in age, and yet, she still has to worry about me and look after the baby."

Tears gathered in Song Ning's eyes when she heard these words. She inwardly swore to put an end to this matter as soon as she could.

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Gao Wen looked at Ye Xin who was sitting in front of her. Her emotions were so overwhelming that tears began to brim in her eyes. After all, she was finally able to meet her daughter.

In order to invite Ye Xin out, Liang Zhou was badly scolded by Ye Xin in the Mu family house. Ye Xin's words were so harsh that they probably hurt Liang Zhou. Hence, Gao Wen felt very sorry and grateful to Liang Zhou. However, the guilt in her heart seemed to have been diluted by the excitement of meeting her daughter.

Ye Xin calmly looked at Gao Wen who was sitting across from her. Inwardly, her heart was filled with frustrations. She had spoken to Mu Qing several times, asking him to tell Liang Zhou not to interact with Gao Wen. Clearly, Liang Zhou did not listen to Mu Qing at all. Moreover, Liang Zhou was even bold

enough to come to the Mu family house to invite her out on behalf of Gao Wen. Liang Zhou had used the excuse of Gao Wen wanting to introduce a few potential customers to her. At that time, when she heard Liang Zhou's excuse, she had sneered. Did she need Gao Wen to introduce customers to her? Moreover, how could she not know the people whom Gao Wen knew?

Ye Xin was eager to cut off all ties with Gao Wen, and yet, Liang Zhou desperately pushed Gao Wen to her. Hence, she had openly berated Liang Zhou when Liang Zhou had invited her out. Jiang Jin was rather displeased by it. After Liang Zhou left, Jiang Jin had patiently analyzed the pros and cons of meeting Gao Wen with her. In the end, there was only one conclusion: she had to meet Gao Wen. Due to Jiang Jin's persuasion, she had no choice but to meet Gao Wen even if she was extremely unwilling.

Gao Wen was naturally unaware of Ye Xin's displeasure. She happily ordered a table full of Ye Xin's favorite dishes.

Upon seeing this, Ye Xin's heart burned with indignation. Sure enough, all kinships in this world were fake. Her mother, after being instigated by someone, ran to the mental hospital to cause a ruckus. When she had found out about it, she had been furious. Even so, in the depths of her heart, she felt rather glad that someone was still looking for her. However, her heart turned cold when she looked at her mother now. Her mother was trying to curry favor with Song Ning. Even if Song Ning had high status, her mother should remember that Song Ning was the person her daughter hated most.

With all these thoughts in mind, Ye Xin's expression turned rather unsightly.

Meanwhile, Gao Wen's eyes were glued to Ye Xin.

Ye Xin looked at Gao Wen irritably and asked, "What does Madam Ye want to speak to me about?"

Gao Wen looked around. Although they were seated in a private room, she was very vigilant. After a moment, she brought a document out from her bag and gently said, "Child, please have a look at this."

It was the DNA test result.

Ye Xin only gave it a cursory glance before she said impatiently, "What's there to have a look at? What does this have to do with me? I'm very busy. If you have something to say, please hurry up and say it. Otherwise, I'm going to leave."

Gao Wen patiently said, "Please have a look at the conclusion of this report."

Upon seeing Gao Wen's unyielding gaze, Ye Xin could only pick the document up and briefly glanced through it. Then, she said unhappily, "The mother-and-daughter relationship has been proven? So what? What does that have to do with me?"

Then, Gao Wen looked at Ye Xin and slowly said, "This is the test result from the samples of your hair and mine."

Ye Xin was stunned. She almost fell off the chair as she yelled, "Are you crazy?"

Gao Wen looked at Ye Xin with an aggrieved expression as she said, "Ye Xin, I'm your mother. I've missed you so much."

Gao Wen began to cry as she reached out to hold Ye Xin's hand that was cold to the touch.

Ye Xin hurriedly yanked her hand away and said with a hint of fear and panic, “Nonsense! What kind of nonsense are you spewing? I’m the Young Madam of the Mu family; I’m not your daughter! Do you hear me? I’m not your daughter!”

“Ye Xin!” Gao Wen called out as tears continued to fall down her face like rain..

Chapter 413: Panic

Ye Xin rose to her feet and retreated in fear. “Shut up! Shut up! Don’t mention that name! Don’t call me by that name! I’m not Ye Xin! I’m not! I’m not!”

Ye Xin’s face was as pale as a sheet of paper. When she looked at the tearful and earnest-looking Gao Wen, fear reared its ugly head in her heart as a bone-chilling cold seeped into her body.

Gao Wen was puzzled by Ye Xin’s over-the-top reaction. She rose to her feet and approached Ye Xin as she said, “Ye Xin? What’s wrong? Are you afraid? Who or what are you afraid of? Tell Mommy. Mommy will definitely help you. Ye Xin, don’t be afraid, don’t be afraid. Mommy is aware of everything. Mommy will definitely help you.”

Looking at the fearful expression on Ye Xin’s pale face, Gao Wen felt as though her heart was stabbed by a knife. She did not say anything else and rushed forward to hug Ye Xin. In the past, when Ye Xin lost her temper and control of her emotions, she would also hug Ye Xin to calm Ye Xin down and to comfort Ye Xin like a child. After that, Ye Xin would slowly calm down.

Alas, it was different this time.

As soon as Gao Wen touched Ye Xin, Ye Xin acted as though she had been electrocuted. She pushed Gao Wen away desperately. She had used so much strength that Gao Wen, who was caught off guard, stumbled back and hit the dining table.

The dining table was knocked askew, causing the dishes on the table to fall to the floor.

As the sound of shattering glass rang in the air, Ye Xin hurriedly pulled the door open and stumbled out of the room.

The waiters and customers looked at Ye Xin curiously as she left in a hurry. She ran out of the restaurant as though she was being chased by a ghost. Even when she exited the restaurant, the scorching sun that shone down on her was not enough to dispel the shivers. As she looked at the busy street in front of her, panic seized her heart. After a moment, she hastily brought her phone out and dialed a string of numbers.

“Hello?”

When Mu Qing’s steady and calm voice rang in Ye Xin’s ears, her heart calmed down slightly. She said tremblingly, “Sir, something happened.”

“What’s wrong?” Mu Qing asked in confusion.

"I need to see you right now!" Ye Xin said as she looked around nervously, afraid that Gao Wen would catch up to her.

Mu Qing was silent for a moment before he finally said, "Let's meet at the villa."

"Alright!" Ye Xin felt like a drowning person who had been given a lifebuoy as she hurriedly hailed a cab.

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Mu Qing only arrived at the villa an hour later.

Ye Xin looked like a startled animal. As soon as she saw him, she rushed into his arms and said, "Sir, something has happened."

Mu Qing frowned. "What happened? Why are you so flustered? Didn't I tell you that we should only meet at the agreed time?"

Mu Qing sat down on the couch as he spoke.

The sunlight streamed in the living room, making it bright. The lighting in the villa was rather good.

Ye Xin stood in the center of the living room. Her body trembled as she said, "My mother... My mother did a DNA test. S-she said... S-she said that she's aware of everything..."

After she finished speaking, her legs gave away, and she fell to her knees.

Mu Qing was shocked by this. "She's aware of everything? What exactly is she aware of?"

Ye Xin tried her best to calm down before she said, "She knows that I'm Ye Xin, not Song Ning."

"Does she know anything else apart from that?" Mu Qing asked frostily.

Ye Xin shook her head.

Upon seeing this, Mu Qing heaved a sigh of relief.

However, the sense of relief in Mu Qing's heart was quickly swept away when Ye Xin said, "I'm not sure what else she knows..."

Mu Qing frowned as he asked, "How did she find out?"

Ye Xin shook her head.

"Did you accidentally reveal anything? Think about it carefully," Mu Qing said icily.

Ye Xin sat on the floor in a daze. Her mind was not working the way she wanted it to.. After a long time, a thought suddenly appeared in her mind, and she exclaimed, "Liang Zhou! It must be Liang Zhou!"

Chapter 414: Beaten

Mu Qing's frown deepened as soon as he heard Ye Xin's words. "Are you aware of what kind of situation we're in now? Do you think it's appropriate to bring your jealousy into this now? What does this have to do with her?"

Mu Qing's words caused Ye Xin's heart to ache. She was so aggrieved that tears began to fall down her face. She moved to Mu Qing's side and kneeled by his legs as she said, "No, no, it's not like that. I'm sure Liang Zhou is behind this."

Mu Qing's frown did not disappear as he looked at Ye Xin coldly.

Ye Xin continued to say anxiously, "My mother is very simple-minded. It's very easy to manipulate. Think about it. Liang Zhou was the one who accompanied my mother to the mental hospital to cause a commotion previously. Liang Zhou must have discovered something and urged my mother to look for me! This must be it!"

Mu Qing said, "Liang Zhou is also simple-minded. This isn't something she's capable of coming up with. I've asked about the mental hospital. She met your mother while she was at the temple, and your mother forced her to accompany her to the mental hospital. She was frightened out of her wits because of that incident that she said she'd stay away from your mother in the future."

Mu Qing's defense of Liang Zhou made Ye Xin rise to her feet. She said indignantly, "You're defending her at this time? She's clearly the one who instigated my mother. How can you be so biased toward her?" She paused briefly before she continued to rant, "My mother came looking for me with the result of the DNA test. Do you know Liang Zhou's the one who invited me out on behalf of my mother? I refused her in front of that old lady, and I was even lectured by that old lady! I didn't want to meet my mother, but that old lady insisted I go. You dare say this matter has nothing to do with her?"

Ye Xin's temper flared up. "Liang Zhou would visit the house every few days. She managed to coax the old lady until the old lady was so pleased with her. Even the baby keeps smiling whenever he sees her! It's clear that she has ulterior motives. You think she's simple-minded? In my opinion, she's deliberately doing all these things! She's deliberately trying to disgust me and target me!"

The more Ye Xin spoke, the angrier she became. "You just dote on her too much! Don't think I'm unaware of how good your relationship with her is! She keeps praising you in front of the old lady with a disgusting sweet expression! If you weren't nice to her, how could she be so happy? You're just biased! You've been lying to me! In your heart, I can't even compare to her!"

Pa!

A slap landed on Ye Xin's face. Her face turned hot, and her mind went blank. She stared at Mu Qing in a daze.

'He hit me! He actually hit me!' Ye Xin cried loudly as this thought appeared in her mind.

"Shut up! Aren't you done kicking up a fuss?" Mu Qing said sternly.

Ye Xin's cries came to an abrupt stop as though they were caught in her throat.

Mu Qing looked at her frostily as he said, "I've warned repeatedly to be careful with your actions and your words. Look at what you've done! I was the one who instructed Liang Zhou to please the old lady, and she completed her task very well!" Then, he continued to say, "However, look at you! Up until now, you've yet to completely grasp Zhuang Ji in your hands. Are you sure the report you've seen earlier is real? What can you achieve by panicking? Did you have to look for me over such a small matter? Do you still remember why you came looking for me in the first place?"

Ye Xin seemed to have forgotten to cry as she listened to Mu Qing's words.

Mu Qing continued to glare at her as he said, "So what if your mother came looking for you with the result of the DNA test? Can you guarantee she wasn't just testing you? Did you check where she went for the DNA test? Did you ask her what she wants to do? You panicked before you even figured out her motive? I'll deal with Liang Zhou. However, you're not to target her. You have to understand that she's not your enemy; she's your comrade-in-arms. You're all my people. Your missions are different, but there'll be times in the future when you'll have to cooperate. Don't bring your personal feelings into this matter."

Then, Mu Qing's voice softened as he said, "I know your feelings for me. I promise that I won't let you down. However, Ye Xin, you can't let your personal feelings interfere with your tasks.. Do you understand?"

Chapter 415: Complaining

Ye Xin sobbed softly.

Mu Qing stepped forward and gently pulled Ye Xin into his arms and patted her back. "Alright, stop crying. What are you going to say when you return with swollen eyes? You have to learn to control your emotions. You're smart, and you learn quickly. As long as you're obedient and listen to me, you'll definitely become an amazing person."

Ye Xin's heart was flooded with relief when she heard these words. Then, she asked tearfully, "What should I do about my mother?"

Mu Qing had calmed down completely at this moment, and his cold aura had disappeared as well. He said gently, "Leave it to me. I'll deal with it."

Ye Xin nodded. She looked slightly worried as she said, "My mother really isn't a scheming person. I feel that someone must be manipulating her."

Despite Mu Qing's earlier words, Ye Xin still felt that the most suspicious person was Liang Zhou. She did not understand why Mu Qing could not see this.

Mu Qing reached out and patted her head. "Alright, don't worry. I'll get someone to deal with this. You should hurry back and think about what to say to the old lady when you return. Don't expose yourself."

Ye Xin nodded reluctantly. Jiang Jin was aware that she was meeting Gao Wen today. Indeed, she had to carefully think about what to say when she returned to the Mu family house.

When Mu Qing saw that Ye Xin had finally calmed down, he casually asked, "How's the old lady treating you? Is everything going well with Zhuang Ji?"

Ye Xin nodded absentmindedly. "Grandma treats me very well. She didn't hesitate to hand over Zhuang Ji's management to me, and she even personally taught me how to build good relationships with the members."

Mu Qing nodded. This sounded like his mother. In the past, his mother liked Liang Zheng so she had taught Liang Zhen many things. Since Liang Zhen was not very business savvy, his mother personally negotiated the contract with the publishing house on Liang Zhen's behalf. His mother had treated Liang Zhen as her daughter.

Mu Qing sighed inwardly. After a moment, he asked gently, "How's the baby? Where's he? He should be able to turn over and sit on his own now, right?"

Ye Xin was still immersed in her thoughts. When she heard these questions, she said, slightly aggrieved, "The baby doesn't like me. Sister Yu and A Nuan are the ones who take care of him. When I carry him, he'll cry. He doesn't care for me at all. I think he even likes Mu Chen who's always absent more than me. It's not surprising, I guess. After all, I didn't give birth to him. Even if I want to get close to him, there's still an invisible barrier."

Mu Qing frowned. "You allowed the helpers to take care of the baby?"

Ye Xin pouted before she said sulkily, "What can I do? Moreover, Grandma isn't willing to let me take care of the baby. Mu Chen has also said to let Grandma take care of the baby. He said that it's a blessing for the baby to accompany Grandma and be raised by Grandma."

Mu Qing felt something was amiss when he listened to these words. "Then, you should make more of an effort to get close to the baby. The old lady isn't so domineering to the point where she'll prohibit you from bonding with the baby. If you don't show that you care about the baby, won't she get suspicious?"

Ye Xin sighed. "It's really difficult to be a woman. I have to take care of the baby, look after my husband, and even manage a business. If I neglect Mu Chen just a little, Grandma will remind me to look after him more. Mu Chen is already so old, and we have several helpers in the house. Why do I need to look after him?"

Ye Xin continued to say, "I'm already working so hard, but Grandma forces me to look at the reports every day. To tell you the truth, I feel dizzy every time I look at the words and the numbers. Zhuang Ji hasn't made any profit at all up until now; it's only breaking even.. What's there to look at?"

Chapter 416: Private Residence

Mu Qing's heart skipped a beat. "Zhuang Ji hasn't made any profit up until now? Are you sure? Did you look at the reports carefully?"

Ye Xin nodded confidently. "I looked at it carefully. I told you that I've been looking at the reports every day, haven't I? Grandma said it's fine and that there's no rush. It takes more than a day to build a business. She said once we lay a strong foundation, business will definitely pick up in the future. She told me to take my time to learn and to not be anxious. I think her words make sense. What do you think?"

Mu Qing nodded as he said absentmindedly, "She's teaching you so sincerely so you have to be diligent. This is your career. Think about it. With Zhuang Ji, how can Liang Zhou compare to you? She has nothing; she has no right to compete with you. She's just a pitiful woman who depends on a man."

Upon hearing this, Ye Xin's heart was soothed.

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When Ye Xin arrived at the Mu family house, she looked at it coldly. Before entering, she brought a small mirror out to check on her makeup. After all, her eyes were still red and swollen. She needed a good excuse to explain this matter.

However, when Ye Xin entered the house, she discovered Jiang Jin, Sister Yu, and the baby were not at home. Although she was surprised, she was immensely relieved. She thought that the heavens were really on her side, allowing her to bypass a disaster.

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Sister Yu carried the baby as she walked behind Jiang Jin who was being supported by Cheng Che.

“Grandma, please slow down. Watch your steps,” Cheng Che said.

Jiang Jin patted Cheng Che’s hand but did not say anything.

They were now at a house located in the old city district in the heart of the city. It was Jiang Jin’s private property. The central business district was located nearby as well. It was a place where every inch of land was worth a fortune. Being able to live here was a true symbol of status.

The house was unoccupied. Apart from a few people who came in to clean the house, usually, there was no one living here.

Jiang Jin had given this place to Song Ning for Song Ning to stay in due to safety reasons. In fact, she planned to give this house to Song Ning in the future as well.

Jiang Jin could not help but quicken her pace as she walked.

When Mu Chen appeared, he held Jiang Jin’s arm. “Grandma.”

“Is she here?” Jiang Jin asked anxiously. As soon as she entered the house, a figure rushed into her arms immediately.

“Grandma!”

Jiang Jin’s heart was filled with mixed feelings at this moment. She reached out and hugged the person in her arms. She felt distressed when she felt how thin the figure was. “Song Ning, Grandma misses you so much!”

The duo hugged each other and cried silently.

Mu Chen and Cheng Che stood at the side as they looked at Jiang Jin and Song Ning. They could not help but sigh inwardly. Were they not part of the family as well? Their grandmother was really biased.

Ever since they ‘picked up’ Song Ning at the entrance of the Civil Affairs Bureau and brought her back to the Mu family house, Song Ning and Jiang Jin had gotten along very well. It was as though they were biologically related. Even Mu Chen, her biological grandson, and Cheng Che, the grandson she had raised since he was young, had to step aside to make way for Song Ning.

Song Ning had been worried about Jiang Jin's health. When she pulled away, the first she did was hold Jiang Jin's hand and asked, "Grandma, how have you been recently? Let me check your pulse."

Cheng Che felt a weight being lifted off his shoulders when he saw this. This was the real Song Ning! Song Ning would always check Jiang Jin's pulse and blood pressure as soon as she saw Jiang Jin before inquiring about Jiang Jin's activities. Jiang Jin's health had always been Song Ning's top priority.

However, at this moment, Jiang Jin stopped Song Ning and said, "I'm fine, I'm fine. Come and have a look at the baby first!"

Sister Yu stepped forward and handed the baby to Song Ning.

The baby looked at Song Ning curiously with his big eyes.

Sister Yu said tearfully, "Young Madam, hurry up and carry the baby. He hasn't been properly carried by his mother yet.."

Chapter 417: The Mother and Her Baby

Song Ning was so excited that her hands trembled as she carefully took the baby into her arms.

The baby looked at Song Ning curiously with his big black eyes.

Song Ning smiled as tears began to gather in her eyes as she looked at the baby's small face.

The baby was chubby, and his complexion was ruddy; he was very cute. He no longer had the wrinkly appearance from when he was just born.

The baby looked at her and suddenly made a gurgling sound as though asking Song Ning, "Who are you?"

The baby did not seem afraid of the person whom he had never seen before. It was completely different from how he reacted to Ye Xin.

Sister Yu's tears streamed down her face immediately. "There's an innate bond between a mother and her child, after all. Young Madam, the baby really likes you. He's trying to talk to you."

Song Ning's tears fell like rain, but her smile did not vanish. She did not dare to remove her mask in fear of scaring the baby. She only used her forehead to touch the baby's hand. She felt sorry for the baby; up until now, she had yet to feed him a mouthful of milk. As soon as he was born, he had to experience such an accident. He was not even given a chance to smell his mother.

Mu Chen, who was standing next to Song Ning, softly said, "Song Ning, remove your mask. He won't be afraid of you."

Song Ning looked at Mu Chen helplessly. She did not dare to remove her mask.

Mu Chen leaned down and gently removed her mask for her.

Jiang Jin and Sister Yu could not help but gasp upon seeing Song Ning's face.

On the other hand, the baby did not seem affected. He blinked his big eyes as he reached out and touched the scar on Song Ning's temple. There was no sign of fear in him at all.

Song Ning burst into tears immediately. This was her son, someone she had given birth to. He was someone who would not despise her no matter how she looked.

Upon seeing this, Jiang Jin and Sister Yu could not hold back and began to cry as well.

Their family was finally reunited when the baby was slightly more than seven months old.

After Song Ning's emotions stabilized, she finally checked Jiang Jin and Sister Yu's pulse. When she finally determined Jiang Jin was fine, she heaved a sigh of relief, feeling much more at ease.

Jiang Jin gently touched the scar on Song Ning's face. Her heart ached when she looked at Song Ning. "How dangerous was it at that time? Song Ning, you've suffered a lot. Grandma feels distressed for you..."

Song Ning smiled with tears in her eyes. "Grandma, it's all in the past. It's fine. The injuries on my body have healed really well; all that's left is the scar on my face. I don't plan to remove it for the time being."

Jiang Jin nodded. She understood Song Ning's intention. "Don't worry. The heavens are watching over us. Song Ning, Grandma will definitely help you seek revenge. Don't worry about Mu Chen either. He didn't touch that woman while you were gone! I can bear witness to that! Moreover, to avoid that woman, he even said that he's impotent!"

Jiang Jin's extremely serious expression as she spoke caused Sister Yu to laugh.

On the other hand, Song Ning's face flushed red.

Cheng Che exclaimed in shock as he looked at Mu Chen, "Brother, you're really bold!"

Mu Chen brought his fist to his lips and coughed lightly. Then, he said in a deep voice, "This is the easiest and most effective method."

Cheng Che gave Mu Chen a thumbs-up and said with admiration, "Brother, my respect for you grows each day!"

Mu Chen did not bother to respond to Cheng Che.

Sister Yu carried the baby and wept emotionally as she looked at Song Ning, the kind Young Madam of their family.

It was obvious Song Ning did not want to get her scar removed now because she did not want to confuse the baby. After all, there was another person who resembled her greatly. She wanted the baby to be able to distinguish his mother from the impostor. To do that, she did not mind having the scar. Fortunately, the baby loved her regardless of her appearance.

The baby nibbled on his fists as he looked at Song Ning. As though he knew Song Ning was longer busy, he waved his chubby hands at her, asking to be carried.

"Baby, are you looking for your mother?" Sister Yu asked as she stepped forward.

Song Ning reached out and carried the baby. She helped him stand on her lap before she stared at him. He reached out with his chubby hand and touched her face again..

Chapter 418: Change

Mu Chen said in a soft voice, "We've not named the baby yet. We wanted to wait for your return before doing so."

Song Ning looked at Jiang Jin and said, "Grandma, why don't you name him for us?"

Jiang Jin smiled. "There's no rush. Let's decide on his name when you come home. We'll just call him Baby for now."

Upon hearing the word 'baby', the baby turned to look at Jiang Jin and made a cooing noise as he giggled.

Jiang Jin was delighted. "Does our baby like to be called Baby?"

Song Ning continued to carry the baby, unwilling to part with him. He was the baby whom she had carried for ten months. The baby whom Mu Chen thought was a little princess while he was in her womb.

Words could not describe the joy of this family reunion.

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When Mu Qing returned home, he saw Liang Zhou curled up on the couch reading a book.

Liang Zhou revealed a surprised expression when she saw Mu Qing. "Why are you back?"

Mu Qing frowned and said unhappily, "Isn't this my home? Why? Is there something wrong with me coming back to my home?"

Liang Zhou smiled and hastily said, "What are you talking about? I just thought you were really busy. You haven't been back for a while now so I was just surprised. Have a seat and rest. I'll get the cook to prepare your favorite dishes. Oh, that's right. Will you be staying for dinner?"

Initially, Mu Qing did not plan to stay for long. However, for some reason, after seeing Liang Zhou's attitude, he suddenly did not feel like leaving yet. Hence, he took a seat on the couch.

Liang Zhou was someone with a strong personality. She was passionate, unrestrained, and stubborn. She had always watched him very closely due to her being very possessive. Mu Qing knew this very well. The more she acted that way, the more she cared and loved him. However, he felt that she was different today. To be precise, she had been a little different recently.

Although he rarely came back home, she did not call him to pester him. This was very unlike her. He had been very busy so he did not pay much attention to this matter previously.

He could not help but wonder if Liang Zhou no longer cared for him as much as before. Then, he shook his head, dismissing that thought. As the saying went, 'A leopard can't change its spots overnight'. Her love for him was etched into her bones; how could her feelings change so abruptly?

This was one of the reasons he did not spend much effort to change Ye Xin's personality. He knew it was a difficult task to change someone. Rather than changing her, he decided it was better to let the people around her adapt her to her new personality. After all, they could attribute her birth to post-partum reasons. As time passed, the people around her would slowly get used to her change and no longer questioned it.

Mu Qing had always been meticulous so how could he not notice the slight change in Liang Zhou. The change successfully piqued his interest. He was so interested in finding out the reason behind the change that questioning her about the recent events seemed less important.

When Liang Zhou returned from the kitchen, Mu Qing was already brewing a pot of tea. She stepped forward to help him as she said with a smile, "I brewed tea for the Old Madam previously. She said my skills aren't bad, and I told her you're the one who taught me how to brew tea."

Liang Zhou's expression was joyful and relaxed while her hands were nimble as she worked.

Mu Qing could not help but feel startled. Liang Zhou had indeed changed. For example, when she had spoken about the Old Madam earlier, it was different. For the longest time, Jiang Jin was her enemy. In the past, when she mentioned Jiang Jin, her tone would be filled with unconcealable dissatisfaction, resentment, and unwillingness. However, now, her tone was cordial and carried a hint of pride.

'What's going on? Is Mother opening up to her? Has mother begun to accept her?' Mu Qing wondered inwardly. However, it was strange. If that was the case, Liang Zhou should have been more excited. For some reason, at this moment, she made him feel as though she no longer cared if she was accepted into the Mu family..

Chapter 419: The Fruits of Her Labor

Mu Qing hesitated for a moment before he asked, "Has my mother been treating you well recently?"

Liang Zhou's expression brightened immediately as she said, "The method you taught me is really effective!"

Mu Qing was puzzled. What did he teach her recently? He had spent his time teaching Ye Xin and giving Ye Xin's instructions, but he did not teach Liang Zhou anything recently. After all, Liang Zhou was not very useful these days.

Liang Zhou did not pay attention to Mu Qing's expression as she continued to say, "Didn't you ask me to learn the art of brewing tea to curry favor with the Old Madam? In the beginning, I wasn't sure if it'd help. I thought you were just trying to comfort me. However, I didn't expect the Old Madam's coldness would thaw when she saw me brewing tea. Mu Qing, let me tell you, I feel really happy!"

Mu Qing smiled wryly upon hearing these words. He had casually said this to Liang Zhou previously, and he had also said this to Ye Xin. In fact, he had placed more importance on Ye Xin. Who knew Liang Zhou would be the one to yield results using this method?

Liang Zhou continued to say excitedly, "You told me to show more care toward the baby. However, I didn't do much. I'd only buy toys or clothes for him whenever I visit. After all, these things won't cause any problems. Moreover, I'd always buy the ones with the best quality for him! Now the baby recognizes me, and he plays with the toys I bought him a lot!" Her expression was one of joy as she continued to say, "I discovered that as long as I can please the baby, the Old Madam will be very happy as well. Mu Qing, you're really amazing. You've always been able to predict things accurately and come up with effective ways to do things. The foolish ideas in my mind can't compare to your ideas at all!"

Although there were no changes in Mu Qing's appearance, he was extremely pleased inwardly. He did not expect that Liang Zhou would understand things faster than Ye Xin.

"Today, Sister Yu even let me carry the baby. The baby is really cute. He can recognize people, places, and things now. That's why he always smiles at me. The baby is really precious. Usually, not anyone can hold or touch him. However, Sister Yu actually allowed me to carry him today!" Liang Zhou said happily.

Mu Qing felt slightly disappointed when he saw how happy Liang Zhou was. During the days he did not come home and was clearly cold toward her, she still lived a happy and peaceful life.

Liang Zhou poured the tea into a teacup before she presented it to Mu Qing with both hands and a sweet smile on her face. She said, "Master is right. When you let go of your obsessions, everything that you want will come to you. The worst thing is to be stubborn. The more you're afraid of losing something, the more you'll be unable to obtain it. You must be magnanimous to live a happy life!"

Mu Qing brought the teacup to his lips. Liang Zhou's happiness made him more and more uncomfortable. After a moment, he deliberately asked, "How's Sing Ning? You see her often when you visit, right?"

Liang Zhou looked at the man without a change in her expression, but her heart turned cold. It was a pity it took her so long to see that the man in front of her had always treated her like a tool. She briefly wondered if his feelings for Ye Xin were sincere but quickly dismissed it. He was only sincere to himself.

Then, Liang Zhou furrowed her brows slightly as she said, "I don't know about the Young Madam, but I feel like... she's quite strange..."

"Strange?" Mu Qing could not help but feel worried upon hearing these words.

Liang Zhou nodded. "Logically speaking, when a woman becomes a mother, her heart and mind would be filled with her child. However, the Young Madam isn't like that. Not only does she go out all day long, but when she returns, she doesn't even look at the baby. Even if she does, she doesn't hold him or play with him. In fact, she seems rather... afraid of the baby. I don't know... After all, I've never given birth before so I don't know much about postpartum changes. I can't say for sure if this is normal or not..."

Liang Zhou sighed after she finished speaking.

Mu Qing grew wary upon hearing these words; he was inwardly alarmed.. “What about my mother? Is my mother unhappy with her? My mother has said that she’ll look after the baby so perhaps, Song Ning is afraid of making my mother unhappy so she doesn’t dare to get close to the baby?”

Chapter 420: Cliche

Lu Zhou rolled her eyes before she said, “What are you saying? Is the Old Madam that kind of person? Think about how she treats Mu Chen and Cheng Che. How could she be like that? She’s very good to the Young Madam; her treatment of the Young Madam is not different from that of a biological grandmother. In fact, I understand why the Old Madam decided to look after the baby. Perhaps, it has something to do with the Young Madam’s emotional problems.”

“Emotional problems?” Mu Qing instinctively asked.

Liang Zhou nodded. “I heard Sister Yu said that after women give birth, the changes in hormones can affect them. It’s just that the Young Madam’s changes are more obvious. However, I’m really confused. It’s been a long time now, and the baby has grown so big, but why is the Young Madam still like that? Why hasn’t she recovered?”

“How can a mother be so cold to her child? What if people criticize the Old Madam in the future for being ruthless and say she stole the baby from the Young Madam? However, anyone with half a brain would know it’s not true. The Old Madam is already advanced in age; one can only imagine how tiring it must be to look after a baby. Speaking of which, I really feel the Young Madam isn’t very sensible...” Liang Zhou continued to say, as though she was talking to herself and did not notice Mu Qing’s unsightly expression. She shook her head when she finished speaking.

Mu Qing suddenly changed the topic and asked, “Liang Zhou, have you been spending a lot of time with Madam Ye recently?”

Liang Zhou looked a little confused as though she did not understand why Mu Qing would ask this question. She thought for a moment before she replied, “I don’t see her often. She has had a lot of problems recently so she always comes to me for comfort. To be honest, I don’t really want to get involved with her. However, my master has told me to be kind in order to seek blessing for our unborn child. It’s important to help others. Hence, whenever she comes to me, I’ll try my best to help her.” She scooted closer to Mu Qing as she continued to say, “Previously, she dragged me to the mental hospital with her. I really didn’t expect things to escalate. After that, I tried my best to distance myself from her. Moreover, she seems to have gone a little crazy recently that I was slightly frightened when I saw her.”

While Liang Zhou spoke, Mu Qing had been observing the changes in her expression. When he found nothing strange, he continued to ask, “Did she ask you to help her with anything?”

A confused expression appeared on her face. “Huh? Like what?”

Mu Qing lowered his gaze and thought about it for a moment before he said, “For example, did she ask you to steal anything from Song Ning? After all, Song Ning and Ye Xin resemble each other greatly.”

Liang Zhou was surprised. “You know Ye Xin resembles the Young Madam as well? That’s right! They’re really similar. Do you know that everyone’s saying that the Young Madam and Ye Xin are half-sisters? Ye

Xin's biological father is rumored to be Ning Zhe of the Ning Corporation. In any case, this is just gossip between women so you can't take it seriously. However, there's no denying that the two really look alike."

Mu Qing frowned. "So Madam Ye has no intention of recognizing Song Ning as her daughter?"

Liang Zhou laughed as though she had heard a joke. "How can that be? That's too absurd! Just because her daughter is missing, how can she use someone to replace her daughter?"

Mu Qing was speechless as he looked at Liang Zhou's frank and innocent expression.

Although Liang Zhou was stubborn, aggressive, and troublesome, she was not a schemer nor was she very smart. She knew nothing about Ye Xin replacing Song Ning, but even she could tell something was strange about Ye Xin. If even a fool like Liang Zhou could sense it, it was likely that Jiang Jin had already sensed it as well.

When Mu Qing thought about this, he could not help but break out in cold sweat..