

A Marriage 721

Chapter 721: Scheming

After they had gotten the results, Ning Zhe asked, "What are the results?"

Fear still lingered in Ning Chun's heart as he said, "There are trace elements in the teapot that match what we found in your bone marrow sample. However, we can't use this as a basis for poisoning. If... If it weren't for Eldest Young Miss, we wouldn't have thought of doing a bone marrow test. We wouldn't even know about the poisoning at all."

Ning Zhe sneered. "What a scheme! I never thought that I'd be pecked in the eye by a wild goose after a lifetime of hunting! Ning Chun, can you guess who did it?"

Ning Chun wisely stayed silent. What could he say?

However, Ning Zhe stared at Ning Chun silently, waiting for Ning Chun's answer.

Finally, Ning Chun said with great difficulty, "There are dozens of helpers in the house, and not all of them are innocent. I'll start investigating them as soon as possible."

Ning Zhe sighed. "You... You're really stubborn. Forget it. I won't trouble you. I know you have the answer in your heart. Although there are many people in the house, how many people have access to my tea set? Apart from Nanny Zhang, there are only Su Tong and Ning Dong. Nanny Zhang watched me grow up. If she wanted to harm me, I would've died a hundred times over. Now, hasn't the pool of suspects grown smaller? Ning Chun, I appreciate your kindness and tactfulness, but they're not what I need."

Ning Chun did not dare to say anything.

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Ning Zhe said calmly, "Go and investigate their whereabouts. Hide my illness from them. Just tell them the doctor said I have to rest more due to over-exhaustion. Get the company's directors to come over tomorrow for a meeting. I have to show them that I'm still standing strong even if my health isn't too good. We can't affect the Ning Corporation. Understand?"

Ning Chun quickly nodded. "Yes, I understand."

Ning Zhe was very satisfied with Ning Chun. After a moment, he said bitterly, "I carefully arranged everything for them, but they're scheming against me behind my back. They're really heartless."

Ning Chun did not know how to console Ning Chun at all.

Ning Zhe reached up to wipe his face before he said, "Go. Tell me the Young Miss to come and see me when she has time."

Ning Chun hesitated for a moment before he said, "Yes."

Ning Zhe naturally understood Ning Chun's thoughts. "Just tell her I'm very sad after confirming the poisoning. Tell her you're a little worried and that you want her to check my pulse."

“Understood,” Ning Chun replied, feeling much better now that Ning Zhe came up with an excuse for him.

After Ning Chun helped Ning Zhe settle down in bed, he quietly left. He had just closed the door when he saw Ning Dong walking over with a backpack on his back. He called out, “Young Master.”

Ning Chun felt chills running up his spine when he saw Ning Dong.

Ning Dong asked worriedly, “How’s my father?”

Ning Chun calmed down and replied, “He took his medicine and has just fallen asleep. Young Master, why don’t you wait in the lounge first?”

“What did the doctor say?” Ning Dong asked.

Ning Chun tried his best to say in a relaxed manner, “The doctor said he’s over-exhausted. His symptoms are a little severe this time so it’s best that he rests for a period of time. Otherwise, his body will be affected. The doctor persuaded him for a long time before he finally agreed to take time off to rest.”

Ning Dong looked visibly relieved upon hearing this.

At this moment, a clear voice rang in the air.

“This means your father is fine, right? He’s already so old, how can he not know his own body? Don’t worry. Don’t always look so sad.”

Chapter 722: Shock

Ning Chun was surprised. When he regained his senses, he was further surprised when he noticed the fashionable girl dressed in branded clothes standing beside Ning Dong. After all, Ning Dong had never been seen with any girl before. “This is...”

“This is my friend, Yin Yi,” Ning Dong said calmly, “Yin Yi, this is my father’s special assistance, Brother Ning Chun.”

Ning Chun naturally knew who Yin Yi was. He quickly smiled and said, “So you’re Young Master’s friend. It’s very kind of you to come to the hospital to visit Master.”

Yin Yi was not interested in Ning Chun, a special assistant. She only nodded slightly and said to Ning Dong, “Why don’t we go back first? You can accompany me while I attend to some matters. We’ll come back to visit your father when I’m done. What do you think?”

Ning Dong hesitated.

In contrast, Ning Chun smiled and quickly said, “Go ahead, Young Master. Master is asleep now so he can’t receive visitors. You can accompany Miss Yin and come back in a few hours.”

Ning Dong said helplessly, “Alright then, Brother Ning Chun. Please call me when my father wakes up.”

Ning Chun nodded in agreement and watched the duo leave.

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Ning Dong did not leave the hospital immediately. Instead, he brought Yin Yi to the doctor's office.

Yin Yi asked curiously, "Didn't your father's special assistant already say that your father is over-exhausted? Why are you here? Let me tell you. As soon as I heard about your father's symptoms, I knew he'd be fine. Previously, my father was hospitalized for over-exhaustion as well. That's why I know your father will be fine. Believe me!"

Ning Dong remained unmoved and walked straight into the doctor's office.

When he finally received a definite answer from the doctor, he finally sighed in relief and left the hospital with Yin Yi.

Yin Yi said, "I didn't expect you to be so filial."

Ning Dong did not respond to that. Instead, he asked with a smile, "Where are you going? I'll send you there."

"Then, please send me to the Mu Corporation," Yin Yi said happily.

"The Mu Corporation? Why are you going there?" Ning Dong tried his best to hide his surprise.

"My grandfather and my parents told me to get close to my brother so I'm going there to have a chat with him," Yin Yi said before briefly telling him about the Yin family's complicated situation.

Ning Dong was stunned.

Upon seeing this, Yin Yi giggled before she asked, "Does it make you dizzy? It's fine. I just have another brother; things haven't changed much. Although he doesn't like the family, he treats me and my sister quite well. I'm going to visit him and complete the mission given by my elders, and I'll also seize the chance to visit Mu Chen."

"Mu, Mu Chen? What does this have to do with him?" Ning Dong asked as he looked at the young girl in front of him. He found that he could not keep up with her train of thoughts at all.

"I like him so I've decided to marry him. Naturally, I have to cultivate a good relationship with him," Yin Yi said openly.

Ning Dong's eyes almost popped out of their sockets upon hearing this. "Mu Chen is married."

Yin Yi did not care at all. "So what? Even if married, you can get a divorce. I'm younger and richer than his wife, after all. If he's not stupid, he'll naturally choose me. Even if he's stupid, I'll show him who's superior."

Yin Yi's confidence only made Ning Dong pity her. The Yin family was truly twisted. How could they do such a thing? Finally, he looked at Yin Yi and said calmly, "Mu Chen's wife is my sister."

Upon hearing this, Yin Yi's eyes widened in shock.

Chapter 723: Condition

"Your sister?" Yin Yi's voice turned shrill.

Ning Dong nodded as he calmly said, "She's my half-sister, but she hates me and my mother. She swore never to return to our family again and even changed her surname to that of her maternal grandfather."

Yin Yi looked at Ning Dong with her mouth agape.

Ning Dong looked at her and asked, "What's wrong?"

Yin Yi regained her senses before she muttered, "What kind of twisted relationship is this?"

Ning Dong asked, "You said earlier that you like Mu Chen?"

Yin Yi nodded and said determinedly, "That's right. I like him. I want to marry him. You can't stop me even if he's your brother-in-law."

Ning Dong smiled bitterly. "My sister doesn't even acknowledge me. How can he be considered my brother-in-law? However, we've agreed to date, after all. How can you be thinking about how to become a third party in someone else's marriage?"

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Yin Yi was stunned. Then, she hurriedly said, "Ning Dong, we have an agreement! We've agreed to pretend to date so our respective mothers will stop bothering us. We're good friends, after all. Now that I have someone I like, you should help me!"

Yin Yi's expression was one of determination. Clearly, she would not be swayed.

Ning Dong looked at Yin Yi as he pulled his arm away from Yin Yi's hand. Then, he smiled and slowly said, "I can help you, but what's in it for me?"

Yin Yi pouted. "Stingy! What more do you want?"

Ning Dong's smile deepened as he said, "If I help you unconditionally, you might not trust me. After all, there's nothing preventing me from going back on my words. However, if you promise me something in return, won't you be able to trust me more?"

Yin Yi's eyes brightened immediately. "You have a point! You really have a lot of wicked ideas in your mind. I'm definitely going to be good friends with you! Tell me, what benefits do you want in return for helping me?"

Ning Dong tilted his head as he thought about it for a moment. Then, he said, "I can't think of anything at the moment. Why don't we leave this for the future? When I think of something I want, I'll tell you."

Yin Yi nodded without thinking. "Alright! It's a deal then!"

Yin Yi thought Ning Dong was really kind. She did not think he would ask for anything outrageous. Even if he did, she thought it would be fine. After all, she had her grandfather, father, sister, brother-in-law, and cousin on her side. There was no need for her to be afraid.

Ning Dong smiled. "Very well. Even if I don't want to help you, now that you promised to agree to a condition of mine, I'll sincerely help you."

Yin Yi said, filled with admiration, "You're really too smart!"

Ning Dong said, "Alright, I'll send you to the Mu Corporation now. I'll wait for you in the car. Don't stay there for too long. Men don't like it if women are too eager."

Yin Yi nodded repeatedly as she said, "I hit the jackpot! I really didn't expect you to understand people so well! I'm so lucky to have you as an advisor! Ning Dong, you must really help me! When I get Mu Chen, I'll agree to whatever condition you have!"

Ning Dong only smiled; he did not say anything as he drove Yin Yi to see her Prince Charming.

His mother had spent a lot of effort on getting him to date the silly and naive girl next to him. He did not care who he dated. Moreover, he had not even graduated. With his family background, he had many choices. He also knew his parents' intention, and he knew how important his marriage was. Hence, he did not reject his mother's proposal. He just did not expect his mother would arrange for him to date Yin Yi.

Chapter 724: Determination

Previously, when Ning Dong and Yin Yi met for the first time.

As soon as their mothers left, Yin Yi revealed all her cards to Ning Dong immediately.

"Hey, handsome, let's discuss this. Based on our mothers' attitude, if our date isn't successful, they'll definitely immediately find another person for us to date. I think you're quite pleasing to the eyes. Why don't we work together and tell them we plan to be together for a period of time? What do you think? Then, we can use dating as an excuse to do whatever we want. What do you think?" Yin Yi asked excitedly.

Ning Dong looked at the fashionable but ignorant girl in front of him. He smiled and said, "Sure! That's a good idea."

With that, Yin Yi immediately treated Ning Dong as her confidant. She found that he was very tolerant and had a very good impression of him. However, she was a very determined person. Although Ning Dong was pleasing to the eye, she had no intention of giving up on her prince charming at all.

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Back to the present.

Ning Dong naturally knew that Mu Chen would never like an ignorant person like Yin Yi. However, he was willing to help Yin Yi since it would trouble Mu Chen. Moreover, once she had been firmly rejected by Mu Chen, it would be even easier for him to subdue her. He knew how to be patient and cast a long line to catch the fish.

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"Brother Mu Chen!"

Mu Chen felt his skin crawl as soon as he heard the overly sweet voice. He turned around and saw a pretty girl standing near the elevator.

At the same time, the executives around him looked at him strangely.

Mu Chen frowned immediately. Since he did not recognize the girl, he turned to his secretary, Han Mo.

Han Mo wore a blank expression on his face. He felt aggrieved when he saw his boss' reproachful expression. In the end, he had no choice but to step forward and ask, "Hello, miss. May I know who you are?"

Yin Yi stepped forward and pushed Han Mo aside before she said with a smile, "Brother Mu Chen, I'm Yin Yi, Cheng Che's sister. We had dinner together before. I even went to your house. Don't you remember?"

Mu Chen's frown deepened. He asked coldly, "Is there something you need?"

Yin Yi was not affected by the cold treatment at all. She took another two steps forward before she replied, "I came to see my brother. Is he around?"

Mu Chen could not help but sigh in relief when he heard that Yin Yi came to visit Cheng Che. Then, he said to Han Mo expressionlessly, "Bring her to Cheng Che."

"Yes. Miss Yin, this way please," Han Mo said.

With that, Mu Chen turned around and walked toward his office.

Yin Yi ignored Han Mo and hurried after Mu Chen. "Brother Mu Chen, there's something I need your help with."

Mu Chen had no choice but to stop.

Yin Yi reached out to tug Mu Chen's sleeve, acting coquettish, before she said, "My brother is still unwilling to return to the family, and my grandfather is very sad. My brother listens to you the most. Can you persuade him to come home? My grandfather is so old now; he's really pitiful. Can you help us?"

Mu Chen took a step back and yank his sleeve out of Yin Yi's hand. Then, he said icily, "Han Mo, bring this lady away."

Han Mo quickly moved to stand in front of Yin Yi before he said, "Miss Yin, this way please. I'll bring you to see Mr. Cheng."

Mu Chen left without turning his head back as the executives followed him, pretending like they did not see anything.

Yin Yi wanted to chase after Mu Chen but was blocked by Han Mo. Hence, she said angrily, "Hey, are you a guard dog? Why are you blocking my way? Move aside!"

Han Mo only smiled and said, "I'm sorry, Miss Yin. Chairman Mu is busy. Please follow me, and I'll bring you to Mr. Cheng. Otherwise, I'll have to call security to remove you from the premise."

Chapter 725: Sister

In the end, Yin Yi had no choice but to follow Han Mo to look for Cheng Che with a bitter expression on her face.

Cheng Che was surprised when he saw Yin Yi, wondering what kind of trick the Yin family was going to play now.

Yin Yi was no longer as domineering and lively as she was before. She acted sweet and demure as she said to Cheng Che, "Brother, I was in the area so I came to visit you."

Cheng Che frowned slightly. He was somewhat at a loss over how to treat his enthusiastic younger sister.

Yin Yi looked at Cheng Che's office curiously before she said praisingly, "Wow! Brother, your office is really big. It seems like Mu Chen really treats you well. He's a really good person."

Cheng Che only felt uncomfortable when faced with Yin Yi's enthusiasm. He asked bluntly, "Do you need me for something?"

Yin Yi blinked her eyes and looked at Cheng Che innocently as she asked, "Can't I look for you without a reason, Brother?"

Cheng Che was rendered speechless by her words.

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Yin Yi's smile was very charming as she continued to say, "Brother, I have a lot of free time. Can I visit you often? I promise not to disturb you. I just want to understand more about your life."

Cheng Che took a deep breath before he said, "No, that's inappropriate. I'm very busy with work, and I don't have the time to accompany you."

Yin Yi hastily said, "You don't have to accompany me. Just pretend I don't exist, and I'll stay with you quietly!" Her face showed an aggrieved expression as she continued to say, "Brother, the family is in a mess. I don't want to go home. However, I'm not familiar with this place. I'm a girl so I can't just wander aimlessly, right? Just let me stay with you. I'll bring my homework here tomorrow. Can't I just stay with you while I do my homework?"

Cheng Che was in a dilemma. He found it hard to refuse Yin Yi.

Yin Yi smiled sweetly and said, "Brother, you're the best! Don't worry. I'm very sensible. I won't cause you any trouble. I can even be your spy, and tell you what's happening at home so you can be mentally prepared."

Cheng Che said indifferently, "No need. I don't want to know anything."

Yin Yi was unaffected by Cheng Che's indifference. She said, "Brother, you can't be like this. You can only win the battle if you know your enemy. Are you going to wait passively as Grandfather, Father, and the others plot against you? Look, let me tell you what I heard this morning. I heard Aunty and Grandma discussing how to introduce a girlfriend to you this morning."

Cheng Che frowned.

Upon seeing this, Yin Yi leaned closer to Cheng Che before she continued to say with a worried expression, "Brother, let me tell you. Our family is divided into several factions. I'll tell you about it slowly. This way, no matter who's targeting you, you'll be able to deal with it. Don't just wait passively or act recklessly. It'll be disadvantageous to you."

Cheng Che looked at his half-sister who was said to be a fool. He wondered if she was really a fool.

Yin Yi spun around in the chair as she said, "Grandpa is determined to make you return to the family. I advise you not to be stubborn. What's wrong with returning to your family? If you don't return, Grandpa is going to continue to pester you. Why don't you just agree to him? Won't it be less troublesome that way? Since I was young, I've already learned that no one can disobey Grandpa. No matter what, all of us have to obey Grandfather. After all, the consequences of disobeying Grandpa isn't something any of us can bear."

Cheng Che asked, "Did they send you here to persuade me?"

Yin Yi hurriedly shook her head. "No, no, no! I'd never do that. After all, it's my principle to stay neutral and objective. I won't say anything bad about both sides!"

Chapter 726: Confrontation

Cheng Che did not say anything.

Upon seeing this, Yin Yi smiled smugly. She felt the time was right now so she lowered her voice and asked, "Brother, is Brother Mu Chen on good terms with his wife?"

Cheng Che frowned and nodded immediately. "Yes."

A disappointed expression appeared on Yin Yi's face immediately. She wrinkled her nose and said, "Really? The rumors said that their marriage is quite complicated."

Cheng Che's frown deepened. "Brother Chen and sister-in-law are very loving."

Yin Yi no longer said anything as she spun the chair again.

At this moment, realization dawned on Cheng Che, and he looked at Yin Yi in disbelief.

Yin Yi was not embarrassed. Instead, she said bluntly, "Brother, I like Mu Chen."

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Cheng Che's expression darkened immediately. "I've already told you that Brother Chen and sister-in-law are very loving."

Yin Yi did not care. "So what? I like him. I have to at least give it a try, right? If I don't give it a try, how do I know if their relationship is really good or not?"

Cheng Che looked at Yin Yi in shock. His gaze was piercing as though it could poke holes in her.

Yin Yi shrugged and said, "Alright, Brother. This is my matter. You don't have to worry about it."

Cheng Che said seriously, "Yin Yi, it's best if you dismiss your improper thoughts. If liking someone means interfering with their family, it's immoral. Moreover, you're talking about my sister-in-law's marriage. Your behavior is really annoying."

Yin Yi smiled and said placatingly, "Alright, Brother. I understand. You're really a good person."

At this moment, Xiao An knocked on the door and came. Then, he said, "Young Master Cheng, Miss Guan Tang is here."

When Cheng Che met Xiao An's gaze, Xiao An nodded imperceptibly.

Yin Yi smiled and said, "Brother, Cousin came to look for you!" Then, she turned to Xiao An and said, "Hurry up and bring my cousin here."

As soon as Guan Tang walked in, she grabbed Yin Yi's hand and said anxiously, "What are you doing here? Aunty is worried sick." Then, she said to Cheng Che apologetically, "Sister didn't cause you any trouble, right? She's young and immature so don't take it to heart. Aunty is worried that she'll cause you trouble."

Cheng Che did not say anything.

Yin Yi patted Guan Tang's hand and said, "Cousin, what are you saying? What kind of person do you think I am? I'm not a child. I was passing by so I came to visit Brother. " "

Why are you so anxious?" Then, she turned to Cheng Che and lifted her chin slightly as she said proudly, "Oh, right. Brother, Cousin is your fiancée. Grandpa has already said that he'll only recognize her as his granddaughter-in-law."

Guan Tang patted Yin Yi's hand and scolded her gently, "Enough. Don't talk anymore."

Yin Yi listened to Guan Tang.

Before Guan Tang could speak again, the office door suddenly opened and Jiahui's crisp voice rang in the air.

"Cheng Che, can we go now?"

Guan Tang could not help but tremble. Her face turned pale as she looked at Jiahui as though she had seen a ghost.

Cheng Che walked over and held Jiahui's hand very naturally before he gently kissed her forehead. "I'm almost done."

Seeing Guan Tang and Yin Yi, Jiahui was also very surprised. She held Cheng Che's hand and said coquettishly, "Oh, you're here as well. What a coincidence. Did both of you come to look for Cheng Che?"

Yin Yi blurted out, "Weren't you missing? Where did you come from?"

Guan Tang's expression changed, and her legs weakened.

Jiahui chuckled and said, "I escaped on my own. Speaking of which, I really had a tough time." Then, she stepped forward and held Guan Tang's arm before she said with a sweet smile on her face, "Miss Guan, how have you been? Did you come to see my boyfriend? How is it? Is he interested in you?"

Chapter 727: Entanglement

Guan Tang hastily shook off Jiahui's hand as though she had been electrocuted. "You..."

A surprised expression appeared on Jiahui's face as she asked, "What's wrong? Why do you look so pale? Come, let me check your pulse."

Guan Tang took two steps back as she waved her hand. "No need, no need."

Jiahui smiled and said, "Chinese medicine can treat many illnesses. If you're not feeling well, you shouldn't endure it. Although I'm not a national expert, my family is also famous. My skills aren't that bad."

Guan Tang forced herself to calm down before she said, "H-how are you, Dr. An?"

Jiahui smiled and replied, "Hmm, I'm pretty good! Why?"

Guan Tang did not know what to say.

Jiahui turned to Cheng Che and asked, "What's going on? It's so lively in here."

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Cheng Che slipped his arm around Jiahui's waist and said, "Yin Yi came to visit me, and Guan Tang came to look for Yin Yi."

"Oh. Then, when can we leave? I promised Grandma that I'd go over for dinner tonight," Jiahui said with a gentle smile.

This was clearly an eviction order. Even Yin Yi could hear it.

Yin Yi said unhappily, "What? Are you trying to chase us away? Brother, how could she be like that? She's not even my sister-in-law. How could she be so rude and only think about herself? Our Yin family's daughter-in-law can't be like this."

Jiahui looked at Yin Yi and said innocently, "Oh, is Miss Yin unhappy? I'm really sorry, but Cheng Che isn't a part of your Yin family. As for me, I have no interest in being your Yin family's daughter-in-law. Please don't talk nonsense." Then, she tugged Cheng Che's hand gently and asked, "Can we leave?"

"Yes," Cheng Che replied without any hesitation. Then, he said to Xiao An, "Send the two ladies out."

Yin Yi was extremely unwilling.

Guan Tang, who had already calmed down, stopped Yin Yi and said, "Yin Yi, we should go back too."

With that, Yin Yi could only give up.

As soon as all of them left Cheng Che's office, they ran into Mu Chen.

Mu Chen frowned when he saw the crowd. Then, he asked Cheng Che, "Are you going home now?"

Cheng Che nodded. "Grandma is waiting for us to eat."

Mu Chen nodded as well.

At this time, Yin Yi squeezed over and called out, "Brother Mu Chen!"

Jiahui's eyes widened and goosebumps erupted on her flesh when she heard the way Yin Yi called Mu Chen. When she saw Yin Yi rushing over, she instinctively let go of Cheng Che's hand and stepped forward to prevent Yin Yi from coming any closer. Then, she coughed lightly and said, "Mu Chen, you and Cheng Che go first. I have something to say to the two ladies. Wait for me in the parking lot."

Mu Chen was naturally very happy. He did not say anything to the rest, not even Cheng Che, and left immediately.

Yin Yi could not help but stomp her feet.

With Jiahui's intention, how could she not notice Yin Yi's intention? She said, "Miss Yin, don't always covet people's things. Mu Chen is someone's husband. No matter how good he is, he's still someone's husband. I advise you to put away your covetous thoughts. Don't do things that will anger heaven and disgust people. Your actions are a humiliation to the Yin family."

Yin Yi's expression was unfriendly as she said, "What does this have to do with you? Who are you to meddle in my affairs? Don't be so smug. When my brother returns to the Yin family, the first thing he'll do is to sever his relationship with you."

Guan Tang knew Yin Yi was definitely not a match for Jiahui. Moreover, this kind of argument was meaningless. She pulled Yin Yi and said to Jiahui, "I'm sorry. We'll be leaving first."

Yin Yi flung Guan Tang's hand away and said angrily, "Let me tell you. I've never failed to get what I want. You can tell your friend, Song Ning, to be careful. I have my eyes on her husband. Sooner or later, he'll be mine!"

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With that, Yin Yi pulled Guan Tang and walked away without looking back.

"How arrogant..." Jiahui sighed as she looked at the duo's backs.

Chapter 728: Idea

Guan Tang was gripping Yin Yi's arm so tightly that Yin Yi only managed to pry Guan Tang's hand away when they were near Xian An's car. After shaking Guan Tang's hand away, she said, "Hey, you're hurting me!"

Guan Tang quickly apologized, "I'm sorry. I'm really sorry."

Guan Tang could not help but turn to look around, but Mu Chen and Cheng Che were nowhere to be seen.

"Cousin, what's wrong with you today? Why are you so timid? Did you come to ruin my reputation? It's fine if you're not on my side, but you even helped an outsider," Yin Yi said, venting her anger on Guan Tang.

Guan Tang was furious. She really wished she could give the arrogant girl a slap. Alas, she had to hold it in.

Yin Yi angrily got into Xiao An's car followed by Guan Tang.

At this time, Guan Tang finally realized that she was trembling.

While they were in the car, Yin Yi suddenly received a phone call. When she looked at her phone, she realized she had forgotten about Ning Dong. She hurriedly cried out, "Stop the car!"

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Xiao An stepped on the brakes before he turned around and asked, "Miss Yin, what's the matter?"

Yin Yi said, "My friend is waiting for me. You can send my cousin home. I'm going to see my friend."

Then, Yin Yi got off the car and left like the wind.

Xiao An was stunned.

Upon seeing this, Guan Tang said gently, "She's always been like this. My aunt spoils her a lot. Don't take it to heart."

Xiao An quietly started driving again.

Guan Tang, who was sitting at the back, looked at Xiao An's chiseled side profile and asked casually, "How did all of you find Dr. An?"

Xiao An did not look at her as he replied, "Dr. An escaped on her own. She didn't allow us to call the police. She said she'd deal with the culprit using her own methods."

Guan Tang's heart skipped a beat. She forced a smile and said, "Is that so? Dr. An is really strange."

Xiao An glanced at Guan Tang through the rearview mirror and said, "Young Master Cheng is familiar with Dr. An's unique character. Both the Old Madam and the Young Madam like her as well. When all of us discover the culprit, I'm afraid that culprit is going to live a life worse than death."

Guan Tang's trembled again. She opened her mouth to speak but no words came out. She knew she had the wrong move in this game of chess. However, she could not bear to give up the game even if it seemed like she was sure to lose. In her opinion, there was still a glimmer of hope.

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When Yin Yi met Ning Dong, she told him everything without holding back. Then, she pouted and said, "Ning Dong, help me think of a way! I must marry Mu Chen!"

Ning Dong smiled. "It's not a big problem."

"Do you have an idea?" Yin Yi's eyes lit up.

Ning Dong looked at Yin Yi and said, "Think of a way to transfer my sister away from here. My sister is a doctor. It shouldn't be difficult for you to contact the hospital's director, right? With that, you'll have a chance of getting close to Mu Chen."

Yin Yi was delighted. She patted Ning Dong's shoulder and said, "Why are you smart?"

Ning Dong smiled. "My sister has always hated me so I don't want to see her happy. If you can get what you want, I'll naturally be happy."

Yin Yi was very moved. "Ning Dong, thank you! You're my best friend! I'm really touched that you helped me."

"It's nothing. Just don't tell anyone that it's my idea." Ning Dong did not forget to remind Yin Yi.

Yin Yi nodded. "Don't worry! I won't betray you!"

Ning Dong did not care if Yin Yi betrayed him or not. He just wanted to save himself some trouble.

Chapter 729: Flattery

When Yin Yi went home, she began to think about how to execute her plan.

When Yin Yi was born, the Yin family was already at its peak. She was pampered like a little princess since she was born, which resulted in her conceited and arrogant personality.

Yin Yi had long grown tired of the young men from the wealthy and noble families in S City. Although there was no lack of elite, no one could move her heart.

The first time she met Mu Chen, she did not have any thoughts. However, the more she looked at him, the more she found that she could not move her eyes away from him.

There had never been a man who had moved her in this way. Mu Chen was charming, mature, affectionate, and not overbearing. She was also moved when she heard about Mu Chen and his wife's love story. She felt that the heroine of the story should be her. How could someone like Song Ning deserve such a perfect man? That perfect man had to be hers!

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Guan Tang's heart was still pounding when she returned home. Jiahui's sudden appearance had thrown her mind into a mess.

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She leaned on the door and slowly slid to the ground. She felt like she could not breathe. She did not know what to do. How could she move Cheng Che's heart? How could she make Jiahui disappear again?

Guan Tang continued to lament her miserable life.

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At this time, Ye Cheng was playing chess with Old Master Yin.

Old Master Yin, who had met his match in chess, was very happy. He was extremely satisfied with his future grandson-in-law.

Yin Bin, who was watching from the side, was naturally happy as well when he saw how happy his father was.

After setting down a chess piece, Ye Cheng asked casually, "I heard from my father that the cooperation with Uncle is going well."

Yin Bin smiled and said, "That's right! It's all thanks to your father that the Yin Group was able to enter M City so seamlessly and gain a foothold here. He's really a benefactor of our Yin Group."

Ye Cheng replied, "Don't say that. In fact, you're our benefactor. If my father didn't meet you, I'm afraid he'd still be in a slump, drowning his sorrows with alcohol. At that time, I was really worried sick. No matter how I tried to persuade him and encouraged him, it was useless. However, ever since he got to know you, he's like a different person. He's full of passion, ambitious, and even his health has improved. I don't even know how to thank you."

Yin Bin was very pleased by Ye Cheng's words.

At this time, Old Master Yin said, "This is how life should be. People should have goals and an indomitable spirit. Compared to me, all of you are still very young so you have all the time in the world."

Ye Cheng smiled and said, "Grandpa, don't say that. How many people are as broad-minded as you? With your breadth of mind, my father and Uncle Yin idolize you! How can they compare to you? I have to say that Cheng Che is very similar to you."

Ye Cheng paused for a moment. As though he had recalled something, he said, "Cheng Che's so capable. He must have inherited it from you. Cheng Che is swift and decisive when dealing with things. That's why Mu Chen relies on him so much. Everyone used to envy Mu Chen for having such a capable younger brother. Now I understand that it's all thanks to you."

Old Master Yin was very pleased with Ye Cheng's words of flattery. He could not help but laugh. At this time, he had trusted Ye Cheng completely. He sighed and said, "Among my grandsons, none of them is like you. That's my regret. If only they're half as sensible as you, the Yin family will soar even higher!"

Ye Cheng said with a smile, "Grandpa, don't worry. When Cheng Che returns, you won't have to worry anymore. At that time, you'll only have to worry about how to spend your money."

Chapter 730: Honesty

Yin Jia and Ye Cheng held hands as they walked to a small park from the house.

Ye Cheng decided to ask a question that had been in his heart for a long time. "Yin Jia, I actually don't quite understand why it's necessary to make Cheng Che acknowledge and return to the family. You were all separated for so many years, and if you really wanted to find him, you should have done so a long time ago. Why wait until now? I've seen your grandfather's attitude. It's clear that he won't give up until Cheng Che returns to the family. Why?"

Yin Jia's movements froze. She was silent for a moment before she replied, "It doesn't matter why. What's important is that Yin Xing can now return to his original position. There were many problems in the family before this regarding my grandparents. It was exhausting for me, and it would have been exhausting for Yin Xing if he were around. However, heaven is good and rewards the just. Grandpa now

realizes the problem. This is a great opportunity for Yin Xing to return. He has to return to the family as soon as possible. No matter how those people scheme or what their motives are, they can't surpass Yin Xing's identity and status."

Yin Jia gritted her teeth after she finished speaking.

Ye Cheng smiled and said, "Don't worry. I'll do my best to persuade Cheng Che."

Yin Jia looked at Ye Cheng gratefully and said seriously, "Ye Cheng, thank you! No matter what your past is like, I'm endlessly grateful that you're helping me to this extent. I owe you a favor, and in the future, I'll definitely return it to you."

Ye Cheng reached out and brushed a strand of Yin Jia's hair to the side before he said with a distressed expression in his face, "Silly, what kind of words is that? Is there a need to be so courteous between us? You have to take care of yourself. I can see that Guan Tang doesn't have any good intentions toward you. Trust me. I won't fall for her tricks."

Upon hearing this, Yin Jia's tears streamed down her face. She reached out and hugged Ye Cheng, burying her face on his chest. At this moment, she really could not believe her luck. She felt that God was finally treating her well.

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Ye Cheng reached out and patted Yin Jia's back to comfort her. At the same time, he thought to himself that it was impossible for the Mu family not to be troubled by the Yin family's persistence.

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When Jiahui arrived at the Mu family house, she happily told Jiang Jin and Song Ning about Guan Tang's sorry state.

Jiang Jin smiled and sighed. "You child. After all she did to you, you only scared her?"

Song Ning patted Jiang Jin's hand. "Grandma, don't worry. Jiahui may be a little silly, but silly people have good fortune. Look, she was imprisoned for a week, but she's still safe and sound. Moreover, she's not muddle-headed when it comes to important matters."

Jiang Jin only smiled and looked at Jiahui affectionately.

Jiahui stopped smiling and moved to sit next to Jiang Jin before she said, "Grandma, I just don't understand why the Yin family is so adamant that Cheng Che has to return to their family. Every single one of them has their own agendas. Guan Tang wants to get married, and she thinks Cheng Che is the best candidate. Yin Jia feels that everything in the Yin family should belong to her and Cheng Che. As for the others, their motives are not clear. Regardless, there's definitely something fishy about this matter."

Jiang Jin nodded. "The people we sent to S City didn't find any useful information. Let's wait a little longer. The truth will come out eventually. Jiahui, at times like these, you and Cheng Che have to be honest with each other. You can't allow people to drive a wedge between both of you."

Jiahui hurriedly replied, "Yes. I understand, Grandma." Then, she seemed to recall something before she said, "Ningning, Yin Yin went to the company earlier. She visited the company under the pretext of visiting Cheng Che, but in fact, she has designs on Mu Chen."

Chapter 731: Photos

Jiang Jin and Song Ning exchanged a look before Jiang Jin asked, "What do you mean?"

Jiahui thought about it for a moment before she said, "Yin Yi is completely different from Yin Jia. Yin Jia's mind is a little twisted and abnormal. Perhaps, that has something to do with her childhood experiences. She treats Cheng Che as her private property because in her eyes, he's her only flesh-and-blood relative. Yin Yi, on the other hand, is a little like Ye Xin. She's spoiled and thinks the entire world belongs to her."

Jiang Jin and Song Ning frowned at the same time.

Jiang Jin sneered. "She knows very well that Mu Chen has a wife and a son, and yet, she still has feelings for Mu Chen. This can't be forgiven. Ningning, since Mu Chen is back as well, tell him to come over. I want to speak to him."

Song Ning smiled before she replied, "Grandma, you should know what your grandson is like. Don't worry. Mu Chen won't make any mistake regarding matters like this."

Jiahui playfully pushed Song Ning before she said, "Grandma, look. She's really silly. We're worried for her, but she trusts Mu Chen unconditionally."

Jiang Jin smiled. "Both of you are silly. I don't know how much good my two grandsons did in their previous lives that they're lucky enough to marry the both of you."

The three women laughed and continued chatting. They did not take the matter regarding Yin Yi to heart. All of them trusted Mu Chen's character. How could Yin Yi alone shake his and Song Ning's relationship?

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Three days later.

Song Ning received a package. When she opened it, she discovered that it was a gallery of photos of Mu Chen and Yin Yi. From some angles of the photos, Mu Chen and Yin Yi looked very intimate. Some showed them holding hands, and some showed them kissing.

Jiang Jin was naturally furious when she saw the photos. She immediately called Mu Chen to reproach him.

Song Ning was initially shocked, but she calmed down soon after. After getting home from work, she showed the photos to everyone.

Mu Chen was furious. "Which bast*rd did this?"

Mu Chen picked up his phone to call Han Mo when Song Ning stopped him and asked, "Why are you so anxious?"

How could Mu Chen not be anxious? He quickly said, "Ningning, these photos aren't real. Trust me."

Song Ning nodded. "Of course, I trust you. So, don't be so anxious."

Mu Chen still wanted to say something, but Song Ning looked at Jiang Jin.

Jiang Jin nodded. "Seems like they've already begun to make a move. I didn't expect them to start with Ningning and Mu Chen. Mu Chen, calm down first."

Realization dawned on Jiahui when she heard Jiang Jin's words. She recalled she was the first to notice Yin Yi's intention. "Yin Yi is obviously behind this. She wants to drive a wedge between both of you."

Song Ning nodded slowly and looked at Mu Chen as she said, "Yin Yi is interested in you."

Mu Chen looked annoyed as he unbuttoned his shirt slightly. Fortunately, his family trusted him. Otherwise, it would be difficult for him to defend himself. He felt frustrated at this moment, having nowhere to vent his anger.

At this time, Cheng Che said guiltily, "Brother, it's all my fault."

Mu Chen said irritably, "This is none of your business. She likes me, after all."

Song Ning could not bear to see Mu Chen speaking in this manner so she said, feigning anger, "Oh, you seem quite proud of yourself?"

Mu Chen hastily said, "No! No, I'm not!"

Jiang Jin was both angry and amused. After a moment, she admonished them gently, "Alright, that's enough."

With this, everyone fell silent.

Jiang Jin sighed and continued to say, "I didn't expect this Yin Yi to be so unscrupulous."

Jiang Jin thought that Yin Yi was like her biological grandmother, but out of consideration for Cheng Che, she did not say it out loud. In fact, Yin Jia and Yin Yi were somewhat like their grandmother; they were both stubborn and radical. Cheng Che, on the other hand, took after his mother, Yi Wan.

Chapter 732: Negotiation

Cheng Che hastily said, "Grandma, Brother Chen, sister-in-law, I'll speak to Yin Yi tomorrow. I'll tell her to stop messing around."

Cheng Che felt very guilty. He felt that he had brought trouble to his brother and sister-in-law. If he had been a little stricter on his two sisters, Yin Yi would not have dared to act so audaciously. It was all because of his indecisiveness. He could not help but feel frustrated.

Song Ning smiled and said in an attempt to comfort Cheng Che, "Don't blame yourself for everything. Yin Yi is already an adult. Even if you're her brother, you can't control her. Just pretend you don't know anything and see what else she'll do. If we ignore her, I'm sure she's going to continue to cause trouble. When the time comes, who knows if I might be able to obtain something that'll be of help to you? Perhaps, we'll be able to use it as leverage against the Yin family."

Cheng Che felt extremely grateful when he heard Song Ning's words. Song Ning clearly treated him as her younger brother.

Mu Chen frowned. "I think you can make a move now. Since we've not been able to figure out their true intentions, why don't you take the initiative to enter the tiger's den to see what they want?"

Cheng Che said through gritted teeth, "Alright. Then, I'll meet Ye Cheng tomorrow."

Jiahui was surprised upon hearing these words. She asked, "What does this have to do with Ye Cheng?"

Cheng Che patiently explained, "You know that Ye Cheng is now my sister's boyfriend. In order to stabilize their relationship, Ye Cheng has been currying favor with Old Master Yin. He must have told or implied to Old Master Yin that he could persuade me to return to the Yin family. He likely wants to use this to gain the Yin family's trust. Ye Cheng is now highly favored in the Yin family. Even if he doubts me, in order to protect his own interest, he won't voice his suspicion to the Yin family. So..."

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Realization dawned on Jiahui. "So you plan to meet him tomorrow and used him to advance your plan?"

Cheng Che nodded.

Jiahui sighed. "All of you are really smart. You're able to think of 180 possibilities in just a short time. I'm really impressed." After a pause, she asked, "Then, what about Ningning?"

Song Ning said softly, "Let's just go with the flow."

Jiang Jin nodded. "In regard to that, we won't take the initiative to make a move. Instead, we'll respond to the moves the opponent makes."

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When Cheng Che finally agreed to meet Ye Cheng on the 19th of the month, Ye Cheng was stunned. For a moment, Ye Chen did not know if he should feel happy or not. Nonetheless, he quickly set a venue and a time.

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It did not take long before Yin Yi went to look for Song Ning.

It was lunchtime, and Song Ning was resting when Yin Yi showed up. The arrogant manner in which Yin Yi carried herself made Song Ning feel as though she was the third party trying to get in between Yin Yi and Mu Chen's relationship instead.

Yin Yi said bluntly, "Dr. Song, name your price. What will it take for you to leave Brother Mu Chen?"

Song Ning looked at Yin Yi and said with a smile, "Why would I leave him? He's handsome and wealthy, and he has a high status. Won't I suffer a loss if I leave him? Miss Yin, I'm not stupid."

Yin Yi did not expect Song Ning to be so calm. She tried her best to be patient as she said coldly, "You're not worthy of him. This marriage of unequal status won't have a good ending. What Brother Mu Chen needs is someone like me who's of equal status with him. How can you help him? You're just an

unwanted daughter. I can give him unlimited resources and benefits. Can you do that? You can't. Hence, if you really love him, you should leave him. Don't worry. I won't take advantage of you, and I'll definitely compensate you fairly. I just want you to disappear from his life. If you agree, sign a contract with me, and we'll end this matter today."

After Yin Yi finished speaking, she looked at Song Ning confidently.

Song Ning sighed inwardly. She wondered what kind of family and parents would raise such a foolishly confident child.

Chapter 733: Intimidation

Song Ning smiled. "Miss Yin, I wonder if your family is aware of your rash behavior?"

Yin Yi was momentarily stunned. "What does this have to do with my family?"

Song Ning did not say anything. She only brought her phone out and pressed a button. Following that, Yin Yi's voice rang from the phone.

"You're not worthy of him. This marriage of unequal status won't have a good ending. What Brother Mu Chen needs is someone like me who's of equal status with him. How can you help him? You're just an unwanted daughter. I can give him unlimited resources and benefits. Can you do that? You can't. Hence, if you really love him, you should leave him. Don't worry. I won't take advantage of you, and I'll definitely compensate you fairly. I just want you to disappear from his life. If you agree, sign a contract with me, and we'll end this matter today."

Yin Yi was dumbfounded when Song Ning replayed her earlier words. "You recorded me?"

Song Ning held her phone and shook it slightly as she asked, "How will your family react if they hear this?"

Yin Yi quickly regained her composure. She said indignantly, "So what? Did I say anything wrong? It's useless even if you tell my parents about this. They'll definitely stand on my side."

Song Ning was truly amazed by the Yin family's upbringing and Yin Yi's foolishness. In the end, she had no choice but to explain to Yin Yi. "Your family is doing all they can now to make Cheng Che return to the family. You know Cheng Che is extremely unwilling. I'm Cheng Che's sister-in-law, and he has always respected me. Do you think Cheng Che will support me or you if you provoke me like this? If Cheng Che is unhappy, do you think your grandfather will support you? If your grandfather scolds you, do you think your parents will stand up for you?"

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Yin Yi was at a loss for words. In the end, she said through gritted teeth, "You're a despicable woman!"

Song Ning smiled. "I like the photos you sent. Your skills are quite good. Why did you only send them to me? Why didn't you send it to the media? Wouldn't it be more beneficial to you to stir up a storm? If you want me to leave, why don't you use the pressure of the public to force me to leave? Wouldn't that be faster and more effective? Why didn't you do that?"

Yin Yi remained silent.

Song Ning continued to say, "Miss Yin, you look like a fool, but you're actually quite smart. You knew what the consequences would be if you release the photos to the media, right?"

Yin Yi's expression was extremely unsightly at this moment.

Song Ning chuckled before she asked, "Miss Yin, what if I were to send these photos to the media?"

Upon hearing this, Yin Yi glared at Song Ning with eyes that burned with the flames of fury.

"Everyone will know that the young miss of the Yin family is a shameless woman who's trying to seduce a married man and destroy his family. Not only that, but your family will also find out about how you're ruining their plan..."

"You!" Yin Yi gnashed her teeth in anger. She said angrily, "Doctors are said to be kind, saving lives with their hands. To think you're as cunning as a fox! You're very vicious!"

Song Ning was unaffected by Yin Yi's words. She continued to say, "If that happens, Cheng Che will be even more unwilling to return to the Yin family. Imagine having such a shameless and scheming younger sister. He'll only be humiliating himself if he returns to the Yin family."

Chapter 734: Treatment

Yin Yi could no longer hold back her anger as she asked, "What exactly do you want?"

Song Ning's smile gradually vanished as she looked at Yin Yi and said, "Don't you know what I want? Stay away from my husband, and get rid of your blind and foolish confidence. If you dare to meddle in my relationship again, I won't be polite."

Yin Yi was stunned by Song Ning's imposing manner. Even after Song Ning had left for a long time, she still did not regain her senses.

'Did I underestimate Song Ning?'

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Ye Cheng raised his glass to Cheng Che and asked with a smile, "How long has it been since we last had a drink together?"

Cheng Che thought about it seriously before he replied, "Ever since you secretly started to steal the Mu Group's businesses and tried to help your sister marry my brother."

Ye Cheng's smile froze on his face. "Cheng Che..."

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Cheng Che looked at Ye Cheng innocently and asked, "Did I remember wrongly?"

Ye Cheng surrendered. "Fine, you're right. I made a mistake, alright?"

Cheng Che only cocked an eyebrow as he looked at Ye Cheng silently.

Ye Cheng took a deep breath before he said, "Alright, let's not talk about the past, okay? I won't steal the Mu Group businesses anymore, and I don't have a sister who wants to marry Mu Chen now. Do you feel at ease now?"

Cheng Che slowly chewed his food and swallowed it before he said, "But you're scheming against my sister now..."

Ye Cheng set his glass down heavily and feigned anger as he said, "I'm not scheming against your sister. I really like her. We're in love. Do you understand? We're dating with the intention to get married. We're not playing around."

Cheng Che glanced at Ye Cheng from the corners of his eyes and said, "Oh, I thought the person you love is my brother. I once thought you liked men."

"You!" Ye Cheng said, "Very good! However, if I like men, it's more likely that I'll like you. Why would I like that iceberg, Mu Chen?"

Ye Cheng was both angry and amused.

Cheng Che shuddered and rubbed his arms as goosebumps erupted on his skin.

Then, the two men looked at each other and smiled before they looked away.

Inwardly, Ye Cheng sighed in relief. The slight worry in his heart also disappeared. Finally, he said bluntly, "Cheng Che, I'm here to speak on behalf of your family."

Cheng Che remained silent.

Ye Cheng asked probingly, "I want to know why you're unwilling to return to the Yin family? Is the Mu family pressuring you?"

Cheng Che shook his head immediately, "No. Grandma and Brother Chen have always respected and supported me. They have nothing to do with this."

Ye Cheng did not believe Cheng Che, but he did not pursue this sensitive matter. Instead, he asked, "Then, what is it? Do you know how much your sister worries about you? You're her biological brother. You're the closest person to her in this world. She doesn't want the things that belong to you to be divided among other people in the future. Moreover, those people are her enemies."

When Ye Cheng spoke, his voice was filled with distress.

Cheng Che's eyes widened as he asked, "Do they not treat my sister well?"

The expression on Cheng Che's face at this moment seemed to indicate that as long as Ye Cheng nodded in response to his question, he would rush to confront the Yin family immediately.

Ye Cheng could not help but praise Cheng Che inwardly. He also thought about how lucky Cheng Che was that Mu Chen and Jiang Jin treated Cheng Che so sincerely even though Cheng Che was adopted. Moreover, Cheng Che was also very outstanding.

Seeing that Ye Cheng did not speak, Cheng Che smacked his hands on the table, looking as though he was about to stand up as he asked again, "Are they mistreating her?"

Ye Cheng hastily pulled Cheng Che back and said in an attempt to appease Cheng Che, "Why are you so anxious? When did I say Yin Jia was mistreated? She has a very high status in the Yin family, and your grandfather dotes on her a lot. In fact, she has more say than your father. The family treats her well."

Chapter 735: Persuasion

Cheng Che looked at Ye Cheng skeptically.

Ye Cheng struck while the iron was hot and said, "If you care so much about your sister, why are you still so stubborn? Shouldn't you consider her?"

Cheng Che's eyes flashed before he asked somewhat uncertainly, "Consider her how? What's there to consider?"

Ye Cheng looked at Cheng Che reproachfully before he said, "Even if Old Master Yin dotes on her, she's still alone and helpless. Your father doesn't treat her badly, but it's obvious that he treats your half-brother and half-sister better. There's no need to mention your stepmother. The Yin family is quite complex. There are your uncle and aunty, and there's also Old Madam Yin. None of them are easy to deal with."

Then, Ye Cheng shook his head before he continued to say, "I really can't imagine how Yin Jia grew up. Perhaps, that's why she's a little stubborn and extreme. I think she's like that in order to protect herself."

Cheng Che listened attentively as Ye Cheng continued to say, "No matter what are the motives of the others for wanting you to return to the family, your sister's motive is the purest. She only thinks that everything in the Yin family should belong to you. She'll risk her life to restore you to your rightful position. Even if the Yin family didn't look for you, she would've looked for you and brought you home."

Cheng Che slowly drank the wine from his glass. As he set his glass down, he asked calmly, "Brother Cheng, if you were me, what would you do?"

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Ye Cheng felt his heart relax when he heard the words 'Brother Cheng'. He felt like he had successfully gotten Cheng Che to open his heart. He really felt like smiling at this moment when he thought about how there was hope of pulling Cheng Che to his side. This was good enough for him to show off in front of Mu Chen. Finally, he cleared his throat and said, "If I were you, I'd return to the Yin family immediately. You're a man. There's no need for you to care about trivial matters. Mu Chen is used to being aloof, and he can remain so without dirtying his hands. This is something his grandmother had helped him to obtain. However, we can't compare to him. If I were you, I'd return to the Yin family. No matter the difficulties and risks that lie ahead, you shouldn't let go of this opportunity."

Cheng Che looked at Ye Cheng intently.

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Ye Cheng patted Cheng Che's hand and said earnestly, "You can't rely on the Mu family your entire life. You've already started your own business so I don't need to tell you about how hard that is. Although

you're doing very well standing on your own, your foundation is still weak. However, it'll be different if you have the Yin family as your foundation. I advise you to use your brain to think when it comes to business. Don't let your emotions get the best of you. What are those old grudges worth?"

Ye Cheng continued to strike the iron while it was hot. "To put it bluntly, your mother passed away a long time ago. Although she's in heaven now, I'm sure she still wants the best for you. I'm sure she also hopes that you'll be the Young Master of the Yin family instead of staying in the Mu family without any support. Moreover, your sister has been planning for you for so many years. She wants you to take on your rightful identity."

Cheng Che lowered his gaze, falling deep into his thoughts.

Ye Cheng felt even more reassured and confident upon seeing this. He said, "As for your grandparents and Old Madam Yin... Cheng Che, in the end, their affairs have nothing to do with you. If I were you, I'd return and start to build connections and gain resources. I know you and Mu Chen think that I'm vulgar and only care about money. I don't mind. I only have a stronger sense of purpose. I don't pretend to be anything else."

Chapter 736: Success

Ye Cheng spoke self-deprecatingly. Inwardly, he was excited when he saw that Cheng Che was listening to him attentively. He did not care if Yin Jia was grateful to him or not. He only wanted to make contributions to gain the favor of her grandfather and father. This was the most important thing to him now. He knew if he successfully persuaded Cheng Che to return to the Yin family, his position in the family would be almost unshakeable.

Cheng Che still did not speak.

Ye Cheng knew he was very close to achieving his goal. He patted Cheng Che's shoulder and said, "I'm treating Grandpa Yin and Uncle Yin to dinner tomorrow. Why don't you join us? If you have anything to say, you can speak to them tomorrow."

Cheng Che leaned back against his chair and sighed slowly. Then, he nodded slightly and said, "Alright."

Ye Cheng was ecstatic. He really did not expect his heart-to-heart talk would bring him success. It seemed like even the heavens were helping him.

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Ning Dong kept a close eye on Ning Zhe. Ever since Ning Zhe was admitted to the hospital, he had been feeling inexplicably uneasy.

The doctor had already concluded that Ning Zhe had simply overexerted himself. However, Ning Chun looked too nervous. If Ning Zhe had only overworked himself, Ning Chun would not be so worried and nervous.

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Everyone knew that Ning Zhe treated Ning Chun like a son, and Ning Chun was also very sincere to Ning Zhe.

For this reason, Ning Dong had been going to the hospital quietly to observe his father and Ning Chun. He saw that Ning Zhe would call the board of directors to the hospital for a meeting every once in a while.

As for Su Tong, she was very relieved. She felt smug. Her son was getting closer and closer to the highest position in the Ning family. She did not take Ning Dong's worries to heart. In her opinion, Ning Dong was just being overly cautious and fretting for nothing.

Su Tong believed that Ning Zhe would definitely give up his position after this incident. At that time, all the authority would be given to her son.

Meanwhile, Ning Zhe was recovering with Song Ning and Jiahui's help. He had also calmed down by now.

Ning Chun suppressed his anger and focused on taking care of Ning Zhe with all his heart. He was very grateful to Jiahui and Song Ning and turned a blind eye to Ning Dong and Su Tong.

Ning Zhe's admission to the hospital did not affect the Ning Group, and it also did not attract the attention of their business rivals. Ning Zhe was naturally very gratified about this.

On this day, Ning Chun entered the room with a solemn expression on his face.

Upon seeing this, Ning Zhe set his tablet down on the table and took off his reading glasses. He pinched the bridge of his nose as he asked unhurriedly, "Are there any clues?"

Ning Chun had been investigating the matter of Ning Zhe's poisoning. He nodded slightly in response to Ning Zhe's question as he walked to the side of Ning Zhe's bed. Then, he choked slightly as he called out, "Master..."

Ning Zhe looked up at Ning Chun and asked, "What's wrong?"

Ning Chun rarely let his emotions get the better of him even though Ning Zhe knew Ning Chun was someone who valued emotions and feelings.

Ning Chun took a deep breath to calm down as he moved Ning Zhe's table to the side and tucked the corners of Ning Zhe's blanket. When he was done, he finally said, "Master, Eldest Young Miss' medicine is very good. I've read the report. The toxin in your body has been eliminated. I begged her to prescribe you medicine to further strengthen your body as well. She's really amazing."

Ning Zhe nodded slightly. "I didn't expect that she wouldn't inherit her mother and grandmother's embroidery skills. Instead, she inherited her grandfather's medical skills. It seems like this is heaven's will."

Ning Chun suddenly thought of something and brought his phone out. Then, he showed Ning Zhe a video of a cute and lively boy chasing a ball on the grass. The little boy laughed as he stumbled and ran after the ball.

Ning Zhe's eyes lit up immediately, and he sat up slightly as he asked, "Who's this?"

Chapter 737: Soft-Hearted

“Young Miss’ son, Mu Lang,” Ning Chun said with a smile as he looked at the screen.

Ning Zhe’s eyes did not leave the screen as he asked, “Where did you get this?”

“I had someone sneak into the children’s activity center. Little Young Master Mu Lang is in good health and likes sports. Old Madam Mu doesn’t coddle him and lets him try anything he wants. The Little Young Master is also very generous with people.” Ning Chun said softly.

Ning Zhe could not put the phone down at all.

“Master, Eldest Young Miss and the Little Young Master are very happy,” Ning Chun said softly.

Ning Zhe did not say anything.

The sound of Mu Lang’s laughter rang in the room.

Ning Zhe knew the meaning of Ning Chun’s words. His heart softened slightly at this moment. After a while, he stopped the video and locked the phone before giving it back to Ning Chun. Then, he said, “The embroidery manual is very important to the Ning family. If the Ning family continues like this, I’m afraid that sooner or later, it won’t be able to continue. I just can’t watch the Ning family decline in the hands of the younger generation...”

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Ning Chun remained silent.

The silence between the two was laden with unconcealable sadness.

After a long time, Ning Chun said softly, “The poison was brought in by the Young Master. Madam should be aware of it as well. The poisoning shouldn’t only be the work of one person.”

“Where did this poison come from?” Ning Zhe asked calmly.

“The Young Master has a friend called Ji An. He runs a gym and often helps people to deal with problems in private. He has some fugitives under him. Some time ago, this Ji An committed a crime and was caught,” Ning Chun said in a low voice.

Ning Zhe frowned. “How did he meet such a person?”

Ning Chun thought about it for a moment before he said, “Young Master met Ji An through Ye Cheng. There are rumors that Ji An was actually Mu Qing’s subordinate. Hence, Young Master’s friendship with Ji An might have been part of a conspiracy from the start.”

Ning Zhe glanced at Ning Chun as he asked, “Even now, you’re still hoping to settle things peacefully, right? You want to tell me that my children are filial, but they’ve just been led astray by others.” He sighed before he continued to say, “One of them doesn’t acknowledge me as her father, and the other wants to kill me.”

Ning Chun, whose intention was exposed, could not help but avert his eyes.

Ning Zhe sighed softly. “Ning Chun, I’d rather rely on you than them. Whether it’s ability, loyalty, or filial piety, you’re much better than them. You’re really a gift from heaven.”

“Master...”

Ning Zhe leaned back and said, “What will come will come, and what’s meant to leave will not stay. Ning Chun, no matter what, I still have you. As long as I’m alive, as long as you’re by my side, I won’t fall.”

Ning Chun nodded slightly. “Young Master and Second Young Miss Yin have already gotten to know each other. However, Second Young Miss Yin seems to be interested in Mu Chen. I don’t know what she’s up to. Young Master seems rather interested in Second Young Miss Yin. The two of them have been seeing each other almost every day recently.”

Ning Zhe sneered. “Have you not noticed that he’s actually very practical and knows how to pave the way for himself? Let him be. If he’s able to marry the Second Young Miss of the Yin family, it can be considered that he has made contributions to the Ning family. However, we must keep an eye on him and make sure he doesn’t use the Ning family’s connections. As for that girl... We can’t let her ruin Xiaxia’s marriage.”

“No matter how useful she is, we can’t just watch and let her harm Xiaxia. You’re right. Why should we make an enemy out of Xiaxia? Instead of allying with others, we might as well ally ourselves with the Mu family. It can also be considered as keeping it in the family. Why let outsiders benefit from us?”

Ning Chun only looked at Ning Zhe silently, feeling at a loss for words. If the embroidery manual was in the Ning family, then Ning Zhe’s words made sense. However, the embroidery manual was with Song Ning and had nothing to do with the Ning family.

Chapter 738: Calculation

Ning Chun could not bear to tell the truth. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Ning Zhe had nothing. The pressure in his heart was so heavy that it hurt.

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Song Ning calmly listened to Jiahui’s analysis of Ning Zhe’s condition and agreed with Jiahui’s course of treatment.

Jiahui clicked her tongue and said, “Song Ning, they didn’t report the matter to the police. Clearly, the culprit is someone close to him.”

Song Ning looked at the report and said calmly, “He knows very well in his heart who’s responsible for it. How could he be willing to report the matter to the police? Let him be. We can cure illnesses, nothing else. We’ve done everything that needs to be done. As for other matters, they can handle it themselves.”

At this time, someone knocked on the door.

“Senior Sister Song, the director wants to see you in his office.”

Song Ning rose to her feet and patted Jiahui, motioning for her to send the prescription to Ning Zhe before she left.

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When Jiahui returned from her rounds, Song Ning had also just returned from the director's office.

"Why did the director want to see you?" Jiahui asked casually.

"He asked me to go to S City for an exchange program for a month," Song Ning said, looking uncertain.

Jiahui was stunned and puzzled. "An exchange program? When are you supposed to go?"

"In two days," Song Ning replied.

"Huh? So fast? I've not heard of anything like this. Let me ask my dad," Jiahui said as she brought her phone out.

"No need." Song Ning stopped Jiahui.

The two women looked at each other silently before Jiahui asked softly, "Could it be that someone's scheming against you?"

Song Ning nodded. "Let's just play along."

Jiahui frowned. "Who is it? They can even interfere in the hospital's matters? No, I have to check if there's a mole in the hospital."

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Song Ning shook her head. "There's no point. The invitation came from S City. If we go through normal channels, we likely won't find anything."

Jiahui thought about it for a moment before she said, "You have a point. Why don't I go with you?"

Song Ning shook her head gently. "No. Cheng Che's at a critical juncture now. You need to stay with him. Without you, he'll be irritable, and he won't be able to control his emotions. At that time, Grandma will also be worried."

"But I worry about you! Why don't you let Mu Chen accompany you?" Jiahui asked.

Song Ning shook her head again. "I can't let Mu Chen accompany me. Not only that, but I also must have a public quarrel with him. Only with that, we'll be able to make them lower their guards."

Jiahui frowned. "I really hate this. I really hate all these schemes."

Song Ning smiled and comforted Jiahui. "Just think about it. This is all for Cheng Che. We have to keep our guards up and do this. Otherwise, it'd be Cheng Che who's being schemed against. This is a good opportunity. I can use this chance and go to S City to find out more about the Yin family as well. Moreover, we're not completely sure this is a scheme."

Jiahui could not refute Song Ning's words.

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Yin Yi said to Ning Dong smugly, "That annoying woman will be leaving for S City the day after tomorrow. Ha, what qualifications does she have to fight with me? She still has to go wherever I tell her to go! If she pisses me off, I'll send her to Africa!"

Yin Yi raised her hand and ordered two drinks. When the drinks came, she pushed one of the glasses to Ning Dong.

Ning Dong smiled. "You're really amazing! What are you going to do after she leaves?"

Yin Yi took a sip of her drink before she said, "Of course, I'm going to pester Mu Chen. It's going to be easier when his wife isn't around!"

Ning Dong found Yin Yi's IQ, which seemed to fluctuate, amusing. He was determined to marry her. There was no more suitable candidate than her. When her reputation was ruined, she would have no choice but to marry him.

Ning Dong trusted Mu Chen's character very much so he knew Yin Yi's petty schemes would not be successful. Instead, it would only ruin her reputation. At that time, he would be doing her a favor by marrying her, and the Yin family would also lower their heads in front of him. The foolish woman was a gift from the heavens to him.

Yin Yi wanted to scheme against Song Ning, unaware that she had already fallen into Ning Dong's trap.

Chapter 739: Extramarital Affair

Mu Chen, the Chairman of the Mu Group, was suspected to have an extramarital affair.

The news was like a clap of thunder, shocking those in M City.

Mu Chen was seen arguing with his wife, Song Ning, and another woman at the entrance of the Mu Group's building.

It was said that Song Ning, who had suddenly decided to pick her husband up from work, saw him behaving intimately with another woman. When he tried to explain himself to her, she accidentally pushed the other woman. Upon seeing this, he hurriedly went to help the other woman, causing Song Ning to misunderstand. After that, Song Ning turned around and left.

As for the other woman, she sprained her ankle so Mu Chen had to stay behind and send her to the hospital.

The next day, Song Ning left M City alone for work. Mu Chen did not send her off.

This was simply huge news.

Mu Chen and Song Ning's marriage had been questioned since it was made public, and many people spoke ill of them. The couple had gone through many ups and downs together, and in the process, they moved many people with their love. Naturally, there were still people who remained skeptical.

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Any news regarding their relationship would generate a huge discussion.

When this news broke, many people commented that the couple definitely would not grow old together. They also felt that the couple's relationship was not as good as everyone imagined. Otherwise, there would not be such a huge commotion just because of a small matter.

As for the other woman who was the catalyst of the couple's argument, it did not take long for people to find out about her identity. They did not expect her to have such a great background. They were shocked when they found out that she was the Young Miss of the Yin family who had just moved to M City to expand their business.

With this, everyone thought it was no wonder that the other woman was able to meet Mu Chen. As it turned out, she was Cheng Che's half-sister. Cheng Che was adopted by the Mu family, and he was Mu Chen's beloved younger brother, after all.

Later, someone dug out the news that before Mu Chen's affair was exposed, Cheng Che had a meeting with Old Master Yin of the Yin family. After that, Cheng Che had agreed to return to the family. However, it was said that Cheng Che was very displeased with his half-sister's actions.

Cheng Che and Mu Chen had a good relationship; everyone knew this. Cheng Che finally gave in and decided to return to his family. However, because of his half-sister, his brother and sister-in-law were affected. Naturally, Cheng Che was unhappy.

With that, everyone began digging to find out Cheng Che was so unwilling to return to his family in the first place.

It did not take long for people to find out about that incident from 28 years ago.

Everyone sighed emotionally when they read about what happened.

Just like that, Cheng Che and the Yin family were thrust into the spotlight in M City.

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Old Master Yin was naturally furious. He shut the door and scolded his granddaughter who was kneeling on the ground. He had always preferred sons over daughters. He doted on Yin Jia because Yin Jia was deemed to be lucky and most importantly, because Yin Jia was very useful. As for his youngest granddaughter, she was dispensable.

It was not a problem for him to pamper his youngest granddaughter. However, that was under the conditions that she did not cause trouble for the Yin family. Moreover, this time, she angered Cheng Che, who had finally changed his mind about returning to the Yin family.

Old Madam Yin naturally would not let go of such a golden opportunity to step on her enemies when they were down. She spared no effort in adding fuel to the fire.

Yin Bin did not dare to say a word at all when faced with his father's fury.

Guan Ning also could only watch anxiously as her daughter was punished. All she could do was look at Yin Jia and Guan Tang pleadingly, as though she was asking for their help.

Yin Jia turned a blind eye to her stepmother's plea for help. At this time, she no longer had to pander to anyone. Her fiancé was acknowledged by her grandfather and father, and her biological brother finally

agreed to return to the Yin family. Once again, she confirmed her status as the lucky star of the Yin family.

Chapter 740: Reprimanded

Yin Jia did not think there was any need for her to pander to her stepmother and plead for mercy on behalf of her disappointing sister. The day that she would finally be able to hold her head up high was infinitely close!

Yin Jia's title as the lucky star of the Yin family naturally did not give her any sense of security. However, as long as her younger brother became the successor of the Yin family, she would feel very secure. Moreover, her future husband came from a prominent family and was highly regarded by her grandfather. Currently, even Old Madam Yin did not dare to simply offend her. After 28 years, she felt that she finally had the dignity of a young miss. As for Yin Yi, she thought that Yin Yi deserved her punishment.

On the other hand, Guan Tang looked at Guan Ning apologetically. Inwardly, she naturally did not care at all.

Yin Yi brought this upon herself. There was nothing anyone could say to speak up for her. Moreover, it was clear that Yin Yi tried to seduce Mu Chen with Guan Ning's tacit approval.

Guan Ning likely hoped that her daughter would be able to successfully seduce Mu Chen. At that time, her daughter's status would also be elevated in the Yin family. Alas, she did not expect it to backfire instead.

Old Master Yin said furiously, "I don't care what method you use, but you better make your brother happy! If he changes his mind because of your actions, I'll kick you out of the family!"

Yin Yi was so frightened that she could only cry non-stop.

Old Madam Yin looked around before she said to Old Master Yin with a smile, "There's no need to be so angry. I heard that Young Madam Mu has already left M City. Perhaps, this is a chance for our Second Young Miss. If she's able to become the second Young Madam Mu, it's also a good thing. It also shows that our Second Young Miss is really capable."

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Old Madam Yin successfully stoked the fire again.

Old Master Yin scoffed and said to Yin Yi, "Keep dreaming! What qualifications do you have that made you think Mu Chen will take a liking to you? How can you compare to that Dr. Song Ning? You think she's ordinary, but you're unaware that she comes from a prestigious family. How dare you cause trouble at this kind of time?"

The Yin family was in chaos. Regardless of the uproar, no one dared to offend Cheng Che.

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Mu Chen had Han Mo investigate the hospital's exchange program. The exchange program was legitimate, but Yin Yi had clearly tampered with the process. The candidate did not have to be Song Ning.

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Meanwhile, Song Ning, who had arrived in S City, was surprised when she met the director of the S City Central Hospital. They were from the same department, and she was also a student of Professor Li.

Director Wang was very friendly with her junior, who had been praised by their teachers.

The exchange program went very smoothly.

Director Wang treated Song Ning very well. She really wished Song Ning could pass on her abilities and skills to the young doctors and interns in her hospital.

Song Ning had a very good temper and superb skills. Her explanation was also very easy to understand, making her very popular in the hospital.

Before Song Ning thought of a way to investigate the Yin family, Director Wang approached her.

"Song Ning, I have a personal favor to ask from you," Director Wang said.

"Senior sister, you're too polite. If you have something to say, you can just say it," Song Ning said. She really liked this simple and down-to-earth senior sister.

Director Wang thought about it for a moment before she said, "There are two patients. One of them is my relative. We've tried both western and Chinese medicine, but there's not much improvement. I'd like to ask you to take a look. Personally, if possible, I don't want to resort to a bone marrow and kidney transplant."

Song Ning asked, "It's so serious that a transplant is needed?"

Director Wang nodded solemnly. "I always feel like there's still hope before we resort to a transplant. I was planning to ask Professor Li to have a look, but here you are... Help me take a look first and see if there's a need to trouble our teacher to come over."