

Priceless Baby 1621

Chapter 1621: The Same Nightmare Again

"Exactly. We will do our best to take care of him," Auntie Lan answered.

With their promise, Huo Yunshen left relieved.

In the afternoon, Jing Xi stayed inside with the little prince and read stories for him.

Auntie Lan brought him two boxes of toys from the palace.

However, Little Grape wasn't interested in any of them. He only wanted to listen to Auntie Xiaoxi's stories.

"Your Highness, you've had a dozen stories so far! We should give Auntie Xiaoxi a break," Auntie Lan came and reminded him.

Little Grape then realized he'd already had quite a few stories, and Auntie Xiaoxi had been talking for a long while.

He was very reasonable and considerate. "Auntie Xiaoxi, let's take a break and you should have some water."

Jing Xi did feel thirsty by then. She put down the book and asked, "Would you like some water as well?"

"Sure."

Jing Xi got him some water and had a glass for herself too.

After that, instead of continuing with the stories she tried asking, "Your Highness, would you like to take a nap?"

"No! I'm not sleepy at all!" Little Grape did not want to nap.

What if his Auntie Xiaoxi left while he was asleep?

He preferred to stay awake and constantly keep an eye on her.

Being rejected, Jing Xi thought for a second and asked instead, "In that case, would you like to do some drawing?"

That seemed to be fun. Little Grape nodded. "Sure. Let's do drawing."

"Ok. Wait for me. I'll get the pens."

Jing Xi brought some paper and pens. Then she sat by his side and watched Little Grape drawing.

Little Grape drew various shapes and lines on the paper. Jing Xi had no idea what he was drawing and wondered if that should be called impressionism.

No matter how confusing it seemed, Little Grape kept drawing carefully.

After a while, Jing Xi felt a bit sleepy. She bent over the bed and closed her eyes. Before long she actually fell asleep.

She was indeed exhausted. She got up very early in the morning and worked non-stop every day. There were times when she wished that she could stop and take a break. But whenever she thought about her family and child, she knew that she should never pause.

If she was not too tired she would have never fallen asleep during work.

“Auntie Xiaoxi, take a look...”

When Little Grape tried to show her the drawings, he found that she had already fallen asleep.

He hesitated but said nothing further. Instead, he raised his head and looked at Grandma Lan. “Grandma Lan, Auntie Xiaoxi is sleeping.”

“I see. Let's keep quiet. She needs some rest.”

“OK.”

Little Grape stopped talking and continued drawing.

Jing Xi did fall asleep and even had a dream, where she was standing on top of a cliff and trapped by a blazing fire. To get out of the fire she had to jump off the cliff.

Then, she was woken up by the jump.

She woke up covered in cold sweat. By looking around she realized that she'd had the same nightmare of falling off a cliff again.

She wiped her lips and took two deep breath to barely calm herself down.

“I'm sorry, Your Highness. I fell asleep.”

Seeing that the little prince was still drawing and had finished quite a few, she figured that she must have slept for a while.

“Never mind, Auntie Xiaoxi!” Little Grape saw that she was awake and showed his drawings to her. “See, I've done a lot!”

“Let me see.”

Jing Xi looked through the drawings but only became confused. “Your Highness, what are these?”

Chapter 1622: Stupefied

“I'm drawing the city we're in!”

Little Grape pointed at his very abstract drawing of a city.

Jing Xi went through the drawings and finally found something that was different. It was a drawing of two people.

“What is this?” Jing Xi asked.

“Robots that look like me!”

“Why do you want to draw robots that look like you?”

“So that he can play with me.”

Jing Xi could sense Little Grape's strong desire to have someone to keep him company.

“Little Prince, if there was a kid that was around your age who wanted to play with you, would you play with him too?” Jing Xi asked.

“A kid?” Little Grape asked and recalled the little boy he saw in the video. “Is he Auntie Xiaoxi's son?”

“Yes. Do you want to play with him?”

Little Grape thought for a while before voicing his concern.

“But won't Auntie Xiaoxi ignore me if he comes here?”

“Of course not. I can take care of both of you at the same time, and you can become friends with him too.”

“Okay, then!” Little Grape nodded happily. “I can be friends with him.”

Jing Xi let out a sigh of relief. She hoped that having Niuniu play with Little Grape could help with his illness and mental problems.

They then spent the rest of the day together until it was time for Jing Xi to go back. Little Grape immediately realized that she was leaving as she packed her bag.

“Auntie Xiaoxi, are you leaving?”

“Yes. It's time for me to go home.”

“Will you come again tomorrow?”

“Of course I will! I'll even bring my son too!” Jing Xi replied as she flung the bag over her shoulder. “You have a good night's rest, and you'll be able to see me again tomorrow, okay?”

Jing Xi then naturally kissed Little Grape on his forehead and left.

That was how she would always bid Xiao Tieniu goodbye when she left for work. Jing Xi had completely forgotten about the difference in her and Little Grape's status and treated him like she treated Xiao Tieniu.

Little Grape was completely stupefied by the kiss.

It was his first time being kissed on the forehead by someone other than his father or grandparents.

He was glad, glad that his Auntie Xiaoxi was treating him like her own family.

The little guy then covered himself with his sheet and went to sleep with a massive smile on his face.

Jing Xi got home late because of the traffic, and it was already well past dinnertime.

But Mo Yutian had already prepared dinner for her and was waiting for her to return.

She had dinner, took a shower, and told Xiao Tieniu his bedtime story. Before Xiao Tieniu went to sleep, she told him that she was going to bring him to the hospital to meet the prince the next day.

“Mommy, is he like the prince in the stories?” Xiao Tieniu asked.

“No, he's a real prince that lives in a real castle.”

“Really?” Xiao Tieniu jumped excitedly. “I want to see what he looks like!”

“He looks like you, or like any other little children.”

“Then... Can I play with him?”

Chapter 1623: Extremely Reluctant

“Sure. I think you will become very good friends. You can play games together.”

Jing Xi poked him gently on his nose and said, “Well, now you need to go to bed. I'll wake you up early in the morning and we will go there together.”

“OK. Good night, mommy. Good night, daddy.” Little Tieniu closed his eyes and went to sleep.

Mo Yutian had already gotten in bed. Upon hearing that Jin Xiaoxi was taking little Tieniu to the palace, he suddenly became a bit nervous.

“Xiaoxi, are you taking Niuniu to the palace?”

“No. We're going to the hospital. The prince is sick. I have to take care of him there.”

Mo Yutian said nothing further. But he was worried. What if they recognized little Tieniu?

After all, little Tieniu was their Little Apple, and he looked very similar to Huo Yunshen, his biological father.

Mo Yutian felt extremely reluctant at the thought that Little Apple would be leaving him soon.

Without Little Apple, would he still have a home?

He had been fathering the boy for three years, and could barely live without him now.

But no matter how reluctant he felt, it was meant to happen sooner or later.

A dragon belonged in the sea. Little Apple was, after, all a prince. He should return to his palace, and he deserved whatever he was entitled to.

However, he was still so reluctant. What if the boy felt uncomfortable in his new home? What if he was bullied without his “daddy”?

It was a quiet night. On the following morning, Jing Xi was about to take Niuniu to the hospital.

When saying goodbye, Mo Yutian cuddled the boy again and again. It felt like the boy was leaving him for good.

“Come on, Brother Heiniu, I'll bring Niuniu back safe and sound after work.”

Jing Xi laughed at him for being so reluctant to leave his boy.

Mo Yutian had to let go of the boy. Then he hugged Jin Xiaoxi goodbye.

Jin Xiaoxi was caught by surprise. She forgot to react and let him hold her tightly.

Mo Yutian held her by the waist. He cuddled her firmly and whispered, “Xiaoxi, let's be a real couple.”

It felt like some feather tickling her ears, almost like a slight electric shock.

Jing Xi became stiff and blushed.

She could not handle something like this and replied timidly, “Aren't we a couple now?”

“I meant... a real couple.”

Seeing that she was not ready to give an answer, he had to let her go.

Jing Xi was still blushing. She rushed to Niuniu and replied, “We should get going. Talk to you later.”

She held the boy in hand and almost fled the room. With her running away, Mo Yutian was left wondering.

Was that a yes or no?

Outside the house, the shuttle was already waiting. Jing Xi brought the boy into the car.

It was little Tieniu's first time in a limo. He looked and reached around curiously.

Chapter 1624: A Delicate Boy

“The car is so pretty!” Xiao Tieniu exclaimed.

“I think so too.” Jing Xi nodded in agreement.

“It's my first time sitting in such a pretty car!”

“You can have one too if you work hard in the future, you know?” Jing Xi said.

“Mommy, when can I start going to school then?”

Xiao Tieniu hoped that he could grow up faster and earn a lot of money for his parents to spend.

“Soon. You're already three years old, right?”

“Really? I'm so excited!”

Xiao Tieniu's eyes were brimming with excitement when he thought of being able to go to school like all the other children.

"I'll go and look for a suitable school when I have the time," Jing Xi said.

"Okay!"

Jing Xi planned on sending Xiao Tieniu to a pre-school. But with the little kid's hearing problem, she was worried that the school might not accept him.

They soon arrived at the hospital.

Jing Xi then brought Xiao Tieniu to the room Little Grape was staying in.

Since it was still early, and the VIP was located on the top floor, the hallway was really quiet.

"Is anyone here?" Xiao Tieniu asked as he stared at the empty hallway.

"Of course." Jing Xi smiled. "There are doctors and nurses here too, but they're still sleeping."

They reached the VIP room and Jing Xi knocked on the door. They waited for a few seconds before the door opened up, and Lan Yi came out of the room.

"Oh, you're here," Lan Yi greeted with a smile.

"Good morning," Jing Xi greeted back. "I brought my son with me, can he come in too?"

It was only then that Lan Yi realized another kid was standing behind Jing Xi. She was shocked when she saw the kid's face, as he seemed really familiar.

"Of course." Lan Yi smiled. "Come on in, the prince is still sleeping though."

"Niuniu, she's Grandma Lan. Remember that, okay?" Jing Xi said.

"Okay! Good morning, Grandma Lan!" Xiao Tieniu greeted.

"Good morning. You're Niuniu, right? Come on in," Lan Yi said with a warm smile as she rubbed Xiao Tieniu's head.

Lan Yi closed the door behind her after they all went in. Since Little Grape was still sleeping, only dim lights were lit.

Xiao Tieniu looked around the room, realizing that it was different from every other hospital that he'd heard of.

The room was huge, and it clearly showed that whoever stayed in it was loaded with cash.

He then walked towards the bed and saw a kid sleeping in it.

"Is this the prince?" Xiao Tieniu asked quietly with a surprised look on his face.

"Yup." Jing Xi nodded.

Xiao Tieniu then stood next to the bed as he stared at the little prince.

In his eyes, the prince had porcelain-like skin and soft brown hair. The prince looked like a doll when he was sleeping.

What a delicate prince, Xiao Tieniu exclaimed in his head.

He then looked at his own skin and realized how dark he really was.

Since he had been living by the beach in the past, his skin got really dark from the prolonged sunlight exposure. Unlike the prince that had pure white skin, he looked like a kid that just came out from a chocolate bath.

Perhaps it was because of the atmosphere, or maybe it was because of their different identities, but Xiao Tieniu suddenly felt inferior when compared to the prince.

Chapter 1625: Pissing Her Off!

He hid his dark hands behind.

Seeing little Tieniu's reaction, Jing Xi realized that he might be intimidated by the sight of the little prince. So she patted him on the head and suggested, "Come with mommy. Let's go make some breakfast."

Jing Xi went into the kitchen and little Tieniu stayed by her side.

When breakfast was almost ready, there came a boy's voice. It was the little prince waking up and asking his Grandma Lan, "Grandma Lan, is Auntie Xiaoxi here?"

"Of course. She's preparing your breakfast!" Auntie Lan helped him sit up and suggested, "Shall we go wash your face and brush your teeth?"

"Sure!" the boy answered cheerfully.

Inside the kitchen, little Tieniu heard the little prince and asked, "Mommy, was that the prince?"

"Yes. He's awake. Would you like to take a look?"

"Yup." Little Tieniu got off the chair and went to take a look at the prince in real life.

He came out and ran into Auntie Lan and the little prince coming out of the bathroom. It was their first encounter.

They stared at each other as if they were looking into a mirror.

They both suffered from illnesses. Therefore they were about the same height.

Although Little Grape grew up in the palace, he was not taller or stronger. They seemed like each other's reflection from a mirror.

Seeing another boy in the room, Little Grape was startled and asked, "Grandma Lan, who is he?"

Auntie Lan explained, "Your Highness, he is Auntie Xiaoxi's son, Niuniu."

"Niuniu? That's dorky! And why is he so dark?"

Little Grape meant no harm. But it sounded bitter to the little boy.

Although the little prince was not making fun of him, he could not help feeling hurt.

"Your Highness, you shouldn't have said that. Our names are given by our parents. How could you call it dorky? Do apologize to Niuniu, so that you can still be friends." Auntie Lan urged him.

"Why do I need to apologize?"

Little Grape had always felt superior as a member of the royal family. Why should he apologize?

He had said nothing wrong. The name Niuniu was indeed dorky!

Auntie Lan knew him well. She knew that he meant no harm but had always been unrestrained.

Seeing that he was reluctant to apologize, she turned to Niuniu and said, "Niuniu, come here. You two will be good friends. Won't you?"

Upon hearing her calling, little Tieniu turned and ran away instead of coming over.

With Niuniu gone, Auntie Lan tried to talk seriously to the little prince. "Your Highness, please do not talk like that again. What you say may upset others. Can't you see Niuniu was mad at you? He might want to go home if he feels upset. When he asks to go home Auntie Xiaoxi will have to leave too. So think it through. Shouldn't you be more polite?"

Little Grape did not realize how rude he'd been. He was merely teasing.

"Fine. I will be polite." The little prince pouted and added, "But his skin is indeed very dark. It seems he is from Africa. How could he be Auntie Xiaoxi's son?"

Auntie Lan was speechless. He was pissing her off!

Chapter 1626: Different

Lan Yi was afraid that Little Grape might say the wrong thing in front of Jin Xiaoxi, so she tried to persuade the little prince.

"You shouldn't say that, you know," Lan Yi said. "If Auntie Xiaoxi hears it, she will get angry."

"Okay..." the little prince pouted and turned to look at the dark little boy in the kitchen.

Hurt by the little prince's words, Xiao Tieniu ran to hug his mother's legs.

"What's wrong? Did you meet the prince?" Jing Xi asked.

"Yes..." Xiao Tieniu nodded.

“Did you say hello?”

“No...”

“Why?”

“Because he laughed at my name and my color...”

Xiao Tieniu wanted to go home.

Jing Xi could feel the heartbreak in the little boy. He was just as fragile as the little prince.

She then put down her spatula and kneeled down.

“I think your name is pretty, you know,” Jing Xi said, comforting him. “You are dark because you were born during the night when the moon hangs in the sky. The prince is light because he was born in the morning when the sun is high. Tell me, what's the responsibility of the moon?”

“To protect the night,” Xiao Tieniu replied.

“And the sun?”

“To protect the day.”

“See, do you get it now? You don't have to compare yourself to the prince because you two were meant to protect different things. Do you remember what I told you? What's the most important thing about being a human?”

“Don't think of how others look at you.”

“That's right. You should try to be someone you are proud of, yourself.”

Xiao Tieniu felt better after hearing Jing Xi's words. Lan Yi listened to the whole conversation and it surprised her.

Even though Jin Xiaoxi did not have an excellent educational background, her tolerance and generosity as a human far exceeded others.

Jin Xiaoxi's way of teaching would benefit a child's growth a lot.

If Jin Xiaoxi were to stay by the little prince's side, she might be able to change his attitude.

Jing Xi finished preparing breakfast and brought it out with Xiao Tieniu to officially introduce the two children.

Little Grape stared at Jing Xi holding Xiao Tieniu's hand, and his heart was filled with jealousy.

He hated the fact that Xiao Tieniu had such a great mother.

“Little Prince, let me introduce my son to you, Niuniu,” Jing Xi said. “Niuniu, this is the prince. You can call him ‘little prince.’”

“Hi, little prince,” Xiao Tieniu greeted with a nod.

“You should greet him back, too,” Lan Yi urged the little prince.

But the little prince just stared at Niuniu, not entirely excited about the whole making a new friend thing.

Whenever the little prince thought that Auntie Xiaoxi did not belong to him alone, it would make him go crazy.

He did not want to share his Auntie Xiaoxi.

Chapter 1627: His Biggest Compromise

Jing Xi sensed his reluctance. In order to protect little Tieniu, she suggested, “Your Highness, if you do not want to be friends with Niuniu, I will not bring him here again. No worries. I'm taking him home after work today.”

Little Grape suddenly recalled what Grandma Lan had said, which scared him. If Niuniu left, Auntie Xiaoxi would be gone too.

He stood up on the bed and said, as if he was giving a command, “I'm not unwilling to be friends with him. Fine. You may play with my toys now.”

Little Grape pointed at the boxes on the floor. It was his biggest compromise.

Jing Xi knew that he had already accepted Niuniu as a friend. So she held Niuniu's hand and said, “Niuniu, say thank you to the prince. He is inviting you to play with his toys.”

Little Tieniu felt uncertain and took another glance at the prince, then the boxes.

Little Grape hopped on the bed and urged, “Go open it and take a look!”

“Come on, let mommy show you the toys.”

Jing Xi brought the boy to the boxes. Upon opening them, little Tieniu felt overwhelmed by the sight. There were tons of toys!

They looked like those he saw last time in the toy world downtown, or even better. Many of them were never before seen elsewhere.

Little Tieniu admired the little prince for possessing so many wonderful toys.

But what he did not know was that it was merely a very small portion of his toy collection.

The little prince had a lot of toys. But he found none of them amusing.

“Is there anything you want to play with?”

Little Tieniu looked around and pointed at a blue Transformer. Jing Xi handed it to him and said, “Go play with it.”

Little Tieniu went to play by himself, while Jing Xi helped the little prince get ready for his breakfast.

Seeing that the little prince was able to get out of the bed, she suggested, “Your Highness, how about you race Niuniu over breakfast?”

“With him?” The little prince had never raced with anyone over a meal before.

“Yup, with him. And see who eats more and faster. Do you dare?”

“Sure! I'm definitely winning!”

Jing Xi reached out her arms and helped Little Grape sit up and put on his shoes. Then they came to the dining table and placed him on a chair.

She called little Tieniu over and had them sit facing each other.

Auntie Lan had already placed two sets of breakfast for the two boys on the table. In each tray, there was a sandwich, a heart-shaped fried egg, some mixed fruits and a glass of hot milk.

“Niuniu, put it aside and come for breakfast.”

Jing Xi took the Transformer and helped him wash his hands.

Little Tieniu felt uncertain and took a glance at the little prince sitting on the other side of the table. Was he supposed to eat together with the prince?

“Auntie Xiaoxi, can we start?” The little prince got his knife and fork ready.

“Yes, let's start.”

Upon hearing Jing Xi's order, the little prince started enjoying his breakfast.

Because of his royal upbringing, he was used to a knife and fork and table manners.

But little Tieniu knew none of these things. Once his mother gave the go-ahead, he applied his hands and munched on his sandwich.

Whatever his mother cooked was always delicious. Little Tieniu was filled with joy.

Chapter 1628: A Miniature Version

The little prince was cutting his sandwich with his knife, and it took him a while to just finish a small portion of it. When he raised his head and saw Xiao Tieniu eating with his hands, his eyes widened.

“Auntie Xiaoxi, why is he eating with his hands?” Little Grape asked.

“It's okay,” Jing Xi laughed. “He washed his hands just now. You can eat like that too if you want to.”

The little prince looked at his own hands and then at the utensils. He then raised his head only to see Xiao Tieniu enjoying his food. Tempted by it, Little Grape put down his fork and knife and grabbed the sandwich with his hands before taking a bite.

The moment he did that, he found a new world of being able to take huge bites of the sandwich.

Lan Yi would always feed Little Grape when he was eating and he never had the chance to use his hands to eat. And now, he got to learn how fun it could be to do that.

While staring at each other from time to time, the kids enjoyed their own meals.

Lan Yi was happy to see that the little prince was able to enjoy his food as, as far as she could remember, she had never seen him act like that before.

The eating contest suggested by Jin Xiaoxi was able to get Little Grape to enjoy his food.

"I'm done!" Xiao Tieniu announced as he put his empty glass down.

"Me too!" Little grape also put his cup down.

When they stared at each other, they noticed that they had mustaches formed by residual milk.

"You have a mustache!" Little Grape laughed.

"You too!" Xiao Tieniu laughed back.

They then licked the milk away.

"Who won?" Little Grape asked Jing Xi.

"Both of you won!" Jing Xi announced.

Both of the kids were happy as they were both winners. Xiao Tieniu then picked up the transformer toy and began to play with it.

Realizing that Xiao Tieniu had no idea how to play with it, Little Grape decided to teach him.

"Here, let me show you how to play with it," Little Grape said.

And with that, the two children slowly became friends.

With Xiao Tieniu by his side, Little Grape began to play again with toys that he had left untouched for a long time.

Laughs echoed throughout the room.

When Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan learned that Little Grape had been admitted into the hospital, they went to visit, bringing toys and fruits.

When they heard Little Grape's laughter in the room, they looked at each other, wondering who was making Little Grape laugh.

The door opened, and Lan Yi came to greet them.

"Look who's here!" Lan Yi announced.

Little Grape turned around and saw it was his Uncle Treeleaf and Auntie Three-Eyes.

The little prince picked his toy sword up and pointed it at the adults.

“This is my territory! Leave all your belongings behind if you want to pass!” Little Grape threatened.

Ye Xun laughed as he could not believe that the little kid had already learned how to rob other people.

“You little prick! How dare you try to rob your Uncle Treeleaf!” Ye Xun laughed and picked Little Grape up and threw him into the air before catching him as he fell.

Little Grape laughed as he flew up and down.

“Little Grape, what were you playing?’ Huo Sanyan asked.

“I’m playing war with Niuniu,” Little Grape replied.

“Niuniu? Who’s that?” both of the adults asked as they looked around the room but couldn’t see anyone else.

It was then that a kid popped his head out from behind the chair and shocked them both.

“That’s Niuniu? Where did he come from?” Huo Sanyan asked in surprise.

They weren’t surprised for no reason, for when they saw the kid, they thought he was a miniature version of Huo Yunshen.

Chapter 1629: You’ve Got The Wrong Person!

Except for his dark skin, they looked almost identical.

Ye Xun became curious about the boy. He went closer and suddenly lifted him up.

Little Tieniu was caught unprepared. He was scared and tried to escape from Ye Xun.

“You are Niuniu, right? Who are your parents?” Despite his resistance, Ye Xun insisted on asking.

Little Tieniu was almost scared into tears. Instead of answering, he started calling for his mother.

Seeing this, Huo Sanyan urged Ye Xun to put him down. “Ye Xu, let him go. Don’t scare the boy.”

Little Grape stood there watching. Then he helped little Tieniu answer. “His mother is my Auntie Xiaoxi.”

Ye Xun let go of little Tieniu, who ran immediately to hide behind the chair. From there he peeked at the adults in the room timidly.

“Who is Auntie Xiaoxi?” It had been a while since their last visit to the Dragon Kingdom. So Ye Xun had no idea what had happened or who had joined lately.

“Auntie Xiaoxi is my nanny. She’s in the kitchen.” Little Grape then called, “Auntie Xiaoxi!”

“Yes! Coming!”

Jing Xi was busy preparing in the kitchen with the door closed. She did not hear them coming until little Niuniu and Little Grape were both calling for her.

Opening the sliding door, Jing Xi came out and was surprised to see two strangers in the room.

Likewise, Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan were also surprised by the woman coming out of the kitchen wearing a veil.

Her figure... the feeling...

Ye Xun almost called out spontaneously, "Jing Xi? Are you Jing Xi?"

In order to prove his assumption, he caught her by the wrist and asked, "Are you Jing Xi? You are still alive?"

Huo Sanyan was also stunned. This woman did seem like Jing Xi.

"Sir... You've got the wrong person! Let go of me!"

Jing Xi had no idea who he was and tried hard to get rid of him.

Ye Xun was definitely stronger than her. Before she could react he pulled down her veil in order to see her clearly.

However, the ugly face with scars under the veil caught Ye Xun unprepared.

Huo Sanyan was equally shocked. She was not expecting such a scary face to be under the veil.

Jing Xi knew that her face was a shock. She turned away from them immediately.

Then Auntie Lan came and explained, "Mr. Ye, you are mistaken. She is our new nanny for the prince, Jin Xiaoxi. She's from Starstan."

Jin Xiaoxi?

From Starstan?

Based on her reaction and the scary face, he could be certain that she was definitely not Jing Xi.

Realizing that he was mistaken, Ye Xun finally let her go and apologized. "I'm sorry. I was being very rude."

"Never mind." Jing Xi put her veil back on.

Seeing that it was a bit awkward, Auntie Lan tried to make an introduction for Jin Xiaoxi. "Sorry, Xiaoxi, I should have introduced them to you. This is a very good friend of His Majesty, Mr. Ye Xun. And this is the third sister of His Majesty, Miss Huo Sanyan."

Ye Xun apologized again for his abruptness. "I'm so sorry, Miss Jin. Please do forgive me for my rudeness."

"No worries," Jing Xi answered. Then she went to Niuniu.

Little Tieniu was indeed scared by Ye Xun. He hid behind the chair and refused to come out.

Chapter 1630: The Impact It Would Have

Xiao Tieniu finally came out after Jing Xi kept persuading him.

“Don't worry, they are all good people. You can call him Uncle Treeleaf, and she's Auntie Huo.”

Jing Xi hugged Xiao Tieniu in her arms and introduced them.

Both Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan were thinking the same thing when they saw the woman hug her son.

If both Jing Xi and Little Apple were still alive, they would be looking at that mother and son hugging each other.

Thinking of the deceased worsened their moods.

The atmosphere became awkward, and it was Lan Yi who broke the silence.

“Mr. Ye, Miss Huo, please, have a seat. I'll go and prepare some tea,” Lan Yi said.

“Thank you,” both of the adults said and sat down.

Ye Xun then turned his attention to Little Grape and opened his arms.

“Little Grape, come here. Let me take a look at you.”

Little Grape tilted his head and declined. “Didn't you just see me?”

“What? Can't I hug you?”

“No! I want to play with Niuniu. Don't disturb us!” Little Grape rejected once again.

Ye Xun had no idea whether he should feel sad or laugh.

The little kid had already completely abandoned him.

Seeing that Little Grape did not want to play with him, Ye Xun turned around and began to talk to Lan Yi.

“Niuniu, let's continue,” Little Grape said.

“Go on,” Jing Xi encouraged her son. “They won't hurt you, I promise.”

Since Jing Xi decided that it would be a bad idea to join in on Ye Xun and Lan Yi's conversation, she went back into the kitchen and closed the glass door behind her.

Ye Xun took a peek at Jing Xi and turned back to ask Lan Yi about her.

“Lan Yi, when did the palace hire her? Is it just me, or does she look a lot like Jing Xi?”

“Just a few days ago,” Lan Yi replied. “She made an excellent impression and I hired her without giving it any thought. Now that you mention it, I might've just hired her because she looks so much like the queen...”

Lan Yi also realized that it might also be the reason why she was fond of Jin Xiaoxi.

“Did the boss meet her? What did he say?” Ye Xun asked, wondering what would happen if Huo Yunshen met her in the palace.

“He was angry at first and fired her,” Lan Yi said. “She wouldn't be back if the little prince was not sick.”

Ye Xun nodded in agreement. He could imagine what the impact would be for Huo Yunshen to see the back of someone he missed dearly if it turned out to not be that person.

Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan stayed for another hour before leaving for the palace.

Ye Xun was in the driver seat while Huo Sanyan rode shotgun.

“Not only does she look like her, but she even gave off the same feeling...” Ye Xun pondered. “How is that even possible?”

“I don't know. But I do know that coincidence does exist,” Huo Sanyan said.