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Chapter 621 Consultation

Jiahui looked at the patient's details as she asked the patient, who had just taken a seat, without looking up, "What's wrong? Where do you feel unwell?"

The patient did not speak.

After Jiahui wrote a few sentences, she set her pen down and looked at the computer. Then, she glanced at a case book before she finally said, "Guan Tang, please place your hand here with your wrist up."

Guan Tang did as she was told as she stared at Jiahui unblinkingly.

Jiahui reached out to check Guan Tang's pulse before she finally looked up. She was stunned when she saw Yin Jia standing behind her patient.

Yin Jia smiled. "Doctor An, this is my sister-in-law. Please give her a check-up. For example, is her body healthy enough if she wants to get pregnant within the year?"

Jiahui did not react. She only looked at Yin Jia silently.

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At this time, Guan Tang blushed and said, "Sister, what nonsense are you talking about?"

Jiahui turned a deaf ear to Yin Jia's words. Instead, she focused on checking Guan Tang's pulse. Suddenly, she frowned. Then, she asked, "Is your period regular?"

Guan Tang replied reluctantly, "Not really..."

"Is it usually late or early?"

"Sometimes late, sometimes early," Guan Tang replied.

Jiahui nodded. "Stick out your tongue so I can have a look."

Guan Tang did as she was told.

Jiahui continued to ask about Guan Tang's condition before she wrote down the prescription.

At this moment, Yin Jia asked, "Doctor An, what's wrong with my sister-in-law? Is it serious? You're writing the prescription without saying anything. It's making me worried."

Jiahui did not look up as she said, "There's no big problem."

Yin Jia said unhappily, "What do you mean? If there's no problem, why are you writing a prescription? Is there something you can't say or is it possible that you can't diagnose her?"

After Jiahui was done writing, she stared at Yin Jia with clear eyes until Yin Jia felt uncomfortable. Only then did she shift her eyes to Guan Tang and said as she pointed at the prescription, "Your lungs' meridians are damaged, and your livers are quite weak. Perhaps, it's due to overthinking and stress. Your sleep quality is very poor as well. I've prescribed you medicine that will help strengthen your livers,

regulate your Qi and blood, and calm your mind. The treatment course for Chinese medicine is relatively long. You'll need to see a doctor every week to adjust the medicine according to your condition. No one knows better than you how you feel. Doctors can only help you to a certain extent. It's up to you to cooperate and take care of your health."

Guan Tang was inwardly shocked when she heard Jiahui's words. After a moment, she asked in a trembling voice, "Doctor, am... am I okay?" Jiahui smiled. "Humans aren't immortals, after all. Everyone would have a problem or two? As long as you take good care of yourself, you'll be fine. Like I said, it all depends on how willing you are to look after your health."

"I'll definitely look after my health!" Guan Tang quickly said.

Jiahui smiled. "Then, remember to take your medicine on time. Go out more often, and don't overthink things and stress yourself out. If you're too stressed, you'll be prone to falling sick."

Guan Tang looked at the female doctor in front of her. The doctor was wearing a mask so only her pair of big and round beautiful eyes were revealed. She felt that the pair of eyes were able to see through her and that she had nowhere to hide.

Meanwhile, Yin Jia was very dissatisfied with Jiahui's attitude. She said, "Doctor An, we came here because of the hospital's reputation. You can't just send us away like that, right?"

Yin Jia did not intend to give up and leave just like that.

Chapter 622 Instigation

Jiahui adjusted her sitting posture before she raised an eyebrow as she looked at Yin Jia and asked, "Did you register to see a doctor?"

Yin Jia nodded. "Of course."

Then, Jiahui pointed at the prescription and said, "You've seen the doctor. We're done."

"It's that simple? It wasn't easy for us to make an appointment, and you just looked at her for a few minutes?" Yin Jia asked.

Jiahui looked at Yin Jia and bluntly asked, "What else do you want?"

Yin Jia was stunned. She wanted to cause trouble and sow discord between Jiahui and Guan Tang so she could benefit from it. However, she did not expect that trash Guan Tang would be so useless at the critical moment. It was even more unexpected that Jiahui was not affected by Guan Tang at all even when she had told Jiahui that Guan Tang was Cheng Che's fiancée. With this, she had no choice but to personally make a move.

Yin Jia leaned over slightly and said in a low voice, "Doctor An, my brother and my sister-in-law had been promised to each other since they were young. They've been separated for a long time and will be meeting soon. They're not young anymore so their marriage is already on the agenda. The elders in the family are all looking forward to their marriage, hoping they'll have children as soon as possible. Earlier, you didn't say if my sister-in-law's body is healthy enough to get pregnant successfully. We really hope she'll give birth to a son first. Can you tell me how we can nourish and prepare her body for pregnancy?"

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Jiahui looked at Yin Jia quietly and patiently listened to Yin Jia. She thought to herself that she had to speak to Song Ning about this matter when she returned to the office later. She had to praise herself for her patience later in front of Song Ning.

Finally, Yin Jia asked, "Do you understand what I mean now? What do you think?"

Jiahui nodded. "I understand." Then, she looked at Guan Tang and said, "I apologize. I didn't know you were marrying into a wealthy family to only be used as a baby-making machine. Reproduction issues happened to be my research subject when I was a Ph.D. student. Don't worry. If you want to have children, we'll start with your treatment after you get married. I'll definitely help you. However, the prerequisite is that your fiance is willing to marry you. I have already checked your pulse. You're not even married yet, but your in-laws are already so anxious for you to have children? From the looks of it, you're highly educated and cultured. How can you be so willing to be manipulated by your in-laws?"

Guan Tang felt as though she was going to faint from being suffocated after listening to these words. She almost spat out a mouthful of blood. She glared at Yin Jia resentfully before she replied, "There's no choice. In a family like ours, our marriages are decided by the elders. Fortunately, our family isn't small. You might think we use our happiness to exchange for wealth. However, since my parents have chosen this marriage for me, I believe they've considered all aspects to ensure my happiness."

Jiahui's eyes widened in shock as she said, "Heavens! Your fiance must be very blessed! In this day and age, he's able to marry such a gentle and virtuous woman like you! How lucky! If I were a man, I'd want to marry a woman like you as well!"

Guan Tang and Yin Jia were so angry that they were speechless.

Jiahui smiled until her eyes were curved as she continued to say, "If you still want me to help you, remember to bring your fiance with you next time. After all, pregnancy is the effort of two people. If one's healthy, and the other is not, it still won't do. Therefore, remember to convince your fiance to come with you next time. I'll have a look at both of you. Don't worry. As long as he cooperates, I'll definitely help you get pregnant!"

Chapter 623 Uninteresting

Jiahui did not wait for the duo to respond before she pressed the 'Enter' button on the keyboard. With that, the next patient was called. Then, she said, "I'm sorry. I have other patients to see. I'll send the prescription out. You can just pay for the medicine at the counter. You can find someone to decoct it for you or you can decoct it yourself."

At this time, the next patient walked into the room. It was an old lady who was in her 70s or 80s, and she was accompanied by her daughter.

The daughter's face was filled with joy as she said, "Doctor An, Doctor An! Thank you so much! My mother is doing very well this week! She slept very well for three days consecutively!"

In their excitement, the mother and daughter pushed Yin Jia and Guan Tang aside.

Jiahui no longer paid attention to Yin Jia and Guan Tang. Instead, she greeted the mother and daughter amicably.

Upon seeing this, Yin Jia said angrily, "Doctor An, what do you mean by this? We haven't finished talking so how can you let someone else in?"

Jiahui frowned. "What else do you want to say?"

Yin Jia became unreasonable and said, "You said you'll help my sister-in-law with getting pregnant. You have to remember your words!"

Jiahui's gaze turned icy at this moment as she said, "Bring your brother over first. Giving birth isn't a woman's business alone."

Yin Jia wanted to speak again but was interrupted by the woman who accompanied her mother to see Jiahui. The woman said, appalled, "What era is this? There's still someone who's forcing her sister-in-law to give birth? Does your family have an imperial throne to inherit? Did you not hear Doctor An? Giving birth is two people's business. Why don't you bring your brother here before you make a fuss? If you're done, please leave. Don't affect us!"

After saying that, the woman seemed like she was going to push Yin Jia out.

Yin Jia did not want the woman touching her so she quickly retreated and glared at Jiahui before she left. Unexpectedly, Jiahui did not even look at her. Jiahui had already begun to ask about the old lady's condition in a soft voice.

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In the corridor of the hospital.

Yin Jia sneered. "Do you see? That's Cheng Che's fiancée. I heard their relationship is very good. She comes from a family of doctors. Her parents are both renowned experts and professors. She's from a real scholarly family. Her status isn't inferior to that of daughters from wealthy families. Moreover, she's also a doctor."

Guan Tang only smiled slightly upon hearing this. "It's okay. With Sister's support, it doesn't matter how high her qualifications are. Sister and Yin Xing are brother and sister, after all. Both of you are the closest in the world. With you on my side, what do I need to be afraid of?"

Yin Jia slowly turned around to look at Guan Tang.

Guan Tang smiled sincerely as she said, "Sister, with the current situation in the Yin family, it's now the best time for Yin Xing to return. The heavens are kind. It's not making up for the injustice you've both suffered. The most important thing now is to persuade Yin Xing to return to the family, not provoke this Doctor An."

"If that's the case, why did you make an appointment to see her today?" Yin Jia asked disdainfully.

Guan Tang replied with a smile, "I have to see what kind of person my opponent is, right? However, with Sister's support, even if I'm not as good as her, I still feel at ease. Although their relationship is strong, without your support, how can they go on?"

Yin Jia was delighted by Guan Tang's words, but she did not show it on her face. She only turned around and walked forward.

Meanwhile, Guan Tang smiled icily as she looked at Yin Jia's back.

When they reached the car, Guan Tang suddenly said, "Eh, I forgot to collect my medicine!"

Yin Jia said, "Do you dare to take the prescription she wrote you? Aren't you afraid you'll be infertile after taking the medicine she prescribed?"

Guan Tang covered her smile with her hand before she said, "Sister, how can you say that? After all, she's your brother's favorite person. Why do you have to make things difficult for her?"

Chapter 624 Worried

Yin Jia sneered. "You're so magnanimous? What? Are you going to allow Cheng Che to raise a child outside?"

Guan Tang's expression changed, and she stopped talking

When Jiahui got off work, she treated the earlier matter as a joke and told Song Ning about it.

Song Ning's eyes widened after she listened to Jiahui. "You, you said that?"

Jiahui nodded. "What else could I say?"

Song Ning looked at Jiahui helplessly. "I feel like you've grown up and matured..."

Jiahui blinked. "What? What's wrong with that?"

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Song Ning shook her head then she said, "If this matter is between Mu Chen and me, you'll definitely be the first to jump out and fight with them. Now that it concerns you, why are you so calm? You're not angry at all?"

After changing out of her uniform, Jiahui walked out with Song Ning. They were going to the Mu family house for dinner. Then, Jiahui put her hands in her pockets as she leisurely replied, "This is simple. Why was I easily angered when it concerns you and Mu Chen? It's because I didn't trust Mu Chen at that time, and I was worried you'd be at a disadvantage. If it were now, I wouldn't be like that. I would speak to Mu Chen immediately because I trust in his feelings for you. I trust he would be able to handle the matter well and won't let you be at a disadvantage."

Song Ning understood Jiahui's meaning. "In other words, you trust Cheng Che so you don't see any need quarreling with those two women, right?"

Jiahui smiled but did not say anything.

Upon seeing this, Song Ning reached out and gently tugged Jiahui's ponytail before she said, "Very good! Little girl, you're all grown up now and have become very capable. Grandma will definitely be happy if she knows about this."

Jiahui said with a face filled with pride, "That's right. No matter how obtuse I am, after experiencing so many things, I've also learned my lesson."

The two women laughed as they walked out of the hospital.

Mu Chen's chauffeur was already waiting outside.

After they got into the car, Song Ning sighed and said, "Jiahui, I don't think Cheng Che's matter is over. I'm afraid it's just the beginning. They definitely didn't come with good intentions when they looked for you today. You have to be careful in the future. The trick they can play now is to destroy your relationship with Cheng Che; they'll try to drive a wedge between both of you. You mustn't fall for their tricks, understand?"

Jiahui said in a relaxed manner, "I understand. Don't worry."

Song Ning held Jiahui's hand and said, "I'm still worried. Jiahui, you're too kind. You've been raised in a clean environment since you were young. No matter how smart you are, you won't be able to imagine how despicable those people are. Promise me that no matter what, you have to put your relationship with Cheng Che first. If you're confused or unhappy, you must tell me about it. Tell Grandma as well. We'll face everything together, okay?"

Jiahui reached out and hugged Song Ning as she said, "Alright, I know, I know. I'll definitely talk to you if I need help."

With this, Song Ning finally felt relieved.

In the Mu family house's living room.

Mu Lang, the baby, was running around.

Nuan was very vigilant. She followed Mu Lang and protected him when needed.

Jiang Jin had told Sister Yu more than once that Nuan was truly perfect.

Nuan was not only meticulous when caring for the baby, but it could be seen that the baby was her entire world. She also respected Song Ning and Mu Chen very much.

With this, Jiang Jin was relieved.

Sister Yu was old now. The most important thing for her was to accompany Jiang Jin. All her previous jobs had now been handed to Xiao Yu, which was also a relief for her.

The Mu family was now unprecedentedly peaceful.

As soon as Cheng Che reached home, he called Xiao Yu over to discuss the dishes for dinner. Needless to say, the dishes he suggested were all Jiahui's favorite dishes.

Jiang Jin and Sister Yu teased Cheng Che for a long time when they heard the dishes he suggested, but Cheng Che did not care at all.

Chapter 625 Family Bonds

The baby ran in and out of the kitchen, telling his uncle what was being cooked in the kitchen.

Cheng Che sat on the couch, drinking tea and playing Go with his grandmother. He was calm and happy.

When Mu Chen came back, he saw his energetic son sitting in Cheng Che's arms, sucking on his thumb as he watched his uncle and great-grandmother playing Go.

As soon as the baby saw his father, he broke free of Cheng Che's arms and ran like the wind toward his father. "Dad!"

Mu Chen took two steps forward and caught his son. He chided his son gently, "You can't run like this next time. It's very dangerous. What if you fall?"

"It won't hurt!" the baby said in his childish voice.

Mu Chen could not help but laugh. In fact, he knew it was useless to say those things. The only way was for the baby to learn from the fall. When the baby tried to climb up his arms, he said, "Don't make a fuss. Otherwise, Mommy will be unhappy when she gets home."

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The baby immediately stopped making a fuss and leaned quietly against Mu Chen's shoulder. "Mommy won't be unhappy."

Mu Chen laughed again. He patted his son's head and said, "Alright, alright. Mommy won't be unhappy. However, we must not make Mommy unhappy no matter what, okay? We can't be unhappy with Mommy either. We're men. We have to protect Mommy and make Mommy happy, okay?"

The baby extended his chubby hand and made an 'okay' gesture immediately. Then, he said seriously, "Okay, Dad!"

Everyone laughed when they saw this.

Cheng Che said to his grandmother, "My brother is sister-in-law's fan. Now, he has also raised his son to be sister-in-law's fan."

Jiang Jin smiled. "In the future, you have to treat Jiahui like this as well. A man who dotes on his wife will not have bad luck."

Cheng Che smiled shyly as he nodded slightly.

Sister Yu said with a smile, "Don't worry, Old Madam. Young Master Cheng Che will definitely treat Miss Jiahui well in the future. Our Young Madam is calm and steady while Miss Jiahui is lively and cheerful. The two of them really complement each other."

Cheng Che said, "Sister Yu, we're talking about me and Jiahui. Why did you suddenly mention sister-in-law? It's as though Jiahui and sister-in-law are a couple."

Sister Yu was briefly stunned before she burst into laughter.

Jiang Jin could not help but laugh as well.

The baby did not understand why everyone was laughing. He scratched his head, thinking hard, before he said, "Since Uncle is marrying a wife, Mu Lang also wants to marry a wife!"

Everyone laughed even louder upon hearing these words.

Song Ning and Jiahui, who had just returned, witnessed this scene of everyone laughing.

Jiahui laughed. She could not help but ask, "What's so funny?"

Jiang Jin laughed until she was gasping for air. When she finally calmed down, she said to the two women, "Mu Lang said since his uncle is getting married, he wants to get married as well."

Song Ning and Jiahui laughed as well when they heard this.

Jiahui stepped forward and gently pinched the baby's cheek as she asked, "Mu Lang, why are you in such a hurry to get married?"

The baby struggled out of Mu Chen's arms and ran toward Song Ning. He felt more at ease when he was in Song Ning's arms. He reached up and wrapped his arms around Song Ning's neck.

Song Ning smiled and asked, "Who does Mu Lang want to marry?"

Everyone waited for the baby's answer.

The baby thought about it seriously before he replied, "Someone like Mommy, Auntie Jiahui, Great-grandma, Grandma Yu, Sister Nuan, and Sister Xiao Yu!"

The baby's answer and serious expression caused everyone to burst out laughing again.

Song Ning kissed her son on his forehead before she said, "Silly child, you're too greedy. How could there be such a person?"

Mu Chen took his son into his arms and said, "Why not? My son will definitely find such a perfect partner!"

Chapter 626 Honesty

After dinner, everyone gathered around Jiang Jin in the living room and chatted happily as they watched Mu Lang play.

At this moment, Jiang Jin whispered to Song Ning, "You seem to have something on your mind?"

Song Ning glanced at Jiahui and Cheng Che, who were in high spirits, and quietly told Jiang Jin about what happened to Jiahui earlier.

Jiang Jin was surprised after listening to Song Ning. After thinking about it for a moment, she looked at Sister Yu meaningfully.

With that, Sister Yu smiled and coaxed Mu Lang. "Baby, let's go to the toy room with Nuan to play. You haven't opened the new toys that we bought two days ago."

Mu Lang's eyes lit up immediately. "Okay, okay!" Then, as though he just remembered something, he turned back to look at his parents.

Song Ning nodded. "Go ahead."

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With that, Mu Lang happily grabbed A Nuan's hand. "Sister Nuan, hurry up! Let's go!"

Sister Yu led everyone away, leaving only five people behind.

Jiang Jin looked at Jiahui kindly and asked, "Jiahui, did the Yin family look for you today?"

Jiahui looked at Song Ning immediately. She knew Song Ning must have told Jiang Jin about today's incident.

Song Ning said, "Jiahui, this matter is not only between you and Cheng Che, but it's also our family matter. I hope that both of you won't bear this on your own. Don't think about keeping everything to yourselves so as to not worry us. It's best to be honest to reduce unnecessary misunderstandings and to avoid falling into other people's traps. If we're honest with each other, it'd be difficult for others to sow discord. What do you think?"

Jiang Jin nodded. "I agree with Song Ning. Your brother and sister-in-law have gone through so many twists and turns. If they didn't trust each other and weren't honest with each other, I'm afraid they would have long been separated by those wicked people. Both of you should learn from them."

Cheng Che's expression had long changed. He asked, "Who went to look for you? What did they say to you?"

Cheng Che grabbed Jiahui's hand. His nervousness was apparent.

Jiahui patted his hand and said casually, "It's okay. It's your sister. She's already looked for me once. She hoped that I'll persuade you to return to the Yin family, and she also told me you have a fiancée. Your sister came with your fiancée today. Your sister told me I have to make sure your fiancée is healthy so she can give birth to your children in the future."

Cheng Che was stunned by these words. His face slowly turned red from the anger as he said through gritted teeth, "That's too much. She's... She's too much."

Cheng Che did not know what else to say for a moment. He paced back and forth before he finally said, "I'm going to look for them."

When Cheng Che was about to leave, Mu Chen rose to his feet and blocked his path.

Jiahui pulled Cheng Che back as well as she said, "Cheng Che, calm down."

Cheng Che looked at Mu Chen, trembling in anger. "They're too, too much!"

Mu Chen patted Cheng Che lightly on his shoulder. "Don't be rash and fall for their tricks. Perhaps, they wanted to provoke you so you'd go looking for them."

Jiahui nodded in agreement. "That's what I think as well. Since you ignored her, she came to me. If I feel wronged, she thought I would complain, and you'd definitely go looking for them to stand up for me. At that time, they'd try to negotiate with you and find out where your weakness lies."

Mu Chen nodded in approval when he heard Jiahui's words. Then, he said gently to Cheng Che, "You see, it's hard to see clearly when you're the one involved. However, Jiahui is more clear-headed than you."

Cheng Che inhaled deeply to calm down.

Jiahui shook Cheng Che's hand and said, "Take a seat. We'll discuss this rationally. Don't be rash."

Cheng Che obediently sat next to Jiahui.

Jiang Jin could not help but nod upon seeing this. She was very happy and satisfied. With Mu Chen and Jiahui watching over Cheng Che, she believed Cheng Che would definitely be able to survive this disaster.

Chapter 627 Meeting

Cheng Che clasped his hands on top of his knees. His expression was grim. When he calmed down, he said, "I'll look for President Yin to make my stance clear."

Mu Chen nodded. "It's best to make these things clear. However, we still have to discuss our strategy. They're using your sister now. In their minds, no matter what, you won't fall out with your biological sister. Even if you fall out with your sister, at that time, President Yin will definitely step forward with some excuse and blame it all on your sister. What can you do at that time?"

Cheng Che felt a little lost and angry.

Mu Chen continued to say, "Timing is very important. They're trying to use Jiahui to pressure you. Once they arouse your anger, they'll make their move. From what I know, the Yin family isn't very harmonious or united. Everyone has their ulterior motives, but they have one thing in common: they want you to return to the family. You have to be calm and patient at this time."

Cheng Che nodded slightly. His heart was filled with warmth. He asked, perplexed, "What should I do then, Brother?"

Mu Chen said, "Let them make a fuss. Their intentions will slowly be revealed as they continue to make a fuss. Even if you can't see their intentions, you'll definitely be able to see their true colors at least. If they're trying to look for your weakness, you can also look for theirs. However, let me warn you. The more you know, the colder your heart will become. I know you have no feelings for them, but even then, I still have to warn you. You know I've always treated you as my younger brother. If I know there's a fire pit ahead of you, I definitely won't let you jump

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Cheng Che nodded before he said determinedly, "I don't want to return to that family."

However, Jiahui suddenly said, "It doesn't matter if you want to return to that family."

Cheng Che said without hesitation, "No, I don't want to return to that family. The Yin family has nothing to do with me. This has been decided since I was born. There's no need to discuss it any further."

Cheng Che's attitude was very firm.

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Jiahui continued to say calmly, "Returning doesn't mean you have to inherit the family business. It can be just a visit. You can leave after seeing them."

Everyone was stunned by Jiahui's words.

Mu Chen and Song Ning smiled.

Cheng Che understood Jiahui's meaning and said with a smile, "Alright, I understand."

Jiang Jin sighed inwardly. Initially, she was worried Cheng Che would thoroughly sever all his family ties, and as a result, would end up hurting himself. However, not only were Song Ning and Mu Chen trying their best to protect him, but even Jiahui was protecting him. She could see Jiahui was guiding Cheng Che without pushing her opinions on him. Clearly, no one cared about the benefits having ties with the Yin family would bring them.

Jiang Jin thought the children before her were all truly worthy of her pride.

Naturally, the Yin family would not give up easily.

Yin Bin had set the date for an official meeting between the families during the weekend. The venue was at a hotel that the Yin family had just invested in. It was adjacent to a six-star hotel under the Mu Group. Coincidentally, the private room that had been chosen to host the meeting had a window that directly overlooked the Mu Group's hotel.

From the Yin family, there were Yin Bin, Guan Ning, Yin Jia, Yin Yi, and Guan Tang.

On the Mu family's side, there were Jiang Jin, Mu Chen, Song Ning, and Cheng Che. Jiahui was not present because she did not want to escalate the conflict now. She said she would support Cheng Che from behind for now.

Cheng Che did not have confidence in the Yin family's morality and was worried they would target Jiahui. Hence, he also did not force Jiahui to attend the meeting.

This was the first time Yin Bin officially met Cheng Che. After Yin Bin exchanged pleasantries with Jiang Jin and Mu Chen, he grabbed Cheng Che's hand, unwilling to let go as he looked at Cheng Che with a face full of smiles. After he pulled Cheng Che to sit next to him, he sighed emotionally as he said, "You really resemble your mother. When I first saw you, I recognized you immediately."

Meanwhile, Yin Jia chose to sit next to Jiang Jin, showing the utmost respect to Jiang Jin.

Chapter 628 Introductions (1)

Upon hearing Yin Bin's words, Yin Jia's eyes began to brim with tears. She grabbed Jiang Jin's hand and said tearily, "Grandma Mu, you don't know how bitter my heart has been for so many years."

As Yin Jia spoke, tears began to stream down her face.

Jiang Jin only sighed and patted Yin Jia's hand gently.

Guan Ning's expression was slightly unsightly upon hearing this. Then, she sighed and said to Jiang Jin, "Since ancient times, stepmothers have always been in difficult positions. When I first married into the Yin family, Yin Jia was still very young. She cried day and night. My heart broke just looking at her. Fortunately, I managed to look after her bit by bit..."

Jiang Jin only smiled sympathetically in response.

Yin Yi, who had chosen to sit next to Mu Chen, was delighted. She looked at Mu Chen from time to time, and her gaze seemed as though she wanted to swallow Mu Chen whole.

Song Ning quietly switched seats with Mu Chen upon seeing this.

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Yin Yi did not bother to hide her disappointment at all. She said bluntly to Song Ning, "I want to sit next to Brother Mu. I want to learn about my brother's life in the Mu family so I can tell my grandfather about it when I return."

Song Ning remained elegant as she said politely, "Miss Yin, it makes no difference if you speak to me. I've always treated Cheng Che as my younger brother, and I'm very clear about his affairs. What do you want to know about him?"

Seeing the unhappy expression on Yin Yi's face, Song Ning said apologetically, "Everyone says my husband is like a cold-faced devil. Moreover, he's very blunt with his words. I'm afraid his words would be unpleasant and would embarrass Miss Yin. If that happens, it'd make the atmosphere awkward."

Yin Yi was rendered speechless by Song Ning's smiling face and words.

Upon seeing this, Guan Tang said with a smile, "Young Master Mu and Young Madam Mu have a truly profound relationship. My little sister is still young so I hope you can understand her longing for her brother."

Song Ning looked at Cheng Che's 'fiancee' and replied with a smile, "I heard that Cheng Che was born outside of the Yin family. Miss Yin misses her brother so much even though she's never seen her brother before. What a rare sibling love."

A trace of embarrassment appeared on Guan Tang's face upon hearing these words.

Yin Yi hurriedly said, "I heard the elders talking about my brother in the past so I want to know more about him. Sister, please let Brother Mu sit next to me and Sister Guan Tang so we can learn more about my brother."

Song Ning had seen a lot of shameless people before, and Yin Yi was not inferior to those people. Since Yin Yi was shameless, she could only be blunt. Hence, she said, "I'm sorry. I don't like other women to be too close to my husband."

Song Ning had learned from Jiahui that to deal with shameless people, one had to be even more shameless.

At this time, everyone finally took their seats.

Yin Bin introduced his family to Cheng Che one by one. "This is your stepmother. She raised your sister since your sister was young. It hadn't been easy on her. Your sister also addresses her as 'mother'. You can also call her 'mother' from now on."

Guan Ning revealed a kind smile and hurriedly said, "Don't make things difficult for the child. Cheng Che, you can just call me 'aunty'. Let's slowly get to know each other."

Cheng Che nodded slightly and said, "Nice to meet you, Madam Yin."

Cheng Che naturally did not call Guan Ning 'mother' or 'aunty'.

Yin Bin and Guan Ning were clearly stunned by this obvious alienation. They exchanged a look before Yin Bin finally said, "It's okay. Let's take it slow as we get to know each other."

Then, Yin Bin continued to say, "This is your sister, Yin Jia. You've already met her. This is also your sister, Yin Yi. She just graduated from university. She's the youngest in the family so she's a little spoiled. Everyone dotes on her and indulges her too much."

"Brother," Yin Yi called out sweetly.

Cheng Che only nodded and did not respond.

Chapter 629 Introductions (2)

When it was Guan Tang's turn, Yin Bin's smile deepened as he said, "Come, Cheng Che. This is Guan Tang. She's the most important person to you. Your mother and her mother were best friends in the past. Back then, the two of them got pregnant at the same time. Just like in the dramas, both of them promised to marry their children to each other. This is also your mother's wish."

Yin Bin sighed as he continued to say, "Your mother passed away early. Guan Tang's mother also passed away when she was ten years old. Your... Your Aunty Guan is Guan Tang's biological aunt so Guan Tang grew up in our family as well. Your Aunty Guan personally raised Guan Tang. Since your grandfather also acknowledged Guan Tang as his granddaughter-in-law, we naturally raised her like our own as well."

Yin Bin saw that Cheng Che had no intention of acknowledging Guan Ning as his mother so he referred to Guan Ning as 'Aunty Guan' instead.

Guan Tang's face was slightly red as she greeted Cheng Che. "Nice to meet you."

Guan Tang looked at Cheng Che with her large eyes as though she wanted to say more. However, in the end, she only lowered her gaze.

Cheng Che looked at Guan Tang expressionlessly before he turned away and introduced the Mu family one after another.

“This is my grandmother. She personally raised me since I was young. This is my brother and sister-in-law. Since I was a little weak when I was young, my brother has always protected me. He fought for me whenever I got into trouble. My grandmother also couldn’t bear to hit me when I was young. Hence, when I made mistakes, my brother would be hit instead. My sister-in-law is the woman my brother loves most. From the moment she joined our family, she’s always treated me like her younger brother. Although I’m an orphan, I’m exceptionally blessed,” Cheng Che said calmly as he adjusted his glasses.

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The Yin family looked slightly embarrassed when they heard Cheng Che’s words.

Cheng Che continued to say, “My fiancée is the woman I love most in my life. She’s a doctor and is very lively and cheerful. She’s also very beautiful. I love her very much. She’s busy today so she’s not here. I’ll introduce you to her when she has the time.”

Cheng Che did not mention anything about Yin Jia and Guan Tang visiting Jiahui. He did not want to give the two women any excuse to slander Jiahui. With these words, he also clearly rejected Guan Tang. All in all, he made his stance very clear; he was Cheng Che, not a member of the Yin family.

Yin Bin’s expression was very unsightly at this moment. Just as he was about to lose his temper, Yin Jia looked at him meaningfully to stop him.

Following that, Yin Jia said in a gentle voice that was laden with sorrow, “Brother, did you consider Guan Tang’s feelings when you said those words? She’s innocent. As a girl, she was betrothed before she was even born. For over twenty years, she carried the empty title of being your fiancée. Now that you’re found, you don’t acknowledge her. Not only that, but you even bluntly spoke about your sweetheart. You’re too much.”

Guan Tang, who was sitting at the side, had already begun to shed tears.

Cheng Che’s expression was stiff. He really wished he could flip the table at this moment. Then, he calmly asked, “If Yin Xing were not found, what identity was Miss Guan going to use to stay in the Yin family?”

Yin Jia was stunned by this question. Then, she said helplessly, “What are you saying? Didn’t we find you in the end? If we didn’t find you, we’ll definitely marry her off like a daughter of the Yin family. After all, Mother is Guan Tang’s biological aunt. However, it’s different now that we found you. Guan Tang will continue being your fiancée. This is our mother’s last wish after all. You won’t defy our mother’s last wish, right?”

Chapter 630 Introductions (3)

Yin Jia looked at Cheng Che reproachfully with the air of an elder sister.

Guan Tang, who was seated next to Yin Jia, continued to cry silently, looking very pitiful.

Cheng Che did not say anything.

However, Song Ning feigned an expression of surprise as she said, "As it turns out, Miss Guan is Madam Yin's niece." Upon hearing this, Guan Ning quickly smiled. "Yes, we're very close."

Song Ning smiled and said, "Madam Yin, I really don't understand. My grandma informed the Yin family about Cheng Che when he turned 18. However, at that time, none of you wanted to acknowledge him. May I ask, at that time, what were your plans for Miss Guan's future?"

Guan Ning's smile froze immediately.

Yin Bin coughed lightly before he said, "Regarding this, our family has our own arrangements. Young Madam Mu, I don't think we need to explain this to you. In any case, we're planning to bring Cheng Che back to the family, and Guan Tang is his official fiancée. Your question has nothing to do with the present."

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Song Ning was simply amazed. If Yin Jia had said these words, she could excuse Yin Jia for being unreasonable. However, for Yin Bin to say such words, she was truly speechless.

Jiang Jin and Mu Chen did not expect Yin Bin to be so direct as well. He did not even bother to beat around the bush or make up an excuse.

At this time, Cheng Che said slowly and clearly, "President Yin, I think we need to make our relationship clear."

Yin Bin quickly said fawningly, "Alright, please speak."

"When I was 18, my grandma sent a lawyer letter to the Yin family to inform you of my existence. What did you say at that time?" Cheng Che asked.

Yin Bin's expression froze. "Cheng Che, that happened ten years ago. At that time, there were some problems at home, and I was in a terrible state. Hence, I didn't pay attention to the matter. Since the Mu family in M City was wealthy, and Old Madam Mu was your grandmother's best friend, I felt at ease leaving you with them at that time."

Cheng Che was unmoved by Yin Bin's explanation. He continued to say, "At that time, you told the lawyer to tell me to treat myself as a member of the Mu family and that I have no relationship with the Yin family. You also said that if we were to meet again, we should treat each other like passersby."

Yin Bin laughed awkwardly and tried to make a joke out of it. "Child, it's already been ten years, but you still remember everything so clearly."

Cheng Che said, "I'm very willing to be a member of the Mu family. For a long time, I even blamed Grandma for telling me the truth about my origins. I preferred to think of myself as an orphan. My grandma blamed herself as well. She felt that it was her fault. She thought she should've personally met all of you first to test the water. If the reception was cold, she would not have told me about all of you. Alas, what was done had been done. After all, she did not expect the Yin family to reject me so thoroughly."

"In fact, my grandma was not at fault at all. My grandma is too kind. She didn't expect there would be a father like you in the world. From the moment I was old enough to think for myself, I've already

regarded myself as an orphan. I have no parents or family. I only have my grandma and my brother. That's enough for me. I have everything that ordinary people have, and I also have everything that ordinary people don't have. My grandma and my brother have never mistreated me in any way."

Cheng Che inhaled deeply to calm down before he continued to say, "President Yin, you might have forgotten what you said back then, but I'll never forget it. I don't care about the Yin family, and I won't return. No matter what reasons you have, they have nothing to do with me. Please don't use our blood relations to hold me hostage. Let me tell you, it's useless. The grace of raising someone far surpasses that of blood relations. I decided to show up today so I can make things clear once and for all. Everyone's quite busy. I heard the Yin family is planning to develop in M City so you must be busy. From now on, let's go our separate ways and not meet again."

Chapter 631 Complaints

Everyone was speechless.

Finally, Yin Bin chuckled and tried to smooth things over. "Look at what this child said."

Yin Bin no longer looked at Cheng Che. Instead, he looked at Jiang Jin and said, "Auntie Jiang, to be honest, there were really some problems at home back then. At that time, my status in the family was almost non-existent, and I really didn't have the time to take care of my son. You're my mother's best friend so I'm sure you're aware of many things. My mother ran away from home in a fit of anger because of my father's affairs with my stepmother. She even brought my wife away..."

Yin Bin glanced at Guan Ning before he continued to say, "My wife, at that time, was Yin Jian and Cheng Che's mother. Back then, she left so she could persuade my mother to come home. Who knew she would give birth prematurely? You might not be aware of this, but after my mother left, my stepmother came. She even brought her children with her and claimed that they were my younger brother and sister. That naturally threatened the interest of our family. Since my mother was not home, who was going to fight for me?"

"At that time, I could only turn to the elders. My stepmother was really dramatic. She would make a fuss, cry, and threaten to hang herself three times a day. I've never seen such a shameless woman. In order to enter our family, she really spared no efforts. Not only did she want to enter our family, but she even wanted our family to admit the two bastards as members of our Yin family. You don't know how difficult it was for me that year."

Yin Bin continued to complain, "I was a grown man. I had to take care of the company, and I also had to take care of my five-year-old daughter at that time. On top of that, I also had to stop my stepmother from kicking us out of the family." He spread his arms and said, "I had no other choice but to grit my teeth and endure. It was thanks to the elders in our family that I was able to keep my position as the eldest son from the legal wife of the Yin family. With all those things, I truly had no time to care about my mother and my wife. When things finally stabilized, I found out that Cheng Che's mother had already... had already..."

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Yin Bin did not finish his words. Instead, he rubbed his face and sighed. "Her life was too bitter. She was an orphan raised by my mother. She was very docile and virtuous. I didn't expect that she wouldn't be able to enjoy the slightest bit of happiness after marrying me. I've let her down."

Yin Bin let out another long sigh before he said again, "Although my wife was no longer around, I still had a young daughter. She couldn't do without a mother, after all. I also couldn't do without the support of my mother against my stepmother. For various reasons, I married my current wife, Guan Ning. Auntie Jiang, you see, I had a tough time in the past."

Jiang Jin nodded but did not say anything. This was the Yin family's affairs. It was inappropriate for her to comment, and she did not want to embarrass Yin Bin. No matter what, he was Cheng Che's father, and she felt she did not have the right to criticize Yin Bin's treatment of Cheng Che.

However, Song Ning did not have such qualms. She said, "President Yin, it really hasn't been easy for you." Yin Bin nodded immediately and sighed. "Isn't that so? Now that I think about it again, it was really too difficult at that time. However, it did come to an end. My stepmother and her two children did not stop trying to bring me down. They always coveted my position. When Cheng Che was 18, I failed in an investment so she used it against me. She tried to use that to force me to give up my position and leave the Yin family."

"Fortunately, my wife's family supported me, giving me enough strength to contend with them. That's how I was able to keep my position. At that time, you sent people to inform me about Cheng Che, and I said all those words to you."

Finally, Yin Bin faced Cheng Che after he was done with his explanation and said with a sigh, "Cheng Che, you have to understand me. How could I not want you if I truly had a choice?"

Chapter 632 Explanation

The Mu family remained silent.

Cheng Che said directly, "It's pointless for you to say these things now. They have nothing to do with me."

Yin Bin hurriedly said, "How can they have nothing to do with you? I know you're angry at me so I'm trying to explain to you. Moreover, Auntie Jiang can be a witness. It's really not that I didn't want you. There were extenuating circumstances. Child, don't be so stubborn. How could you think we really abandoned you? Look, didn't we come to look for you now? It's fine for you to complain, act like a child, and lose your temper. After all, I did let you down. However, haven't I apologized to you? That's enough. Hurry up and come home with me. We still have many important things to attend to."

Without waiting for anyone to reply, Yin Bin continued to say, "Oh, right. Previously, we asked you to sever ties with the Mu family. We went back and discussed it and realized we were being unreasonable. There's no need to sever ties. You can just treat them as additional relatives. What do you think? We've made a very big concession. We won't even force you to change your surname. Do you understand? Cheng Che?"

Cheng Che felt as though his worldview had been overturned. Fortunately, Jiahui did not come today. He did not want her to see such a disgusting family. No matter how much he loved Jiahui, he could tell her about today's filthy matters. He felt thoroughly ashamed. In front of his grandmother, brother, and sister-in-law, he felt like a wronged child. Finally, after he controlled his emotions, he asked, "So, do I have to thank you for your magnanimity?"

Yin Bin nodded. "We're family, after all. You don't have to be so polite."

Cheng Che finally lost his temper. "Who's your family? I've been talking for so long, but you still don't understand? I've said it before. I won't return to the Yin family, and I don't care about being the heir of the Yin family. Please just pretend that I don't exist or that I died along with my mother."

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"Cheng Che! How can you say that?" Yin Jia's tears began to fall. "You're my younger brother! Are you trying to make me die from pain? I lost my mother when I was five. Do you know how happy I was when I learned that I have a younger brother? I've been looking forward to this day for so long, but you refuse to recognize us! Mom is watching over us from heaven! How can you be so heartless?"

Guan Tang quickly handed Yin Jia a piece of tissue and comforted her in a soft voice, "Sister, don't cry. Calm down."

While Guan Tang was doing this, she made sure she faced Cheng Che with her most beautiful side profile.

Alas, Cheng Che did not have Guan Tang in his eyes at all.

Cheng Che said in a deep voice, "Don't even think about morally kidnapping me. No matter what you want to do, I don't care. You might as well save your energy."

Yin Yi, who has been listening for a long time, finally could not help but say, "How can you say we're trying to morally kidnap you? Elder brother, Father was telling the truth. Although I'm the youngest in the family, I'm aware of those things. Father and Sister didn't lie to you. Don't blame them for not looking for you in the past. They had their reasons.."

Cheng Che sneered. The Yin family members were all the same. He suddenly felt very grateful at this moment. Fortunately, he did not grow up in the Yin family. Fortunately, he was raised by Jiang Jin and grew up with Mu Chen.

Chapter 633 Brother and Sister-in-Law

Yin Bin hurriedly turned to Jiang Jin for help as he said, "Auntie Jiang, look at this child. Why is he so unreasonable? I've already explained to him that I had no choice. We're father and son, after all. How can he draw such a clear line between us?" Then, he turned to Cheng Che and said, "Everyone in the house is your family. It doesn't matter if you're angry, but the facts remain that we're your family. Let me make it clear to you. You're the only one left in the family to inherit the family business. The Yin family belongs to you in the future. Aren't you tempted at all? Back then, I fought so hard to get to where we are now. All you have to do now is return to the family, and you'll have everything. What do you have to be angry about? A real man pays no mind to trivial matters. We have had many

misunderstandings in the past. Regardless of who's right and who's wrong, it's all in the past. What's the point of dwelling in the past? You're too petty!"

Cheng Che was so angry when he heard these words that he was unable to speak for a moment.

Song Ning sighed inwardly. She thought it was a pity that Jiahui was not around. After all, Jiahui was the best at arguing and reasoning. Jiang Jin could not argue, and Mu Chen did not care to argue.

Cheng Che's heart was in a mess. He thought he was truly too weak.

Finally, Song Ning said, "Mr. Yin, please calm down. You complained so much and even asked my Grandma to be your witness. You've explained to Cheng Che that you've no choice, and we've already listened to your explanation as well. However, it seems like you still don't understand Cheng Che's words."

Yin Bin had already been displeased and wary of Song Ning, to begin with. Upon hearing these words, his expression turned unsightly.

Song Ning ignored Yin Bin and continued to say, "Cheng Che is 28 years old now. He's not a three-year-old child. Don't you think it's inappropriate for you to disregard his wish and demand his return to the Yin family? Moreover, not only is Cheng Che a special assistant to Mu Chen, but he has his own business to run as well. Apart from that, he already has a fiancée, and the wedding date has already been set for June. Since earlier, I noticed that you ignored all these things and unilaterally demanded his return to the Yin family. You've even dictated who he should marry. Don't you think you're being unfair to him and Miss Guan?"

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Yin Bin's expression darkened. "Young Madam Mu. First of all, this is the Yin family's matter. Outsiders shouldn't interfere. Guan Tang has long been regarded as a member of our Yin family. She doesn't feel it's unfair at all. Cheng Che is my son and a member of the Yin family. All my plans for him are for his good. Young Madam Mu, with all that said, how is it unfair that I want him to return to the Yin family? Even if you insist it's unfair, it's definitely not unfair to him. If anyone should have a say, it's the other descendants of the Yin family. Since they don't have any objections, what right do you have to speak? You have no right to speak at all."

At this moment, Mu Chen glanced at the members of the Yin family and said expressionlessly, "Of course, she has the right to speak. She's my wife and Cheng Che's sister-in-law. Even if she flips this table out of anger, she still has the right to do so. I'm not a good person. I'm the kind who stands by family no matter if they're right or wrong. I've protected Cheng Che since we were both young regardless if he was right or wrong. Even now, it doesn't matter if he's right or wrong, I'm his brother so I'll stand by him and help him unconditionally."

Mu Chen continued to say, "President Yin, my grandma and I have no intention of getting involved in this matter. Cheng Che is all grown up, and he's no longer a child. I believe he can deal with this matter. However, it seems like his opponent is really shameless. Since that's the case, I have no choice but to step forward. Today, I'll make things clear. My brother can do whatever he wants. No one can force him to do anything against his wishes. Otherwise, they'll be an enemy of our Mu family!"

Chapter 634 Showing Weakness

“Brother...” Cheng Che reached out to Mu Chen to stop him.

However, Mu Chen pushed Cheng Che’s hand aside as he continued to say, “My wife just said that Cheng Che already has a fiancée. Why do you insist on arranging his marriage for him? What’s going on? Do you think you’re in ancient times? Do you know it’s illegal to force marriage upon someone? President Yin, I believe you’re sensible. Why don’t you speak truthfully instead? It’d make everything easier.”

Mu Chen had long been disgusted with Yin Bin’s character. However, he still tried to speak patiently for Cheng Che’s sake.

Seeing that everyone was now focused on Guan Tang’s matter, Yin Bin began to regret that he had been too hasty. Initially, he thought using a woman like Guan Tang would be able to move Cheng Che. Contrary to his expectations, Guan Tang held no attraction to Cheng Che at all. This was his mistake for assuming too much.

Yin Bin felt slightly embarrassed. He could not refute Mu Chen’s words at all.

At this time, Song Ning asked, “Mr. Yin, are you hiding something from us? To be honest, my Grandma and I don’t wish for Cheng Che to suffer even the slightest injustice. Hence, We won’t feel at ease until you clarify the matter.”

Upon hearing this, Yin Jia’s eyes reddened. She said, “Cheng Che, you’re my younger brother and a child of the Yin family. Aren’t these enough reasons for you to return to the Yin family? You can disregard the others, but you can’t disregard me, right? I’m your biological sister. We’re born from the same mother!”

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Everyone turned to look at Cheng Che in unison.

Cheng Che looked at Yin Jia and said, “Indeed, you’re my sister. However, it has nothing to do with whether I return to the Yin family or not.”

“How does it have nothing to do with that? If you come back, I’ll finally have someone to rely on,” Yin Jia said earnestly.

Cheng Che remained unmoved. “If I’m not there, do they bully you? If they do, you can come and look for me. Although I’m not from a wealthy family, I can still afford to support my sister.” After saying that, he looked at the Yin couple meaningfully.

Guan Ning was shocked and hastily said, “I’ve treated Yin Jia like my own since she was young. I didn’t and I don’t bully her. Moreover, Old Master Yin treats her like our family’s lucky star. It’s not just me, but no one in the family dares to bully her.”

After Guan Ning finished speaking, she looked at Yin Jia with a hint of resentment. Her expression seemed to say, “How can you imply that about me?”

Yin Jia frowned. ‘Did Guan Ning lose her brain? Can’t she cooperate at this moment?’

However, Guan Ning would not allow her reputation and image to be tainted in the slightest.

Yin Bin also immediately spoke up in defense of Guan Ning. He said, "That's right. All these years, Guan Ning has treated your sister and Yin Yi the same. You don't have to worry about that. What your sister means is that you're her biological brother. With you around, it can lessen her longing for her mother."

Yin Jia was furious that the Yin couple spoiled her plan, but there was nothing she could say now.

At this moment, Guan Tang said softly, "Cheng Che, I understand. You don't want to return to the Yin family because of me, right? It doesn't matter. We can cancel our engagement."

Guan Tang's voice was trembling, and her eyes shone with tears as she continued to say, "I'm sorry. I've already met your girlfriend. Not only is she a doctor, but she's very nice and beautiful as well. I know I can't compare to her at all in every aspect. It's normal that you like her, not me. I understand. This is my bad luck, and I don't blame anyone for it. I only hope that you'll return to the Yin family. It doesn't matter if you cancel our engagement."

Tears finally streamed down Guan Tang's face as she said, "My aunty has been bullied by her mother-in-law and sister-in-law. Her days are very difficult. Only when you return to the family can we turn things around. Please do this for the sake of saving the family. Please come back."

Chapter 635 Retreating to Advance

Song Ning and Jiang Jin exchanged a glance, and Jiang Jin stopped Song Ning from speaking with a look.

Song Ning held back her words as she looked at the beautiful woman who was weeping.

Guan Tang continued to say tearfully, "I'm just an insignificant person. Since I was raised by my aunty, I've always lived in the Yin family. My uncle and aunty both treated me as their daughter. During the years you were away, I didn't think about our arranged marriage. Later, when I heard about your marriage, no one brought up our arranged marriage so I didn't think about it as well."

Guan Tang paused briefly before she continued to say, "If you refuse to return to the Yin family because of me, I promise to leave. The Yin family has raised me for so many years, after all, so I don't want to be a burden to the Yin family. I beg you, for the sake of your late mother, please return to the Yin family at least just to take a look."

Guan Tang continued crying beautifully, evoking people's sympathy. Seeing that everyone was listening to her, she wiped her tears elegantly and said, "I know you dislike being treated like a tool. I admit that from a certain perspective, you're indeed like a tool; a tool that can help my uncle and aunty get out of trouble; a tool to let your half-brother see the light of day again. However, have you thought that you're doing a good thing, whether you're a tool or not? You alone can help so many people. Moreover, they're your flesh and blood."

Guan Tang showed no signs of stopping as she continued to say, "I'm sure you must have us investigated. My aunty and uncle have a son, Yin Zheng. He's a year younger than you. If you don't return to the family, he'll be the successor of the family. If Yin Zheng were fine, you could continue to live a carefree life. However, something happened, and Yin Zheng has an incurable disease. If you don't return, the Yin family will be seized by the other relatives of the Yin family. Uncle once said that he couldn't give up on the Yin family because it would be letting his mother down."

At this time, Guan Tang had already stopped crying. She said with a solemn expression on her face, "Cheng Che, you can abandon your entire family just because of my existence. If you're willing to return, I'll leave the Yin family immediately. The Yin family has raised me for so many years, and I couldn't do anything to help them. However, I refuse to be an obstacle. If you agree to return, I'll gladly leave the Yin family."

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The Yin family was all moved by Guan Tang's words.

Guan Ning held Guan Tang in her arms with tears streaming down her face. Guan Tang patted Guan Ning's back before she calmly rose to her feet. She bowed to everyone before she looked at Cheng Che and said, "I hope that you can see my sincerity. Please help my uncle, aunty, and your sister."

After saying that, Guan Tang turned around and left.

The Yin family was all stunned by Guan Tang's seemingly decisive action.

Guan Ning hurriedly said to Yin Yi, "Yin Yi, hurry up and chase after your cousin."

Yin Yi could no longer bother with anything else and hurried toward Guan Tang.

The people from the Mu family exchanged a look.

Song Ning felt slightly worried for Jiahui. Clearly, Guan Tang's status was rather high in the Yin family. Moreover, Guan Tang was really good at scheming; Guan Tang's earlier move could be considered perfect.

Meanwhile, Yin Bin could not help but say anxiously, "Alright, are you satisfied now? Since you don't want to marry Guan Tang, that's fine. We can discuss the marriage later. However, you must return to the Yin family now. Did you hear Guan Tang say you have to return now? We can't allow that woman and her children to seize the Yin family's assets!"

Mu Chen said quietly, "President Yin, why is Mr. Yin Jian also unqualified to inherit the family business?"

Chapter 636 Threats

Yin Bin's expression froze as soon as he heard Mu Chen's question, and he did speak for a long time.

Mu Chen said, "Mr. Yin, let's be honest. The two heirs of the Yin family are locked in a death struggle now. Now that things have reached this stage, everyone in S City knows about it. It's only a matter of time before that news reaches M City. How long do you plan to hide it from us?"

Yin Bin said, "I don't plan to hide it. Didn't you find out about it? So you're aware of our situation. Hence, Cheng Che has to return with us and become the heir of the Yin family."

Yin Bin's words were shameless, but he did not care at all. In fact, he was even a little annoyed.

Cheng Che no longer wanted to bother with these people; he had heard enough. He said, "Alright, I understand what you mean. I'll make it clear once again. I will never return to the Yin family. We won't have anything to do with each other in the future."

After saying that, Cheng Che rose to his feet and said to Jiang Jin, "Grandma, I still have matters to attend to so I'll take my leave first. Let Brother and sister-in-law send you home."

Then, Cheng Che nodded at the Yin family before he left.

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Upon seeing this, Jiang Jin said helplessly to Mu Chen, "What are you waiting for? Go with him."

Mu Chen knew Jiang Jin did not want him to get into another conflict with the Yin family so he rose to his feet and nodded at everyone as he said, "I'm going to see him."

Before the Yin family could stop them, Mu Chen and Cheng Che had already vanished from sight.

Yin Bin stomped his foot angrily as he said, "Aunty Jiang, what is this supposed to mean? What do you think I should do? What can I do before he's willing to return to our family? Don't tell me that I, as his father, have to kowtow to him?"

Guan Ning quickly comforted her husband. "Why are you anxious? Don't be so anxious. Calm down and speak properly."

Meanwhile, Yin Jia's heart was a mess. Her eyes were filled with tears as she gritted her teeth to endure it.

Jiang Jin sighed before she said, "Although Cheng Che has been obedient and sensible since he was a child, he's also very stubborn. Why don't we just let nature take its course? Since he's no longer a child, we can't force him to do anything."

Yin Bin sighed as well. "If he insists on going his own way, then don't blame me for being impolite."

Jiang Jin was taken aback by these words. She raised an eyebrow as she looked at Yin Bin.

Yin Bin drank a glass of water to suppress the anger in his heart before he said, "He thinks that he has his own business now and that he has grown up so he doesn't need the Yin family. Very well. Then, I'll let him taste what it feels to have nothing. When he has nothing, he'll naturally return to the Yin family."

Jiang Jin truly did not expect Yin Bin to be so shameless to this extent.

"Dad, how can you do that? He's your biological son!" Yin Jia said unhappily.

Yin Bin restrained his emotions and scoffed.

Guan Ning said gently, "Old Madam Mu, my husband has a bit of a temper and is quite impatient. It's best if you try to persuade Cheng Chen." Then, she said to Song Ning, "Young Madam Mu, I see that Cheng Che respects you greatly. Can you persuade him as well? We're willing to satisfy whatever conditions he has."

Guan Ning seemed very sincere when she spoke.

Jiang Jin said amiably, "I think you should be honest with Cheng Che. Don't hide anything from him, and don't even think about lying to him. He's not a child. If you want to build a good relationship with him, you should at least be honest, right?" Then, she said, "As for what you said about obstructing his

business earlier, I advise you not to have such thoughts. I'll fully support him in this aspect. You can talk to him about family ties, but I definitely won't allow you to bully him. It's not just you; no one's allowed to bully him."

Although Jiang Jin's tone was gentle, she clearly expressed her stance.

Upon hearing these words, the Yin couple could not help but frown even more.

Chapter 637 Alliance

The formal negotiations between the two families ended in failure.

The next day, Cheng Che left M City early in the morning to go on a business trip. For this reason, Yin Jia, who intended to continue pestering him, was exasperated since she could not find him.

When Guan Tang came to bid farewell to Yin Jia, Guan Tang looked haggard as though she did not sleep the entire night. She had always looked exquisite, but today, her face was bare without a stitch of makeup.

"What happened to you?" Yin Jia asked, slightly startled.

Guan Tang smiled weakly. "What I said yesterday was the truth. I won't be an obstacle. I'll leave if that's what it takes for him to return."

"Where are you going?" Yin Jia asked.

Guan Tang remained silent.

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"Are you returning to the Guan family in S City?" Yin Jia asked. She could not help but raise her voice when she spoke.

Although Guan Tang had a forlorn expression on her face, she said with a beautiful smile, "The world is so big, there must be a place for me, right? I'll rent a small apartment outside. After settling down, I'll look for a job."

"What a joke! You're the Young Miss of the Guan family and the future daughter-in-law of the Yin family. What job are you going to look for?" Yin Jia felt that Guan Tang had lost her mind.

Guan Tang looked at Yin Jia and switched the topic. She said, "Sister, thank you for taking care of me. From now on, we're still relatives and sisters, but I'm no longer your sister-in-law."

Yin Jia looked at Guan Tang. "Did you aunty agree?"

Guan Tang nodded slightly. "After all, Cheng Che's return to the family is of grave importance. Hence, Uncle and Aunty have agreed to me moving out. After all, I'm not a legitimate member of the Yin family, and my presence is a hindrance to Cheng Che's return."

Guan Tang's gentle attitude moved Yin Jia, but it ignited her anger toward the Yin couple. "So this is how it is! Now that they've exhausted your use, they're burning the bridge!"

Tears finally fell from Guan Tang's eyes. "Do you believe me now, Sister? I'm just a chess piece. We're both chess pieces. Blood ties aren't important in the Guan family as you can see from my aunty's attitude. Their care only depends on how useful we are to them. Our situation is really similar. I really wanted to gain Sister's trust previously. However, it seems like there's no need for that now. Everything is over. It's time for me to leave." "Who said that?" Yin Jia said fiercely. Inwardly, she gritted her teeth and thought to herself, 'As long as I'm around, nothing is over!'

Guan Tang sighed. "Aunty and Uncle are at their wits' ends as well. I can't help them. The only thing I can do is stop bringing trouble to them. Sister, I'll take my leave now. I'll contact you again after I've settled down."

After that, Guan Tang turned around with an ashen face.

However, Yin Jia hurriedly pulled Guan Tang back and said, "Alright, I'll accompany you to look for a place to stay. Just pretend like you're going to leave, but I won't really let you leave. You're the person my mother personally chose. I only acknowledge you as my sister-in-law."

Guan Tang looked incredibly moved by these words.

Yin Jia patted Guan Tang's hand and said, "I still need you to help me plan how to get Cheng Che to return. Apart from you, no one's sincere."

Guan Tang hesitated slightly before she nodded.

Yin Jia sighed in relief inwardly. She was sure that after this, Guan Tang would be completely on her side. After all, to pull Guan Tang firmly to her side, she had to show some sincerity. She needed Guan Tang's help to clear some obstacles, after all. Her foolish brother was rather difficult to deal with. It seemed like she could only use drastic measures to deal with him.

At this moment, Guan Tang said, "Sister, the most important thing is to make Cheng Che return willingly. We have to give him a good reason to return."

Yin Jia's eyes lit up. She knew that she and Guan Tang shared the same thoughts.

Chapter 638 Farewell

As soon as Jiahui left the office, she saw Guan Tang standing in the corridor, looking dignified.

Guan Tang walked over and said, "Dr. An, it's finally time for you to leave work."

Guan Tang's smile looked genuine. From afar, it was as though the two women were good friends.

"What's the matter?" Jiahui did not have any ill feelings toward Guan Tang. She was mostly wary of Yin Jia. As for Guan Tang, she only felt that Guan Tang was also a victim of the arranged marriage. Previously, she had seen how the timid Guan Tang did not even dare to speak up in front of the fierce Yin Jia so she thought Guan Tang had to be a gentle person. Hence, her voice could not help but soften when she spoke to Guan Tang.

As the two of them walked down the corridor, Guan Tang calmly said, "Dr. An, I'm leaving."

Although Jiahui did not understand the purpose or meaning of those words, she said, "Oh."

Guan Tang continued to say, "The Yin and Mu families had a formal meeting previously. Cheng Che made it clear that he won't return to the Yin family. He said he already has a fiancée and that he can't accept my existence." She sighed softly before she continued to say, "Dr. An, I don't have any intention of interfering in your relationship. I'm helpless as well and have my own circumstances. I hope you can understand this."

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Jiahui only smiled softly and did not speak since she really did not understand what Guan Tang was trying to say.

Finally, Guan Tang said again in a soft voice, "Dr. An, I'm leaving."

Jiahui stopped in her tracks, slightly surprised.

Guan Tang stopped walking as well. A hint of sadness could be seen on her otherwise calm face as she said, "I've already come to an agreement with my aunty, uncle, and sister. I'm moving out of the Yin family. I have no choice in the arranged marriage just like Cheng Che. However, I can't be a hindrance to his return to the Yin family. Since he won't return because of me, then I'll leave. I'll treat this as me repaying the Yin family for their care for me for so many years."

Jiahui remained silent again as she continued to move forward.

After a moment, Guan Tang asked with a smile, "Dr. An, how did both of you meet? I'll treat it as listening to a beautiful story."

Jiahui thought about it for a moment before she generously replied, "We met because of Mu Chen and Song Ning. Mu Chen and Song Ning fell in love at first sight while Cheng Che and I can be considered to have fallen in love over time."

Guan Tang smiled. "It's good to fall in love over time. Cheng Che seems a little slow emotionally. It took him a while to fall in love with you. This means that he thought about it for a long time and is serious about you."

Guan Tang's smile was a little bitter when she spoke.

Jiahui felt slightly bad for Guan Tang. She asked, "The Yin family had no intention of recognizing Cheng Che in the past. Needless to say, they didn't even mention your arranged marriage. Since Cheng Che isn't returning to the family, what will you do?"

Guan Tang did not seem to mind Jiahui's question at all. She sighed lightly and said, "My aunty raised me and treated me as a daughter. When the right time comes, I'll marry into a family that'll be of help to aunty, uncle, and the Yin family. It doesn't matter what kind of man my husband is. As long as he's able to help the Yin family, it's fine."

Guan Tang looked at Jiahui, looking a little humble as she said, "When others look at us daughters from wealthy families, they only see the bright side. No one knows the pains we hold in our hearts. In order to maintain our dignity, there are many things we have to endure. For example, even if our husbands cheat, we won't be able to get a divorce. After all, our marriages aren't just between the couples; it involves the interests of the families as well."

Chapter 639 Kidnapped

“Why do you have to suffer so much?” Jiahui was puzzled. Guan Tang said with a slightly bitter smile, “I really envy you. You can study, have your own opinions, and you don’t have to compromise. Some things are destined from birth. All the girls in my family have such a fate. For example, my aunty is considered rather lucky. Although my uncle has been married twice, my uncle treats her well. This is a blessing that causes others to be envious. As for me, I don’t have such luck. Since my fiance despises me, I can only muster up the courage to leave. I have no idea what my future will be like.”

Jiahui could not help but have a good impression of Guan Tang. She said, “Originally, Cheng Che and I were supposed to get married this week. If it wasn’t for the Yin family, we would already be married. We were waiting for Grandma and my family to prepare for the wedding. After our wedding, we would go on our honeymoon to start off our married life. We both like a simple and peaceful life. We only care about being happy and healthy.”

Guan Tang nodded slightly.

“Miss Guan, I don’t wish to comment on your relationship with Cheng Che. However, I think you’re a pretty good woman. If there’s anything I can help you with, please don’t hesitate to ask,” Jiahui said.

Guan Tang smiled. “I’m really touched by your words. Regardless of whether I have any request or not, I want to thank you.”

Then, the two women exchanged a look and smiled.

When the duo was in the underground car park, Guan Tang’s phone suddenly rang. She gestured at her phone and said to Jiahui, “I have to take this call. The reception is bad down here. Goodbye.”

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“Goodbye,” Jiahui replied.

After Jiahui turned around, a dignified and elegant smile appeared on Guan Tang’s face as she muttered to herself, “Since you don’t intend to quit, I have no choice but to use force.”

When Jiahui woke up, she found herself in an unfamiliar room. It was very clean and tidy, and there was a faint fragrance in the air. Her arms and legs were tied firmly to a chair. Needless to say, she was shocked.

When she finally calmed down, she began to recall what she had done for the day. She was certain she had been kidnapped, and she was almost certain the culprit was Guan Tang.

‘Where did it go wrong? I was too careless!’

Despite the Yin family’s attitude, Guan Tang had come to see her in such a calm manner and even confided in her. It was too suspicious. Jiahui thought it was a pity that she had been so naive and trusted Guan Tang so easily.

Jiahui sighed, blaming herself for being so careless.

After a moment, she shouted at the top of her lungs, “Help! Help!”

After shouting over ten times, the door finally opened, revealing Guan Tang.

“With your intelligence, do you really think someone will hear your cries for help? Why waste your energy?” Guan Tang asked. She no longer maintained the virtuous and dignified expression on her face. Now, she looked cold and ruthless.

“I just wanted you to show yourself. Look, isn’t it effective?” Jiahui said casually when faced with Guan Tang’s disdainful words.

Guan Tang was rendered momentarily speechless.

Jiahui smiled and continued to say, “Miss Guan, didn’t you say you’re leaving the Yin family? What about not having anything to do with Cheng Che anymore? Why? Is there a need to lie to me? What’s the point in kidnapping me?”

Guan Tang took a seat across from Jiahui before she said slowly, enunciating each word, “Dr. An, what do you know? Since I was young, I’ve never failed in getting what I wanted. Now that I’m 28 years old, you left a mark on my otherwise spotless record. You stole my man.”

Guan Tang had been raised as a young miss of a wealthy family. Even at this time, her movements were still elegant. Nonetheless, in this setting, there was something chilling about her elegance.

Chapter 640

Jiahui’s eyes widened slightly. “Your man? Who’s your man? Why would I steal your man?”

Guan Tang stared at Jiahui silently and unblinkingly.

Then, realization dawned on Jiahui. She said with a scoff, “Oh, I get it now. You’re referring to Cheng Che, right? So you were just pretending to be calm. Why bother? You should’ve just said that you like Cheng Che and asked me to give him to you. Wouldn’t that be easier?”

With this, Guan Tang’s expression finally changed.

Jiahui continued to say, “Naturally, even if you asked, I wouldn’t give him to you.”

Smack!

Guan Tang slapped Jiahui’s face hard.

Jiahui’s head was knocked to the side, and her ears began to ring. Nonetheless, she still said with a smile, “Aren’t you tired of pretending? What a hypocrite. Let me tell you. You won’t be able to win over Cheng Che with this kind of behavior. He hates hypocrites and people who put on air the most. In other words, you’re the kind of person he hates.”

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Guan Tang raised her hand again.

Jiahui closed her eyes, but the slap did not come. When she opened one eye and saw the slap had fallen, she opened the other eye and said with a sigh, “I was just thinking how could there be such a beautiful and also gentle woman in the world? Cheng Che’s really unlucky.”

Guan Tang sneered. "Without you, he'd be lucky."

Jiahui smiled contemptuously. "I knew you'd think that way. Let me tell you now. Even if you kill me now, Cheng Che still wouldn't like you. He's the kind who's very loyal. Since he's fallen in love with me, he won't fall in love with another woman."

Guan Tang did not take Jiahui's words to heart.

Jiahui continued to say, "I know. You probably think there are no good men in this world. You likely have never met a decent man either. How pitiful. Let me tell you that there are three good men in this world, and Cheng Che is one of them. I dare to bet with you using my life that Cheng Che won't change his mind."

Guan Tang could not help but ask curiously, "Who are the other two good men?"

"The other two? Oh. One of them is my father. He's loyal to my mother. In my father's eyes, even just a strand of the hair on my mother's head is cute. It doesn't matter if she's almost 60 years old now. In my father's eyes, she's the most beautiful woman in the world. My father has loved my mother for so long, and he'll continue to do so until his last breath on earth. What do you think? Touching, right?" Jiahui said. After a pause, she continued to say, "The second man is someone you know. Mu Chen."

Guan Tang raised an eyebrow. "Do you like Mu Chen?"

Jiahui rolled her eyes. "Are you sick? Mu Chen's married to my best friend, Song Ning. He could tell even when someone was impersonating Song Ning. I'm really impressed."

Then, Jiahui's voice softened as she slowly said, "And like I said earlier, the third one is Cheng Che. Although our relationship isn't as romantic as my parents or as passionate and dramatic as Song Ning and Mu Chen, as the saying goes, 'Still water runs deep'. Cheng Che will never betray me. So, Miss Guan Tang, I advise you not to waste your energy."

Guan Tang looked at Jiahui's red and swollen cheek before she said with a sneer, "I advise you not to be too naive."

Jiahui asked, "What's wrong with being naive?"

Guan Tang said frostily, "You'll be struck by reality. Do you want to see the cruel reality of this world? Let's start with Cheng Che. Let's bet on whether he'd have a change of heart. What do you think?"

Jiahui thought about it seriously for a moment before she said, "Alright. I'll bet with you. If Cheng Che has a change of heart, I promise to leave him and never see him again. However, what if he doesn't have a change of heart?"

Guan Tang said, "You don't have the right to set the conditions."

Jiahui looked at the ropes that bind her before she said, "Very well. It's up to you then."