

Priceless Baby 1541

Chapter 1541: His Blood Curdled

Right then she seemed to have heard a baby crying nearby. How could there be a baby here?

Yun Xuerou caught her breath again and said deliberately, "Jing Xi, do you know your boy is still alive? He is crying for his mother. If you don't go to him he will freeze to death."

Her baby...

Jing Xi could not think properly now. If Yun Xuerou could have stolen her baby, she might also have been able to keep him alive. Little Apple might still be alive!

"Yunshen! Our boy is still alive! He is crying! Do you hear that?"

Jing Xi felt heartbroken upon hearing the cry. Her tears fell instantly.

"I do. We're searching for him right now!"

Huo Yunshen also heard the cry and went for the baby. So did all his men and Heian Qingyu.

It was too dark on the cliff. They turned on the flashlights and it was still difficult to locate the boy.

The faint cries of the baby resounded among the cliffs and made it harder to identify the actual location.

Jing Xi clutched Yun Xuerou by the collar and questioned, "Where is my boy? Tell me now!"

"There, right there behind the boulder."

Yun Xuerou pointed there. Jing Xi then knocked Yun Xuerou out and ran toward the boulder.

The baby's resounding cry made her heartbroken.

She could no longer hold back her tears.

Getting to the place Yun Xuerou pointed to, she did find something wrapped up in cloth.

"Honey! I found him! Our boy is here! It's Little Apple!"

Jing Xi called out and bent down to pick up the swaddle. "Baby, mommy is here. Mommy is here..."

She lifted the swaddle and opened the cloth. But then she realized it was a toy instead of a real baby.

The cries came from the toy. Getting closer she also heard something else other than the crying.

The fake baby was ticking...

Shit! It was a trap!

Jing Xi realized it and threw away the fake baby immediately.

However...

It was already too late!

It exploded instantly and fire roared across sands and rubble.

It was not her baby, but a time bomb.

Hearing the explosion, Huo Yunshen and everyone else turned to see a huge fireball on top of the cliff and a person blown away from it.

That person was thrown out in an arc.

When Huo Yunshen saw her face and realized that it was Jing Xi, he felt his blood curdle and cried out, "No..."

"Jing Xi!"

Huo Yunshen darted to the explosion despite the danger only to witness Jing Xi being blown away and falling off the cliff. He could no longer feel his heart beating from that moment.

With the light from the explosion he looked down toward the abyss by the cliff. He knew clearly how dangerous this canyon was.

He almost jumped into the abyss to search for Jing Xi when Helian Qingyu and his men stopped him in time. Huo Yunshen kept yelling toward the abyss hysterically.

"Jing Xi... Jing Xi..."

Again and again...

It felt like his heart had been shattered.

Chapter 1542: Her Last Card

Even though Huo Yunshen was in pain, he was not going to give up. He quickly ordered everyone that came with him to start a search and rescue operation.

Helian Qingyu also called Jun Yan and had him send warships to where they were.

Rain began to fall, and it swept the fire away.

Soaked from the rain, Huo Yunshen kneeled by the edge of the canyon. The pain he felt was as if his heart was bleeding.

He alone could understand the agony he was in.

If he had known that something like that would happen, he would've never suggested a plan as such.

Huo Yunshen stayed by the canyon as the search teams were looking for Jing Xi. If Helian Qingyu had not reminded Huo Yunshen that he still had two children waiting for him, he would've jumped after Jing Xi.

“She might be still alive,” Helian Qingyu comforted. “Didn't you say that she once jumped out of a plane and still survived?”

But it was different, and Huo Yunshen knew it. When Jing Xi had jumped out from the plane in the past, there was no wind nor tides.

The pain was not the only thing Huo Yunshen felt. He was also furious. And the one responsible for everything was Lady White Tea.

He stood up and grabbed Helian Qingyu by his collar.

“It's all your mother's fault!” Huo Yunshen scolded. “It's all her! She's the one who killed my wife!”

Huo Yunshen then pushed Helian Qingyu away and went straight for Yun Xuerou.

Yun Xuerou had already woken up and was shaking from cold. Huo Yunshen approached her and threw a punch at her face.

As a man who had never hit a woman once, he could not hold himself back anymore.

The woman before Huo Yunshen was not a woman to him. She was a monster.

“Yun Xuerou! If Jing Xi dies then it's on you!” Huo Yunshen yelled. “You are going to pay with your life!”

He then proceeded to kick Yun Xuerou and cause her to spit blood from her mouth.

“Wait... Don't kill me,” Yun Xuerou pleaded as she knew she was about to be showered with punches. “I'll tell you... I'll tell you where Jing Xi's brother is...”

It was her last card. She was hoping to use it to save her own skin.

“Speak!”

Yun Xuerou raised her head and looked at Helian Qingyu.

“It's him... It's Qingyu...”

“What? You're saying that Jing Xi's twin brother is Qingyu?”

Huo Yunshen couldn't help but turn to look at Helian Qingyu. Even Helian Qingyu was in shock upon hearing the truth.

“What did you just say? I was never your son? I'm Jing Xi's twin brother?” Helian Qingyu asked.

Yun Xuerou lowered her head, signaling that it was the truth.

Helian Qingyu knew about Jing Ruyue's son, who had been separated from her, and knew that Jing Xi was looking for her twin brother, but even in his wildest dream, he had never thought that the boy was him.

That explained why Jing Xi had given him a sense of familiarity when he first met her.

Chapter 1543: That Explains Why!

So Jing Ruyue was his real mother! No wonder he'd always found her so familiar.

That explains why!

When Helian Qingyu found out about the truth, the shame he had been carrying was replaced by roaring rage.

He hated Yun Xuerou for making him a fool for over twenty years, for her evil deeds, and for killing so many innocent people, including his sister.

He had to make her pay for it on behalf of his own mother and sister!

“Bro, she is the vilest woman in the world! She stole someone else's babies yet never felt guilty! She has gone too far. She should have been struck by lightning and split into halves!”

“That wouldn't even ease my rage. I have to kill her myself!”

Then the two men lit Yun Xuerou up and fired continuously at her.

They did not stop until they ran out of bullets.

Yun Xuerou was finally dead!

The secret she had kept for over twenty years was unveiled!

But no one found it cheerful.

Because Jing Xi was gone too.

They could never get her back.

The searching went on and Huo Yunshen never left the cliff.

Helian Qingyu returned alone to tell their family about the loss.

In the presidential palace, Helian Wei and Jing Ruyue were both waiting anxiously for them. But they only saw Helian Qingyu coming back exhausted.

Jing Ruyue felt worried and asked, “How was it? Did you get her?”

“Yes, we did. And she is dead now.”

Upon hearing that, Jing Ruyue and Helian Wei looked at each other and felt no sympathy for her at all. She deserved it.

“What about Jing Xi and the others? Didn't they come back with you?” Jing Ruyue asked further.

“Jing Xi...”

Helian Qingyu was not able to finish his words before he broke into tears and covered his eyes with his hand.

“Is she OK? What happened? Qingyu, say something!”

Helian Wei had a terrible feeling of foreboding.

“Father... Jing Xi is gone... She fell off the cliff...”

Helian Qingyu managed to utter the truth.

“What? Yanyan fell off the cliff? She... died?”

Jing Ruyue was petrified. Her eyes stayed wide open and her tears fell like rain.

She could not believe what she had just heard. Her daughter could not be dead. “What? Why! Are you serious? I don't believe it!”

Jing Ruyue could not take it and almost passed out. Helian Wei caught her when she fell and they both collapsed onto the floor.

Helian Wei pinched her on her philtrum and woke her up.

Jing Ruyue woke up and burst into tears again. She cried, “No. I've only got one daughter. How could they do this to me... My Yanyan...”

“Mother!”

Helian Qingyu suddenly kneeled down in front of them and called her “mother.” He said with tears in his eyes, “You have more than a daughter. You've got a son, your son who has been missing for over twenty years. Look at me, mother!”

Helian Qingyu suddenly claimed to be her son and left the two elderly people in shock. Helian Wei asked, “Qingyu, what did you just say?”

Jing Ruyue stared at Helian Qingyu through her tears and could barely believe what she had heard. Did he say that he was her missing son?

“It was Yun Xuerou! She took me away from my mother when I was born, and claimed that I was hers. If she had not told the truth before she died, I would have never known who my real mother is!”

Chapter 1544: Lost Her

Helian Wei finally realized something.

“That's why it was positive when I did a paternity test on you!” Helian Wei gasped. “That crazy woman has been lying to me for all this time!”

“Qingyu... My son...” Jing Ruyue sobbed. She'd finally found her son, but at a huge cost.

“What did I do in my past life to give both of you such cruel lives?” Jing Ruyue cried. “Just when I was finally able to get you back, your sister is gone... How am I going to live with this...”

“Dad, Mom, we are still looking for her. There's always hope as long as we don't give up,” Helian Qingyu said, trying to calm his parents down.

But everyone knew that the valley was called Death Valley.

Even Mo Yutian and Little Apple's bodies were never found after falling down a year ago.

Jing Xi was thrown off the edge by an explosion, so her chance of survival was even lower.

The President's Mansion was shrouded in sadness from that day onward.

The next day arrived as JS members started to pull Huo Yunshen out of the water. He volunteered to dive under to look for Jing Xi, but the underwater current was too unpredictable.

“Any news?”

That was the first thing Huo Yunshen asked Helian Qingyu as soon as he got out of the water.

“Jun Yan and Jing Zhannan are still looking for her, but there's nothing new...”

Even though they had expected such an outcome, it still hurt them to think about it.

Huo Yunshen's arms dropped as his body was drained of energy.

“But that also means she might be still alive,” Helian Qingyu said, trying to cheer Huo Yunshen up.

“We're going to move downstream now.”

They left the valley and came to the border between the Dark Sea and the Spirit Sea.

“Where does the Spirit Sea lead to?” Huo Yunshen asked.

“The Star Country.”

“The country that believes in the Nature God?”

“Yes, it's a country that's comprised of countless islands. It's also one of Estan's neighbor nations.”

“Did anyone go to look for Jing Xi there?”

“We've sent someone over, but he came back with no luck. We also sent someone to the Star Country when Little Apple went missing, but the result was the same. Since most of the current here leads to the Dark Sea, we've decided to focus our search there.”

Huo Yunshen looked over the deck and remained silent.

“You have to stay strong,” Helian Qingyu said while patting Huo Yunshen on the shoulder.

Huo Yunshen continued to stare at the horizon.

“Jing Xi!” Huo Yunshen suddenly shouted. “Come home! Can you hear me! I'm waiting for you! Please... I can't lose you...”

His voice slowly turned sorrowful as tears began to fall.

He had promised her parents that he would take care of her and love her, but now, he had lost her.

Chapter 1545: Did Not Want To Provoke Him

And their children...what was he supposed to tell them?

Their friends heard about Jing Xi and were all very sad. They came to the seaside for further news.

They wanted to console Huo Yunshen. But no one dared to say sorry for his loss. They did not want to provoke him.

Because he insisted that Jing Xi did not die and that she would come back. He would be waiting for her.

And he would never give up searching!

Inside the presidential palace.

Ye Xun picked up Ying Bao from school and brought her home.

When he was about to leave, Ying Bao asked, "Uncle Tree-Leaf, where are my daddy and mommy? Where did they go?"

Ye Xun pretended to be at ease and replied, "Mommy went to a film shooting and won't be back soon. Your daddy went abroad and will be pretty busy for a while. Ying Bao, good girl, stay home with your brother and wait for them. OK?"

"Sure! If you call them, tell them to come back sooner!"

"OK, I see."

"Bye, Uncle Tree-Leaf."

Ying Bao waved at him and ran happily inside.

Seeing the joyful little girl leaving, Ye Xun broke into tears again. He felt for such a cute little girl who had just lost her mother.

He could not imagine how they would react when they heard about their mother.

Ying Bao was a sensitive child. Ye Xun worried that she could not handle this.

They had to keep it from them as long as they could.

Ten days passed. Nothing was found.

According to the locals, the waters where the Black Sea met the Sea of Soul were extremely dangerous. There were huge monster fish that ate humans as well as other animals.

Whoever fell into the waters could never come back alive.

Scientists had proved that the so-called monster fish were sharks.

People felt that Jing Xi, Mo Yutian and Little Apple had probably already been eaten by the sharks.

After twenty days, whatever hope they had turned into despair.

Their friends came to Huo Yunshen and told him to stay strong for their children.

Indeed Huo Yunshen had to swallow his pain and head back to the children.

They had been staying in the presidential palace these days. Seeing her father coming back, Ying Bao was very excited. "Daddy, you are back!"

She threw herself onto him, cuddled his leg and asked, "Daddy, how could you have been away for so long? My brother Grape and I missed you so much!"

Huo Yunshen bent down to lift her up. Ying Bao got a closer look at her father and found his eyes to be red, and that his hair stank and his clothes were dirty.

Her father was completely different from his usual self.

"Daddy, you look so sloppy! And your eyes are red as a rabbit. Go take a shower. Otherwise mommy will pick on you if she sees you like this!" Ying Bao urged him.

"OK." Huo Yunshen brought her downstairs and asked the butler to take her to play in the garden.

Then he walked toward the Red Chamber. He could barely continue taking steps.

The maid escorted him in. He knocked on the door and entered the bedroom of his parents-in-law.

Jing Ruyue was lying on the bed with a towel placed on her forehead. She must be sick. Helian Wei was sitting by her side.

Huo Yunshen entered and kneeled down in front of the two. He lowered his head and said, "Father, mother, I'm sorry..."

Chapter 1546: God's Will

Huo Yunshen kept apologizing with his trembling voice and his shattered heart.

He blamed himself for losing his wife.

"Please, get up..." Helian Wei said, helping Huo Yunshen up from the ground. "It's not your fault, it's mine."

Yun Xuerou's agenda was always focused on Jing Ruyue, and Jing Xi was just a victim in her revenge.

"How's mom?" Huo Yunshen asked, looking at Jing Ruyue, who was unconscious.

"She's in shock, but she'll get better," Helian Wei replied. "How's the rescue going?"

Huo Yunshen only shook his head in reply.

Helian Wei could see that Huo Yunshen was doing his best to hold back the urge to dive under the water to look for Jing Xi.

He was shrouded in sadness.

As someone older than Huo Yunshen, and his half father, it became Helian Wei's job to cheer Huo Yunshen up even though it hurt him too.

"This must be God's will," Helian Wei said. "Don't give yourself up because of something like this happened. You're still young, and you still have a lot to do. The Dragon Kingdom needs you, your children need you. They've already lost their mother, don't make them lose their father too. Live on, for the children, please."

Huo Yunshen looked at Helian Wei. His pride as a man made him hold his tears back. All he could do was swallow all his sadness and sorrow again.

Helian Wei was right; he still had a huge responsibility to shoulder.

He could not leave his children that Jing Xi had left with him. He had to meet her expectations.

"Where's Little Grape?" Huo Yunshen asked.

"In the garden. Go take a look at him," Helian Wei encouraged.

Huo Yunshen nodded and left.

It was as if he had become a lifeless person ever since Jing Xi went missing.

He arrived in the garden. Ying Bao was playing with the puppies while the nanny was tending to Little Grape. The little boy was learning to walk by holding onto the bench.

Huo Yunshen felt like crying again when he saw his children.

He stood there for a few minutes and did his best to hold his tears in.

He then walked towards his son and said, "Little Grape, come here..."

Little Grape realized his father had come and smiled. He walked wobbly towards his father and jumped into his arms.

Huo Yunshen hugged his son. Even though Little Grape still couldn't understand words, it was as if he knew what was happening and looked behind Huo Yunshen.

He was looking for his mother.

He was wondering where his mother, who was always with his father, was.

"Stop... Mommy's... She's not here..."

"Mommy!" Little Grape started to cry as if he understood what Huo Yunshen meant.

“Mommy's coming back later, okay?” Ying Bao quickly ran over to comfort her little brother. “She'll come back, so just wait, okay?”

But no matter how much Huo Yunshen and Ying Bao tried, Little Grape would not stop crying.

“Stop it!” Huo Yunshen scolded. “Stop crying!”

Chapter 1547: Come Back, My Love

The boy was scared and cried even harder. His nanny suggested, “Master, leave him to me. You should take a shower and get some rest.”

Huo Yunshen never got any sleep these days. His eyes were blood red and he seemed like he was just coming out of hell.

The nanny was right. Huo Yunshen gave the boy to her, left the presidential palace and headed back to Yunjing Villa.

When he returned home and saw the familiar surroundings, he could almost hear their laughter from a few days ago. However, his family was falling apart now.

Huo Yunshen stepped into the house without reacting to anyone's greeting. It seemed he could no longer hear nor see, or even speak.

Entering their bedroom, he felt even more heartbroken.

He was exhausted. Lying on the huge bed he could not help shedding tears silently.

Jing Xi, how I miss you...

Jing Xi, you promised to grow old with me. How could you leave me alone now?

Jing Xi, come back, please... Come back, my love...

They could not hide it from the children forever.

Ying Bao overheard their talking and could not believe that her mother was dead. She came to her daddy for an answer.

“Daddy, where is my mommy? Why is she still not back?”

Ying Bao pulled her father's arm as she asked him.

Huo Yunshen tried to make an excuse again. “Mommy is away for filming. She won't be back that soon.”

Hearing him saying so, Ying Bao seemed irritated. She threw away her father's hand and cried, “Daddy, you are lying! They say mommy is dead! My mommy is dead! She's not coming back!”

“Cherry...”

Huo Yunshen felt sharp pains in his heart and tried to cuddle his daughter. But the sensitive girl stepped back from him.

She kept wiping her tears but could not stop crying. "Daddy! How could mommy be dead? I don't want mommy to be dead! I want my mommy back! I want my mommy..."

But where could Huo Yunshen find her mother again?

The girl cried, and so did he.

From then on, Ying Bao became very sensitive. She felt like she was being abandoned by her own mother.

She was a lonely child now.

She had lost her mother!

Even Tang Feimo could not console her.

She missed her mother so much and wished she could come back alive.

Mommy, where are you...

Two years later.

The new Dragon Kingdom was recognized by the United Nations and reclaimed its position in the world arena.

It resumed the hereditary monarchy and Huo Yunshen became the first king of the modern Dragon Kingdom, taking on the responsibility of leading his country to prosperity.

The capital remained in Mo City and the royal palace continued to use the same name—the Triumph Palace.

Huo Yunshen had moved into the Triumph Palace with his family a year earlier and formed his government in Mo City.

Estan was another place of sorrow for him now. There were too many heartbreaking memories.

Throughout the first year after Jing Xi disappeared, he never had any sound sleep. He suffered from manic depression and had to rely on medication.

When the Dragon Kingdom was restored he moved into the Triumph Palace with their children.

But he did not sell the Yunjing Villa when they left Estan.

Although he would never go back, he wanted no one else to step into it either. It was like an irreparable wound and he had to seal it forever.

The second year after Jing Xi was gone, he engaged himself intensively in governing affairs and never took any breaks, because whenever he stopped he would be overwhelmed and tortured by loneliness and yearning.

Chapter 1548: Massive Changes

Huo Yunshen always had his hands tied with work and rarely had time to spend with his children.

Ying Bao was almost 8 years old, and Little Grape was already 3. The two children had gone through massive changes in the past two years.

Ying Bao was not the lively kid she used to be anymore. Instead, she had become a child that rarely talked and would have a huge reaction to even the smallest things.

Little Grape grew up without his mother. He would get angry quickly and was hard to take care of.

He had never really seen his mother before, his sister didn't want to play with him, and his father was always busy. The little boy was doing all he could to get his family's attention.

He would always trash the palace and cause a huge mess.

Huo Yunshen had just gotten back from another country one day and wanted to see his children.

The butler told Huo Yunshen that Ying Bao kept locking herself in her room and would only come out once or twice every two weeks.

Huo Yunshen knocked on his daughter's door and pushed it open. Ying Bao was sitting in there drawing something

Other than going to school, drawing was the only thing that Ying Bao would do.

She would draw pictures of her life when Jing Xi was there with her.

It was clear that the little girl missed her mother a lot.

"Hey, do you want to take a walk with me in the garden?" Huo Yunshen asked as he rubbed Ying Bao's head.

"No, I still have drawings that aren't finished."

Ying Bao shook her head.

Huo Yunshen sighed and left Ying Bao's room. He then went to Little Grape's room.

The little prince was already three years old, and he was taller than most of the kids around his age. He had Jing Xi's face, but his expression was always cold. He was a notorious kid, as he would always destroy famous paintings in the palace.

A lot of the nannies and maids had no idea what to do with him.

When Huo Yunshen came in, one of the nannies was trying to take the paintbrush away from Little Grape. Little Grape was shouting and kicking the nanny's hand.

"Little Grape!" Huo Yunshen scolded.

Hearing his father's angry voice, Little Grape turned around and looked at him.

"Daddy! I don't want her! I don't want her!" Little Grape pouted as he pointed at the nanny.

He even threw the paint all over the floor. Unable to stop the little boy, Huo Yunshen sighed and asked the nanny to leave.

That was Little Grape's 18th nanny.

Huo Yunshen really hoped that he could find someone that could calm his son down.

After giving out some orders to the butler, Huo Yunshen spent some time with his kids before leaving for work again.

The butler and servants sighed as they looked at Huo Yunshen's lonely back when he left. They all knew about the loneliness and pain in his heart.

There was no other woman like Jing Xi that could give their king the courage and happiness he once had.

Ever since Jing Xi had gone missing two years ago, they'd never seen their king smile.

And anything related to Jing Xi was a taboo in the palace.

With the help of Estan and other countries, the Dragon Kingdom had regained its former glory in two years.

The only thing they were lacking was talented people.

Huo Yunshen had been trying to lure a lot of talented people over to his country while giving out better offers for former citizens of the Dragon Kingdom to return.

Chapter 1549: Becoming Interested

But there were also exiled people that did not want to go back. They had settled well in other countries and were not willing to start all over again.

It was the third round of homecoming plans, and also the last one. The reward was charming. Whoever was willing to relocate back to the Dragon Kingdom would be compensated with a handsome fund per person.

It was said to be 20 million dollars plus a housing allowance.

This being said, many more were becoming interested.

The word was spread soon enough to Starstan.

In a seaside village, there lived a fisherman, Jin Hong Sheng, and his family. Jin's wife Ge Juhua heard about the homecoming plan and asked for his opinion.

“Hey, shall we move to the Dragon Kingdom? Take a look here. They are offering relocation funds and housing allowances. If we could seek this opportunity we wouldn't need to stay in this shabby place any longer.”

Fisherman Jin shot a look at her and said, "You greedy woman! Didn't you read the following lines? Whoever fakes his nationality of Dragon Kingdom to claim the funds will be accused of fraud. Do you want to check out the jail in the Dragon Kingdom?"

Ge Juhua rolled her eyes and said, "Who said to check out the jail? I'm planning for our future! What fortune can we make out of fishing? Don't our son and daughter need to get married? Can we afford it?"

"Our son can simply marry Xiaoxi. She is a good girl."

"What the hell? I don't want an ugly daughter-in-law like her. She does a good job though. We can keep her as a laborer."

"You mean woman! Don't you feel for Xiaoxi? You should be nice to her."

His wife glared at him and said, "I don't have time to feel for anyone. I'm not doing charity. We are already generous to provide for her. What else could she expect? You want me to treat her like Jin Hua? No way!"

"Fine. Stop it. Xiaoxi will be back in no time."

"I can stop talking. But you have to go figure it out. We are moving to the Dragon Kingdom!"

Jin Hongsheng was almost kicked out of his own home. Meanwhile a girl was coming home on an e-bike and eventually stopped at the seafood store.

Getting off the bike she took off her helmet and swung her beautiful hair.

Some boys walked by and whistled at her, "Hey, pretty!"

The girl turned around upon hearing the noises. The boys were then shocked by the scars on her face.

"Shit! It's Jin's ugly daughter!"

"I cannot bear the sight of her!"

"They say old Jin is getting her a husband. Let's go! Get away from the ugly monster!"

They fled as fast as they could as if they had just run into a ghost.

The girl sneered. She was already used to being called an ugly monster.

She was not upset at all and carried the empty containers into the seafood store.

Since she had been saved by her foster father two years ago, she had been living with the Jin family as their adopted daughter.

Her foster father told her that he had found her in his fishing net one day. She was trapped in tangled seaweed with wounds all over her body.

Chapter 1550: The Reason To Live On

Jin Xiaoxi had been saved, but she could not remember who she was or how she ended up in the ocean.

The explosion ruined her face and voice, and almost all of her memories.

She had become a lady that most despised because of how she looked.

She could only remember that her name had a “Xi” in it. Her adopted father named her Xiaoxi in the end.

Jing Xi began to live a new life as Jin Xiaoxi, and it was one that she cherished.

The reason for her to live on was so that she could find out who she was.

The old shop had been dealing with seafood for a very long time, and it reeked of the ocean.

Jing Xi set the empty box down and opened the glass door.

“Mom, I'm back,” Jing Xi greeted.

“I can hear you! Don't shout!” Ge Juhua scolded.

“Okay,” Jing Xi replied and took out a roll of cash. “Here's the money for the seafood.”

Ge Juhua took the money and counted only 450 dollars in it.

“Where's the other 50? Did you steal it?”

“No, I didn't! I saw an injured kid on my way back, and I bought some medicine for him,” Jing Xi quickly explained.

No matter how much Jing Xi had changed, she was still a kind and gentle person.

“Are you stupid or what?” Ge Juhua then scolded. “What does that kid have to do with you? Why would you spend our money on some stranger? That's hard-earned money that your dad got up early every day for!”

“But I ain't the only one who's wasting money!” Jing Xi refuted. “Brother is always gambling and loses most of our money too!”

“So what? Get back to work!”

Ge Juhua grabbed a broomstick and tried to hit Jing Xi.

Luckily, Jing Xi jumped aside and ran away. She went back to her room and saw her sister, Ji Hua, doing a live-stream.

Even though Jin Hua was already past her 30's, she was still single. It wasn't that she wasn't beautiful, but that she was too self-aware.

Men who weren't successful weren't good enough for her, while successful men would never fall for her.

She always fantasized about living a life as a princess or queen, waiting for her knight in shining armor to appear.

Not only that, but Jin Hua was also lazy. Ever since Jin Xiaoxi came to their house, Jin Hua basically left all the chores to Jin Xiaoxi.

Jin Hua was sitting in front of her phone camera and making weird faces for her fans.

But an ugly face suddenly appeared on her screen, and it shocked Jin Hua. Jin Hua wasn't the only one surprised, as her fans, which weren't many to begin with, all left.

"Jin Xiaoxi!" Jin Hua scolded after turning off her live-stream. "What are you doing? Can't you see I'm recording?"

"I'm sorry! I wasn't doing it on purpose. I was just curious as to how live-streaming works," Jing Xi quickly explained. Since she had no money to buy a phone, she could only look at her sister's.

"Why? Do you want to do some live-streams too? With that face?"