

Secret Love 2421

Chapter 2421: Tangtang will protect Grandma

If Yin Yuerong's heart felt sucked dry of water earlier, as dry as a desert, then Tangtang saying "My grandma is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden" was like a timely rainfall after a long drought.

A second ago, she felt like she was in hell, but now, she felt like she'd returned to the mortal world.

This was the first time in her life that she felt redeemed.

Merely because Tangtang didn't hate her...

This thought alone was enough to soothe all the darkness in her heart.

Yin Yuerong gladly listened to it 100 times, but the others had different thoughts.

Chief Liu nearly wanted to vomit blood. This sentence was akin to a devil's chant that continued to echo in his head still.

Finally, they endured it all the way until Ah-Zhong finished saying it.

The exchange went a little longer—including all of Ah-Zhong's instructions for Tangtang—and completely solidified his crime of getting Tangtang to put the ledger in Yin Yuerong's study.

Chief Liu immediately ordered for Ah-Zhong to be captured.

The person who felt most tortured and the most despair was none other Ah-Zhong. As he listened to the entire recording, he was a dumbstruck fool the entire time.

Chief Liu turned to the child and unconsciously treated him like an adult, asking him as an equal, "Can I ask you a question?"

"Please," Tangtang replied.

"How did you know something was off and why did you start recording from the very beginning?"

Tangtang blinked. "A person who had always been mean to me suddenly secretly sought me out holding candy and toys and smiling like a chrysanthemum. Even a dummy would know something was off, right?"

"Mn... That's irrefutable."

Ah-Zhong: "...!!!"

How was that possible?! This little brat realized something was wrong from the very beginning?

Chief Liu asked with intrigue, "Since you knew something was wrong, why didn't you reject him directly?"

Tangtang calmly explained, "I knew he was up to no good, but I didn't know what he was doing so I just made the best of it and slowly probed for his objective and also retained evidence as a precaution. Thankfully, I always carry the pen Grandma gave me.

"If I rejected him from the start, he'd definitely think of another method to harm Grandma. That way, wouldn't my grandma constantly be in danger? I naturally wanted to expose his true nature somehow, but I also needed to ensure my grandma's safety!"

The little fella said everything matter-of-factly, all but asking: *Isn't that obvious?*

Chief Liu cleared his throat. "That's right, that's right. You're correct..."

Like father, like son. This child truly was Director Si's son and Yin Yuerong's grandson.

Just how stupid was this servant to underestimate and look down on this child?

Chief Liu suddenly realized Yin Yuerong was still handcuffed and quickly ordered, "Ahem, hurry and release Director Yin already!"

His people hastened over and unlocked Yin Yuerong's shackles.

Meanwhile, all that rang in Yin Yuerong's ears was the little fella's resolute voice saying, "I needed to ensure my grandma's safety..."

Yin Yuerong leaned down. "Tangtang..."

"Grandma!" The little fella dashed over immediately and launched himself into his grandma's arms. He used his little hand to pat Yin Yuerong's hair as he comforted her. "Grandma, don't be scared! Tangtang's here! Tangtang will protect Grandma!"

Yin Yuerong tightly hugged the little fella and closed her eyes, a teardrop falling down on his body.

Thank you...?

Thank you for not hating Grandma...?

Thank you for staying here...?

This was Chief Liu's first time seeing such a warm side to Yin Yuerong and chuckled. "Director Yin, you have a good grandson!"

Chapter 2422: A happy family together

"Unfortunately... that adopted son..."

Chief Liu continued, "Director Yin, forgive me for being blunt, but this servant couldn't have planned such an important matter or obtained such an important ledger. There must be someone else behind him."

Yin Yuerong aloofly replied, "I know."

It could only be Yin Heng.

At this moment, Ah-Zhong finally realized his predicament and loudly started crying for help. "Madam! Madam, I was wrong! It wasn't me! I didn't want to do this! It was Young Master Yin Heng!

"He's the one who ordered me to frame you! He's the one who thought of having me use Little Young Master to put this item inside your study! He gave me this ledger! I'll tell you everything!"

Ah-Zhong knew he was completely finished, so he ratted Yin Heng out without a pause.

Yin Yuerong coldly looked at the ceaselessly begging Ah-Zhong without a trace of warmth in her eyes. She didn't even want to raise a single inquiry about why he betrayed her.

"Chief Liu, take him away," Yin Yuerong told him directly.

Chief Liu responded, "Alright, I'll take him away now. I will continue to investigate things, including the people connected to this ledger. Please pardon us for the offenses earlier."

"You're being polite."

"Excuse us."

"Auntie Qiao, escort Chief Liu out."

"Madam! Madam, save me! I beg you to spare me! Spare me just this time! It was really Young Master Yin Heng who ordered me to do everything..."

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Ah-Zhong's wails were cut off after the front door closed as he finally disappeared from Wanmei Villa.

When Tangtang saw Yin Yuerong pale as a piece of paper and somewhat absent-minded, he quickly helped her to sit down on a chair. "Grandma, are you okay?"

"Grandma's fine." Yin Yuerong was gentle.

"Don't be sad, Grandma. My mommy once taught me that people who can bear to hurt you aren't worth your sadness," Tangtang comforted her.

Yin Yuerong looked at the little fella and couldn't help but remember her Ah-Jiu.

In truth, as a mother, merely going by how well that girl, Worriless Nie, raised Tangtang, Worriless Nie was 100 times stronger than her...

"Thank you, Tangtang," Yin Yuerong said.

Tangtang responded with a smile, "Grandma, we're family!"

When Yin Yuerong heard that, an ache filled her heart. "Tangtang, if I was really the same as described by outsiders, what would you do?"

"The same as described by outsiders?"

Yin Yuerong finally told him the truth. "I don't have a good relationship with your dad and mom. Because of some matters, there's a very large gap and conflict between us..."

She didn't want to deceive Tangtang anymore.

Tangtang seriously mulled over it before honestly saying, "Grandma, I don't know why you have a conflict, but I think you must both have your own reasons. Tangtang understands, but Tangtang would probably still be sad..."

Tangtang looked up and quietly asked, "Grandma, can't we be a happy family together?"

Yin Yuerong turned silent. "..."

What a foreign and distant concept for her...

She knew her own personality well. Some things were engraved deep in her bones, and she wouldn't be able to change or forgive her entire life.

When it came to the matter regarding the revision of the laws alone, as long as she and Ah-Jiu couldn't reach an agreement, they would stand in opposition their entire lives.

Chapter 2423: This maneuver is too flashy

At the same time, Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan were urgently called over by Yi Lingjun all of a sudden.

When they arrived, Yi Lingjun swiftly explained the incident at Yin Yuerong's villa to them.

"When I received the report, Chief Liu was already at Wanmei Villa. I was about to rush there when Chief Liu unexpectedly informed me I didn't need to since the matter had been resolved by my darling grandson, Tangtang... At that time..."

After listening to Yi Lingjun's detailed explanation, both Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan were obviously surprised.

Yi Lingjun proudly said, "He's truly my grandson! He's too smart! You guys don't know but Chief Liu praised him hundreds of times after coming back! He's so jealous of me!"

The corner of Ye Wanwan's lips twitched. *Your grandson? Don't immerse yourself in the act so deeply, alright?*

"What's so shocking about that? This is just par for the course for my Baby Tangtang! It's perfectly normal." Ye Wanwan gloatingly latched onto Si Yehan's arm. "After all, my baby inherited his dad's intelligence!"

A smile flitted across Si Yehan's eyes.

Yi Lingjun was at a loss for words. Praising her son was fine, but she didn't forget to praise her man along with it too!

"Oh right, come here, come here. I'll let you listen to something fun!" Yi Lingjun secretively took out a recording pen from his drawer.

"What is it?" Ye Wanwan leaned over curiously.

“You’ll know when you hear it! It’s my precious grandson’s recording from Wanmei Villa!” Yi Lingjun grinned.

Tangtang’s recording??

Ye Wanwan glanced at him before taking the recording pen and pressing the play button.

Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan soon heard the recording.

At first, the contents were fairly normal. Tangtang was angry about Ah-Zhong cajoling him then they heard Tangtang mention he had a request...

“Baby, what do you think our Tangtang will request?” Ye Wanwan murmured, intrigued.

Si Yehan glanced at her and truthfully answered, “I can’t guess, but it probably wasn’t something that this servant could easily accomplish.”

Ye Wanwan’s ears perked up to continue listening, and then... the subsequent storyline completely collapsed...

Say his grandma was a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden 100 times???

After Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan finished listening to Ah-Zhong repeat “Madam is a beautiful and kind-hearted celestial maiden” that many times, their expressions were indescribable.

Not simple! It really wasn’t simple!

Ye Wanwan was beside herself with laughter. “Hahahaha! My baby’s maneuver was too flashy! Not bad, not bad. He really deserves to be my son! Biological without a doubt! He’s seriously inherited all of my teachings! No, he’s surpassed his teacher!”

Yi Lingjun nodded enthusiastically. “I finally understand why Director Yin likes that little fella this much! Just look at his EQ!”

After saying that, Yi Lingjun returned to business matters. “Director Si, please hand Yin Heng over to the Arbitration Council. He has deep ties with Qin Zong and we need to interrogate him.”

Si Yehan replied, “Okay. I will have him sent over.”

As Si Yehan spoke, his phone started ringing. It was a call from Lin Que.

Si Yehan took the call and turned to Wanwan. “Lin Que said that Director Yin has sent Tangtang back.”

Ye Wanwan was both shocked and joyful. “What? Let’s hurry back then!”

“Okay,” Si Yehan agreed.

Yi Lingjun thought for a moment before saying, “I will come too. If there are any conflicts, I can help mediate!”

Chapter 2424: Very sweet

Ye Wanwan speechlessly glanced at Yi Lingjun. *Why's he joining the fun??*

When Yi Lingjun tried to follow, Ye Wanwan hastily stopped him.

“What are you doing?” Yi Lingjun looked at Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan smiled faintly. “Dad, you attend to hundreds of important matters every day, so you don’t need to concern yourself with these family matters.”

“What are you saying? I do attend to important matters every day, but when it comes to family matters... don’t these matters concern me too?” Yi Lingjun asked.

Ye Wanwan: “...”

“Dad, you’re right, but... you should understand Ah-Jiu and Director Yin’s relationship. It’ll be difficult to talk with too many people there. Moreover, with Director Yin’s personality, if you’re there, she’ll definitely talk business again,” Ye Wanwan said with a hint of exasperation.

“The bill hearing is about to start, so you should prioritize matters relating to the bills first, President,” Si Yehan said to Yi Lingjun.

Yi Lingjun contemplated it before finally recognizing the fact that he was the President of the Arbitration Council. He then agreed to stay behind and not follow.

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Soon, Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan returned to Si Yehan’s current residence.

“Ninth Brother... you’re finally back!”

Lin Que was excited when he saw them, as though he found a straw to clutch at.

God knew the repressiveness he felt while staying under the same roof as Yin Yuerong. He was so afraid that he’d evoke Yin Yuerong’s anger with the smallest accident and subsequently make Yin Yuerong poison him to death.

Every time he saw Yin Yuerong, at least he had Ninth Brother next to him to boost his courage.

“Where’s Tangtang?” Ye Wanwan asked Lin Que.

“In the living room with Auntie Rong,” Lin Que replied.

Si Yehan immediately headed toward the living room, his face devoid of any emotion.

Ye Wanwan closely followed. She better not let Si Yehan and Yin Yuerong come into contact alone or else with Si Yehan’s EQ... the mere thought frightened her.

Si Yehan had directly inherited Yin Yuerong’s EQ. This duo’s biggest similarity was how they managed to have a hand of beautiful cards yet had a rotten game. They were truly mother and son through and through.

If Si Yehan had even a third of Tangtang’s EQ, his relationship with his mother absolutely wouldn’t have deteriorated to this extent.

Ye Wanwan soon followed Si Yehan to the living room.

Ye Wanwan watched as Tangtang held a piece of watermelon in his hand and lifted it to Yin Yuerong's mouth.

Yin Yuerong furrowed her brows. She rarely ate sweet things.

"Grandma, this watermelon is very sweet. Tangtang just tried some. Grandma, have a bite." Tangtang looked up at Yin Yuerong, his eyes sparkling like stars.

Yin Yuerong glanced at Tangtang and couldn't stand to reject him, so she could only take a bite as Tangtang wished.

"Is the watermelon sweet, Grandma?" Tangtang grinned.

"Very sweet," Yin Yuerong answered.

Si Huaizhang never ate sweet things, so... she also rarely ever touched sweets all these years and even forgot the taste long ago. However, because of this child, she broke her rules again and again.

She also discovered... she didn't dislike this...

"Grandma, you must eat more fruit from now on. Fruit have a lot of vitamins and are good for the body. Plus, fruit are very sweet." Tangtang acted like an adult and spoke to Yin Yuerong solemnly.

Yin Yuerong was silent for a moment before actually nodding lightly. "Okay."

This scene before her filled Ye Wanwan with thoughts. *?Look at this! This is the power of EQ! If Si Yehan also had EQ like Tangtang's, he wouldn't have gotten to where he is. If I allow Si Yehan and Yin Yuerong—this mother and son duo who have extremely high IQ but EQ in the negatives—to interact with each other, won't that be the same as Mars colliding into the Earth?!?*

Chapter 2425 Reluctance

"Mommy!"

Before Tangtang could say anything else, he caught sight of Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan standing at the door in his peripheral vision. He immediately dashed toward Ye Wanwan.

"Good Tangtang." Ye Wanwan had nothing but adoration on her face.

"Eat some watermelon, Mommy." Tangtang picked up a piece of watermelon for Ye Wanwan.

"Very sweet..." Ye Wanwan praised the fruit happily after taking a few bites.

"Eat some watermelon, Grandma." Tangtang handed the last piece of watermelon to Yin Yuerong.

Si Yehan: "..."

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"Since you're back, I won't prolong my stay," Yin Yuerong said aloofly as she stood up.

Ye Wanwan blinked and couldn't help but be surprised. Yin Yuerong really came to drop Tangtang off!

Back then, even if you beat her to death, she probably wouldn't believe that Yin Yuerong, who personally detained Tangtang, would personally send him back to them.

"Hold on, Director Yin."

Si Yehan turned to Yin Yuerong. "The bill hearing is approaching. May I ask you what your thoughts are, Director Yin?"

Ye Wanwan looked at Si Yehan, stunned. This man's EQ had clearly improved recently, so why did it plummet to an all-time-low as soon as he saw Yin Yuerong?

Even if he wanted to change Yin Yuerong's mind, he shouldn't be so direct!

Plus, this tone and attitude... what was he thinking?!

Yin Yuerong glanced at Si Yehan, her attitude not any better than his. "I didn't come here today to discuss work with you. Moreover, there aren't any openings with me, so the future will be decided by how the proposed bill plays out."

"Is that so?" Si Yehan asked coldly.

At this moment, Yin Yuerong and Si Yehan faced off with their swords drawn, sending the bystanders into what felt like an ice cavern.

"Daddy."

Tangtang suddenly grasped Yin Yuerong's hand but looked at Si Yehan. "Daddy, how can you speak to my grandma with this kind of attitude?"

Si Yehan: "..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Yin Yuerong: "..."

"Grandma was framed by bad people earlier. Not only is Daddy not showing any concern for Grandma but he is also treating Grandma like this. Daddy's wrong," Tangtang said.

Si Yehan: "..."

"Grandma, you must've not taught Daddy well. You have to teach Daddy properly from now on," Tangtang then said as he turned to Yin Yuerong.

Yin Yuerong: "..."

Si Yehan: "..."

As Ye Wanwan watched the mother and son duo that was rendered speechless by Tangtang, she silently turned away and suppressed her laughter.

Yin Yuerong cleared her throat. "Tangtang, Grandma will leave now."

Yin Yuerong knelt down as she spoke and looked at the little fella, a rare trace of reluctance flashing through her eyes.

“Alright.” Tangtang nodded.

Following that, Yin Yuerong felt an inexplicable, indescribable sense of disappointment. She thought Tangtang would ask her to stay longer.

After she left this time, they might not have a chance to meet again.

She had to get everything she wanted in her life. However, this child was the only person whom she didn’t want to hate her.

Even if the price was possibly never seeing him again.

“Mommy, Grandma and I will be leaving now. We’ll come to see you again next time.” Yin Yuerong was about to leave when Tangtang turned around and said that to Ye Wanwan.

An indescribable light flickered in Yin Yuerong’s eyes when she heard Tangtang.

“Aren’t you... going to go back with your dad and mom?” Yin Yuerong asked hesitantly.

Tangtang blinked. “Tangtang and Mommy agreed that Tangtang would stay with Grandma a few more days. Tangtang can always spend time with Daddy and Mommy, but if Tangtang returns to Yun City with Daddy and Mommy, while I can come to visit Grandma any time I want, I won’t be able to see Grandma every day!”

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Ye Wanwan was amazed.

Look! Look at my son’s EQ!

She was originally worried about how she would clean things up if her parents found out the Yin family abducted Tangtang and created a storm. Now it appeared she had nothing to worry about.

What mother-in-law and daughter-in-law conflict did she have to be afraid of? What mother and son friction did she have to be afraid of?

Ye Wanwan covertly gave Baby Tangtang a thumbs up.

Awesome job, my baby Tangtang!

When Tangtang saw his mommy praising him, happiness filled his starry eyes.

After saying goodbye to his parents, Tangtang led Yin Yuerong by the hand and started walking toward the front entrance.

“Grandma, let’s go back! I’m hungry...”

“Alright.” Yin Yuerong blindly followed the little fella’s lead.

She would never admit she had ever extravagantly wished for “family”. However, with a tug, this child’s tiny hand tugged her into a warmth she could behold but couldn’t obtain...

“I want Grandma’s sweet and sour spareribs,” Tangtang said.

“Okay.” Yin Yuerong nodded.

“Grandma, I also want to eat tanghulu... and red braised pork,” Tangtang added.

Under the watch of Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan, the grandmother and grandson duo left the manor.

The first time, it was Yin Yuerong who forcefully detained Tangtang. This time, it was Tangtang who willingly followed Yin Yuerong home.

A moment later, Ye Wanwan turned to Si Yehan, who seemed to be deep in thought.

“What are you doing?” Ye Wanwan asked.

“Thinking about something.”

“Mn... You should indeed think about why your mom treats Tangtang like a treasure and treats you like some weed.” Ye Wanwan sighed, her face exasperated.

Si Yehan: “...”

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“Grandma, let’s walk around.”

After leaving the manor, Tangtang looked up as he made this suggestion to Yin Yuerong.

The streets and alleys were bustling with people. Yin Yuerong didn’t know how long it’d been since she felt this alive. It was as if this was what life should feel like—a life she’d long been missing.

“Grandma, carry Tangtang... Tangtang’s tired...”

Tangtang extended his arms toward Yin Yuerong.

Yin Yuerong took a long look at the boy in front of her and her lips turned up, revealing a never-seen-before warmth. She slowly bent down and tightly hugged Tangtang.

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Yin Heng was soon taken away by the Arbitration Council for an investigation.

At court, Yin Heng refused to plead guilty and pushed all the blame onto the servant, Ah-Zhong.

Ah-Zhong was also a brainless fool and didn’t keep any evidence back then and couldn’t prove that it was Yin Heng who gave him the ledger.

Since Yin Heng vehemently denied all faults, the court entered a stalemate.

If they couldn’t find Yin Heng guilty by the predetermined time, then Yin Heng would have to be released.

You won’t admit it? Fine. It’s no problem; we’ll satisfy you.

Since Yin Heng denied any guilt, Yi Lingjun directly returned him to Si Yehan.

Yin Heng was dumbfounded.

He was confident that the Arbitration Council would release him if they didn't obtain any evidence, and he could flee immediately. He never expected Yi Lingjun to actually send him back to Si Yehan.

Yin Heng initially wanted to negotiate with Si Yehan to be released but eventually realized a problem.

It would be scarier if Si Yehan released him!

He heard Yin Yuerong had people standing guard nearby. As soon as he was released by Si Yehan, Yin Yuerong's people would capture him.

Yin Heng would currently rather be imprisoned at Si Yehan's place forever than ever leave. If he was locked in this wretched place, he would still be alive. But if he was released, Yin Yuerong wouldn't spare him...

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Moreover, from the guards' conversation, Yin Heng learned that Yin Yuerong had ordered Auntie Rong to ask Si Yehan for him. However, this time, they weren't retrieving him to save him—it was to take his life away.

The fear that plagued Yin Heng couldn't be described with words anymore. No matter what, he couldn't end up in Yin Yuerong's hands! He absolutely couldn't!

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Inside the dungeon, Yin Heng watched the man he hated striding inside. He concealed all the dissatisfaction on his face and put on a front. "Elder Brother..."

Right now, he didn't care about anything. Nothing was more important than his life.

Si Yehan apathetically stared at Yin Heng. "Congratulations on regaining your freedom."

What? Si Yehan is really releasing me?

Yin Heng's face dropped immediately. Regaining his freedom...? No, he didn't want his freedom! He was willing to stay in this place forever, even if it meant being a prisoner!

Yin Heng believed that Si Yehan was well aware Yin Yuerong absolutely wouldn't give him any chance of survival after he was released.

Si Yehan wanted him to die!

"You can reunite with Mother soon," Si Yehan added aloofly.

"No... Elder Brother, it's quite nice here... I don't need to go out yet!" Yin Heng vehemently shook his head.

"It's not up to you."

After saying that, Si Yehan ordered his men to drag Yin Heng out of the dungeon and evict him.

Within 15 minutes of Yin Heng being kicked out, Auntie Rong appeared and ordered her people to take Yin Heng away.

A problem that originated from the Yin family naturally had to be resolved by the Yin family themselves. Everyone knew that there wouldn't be a wisp of news of Yin Heng in the Independent State from today onward. This person would disappear forever.

He was merely an orphan who was brought home and personally nurtured by Yin Yuerong. He managed to climb to this position today, but his ambition grew bigger and bigger. Not only did he attempt to shove away the rightful master but he also conspired with outsiders behind Yin Yuerong's back and even wanted to send Yin Yuerong to her death. No one felt a trace of sympathy for Yin Heng's fate.

Inside Si Yehan's manor:

Ye Wanwan released a sigh of relief and looked at Si Yehan. "Your mom wanted you to release Yin Heng but you refused to do so. Who were you throwing a tantrum for? Isn't it great that you released him?! This way, everybody's happy!"

Auntie Qiao visited them many times in the hopes that Si Yehan would free Yin Heng but was rejected every time. In the end, Ye Wanwan couldn't stand it anymore and forced Si Yehan to release the man.

Of course, while they were "releasing" Yin Heng, to put it plainly, they were merely delivering Yin Heng into Yin Yuerong's hands.

A few days later, the summit reached its end, and the yearly bill revision hearing would finally begin.

The majority of the people who would attend the bill revision hearing were directors and higher-ups from the Arbitration Council. However, they also allowed a limited number of audience members. Due to her connection with Yi Lingjun, Ye Wanwan could also attend as an observer.

The bill hearing was everything but harmonious. Due to all kinds of proposed law revisions, the Arbitration Council's higher-ups and directors were quarreling nonstop, their faces flushed with anger.

The Twelve Independent States had an extremely large number of laws and regulations, and minor adjustments had to be made every year. Because some bill revisions could violate people's principles, arguments were unavoidable. After all, everyone possessed different opinions.

Disputes could be heard all morning. It wasn't until Yi Lingjun spoke that the atmosphere loosened up a tiny degree.

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"Alright, recently, the matter regarding residents of the Independent State marrying outsiders has evoked quite a few incidents. This is a rule that has been passed down since ancient times. I would like to listen to everyone's opinions on whether this rule is reasonable or not and whether we need to make revisions or not."

Around the evening, Yi Lingjun interjected.

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Following Yi Lingjun's words, the room turned quiet.

Everyone knew Yi Lingjun intended to revise this rule. If they opposed, wouldn't that be the same as singing a different tune from him...

Moreover, even if they put aside the matter of offending the President and Director Si, this rule alone contained many unreasonable flaws.

"Heh, President Yi, as you said, this is a law passed down from ancient times. Ancient times are ancient times, and modern times are modern times. What era are we in now? I think that we should revise such an inhumane law—no, we should abolish it," a director responded with a light chuckle.

"Yes, Director Zhou is right. People in ancient times would say that a person's marriage is dictated by their parents, but what era are we in now? Who doesn't know that people are free to marry and love whoever they want? Isn't it strange to use such an antiquated rule to restrict young people's romantic lives? I think that this law should be abolished or else we'll eventually have a big problem on our hands!"

Amongst the 12 directors present, including Si Yehan, 11 directors agreed to abolish this rule, leaving Yin Yuerong the only one who hadn't spoken yet.

However, if they wanted to abolish a law, it had to be passed unanimously without a single objection.

"So what does Director Yin think?" Yi Lingjun asked as he turned to Yin Yuerong some time later.

Everyone's gazes landed on Yin Yuerong.

Who didn't know the relationship between Si Yehan and his mother was akin to fire and water? Si Yehan fully supported the abolishment of this law, and the debate was initiated by Si Yehan. How could Yin Yuerong pass this rule? It was absolutely impossible.

Ye Wanwan's heart also raised to her throat. She hoped a miracle would happen.

"Apologies, but I don't agree," Yin Yuerong expressionlessly said, looking at Yi Lingjun.

Si Yehan deeply furrowed his eyes. "Director Yin..."

"Director Si, I hope you won't interrupt when I'm speaking," Yin Yuerong coldly rebuked.

Then, Yin Yuerong turned back to Yi Lingjun and continued: "If it exists, then there's a reason for it. I won't doubt our ancestors' wisdom, so I don't agree."

Disappointment filled Ye Wanwan. However, even if it didn't pass this year, there was still next year... If they put more work into it, perhaps they could change Yin Yuerong's mind.

She merely hoped Elder Brother wouldn't be so impulsive again. His relationship with Ling Miao would definitely have a good ending.

"Alright, let's vote to decide then, everyone," Yi Lingjun finally said.

Everyone was at a loss for words. Yin Yuerong's attitude was crystal clear, so continuing to vote was superfluous.

However, they still had to follow the process. 11 directors voted in favor.

"Where's your vote, Director Yin?" Yi Lingjun inquired when he saw that Yin Yuerong didn't move.

"I won't vote this year," Yin Yuerong replied.

"Won't vote...? What do you mean?" Yi Lingjun was bewildered.

"I'm abstaining," Yin Yuerong said expressionlessly.

Everyone, including Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan, was startled. She was abstaining?!

"Don't you object to this?" Yi Lingjun was astonished.

"Is there a definite connection between me objecting and abstaining?" Yin Yuerong retorted.

"No, no! There aren't any connections!" Yi Lingjun smiled. "Alright, since Director Yin is abstaining, this means we've passed unanimously. After the hearing adjourns, please abolish this law prohibiting marriage with an outsider, Director Zhou."

"Understood," Director Zhou answered.

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The session finally concluded.

This was going to be the most meaningful session in the history of the Independent States.

Soon, the news would spread through all twelve Independent States.

After leaving the Arbitration Council building, Yin Yuerong lifted her head and gazed at the blue sky above her.

In her life, she spent the first half pursuing Si Huaizhang and the latter half pursuing power. She had never obtained happiness in her life and never lived for herself. Now, she was tired.

Although she did something that went against her principles and desires, she had never been this relaxed and tranquil.

It turned out that compromising didn't mean failure sometimes. It led to a whole new world instead.

As soon as the news was released, Ye Wanwan immediately texted Nameless Nie and informed him of this good news.

As she walked out, she mused to herself: "This result is seriously too shocking! I guessed that your mom definitely wouldn't agree, but I didn't expect her to actually abstain! I was prepared for a long battle!"

"I also didn't expect this," Si Yehan said.

Recently, Yin Yuerong had done too many things that differed from his understanding of her.

The two of them had just stepped out of the building when they caught sight of Yin Yuerong waiting for her car in front of the entrance.

Silence dawned on the three of them. None of them knew what to say.

At this moment, a black car pulled up, and Yin Yuerong's driver arrived, finally breaking this awkward silence.

Yin Yuerong looked away and made her way to her car.

Before entering her car, Yin Yuerong suddenly paused and turned around to look at them.

Her gaze landed on Si Yehan as she said, "Ah-Jiu, in truth, Mommy looked forward to your birth the whole time. You were born carrying all of Mommy's hopes..."

Si Yehan's pupils contracted.

Yin Yuerong had never said any of this to him.

"It's just... I've been too cowardly all these years. I was trapped by my failed relationship and life and wanted to imprison you in this lightless prison with me... I wanted you to stay in the darkness with me..."

Yin Yuerong peered up and stared at her son, a sad smile spreading on her face. "Ah-Jiu, in truth, Mommy was just... too lonely..."

"I'm sorry, Ah-Jiu..."

As Si Yehan listened to Yin Yuerong, his hands clenched into tight fists.

Ye Wanwan reached out and gently grasped his lightly trembling hand.

In reality... Si Yehan might not vocalize it, but his mother had always been the scar on his heart.

Si Yehan never understood how a mother could treat her biological child that cruelly. At first, he still held hopes and wanted to know why, but he was disappointed again and again.

Eventually, he finally stopped asking and stopped holding any hopes.

However, in the depths of his heart, what he desired the most was this explanation from Yin Yuerong. And the balm for the scar in his heart was simply the two words "I'm sorry."

Yin Yuerong glanced at the girl next to Si Yehan. "Ah-Jiu, you have better taste than Mommy."

After saying that, Yin Yuerong got into her car and the car started driving, disappearing from sight.

Ye Wanwan held Si Yehan's hand and softly said, "I was wondering earlier why Tangtang was able to change Yin Yuerong so much, but now, I suddenly understand... It's probably because of love..."

Yin Yuerong's icy demeanor was changed because of love and was melted and transformed again by love.

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After the session ended, Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan invited Yi Lingjun for dinner, a farewell meal of sorts.

They originally planned to head back tomorrow, but they received news from Yun City. Because Ye Wanwan and Tangtang had been gone for too long, Nameless Nie couldn't hide it anymore and Dad and Mom learned they went to Yun City.

Hence, the family of three started their journey back to Yun City.

After arriving in Yun City, Si Yehan led Wanwan and Tangtang to visit Grandpa first and inform him about everything that happened during this period of time.

The outcome proved that Si Yehan's decision was correct.

"Alright, I understand. I also understand your intention behind visiting me today. I'll help you make a trip to your parents!"

"Thank you, Grandpa! You're the best!" Ye Wanwan happily threw her arms around her grandpa's shoulders.

"Oh right, Grandpa, don't worry about Si Xia. Thankfully we stopped him in time, so he didn't cause too great an impact. After some imprisonment, he'll be released and expelled from the Independent State."

"It's already good that his life was preserved." Grandpa sighed.

Moreover, Si Xia had lived in China longer than the Independent State, so he was actually more suited for life in China.

After chatting with Grandpa a little longer, Nameless Nie quickly came to pick them up.

"Sister! You're finally back!" Nameless Nie exclaimed as he ran toward Tangtang and looked him up and down. "Thank god, thank god! It's fine as long as this little ancestor is fine!"

After saying that, the more he looked, the more something felt off. He reached out and pinched the little fella's cheeks. "Why does it seem like Tangtang is chubbier? Wasn't he kidnapped? I thought he'd go down a size! Why is his face rounder instead?"

Tangtang disdainfully slapped away Nameless Nie's hand and emphasized every word carefully, "Watch your words!"

Nameless Nie was already very satisfied he got to pinch his nephew's cheeks, so he didn't dare to keep acting suicidally. He turned to Si Yehan. "Thank you so much for this, Brother-In-Law! Ling Miao is still bedridden, so I'll help her thank you and Wanwan!"

"It was my duty," Si Yehan replied.

Nameless Nie clapped his chest and promised Si Yehan: "Don't worry, Brother-In-Law! I've taken charge of your marriage with my sister! I fully support you guys! I'll help you persuade Dad and Mom, I'll help you book your wedding and banquet, and I'll help you fight in the van when we're escorting the bride! No one will dare to stop you from entering! I'll help you stand guard on your wedding night! I'll break the legs of whoever dares to prank you newlyweds! You just need to happily marry my sister!"

Cheer surfaced in Si Yehan's eyes. "Thank you."

As Ye Wanwan listened from her spot in the car, her expression darkened. "Hey! You're getting more and more ridiculous! And look at your elbow! Isn't it about to break from how far out you're twisting it? Just who is your family member here, huh?"

Nameless Nie instantly said disapprovingly, "Sister, what are you saying? What do you mean I'm twisting my elbow out[1]! Aren't we all family?! Anyway, aren't I doing this to help you? Don't you want to successfully marry Brother-In-Law? I haven't even billed you for this five-star one-stop service!"

Ye Wanwan: "You win!"

Half an hour later, the car finally reached the Nie residence.

Baby Tangtang fell asleep in the car, so Ye Wanwan first carried him to his room upstairs and got him settled before going back downstairs.

When she returned to the downstairs living room, Si Yehan, Nameless Nie, Grandpa, and her parents were all present.

Nie Huaili and Madam Nie were both looking at Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan unhappily and only kept themselves from flying off the handle since their father was there too.