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Gu Jinglian frowned. "It's just that what?"

Butler Fu replied, "It's just that they probably won't look exactly alike! That would be impossible. Even identical twins will look slightly different."

Gu Jinglian frowned and went silent for a brief moment. "Forget it. There's no need to get involved in the Mu family's matters. This is their private affair."

Uncle Fu sized him up and suddenly said carefully, "Master, I realized that you've changed a lot ever since you came back from North Africa,"

"What's changed?"

"You've become gentler!" Butler Fu smiled and observed his expression while saying, "I passed by Chu He's room previously and saw you taking care of her so carefully. I realize, for the first time, that you've learned to serve..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Butler Fu saw the obvious displeasure on Gu Jinglian's face and immediately changed his words awkwardly, "I mean to care for... to care for..."

Gu Jinglian's expression softened.

Butler Fu then continued with what he was saying, "Old Master, you've never put yourself in a position where you've had to take care of someone else. After your return this time round, I do feel that the relationship between Old Master and Chu He has noticeably improved!"

Why else would they say that true love is found in adversity! After all, they had gone through a life-and-death trial together. Compared to their previous confrontations, it was indeed different.

Gu Jinglian glanced at him coldly. "You talk a lot."

Butler Fu tactfully shut his mouth and stopped talking! He knew that the old master was feeling embarrassed!

Gu Jinglian stood up and said expressionlessly, "She's injured and it's hard for her... I'm merely..." He looked a little unnatural, obviously feeling rather awkward. "It's only right that I take care of her a little!"

Butler Fu smirked silently, "This guy is so egoistic!"

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When Chu He woke up, she lay on the bed and stared blankly at the ceiling. Upon returning to the Gu family residence, she had come down with a very high fever caused by the infection of her wound. As a result, she had been in a daze and only regained some vitality last night.

Gu Jinglian suddenly pushed open the door and walked in. Having heard his footsteps, Chu He raised her head. When she saw him, she lay back down on the bed like a zombie.

“Are you hungry?” Gu Jinglian asked.

Chu He shook her head. “I have no appetite.”

She had been on anti-inflammatory medicine for the past few days and it made her nauseous. She had no appetite at all.

“I want to eat something sour.”

“Sour?” Gu Jinglian reacted immediately, “Are you pregnant?”

Chu He was flabbergasted.

Seeing that she did not reply, Gu Jinglian started to look awkward. “Really?” He remembered being with her previously.

“What does eating sour food have to do with pregnancy? It’s not like only pregnant women want sour food!” Chu He paused for a moment before she continued, “Don’t worry, I took birth control pills the last time.”

Gu Jinglian did not react at first. Then what she had said suddenly sank in. He came back to his senses and his expression darkened.

“Contraceptive pills?” He sounded displeased.

Chu He didn’t notice it and responded with a grunt.

“Why did you take that?”

“Of course! I was in an unsafe period.” She added, “It’s so troublesome to get pregnant!”

Gu Jinglian’s expression darkened further.

She said it was troublesome to get pregnant. She actually thought that getting pregnant with his child was a troublesome matter. Gu Jinglian turned icy.

Chu He still did not notice his abnormality.. She only thought that he looked particularly awkward, but she had no idea in what ways she had offended him.

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“What’s wrong with you? Why do you look so odd?” Her question only made Gu Jinglian look gloomier.

This stupid woman actually asked him why he was looking so odd.

“This sort of medicine is not to be taken casually!”

At those words, Chu He became annoyed. “You still have the cheek to say that! If it hadn’t been for you...”

However, she stopped here. Her face turned red and she couldn’t continue!

If he had not been such a beast that night, why would she have needed to take such medicine?!

Everyone knew that the morning after pill was not good for a woman's health. For a period of time, her menstrual cycle had gone into disorder.

Fortunately, she was in good health and did not take much time to recover.

Gu Jinglian said icily, "You didn't have to take it!"

"What if I got pregnant?"

The man replied, "If you got pregnant, then we'd keep the child."

His quick response left Chu He at a loss for a come-back. She was stunned!

She came back to her senses as she reflected on his words. Still angry, she shot back, "Men will be men. Isn't it so easy to say keep the baby! Gu Jinglian, don't you know how painful it is for a woman to give birth? Moreover, who will take care of the child after it is born?"

"The Gu family has vast resources. Do you think we can't afford to bring up a child?"

In other words, even if she were to give birth to a bunch of kids like a sow, he, Gu Jinglian, could afford it with his eyes closed.

The image of her protecting a bunch of piglets like a sow appeared in Chu He's mind and she shivered.

How terrifying.

She replied coldly, "After the child is born, are you going to be responsible for feeding, keeping watch at night, and changing diapers?"

Gu Jinglian fell silent.

Chu He snorted. "So, you just speak without taking responsibility. After the child is born, you're not going to be the one suffering!"

"I'll take responsibility," Gu Jinglian suddenly said.

Chu He was stumped.

"What did you say!?"

Gu Jinglian repeated patiently, "I'll take responsibility."

"..."

Chu He felt so awkward that she was at a loss for words. However, from his tone, she could tell he was extremely serious. This man would never promise anything easily, nor would he be like other men who would say sweet nothings. However, he was a man who kept his word.

Gu Jinglian walked to the door and stopped Butler Fu. After instructing him, he returned to her bedside and sat down.

Ten minutes later, the servant whom Butler Fu sent to buy a few cans of sour plums returned. Gu Jinglian took them and opened the lid. He picked one up with a fork and brought it to her lips. "Eat it."

Harshly spoken, as if he was forcing her to eat it. Chu He took a bite sullenly and chewed on it. Actually, she did not particularly like sour food. However, she had been lying on the bed for the past few days with an IV drip. Hence, there was a bitterness in her mouth. Coupled with the nutritious food that Butler Fu had been giving her, everything seemed bland. Hence, she only wanted to eat something sour to stimulate her taste buds.

The sweet and sour taste of the plum made Chu He salivate and the sourness, especially, made her squirm and blink.

Gu Jinglian also stuffed a piece into his mouth. It was so sour that he furrowed his eyebrows. However, after the initial sourness, there was a burst of unrestrained sweetness! It was very sweet.

Chu He spat out the seed and opened her mouth again, as a sign that he should feed her another. In a rare display of patience, Gu Jinglian indeed fed Chu He another one. Chu He was finally satisfied. She chewed on the black plums and relaxed her brows..

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While Baby Chu was taking a nap in his room, he suddenly received a call from Linxi.

He picked up the phone, and heard Linxi mumbling pitifully on the other end of the line, "Baby Chu... where are you now?"

"I'm in my room!"

"Well..." Linxi lamented, "I think I've lost my way."

Baby Chu blinked and was speechless for a moment before replying, "Alright, where are you?"

After five days, Linxi was still losing his way in the Gu residence every day. The huge Gu residence was no different from a maze to him.

How big was the Gu residence?

Put it this way. Linxi's father and mother worked in a factory in North Africa. The Gu residence was as big as the factory. However, he would not get lost in the factory. Apart from the fact that he grew up there, the corridors in the factory were very wide and direct, there were not that many twists and turns.

The Gu Residence had dozens of courtyards, including the front courtyard and the back courtyard. These courtyards were connected to each other, and there were all kinds of long and winding corridors. It was no different from a maze!

This was not the first time he was lost.

Fortunately, Gu Jinglian had equipped him with a phone. When he got lost, he was able to call Baby Chu and Butler Fu for help.

Linxi said, "Uh... I don't know where I am either, but I can see a rock garden and a huge pond."

"There are so many fake mountains and ponds. I don't know which place you're talking about."

“There’s an ancestral hall here. There seem to be many memorial tablets inside.”

“Ancestral hall...” Baby Chu thought back carefully and suddenly remembered that he had been to the Gu family’s ancestral worship hall twice before, so he recognized the route.

“Wait for me at the entrance of the ancestral hall. I’ll go and get you right away!”

After hanging up, Baby Chu jumped off the bed, rubbed his eyes, and ran downstairs. After passing through several courtyards, he finally found the ancestral hall. He saw Linxi standing at the entrance of the ancestral hall, looking rather embarrassed.

Baby Chu walked over and said a little resentfully, “Linxi, How on earth did you end up coming here? You’ve been at the Gu family residence for a few days now and you still can’t find your way around?”

Linxi said awkwardly, “Your house is huge. I lose my way all the time. It’s mainly because... I’m bad with wayfinding and can’t tell the direction.”

Baby Chu looked at him with an odd expression. Linxi thought he might have said something wrong and looked back at the younger boy uneasily. Then he replied, “What do you mean ‘my house’? Linxi, this is your house too!”

Upon hearing this, Linxi realized what that look was about. He found it heartwarming, and held the younger boy’s hand. “Alright then! This is our house. It was just a slip of my tongue! Don’t be upset.”

Baby Chu smiled. “Let’s go!”

The two children walked hand in hand towards the courtyard. As they came to the courtyard, they heard a commotion.

“It’s someone from the Gong family...”

“Quick, inform the old master...”

Soon after, Baby Chu and Linxi saw Butler Fu walking towards the main building in a hurry. He was in such a hurry that he did not even bother to glance at them.

Baby Chu looked in the direction of the main door with a strange expression. Among the crowd, he saw an eye-catching silver-haired man standing at the entrance.

He had an overbearing presence and was about the same height as Gu Jinglian. He wore a snow-white military-style windbreaker and a pair of white combat boots. Every inch of his handsome face was exquisite and flawless!

Baby Chu widened his eyes. This man was cool and handsome!

Ten minutes later, Butler Fu came downstairs and approached the silver-haired man. He smiled respectfully and said, “Master Jie, our old master invites you in. This way please..”

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The man turned around and nodded slightly upon hearing this. He instructed his subordinates to stand guard. "Wait for me at the door." As he spoke, he followed Butler Fu to the guest room.

When he passed by Baby Chu and Linxi, the man looked straight ahead without turning his head. He swept past like a gust of wind that messed up Baby Chu's fringe! Linxi was a little intimidated by the man's presence. He asked nervously, "Who is this man?"

Baby Chu shook his head looking confused. "I don't know either."

In the reception hall.

Buter Fu brewed a pot of Da Hong Pao and poured out two cups of tea for Gu Jinglian and Gong Jie.

"Young Master Jie, what brings you here?"

Gong Jie took a sip and put the tea aside. Without bothering with small talk, he went straight to the point! "I heard that you've just returned from North Africa."

Although he spoke with a lowered voice, it did nothing to diminish his strong presence.

Gu Jinglian replied plainly, "Yes."

"I've also heard," Gong Jie looked at him and continued, "that the Gu family's factory in North Africa, Wirth, had been acquired by the Hurricane Group.

"Since it's an acquisition made by the Hurricane Group, Young Master Jie should know about it."

Gong Jie's expression darkened at this confirmation. "So it's true?"

Gu Jinglian snorted icily. Even in front of Gong Jie, he could not hide the anger he was feeling. After all, he had to let go of Wirth under the most reluctant circumstances. At that point, he was on equal footing with the Hurricane Group. If Gong Fan had not been so despicable and vicious, he would not have withdrawn from the North African market.

Gu Jinglian assumed that Gong Jie knew about it and had brazenly come to the

Gu residence to flaunt his prowess.

Hence, he adopted an unfriendly tone. “Young Master Jie, you don’t have to pretend. After acquiring that piece of land, Hurricane Group is already the overlord of North Africa. Since that’s the case, why have you come to me? Surely you must have known about this.”

He had wronged Gong Jie.

Gong Jie said truthfully, “I didn’t know about this matter. To be precise, I didn’t participate in the discussion. I even objected to this acquisition.”

He knew that monopolizing a market meant gaining unprecedented benefits. But this also meant that in the absence of healthy competition, if the market did not function properly, it could get hopelessly corrupted.

There is war in this world because of competition. The survival of humans is also built on the ability to compete. If there were no competition, there would be regression. It was no different from the Qing dynasty’s closed-door cultivation.

When he was in charge of the Hurricane Group, he had always considered the fairness of the situation and did not oppress the other forces too much. Even though his methods were ruthless, he was not as terrifying as Gong Fan.

Only, if there was too much oppression, there would be resistance. This wasn’t something he was happy to see happen! Therefore, this acquisition was not his idea. What made him even more unhappy was that no one in the Hurricane Group knew about this.

Gong Fan was the one who made the decision on this matter. He did not discuss it with anyone, not even Gong Shaoying.

But that wasn’t the point.

The point was

That child!

Gong Jie asked in a quiet voice, “You went to North Africa and saw Gong Fan?”

“Gong Fan?” Gu Jinglian did not avoid talking about this. “I saw him.”

“You saw him? Gong Jie stood up excitedly. “You really saw that child?

Gu Jinglian raised an eyebrow. “Why? What about the child that’s causing you to be this agitated?”

“Well.

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“You saw his face?”

Gong Jie asked again. When Gu Jinglian heard this, he picked up the teacup and casually removed the lid. He took a sip and said calmly, “Yes, I did.” “What does he look like?

“I only saw him once. I can’t remember what he looks like.” Gu Jinglian answered truthfully, “Because that child is always wearing a cloak and a big hat. He has never shown his face to anyone.”

Gong Jie had heard so too.

Indeed. He had seen Gong Fan once before, but from a distance, he could see the boy’s back view as he boarded the ship. It was so familiar, but his face could not be seen. All he could see was that Gong Fan was wearing a wide fur coat that looked like a huge cloak with a haton. Hence, his true appearance was obscured.

In reality, not to mention outsiders, even the entire corporation had not seen what he really looked like.

It was rumored that anyone who saw his face would be shot to death on the spot. This was Gong Shaoying’s order. Hence, Gong Jie had always been suspicious of the reason for protecting the child to the extent that anyone who saw his face would not live.

Secretive to this extent?

He could not help thinking that something was fishy.

“You really don’t remember?

Gu Jinglian said coldly, “I don’t know how to draw a portrait and I can’t describe it properly. But if you have a photograph against which I can draw a comparison, it may ring a bell.”

The reason why he was so calm and composed was because Gong Jie’s attitude was not considered forceful. The Hurricane Group and the Gu family were not at odds with each other, but after what had happened, the Hurricane Group had violated Gu Jinglian’s interests. It would be hypocritical to say that he did not bear a grudge. Gu Jinglian was a man who bore grudges, and Gong Jie was an arrogant person who had never taken the Gu family seriously. However, for the sake of finding out the whereabouts of that child, this normally haughty man was now considerably reasonable in front of Gu Jinglian. This meant that the child was very important.

And Gu Jinglian was the only person who had seen that child and lived. To put it bluntly, he held the only clue.

Hearing this, Gong Jie immediately took out a pocket watch from his chest and opened it. Inside the pocket watch was a photo. He walked over and handed the pocket watch to Gu Jinglian, asking, "Take a look. Is it this child?"

Gu Jinglian took the pocket watch. In the photo was a child who bore an innocent smile. He was smiling at the camera with his eyes narrowed, he looked pure and adorable.

"Yun Tianyou." Indeed, he looked exactly like that child.

Gong Fan was Yun Tianyou?

It was a terrifying thought. Gu Jinglian smiled. "Didn't I hear that this child disappeared in an accident? Rumor has it that he's already dead!"

Gong Jie clenched his fists. "We can't draw this conclusion without seeing the corpse!" "Yes, it's hard to say if he's dead or alive without seeing a corpse."

Gu Jinglian snapped the pocket watch close and tossed it back to Gong Jie. He asked coldly, "What if I say that this child might not be dead?"

Gong Jie was stunned. "You mean..."

"Young Master Jie, you're here to see me because everyone who had seen that child is dead, including my subordinates."

Even if it wasn't Gong Fan's order, these lives were still on him.

Gu Jinglian continued, "Whereas the Hurricane Group had nothing to do with the Gu family in the past, now they do. Hurricane Group has caused such a huge loss to the Gu family. How should we settle this score?"

Gong Jie retorted, "How do you want it settled?"

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"It's not that I care about the value of that piece of land. The problem is, why did that child acquire that piece of land? Young Master Jie, I'm sure you know the reason."

Gong Jie remained silent for a long time before returning to his seat. He curled his lips and said, "Young Master Gu is just worried that the Hurricane Group will use this piece of land to run an experiment. And when the time should come that we become the overlord, it will threaten the Gu family's territory."

"I am here for profit. Young Master Jie should understand such simple logic." Gu Jinglian made it so clear that if Gong Jie did not understand this, he would have been completely unworthy of the position of the Hurricane Group's chief commander!

In other words, Gu Jinglian was implying that the Gu family's losses were small. If the Hurricane Group should develop too much in the future, it would be lonely at the top. Having monopoly would not be beneficial to either the Hurricane Group or the Gu family alike.

At the same time, he had also intentionally hinted that the child he had seen in North Africa might be Yun Tianyou.

However, Gong Jie still had to be certain! He said, "Hurricane will definitely compensate for the Gu family's losses, but before that, you must give me a definite answer. Is that child called Gong Fan really Yun Tianyou?"

"I don't know." Gu Jinglian continued, "No one would dare to make such claims, but the child I saw in North Africa looks the same as the child in the photo in your pocket watch."

Hearing this, Gong Jie was so excited that his entire body started trembling! It was Youyou!? The rumored son of the demon god of the Hurricane Group, that mysterious young man, was really Youyou, who had disappeared without a trace in that accident?!

Gong Jie clenched his fists tightly. He did not know if this was a happy or sad matter!

If it were Youyou, why didn't he go home?! Did he not want his family, his parents, his siblings? If it were not Youyou, how could two different children look identical?!

Gu Jinglian added, "Based on looks alone, the child is about nine years old."

Nine years old!

Gong Jie obtained yet another piece of information.

Youyou was eight, going on nine when he went missing. It had been more than a year since he went missing. From the timeline, everything matched! He did not believe that there was such an odd coincidence. Hence, he firmly believed that the mysterious boy called Gong Fan was Youyou!

Gong Jie came to another conclusion. For the past year, Gong Shaoying had been hiding Youyou in Hurricane Group and no one knew about it! How did Youyou end up in his hands?

What had he done to Youyou?! How did Youyou, who had been missing for a year, become Gong Fan? How did he become so... Vicious?!

This was something Gong Jie could not figure out!

But one thing was for sure, at least, almost sure!

Youyou was Gong Fan!

Gong Fan was Youyou!

Gong Jie was extremely excited to come into this knowledge!

For the past year, he had not stopped searching for Youyou. However, the boy did not turn up, dead or alive. Yun Shishi had gone into depression from missing the boy. If not for Little Yichen and Yueyao accompanying her, she would not have been able to walk out of this darkness.

Gong Jie stood up and said to Gu Jinglian, "Young Master Gu, sorry to have interrupted you!"

He turned and hurried away.

Gu Jinglian watched Gong Jie's back view coldly as he blew on the tea and took a sip. If this had been in the past, if the Gong Family had come to ask about such matters, Gu Jinglian would have pretended that it had nothing to do with him and would definitely keep silent.

However...

Things were different now.

Looking at Gong Jie's nervous expression, he could imagine how anxious he would be if Baby Chu were to disappear without a trace for a year..

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Perhaps it was because now he had things that he cared about, his heart was softened.

Gu Jinglian put down his teacup, stood up slowly and walked upstairs.

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Gong Jie did not look for Gong Shaoying immediately after hearing this news. Since his father had deliberately hidden Youyou and named him Gong Fan, it meant that the man had other intentions. If he were to confront his father, the man might not admit to it. He could instead turn even more guarded against him. If that happened, it could become even harder to locate Youyou.

The strangest thing was, if Gong Fan was really Youyou, why would he give his loyalty to Gong Shaoying and not want to return home?

Even if Youyou did not have the ability to leave Gong Shaoying, based on Youyou's character, he would not be such a loyal subject to that man. Furthermore, all the things that Gong Fan had done went against Youyou's original intention for Project Deva Eye.

Initially, Youyou had proposed Project Deva Eye to control and suppress wars through controlling the information technology in the sky. Gong Shaoying did not approve of this idea. Now, Gong Fan had gone to stir up trouble and create a war! His Project Deva Eye now existed purely for killing! This was not Youyou, but a demon!

If he were really Youyou, how did he become like this?

Gong Jie felt heartbroken, but he could not think of any reason.

He did not tell Yun Shishi about this matter immediately. After all, before this

matter was confirmed, he did not want to alarm her or give her false hopes. Besides, he was worried that if anything bad were to happen, she would not be able to accept it.

Back then, he had seen how much pain his sister had gone through to emerge from the shadow of this accident.

Hence, Gong Jie went to Shengyu Corporation first thing, after leaving the Gu family residence. Mu Yazhe was in the office. Gong Jie found his office and came clean with the reason for his visit.

Mu Yazhe had just finished a meeting, and Jiang Shen and Lu Jinyu were also in the office. Mu Yazhe was surprised to see Gong Jie walking in looking a little frantic. "What's the matter?"

"I need to speak with you regarding a matter."

"What is it?"

"You might still be alive!"

Hearing this, Mu Yazhe frowned. "I know, but we've not been able to locate him all this while." He had never given up trying to locate Youyou. Even though searching for the child was like searching for a needle in a haystack, and the search was extremely costly, no one was willing to give up.

He had never given up on searching for Youyou's whereabouts. Even though searching for a child was like searching for a needle in a haystack, and the cost of the search was extremely high, no one was willing to give up.

Gong Jie sat down on the sofa, picked up a tea cup, and drank the tea in one gulp.

Standing by the side, Jiang Shen frowned when he saw that Gong Jie was holding his teacup. He raised his hand and wanted to say something, but swallowed his own words, being intimidated by Gong Jie.

He had heard that this brother-in-law of Mu Yazhe had a serious obsession with cleanliness. Gong Jie would personally kill him, if he were to find out he was drinking from his teacup.

“I may have information on where Youyou is.” Upon hearing this, Mu Yazhe reflected for a few seconds before standing up with a jerk. “What did you say?”

“Gong Fan.”

Gong Jie mentioned this name. “A few days ago, there was a war in North Africa. The Gu family’s Wirth factory was acquired by the Hurricane Group. I remember mentioning this to you.”

“Uh huh.”

Mu Yazhe probed, “What have these two matters got to do with each other? This child, Gong Fan, suddenly appeared in the Gong family half a year ago. However, no one has seen his true appearance. They only know that he’s a young child.”

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“Father said that this child is his own, one who grew up outside the family. But from what I know, it’s unlikely that this is his own child!”

“So you suspect it’s Youyou?”

Yes, that was what I suspected initially!” Gong Jie analyzed further. “By coincidence, I heard about the appearance of this child in the Gong family, after Youyou went missing. It’s said that my father had arranged for him to recuperate on a private island. This means that this child wasn’t in good health. These characteristics match Youyou’s”

But all these are rumors.” Mu Yazhe further asked, “Do you have any concrete evidence?”

Jiang Shen and Lu Jinyu listened quietly by the side, unable to voice any opinions.

Gong Jie continued, “Gu Jinglian just returned from North Africa. He’s the only person so far who has seen that child and lived!”

“What do you mean?”

“The Gong family has an order in place. Anyone who has seen the child’s true appearance is already dead. This means that Father has protected him well. Therefore, no one knows what he looks like or who he is. Gong Jie frowned and continued, “Recently, the Hurricane Group acquired With. Word has it that this was a forced acquisition. Logically speaking, with Gu Jinglian’s personality, he would never give up that piece of land. I guess Gong Fan must have used something to threaten him and forced him to sign the agreement. As for why he didn’t kill him, I don’t know either.”

Can you be sure?”

I can’t be sure. That is why I didn’t tell Shishi about it immediately. I’m worried that if that child isn’t Youyou, it’ll be another disappointment!

Mu Yazhe nodded as well. “Before this matter comes to any conclusion, we’ll hide it from her for now

“Wai.” Gong Jie suddenly stood up and suddenly thought of something as his expression turned solemn.

Mu Yazhe noted that Gong Jie suddenly looked troubled. Hence he did not speak, so as not to disturb the man’s train of thoughts. He must have identified some useful clues again!

Gong Jie suddenly turned around and fixed his gaze on him. “Lisa! Alice!”

“What?”

I remember that for a long time, Alice hadn’t been at the headquarters. After Youyou went missing, she disappeared from the headquarters. I have no idea where she went. If Youyou was indeed taken back to the Gong family by Father, then he must have been injured. In addition, his poor health needed management. Given these, he would have needed someone skilled in medicine to take care of him at all times.”

“Alice is a doctor?”

“Well, she’s the medical genius of the Hurricane Group.”

“Who is Lisa?”

“She used to be my staff, later on I had assigned her to Youyou as his personal bodyguard. I haven’t seen her in a long time.”

Mu Yazhe said, “If we can find Alice and Lisa, it might lead us to some clues”

“I can’t track Lisa, but Alice is in the Hurricane Group right now. If I asked her, I might be able to get some information.”

Mu Yazhe nodded.

Gong Jie left the capital and took a private plane back to the Hurricane Group’s headquarters overnight.

Gong Shaoying was not on the island but he found Alice. When he saw her, she was in the laboratory analyzing some drugs. Alice was surprised to see him.

“Why are you back here?”

Gong Jie grinned and said, “To have a drink with you. Why? Are you busy?”

Alice was stunned for a moment, then she smiled and replied, “How could that be? It would be most unreasonable to reject Sir Gong Jie’s invitation.”

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In the tavern.

When Gong Jie took out the aged dry red wine from his collection, Alice was inevitably flattered.

“I see that you’ve had this for a long time. But now you can bear to part with it?”

Gong Jie smiled and filled her glass. Alice returned his smile briefly and took a sip of the wine.

“You didn’t rush back just to have a drink with me, did you?” Alice teased,

“Could it be that you’re back because you miss me?”

Gong Jie was used to her teasing, however, right now, he was less interested in bantering with her. He said bluntly, “I came back because there’s a matter I wish to have some answers to.”

“Alright. Ask away. I’ll answer whatever questions you have.”

As Alice spoke, she pursed her lips against the rim of her glass and eyed him intently.

Gong lie went straight to the point. "A while ago, you disappeared for a long time. No one knows where you went.

Alice held the wine glass and stared, as one transfixed.

Gong Jie looked into her eyes intently and said with deliberation, "You wouldn't leave the headquarters for no reason. There must have been something unusual going on that had to be kept from everyone. Where exactly did you go?"

Alice said nothing

"Can't talk about it?" Gong Jie narrowed his eyes and asked again, "Then let me ask you another question. Gong Fan.. who exactly is this child?

Alice's fingers tightened around the wine glass. Gong Jie observed the change in her expression and saw her stiffened fingers. He knew at once.

Alice replied, "Gong Fan? Why are you suddenly asking about him? No one in the entire Hurricane Group knows where this child is from."

"But you do."

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"Alice, you know that the mouth can lie but the eyes can't." Gong Jie continued expressionlessly, "Now that things have come to this, are you still trying to hide it from me? If I weren't confident, I wouldn't have come looking for you.

I'm here because I'm 90% sure that Gong Fan is Yun Tianyou, right?

Alice suddenly fell silent! She turned ashen and said, "I don't know anything."

"Do you really not know anything, or did Father tell you to keep it a secret, and you can't talk about it?"

Alice could not reply. She felt that she could not lie to Gong lie. But the rational side of her reminded her to keep this secret. However, it was a big struggle for her! Her heart ached for Youyou as well as Gong Jie!

Alice put down her wine glass and suddenly said, "Gong Jie, as a friend, I wish

to remind you to persuade your sister to come back to the Gong family and acknowledge her father. Blood is thicker than water – they are related by blood.

How can a biological daughter not acknowledge her father?

Gong Jie narrowed his eyes with a gloomy expression.

“Alice, are you implying that Father is hiding Youyou as a punishment for my sister?”

Alice looked away in panic. “I didn’t say that!”

He suddenly grabbed her chin and forced her to look at him. “Alice, look into my eyes!”

Alice looked up at him.

Gong Jie said to her in no uncertain terms, “If you lie to me, Alice, you’ll regret it!”

Gong Jie

“Do you know that we’ve gone crazy searching for Youyou?!” Gong Jie suddenly flared up. He stood up and said in a cold voice, “What is this? Hiding a helpless child and using him as a puppet.. What is this?!”

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Alice hurriedly said, “Gong Jie, calm down.”

“How can I calm down!?” Gong Jie retorted angrily, “If you were to tell me that it’s only because my sister didn’t acknowledge him, only because of this matter... It’s simply unreasonable to keep Youyou by his side, to punish her!”

“It’s not what you think.” Alice also stood up and said agitatedly, “It’s not punishment, nor is he targeting her. It’s just...”

Gong Jie fixed his gaze on her. “Alice, you’ve never been a mother. You don’t understand the pain of losing a son!”

Alice stared at Gong Jie with her mouth agape. She suddenly felt a sharp pain in her heart. She clenched her fists and suddenly said in self-mockery, “I’m afraid I won’t have the chance to be a mother in this lifetime! However, that doesn’t mean that I can’t understand how a mother feels.”

Gong Jie was stunned as well. He had hurt her unintentionally with his words.

Alice could not conceive. Before she joined the Hurricane Group, she was a practicing doctor. In order to study a vaccine, she used herself as an experimental subject. However, she did not expect the experiment to fail. There was a backlash and she was infected with the virus. She toed the line between life

and death for a few days before she was finally out of danger.

As a result of what she did, the hospital barred her from practice. Because of the viral infection, she was not able to conceive for the rest of her life. This had become a sore spot for her.

"I'm sorry."

"It's alright, it has nothing to do with you."

She was the one who associated that remark to her own infertility, Gong Jie did not mean it that way.

Gong Jie sighed. "Forget it. If you don't wish to tell me, then forget it."

Just as he was about to leave, Alice suddenly said, "I'm very curious. How did you come to suspect that Gong Fan is Yun Tianyou?"

Gong Jie stopped in his tracks, turned around, and curled his lips. "I just did. With some judgment."

Gong Fan's identity was indeed very suspicious.

Alice said to the man, "Sit down."

Gong Jie did not say anything but sat down on the chair as told. As he did so, Alice asked curiously, "Did you not think it odd, since Gong Fan is Yun Tianyou, that he didn't try to find his way back to you guys?"

"I haven't been able to find an explanation up till now. Could it be amnesia..."

Alice smiled and picked up the wine glass. She drank the wine in one gulp and finally decided to come clean!

Perhaps Gong Jie's words had compelled her!

The pain of losing a child... As a woman, likewise, she could not bear the pain of seeing the mother and child being separated.

She said, "Youyou didn't lose his memory."

Hearing this, Gong Jie abruptly raised his head and glared at her. "So you admit that Gong Fan is Yun Tianyou!"

"Yes!" Alice nodded frankly. "Gong Jie, you're an intelligent man, you already know the answer. You're asking me because you trust me. We've known each other for so many years; I can't let you down!"

Gong Jie did not know if this was a cause for joy or worry! He was elated that Youyou was still alive. Since Alice said this, it must be true! No matter what, it was fortunate that he was still alive! However, he was heartbroken to know that Youyou was in such a state!

Just the fact that he'd accepted the name 'Gong Fan' was something that he couldn't figure out.

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“He’s already forgotten you.” Alice paused for a moment before continuing, “Naturally, he has also forgotten Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe. The boy has no memory of the name ‘Yun Tianyou’..