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Mu Yichen suddenly grabbed Lisa's hand and then reached for Yun Shishi's hand, then gently placed the former in the latter.

"Lisa, from now on, my home is your home, okay?" he smiled as he said.

Yun Shishi glanced at Mu Yazhe, then at Lisa as she gently held her hand.

Lisa's heart skipped a beat. This woman's hand was full of warmth. Such warmth inevitably made her long for more.

Except that... Yun Shishi's heart ached as she held the girl's hand. Lisa's hands were rough, her palms covered with calluses from training. In particular, there was a scar on her left palm, left behind by a cut from a dagger. It was extremely rough. She could not help feeling sorry for the young girl. She had heard Gong Jie mention some things about Lisa. Such a young girl was actually the world's top assassin. What kind of cruel training did she have to undergo to be able to achieve this?

Yun Shishi made a silent comparison. If Yueyao had suffered the same way, she would definitely be heartbroken. Moreover, this girl had once risked her life to protect Youyou, and now she had brought Little Yichen back home safely. Yun Shishi was grateful beyond words.

"Lisa, stay with us, yes? We're very willing to accept you as our family!" The woman expressed her stand. This was Mu Yazhe's stand as well.

Lisa hesitated for a long time before finally nodding. She looked into Yun Shishi's eyes with seriousness and smiled knowingly.

"Yes!" Little Yichen hugged her excitedly when he heard that. Lisa blushed in embarrassment but did not push him away. She crinkled her eyes and smiled.

"Mu Yichen." Yun Tianyou's voice came from behind.

Mu Yichen looked in the direction of the voice, and to his surprise, saw Youyou walking towards him with Yueyao in his arms. Seeing Youyou again, he noticed that while the boy was still missing that familiar warm smile on his face, he was, however, no longer as cold and indifferent as the last time they met on Acklan Island.

Mu Yichen and Lisa were stunned.

"Has he... regained his memory?" Lisa asked in a lowered voice.

Yun Shishi shook her head sadly. "But I'm sure he'll recover eventually." Even if he didn't, it didn't matter. No matter what, Youyou was still her Youyou! Even when he walked up to Mu Yichen, he kept an expressionless face.

Mu Yichen did not expect Youyou to be there to pick him up!

As he approached Youyou, Yueyao, who was in Youyou's arms, saw him. She beamed with joy and extended her hand to him. Little Yichen immediately took her from Youyou. "Yueyao, Big Brother is

home!" Little Yichen hugged Yueyao lovingly. Even his voice was trembling slightly! He squeezed Yueyao's hand and asked gently, "Yueyao, Did you miss Big Brother while I was away?"

Yueyao opened her mouth and pouted. "Yes!"

Little Yichen was elated when he heard that.

The toddler tilted her head and asked again, "Did Big Brother bring any delicious food back?"

She had just developed teeth, and her words were still slurred, tender, and babyish.

When Little Yichen heard this, he immediately fumbled around in his pocket. He actually found something to eat and passed it to Yueyao.

Lisa glanced at it and burst out laughing. It was a compressed biscuit.

Yun Shishi laughed in amusement and asked, "What is this?"

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Yueyao stared at the compressed biscuit, she had no idea what it was. Little Yichen took it in one hand, tore the wrapper open with his mouth, and handed her the entire cookie. The girl was craving it. She immediately took it and started munching on it with great effort. However, the biscuit was compact and hard. Her teeth had just grown out and were very tender. She could not bite it off no matter how hard she tried. She only ended up with saliva all over her hand. She nibbled at it pitifully. She was obviously putting in all her effort.

This amused both Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi!

"Just as well, it works as a teething biscuit!" Yun Shishi remarked.

Mu Yichen smiled. At this point, Youyou suddenly spoke. "Mu Yichen..."

Little Yichen turned around and met his brother's eyes.

Youyou suddenly smiled. "Welcome home!"

"Welcome home!" Little Yichen was stunned! He really did not expect Youyou to say something so heartwarming when he had lost his memory! He seemed to recall that hypnotic dream again. In the dream, he stood outside the villa and looked at the happy family of four. The door to the villa suddenly opened. Daddy, Mommy, and Youyou stood at the door with Yueyao in his arms, smiling at him...

His conviction was firm from the start. Even if the whole world turned its back on him, Daddy or Mommy, Youyou or Yueyao, they were family and would always be. They would never betray him!

Little Yichen extended his left arm and put it around Youyou's shoulders. His eyes could not help but tear up. "Uh huh!" Little Yichen smiled through his tears. "Big Brother is home!"

Youyou smiled quietly.

Regardless of whether his memory had recovered or not, Youyou had truly accepted him from the bottom of his heart. Mu Yichen also understood that Youyou had not regained his memory, but it did not matter. They were reunited and would get to know each other again. The road ahead was long and they had a lifetime together. They were joined by blood, and nothing could tear them apart!

“Let’s go home!” Yun Shishi took Yueyao from Little Yichen’s arms and all of them headed home.

Before they left, Mu Yazhe suddenly sensed that someone was watching them. He told the rest, “Get in the car first.”

Yun Shishi looked at him questioningly, but did not say much. She carried Yueyao while Mu Yichen and Lisa chatted and laughed. Youyou quietly followed behind Yun Shishi. The four of them walked towards the car park.

Mu Yazhe slowly turned around. His gaze fell on Gu Jinglian, who was standing at the bow of the ship, looking down at him. He had seen everything that was going on. For some reason, it was a heartwarming moment witnessing the reunion.

This scene seemed familiar. He remembered feeling the same way when he returned from North Africa. Home. The concept of home suddenly became extremely clear in his mind.

The two men looked at each other silently. Sometimes, between men, communication is that simple. One look is all it takes to say everything. Mu Yazhe was expressing his gratitude to the other man. Except that Gu Jinglian looked disdainful outwardly. However, hidden in his proud personality was a gentle heart.

In the past, he would have turned a blind eye to the yacht’s distress signal. However, his experiences in North Africa had given him a new understanding of life. Unexpectedly, by an act of chance, he had saved Mu Yichen and Lisa. This meant that he had done Mu Yazhe a huge favor. All things considered, it was certainly not a loss for him!

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At the mention of the Mu and Gu families, Mu Yazhe and Gu Jinglian were names that struck fear and awe!

These two men were like emperors. In the capital, they could be said to be existences that could rival each other. Although there had been some grudges between the two families in the previous generation, in their generation, these two men maintained the etiquette of minding their own business. Perhaps they had some sort of mutual appreciation.

Through what had happened now, it could be said that the Mu and Gu families had come to a truce!

As Gu Jinglian walked down the disembarkation stairs, Mu Yazhe approached him and was the first to speak!

“I heard that a joyous occasion is at hand for Master Gu?” Earlier on, he had learned that Gu Jinglian was getting married.

Actually, Gu Jinglian and Chu He did not really care about the wedding. However, Uncle Fu and Baby Chu had been egging them on, with Linxi adding fuel to the fire, insisting for a wedding event to be held. Gu Jinglian gave it second thoughts. After all, it had been many years since the Gu family had a lively affair. Hence, he eventually agreed.

Even though he had initially shown disdain for a wedding event, he did not resist when it was time to organize it, in fact, he personally got involved in the preparation work.

Once, he was instructing Uncle Fu in the decoration of the nuptial chamber when Chu He walked in on them. It was utterly embarrassing for Gu Jinglian! However, Chu He was thick-skinned and was even gloating. She thought Gu Jinglian had been forced into it by Uncle Fu. This got Gu Jinglian even angrier. However, no matter how angry he was, he did a perfect job of coordinating.

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Gu Jinglian was a little surprised that Mu Yazhe initiated conversation on this matter, but he did not show it. Instead, he raised his eyes and glanced at the other man before calmly asking, "Since Master Mu has raised this topic, could it be you're planning a big gift?"

Mu Yazhe smiled. "That will depend on whether Master Gu invites me."

Gu Jinglian snorted and said arrogantly, "Whether I invite you or not depends on how sincere your gift is."

Mu Yazhe appeared calm. "There is definitely sincerity. No matter what, we must maintain our etiquette."

Gu Jinglian finally smiled when he heard this. Mu Yazhe was surprised to see him smile!

In the past, he rarely saw Gu Jinglian, and seeing Gu Jinglian smile was even rarer. The latter was a rather aloof man with a sharp edge. Even Mu Yazhe was not taken seriously by him. However, for some reason, Mu Yazhe felt that the man's sharpness had now diminished somewhat.

"The 1st of next month."

"The 1st of next month, which is in two weeks." Mu Yazhe added, "I'll be there."

Gu Jinglian glanced at him but did not say anything as his subordinates came up to him. He turned around to give the other man another look before walking away!

Mu Yazhe laughed to himself and walked toward the parking lot.

Along the way home, Little Yichen chattered nonstop to his parents about his thrilling exploits at sea. Yun Shishi frowned at what she heard.

"Pirates?! Are there really pirates?" Yun Shishi had grown up in a peaceful era, and she had only seen and heard about pirates on television. She had never heard of such ferocious pirates in real life. To think that Little Yichen had run into them.

"Yes! Of course, the pirates in Somalia are known for being ruthless! If not for Lisa, I wouldn't have been able to deal with them alone!"

Lisa immediately said, "Hey, don't push it all to me. You were much more ruthless than I was."

"As long as all's fine now..."

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As Yun Shishi said this, her expression became more solemn. In fact, before this, Lisa had mentioned to Gong Jie about Gong Shaoying putting Mu Yichen under hypnosis, and Gong Jie had told Yun Shishi about it. However, Mu Yichen himself made no mention of this matter. Because it wasn't worth mentioning. Such a small trick was nothing to him.

Yun Shishi was greatly touched when she heard this! Youyou was hypnotized, yet Little Yichen was not affected! She did not expect Little Yichen, who used to seem rather unreliable, to have such strong conviction at a critical moment! However, she did not ask about it. This was an old score between her and Gong Shaoying, and it was for her to settle. Having Little Yichen returning home safe and sound was already a blessing!

Gong Shaoying...

Initially, her hatred for her father was only because of her mother. Her mother had yearned for him for so long and waited for him for so long, but this man had never made an appearance when she was alive.

Now, the hatred she had for him now ran even deeper! He actually... treated Youyou and Mu Yichen this way! This was something she could never forgive! He was too selfish! In order to keep Youyou by his side and make use of the boy to realize his ambitions, he went as far as to seal his memories! And now, he even had thoughts of doing the same to Little Yichen!

Just how ruthless was Gong Shaoying!? One only had to put yourself in someone else's shoes. Could he not understand the pain of being forgotten by his family?!

Along the way home, Yun Shishi kept silent! Mu Yazhe understood the pain and hatred in her heart. He gently placed his hand on the back of her hand and gently said, "Sometimes, the more you try to avoid certain things and the more unwilling you are to confront them, the less you will be able to resolve them."

She understood what he meant. "I understand. It's time to end things with that person!"

Mu Yazhe continued, "This is between you and him. I can't interfere, but no matter what you decide, I'll always be behind you!"

Yun Shishi was touched by his words! That was all she needed! She solemnly said, "I'll weigh the pros and cons!"

Her decision was to make a clean break with Gong Shaoying. She would never acknowledge this man to be her father! At the same time, she wanted to make it clear to him officially! No matter what, he was not to mess around with her family! Otherwise, she would never let him off, even though she was powerless and weak!

Initially, with the passing of time, she had not intended to be calculative about past grudges. That was a score between her mother and him, it was not for her to get involved. However, now that Youyou and Little Yichen got involved, it had crossed her bottom line!

When they arrived home, Mu Yazhe carried Mu Yichen into the bathroom and gave him a bath. Mu Yichen, who had been at sea the whole time, did not notice that his own body had started to smell fishy. After several washings with a shower gel, the smell began to disappear.

Gong Jie was relieved to see that the boy was home. Yun Shishi asked him, "Did that person contact you?"

"No." Gong Jie knew Yun Shishi was referring to Gong Shaoying when she said "that person".

Yun Shishi said hatefully, "He's actually so heartless. This time, I've decided to settle scores with him once and for all."

Gong Jie was startled but not surprised.

"Perhaps this decision will put you in a difficult position."

"It won't." Gong Jie said, "I won't feel troubled. You don't have to worry about me."

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When Little Yichen came out of the shower, he felt as if he had shed a layer of skin! Mu Yazhe bathed him as if he was washing dirty clothes. The boy was convinced that if he could, he would have scrunched him into a ball and scrubbed him against a washboard. His bones almost fell apart!

Little Yichen had just walked out and noted that both Lisa and Youyou were not in sight. He suspiciously wandered around the rooms. When he passed by the balcony, he caught sight of two figures in the backyard.

Puzzled, he narrowed his eyes as he walked over and stood at the side of the door. He saw Lisa and Youyou standing with their backs to him. They seemed to be deep in conversation.

"Lisa, after all this time with the Hurricane Group, I've come to trust you more than anyone else." Youyou turned around expressionlessly and sized Lisa up. "Was Gong Shaoying really lying to me?"

Hearing this, Little Yichen held his breath nervously! He had no idea how Lisa was going to respond to this question! Lisa belonged to the Hurricane Group. Would she betray Gong Shaoying?!

Just as Little Yichen was feeling uneasy, Lisa smiled and said plainly, "Master Gong had been lying to you indeed." "Why would he lie to me?"

"Probably for two reasons."

"Two reasons?" The boy frowned and asked suspiciously, "Tell me."

"Firstly, you are his grandson and his family. He naturally wants you by his side." "And the second reason?"

“Secondly, you have extraordinary talent. He wants to make use of you to complete Project Deva Eye.” Youyou fell silent when he heard this. He felt a little sad that the man he trusted so much would use him like this.

“I lost many of my memories.”

Youyou took a deep breath. “But do you know why I’ve lost these memories?”

“Because...” Lisa hesitated for a moment before saying, “Alice hypnotized you.”

“Hypnotized?” Youyou became a little suspicious. “Little Yichen was also put under hypnosis, but you said that the hypnosis failed. Why did they fail to hypnotize him while they managed to hypnotize me?”

Lisa frowned and hesitated for a moment before she replied, “Because you’re different from him.”

“What do you mean?” Youyou was somewhat displeased. “You mean that my beliefs and willpower are not as firm as his?”

“Because there were two of you.” The boy was stunned by her answer! He did not quite understand what Lisa meant. “What do you mean there were two of me?”. Lisa explained, “Alice said that you had two personalities. One was filled with light while the other was filled with darkness. Hypnosis leveraged on this and used your second personality to kill your first personality. Back then, Alice was also very surprised because normally, for people with dual personalities, the second personality would never be able to replace the first personality. It’s just that your first personality really disappeared. And your first personality was the Youyou that everyone was familiar with. After your first personality disappeared, all the memories that the first personality had were sealed up!” Youyou did not completely understand. He was not aware that he had two personalities, and knew even less about what a split personality meant.

Lisa tried to explain it to him, and with that explanation he vaguely understood.

“So, you’re saying that I’m in my second personality now?”

“Yes.”

He probed further, “Can I... return to the past?”

Lisa shook her head.

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Lisa shook her head. “Alice said that in dual personalities, only one can exist. Otherwise, there will come a day when your spirit will be destroyed. Between the first and second personalities, only one can survive. If you can really return to the past, then the current you will disappear.”

Youyou was taken aback by this information! “The current me... will disappear?”

“Yes.”

“Well...” Youyou suddenly felt a little overwhelmed. “Will all my new memories disappear too?”

“It’s like you can’t remember everything that happened in the past, because in the past you had two personalities. One personality was very gentle and kind, the other personality was of a destructive nature. If you wanted something, you’d become ruthless and unscrupulous, you’d go for it at all costs.”

Youyou fell silent upon hearing this. He suddenly lowered his head to look at his hand, which was tightly clenched. Then, he relaxed his grip, and a sense of being alive came to him. However, Lisa said that if two personalities existed at the same time, they would reject each other. And ultimately, his spirit would be destroyed.

Did this mean he should now give this body up to the previous Youyou?

He couldn’t quite do it. Every personality is selfish.

He was not willing to leave this body because... there was something that he yearned for now. Although he did not say or express anything aloud, he really wanted to stay in this family and become a part of it. “Well...” Disappointed, he asked, “If I voluntarily withdraw from this body, will the previous Youyou return?”

“Maybe. But if he had disappeared... then maybe he won’t come back.”

Youyou was slightly shaken. He knew in his heart something that others did not know. He knew that the previous Youyou had not disappeared. Meaning, the first personality hadn’t disappeared from his body. It was still sealed deep down inside, along with the memories.

He often dreamed of that child. That boy was trapped in a cell, and he often saw him and would even speak with him.

He had had countless dreams of him and a child traveling on the sea. He would be wearing a black shirt, and the other child, a white shirt. He kept running, and he had integrated him into his body. Then the other Youyou disappeared. He replaced him.

And now he understood, that child was the other personality.

He had no way of knowing. He only thought that the other child was the invader and his other self. He didn’t expect that the two personalities were two separate entities. Why? Why were two of him created? Why was he created and brought into this world, only to have to compete with another child for a body? He also wanted to exist. But how could he exist?

Youyou calmly asked, “Compared to me, they should like the previous Youyou more, right?”

Lisa looked at him in surprise but did not say anything.

“Daddy, Mommy, Little Yichen, and Yueyao. And even you, Lisa, right?”

“I...”

“Compared to me, you prefer the previous Youyou to come back, right?”

After a pause, he gave a self-deprecating laugh. “Otherwise, you wouldn’t have teamed up with Gong Jie to bring me home. That’s because you also want to use my family to awaken my memories and restore the previous Youyou,



right?”

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As for him, he was not needed and unpopular. He had no value in existence.

For a moment, Lisa was unable to utter a word. She did not expect Youyou to be so sensitive to such things. However, that was the truth. Lisa also missed the previous Youyou, who used to be gentle and kind. However, hearing him say that now made her heart ache.

Little Yichen’s voice came from behind. “You are needed!”

Startled, Youyou turned to look at his brother. He was momentarily at a loss as to what to do.

He said unhappily, “Why are you eavesdropping on us?” “What do you mean by eavesdropping?” Little Yichen said righteously, “I’m not hiding the fact that I’m listening in.”

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“Whoever says you’re not needed? Whether it’s the previous Youyou or the Youyou now, we need them all! Nothing less.”

Youyou laughed when he heard this.

He pursed his lips and said coldly, “What if you have to choose between the two?”

Little Yichen was stunned by this. Confused, he asked, “Why do I have to choose between two?”

“Because there can be only one personality in this body.” Youyou looked at him with a burning gaze. “If you had to choose, which would you choose?”

Little Yichen was suddenly speechless! But Youyou already knew the answer. Outwardly, he appeared nonchalant, but he was slightly disappointed. However, he maintained his deliberate indifference and said calmly, “Your choice wouldn’t be the current me for sure, right?”

Little Yichen hesitated. “Is there no other choice?”

“No.” Youyou laughed again. “Actually, you’ve already told me your answer.” As he said this, his face regained its coldness and he brushed past him.

Little Yichen stood rooted to the spot, unable to recover from his shock. Looking at the departing Youyou, Lisa felt an overwhelming pain inside. She could empathize with this sense of alienation and helplessness from knowing that one was not needed. Lisa’s heart ached for him. She really did not know what to do.

If it came to that point, whether it was Mu Yazhe, Yun Shishi, Little Yichen, or Yueyao, they would all choose Youyou, wouldn’t they? Even she herself seemed to subconsciously make such a choice. But what about the current Youyou? Was he really... not needed?

“Mommy...”

Yun Shishi was cooking in the kitchen. Little Yichen stood at the door for a long time before he finally spoke.

“What’s the matter?” She did not notice the loneliness and hesitation in his voice. Now that Little Yichen was back, she intended to show off her skills and personally cook a few good dishes.

“Mommy, do you know... Youyou has a split personality?”

Yun Shishi stopped what she was doing and turned around to look at Little Yichen with a frown. “Why did you suddenly mention this...”

“One is the gentle Youyou from the past, and the other is the current Youyou. If you had to make a choice, which one will you choose?”

III

“Would it be the previous Youyou?”

“Why must you make such a cruel choice?” Yun Shishi’s heart pounded. “No matter which Youyou it is, it’s still Youyou, isn’t it?”

“No one wants to make such a choice, but what if there comes a time that we have to?”

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Little Yichen continued, “If you choose the current Youyou, then the previous Youyou will be completely destroyed. If you choose the previous Youyou, then the current Youyou will also disappear.”

Yun Shishi frowned.

“Mommy, don’t you want the previous Youyou back?”

“Yes...”

“What about the Youyou now...”

She suddenly fell silent. She sighed. “I don’t want to lose any of them.”

In the study.

Youyou sat on the chair and quietly looked out the window. He suddenly felt a little envious. He had never envied anyone except Youyou. It was only when Youyou had integrated into his life that he was genuinely envious of Youyou’s happiness. Every night, Yun Shishi would read him a bedtime story. Although he had always felt that such stories were too childish and ridiculous, he would fall asleep listening to her gentle voice and there would no longer be any nightmares. In the mornings, Mu Yazhe would wake him up for a morning run.

He gradually fell in love with this kind of life. He found that he could rely on it, and he also felt being relied on. While Youyou had lived such a life for eight years, for him, this was all new. Just as Lisa said,

one would not miss it or long for it, if they had never known it in the first place. However, once he had experienced it and tasted that happiness, having to give it up was harder than anything.

Youyou turned around. The desk next to him was where the previous Youyou used to work at. His fingers gently caressed the solid timber table top. The smooth and slightly cold touch made him feel somewhat bewildered. Just like this desk, it seemed that nothing here ever belonged to him. He could not find it within himself to accept everything here as his own, with a clear conscience. On the other hand, he felt a little reluctant to leave this place.

He could do what the previous Youyou could not in the past. And what Youyou could do, he could do better. He... wanted to stay.

Youyou suddenly got onto his feet and stood in front of the bed. He cast his gaze over the garden. In the back garden, the beautiful Chinese roses were proudly blooming...

“Have the two children arrived in the capital safely?”

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Gong Shaoying sat on the bed in the bedroom. This bed used to be Youyou’s bed, and Little Yichen had slept on it as well.

His subordinate immediately replied, “From what I know, the two children have already arrived at the capital.”

There was a hint of surprise in Gong Shaoying’s eyes! “Are those two little guys really that capable?”

“As we searched along the route, we found the yacht that they left in. There was a body on it. Our judgment tells us that it’s a pirate’s dead body.”

Gong Shaoying became nervous. “Pirates? They encountered pirates?”

“They probably encountered a sea storm a few days ago... and ran into pirates when they turned back.” The man continued after a pause, “However, I don’t think they were injured. They probably hung the bodies on the yacht’s railing as a deterrent.”

Gong Shaoying was relieved when he heard this. He was both surprised and delighted, as he did not expect his two grandsons to be so capable! One was intelligent and the other was highly-skilled!

“Where’s Lisa? Is she not back yet?”

“No.”

“Forget it, let her be! She has only one master in her heart.” Gong Shaoying said with a wave of his hand. His subordinates left respectfully.

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The absurdities, the ambitions, as well as the hatred that had been lingering for decades, he had truly let go of. Gong Shaoying sighed. From the back, he seemed to have aged significantly.

“Time to eat!”

The family sat down at the dining table. The dining table was huge, more than enough to seat seven comfortably.

Hua Jin hurried back from the production set when he heard that Little Yichen had returned home.

Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi sat on one side, Gong Jie and Youyou sat on another. On the other was Little Yichen and Lisa, while Hua Jin and Little Yueyao took the last.

Lisa only felt that everyone at the table looked simply dazzling. Especially Gong Jie and Hua Jin, they looked really outstanding.

Gong Jie was one who paid great attention to his own appearance, and Hua Jin had just returned from filming still wearing a thick layer of makeup on his face. Little Yichen teased, “Uncle Hua Jin, aren’t you going to remove your makeup before eating? What if the powder on your face drifts into my food?”

Almost choked by his words, Hua Jin said angrily, “Little Yichen, to think I was so looking forward to your return, but you insult me the moment you’re back! I’m most upset!”

“But it’s true!”

Yun Shishi immediately stopped them by interrupting, “Alright, it’s a rare and happy occasion. Stop arguing and get down to eating! Try my cooking.”

Initially, everyone was holding their chopsticks, however when they heard that Yun Shishi had personally cooked, they were stunned.

“Isn’t this Brother-in-law’s cooking?”

Mu Yazhe replied with an innocent expression, “No it’s not.”

In the many years of being married, Mu Yazhe usually did the cooking. In just a year, his culinary skills had progressed significantly, even though it was not as advanced as Youyou’s, who could be compared to that of the chefs of five-star hotels. However, the basic home-cooked dishes that he made were considerably delicious.

Yun Shishi rarely cooked, but Gong Jie and Hua Jin both remembered that whenever Yun Shishi did try cooking, they would always be served those plates of mysterious dark-colored cuisine. They would hesitate when it came time to start eating.

Feeling aggrieved, Hua Jin said, “I really miss Youyou’s cooking. I wonder when I’ll be able to taste it again.”

Youyou frowned in confusion. “I used to cook very well?”

Everyone looked at him seriously and nodded in unison.

Gong Jie remarked, "I've always been picky with food, but I've never been able to find fault with your cooking." Youyou was stunned for a moment before Hua Jin chimed in, "Youyou's cooking is really good. At least, I've never tasted better cooking than his."

Lisa clumsily picked up her chopsticks. She knew how to use chopsticks, but she was still not used to it. She looked at the dishes, unsure of where to start. Because... she had never heard of these dishes, they were all new to her.

After being with the Hurricane Group for so long, she was used to western food and rarely touched Chinese food. The occasional Chinese cuisine that she might eat would have been heavily influenced by western food. Hence she had never had authentic Chinese cuisine before.

"What's this?" "This is Chinese steamed chicken. Dip it in the sauce. It's very delicious." Yun Shishi added, "It's ready-made from the market."

Just as she finished speaking, everyone fought to grab some of that chicken with their chopsticks. The woman could not help feeling exasperated.

The moment they heard that she didn't cook this dish herself, they became enthusiastic. These guys must be out to destroy her!

Lisa picked up a piece of chicken and dipped it in the sauce as Yun Shishi suggested. Her eyes lit up when she took a bite.

Yun Shishi's looked on fervently. "Does it suit your appetite?"

"Yes, it's delicious."

"You can try other dishes. For example, I made this braised pork."

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Lisa finished the chicken in no time and took another piece. This time, she dipped it in more sauce. It was obvious that she enjoyed eating the Chinese steamed chicken.

Yun Shishi introduced the dishes one at a time. "This is braised meat, this is old goose soup, this is..."

"What sort of meat is this braised meat?"

"Pork" She probed, "Do you... have any taboos where food is concerned?"

Some religious beliefs forbid the consumption of pork.

Lisa shook her head, "I eat all kinds of meat."

Little Yichen Shivered, "Human flesh too?"

Lisa smiled and answered, "Of course, if you're willing to sacrifice yourself."

Everyone around the table laughed. The atmosphere suddenly became lively! Lisa quickly adapted to the cozy dinner atmosphere. In the past, when they ate at the Hurricane Group, the huge dining room would be silent. Everyone would sit at a dining table and finish their food quickly before leaving in a hurry. Eating was a matter of settling hunger, and didn't take very long.

This was her first time eating alongside so many others. At first, she felt a little awkward, but when she got to know them better, she felt that the atmosphere was very lively with so many people eating and chatting together.

Narrowing his eyes, Hua Jin suddenly said, "I heard a few extras chatting on the set today and learned of a very cruel dish."

"Cruel?" Yun Shishi frowned. "What dish would that be?"

"Three squeaks."

"Three squeaks?" Upon hearing this, Gong Jie asked curiously, "Why is it called three squeaks?"

"Because it's related to the ingredients of this dish."

Gong Jie's face darkened. "Don't keep me guessing."

Hua Jin became nervous when he saw the man's expression. He immediately sat up straight and said, "The main dish is a newborn live hairy rat. The person eating it uses a pair of red-hot iron chopsticks to catch the rat. It will squeak – this being the first squeak. When you dip it in the seasoning, it will squeak the second time. When you put it in your mouth, that's the last squeak, so it's called three squeaks. I heard that this dish is very delicious, but it's especially terrifying when you eat it..."

Everyone put down their chopsticks after Hua Jin finished speaking.

Yun Shishi, in particular, felt nauseous. "Live rats?"

"It's not a rat. It's a hairy rat. It's specially bred and very hygienic."

"How rare. There are people who eat rats alive."

Little Yichen covered his mouth with his hand. "That's disgusting! Uncle Hua Jin, you must be here to sabotage the occasion! Mommy worked hard to cook all these delicious dishes, but you've ruined everyone's appetite."

Hua Jin said innocently, "Unfairly accused! I only said it because Master Jie asked me to!"

Gong Jie snapped, "If you didn't mention it, would I have asked you? Don't push the blame on me."

Yun Shishi warned, "Stop saying such disgusting things!"

Lisa, on the other hand, was very calm. No one touched their chopsticks except for her. She was studying the braised pork seriously.

Puzzled, Little Yichen asked, "Lisa, don't you find it nauseating?"

"No." Lisa calmly continued, "I've seen people eat live bamboo rats."

Everyone fell silent.

“How gross.” Hua Jin was clearly disgusted.

“Actually, it’s not particularly disgusting. It’s fine. It’s just that I don’t have the courage to eat animals alive unless it’s absolutely necessary.” Having said this, Lisa put a piece of braised pork into her mouth and chewed contentedly. She raised her eyebrows in surprise. “The braised meat is delicious.”

When Yun Shishi heard this, she proudly said, “I made this! Everyone, try it..”