

## Priceless Baby 1031

### Chapter 1031: Satisfying to Watch

It was the first time Huang Guoqiang directed a romantic film.

The people guessed that Qi Liya must be the reason for Huang Guoqiang taking on the new challenge.

Yet, the two people that were at the center of attention that night were still the International Movie King, Su Jimo, and the new goddess, Jing Xi.

The host knew that Huo Yunshen was sitting amongst the guests.

He turned to the crowd and asked, "Mr. Huo, will you get jealous if we have Mr. Su and Ms. Jing play some intimacy game later?"

Every person turned their head to Huo Yunshen, but he just kept on smiling.

Xu Xiyan took over the microphone and said, "He won't get jealous, but he might just not let you leave the venue safely."

"Oh my god! The weather sure is good today..." the host quickly changed the topic and made the crowd laugh.

The premiere began with a Q&A session before showing a few behind the scene clips from Landscape.

The premiere was a huge success, attracting a lot of attention towards the film.

The premiere ended with the announcement of the release date, which was on the 1st of February.

"The Legendary Star Chef" began to air on Boxing Day. The show attracted a lot of views due to Xu Xiyan's fame.

The most discussed topic on the show was Xu Xiyan, mostly on her cooking ability and how she entrapped Huo Yunshen with her tasty foods.

But most viewers also noticed from the first episode that Zhong Qingzi gave Xu Xiyan a very low score.

They couldn't believe that a food blogger would dare to give a lower score than two other judges who were both well-known head chefs.

The only explanation that the viewers could find for Zhong Qingzi's action was that she forgot to bring her brain to the show.

The same thing happened to Xu Xiyan on the second and third episodes. Zhong Qingzi still tried to give Xu Xiyan troubles, but Xu Xiyan countered them perfectly.

Especially on the part where Xu Xiyan served the tofu dish disguised as Foie Gras, it was very satisfying to watch.

The viewers were disappointed when Xu Xiyan did not win first place in the final episode, but Huo Yunshen's guest appearance mellowed their disappointment out.

It was during that episode people realized that Huo Yunshen was more perfect than they ever imagined.

[Oh my god! He's even good at cooking! He really is my idol!]

[And here I thought Huo Yunshen was being enchanted by Jing Xi's food, it actually is the other way around?]

[Did you guys see how Mr. Huo helped Jing Xi with the onion? It's so sweet!]

[Oh! Please, God! Bless me with a husband like Huo Yunshen!]

Just as the netizens were talking about the couple online, a scandal surfaced.

[Famous Food Blogger Zhong Qingzi Caught Cheating on Legendary Star Chef!]

The news talked about how Zhong Qingzi violated the competition's rule by not revealing that Shen Mengyuan was related to her by blood.

## Chapter 1032: The Relationship Had Been Exposed

After viewing six episodes of the show, everyone could see Zhong Qingzi's favoritism towards Shen Mengyuan. She had given her the highest scores every round and her actions were very unfair to the other participating guests.

Therefore, those fans who were supporting Jing Xi felt that their precious bean had been treated unfairly. They all stood up to denounce Zhong Qingzi.

When Zhong Qingzi saw the news herself, she and Shen Mengyuan were having dinner together.

She couldn't believe her eyes. "Yuanyuan, who revealed this?"

Shen Mengyuan looked at the news and shook her head. "I don't know! What should we do now? If the TV station knows about it, will they take away my title as champion?"

The relationship between Zhong Qingzi and Shen Mengyuan had never been revealed to the public before. The two of them were also very secretive when meeting in private. It was reasonable to say that their relationship would not be known by anyone.

But now, their relationship had been exposed.

If Zhong Qingzi was suspected of violating the rules, then it would definitely affect Shen Mengyuan's title as champion.

"Don't worry, I'll get someone to think of a way to suppress the scandal," Zhong Qingzi said with a serious expression on her face.

"Who can we turn to?"

"You shouldn't worry about this. My relationship with Fu Qiang is still acceptable. He said that he knows a big boss with a strong background. Let's see if he could help out!"

In fact, the relationship between Zhong Qingzi and Fu Qiang was far more complicated than what she said.

However, when Zhong Qingzi was about to go look for Fu Qiang, a more shocking scandal broke out.

[Hong Kong and Taiwan famous food connoisseur show host secretly married for 20 years, his wife is actually her]

Everyone wanted to know who was the show host Fu Qiang's secret wife. After clicking on the news link, they realized...wasn't she one of the judges of "Legendary Star Chef," Mrs. Zhong Qingzi?

The two had been secretly married for 20 years?

When the news broke out, Zhong Qingzi was caught off guard. Before she had even gone to look for Fu Qiang, his phone call came.

"Zhong Qingzi, I thought we'd agreed not to reveal our marriage to the outside world. Why did you expose it?"

Zhong Qingzi felt that she was wrongly accused. "Are you out of your mind? How could it be me who had broken it out?"

It was impossible for the two to expose their relationship to the public because they had agreed to break up peacefully and maintain their secret marriage for the sake of their children many years back; they would not expose it to the public.

The two had been at peace for twenty years, each living their own lives without interfering with each other.

Fu Qiang had secretly married a new wife in Hong Kong and Taiwan and had a son with her. Whereas Zhong Qingzi traveled around the world tasting good food, as well as making many boyfriends.

Once the relationship was revealed, they were considered to have committed adultery, and Fu Qiang would be guilty of bigamy.

It could be said that this scandal was undoubtedly a heavyweight bomb; it would blast the two of them severely and leave them dazed.

In the end, Zhong Qingzi told Fu Qiang, "Go look to your connections quickly and find a way to suppress the scandal. Didn't you say that you know of a big boss? Hurry up and settle it!"

Fu Qiang had no choice but to rely on his connections and settle the matter with a backdoor solution. The big boss man he had known at the beginning was the vice president of Yunhai Entertainment, Huo Jingtang. But now Yunhai had already changed hands, and Huo Jingtang was also thrown into jail.

The ones he could find were stars with some fame and power, but they all gave the excuse that they were too busy with their schedule and refused to help him.

After going through a lot of bends and turns with his connections, Fu Qiang finally found Huo Yunshen, wanting to ask him to help deal with the scandal.

When Fu Qiang saw Huo Yunshen at the Huo Group, he begged him, "Mr. Huo, I know that you have great power in Peijing and you have the powerful ability to settle things. So, I, Fu Qiang, humbly beg for your help."

Chapter 1033: The Story Behind the Secret Marriage

"And why did you come to me?" Huo Yunshen asked while smiling.

The person responsible for spreading the scandal was none other than Huo Yunshen. Coming to Huo Yunshen was definitely a bad idea for Fu Qiang.

There was no way Huo Yunshen would go easy on him since he'd partnered up with Zhong Qingzi to pressure Xu Xiyan during the competition.

Fu Qiang knew that what he did during the last two rounds wasn't fair, yet he had no choice but to seek help from Huo Yunshen.

"Mr. Huo, I know that you still have control over the entertainment industry after all this time," Fu Qiang said. "I've also heard that you despise people who abuse their power in the business. I hope Mr. Huo can help me find out who is trying to defame me."

"Fine. I'll look into it. You may leave now," Huo Yunshen said with an expressionless face.

Fu Qiang was not wrong for the most part. Huo Yunshen would never forgive anyone who abused their powers in the industry, unless his own interest was not violated.

Xu Xiyan was his treasure, and Fu Qiang still expected Huo Yunshen to help him.

"Thank you! I'll do anything you say!"

Fu Qiang thought that he had found his savior and went back happily, waiting for the good news.

But the situation worsened the next day.

The reporters found out that Fu Qiang had remarried in Hong Kong and even had a kid. Zhong Qingzi was no better too when pictures of her having fun with her boyfriends were made public.

But the most surprising part was that Shen Mengyuan was actually Zhong Qingzi's real daughter and no one had known about it.

1 "What? What is this?" Shen Mengyuan asked Zhong Qingzi as her world was turned upside down when her aunt suddenly became her mother.

"It's a long story. I'm really sorry..." Zhong Qingzi said as she looked at Shen Mengyuan with a sorrowful look.

With how the public was asking for answers from her, Zhong Qingzi could only run away like she did before.

"I'll have to leave the country for a while. Please take care of yourself," Zhong Qingzi said to Shen Mengyuan and left for the airport.

Yet she did not expect that the airport was already surrounded by reporters.

“Zhong Qingzi! What is the story behind your secret marriage with Fu Qiang?”

“Fu Qiang has just been arrested under the crime of bigamy! Are you trying to run away?”

Before Zhong Qingzi could even react, the police caught up to her and took her in.

“On whose authority are you taking me away?” Zhong Qingzi scolded as she tried to escape.

“Madam Zhong Qingzi! You're now a suspect of a murder case from years ago. You have the right to remain silent!” the officer said.

“That's bullshit! You're framing me!”

The truth of the murder surfaced a while later.

Zhong Qingzi confessed to the murder after being interrogated.

Zhong Qingzi's real identity was Zhong Yuzi, the real Zhong Qingzi's twin sister.

Zhong Yuzi had killed Zhong Qingzi by accident years ago and stashed her sister's body away secretly. Ever since that day, she had been living under her sister's name.

#### Chapter 1034: A Well-Deserved Punishment

But she feared that the murder incident would be exposed and she worried that her brother-in-law would find her out. Thus she proposed a marriage of convenience, and then traveled around the world as a food and travel expert.

As for Shen Mengyuan, she was her child whom she had conceived with another man. She had put her in the care of a welfare institution on the mainland Zstan, then later funded her schooling and college, paving the way and secretly helping her to enter the entertainment circle.

But she had never told Shen Mengyuan that she was her biological mother. She had been caring for her as her niece.

At this point, Zhong Qingzi and Fu Qiang were both guilty of their own crimes and they were subject to legal sanctions.

Their scandals had brought a lot of attention to the show “Legendary Star Chef” and everyone was watching the show because of these scandals.

At the same time, the program group for “Legendary Star Chef” at the Peijing TV station had officially released a statement, criticizing Zhong Qingzi and Fu Qiang's illegal behavior. They also called off Shen Mengyuan's qualification as champion and the first runner-up was directly promoted as the new champion.

As a result, Jing Xi, who was originally first runner-up, regained the throne as champion.

Han Xinyun and Ke Hua were also promoted to second place and third place from their third place and the eliminated fourth place positions respectively.

Looking back, it was just like the saying: If it belongs to you, you will always get it. If it does not belong to you, you will not get it no matter what.

No one knew how hard of a blow Shen Yuanyuan was suffering at the moment. In the end, she could not retain her title as champion, and she had no choice but to hand it over to Jing Xi.

And furthermore, she had lived her life as a parentless orphan til the present and had suddenly found her mother within a day. But unfortunately, her mother was a murderer.

Why was this happening to her?

Was God deliberately playing a trick on her?

After the scandal about Zhong Qingzi and Fu Qiang gradually cooled off, Landscape was released nationwide on February 1st, which brought a romantic atmosphere to the Chinese New Year.

Three days after the release, the total box office had reached 1 billion yuan.

All those who had seen Landscape had a better understanding of the unknown love story of the violin goddess Jing Ruyue that had happened in her time.

It was beautiful and touching.

At the same time, everyone also praised Jing Xi's acting skills. Many of the older people watched the film with reminiscence, saying that Jing Xi was just like the embodiment of Jing Ruyue, bringing her to life with her outstanding performance.

After the film was released, what people were most concerned about was this: At the end of the movie, it was mentioned that Jing Ruyue was pregnant with Feng's twins. Was it true?

Where are the two children now?

Could one of them be Jing Xi?

Other than being a touching film, Landscape had also left its audience in suspense.

According to the film based on Jing Ruyue's personal experience, the truth still belonged in the past. No one could explain the mystery left at that time, and it would be very likely that it may become an unsolvable mystery of the future.

At this time, in a certain auditorium at Yiyun Studios, the showing for Landscape had just ended, leaving many viewers in tears.

The audience left the theater with feelings of sadness. In the last row of the theater, two people did not leave.

In disguise, Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan had both come to watch Landscape as audience members.

After watching it, Xu Xiyan was so saddened that she cried in Huo Yunshen's arms.

Although she had represented her mother and relived her memories during the shoot, she had not felt anything.

However, when she watched her “mother” in the film as an audience member, she saw her mother's youthful face, how she had met Feng in a thrilling escape from assassins, saw the romantic times they had together until they fell deeply in love, followed by their tragic separation in the end.

Chapter 1035: A Shocking Discovery

It was heartbreaking.

Xu Xiyan could feel the hard life her mother had.

Especially when she knew how Xu Jinshan treated her mother and how she ended up in the end.

Xu Xiyan vowed that she would have helped her mother to look for Feng if she was still alive.

But in the end, Jing Ruyue was thought to be dead by everyone.

The Darkwater Mansion.

Mo Yutian made some food for the first time in his life.

He placed the food in front of Alice and said, “Jing Xi, try it.”

Alice's response and agility were both better than they used to be. She picked up the chopsticks and tried the food.

She frowned as she chewed on the food.

“Is it a little bitter?” Mo Yutian asked.

“Not a little, it's very bad,” Alice nodded and answered genuinely.

“...”

It was as if his heart was stabbed a thousand times as Mo Yutian picked up a pair of chopsticks and tried his own food.

Bad? This is poison!

Mo Yutian couldn't believe how the food that he'd made following the cookbook carefully had turned out that bad.

Just as he was trying to throw the plate to the ground, Lei De came rushing in.

“Sir! We got the resource for Landscape!”

Most new films would have copyrights that protected them from being aired other than in theaters.

But since Mo Yutian did not want to go to the theater, he had to get the film another way.

He sat in his own theater and watched the film with Alice. Mo Yutian intended to let Alice learn how Jing Xi acted through the film.

Mo Yutian was completely absorbed into the film, focusing on every move and every expression Jing Xi made.

It wasn't until the antagonist, Mo Xie, appeared that Mo Yutian flinched.

Is it a coincidence? Why is my father's name used in the film?

But when Lady White Tea's name also appeared in the film, Mo Yutian began to consider a possibility.

It was clear from the film that Mo Xie and Lady White Tea did everything they could in secret to separate Jing Ruyue and Feng.

Could it be...

Mo Yutian suddenly recalled a memory from when he was still a kid.

When Mo Yutian was in his teens, he went into the basement of Ghost Island's castle by mistake and found a woman lying there.

It was a pretty woman, and Mo Yutian was compelled to take a good look at her since he could only see her side. But when he tried to climb onto the crystal bed, he knocked one of the crystals over by accident.

The crystal fell and alerted his father, and he was punished severely because of that.

Ever since that day, Mo Yutian was chased out from the castle and was prevented from entering it again.

It was then that Mo Yutian realized something and was shocked by the thought of it.

If the Mo Xie in the movie was indeed his own father, then the woman in the basement could only be her.

Mo Yutian couldn't help but laugh when he found out the secret.

"Mr. Mo? What are you laughing at?" Alice asked, curiously.

"Jing Xi," Mo Yutian said as he kissed Alice. "One day, you'll definitely be mine by your own will!"

Chapter 1036: Stubborn Madmen!

"I am willing to marry you now," Alice said.

Pity. It wasn't her who Mo Yutian wanted. He released her chin roughly, then got up and left.

Alice watched him leave, feeling even more puzzled. She'd said that she was willing, but why wasn't he happy?

As he was going out, Mo Yutian received a call from Lady White Tea. He snorted when he saw her number flashing on his mobile phone.

He hadn't even called her, and yet she had called first.

He answered the call and the woman on the other end asked him if he had already dealt with Jing Xi.

Mo Yutian replied indifferently, "I didn't do anything to Jing Xi."



“Why?” Lady White Tea was obviously very displeased. “I’ve asked you to help me with this small matter. Can’t you even settle it?”

“No! What I want to tell you is this: since you’ve helped my father to get Jing Ruyue in the past, now I ask you to help me too.”

“What do you want?”

Lady White Tea was shocked. She did not expect that Mo Yutian had known what had happened in the past.

“I want Jing Xi.”

When Lady White Tea heard him say that he wanted Jing Xi, she felt goosebumps rising on her skin. She persuaded him, “There’re many women in the world. Why must you have her?”

“I only want Jing Xi.”

There was a powerful stubbornness in Mo Yutian’s voice, just like his father Long Xie when he had vowed to get Jing Ruyue.

After listening to his words, Lady White Tea couldn’t help but scream, “You’re mad!”

Long Xie had been mad over Jing Ruyue. And now, his son Long Xiao was being crazy over the daughter of Jing Ruyue.

Both father and son were crazy! They were both stubborn madmen!

“Perhaps,” Mo Yutian admitted himself; he had always been doing things like a madman.

The only thing that could make him crazy, and also suppress his madness, was Jing Xi.

With the popular release of Landscape, the theme song “The Most Beautiful Scenery” was so popular that it was playing everywhere.

With her beautiful voice, Jing Xi had performed this pop song with emotion, touching the people’s hearts with her singing.

Everyone felt that it was a pity that Jing Xi did not pursue a career in the music world.

In fact, Xu Xiyan was multi-talented. If she were to stop acting in the future, there were too many things that she could still do.

Singing, dancing, playing the violin, writing—these were all a piece of cake to her.

However, if there was such a day, Xu Xiyan might further her studies in a higher education institution, or learn jewelry design or painting to nurture her soul. Of course, these had to wait until she had free time.

In addition to being released in Zstan, the film Landscape had also entered the international film market.

Not long after, Xu Xiyan received a call from Li Ruochu. She had seen Landscape and praised her for her particularly great performance. She also told her that this film had ranked top ten on famous international critic and review websites and the results were quite good.

Xu Xiyan wondered: After the film was released on the international market, would the real “Feng” watch his film?

If he saw it, would he come forward to look for her mother?

A small hope flickered in her heart. Perhaps in the near future, would Xu Xiyan be able to reunite with her biological father?

At the Presidential Palace of Estan.

After settling political affairs, President Helian Wei had some free time. He asked Jin Xiu, “How is Jing Xi recently?”

Helian Wei clearly knew that it was not right to concern himself with the daughter of his old lover, but he simply could not control himself from wanting to know the child's current situation.

Jin Xiu breathed a sigh of relief inwardly. Fortunately, he had been clever this time. He had just investigated Jing Xi's movements and promptly reported to his master, “Your Excellency, Jing Xi is doing well recently. The film Landscape, which she is starring in, was just released. She should be busy promoting the film these days.”

Chapter 1037: Might Become Suspicious

Landscape?

The name of the film caught Helian Wei's attention.

It reminded him of the name he once used, Feng, which his Little Moon called him when he lost his memory. [1]

In Helian Wei's memory, Little Moon always wanted him to remember the word “Jing.”

“Your name is Feng, and my name has Jing in it,” Little Moon explained. “Together, we are the landscape.”

“Yes, and you're the prettiest landscape in my life,” Feng said as he hugged Little Moon.

“Are you sure that there won't be another landscape?”

“No, you're the only one in my life,” he replied and kissed her.

“Sir? Mr. President?”

Le Xiu's voice pulled Helian Wei back from his memory.

“What?” Helian Wei asked back.

“I'm asking whether you want me to book a seat so you can watch the movie,” Le Xiu replied.

“Do it. But keep it a secret.”

“Yes, sir!”

The conversation between Helian Wei and Le Xiu was heard by Yun Xuerou. When she heard that Helian Wei intended to watch Landscape, she couldn't stay calm anymore.

Yun Xuerou had seen the film and realized it was the exact story of Jing Ruyue's past.

The film even mentioned Lady White Tea and how she'd forced Helian Wei to leave Jing Ruyue.

If Helian Wei were to see the film, he would've become suspicious of her. And if he were to investigate because of that, trouble would befall her.

Yun Xuerou quickly ordered You Jin to prevent Helian Wei from watching the film by using any means necessary.

Le Xiu had booked a whole room in the National Theater just for the President and had him over to watch the films.

Helian Wei sat in the theater with Le Xiu in the huge theater.

But when the film began, he realized it was another film titled Root of Evil.

“What's this?” Helian Wei asked.

“I think the theater is doing a promotion for the old movie too,” Le Xiu quickly explained, realizing that the staff might've made a mistake. “Look, Jing Xi is the main actress too.”

“All right, let's watch this first.”

Since Jing Xi was also in the film, Helian Wei did not mind watching it too.

Le Xiu quickly let out a sigh of relief when the President did not question any further and couldn't help but admire his own wit for getting out of that situation.

After watching Root of Evil, Helian Wei was really surprised by how talented Jing Xi was at acting.

Helian Wei even noticed shadows of Little Moon in Jing Xi's eyes.

Although he was watching Jing Xi's film, in truth Helian Wei was reminiscing about Jing Ruyue.

If Jing Ruyue were still alive and was still with him, they would've had a child as old as Jing Xi.

Helian Wei waited for Landscape to play after Root of Evil, but the screen remained black.

Before he could even ask, Le Xiu got up and said, “I'll go check with the staff.”

### **Priceless Baby's Super Daddy 1038 Received A Ban Notice**

Jin Xiu left the auditorium and went to find the theater staff.

However, before long, Jin Xiu rushed back in with a group of bodyguards. He alerted the president, "Your Excellency, this is bad! There is a fire in the theater. I'm here with your men to escort you out safely."

"Is the fire serious? Immediately notify the rescue department."

As president, Helian Wei had the responsibility to protect the lives of his people and the safety of their property. Instead of panicking in the face of the sudden fire, he chose to remain and personally direct the rescue.

The fire was very serious. Fortunately, under the personal command of Helian Wei, the rescue was very successful.

The theater was burnt down, but fortunately, there were no deaths, only a few wounded.

Helian Wei made further arrangements to properly resettle the wounded and quicken the repair work of the theater.

After settling the fire accident at the theater, Helian Wei hurried to the Blue Palace to participate in an important parliament meeting. As for the movie, he could only put it temporarily on hold for a while.

When Yun Xuerou saw the news about the fire in the national theater on TV, she finally breathed a sigh of relief.

In order to avoid trouble later, she ordered someone to do something in secret:

Completely ban the film Landscape in Estan. It would not be allowed to be screened anymore or even be spread in other channels.

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Landscape was ordered to not be screened in Estan and news of its ban quickly spread to Zstan.

As the director of the film, when Huang Guoqiang received the ban notice, he couldn't describe how upset he was.

This was his first time directing a love story. This film was not just an ordinary love film, but it was also his commitment to a good friend.

But now, it was banned, and the reason for its ban was very ridiculous: they said that the content of the film had detrimental effects on society.

How was it even detrimental to society?

It could be said that this was the most positive film he had ever directed.

If Landscape was harmful to society, then there was no film in the world that was completely positive to society.

When Xu Xiyan learned of the news, she was not affected much. Instead, she comforted Huang Guoqiang. "Director Huang, although the film is not popular abroad, just look in Zstan—the response is still very good!"

The domestic response was quite good. There were more and more online reviews of Landscape and their verdict and ratings were also quite high.

But many netizens had commented that this film was too heartbreaking.

After watching the film, they made a lot of tears. It was simply so sad that they could even feel the pain in their livers.

Many said that they hoped to see some sweet and heartwarming films to neutralize the sadness.

With such a strong voice of the public, the film Deep in the Shadows of the Stars was being promoted to the public in full force.

Netizens discovered that this film was a romantic film jointly produced by the former international movie king Huo Yunshen and his wife Jing Xi. It was also a heartwarming film by Huo Yunshen after his recovery and return to the silver screen.

In the eyes of netizens, this film had become the sweetest and most anticipated romantic film of the year.

The netizens were cheering for the two lead actors for Deep in the Shadows of the Stars on the internet.

Deep in the Shadows of the Stars was finally scheduled to be released on February 14th, on Valentine's Day.

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Peijing was getting colder and colder, and the new year mood was getting stronger too.

The Chinese New Year was coming soon and everyone was trying to finish their projects for the Chinese New Year period. Xu Xiyan could not be idle either.

Together with Lu Zeyan and her studio, they went to places to promote the film; they were so busy that they could not have a break.

They were so busy before they finally wrapped up their work on Chinese New Year Eve.

As the owner of the studio, Xu Xiyan gave the employees a holiday, their bonuses and a New Year's gift package. She made sure the rewards were adequate so that everyone could go home and celebrate the new year happily.

On the night of New Year's Eve, Huo Yunshen booked the most luxurious private dining room in the best hotel and invited the elders of the Huo and Jing family to gather together to have a reunion dinner.

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Chapter 1039: They Began to Fight, Again

Jing Zhannan even came back for the festive season. Since he was a soldier, it was hard for him to take leave and he hadn't been back to Zstan for quite some time.

The family dinner was one of the few he had after becoming the leader of JS 1st squadron.

The elders from both families chatted with each other until the end when they asked the most important question.

“When are you two planning to have a second child?”

Both families were really concerned about their second child. Even if they already had Ying Bao, they still wished for more children, because both the Huo and Jing families only had few members in them.

“We're preparing for that,” Huo Yunshen said as he grabbed Xu Xiyan by her shoulder. “We'll let everyone know when it happens.”

“But which family should the newborn get?” Jing Huaduo asked.

“Is that even a question? Of course it's Huo!” Huo Xun scolded.

“Ying Bao already has your family name! The next one should be ours!”

“In your dreams! If you want a grandchild, then get your son to give you one!”

“Do you think I'd be here asking for one from you if he wanted that?” Jing Huaduo scolded as he stared at Jing Zhannan.

The most troubling part for Jing Huaduo was that Jing Zhannan did not plan to get married.

“It's a waste for Zhannan to spend his life with his work,” Huo Xun said. “Do you want me to introduce someone to you?”

Jing Zhannan looked at both the elders, wondering why he'd become the topic of conversation again.

“Thank you, but I'm not in a hurry now,” Jing Zhannan quickly rejected.

Only a few knew that Jing Zhannan had actually once been in love with Huo Xun's eldest granddaughter, which was Huo Yijing.

But his father found out and stopped him from seeing her ever again. Because of that, Huo Yijing married Lu Mingsheng in a flash marriage while Jing Zhannan left Zstan and did not go back for a long time.

But Jing Zhannan wasn't angry at anyone. As long as Huo Yijing was happy, then it was enough for him.

“How about this?” Jing Zhannan said. “We'll let Ying Bao have the Jing family name and the next born will get the Huo name?”

“Not going to happen!” Huo Xun scolded and hugged Ying Bao tightly. “She's my great-granddaughter, no way I'm giving up on her.”

“Aren't you being too greedy?” Jing Huaduo scolded. “You won't even let one of the kids have our name. If I knew that this would happen, I would've agreed with Zhannan and Yijing.”

But Jing Huaduo did not realize the impact he caused by spitting that out.

Except for the two people involved and Jing Huaduo, not one other person at the dinner knew about Jing Zhannan and Huo Yijing's past. And Jing Huaduo had just made it public.

"Your... your son even seduced my granddaughter?" Huo Xun scolded as he pointed at Jing Huaduo.

"What do you mean, seduced? They were into each other!"

"Then why did you tear them apart? I get it now! You must be jealous because Yun Meng decided to marry me instead of you! That's why you tore them apart like you tried to do with Yunshen and Jing Xi, am I right?"

Chapter 1040: Neither Had The Other Convinced

"Who's jealous of you? If you hadn't resorted to underhanded tricks, would Yunmeng marry you?"

"Was that underhanded? I was competing fairly with you. You're the one who could not best me and yet you still blame me!"

The two old men were simply like kids. When it came to old scores, there would be no stopping their quarrel; they would argue over just about anything they could think of.

The two quarreled, their faces and ears red with anger. Everyone at the table exchanged looks, flabbergasted.

It looked like the last time, when the two old men shook hands and made peace, it had just been an act. In fact, neither of them had the other convinced.

Or it could be said that the two old men were born to be mortal enemies—don't even hope that they could get along with each other peacefully.

Finally, Huo Yunshen stood up to prevent their quarrel from escalating. "Grandpa, Grandfather, could you two please calm down? Today is New Year's Eve, and it's not easy getting everyone to gather together today. Let's have a peaceful and harmonious reunion dinner!"

Xu Xiyao also helped persuade them. "Grandpa, Grandfather, please don't argue anymore. Yunshen and I will work harder to have more children in the future. Some will take the surname Huo and some will take the surname Jing. How about that?"

After the two old men listened to her suggestion, Huo Xun said, as though he had the short end of the stick, "Fine, let him reap the benefits for free."

Jing Huaduo felt greatly relieved. "It seems my granddaughter is sensible!"

Ying Bao, who had been quietly watching the old men quarreling, finally spoke up. She looked up at her great-grandpa and said, "Great-Grandpa, Baby has a good idea."

"Oh? What is it?"

“Before Mommy gives birth to my younger brother, Baby will take the surname Huo on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Then on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, Baby will take the surname Jing. This way, Great-Grandfather and Great-Grandpa don't have to fight anymore!”

Amused by the little girl, Huo Xun laughed, “Haha... it seems the little baby is smart.”

Jing Huaduo had planned to fight till the end anyway. He asked, “Ying Bao, then let Great-Grandpa ask you something: which surname will you take on Sundays?”

Ying Bao could not simply answer this, otherwise, they would quarrel again. The little girl pondered for a while, then said, “On Sundays, Baby is going to take Brother Feimo's surname, of course. Baby is going to be called ‘Tang Yingbao.’”

Huo Xun: “...”

Jing Huaduo: “...”

Everyone: “...”

Huo Yunshen felt as though he'd been punched deep in the gut. It seemed that the saying about girls tending to stand at their husband's side was true, and this little girl was now siding with that little brat, Tang Feimo.

She was going to be an adult in no time, and she was going to whine about wanting to marry Tang Feimo every day.

Aiya... How he pitied his precious little princess. He couldn't bear for her to be married off so early...

No one could understand Huo Yunshen's difficulties as a father. He was always living his days with worries.

After the unpleasant episode just now, the atmosphere that followed was still quite harmonious. After finishing the reunion dinner, Huo Yunshen arranged transport and sent everyone back home.

Jing Zhannan had just returned to Zstan recently and he still had other matters to settle. Thus, he did not go back with Jing Huaduo.

As he was driving alone and was about to leave the area, he inadvertently saw a familiar figure.

Indeed, it was Huo Yijing.

Even though he had not seen her for many years, he could still recognize her at a glance.

She was just as beautiful as she had been back then. But now, she had become a career woman and the air of a charming delicate woman she used to have was gone from her, replaced by a hard and icy one that comes from years of hardship.

She was frowning as she stepped into the hotel hurriedly. What was she up to?

Huo Yijing was walking so hastily that when she got to the steps, she accidentally sprained her ankle, her face twisting in pain.



Jing Zhannan had never realized that after a long time, he would still feel heartache and worry for her after seeing her injured today.

His eyes followed her, watching her limp into the hotel. Feeling worried for her, he immediately opened the door of his car and got out, intending to follow her quietly.

Huo Yijing entered the hotel and went straight to the elevator hall and took the elevator upstairs.