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Soon after, the two cuties arrived. Erbao had put on some weight, as her face looked chubbier when she threw herself at Nan Chen, "Nan Chen..... Uncle Nan!"

Nan Chen hurriedly opened his arms and caught her, "You've gotten fatter." Erbao buried her head into his chest in embarrassment, "I didn't get fat! This is what wealthy looks like!"

Nan Chen felt his heart melting as he carried the chubby Erbao in his arms.

Dabao looked calm as usual. He stood there looking at Nan Chen from afar. Although he didn't jump into Nan Chen's arms like Erbao, his eyes were still filled with surprise.

Nan Chen was the only person in this world that could make Dabao feel warmth.

Yet, at the same time, Nan Chen was the one that everyone felt most distant from.

Nan Chen waved his hand, gesturing Dabao to come over.

Dabao slowly walked towards Nan Chen. Nan Chen reached out and brought Dabao into his embrace. He then rubbed his chin on his head.

Dabao responded by lifting Nan Chen's head with his. This silent method of greeting was the only one this cold duo knew.

Erbao saw them doing that and thought it was fun so she tried to join in as well, but it ended up feeling uncomfortable as her movements were not in sync with theirs.

Erbao then noticed the huge variety of snacks prepared for them beforehand, and shouted in joy as she ran towards the pile of snacks.

Dabao walked over to Nan Chen's bookshelf and raised his head as he looked at the books on display.

But he was too short, so he couldn't see some of the books on top even when he lifted his head all the way.

Nan Chen came over and hoisted him above his shoulders, so he could see the books on top.

"There aren't many books here. The private library at home has a hundred times more books than this. If you live there, you can read even more books." Nan Chen told Dabao.

Only in front of the kids was he this talkative.

“Where is your house?” Dabao, who usually doesn’t speak, responded quickly.

“At the Commoner Residence. That’s where grandpa and grandma live. Your daddy and I stay there too, sometimes.” Nan Chen explained seriously.

“Commoner Residence?” This name sounded very new to Dabao.

“Commoner Residence is the name of our house. Commoner refers to the citizens without official positions. Officials back in the past would wear finely made clothing. Those who didn’t have these fancy clothes and were dressed in rags, were known as commoners. It also refers to those who quit their positions as officials and joined the common folk in the city.” Nan Chen explained patiently, and Dabao seemed to understand.

Regardless of whether he understood it, this was a very warm exchange between the two.

“Are you willing to come home?” Nan Chen asked the critical question.

“To your house or daddy’s house?” Dabao asked.

Nan Chen knew Dabao must’ve had some deep meaning behind his question.

“Why do you ask?” Nan Chen asked.

Dabao kept quiet.

What he actually meant was, If it’s your house, then I’m willing to go. But if it’s daddy’s house, then I’ll have to consider it first.

But he knew it was inappropriate to say that, so he remained silent.

“Daddy and I both share that house. It’s a very big house. We’re just staying together, not living together. We have a lot of personal space to ourselves.” Nan Chen explained.

Dabao didn’t say anything.

He had never seen such a big house before, so he couldn’t fully understand what Nan Chen said.

With the children’s limited knowledge, staying together was like at Aunt Xiang’s house where everyone shared the same living room and slept in different bedrooms.

But what Nan Chen meant by staying together was living alone in separate buildings. The only thing they shared was the garden, swimming pool and other public spaces.

Their exchange was not very successful, and they fell into silence once again.

Erbao noticed the silence and quickly rushed over with some snacks, "What are you guys talking about?"

"I was asking your brother if he would like to stay with us." Nan Chen told Erbao.

Erbao looked at Dabao.

Dabao kept quiet.

"Brother doesn't seem willing to." Erbao explained.

"Why?" Nan Chen couldn't understand.

"Because he's worried that we can't stay with mommy."

They were twins, after all. Erbao was the one who understood Dabao better than anyone else.

Nan Chen was shocked too. These kids sure had high IQ and EQ, bringing up the main problem so quickly.

Nan Chen had planned to bring them home and hire the most professional nanny and the best teachers to harness their strong talents.

Nan Chen was not about to let that power-hungry, scheming woman into the Nan family.

She was unworthy of it.

If he let these kids stay with the woman, she might lead them astray in life.

Dabao stared at Nan Chen who kept quiet.

Dabao needed Nan Chen to give him an explanation.

Nan Chen realized he had gotten himself into an awkward situation. He still couldn't answer give Dabao a clear answer.

He decided to not talk about this for the moment.

Besides, Nan Chen was also aware that it would not be easy to separate the kids from their mommy.

Not only would doing so provoke retaliation from their mommy, but it would cause the kids to object as well.

It's incredibly important to be mindful of the methods used in handling these things, especially when facing such genius kids. Otherwise, the outcome could be very terrible.

"Grandpa and grandma have never seen you two before and really want to, so they hope that you can stay with us, and had me ask your opinions, that's all."

Nan Chen pushed the blame to grandpa and grandma.

"We go wherever mommy goes." Dabao stated his views clearly.

So Erbao was right, Dabao was concerned about not being able to stay with mommy.

Nan Chen was a little relieved that he did not reveal his intentions; otherwise he wouldn't be able to play with these kids happily anymore.

Nan Chen dared not bring up that matter throughout the remaining time with them.

He just talked about other things like their daily life.

Dabao hardly spoke, while Erbao was a chatterbox by default. From what Erbao said, Nan Chen found out a lot about Ning Ran.

Nan Chen could make out that Ning Ran had went overseas after getting pregnant and hadn't returned throughout those years.

This woman went overseas and gave birth to the kids without informing the Nan family, and now she has brought them back to Flower City.

For such a long time, she had plotted and remained hidden, and chose to show up at the Nan family doorstep now.

Nan Chen would never believe that she was without ulterior motives.

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Nan Chen felt that time flies really quickly when he was with the kids, as two hours had passed just like that.

The conference meeting had ended, and Jiang Zhe submitted the meeting minutes to Nan Chen's desk.

Nan Chen glanced through it, and quickly put it down.

"Are we affecting your work?" Dabao suddenly asked.

Nan Chen was stunned. Dabao's maturity was far beyond his imagination.

Normally, a usual response would be to assure the person that they aren't.

But Dabao was no normal person, and Nan Chen felt it would be inappropriate for him to lie to these kids.

"Yes, but just a little. I'm willing to spend some time with you two, as it feels like a good way to rest for me as well." Nan Chen answered.

This was the truth. It was the absolute truth.

"Then, we'll be going home now. You carry on with your work." Dabao said.

"It's no hurry. Daddy will come pick you up soon."

As he said that, Jiang Zhe came in and told them that Mr. Nan was here.

Nan Chen thought it was just him. But then as he opened the door, the faint scent of orange blossom could be detected.

Nan Chen frowned, That woman came too?

"Mommy!" Erbao rushed over immediately.

"Hey, daddy's right in front. Isn't it a bit rude to just ignore me and go straight for mommy?" Nan Xing stopped Erbao.

Erbao hugged Nan Xing and called him daddy in a sweet voice.

"That's a good girl. Come let me hug you too, son!" Nan Xing called out to Dabao.

But Dabao didn't move.

It was obvious that Dabao still didn't like this flamboyant daddy.

Nan Xing knew that too, but no one could force him to do anything he didn't want to.

He didn't continue when he saw that Dabao didn't want to come over.

"Mr. Jiang, could you please have the kids wait for us outside? We need to talk." Nan Xing said.

"Yes, Mr. Nan."

The kids followed Jiang Zhe out the room obediently.

Only Nan Xing, Ning Ran and Nan Chen were left in the room.

Of course, the scent of orange blossom in the air as well.

A scent that only Nan Chen could identify clearly.

“Brother, I’ve brought Ding Mi over for two reasons. To pick up the kids, and to talk with you.” Nan Xing said.

Nan Chen kept quiet.

That’s how he normally was, quiet and cold. He only showed enthusiasm and friendliness in front of the kids.

“Brother, I want to marry this woman, and I hope you’ll give us your blessings.” Nan Xing continued.

Ning Ran stared at Nan Xing wide-eyed.

This wasn’t what he said on the way here. He had told her that they were just coming to pick up the kids.

And most importantly, Ning Ran only came with him because he said Nan Chen wasn’t in the office.

Now, not only was Poker Face here, but Nan Xing had also caused such an awkward scene!

Nan Chen raised his head and glanced at them coldly.

In terms of appearances, this woman would make a good match for his brother.

She was born with the face of a star; her beauty was unique and highly recognizable. It was unlike the millions of similar-looking internet sensations, nor was it vulgarly sultry.

Her beauty was one of a kind.

She seemed like a pure young girl, yet her eyes gave off a ladylike charm.

She was exuding a very high level of charm.

Ning Ran noticed Poker Face had been staring at her, and felt a little nervous.

Poker Face rarely looked at people directly like this.

Ning Ran looked away from the pressure and kept her head low after making brief eye contact.

“Brother?” Nan Xing noticed Nan Chen’s strange behavior as well.

Nan Chen quickly snapped out of it and pretended to pick up some documents, “I’m very busy.”

He had no intention to chat at all.

“Don’t be like that, brother. I’m your only brother! How could you treat me like this?” Nan Xing cried out.

“Get out.” Nan Chen said.

To Nan Chen, his brother coming here today like this must have been the work of this woman.

Was she trying to force her way in like this?

Did she think that Nan Chen was such a pushover? I won’t even let you have a chance to speak!

“Ding Mi, hurry up and beg brother to agree to our wedding and give us his blessings.” Nan Xing looked at Ning Ran.

Ning Ran was dumbfounded.

I have always been at odds with that Poker Face as it is, and now you want me to beg him?

Are you kidding me? Even if he originally did agree to it, he would surely object the moment I asked!

Ning Ran was well aware of how much Poker Face hated her.

Because she hated him just as much!

“Since when did I promise to marry you?” Ning Ran asked Nan Xing.

Now it was Nan Xing’s turn to be dumbfounded.

After all that’s happened, was he all alone in this?

“Come on, we have two kids together. Who else would you marry if not me?” Nan Xing exclaimed.

“Who I marry is my business. I never said I was going to marry you. Now you want me to beg someone for your hand in marriage? I have to beg to marry someone? How ridiculous!” Ning Ran said coldly.

Nan Chen’s expression darkened.

Is this woman playing hard to get?

All she wants is to marry into the Nan family, so what kind of act is she putting up now?

What does she mean by not having to beg to marry? Does she mean that she can just marry anyone else?

“Don’t be like that, Ding Mi. He’s my only brother. I hope to receive his blessings in my marriage. We are twins, and only when I receive his blessings can I be happy.” Nan Xing said.

“I’m not trying to be anything. This whole thing was funny right from the start. I never said I was going to marry you to begin with, and you’re having me beg someone for it? What kind of joke is this?” Ning Ran said coldly.

Ning Ran’s disdainful attitude was making Nan Chen increasingly irritated.

This woman is seriously making a fool out of me! And not just me, but the entire Nan family as well!

She thinks she’s really smart, that she has everything under her control and can get everything she wants!

“Darling, how could you say that? Can’t you talk to brother nicely?” Nan Xing said anxiously.

“I’m being very nice here, Nan Xing. My children are my own and have nothing to do with anyone else. Even if you are their biological father, doesn’t mean I have to marry you.” Ning Ran said.

“Wouldn’t that be getting them a stepfather? What if he doesn’t treat them well like I do?” Nan Xing exclaimed.

“I won’t marry someone who doesn’t treat them well.” Ning Ran said.

Nan Chen was utterly furious. Does this woman mean she has another candidate by that?

She’s really going to get them a stepfather?!

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Nan Chen recalled the incident in Zheng Lunlun's room. Although he didn't open the closet door, Nan Chen knew she was hiding inside that time! Was this evil woman actually planning to marry Zheng Lunlun?

If that's the case, then their relationship... Nan Chen dared not think any further. This woman was too evil, simply too evil! I can't let her come near anyone else related to the Nan family! I can't let her stay in this city anymore!

But the children must stay, as the blood of the Nan family flows in them. I can't let their future be ruined by the hands of this woman! "You, get out." Nan Chen looked at Nan Xing suddenly. "Hm?"

Nan Xing was a little shocked. He was a part of the party involved, and the one who would be proposing, so why have him leave?

"Get out!" Nan Chen repeatedly angrily. "Okay." Nan Xing dared not defy him, and went out obediently. The temperature in the office dropped a few degrees, and Ning Ran could feel the pressure dropping as it suffocated her.

Nan Chen stood up, and walked away from his seat towards Ning Ran. Ning Ran felt like it was the grim reaper approaching her. This Poker Face wouldn't actually kill her right here, would he?

Probably not. After all, he is a person of high social status, so he wouldn't take such risks over a nobody like her.

Ning Ran reassured herself.

Nan Chen stood in front of Ning Ran, and the scent of orange blossom filled his nose.

The torment of inner contradictions was eating away at Nan Chen.

He really like the scent, and couldn't get it off his mind.

Yet, he hated this woman and hoped for her to disappear as far away as possible.

But, he had been searching for this scent for so many years.

And when the person with this scent finally appeared in his life, she made him hate her so much that he wished for her to be gone.

But if she left, then wouldn't the scent be gone along with her?

Nan Chen just stood next to her, giving her a lot of pressure.

She mustered up her courage, and looked up at Poker Face.

Ning Ran realized that the coldness in his eyes seemed to have disappeared, as confusion took its place.

Now this is interesting. Even a big strong man like this would feel lost?

“Who are you going to marry?” Nan Chen finally spoke.

His voice was deep and magnetic, and he had returned to being cold and distant.

Ning Ran was a little confused, as she didn’t plan on marrying anyone.

What kind of weird question is this?

“It’s none of your business.” Ning Ran replied coldly.

Deep down inside, she was actually afraid as Poker Face was very near to her.

This man was a dangerous one, after all.

Nan Chen got angrier.

“The children belong to the Nan family.”

Even Nan Chen’s voice was trembling. I don’t care who you marry, but this involves the children!

“Mr. Chen, I think you’re mistaken. The children are mine.” Ning Ran corrected him.

“The children stays. You leave.” Nan Chen said coldly.

Ning Ran was also getting irritated.

“I gave birth to them and raised them on my own. Why should I hand them over to you?!” Ning Ran raised her voice.

“Because their surname is Nan.”

“Wrong! Their surname is Ning!” Ning Ran snapped back.

“Ning?”

Nan Chen suddenly noticed something wrong with this. This woman is called Ding Mi, so why would her children’s surname be Ning?

He hadn't given it much thought before, but now he felt that it was an important issue.

If the children were to take their mother's surname, then it should be Ding. Why would their surnames be Ning?

Do these kids actually have a stepfather with the surname Ning?

"Who's the person with the surname Ning? Where is he?" Nan Chen asked coldly.

Ning Ran was speechless.

She didn't understand what Poker Face meant. Is he stupid? I'm the one surnamed Ning.

"Where is he?!" Nan Chen asked again.

Ning Ran felt a strong sense of hostility bursting out from this man. It was very terrifying.

"Where is... who?" Ning Ran asked tremblingly.

"Him!" Nan Chen became even more furious. Still trying to play dumb?!

"Who is he?" Ning Ran was confused.

Nan Chen felt that this woman was playing dumb and just making a fool out of him on purpose.

"You leave. The children stays. A hundred million." Nan Chen said.

Ning Ran thought to herself, Goodness, the price has increased that much?! It was only tens of millions the last time they offered, and now it's a hundred million?!

"I'm not selling my kids." Ning Ran rejected him coldly.

"Two hundred million!" Nan Chen offered again.

Wow, the price went up again!

Ning Ran imagined herself being a millionaire. It was quite nice. At least she'd be able to pay Zheng Lunlun back, so she wouldn't have to put up with him anymore!

And Cheng Xiangyun too. If she had two hundred million, Cheng Xiangyun would definitely suck up to her every day and be at her beck and call!

She could even buy lots of pretty clothes for her kids and give them the best education.

Nan Chen saw Ning Ran's eyes light up. So this woman really was just after the money!

She claimed that she wouldn't sell her kids, but was actually just waiting for a better price!

How despicable!

Ning Ran quickly snapped herself out of it. The two hundred million was not for free, but at the cost of losing her children!

Then I wouldn't want this money! I can't accept it!

"My children are my life. I won't sell them, no matter how much the price." Ning Ran said.

"Three hundred million!" Nan Chen offered once more. This was also the highest he could offer her.

Three hundred million was enough to give a person complete financial freedom. It was enough for a lifetime of luxury.

This woman should be content that she could get such an amount of money just by giving birth to these two children!

If she still won't agree to it, then Nan Chen wouldn't give her a single penny!

To handle a greedy person, we mustn't just give them everything they want. Instead, we should take away everything they want!

"Mr. Chen, you can stop with the offers. Rich people like you think money can solve all your problems, but that's not the case for me. I may need money very much, but I won't exchange my children for it. I stand by what I said. These kids are my life, and I won't give up on them, no matter the price." Ning Ran turned to leave after she finished her sentence.

She had nothing left to say to this man. He was always on top, thinking he could do whatever he likes with everything and everyone.

However, Ning Ran was not one who would let anyone control her life. No amount of money from anyone would change that.

Nan Chen blocked her path immediately.

"Walk out of there and you'll regret it." Nan Chen said coldly.

"I won't regret it."

“This is your last chance.”

“I don’t want this chance.”

“Then you will not get a single cent.” This was Nan Chen’s final warning.

“I never wanted your money to begin with.”

“Did you want more than that?”

“See it however you like.” Ning Ran said coldly.

Nan Chen’s face went pale from anger.

Even he didn’t know why he was so angry.

She was just another greedy person. Was she worth him being this angry?

She wasn’t!

Yet, he felt so angry! He couldn’t control it at all!

While he was lost in thought, Ning Ran had already walked out of his office.

The scent of orange blossom in the office faded. Nan Chen took a deep breath and calmed himself down.

He actually almost lost control over his emotions in front of this woman. It was unbelievable!

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The next day, at the set of Sound of Thunder 2.

Zheng Lunlun and Ning Ran were practicing their lines with each other. Their charming appearances and superb acting captivated everyone.

They were able to complete the filming of a scene with almost zero errors.

During their lunch break, Zheng Lunlun needed to go shoot other scenes, but he insisted on having lunch with Ning Ran first.

Ning Ran laughed at him, “You’re a huge star and yet you choose to eat the bento provided by the film crew instead of getting some good food outside? How shameless can you get?”

Zheng Lunlun shot back, "Know your place, woman. I'm having lunch with you here. How dare you say I'm shamelessly eating your crew's bento? I can afford all sorts of luxurious meals out there! I don't need to be stealing your cheap bento!"

"As if I need your company for lunch! It's just bento anyway, you don't have to eat with me!"

Zheng Lunlun got closer, "Actually, I have some things I'd like to ask you about."

"What do you want to know?"

"I heard you went to my uncle's office yesterday?" Zheng Lunlun asked mysteriously.

"Who told you that?"

"I may not be involved with my uncle's work, but I do have a few friends in the office." Zheng Lunlun said with a sly smile.

"Yes, I was there. What about it?"

"What were you doing there?"

"Why do you want to know?"

"I'm just curious. You're a couple with my uncle Nan Xing, so why did you go to Uncle Nan Chen's office?" Zheng Lunlun asked nosily.

"The kids wanted to see him. I was just there to pick them up." Ning Ran said.

"Why did they want to see him?" Zheng Lunlun was a real busybody.

"What kind of question is that? What reason would the children need to see him? Kids do whatever they like. They don't need a reason for anything, okay?" Ning Ran said.

"And I thought there was something going on between you and Uncle Nan Chen." Zheng Lunlun said.

"That's so nasty. What could I possibly want with Poker Face?"

"But I heard that Uncle Nan Chen had locked himself in his office and refused to come out after you left. Why is that?"

"He must be working then. Isn't it normal for bosses like them to be working late?"

"I don't think so. Uncle Nan Chen is the CEO, and rarely stays up all night working. Even though he often ended up work late, he treasures his health and won't pull all-nighters like this. So, what happened last night must have something to do with you."

"Something to do with me?"

"Yeah. Such behavior is very abnormal for Uncle Nan Chen, and you happened to visit him yesterday, so you must have something to do with this matter."

Ning Ran stopped chewing her food, and thought about it.

"Could he have been plotting all night to get rid of me from Flower City for good?"

"He wants to get rid of you? Why?"

"Because he was fighting with me for custody of the children..." Ning Ran suddenly stopped and looked at Zheng Lunlun.

"What now?"

"You wouldn't happen to be a spy sent by Poker Face, would you? Are you a double agent?"

"What are you saying? Why am I a double agent?"

"Forget it; I'm done talking about this. I can't trust you right now." Ning Ran waved her hand.

"Actually, what I wanted to ask is if you are dating Uncle Nan Chen?" Zheng Lunlun looked at Ning Ran.

"What do you mean?"

"Literally what I said. Are you dating Uncle Nan Chen?"

Ning Ran broke out into laughter, "Me? Dating Poker Face? Are you kidding me?"

"No, I'm not. I'm asking you this question very seriously. Do you like Uncle Nan Chen?" Zheng Lunlun asked.

"Zheng Lunlun, have you lost your mind?" Me liking Poker Face? I wouldn't like him even if he was the last guy on earth!" Ning Ran said as she clenched her teeth.

"Now this, I don't understand. What's wrong with Uncle Nan Chen? He's handsome and rich. Lots of women wish they could be with him! Why do you hate him so much?"

“That’s their problem. I just hate him!” Ning Ran said angrily.

“Then that means Uncle Nan Chen likes you.” Zheng Lunlun shook his head.

“What nonsense are you talking about? Why must I have anything to do with him?”

“I’m not talking nonsense! You went to the office, and Uncle Nan Chen locks himself in his office for the entire night. He must’ve been heartbroken! With his riches and charm, he could have any woman he wanted! But what should he do if the one he likes is dating his brother? He can’t do anything about it! So, he thought about it all night and still couldn’t find an ideal solution. What a poor guy…”

Ning Ran nearly threw her lunch box in Zheng Lunlun’s face.

This guy was too good at making stuff up! He’s wasting his talent being an actor. He should be a screenwriter!

“Zheng Lunlun, I’m warning you! You’d better stop disgusting me with these silly stories, or I’ll set your blonde head on fire!” Ning Ran said angrily.

Zheng Lunlun touched his hair that had been dyed black, “The blonde hair is in the past, there’s no more left now. I didn’t mean to disgust you. I’m just warning you not to play with fire. Even though they are both really handsome, you mustn’t get greedy!”

Ning Ran couldn’t stand it anymore. She put down her lunch box, and rushed at Zheng Lunlun, “I’ll rip your filthy mouth out! That should stop you from spouting nonsense!”

Zheng Lunlun dropped his lunch and ran away while screaming, “Help! Ding Mi’s lost gone mad!”

His cry for help alerted everyone nearby, and made Ning Ran embarrassed to keep chasing after him.

People from the crew commented, “Let’s not get in the way of them flirting.”

“They’re both so good looking; they make such a good match!”

“Please, good looking is such an understatement. With their acting skills combined with their good looks, they’re practically gods of the silver screen!”

Although a lot of people were talking about it, most of them meant no harm.

On the contrary, they felt that Ning Ran and Zheng Lunlun make a good match despite their age gap.

Luo Fei couldn't stand it anymore. She came out of her caravan and walked straight to Ning Ran.

"Ning Ran, are you shameless?"

"No, why? Are you?" Ning Ran laughed.

"Didn't you promise me that you'd leave Flower City? Why are you still here, seducing young men?"

"I want to leave too, but the Nan family is too powerful, so I have to plan my escape carefully. Otherwise, if the Nan family catches me, then I won't ever be able to leave."

"You're full of excuses!"

"By the way, do you remember that you told me you'd arrange for me to leave? And now you're blaming me for your incompetence?"

"How am I supposed to arrange that if you keep hanging out with Nan Xing every day?"

"You don't have to worry about that. Once you've made the arrangements, I'll dump Nan Xing and leave Flower City." Ning Ran said.

Luo Fei glared at Ning Ran, as if trying to read her thoughts.

But Ning Ran just smiled slightly, and there was no way to figure out what she was thinking.

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Nanshi Corporation, CEO's office.

Jiang Zhe came in and placed some photos and files of several actresses on Nan Chen's desk.

"Mr. Chen, these are the actresses we've found to replace Ding Mi. These five in particular are the more suitable candidates, please have a look."

Nan Chen picked up the files and glanced through them.

His first thought was These people are too plain.

Out of the five, three of them had similar-looking faces. They were a dime a dozen, like most internet sensations.

The remaining two looked unique, but just lacked some flair to their appearance.

As for what they lacked, it could only be described as life.

Nan Chen frowned, and his expression grew cold.

“The best?” He looked up at Jiang Zhe.

“You could say they’re the best in the industry. Three of them have received awards for their acting skills and were top of their field.” Jiang Zhe said nervously.

Nan Chen’s frown deepened.

They would never be able to replace that woman like this.

Although her character was terrible, she lived for acting.

Her every move was captured perfectly on camera.

She had perfect control over the intensity of her emotions. That was an innate talent that no director could possibly create.

“No.” Nan Chen concluded.

“Mr. Chen, these are really the best five we could pick.” Jiang Zhe said.

“These won’t do, keep looking.” Nan Chen said.

“Mr. Chen...”

“Keep looking.”

Jiang Zhe dared not say another word. If the boss had rejected what he claimed to be the best five candidates, what else could he do?

“Mr. Chen, I have something to say, but I’m not sure if I should.”

“Say it.”

“You take this film so seriously that you even got Young Master Lun to star in it. So, why are you replacing Ms. Ding?”

Nan Chen kept quiet.

If the boss doesn’t say a word, it means he doesn’t want to talk about it. So, that means the only thing left to do is to keep searching for better candidates.

As for when the right one can be found and whether or not it can be found, is a different story.

Nan Chen went back to reading his documents, as Jiang Zhe tidied up the files of the actresses and silently backed out of the office.

After Jiang Zhe left, Nan Chen looked back up and stared into space.

He didn't want to replace Ning Ran either, as he knew that this film would be a classic.

Anyone could make a show a hit. To make it a classic that can withstand the test of time, however, was no easy task.

It would greatly enhance the reputation and brand value of the entertainment company if they could produce a classic.

Some companies have produced a lot of films but none of them were remembered by the audience.

That was why Nan Chen had Zheng Lunlun star in this film to produce a classic.

It would also be able to let Zheng Lunlun who loved acting get a boost in his popularity.

But, alas, the actress that was so good at her job was a very bad woman.

Not only did she want to marry into the Nan family for her personal gains, but she also tried to mess around with Zheng Lunlun.

If word got out about this, the Nan family's reputation as the number one household in Flower City would be completely destroyed by her.

Of course, the Nan family's reputation was much more important than a film, so Nan Chen could only sacrifice the film and had her replaced.

As long as he could find someone suitable, Nan Chen would immediately have her disappear completely from Flower City.

Nan Chen stood up and paced about in his office.

Then, he picked up his phone and called Nan Xing.

Nan Xing answered quickly, "Yes, brother?"

"Were you the one picking the kids up from school lately?"

"Yes, why?"

“I’ll pick them up today.”

“Huh? You want to personally pick them up? But you’re so busy, there’s no need for you to!” Nan Xing was very surprised.

Nan Chen hung up the phone without any further explanation.

Whatever he says, goes. There was no need for explanations.

After the call, Nan Chen quickened his pace of work. He had to make time for himself to pick up the children.

To the children, taking them away from their mother was unfair no matter what.

So, Nan Chen wanted to get them used to the environment at his house as much as possible. That way, they would not find it to be unfamiliar and lonely.

At five o’clock in the afternoon, Nan Chen showed up at the entrance of the kindergarten on time.

The beautiful women who have been teasing Nan Xing in the past few days realized that the person they were going to tease today had become as cold as a block of ice.

Not only did he ignore their attempts at striking up conversations with him, he didn’t even bother to look at them.

Not even through the corners of his eyes.

He just stood there with his back straight and eyes forward, exuding a cold aura from his body.

Although the kindergarten was run by the education group under the Nanshi Corporation, the people in charge there never had a chance to meet someone from the top levels of management like Nan Chen.

In other words, no one there knew Nan Chen.

They just felt that the man who came to pick up the kids today was different from the usual one in the white suit. Although it was a sunny day, him standing there made it feel cold.

As usual, Dabao took Erbao’s hand and walked out slowly after all the other kids had left.

The block of ice smiled slightly at the sight of the kids and melted a little.

“Daddy!” Erbao called out sweetly.

“It’s uncle Nan Chen.” Dabao’s eyes lit up.

“Hmm? Is it really Uncle Nan Chen?” Erbao found it hard to believe.

“It’s uncle Nan Chen. Daddy doesn’t look like that.” Dabao said.

“But don’t they look the same?”

“To outsiders, we look the same too.” Dabao said.

Erbao thought about it, and felt what Dabao said makes sense.

To those who didn’t know them, they looked exactly the same and no one could tell them apart.

But they were not the same at all.

“Uncle Nan Chen!” Erbao called out.

Nan Chen reached out with open arms.

“I want to ride the horse!” Erbao said in her cute voice.

Nan Chen put her on top of his expensive suit without a word.

“Uncle Nan Chen, why are you free to pick us up today?” Erbao asked.

“Hmm, because I missed you.” Nan Chen said.

Erbao broke out in laughter, which confused Nan Chen.

“Uncle Nan Chen, why are you like a child? Didn’t we just meet the other day? And you already miss us now? If we were to go overseas, wouldn’t you miss us to death?” Erbao laughed.

“Go overseas?”

“Yeah, mommy said if the people in Flower City don’t welcome us, she’d take us overseas.” Erbao said.

Nan Chen snorted, What does that woman mean by telling them that? Does she plan on running away with them?

“Why go overseas? Why would anyone not welcome you?” Nan Chen asked.

"I don't know either. Mommy told us that. We believe whatever mommy tells us." Erbao said.

"Then what did mommy tell you about me?" Nan Chen asked suddenly.

He regretted asking that after he did. Getting information from children like that was not his style.

"Mommy said you're handsome and kind." Erbao said.

Of course, those were just Erbao's words. Ning Ran never said such a thing.

But Nan Chen was shocked to hear it.

He could clearly feel his heart skip a beat.

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Nan Chen brought the two children out all by himself.

Although they were very obedient, Nan Chen still felt helpless.

Erbao would be right in front of him a second ago and gone the next. Nan Chen would then panic as he couldn't afford to lose the kids.

Right when he was about to call for help, Erbao had magically appeared out of nowhere again. She had wandered off on her own because she saw a cute dog, and returned after a while.

Erbao was very active, but Dabao was not worried as he knew she would be able to come back by herself every time.

However, the quiet one was more difficult to deal with.

Nan Chen was a man of few words, but Dabao was worse.

This made it difficult for them to communicate and would always need Erbao to help keep the conversation going or they would be bored to death.

Nan Chen sat in the kiddy restaurant watching Dabao and Erbao who were eating, and a thought crossed his mind, That woman sure had it rough too.

He only had them with him for a short while and he was already so exhausted. How hard it must have been for a single mum like her to raise them throughout those years.

Nan Chen halted himself as he realized he was starting to feel compassion for the woman.

I mustn't feel this way, that woman is a scheming one!

Erbao walked over, "Uncle Nan Chen, why hasn't mommy come yet?"

Nan Chen was stunned, "Uh... She's busy filming."

"Then I have to give mommy a call so she knows we're here and can come pick us up later." Erbao whipped out her phone.

"Don't....." Nan Chen hurriedly stopped her.

"Why?" Erbao looked at Nan Chen with her big shiny eyes.

Nan Chen was at a loss for words.

He didn't know how to explain adult affairs like these to the kids.

No matter how wicked that woman was, she was still their mother. Naturally, he couldn't badmouth her in front of the kids.

"Mommy's too tired, don't disturb her." Nan Chen said.

Erbao nodded as if she understood.

Nan Chen was thinking of a way to convince the kids to move into Commoner Residence with him.

The only way to make it easier for them to move in was to familiarize them with the place.

"When will we be going home?" Erbao asked again.

"Erbao, what would you call my grandfather?" Nan Chen asked suddenly.

Erbao shook her head as she really didn't know.

"Great grandpa." Dabao said.

"Dabao is so smart! That's right, you would call him great grandpa." Nan Chen nodded.

"Great grandpa." Erbao repeated.

“That’s right, and you should call his wife great grandma. Great grandpa and great grandma would love to see you. I’ll take you to them, okay?” Nan Chen felt a little nervous after saying that.

He wouldn’t know what else to do if these two said no.

“Is mommy going?” Erbao asked.

“She……. won’t be going.” Nan Chen couldn’t bring himself to lie to the kids.

“Then we won’t go either.” Erbao looked at Dabao.

Dabao nodded his head.

He was proud of his sister’s decision this time.

Nan Chen was stumped. He could take them there by force, but he didn’t want to do so.

But, how could he convince them?

“Great grandpa and great grandma are very old now, and have been wanting to see you. If they can, they would be really happy.” Nan Chen said.

Dabao and Erbao looked at each other.

“Especially great grandpa. He’s even prepared a room and lots of toys just for you.” Nan Chen continued.

It was really not easy for Mr. Chen to say so many words.

Dabao and Erbao went silent for a while.

“We’ll go.” Dabao decided.

“Mhmm, we’ll go.” Erbao added.

Nan Chen felt like a burden had been lifted from his shoulders as he had finally convinced the two.

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Commoner Residence.

As soon as they heard the kids were coming, Nan Zhengde and his wife Feng Wan quickly urged the servants to prepare and fill the living room with all sorts of things that they thought the kids would like.

Nan Chen walked into the main hall with a child in each hand.

The old man was delighted when he saw them.

“They look so alike! Their faces look so similar to Chen! Even their expressions too!”
The old man praised.

His wife Feng Wan quickly reminded, “That’s Xingxing’s children!”

“Same thing, Chen and Xing look the same anyway!” Nan Zhengde was delighted.

“Go on, address them.” Nan Chen said to the kids.

Dabao bowed, and Erbao hurriedly imitated her brother’s actions.

“Great grandpa, great grandma.....”

They said in their cute voices. Nan Zhengde and Feng Wan were overjoyed and walked up to them, “Oh, they’re so cute! You can see that they are descendants of my Nan family.”

“Grandpa, this is Dabao Ning Sirui, and this is Erbao Ning Sihan.” Nan Chen said.

“Those are good names, but why are their surnames not Nan?” The old man asked the key question.

“We follow our mommy’s surname.” Erbao explained in her cute voice.

“Oh, I see. We can change your surname later on. Sweetheart, what do you like? Great grandpa will give you whatever you like.” The old man asked.

Erbao didn’t even think, “I like tasty food!”

The old man laughed, “This is a good choice! Great grandpa has prepared a lot of tasty treats for you, so just take whatever you like! If it’s not here, I’ll have someone go buy it, even if it’s from overseas!”

“Yes, we’ll buy you whatever you like!” The old woman joined in.

Nan Chen thought he had spoiled them badly enough, but these two were even worse!

The old man saw that Dabao didn’t say anything, and hurriedly asked him what he liked.

Dabao just shook his head politely and said thanks.

"This kid doesn't want anything? That's like you when you were little." The old man looked at Nan Chen.

"He prefers books and computers. I heard he's a computer expert." Nan Chen said.

The old man immediately turned to instruct the servants, "Have someone pick a site to build the largest private library in China, and name it after this child as a gift from me."

"Yes, sir."

"Wait, build a science and technology museum or research center to let this kid develop his interests and expertise too. That'll also be my gift to him." The old man said.

Nan Chen was shocked. He didn't expect his grandfather to behave like a tycoon.

"Grandpa, our private library is already huge enough. There is no need to build another library. As for the lab and research center, he's only four right now, he's still young....." Nan Chen tried to convince him.

"It's fine, he'll have grown up by the time it's done. We must build him the biggest and the best one in the country!" The old man said excitedly.

"What about me?" Erbao was unhappy, Has great grandpa forgotten about me already?

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The old man laughed, "Of course I haven't forgotten about you! Great grandpa will give you whatever you want!"

"I want a restaurant with all sorts of delicious food! So I can keep eating and eating....." Erbao stuffed another piece of cake into her mouth as she said that. She looked funny and cute.

Nan Chen frowned upon hearing her wishes.

Suddenly, his phone rang. It was Nan Xing.

"Yes?" Nan Chen answered.

"Hold on, brother. Someone wants to speak to you." Nan Xing said.

Someone wants to speak to me?

Shortly after, a female voice was heard, "Give me back my children, Nan Chen!"

The voice was easily recognized. It was as if Nan Chen could smell the faint scent of orange blossom through the phone.

Nan Chen hung up the phone without saying anything.

How could Nan Xing call me and then have someone else question me? Couldn't he have asked me himself?

Nan Xing called again, and Nan Chen rejected the call directly.

Soon after, the servant came and said Nan Xing has called the house phone.

Nan Chen was afraid that it would affect the mood of his grandparents, so he had no choice but to answer the phone.

"Brother, why didn't you tell me that you were bringing the kids home?" Nan Xing asked.

"This is the Nan household." Nan Chen answered briefly.

Why would he need to discuss with anyone for bringing the children back to their own family?

"I know what you mean, but you should at least inform us." Nan Xing said.

Then the phone seemed to be snatched over, "You damned Poker Face! What are you trying to do?! Give my children back!"

Nan Chen was shocked. What did that annoying woman just call me?

How dare she call me that?

The look in his eyes darkened. This woman was too bold.

"Go on, start talking! What are you trying to prove stealing my children? Come straight at me if you have the guts to! Have you any humanity left, doing this to defenseless children?" Ning Ran shouted.

"Ding Mi, calm down. My brother just brought them to see grandpa and grandma. He didn't do anything....." Nan Xing's voice could be heard next to hers.

"You shut up! You said you were going to pick them up, so I leave them to you! Now you've let some bad guy get his hands on them! I won't forgive you if anything happens to them!" Ning Ran yelled angrily.

"It's not that serious, calm down." Nan Xing tried to calm her down.

“Get lost!”

Nan Chen hung up again since they were fighting with each other.

This woman was already so arrogant even before she got into the Nan family. Imagine what she would be like after she married into the Nan family!

The more arrogant you are, the more I want to cut you down!

Nan Chen was going to have the kids spend the night here, as this is their house after all!

Four professionally trained nannies were assigned to cater to their needs.

But as the nannies asked Dabao to shower, he started to lose his temper and refused to cooperate.

They had no choice but to report to Nan Chen.

Nan Chen came over to the kiddy room specially prepared by the old man.

Although they called it a kiddy room, it was actually bigger than two living rooms of ordinary households combined.

Dabao sat on the sofa with a blank expression on his face, and the floor was full of toys and other objects that he had thrown.

This was the first time Nan Chen had seen Dabao angry, as he was always very polite and composed. But when he got angry, he was also very irritable.

Erbao sat comfortably in another sofa nearby and watched her brother silently.

Nan Chen sat on the sofa in front of Dabao's. It was a sofa for kids, so he had to squeeze himself into it.

But in order to communicate properly with Dabao, he had no choice but to sit there uncomfortably.

Nan Chen had initially wanted to coax Dabao into it, but he felt it would not work as he saw Dabao's emotionless face. This child was the most difficult person to persuade in the world, so he needed to be intimidated instead.

“Go to bed.” Nan Chen said coldly.

“No.” Dabao answered.

Both their similar-looking faces looked cold.

Erbao shrank a little as she felt the temperature in the room drop by a few degrees.

Nan Chen felt that he had met his match. Intimidating this kid wasn't working, so what should he do now?

"What do you want?" Nan Chen asked coldly.

"Go home." Dabao responded in an even colder tone.

The nannies next to them didn't dare say a word, as they felt that it was a confrontation between two blocks of ice.

Interestingly enough, as tiny as the small ice block may be, he was no pushover at all in terms of his aura.

On the contrary, the huge block of ice seemed lacking in his usual imposing and dominating aura.

"This is your home." Nan Chen said.

"No."

"You are Nan Xing's children and this is Nan Xing's home, so this is your home." Nan Chen tried to reason with him.

But Dabao was not letting up, "Home is where mommy is."

The impact from that was so strong that it left Nan Chen stunned.

He realized that everything he and the Nan family had done for them couldn't compare to that woman at all.

Her place in their hearts was irreplaceable.

"Just stay here for one night." Nan Chen started to compromise.

"No." Dabao stood firm.

Nan Chen started to feel irritated. He was the ruthless leader of the Nanshi Corporation, and yet he could not even handle a child?

"One night. I'll send you back tomorrow."

"No."

Negotiations went into a deadlock.

Nan Chen didn't know what to do, as he couldn't just start flipping tables and smashing things around like Dabao.

So, he thought about having Erbao who was easier to reason with, persuade her brother as it might be more effective that way.

Erbao took one look at the block of ice and knew that her brother would surely win.

She knew that although her brother was usually reasonable and rational, no one could make him do anything once he got stubborn.

When she saw Nan Chen walking towards her, she knew he wanted her to do something about her brother.

Erbao knew she wouldn't be able to change her brother's mind, as nothing in this world could.

So, she quickly closed her eyes and pretended to be asleep.

Nan Chen saw her sleeping and thought, Wasn't she still awake a moment ago? Why is she suddenly asleep now?

But he couldn't bring himself to wake her up, so he just motioned at the nanny to put a blanket on her.

He then went back to Dabao.

In order to show his sincerity, he crouched in front of Dabao instead of sitting back down.

Dabao just glared at Nan Chen without flinching.

"You see, it's not safe now because it's too late at night. I'll send you back tomorrow early in the morning." Nan Chen tried to talk as slowly and gently as possible.

But the result remained the same.

"No!" Dabao remained adamant with no room for negotiations.

Nan Chen let out a long sigh. He had to control himself despite having a burning frustration in his heart.

He couldn't afford to anger this kid any further, as he had a temper nastier than anyone else's.

“But your sister’s asleep now. Do you really want to wake her up?” Nan Chen asked.

“She’s pretending to be asleep.” Dabao said.

Erbao cried out in her heart, I still got exposed even when pretending to be asleep! This was between the two of you, why are you dragging me into it?!

Nan Chen turned around to look at Erbao on the sofa and thought to himself, So she was pretending. I knew she couldn’t have fallen asleep so quickly! If she’s already so smart at this age, just how scary would she be when she grows up?

“Is there really no room for discussion?” Nan Chen was a little dejected.

“No.” Dabao was still not letting up.

Nan Chen stood up and paced about a little.

Should I continue to persist or just give up entirely?

Would it be too humiliating for the great Mr. Nan Chen to lose to a child?

But this kid wouldn’t go to bed if I don’t agree to his demands.

Sleep is very important for children. They need sleep for their growth, so I can’t let them stay up late.

As he thought about that, Nan Chen sighed and motioned to his subordinates, “Prepare the car.”

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11pm wasn’t considered to be late in Flower City.

To a lot of youngsters, the nightlife had only just begun.

In the backseat of the Rolls-Royce, the sight of Nan Chen sandwiched between the two child car seats was rather amusing.

Neon lights flashed by as the car drove through the busy city. There was silence inside the car.

Erbao was falling asleep as she was really getting tired.

She was just pretending to sleep before, but she got really sleepy after getting into the car.

The sleepiness was overwhelming after a crazy day of fun.

Dabao was the only one who didn't seem to be sleepy, as he sat there in silence.

He was still angry even though Nan Chen had compromised.

His temper was no joking matter either. His handsome little face was expressionless and his eyes didn't even look at Nan Chen at all, as if he had practically ignored his existence.

Nan Chen thought to himself, I can't afford to mess with him.

He started to think about how he would make it up to the little ice block. He was no ordinary child, so normal methods would not work.

Should I apologize to him? Impossible. Nan Chen never apologized, and besides, he didn't do anything wrong.

What did they have to lose spending one night in such a nice environment? Was it wrong?

The kiddy room in Commoner Residence was filled with all the best facilities in the world. Would it kill him to spend a night there?

The driver took a peek at them and smiled to himself.

Mr. Nan Chen had finally met his match. Mini Nan Chen's face was as cold as ice.

If they keep being cold like this, the engine might just need antifreeze or it would fail.

"Dabao." Nan Chen called out.

Nan Chen thought to himself, I won't hold a grudge against a child!

But Dabao didn't respond.

"Ning Sirui." Nan Chen called him by name.

Still no response.

Nan Chen switched on the car's interior light and looked at Dabao's face, "I'm talking to you."

Dabao refused to look at him, "Did you need something?"

Nan Chen was losing his mind.

I'm trying to make it up to you here, and you ask if I needed something? How am I supposed to answer that?

What else could I possibly need from you?

"No." Nan Chen could not contain his anger.

"Oh."

And the awkward silence continued.

Nan Chen switched off the light and turned his head to look out the window in order to hide his embarrassment and frustration.

He thought about it and felt unhappy.

How humiliating it would be if that woman saw how coldly Dabao treated me.

No, I have to turn this situation around.

"Sirui." Nan Chen used a gentler tone.

Nan Chen might as well just call him boss at this point.

"Hm." He got a response.

"I didn't mean to force you to do anything you don't like. I just wanted to have you spend more time with great grandpa and great grandma." Nan Chen tried to explain what happened earlier tonight.

"Oh." Dabao was still neutral with his response.

Nan Chen thought to himself, Don't get angry, persistence is key to victory.

"And we all have to learn to be independent as we grow up. There is no running away from that." Nan Chen continued.

"Oh."

Mr. Nan Chen who was a man of few words had said a lot and came up with many reasons, but Dabao had just brushed them all away by saying, "Oh."

He sure had quite an attitude.

Nan Chen's plans to make it up to Dabao had failed, leaving him frustrated.

Reality was simply too harsh and he could only give up.

The car arrived at the entrance of the neighborhood, and Ning Ran could be seen waiting at the front door from afar.

“Mommy!” Dabao who had been silent and calm the whole time shouted excitedly.

In that moment, Nan Chen felt that he had been completely defeated.

No matter how much he did for them, it could never replace the bond that had formed between them and their mother as they depended on each other over the years.

No external factor could ever hope to come between such a bond.

Nan Chen had to reconsider if his plan to drive Ning Ran out of Flower City was reasonable. He feared that Dabao and Erbao would never forgive him if he did that.

Especially Dabao.

Nan Chen absolutely would not want to be an enemy of Dabao, because he could never afford to.

Ning Ran rushed over as soon as she saw the black Rolls-Royce.

They had only been apart for a few hours, but Ning Ran felt like she had regained something that she had lost.

Throughout all those years she had spent drifting around, the kids were the only thing she cared about.

She had told Nan Chen that the kids were her life, and she wasn't lying. She could give up everything and anything for them.

The car door opened, and Ning Ran ran up to it.

The man inside was just about to get out, and they bumped into each other.

The scent of orange blossom came.

Ning Ran couldn't be bothered to argue with Nan Chen and walked right past him, “Dabao, Erbao, are you two alright?”

“We're fine, mommy.” Dabao crawled over and hugged Ning Ran.

Erbao had woken up as well, and called out to her mommy sleepily.

Ning Ran carried Dabao out of the car and set him aside before carrying Erbao.

The woman's thin body was surprisingly strong and her movements were swift, as if the child would be snatched away if she were slightly slower.

Nan Chen stood quietly beside them, unsure of what he could say or what he should do.

"Sweetheart, let's go home now. Don't leave with strangers next time, okay? Mommy was so scared!" Ning Ran said.

Nan Chen felt a huge sting being referred to as a stranger.

He had thought that everything he did was for the good of the children and out of consideration for their future.

But to Ning Ran, he was just a mere stranger who could possibly endanger the children.

And the kids didn't take to him kindly either, as Dabao had ignored him the entire time.

Nan Chen's shadow grew long as the light from the street lamp shone on him.

The shadow of the king of Flower City seemed somewhat lonely.

Ning Ran suddenly turned around and Nan Chen felt a sense of joy, thinking that Ning Ran was going to tell him something.

But she didn't, and just glared fiercely at him.

Although it was somewhat a blur underneath the dim lighting from the street lamp, Nan Chen could feel the distrust and precaution in Ning Ran's eyes.

Even some hatred as well.

Erbao suddenly turned around and looked at Nan Chen.

Nan Chen waved at her and said goodbye softly.

He knew how unwelcome he was right now, but he really loved these two children, and had no intention of causing them even the slightest harm at all.

Nor would he let anyone hurt them either. But at this very moment, he felt as though he was playing the role of a bad guy instead.

Erbao broke out of Ning Ran's grasp and ran towards Nan Chen.

Nan Chen quickly rushed forward and crouched down as well.

The tall and strong Mr. Nan Chen looked like a child in need of comforting as he looked at the chubby Erbao.

“Uncle Nan Chen, I can tell that my brother has already forgiven you. I hope you won’t take it to heart.” Erbao whispered at Nan Chen’s ear.

Nan Chen opened his mouth but no words came out.

He just felt a little warmth in his heart and his mood got a little better.

Erbao turned and ran back to her mommy after saying that.

This time Nan Chen said in a louder voice, “Good night, bye!”

Dabao looked up at Ning Ran. Ning Ran understood what he meant, and gave him a look.

“Good night, Uncle Nan Chen. Bye!” Dabao waved his hand too.

Nan Chen felt happy again.

He suddenly realized that his emotions were controlled by a woman and her two kids.

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The next few days went by peacefully. Ever since the incidents on that night, Nan Chen had dismissed the idea of having the two children live in the Nan family for the time being.

Most adults may dream of entering the Nan family, but that wasn’t the case for the kids. They just wanted their mommy, and could care less about some huge fancy kiddy room.

Ning Ran was filming on the set that day when Cheng Xiangyun suddenly rushed over. The director motioned for the crew to stop when he saw Cheng Xiangyun appear on camera.

“What’s wrong with you? Can’t you see we’re filming a scene? Why did you just run in here like that?” The director shouted. “Something’s happened with the kindergarten!” Cheng Xiangyun shouted. Ning Ran’s heart sank when she heard that and asked, “What happened?”

“There’s been an explosion near the kindergarten! The entire place is in chaos right now!” Cheng Xiangyun said. Ning Ran’s mind went blank and she ran out without even removing her costume.

Cheng Xiangyun ran after her, "Calm down, the police have already arrived at the scene. Here's your phone." Right as they got into the car, Ning Ran's phone rang. It was an unknown number.

"Hello?" Ning Ran answered shakily. "Are you Ning Ran?" It was a man's voice. "Yes, I am. Who are you?"

Although the man hadn't said anything, Ning Ran could already sense malice in his voice. "It doesn't matter who I am. Now, tell Cheng Xiangyun to get off the car and drive away by yourself, then follow my instructions. Don't say anything, don't call the police and don't let anyone know about this. If you try anything funny, your child will be gone."

Ning Ran's legs went limp at the mention of her kids.

And the scariest part was the fact that the person knew Cheng Xiangyun was in the car with her.

This shows that her every move was being watched by the person.

So, she couldn't do anything rash or her kids may really be in danger.

"Alright, I understand." Ning Ran answered.

"No tricks, or you will be the reason your kids are dead." The person hung up after saying that.

"Who called?" Cheng Xiangyun asked.

"It was the school teacher. They told me it's very chaotic there right now, and want us to take another route. Get out of the car, I'll drive." Ning Ran said.

"Huh? Why? You're emotionally unstable right now, it's safer if I drive."

"Pull over by the side, I'll drive. I know a shortcut."

"Are you kidding me? I've lived in Flower City for so many years now. I can sketch a map of these roads even with my eyes closed! There are no shortcuts!"

"Just pull over, do as I say." Ning Ran tried her best to remain calm.

Since her every move was being watched, then doing as they say was the best option. At any rate, she must see her children first.

"I think it's better if I drive."

“Let me drive. Can’t you just listen to me this once?” Ning Ran became irritated all of a sudden.

Cheng Xiangyun was shocked by Ning Ran’s outburst. She looked at Ning Ran, and saw that her face was pale and she was behaving strangely.

In order to not make her any angrier, Cheng Xiangyun did as told and parked the car by the side of the road.

She got off the car and was about to walk over to the passenger side.

But Ning Ran didn’t get off the car. Instead, she climbed straight into the driver seat and drove off before Cheng Xiangyun could get in.

“Hey! What’s the matter with you?”

Cheng Xiangyun was banging on the back of the car but Ning Ran had drove off.

Ning Ran’s phone rang again. It was the same unknown number.

“Now drive to the Zicheng Commercial Building and head to the third floor underground of the parking lot. You will see a black Passat. I want you to park this car there, and then drive that Passat. Again, no tricks. The kids are fragile and won’t be able to handle the slightest bit of torture.”

“Don’t you hurt my children!” Ning Ran shouted.

“Don’t worry, just listen to me and they’ll be fine. If you try anything funny, I’ll chop off their arms and legs. If you call the police, the only thing they’ll find will be two tiny dead bodies.”

“Don’t hurt them! I won’t call the police, but I must first know that they’re safe!” Ning Ran said.

There was silence on the other line, and then it went dead.

After hanging up, Ning Ran received an MMS. There was a picture of Dabao and Erbao with tape covering their mouths.

The background was dark, but she could make out that they were inside a car.

Ning Ran started to tear up.

The explosion near the kindergarten was clearly to create a diversion so they could kidnap the kids during the chaos.

And the other party was definitely not a single person, but a group of people. They even knew the route she took to the kindergarten and placed a car on that route for her.

If she had been driving Cheng Xiangyun's car, and if Cheng Xiangyun were to call the police, the traffic cameras would be able to track her whereabouts easily.

Things would be different if she changed cars halfway.

So, this was all pre-arranged and thoroughly planned.

If it was planned, then they must have been prepared for the possibility of her calling the police or informing the Nan family. If she did so, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Ning Ran dared not take such a risk when her children's safety was concerned, nor could she afford to.

She could only do as told by the other party.

The phone rang again. It was Cheng Xiangyun.

Ning Ran didn't dare answer the phone as she didn't know how to explain it to her.

Soon, she had arrived at the designated location and drove the car to the specified parking lot. There really was a black Passat parked there.

The car door was not locked. Ning Ran got into the car and found the keys in the car as well.

Her phone rang again, "There is a cell phone in the storage box. Turn off your cell phone now and throw it away. Use the cell phone we've provided."

Ning Ran could only do as told. However, she did not throw it away, and had kept it inside her bag instead.

She drove the car out of the parking lot and towards the outskirts of town.

After she had left the city, she drove onto the freeway as told on the phone.

They didn't tell her the destination, and just instructed her to drive south.

Ning Ran had no other choice but to keep driving.

As she got further away from Flower City, her heart sank more and more.

Everyone knew that the Nan family is the most influential family in Flower City, and could intervene in anything that happened in the city.

But once you leave Flower City, the Nan Family's influence would be greatly reduced.

These people had Ning Ran leave Flower City precisely because they wanted to cut off the Nan Family's assistance.

Ning Ran knew that she would have to face everything all by herself from here onwards.

Not only did she have to stay alive herself, but she also had to find a way to protect her children.

She could only rely on herself.

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The biggest problem now was that she didn't even know where the kids were and what those people wanted.

If those people knew that the children were from the Nan family, then the possibility of them asking for ransom was huge.

If the Nan family knew that their precious children were abducted, they would pay any amount of money for them.

In fact, that wouldn't be too bad.

If they were seeking revenge, however, then it would be a lot worse.

What worried Ning Ran the most was that this could be Luo Fei's doing, as Luo Fei had always wanted to make them disappear from Flower City.

And that was exactly what these people were doing.

All signs were pointing to Luo Fei.

The phone rang again. Ning Ran received new instructions asking her to get off the freeway at the next toll.

She arrived at a small town after leaving the freeway.

They asked her to change her car once again. This time, it was a Jeep SUV with another new phone inside.

She got back onto the freeway and continued driving south.

Ning Ran had been driving until it was ten o'clock. She was getting sleepy and hungry.

She had slowly calmed down and felt that neither herself nor her kids would be in danger for the time being.

The reason was simple. If they had intended to hurt the kids, they could've done it when the place was in chaos. They didn't have to go through the trouble of abducting them.

They were most likely having her drive to a remote location far away from Flower City, where no one could find her.

Ning Ran tried calling the unknown number back, but they didn't answer.

A moment later, they called her again.

"What is it?"

"Are my kids okay? Don't let them go hungry." Ning Ran said.

"They've already eaten."

"What did they eat?" Ning Ran was still worried.

"Bread with milk. What else could they be eating while on the road?" The person said impatiently.

This gave Ning Ran an important clue. They were also on the way and were going in the same direction as her.

These people were very cunning. They wouldn't allow Ning Ran to see the children, so Ning Ran wouldn't dare defy them and would be completely at their mercy.

"Where can we stop? Driving for more than four hours already counts as fatigue driving, and I've been driving for more than six hours now!" Ning Ran said.

"You can rest as necessary, but not more than half an hour. As for the destination, just await further instructions. Remember, no funny tricks. We're watching every little move you make." They said.

Ning Ran knew what they were talking about. She had noticed the cameras installed in the car.

She wouldn't dare try anything even if they didn't have the cameras installed anyway.

They have her kids under their control, after all.

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Flower City, Nanshi Corporation, CEO's office.

"Brother, Captain Lu from the police department called. There is still no news on Ding Mi." Nan Xing had a worried look on his face.

"Have you managed to track down the number that called you?" Nan Chen asked.

"No, that's a satellite phone. He just told me that Ning Ran wants us to transfer ten million to her. I've already had someone make the transfer according to the designated account provided." Nan Xing said.

"Something isn't right." Nan Chen said.

"I know that too, but we don't have a choice. This is all we can do right now. Ding Mi has taken the kids away, so we have to pay her." Nan Xing said.

Nan Chen didn't say anything but his face looked terrifyingly cold.

This woman was too heinous. Not only has she run away with her children, but she also demanded ten million from us.

With this amount of money, she could easily find a place to settle down and it would feed her for life.

But Nan Chen felt something was off about the method that woman was using to get the money.

He had offered her as much as three hundred million once, but she was not swayed in the slightest by it.

If money really was all she wanted, she would've accepted his offer back then.

She didn't want the three hundred million, but now she's asking for ten million? She must be crazy! It doesn't make sense at all!

The only possible explanation was that this woman values her children even more than the money. But even if this was the case, it still contradicted Nan Chen's previous deduction.

Nan Chen had believed that she didn't want the money because she would gain a lot more by marrying into the Nan family instead.

But now, she had run away with her kids and only asked for ten million, which was completely different from what Nan Chen had thought.

Furthermore, the person that called was not Ning Ran herself either. It was another man that spoke to them on the phone.

Could it be that the man was actually the stepfather that this woman was going to get her kids?

There was a hostile look in Nan Chen's eyes as he thought about that.

"Brother, do you think Ding Mi would really take her kids away like that?" Nan Xing asked anxiously.

Nan Chen got even more furious. Need you even ask? They've clearly been taken away!

I've told him to beware of that woman, but he wouldn't believe me, and insisted on marrying her. Now look at what happened! The child's gone!

"But brother, I don't think she's the kind of person who would do such a thing."

"Then what kind of person is she?" Nan Chen asked coldly.

"Think about it, if she had only wanted ten million, was there even a need for her to go through so much trouble? Couldn't she have just asked me for the money instead?"

"She's asked for it now, hasn't she?" Nan Chen asked.

"What I mean is that there was no need for her to take the kids away. I could just give her ten million anytime, so why would she have to leave? If she'd just wanted to keep her kids, then it's even more unnecessary to take them away! The kids were hers to begin with, and I didn't try to take them from her either, so why would she have to leave like that? Besides, they were originally living overseas. If money was what she wanted, she could just send me a photo of them and I'd even pay a hundred million for them. What's the point of bringing them back here only to leave again later on? I simply see no need for her to do this!" Nan Xing made his conclusion.

Nan Chen agreed with some of Nan Xing's words, and disagreed with some.

Because Nan Chen has always had prejudices against that woman. Once a person has a prejudice against another, they will only see their bad side.

Even logical behaviors would become illogical and associated with ill intentions.

At this moment, Jiang Zhe walked in, "Mr. Nan Chen, Cheng Xiangyun is here."

Nan Chen nodded and motioned to let her in.

It was the first time Cheng Xiangyun had seen such a huge and lavish office. She had never imagined that such a grand workplace existed.

Rather than an office, it seemed more like a private clubhouse.

“Mr. Nan Chen.” Cheng Xiangyun greeted with a bow.

“Hm.” He responded.

“Tell Mr. Nan Chen in detail what exactly happened today.” Jiang Zhe told Cheng Xiangyun.

“Alright, so I heard about the explosion at the kindergarten today, then Ding Mi and I rushed over.....”

Cheng Xiangyun continued to explain everything that happened in great detail.

Nan Chen just listened without making any comments.