

Secret Love 2251

Chapter 2251 You didn't die

Before the battle started, Ye Wanwan considered using the threat of the Rose of Death, but she was different from the previous Rose of Death leaders. Her roots were in the Independent State. If she was discovered by the Arbitration Council, she could bring harm to too many people. Paired with Si Yehan's warning, she gave up on this option completely.

After contemplating things back and forth, Ye Wanwan didn't end up using that ring and didn't ask Big Dipper's mother to contact all the members of the Rose of Death.

"You didn't mobilize the Rose of Death's power, huh..."

Nameless Nie was pensive.

It was obvious that the current Si Xia had gone completely mad and had zero regard for the Arbitration Council.

In the Independent State, using a firearm was an unpardonable crime, but Si Xia didn't care in the slightest.

"He has heavy weapons, but since the Rose of Death isn't an Independent State faction, they can carry firearms and have a fighting chance. Otherwise, even if people from the Arbitration Council came, they couldn't do anything to him," Nameless Nie slowly said.

The most vital people—Nameless Nie and Yi Shuihan—couldn't attack Si Xia. Yi Shuihan seriously stood by his promises and kept his word while Nameless Nie was under constraints since Ling Miao was still in Si Xia's hands.

"This is tricky now..." Ye Wanwan frowned deeply.

Ye Wanwan turned to Si Yehan and asked, "Ah-Jiu, what should we do?"

"No need to worry," Si Yehan replied softly.

Ye Wanwan was rendered speechless. What kind of situation were they in? She still shouldn't be worried?

"I knew about everything he's been doing in secret," Si Yehan continued.

"And?" Ye Wanwan was puzzled.

"I've already informed the Arbitration Council. If the situation gets to that point, they will take care of it," Si Yehan said.

Ye Wanwan was dumbfounded. Si Yehan informed the Arbitration Council and asked them to resolve this situation?

What qualifications did he have to inform the Arbitration Council? Could it be the Arbitration Council would send people simply because he told them to?

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“It appears everyone does need a tiny punishment.” Si Xia snorted and held the walkie-talkie by his mouth.

“Xiao Xia.”

Before Si Xia could say anything, an elderly man’s voice was heard from afar.

The newcomer wore a conical bamboo hat with a fishing rod in his hand and a basket on his back, as though he’d just returned from a fishing trip.

Behind the elderly man was a silent man in black robes.

“D*mn, it’s Dead Man!” Taoist Devotee’s expression changed when he saw Iceberg Man trailing behind the elderly man.

Dead Man had gone missing ever since Nameless Nie “died.” No one expected to see him in this time and place.

Nameless Nie didn’t look very shocked when he saw Iceberg Man again though.

As the elderly man slowly walked forward, Si Xia demanded coldly, “Who are you?”

The elderly man didn’t say anything and simply removed the bamboo hat covering his head.

After Si Xia saw the elderly man, his expression changed. “You... Grandpa... you didn’t die?!”

“This bag of old bones can still last a few years,” the elderly man joked.

“Grandpa?!”

When Ye Wanwan saw the elderly man’s face clearly, she was also incredulous.

“Dad!”

Madam Nie was overcome with emotions.

The elderly man first glanced at Madam Nie before turning to Ye Wanwan. “Worriless, ever since you’ve returned to the Independent State, Grandpa has been keeping an eye on you.”

“Grandpa, you... I’m sorry...”

Ye Wanwan had thousands of words on the tip of her tongue, but she didn’t know how to start.

Everything that was happening right now had far exceeded Ye Wanwan’s predictions.

Brother didn’t die, Grandpa was also still alive... Just what in the world happened back then?

Chapter 2252 The truth

“Grandpa, what in the world happened...? Weren’t you... weren’t you killed by Worriless Nie?!”

Si Xia’s face brimmed with disbelief when faced with the newly-arrived elderly man.

“Killed by Worriless...?”

Patriarch and Madam Nie's expressions shifted. How could that be possible? Father clearly just went missing for a long time, so how was he killed by Worriless...

"Dad, what's happening?!" Madam Nie questioned anxiously.

The elderly man glanced at Iceberg Man behind him and said, "Jingmu, you tell them."

Iceberg man: "?"

The elderly man's expression turned awkward. "Forget it, I'll tell them."

"Back then, Worriless and I had an argument, so we were going to resolve it through a spar. If Worriless won, I would listen to her, but if I won, she'd listen to me." The elderly man gathered his thoughts and continued: "However, during my spar with Worriless, due to various reasons, she accidentally injured me."

The elderly man's gaze inadvertently landed on Nameless Nie.

"After I was injured, a black-robed man barged in and wanted to take my life. However, he spared me at the last minute and merely injured me fatally." The elderly man sighed.

"Dad, who did it?!" Madam Nie quickly asked.

Ye Wanwan silently looked at Nameless Nie. That black-robed man... was probably this brother of hers, wasn't it...

However, in the end, he couldn't bear to attack fatally.

"It was me."

Nameless Nie answered before the elderly man could respond.

"What?!"

Patriarch and Madam Nie were startled and turned to Nameless Nie in astonishment.

"It wasn't Worriless Nie? It was Nameless Nie...? How is that possible..."

Si Xia furrowed his brows deeply, stuck in disbelief.

Back then, Grandpa went missing, leaving behind splatters of blood and evidence of a fight. After pulling up the surveillance, he discovered Worriless Nie stabbed Grandpa with a dagger...

After that, Si Xia investigated Ye Wanwan's whereabouts and returned to China, only to discover Ye Wanwan had chosen to mask her memories since she couldn't endure the torment of her memories.

Hence, Si Xia always thought it was Ye Wanwan who killed Grandpa and never expected the culprit to be Nameless Nie!

"How could... how could you try to murder your Grandpa?!" Madam Nie demanded grievously.

"He killed Ling Miao," Nameless Nie finally answered after a moment of silence.

Even so, Nameless Nie still didn't kill Grandpa and merely left after seriously injuring him.

"Nameless, Grandpa had no other choice." The elderly man closed his eyes and solemnly said, "The Arbitration Council placed an inviolable order. If I didn't do as they said, the consequences would've been very serious. Plus, I didn't kill Ling Miao and brought her back to the Martial Arts Union instead. She's been under treatment all along."

Back then, Grandpa didn't have the courage to resist the Arbitration Council yet. It wasn't until Ye Wanwan inherited Ling Miao's ring and the Arbitration Council planned to harm Ye Wanwan that Grandpa truly made his decision and planned to overthrow the Arbitration Council, seal off the Twelve Independent States, and crown himself as the king.

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"I know. You saved Ling Miao," Nameless Nie said.

Si Xia mentioned it earlier.

"Then Grandpa, what was the reason behind your disappearance? Also... if you didn't die, why didn't you appear this whole time?!" Si Xia hastily asked the elderly man.

Chapter 2253 Persistent in your wrongdoings?

The elderly man looked at Iceberg Man behind him. "It's thanks to Jingmu."

"Him?" Si Xia examined Iceberg Man.

"Mn." The elderly man nodded. "When I was grievously injured, it was he who saved me. These past years, I've been bedridden and unconscious, and my body hasn't fully recovered. However, because of the urgent situation this time, Jingmu had no choice but to use special methods to help me recover some energy, which is why I'm able to appear before you all now."

"What kind of special method... Are there side effects?" Ye Wanwan asked immediately.

Iceberg Man nodded.

"There are some side effects, but it's nothing compared to this current situation," the elderly man replied without care.

Ye Wanwan stared at Iceberg Man with scrutiny. Just what was his relationship with Grandpa...?

As though the elderly man detected Ye Wanwan's question, he said, "I arranged for people to stay by your brother's side and your side to help you both."

"Huh?!" Ye Wanwan was taken back.

"Jingmu was the person sent to be by your brother's side while Wen Ziran was the person sent to be by your side," the elderly man replied. "Si Xia didn't know about this either."

"Teacher, long time no see..." Wen Ziran stepped forward and bowed at the elderly man. "I always firmly believed that Xiao Feng had nothing to do with your disappearance and that you were still alive."

Ye Wanwan looked at Wen Ziran, bewildered. Didn't he... hide too freaking deeply?!

The person who Grandpa sent to assist Brother was Dead Man while hers was Wen Ziran... If Grandpa didn't tell her, she never would've known.

"Nameless Nie, he actually told me that you probably discovered he was sent by me." The elderly man turned to Nameless Nie. "So you should probably also know that it was him who saved me and used gu to treat me and help me recover, right?"

"I do," Nameless Nie replied.

Although his grandpa left the Nie family when he was still young and they didn't see each other often or share a deep relationship, his grandpa constantly kept him and his sister in mind and even secretly sent two people to their sides to help and support them.

It was precisely because of this last entanglement that Nameless Nie didn't lay the last strike and spared him.

"Unfortunately, you didn't give me a chance to explain back then and held great resentment against me, so I didn't even have the opportunity to tell you Ling Miao was still alive." The elderly man sighed softly.

Nameless Nie looked at the elderly man and appeared to want to say something but couldn't utter a word in the end.

"Grandpa, you're still alive... That's great... Grandpa, do you know? Your wish back then, I'm about to fulfill it! Grandpa, let's do it together!" Si Xia excitedly said.

"Si Xia, why are you still persistent in your wrongdoings?!" Ye Wanwan shouted angrily.

"Persistent in my wrongdoings?!" Si Xia turned to Ye Wanwan. "Sister... I blamed you wrongly... I'll apologize to you, but Grandpa's still alive. Don't tell me you want to betray us again? Take a look at yourself! As long as we're willing, we'll definitely have a chance of replacing the Arbitration Council."

Ye Wanwan shook her head.

The Arbitration Council was nothing but a name. What they wanted to change wasn't the Arbitration Council. It was the rules and system that had been passed down for hundreds and thousands of years in the Independent State.

Back then, whether it was the order to kill her or Ling Miao, it was placed by the previous president of the Arbitration Council. So many years had passed already—who knew how many times the President and the higher-ups of the Arbitration Council had changed?

Chapter 2254 Can't turn back anymore?

Even if they took thousands of steps back, the Twelve Independent States' current state wasn't easy. These fairly peaceful days were partially achieved through the Arbitration Council's hard work, so how could she destroy the Twelve Independent States' peace merely because of her selfishness?

"Xiao Xia, give up," the elderly man advised Si Xia.

"Grandpa... What are you saying?" Si Xia was incredulous. "This was your goal and dream..."

However, the elderly man shook his head. "In truth, I've thought things through already. Xiao Xia, look at me. My family is in shambles, my granddaughter opposed me, my grandson hates me, and I ended up with a dilapidated body. Do you want to become like me?"

"No!" Si Xia shook his head. "I worked so hard for so long... I plotted for so long, so how could I give it all up at a whim? Grandpa, as long as you're willing, we can immediately gain complete control over the Independent State then infiltrate the other eleven states. At that time, even the Arbitration Council couldn't do anything about us!"

To persuade his grandpa, Si Xia hastily added, "Moreover, Grandpa, if we don't do this, those tyrannical, unreasonable, and inhumane rules from the Arbitration Council won't be eliminated! Don't forget that Sister is the current leader of the Rose of Death! The Arbitration Council won't spare her!"

The successive leaders of the Rose of Death all adhered to the goals of overthrowing the Arbitration Council and liberating the Independent State, so they were considered an evil cult by the Arbitration Council and were top targets for eradication.

Ye Wanwan was the current leader of this evil cult, so how could the Arbitration Council spare her?

Madam Nie immediately said, "We're here! We absolutely won't allow anyone to harm Wanwan!"

Si Xia snorted. "Heh, the Nie family might be the leader of the four great clans here, but do you think the Nie family alone can resist the Arbitration Council?"

If it was possible, Grandpa wouldn't have staked everything on one throw and employed such a drastic method.

The elderly man sighed lightly and said, "Xiao Xia, the Arbitration Council has already rescinded its Absolute Kill Order against Worriless."

Si Xia was startled, a deep frown taking over his face. "What?"

"Otherwise... why do you think the Arbitration Council hasn't done anything despite Worriless having recovered her identity for so long?" the elderly man asked.

"Impossible! No way would the Arbitration Council spare her!"

The elderly man slowly explained, "It was an accident that Worriless obtained that ring from the start. It was just that the Arbitration Council wouldn't listen to any explanations back then and adamantly wanted to eliminate the matter at its roots. After so many years passed, Worriless had disappeared for so long and the Rose of Death didn't show any signs of resurging, a higher-up from the Arbitration Council was willing to be Worriless's guarantor and protected Worriless's life."

Grandpa's words surprised everyone present, including Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan had no idea about all of this.

Someone from the Arbitration Council protected her life?

Someone who could have such enormous power definitely didn't hold a low position.

Moreover, acting as her guarantor had responsibilities attached to that. Who would dare to use their life to vouch for her like this?

"I don't believe it! I don't believe it!!!" Si Xia madly screamed.

The elderly man grimly shook his head.

In the beginning, perhaps Si Xia's goal was indeed about fulfilling his wish. But in the end, power had corroded his initial intentions.

He couldn't turn back anymore.

Si Xia had just finished speaking when a black silhouette flashed by.

Si Yehan appeared in front of Si Xia.

Slap!

Before Si Xia could react, Si Yehan mercilessly backhanded his face.

Chapter2255 Stay here together

"In the end, I'm still your Ninth Uncle." Si Yehan stared at Si Xia, who was caught off guard. "Give up or else you will die."

"You...!"

Si Xia fuming with rage between gritted teeth. "Don't pretend to be my Ninth Uncle! You don't have that right!"

"I'll say it again." Si Yehan was expressionless. "Give up."

At this moment, a fleet of black military off-road vehicles had driven onto the battlefield from the rear without notice.

Everyone turned to the off-road vehicles that appeared abruptly with alarm.

A second later, the vehicles stopped and three men and one woman stepped out of the vehicle in the front while a team of well-trained people dressed entirely in black rapidly descended from the other off-road vehicles behind it.

Ye Wanwan narrowed her eyes. "These people are..."

Nameless Nie's hands suddenly clenched into tight fists, and he muttered with a dark expression, "The Arbitration Council..."

"What? The Arbitration Council?" Ye Wanwan's expression shifted.

The leading three men and one woman appeared to be higher-ups from the Arbitration Council. The three men looked to be in their 40s or 50s while the woman looked fairly young, perhaps 30 at most.

Ye Wanwan couldn't help but glance at the woman a few more times since the woman was simply too beautiful. However, her expression was very dark and chilly, forcefully destroying the prettiness of her face.

Perhaps because the woman detected Ye Wanwan's stare, her gaze suddenly shot toward Ye Wanwan like a knife.

The gaze contained extremely unfriendly hatred and disgust, sending chills through Ye Wanwan's heart.

At the same time, warmth enveloped Ye Wanwan's hand and dispersed the chilliness inside of her.

Ye Wanwan looked down her arm and discovered that Si Yehan had clasped her hand at some point in time, sending warmth from his palm into her body.

Si Xia's face was dark as ink. "The Arbitration Council..."

The extremely beautiful woman opened a thick book of legal codes, her eyes sweeping across everyone before fixating on Si Xia. She looked at him as though he was a corpse and expressionlessly said, "Si Xia, you've violated the Arbitration Council's 36th Law: Hoarding a large quantity of firearms. Please come with us."

Everyone was astonished. It wasn't until minutes ago that they learned from Si Xia that he had gathered a large stockpile of firearms and didn't hear a whiff of this before then, so how did the Arbitration Council get the news and arrive on the scene this quickly?

Moreover, these four directors came from the Arbitration Council in full gear, so it was apparent they caught word of this long ago.

There were 12 total directors installed in the Arbitration Council. They were the composers and protectors of all the laws of the Independent State, so they were greatly revered.

Normal matters didn't require their personal attendance, but this time, four directors came at the same time.

Furthermore, one of them was the only female director, a member of the Twelve Independent States' strongest state, Yin Yuerong.

Si Xia acted without any fear because he was planning to catch everyone unaware. He clearly didn't expect news to be leaked or the Arbitration Council to arrive at this moment.

Insanity flashed through Si Xia's eyes. "Heh, rules? Ridiculous! You're the Arbitration Council, huh? Since you came, then let's stay here together!"

Next to the woman, the slightly portly Arbitration Council director in a black suit with a head of white hair chuckled. "Young man, it'd be best if your tone wasn't so arrogant!"

Chapter 2256 Fortunately succeeded in my task

"Let's try!" Si Xia's gaze sharpened, and he raised his hand. Immediately, countless guns and cannons were aimed at the crowd with a swish.

The expressions of everyone from the Independent State dropped when they saw all the firearms.

D*mn! Si Xia was simply crazy! These weapons were enough to blast the entire Independent State to nothing!

Seeing how he managed to transport so many firearms and explosives despite the tight controls, it was apparent he had been preparing for a long time.

If they really started fighting, they would really all die here.

Si Xia coldly looked at the Arbitration Council and the factions of the Independent State. "I will give you one last chance: Submit to me—or die!"

Everyone from the Independent State looked at each other with panicked expressions.

"Sh*t! This madman! If we don't listen to him, he'll probably bomb everyone to death!"

"Even the Arbitration Council can't resist these firearms!"

"What should we do, what should we do..."

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Si Xia lifted the gun in his hand and slowly pointed it at the portly director, his laughter deranged. "Just watch! From now on, I will make the rules of the Independent State!"

Then, he pulled the trigger.

"Ahhh!!!"

After a series of exclamations, the field turned silent, everyone draped under the haze of impending death.

This man dared to kill even a member of the Arbitration Council! He was seriously insane!

"SI XIA!!!" Ye Wanwan screamed in shock.

After this shot, Si Xia wouldn't be able to turn back again.

Everyone fearfully watched the slightly portly director.

But a second later, the anticipated bloody scene didn't occur.

The director remained standing, alive and well. The fired bullet didn't harm him in the slightest.

Si Xia incredulously stared at the gun and successively fired several shots. However, this gun was like a toy, and the bullets didn't have any effect when it landed on people.

An extremely icy glint flickered in Si Xia's eyes, and he threw away his gun and snatched a gun from his men. He madly shot into the crowd, but all the bullets that were shot out didn't cause an inkling of harm...

The bullets... were switched...

These bullets were fake and didn't possess any destructive power.

"What... Impossible... this isn't possible..." Si Xia tossed aside the gun in his hand and fumingly dialed a number before he roared crazily into the phone, "Yu Shao, get your ass here! What's going on with these guns and bullets?!?!?"

Yu Shao was the Vice President of the Martial Arts Union and was immensely trusted by Si Xia. He managed all of the weapons, but now, a problem arose with the weapons, which meant...

Yu Shao betrayed him!

The slightly portly director genially said, "I said earlier, young man, that you shouldn't be too arrogant!"

At that moment, a man dressed in a white suit wearing a silver mask calmly stepped out from the crowd.

Si Xia murderously glared at the masked man. "You're a member of the Arbitration Council?!"

He never would've expected his most trusted assistant would turn out to be a spy from the Arbitration Council.

"Apologies, President," the masked man quietly said.

Then the masked man marched toward the camp opposite Si Xia...

Under everyone's gaze, Yu Shao slowly stopped in front of Lord Asura, Si Yehan, and respectfully bowed. "Sir Director, I've fortunately succeeded in my task."

Chapter 2257 Dissimilar people don't become family

Si Yehan nodded and Yu Shao promptly straightened himself before standing behind the man.

Si Xia glared intently at Si Yehan, his scarlet eyes popping from their sockets. "SI YEHAN!!!"

Si Yehan! It was actually Si Yehan!

He considered every possibility but still underestimated his Ninth Uncle.

He was a mere step from success but he failed at the last hurdle...

Ye Wanwan looked at Si Yehan then looked at the masked man who bowed at Si Yehan, her face stunned. Half a day passed before she regained her wits. "Ah-Jiu, you..."

What did Yu Shao call Si Yehan just now?

Director?

Si Yehan was actually one of the Arbitration Council's twelve directors?

Ye Wanwan's eyes shot open. "You... you... you're a director of the Arbitration Council?"

This seriously was... dissimilar people don't become family... She thought she had enough alternate identities, but who would've expected her baby to hold up to her just as well?

No wonder... no wonder Grandpa said a higher-up from the Arbitration Council protected her...

No wonder nobody could find those missing Independent State leaders despite searching for so long, while Si Yehan managed to pinpoint the location of that island. It turned out he had a spy—the Vice President.

Ye Wanwan's emotions were very conflicted. "So it was you who acted as my guarantor? When did you join the Arbitration Council..."

“Not long after you recovered your identity as Worryless Nie. I used some connections and learned about the Arbitration Council’s Absolute Kill Order toward Worryless Nie back then, so I used some methods and obtained a position as a director. I’m sorry; I didn’t mean to conceal it from you.”

There were many things that even he couldn’t predict, so he didn’t want her to worry. If she knew about it beforehand, she absolutely wouldn’t consent to him doing this.

Ye Wanwan: “...”

Although Si Yehan didn’t show it conspicuously, she faintly knew that Si Yehan rejected and loathed the Arbitration Council.

Now though, he was willing to become a director of the Arbitration Council in order to protect her.

Without her knowing, this man did so many things for her.

Even though he painted things so lightly, how could it have been easy to advance to that position?

At that moment, the chubby director turned to Si Yehan with a grin and said, “It’s thanks to Director Si’s strategic maneuvers and preparations ahead of time that we were able to avoid a catastrophe. Otherwise, the consequences would’ve been inconceivable.”

“You’re too polite. It was my duty,” Si Yehan returned.

After the polite exchange, the portly director turned to the Arbitration Council guards and commanded, “Take them all away.”

As Si Xia watched his plan evaporating into nothing, he dazedly stood in his spot, as though all the energy had been sucked out of him. He kept mumbling something to himself, his spirit apparently having left him.

When Ye Wanwan saw this, her fingers reflexively clenched. Not only did he deploy firearms but he also did it on such a large scale. He didn’t listen to their urging and refused to come to his senses. His punishment definitely wouldn’t be light...

However, at the last moment, Si Yehan had his spy swap out all of the bullets and explosives, which might’ve ended up saving his life at least.

Si Yehan gently embraced her and comfortingly patted her back.

All the dust had finally settled. Ye Wanwan greedily buried herself into Si Yehan’s arms and was about to say something when she sensed something and a shiver ran down her back. She jolted and looked up at Si Yehan, furtively saying, “Baby, why do I feel like... that beautiful older sister over there doesn’t seem to be looking at me right?”

“Older sister?” Si Yehan followed her line of sight.

Chapter 2258 Still very gentle!

“That’s right! It’s that... that only female director from the Arbitration Council. What’s her name again? Oh right, Yin Rongrong! Do you know her?!”

“Yin Yuerong,” Si Yehan corrected.

Ye Wanwan quickly nodded. “Oh right, oh right, it’s Yin Yuerong! This older sister is super famous! She’s a ruthless character!”

“I heard that she’s specifically responsible for punishments. Ever since she took office, the current term has been the Arbitration Council’s strictest term! Each of the Twelve States fearfully has had their tails tucked between their legs and everyone is afraid of being invited by the Arbitration Council to have some tea!”

“Tsk tsk, she’s such a beautiful older sister, but she’s so vicious!”

Every time Ye Wanwan said “older sister,” Si Yehan’s expression turned a little stranger, but he didn’t correct her in the end.

Ye Wanwan continued, “I heard that she killed her cheating husband with her own hands and chopped him into pieces, gorging on his blood and feasting on his flesh. I heard she even killed her own son and ate him! Moreover, she’s especially talented in using poison and is poisonous from head to toe, so other people would die from a mere touch. This is why no one dares to trifle with her despite her having such stunning looks!”

Earlier, Ye Wanwan noticed that nobody dared to stand too close to Yin Yuerong.

As Si Yehan listened to Ye Wanwan, his expression became indescribable. “Where did you hear this information?”

Ye Wanwan blinked. “It was just some hearsay, I think Big Dipper got it from some gossiping session.”

Si Yehan: “...”

Ye Wanwan looked at Yin Yuerong once, twice, thrice, and something sparked in her mind. Something was off.

How strange. Why did this woman... look more and more familiar?

Ye Wanwan reflexively turned to look at Si Yehan and realized that this woman actually looked somewhat similar to Si Yehan!

What’s going on?

Ye Wanwan immediately clutched Si Yehan’s face. “Baby, don’t be so gentle! Act more seriously and look at me more fiercely!”

Si Yehan didn’t know what Ye Wanwan wanted to do but did as she said, making his expression slightly more solemn.

Ye Wanwan shook his head. “Nope, nope, fiercer!”

Si Yehan was exasperated, his lips pulling into a line.

Ye Wanwan sighed. “Can’t you be fiercer?” You’re still really gentle!

“This is the limit.”

“Fine, fine...”

Si Yehan broke into a smile and looked at her. “What is it?”

Ye Wanwan scratched her head. “Nothing. It’s just... why do I feel like Yin Yuerong looks kind of similar to you? It’s probably my imagination!”

Si Yehan was briefly startled. “It probably isn’t your imagination.”

Ye Wanwan: “Huh?”

Ye Wanwan was conversing with Si Yehan when that extremely uncomfortable gaze shot toward her again, and the owner openly scrutinized her without any effort to hide it.

Then Yin Yuerong said harshly, “Miss Nie, is it? If I remember correctly, your name is still printed on the Arbitration Council’s first-class Absolute Kill Order. Although Ah-Jiu is acting as your guarantor, you still shouldn’t be celebrating too early. Ah-Jiu vouching for you is only temporary, and you still haven’t fully been eliminated from the Arbitration Council’s Absolute Kill List.”

Every one of Ye Wanwan’s pores felt uncomfortable from that woman’s knife-like gaze. It really wasn’t her imagination—this woman really was targeting her.

Ye Wanwan’s second reaction was in regards to how this woman addressed Si Yehan. “Ah-Jiu?”

Wasn’t this form of address too intimate?

Si Yehan coldly stared at the woman without a trace of warmth in his eyes. “Director Yin, whether my vouching for Ye Wanwan is temporary or not isn’t up to you. You’re overstepping your authority.”

Chapter 2259 The atmosphere turned awkward

The woman flew into a thunderous rage instantly, as though she heard something extremely unacceptable, and her features distorted. “You unfilial son. How dare you speak to me like this?!”

At that moment, the portly director walked over to play pacifier. “Ahem, alright alright. Why can’t this mother and son pair speak nicely?”

Ye Wanwan’s eyes were about to fall out of their sockets.

Mother... mother and son...?

Yin Yuerong’s actually Si Yehan’s mother???

“Cough cough cough cough...” A choking fit seized Ye Wanwan. “Yin Yuerong is your mom?”

Si Yehan was silent for a moment before responding, “I’m no longer related to her.”

Ye Wanwan felt miserable. In other words, she truly was his mom?

D*mn...

She actually gossiped with Si Yehan about his mom over here for so long...

The atmosphere turned awkward immediately.

Yin Yuerong seemed to not want to lose her composure in front of outsiders, so she forcefully repressed her rage. "We're going!"

Halfway to the vehicle, the woman suddenly turned around. All the harshness had disappeared from her face, and she softly looked at Si Yehan. "Ah-Jiu, Mommy's good son, I've given you a chance. Don't force Mommy, alright?"

At that moment, the woman's expression could be considered extremely gentle, but it caused people's hair to stand on end when this gentleness appeared on that ageless, beautiful face.

When Si Yehan heard the woman, his aura darkened almost immediately. Ye Wanwan felt the hand around him clenching abruptly to the point of making her bones hurt.

Ye Wanwan peered down and took his hand into hers instead. Only then did Si Yehan gradually relax.

This crisis that nearly toppled the Independent State had finally been resolved.

The Direct Line acted like they were afraid of Yi Shuihan unleashing his wrath on them and retreated from the battlefield as soon as they saw the Arbitration Council taking away Si Xia and his cohort. After that, the Collateral Branch also quietly withdrew then all the groups and the four great clans successively departed.

On the enormous battlefield, Yi Shuihan stood in the center all by himself, emptiness and numbness written all over his face.

His closest people became his greatest enemies. There wasn't anything more laughable, ridiculous, and mocking than this.

Ye Wanwan herself was in shambles and didn't know what to say to comfort him, so she decided to have Tangtang go and comfort him later.

Patriarch and Madam Nie appeared to be rather worried about their son. Madam Nie grasped Nameless Nie's hand and said, "Son, let's go home... let's go home, alright?"

Nameless Nie looked at his parents, his younger sister, and his grandpa. As he looked at his family, the darkness in his eyes dissipated little by little.

Si Yehan glanced at the Vice President, Yu Shao, and Yu Shao nodded in understanding. He walked toward Nameless Nie and said, "Young Master Nie, I'll take you to see Miss Ling Miao."

Nameless Nie's eyes brightened instantly, and he hastily responded, "How is she? Quickly bring me to her!"

Si Yehan spoke up: "Don't worry. Si Xia was originally intending to use her to constraint you, so he wouldn't harm her."

"As for the Arbitration Council's rules, in truth, many people are discontent about them already, so I will think of a solution. But I still need to seek someone out, so I can't give you a definitive answer regarding whether the amendment proposal will pass or not for now."

Nameless Nie's gaze was complicated as he glanced at Si Yehan. In the end, he sighed and clapped Si Yehan on the shoulder, saying in good humor, "We're all family, so I won't say thank you to you."

Si Yehan broke into a smile. That line was the best thanks.

When Patriarch Nie and Madam Nie heard this, they looked like they wanted to say something, but they ended up not saying anything.

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Although Patriarch Nie and Madam Nie never really liked this man, it was he who protected Wanwan this time and also stopped a major battle.

However, they never expected Yin Yuerong to be his mother...

And that woman actually treated their daughter like this!

Even if someone were to object to this marriage, it should've been them who objected first due to Yin Yuerong's terrible reputation, right?

At that moment, a black minivan drove over from the distance.

Lin Que got out of the car and opened the back doors, revealing a comfortably decorated interior with drinks and snacks thoroughly prepared.

Si Yehan said to Ye Wanwan's parents and grandpa: "Grandpa hasn't fully recovered from his serious injuries yet, so he can't stand for too long. Let's all get in the car first."

Only then did Patriarch Nie and Madam Nie snap out of it and hastily walk over to support him.

Nie Huaili looked at Si Yehan, his tone courteous and formal. "We won't trouble Mr. Si."

He then turned to his father-in-law and said, "Dad, it was our oversight. Wait here for a moment; I'll immediately send a car here!"

Although the elderly man had experienced life and death and detached importance to many things, he still couldn't dispel his prejudice toward this son-in-law. "No need."

Nie Huaili stood there awkwardly and Madam Nie also didn't know what to say.

The elderly man looked at Si Yehan, imperceptibly surveying him. His expression eased a little and he said, "Let's go."

When Nie Huaili saw how his father-in-law received Si Yehan so well, dejection filled his heart, but he wasn't in any place to say anything.

Si Yehan quickly walked over and carefully supported the elderly man. "Grandpa, watch your feet."

Ye Wanwan also hastily walked forward to support Grandpa's other side. "Grandpa, walk more slowly."

When Ye Wanwan saw that minivan, she was rather surprised. Since when was Si Yehan this suave?

He obtained Grandpa's approval and acknowledgment... he had found a great support pillar...

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Ye Wanwan had Nameless Nie follow Yu Shao to visit Ling Miao while she took care of Grandpa and took him home.

Although Grandpa put it lightly, that special method he used must've been very risky and probably caused great harm to his body.

Ye Wanwan was worried and hassled Iceberg Man for a long time, but that guy would only nod or shake his head and she didn't get a single answer. Ye Wanwan nearly couldn't resist prying open his mouth with a wrench.

"Grandpa, is he mute?" Ye Wanwan furrowed her brows.

The elderly man shot the girl an admonishing look. "Jingmu merely doesn't like to talk. Stop questioning him. That method was a little risky, but thankfully, everything went without mishap and I'm fine."

Ye Wanwan stared at the elderly man's familiar face and watched as he sat in front of her, alive and well and speaking to her. Tears started to fall uncontrollably.

Ye Wanwan knelt down in front of him. "Grandpa, I'm sorry..."

The elderly man helped the girl up, his expression sorrowful. "It wasn't your fault. Grandpa was too radical and impulsive back then."

He placed all of his hopes onto his daughter, but his daughter was married to his archenemy's son. For many years, he had been soured by the loss of his hopes, and problems had risen with his psyche.

He understood well that the matter with Worriless back then was merely the trigger.

The elderly man looked at Si Yehan. "What's your name?"

Si Yehan quickly replied, "Si Yehan. Grandpa can call me Ah-Jiu."

The elderly man solemnly asked, "The man who Worriless secretly dated behind my back was you?"

Si Yehan's expression became nervous. "Yes."

The elderly man looked more serious. "And you and Worriless have a child?"

This time, Ye Wanwan's expression also changed. She swallowed her spit in a panic. "Ahem, Grandpa, it's not his fault..."

As Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan nervously faced Grandpa's question, the room door was opened with a kachak and a small figure entered.

Baby Tangtang stood by the door and glutinously called out, "Mommy?"