

Sweet Love 4011

Chapter 4011: A Perfect Match (207)

Yueyao's birthday fell on the weekend. Hua Jin had wanted to bring Liang Yin along, but she had to stay on set to catch up on filming progress. Hence, she asked Hua Jin to help deliver the gift she had prepared.

The actor hadn't expected Liang Yin to be so thoughtful as to have prepared a gift. He didn't know what it was, but along the way, his curiosity grew. He stared at the gift box, eager to see it, but finally restrained himself.

When Hua Jin arrived at the Mu residence with Liang Yin's gift, he realized that the presents from family and friends were piled up like a mountain on the living room floor.

Yun Shishi sat on the floor with Yueyao in her arms, encouraging the girl to unwrap the presents. Off to the side, the twins provided assistance. After all, it would take some effort to unwrap so many gifts.

All the guests stood around with smiles on their faces as they watched Yueyao unwrap her presents. Everyone wanted to know if their present was liked by the little girl.

Most of the guests were close family friends of the Mu family. Some were senior executives of the Shengyu Group, while others were personal friends of Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi.

Hua Jin glanced around and noticed a diamond-studded gift box. In this box was a key. The key had a retro feel to it, with a hollowed-out rose pattern, in the style of the medieval European court. He asked Yun Shishi curiously, "Who gave this key?"

She looked up at him with a helpless smile. "That's from Xiao Jie."

"... He gave her a key?"

Hua Jin picked up the key, looking doubtful. He couldn't make any sense of it and could not figure out what this particular key was for.

Yun Shishi shrugged helplessly and explained, "It's a key to a castle..."

The actor was stumped.

Gong Jie... gave Yueyao a castle!?

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Was he always this extravagant?!

A castle!

"I heard it came with an island."

The actor mumbled, "That's really extravagant."

“Xiao Jie said that she’s his only niece, so he naturally has to give her everything. However, I also joked that if we celebrated her birthday every year, and he were to give her a castle on an island every year. He would probably go bankrupt before Yueyao became an adult.”

The boy looked up, with a wicked smile on his delicate face. “It’ll be interesting to see if he gives me a castle for my birthday, too.”

As far as he knew, Gong had four castles, six islands, and three private planes under his name.

The boy had been thinking about Gong Jie’s private luxury superyacht and planned to take the opportunity to ask him for it on his birthday.

The actor carefully set aside this key that was supposedly worth tens of millions of dollars, and rubbed his hands together. At the same time, he handed her the birthday present he’d prepared and the one Liang Yin had prepared.

“Here! This is the birthday gift I prepared for Yueyao!”

Yun Shishi took it from him and realized there were actually two gifts.

“Why are there two presents?”

“One is from Liang Yin.”

“Liang Yin... Ah!” Yun Shishi suddenly remembered. “Was it the girl you were with when we went on vacation?”

“Uh huh.”

“By the way, why don’t I see her around?”

The actor replied, “She’s been busy recently and doesn’t have time to come, so she asked me to send the gift over to thank you for your hospitality and care throughout our vacation. In addition, she asked me to wish Yueyao a happy birthday on her behalf.”

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The actor said, “She’s been busy recently and doesn’t have time to come, so she asked me to send the gift over to thank you for your hospitality and care throughout our vacation. In addition, she asked me to wish Yueyao a happy birthday on her behalf.”

As he spoke, he suddenly felt a chill run down his spine. Do people really have a sixth sense? At least he thought so! Because... he obviously could feel the sinister presence of the demon king right behind him.

Horrified, he turned around and indeed, saw Gong Jie standing behind him, looking as though he was surveying him from above.

Gulp. The sound of swallowing.

Yun Shishi looked at the actor, then swept her gaze over to her brother, not knowing how to react. Somehow, whenever the two of them run into each other, they were always in this low-pressure standoff. They didn't get along at all!

Frustrated, she tugged at her brother's sleeve. "Why... are you staring at Hua Jin as if you want to swallow him alive?"

Gong Jie turned to face her and immediately smiled warmly. "Why would I? Big Sister." He smiled as gently as he could at her.

The actor quickly diverted his attention. He knelt in front of Yueyao and clapped his hands to get her attention.

"Shall Uncle Hua Jin accompany you to unwrap the presents?"

Yueyao shook her head and said in her childish voice, "I'm tired of unwrapping. I want to play with this."

The little guy was only three years old, hence she spoke in a childish voice and manner. If one had to describe it, she was like a kitten that had just weaned, she was babbling. Now she finally had a row of new teeth. When she smiled, it was like a mosaic of beautiful shells.

Because it was her birthday, Yun Shishi had dressed Yueyao in a beautiful princess dress. The loose hem wrapped around her fair and tender legs, and she wore a "Frozen"-style crown on her head.

Everyone who saw her simply wanted to pick her up and give her a hug. However, not everyone could carry this noble little princess. With the twins and Mu Yazhe, the daughter slave, around, there was usually no chance for her little feet to touch the ground.

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She had always said that even a girl should not be so spoiled, in case she ended up suffering from princess syndrome.

So what did the man say in the end?? *Mu Yazhe's daughter is a princess to begin with, so why would she suffer from princess syndrome?*

In a rare move, Gong Jie supported his brother-in-law's perspective. "Our Yueyao was born a little princess. What's wrong with being as delicate as a princess?"

As much as Yun Shishi was amused, she also had some vague concerns. Just Mu Yazhe and Gong Jie alone had spoiled Yueyao rotten. And on top of this, the girl's twin brothers.

However, the most ridiculous thing was that even though Yun Shishi did not spoil Yueyao much, the girl seemed closest to her. Mu Yazhe was equally surprised.

Once, he'd specifically asked Yueyao about everyone's ranking order in her mind. That was how Yueyao prioritized. Yun Shishi was the greatest! Below, in that order, Mu Yazhe, Youyou, Gong Jie, Little Yichen, Hua Jin...

Gong Jie felt especially aggrieved! He doted on Yueyao as much as her father did. Why was he so far down the list?

Actually, he was usually too busy. Now that he was in charge of the Gong family's matters, he was always flying around and rarely accompanied Yueyao. It was the same for Mu Yazhe. Yun Shishi accompanied Yueyao the most, more than anyone else.

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Yun Shishi accompanied Yueyao the most. Even though she was a little strict with the child and was the one who played the bad cop the most, Yueyao was still the closest to her, making many people jealous.

Hua Jin said at once, "Uncle will take you out to the yard to play, would you like that?"

Yueyao immediately stretched out her tiny arms upon hearing that. Many of the guests had come with their children. At this point, they were all playing in the courtyard. Yueyao was tired from unwrapping the gifts and had gradually lost interest. Hence, she wanted to go to the courtyard to play.

Hua Jin was about to carry her when Gong Jie squatted down and teased Yueyao, "Uncle will carry you, okay?"

Yueyao looked at Hua Jin, then at Gong Jie, and threw herself into Hua Jin's arms. Gong Jie was dumbstruck. He was shocked!

Yueyao had not chosen him! What happened to his ranking being higher than Hua Jin's? How did this little girl change her attitude so quickly?

Yun Shishi burst out laughing. She leaned towards her brother and whispered into his ear, "Some time ago, Hua Jin bought Yueyao her favorite dolls from the Frozen series."

Gong Jie's expression darkened further.

Wasn't it just two dolls? What was the big deal?

Seeing that Yueyao had thrown herself at him, Hua Jin felt a sense of accomplishment. While he felt comforted, he was also a little worried.

A petty man like Gong Jie, would he... hold a grudge?

Whatever!

In any case, he'd never seen eye to eye with that man. Adding this to the list wouldn't make a big difference. Hua Jin carried Yueyao and headed out to the courtyard.

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The courtyard had been turned into a small garden by Yun Shishi. The flowerbeds were filled with Chinese roses. There were also swings, seesaws, musical fountains... The courtyard was huge. Because it was a garden villa, the courtyard alone took up more than a thousand square meters.

The children were playing hide-and-seek. Yueyao wanted to join them. Hua Jin, on the other hand, was worried that the game required hiding and running around. If the little princess should accidentally trip and fall, leaving even faint scars on her flawless body, Mu Yazhe and Gong Jie would definitely kill him.

Hence, he tried to coax her out of it. Fortunately, she was easy to convince. He got her to sit on the swing and he then gently pushed her from behind.

Standing in the doorway to the balcony, Yun Shishi watched them, feeling gratified. Turning around, she saw her brother staring back at the swing, lost in thought. "Been busy?" she asked with a smile.

"I went back to the Gong family residence for a bit."

Then man paused, then said casually, "He wishes to see you."

The smile froze on her lips when she heard this.

He?

Without the need to ask, she knew that "he" was probably referring to Gong Shaoying.

It was too sudden. She didn't expect Gong Shaoying to take the initiative in asking to meet her.

"Isn't he no longer at the Gong family residence?"

"He came home." Gong Jie added, "Of course, if you don't wish to see him, I shall not reply to him."

"Okay." Yun Shishi's tone was suddenly cool. "The fact is, I would like to see him, too. It would be the first and last time we see each other as father and daughter."

Rather than calling this a meeting, it was a negotiation. It was time to settle old scores. She wouldn't want the man in her life ever again, after that. It was time to end everything!

Turning around, Yun Shishi glanced at him out of the corner of her eye and lowered her voice. "Make an appointment for me! Just me and him. No one else, including you."

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Gong Jie smiled. "Okay."

He hadn't wanted to mention it at the birthday party in case it upset her. Still, from what he knew of her, she wasn't going to be put off by this.

She was also looking forward to meeting Gong Shaoying. After all this time, she realized that perhaps Gong Shaoying had no ill intentions towards her or the boy. It was just that he had tried to achieve his desire the wrong way. And his desire, as Gong Jie said, was that of a father wishing for the reunion of his family.

However, there was no escape for him, from the responsibility of wiping out Youyou's memories and destroying his first personality. She could not forgive him for this. Gong Shaoying had betrayed her mother once, although that was a feud between the previous generation so it was not for her to judge. But imprisoning the boy and turning him into a tool for his own profit was a second betrayal! It was no different from betraying her!

Gong Shaoying blamed her for her stubbornness. And she hated him for being heartless!

It had not occurred to Gong Jie that Yun Shishi would be willing to see Gong Shaoying. From her expression, she looked nonchalant and casual, as if she were talking about catching up with an old friend. He could not even see any resentment in her eyes. She seemed open-minded, with a kind of unconcerned calmness. He had never thought that she would be willing to face Gong Shaoying.

Perhaps Gong Shaoying was afraid that meeting her would cause their relationship to break down completely. Therefore, to prevent this from happening, Gong Shaoying had been avoiding Gong Jie. He was afraid that Yun Shishi would take the initiative to ask for a meeting with him, so like a coward, he vanished without a trace.

Thinking that he had disappeared, Yun Shishi assumed that he was gone from her life for good. Unexpectedly, Gong Shaoying suddenly asked to see her. As if by telepathy, father and daughter vaguely understood that this meeting might mean a clean break between them.

Still, the meeting had to happen.

In the background, Youyou could just make out their conversation, but the moment they turned around, he shrank back into a dark corner. He only emerged from the corner in a daze, after Gong Jie and Yun Shishi walked away and were out of earshot.

Vaguely, he heard his mother saying that she wanted to see that man. He got a little worried.

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The day after the birthday party, Gong Shaoying learned that Yun Shishi was willing to meet him, so he pushed aside all matters and asked Gong Jie to arrange for the meeting.

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Not long after, Gong Shaoying flew to the capital. The meeting place was to be at Gong Jie's secluded villa in the capital. It was to be at six o'clock in the evening, and she would be there.

For the entire night, Gong Shaoying couldn't sleep peacefully. He mulled things over in his mind. It had been a long time since he'd seen his daughter. How could he tell her how much he'd missed her and felt guilty about her all these years? He wasn't very good at making sentimental remarks, but it was obvious that this might be their last chance to meet again. The next time, perhaps, would be at his own funeral.

Therefore, he wanted to seize the opportunity and organize everything that he wanted to say to Yun Shishi. But the more he mulled over it, the more confused his thoughts became.

In the morning, Gong Jie called to say that Yun Shishi had to accompany Yueyao in the evening, so the meeting time was set for noon. Yun Shishi would be there after lunch.

As though he was going to confront a great enemy, Gong Shaoying deliberately tidied his hair and changed into a solemn suit, looking especially formal.

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Yun Shishi was punctual. In this respect, she was very much like him. She and Gong Jie arrived promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Gong Shaoying was sitting in the living room. His assistant was informed of their arrival and rushed to the door. Soon after, he walked to Gong Shaoying and whispered in his ear, "She's here."

Upon hearing this, the man oddly stiffened his posture, as if he was nervous. He straightened his back and looked up to see Yun Shishi's slightly slender figure appear at the doorway.

Gong Jie came with her, but he did not come into the room. Instead, he stood at the doorway, said a few things to her before turning to walk away.

Gong Shaoying also gave his assistant a look and said,

"You may go."

"Yes." The assistant immediately retreated respectfully.

Yun Shishi stepped through the doorway slowly, shutting the door behind her. She walked to the sofa opposite Gong Shaoying and first sized him up calmly. Then, she slowly sat down.

Gong Shaoying's gaze fell squarely on her. The first and foremost thought that struck him was that Mu Qingcheng had given him such a beautiful daughter. She had a delicate and alluring face. Her black hair was soft and pressed against her ears. She was dazzling without the need for any additional embellishments. She wore a simple dress and a knitted jacket. It was neat, and the clean lines came across like a light and cool breeze.

Yun Shishi remained silent. Perhaps she was waiting for him to speak first. Gong Shaoying was silent for a long time. Then, he closed his eyes. As a father, he should be the one to break the silence.

"Thank you for meeting me. I thought you wouldn't be willing to see me."

Yun Shishi did not show much expression in reaction to his words, but instead asked him, "Why are you willing to meet with me? I thought you were going to hide from me for the rest of your life."

"Indeed." Gong Shaoying smiled self-deprecatingly. "At first, I didn't have the courage to meet with you. I felt guilty and uneasy, afraid that you would want to sever ties with me. However, someone told me..." The man paused and sighed. "Someone told me that if I kept avoiding you and didn't meet with you, I may never get the chance to see you again." Gong Shaoying sighed and looked a little worried. "I think it's ridiculous too. We're father and daughter, but act like enemies!"

"I will not forgive you." Yun Shishi spoke up at this point, but her tone was decisive. "I hate you."

Those three words. They struck painfully at Gong Shaoying's heart.

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In fact, he hadn't anticipated what she would say, except for the three words "I hate you", which he expected. But even then, it saddened him greatly when she uttered those words so casually.

"I know you hate me." Gong Shaoying pursed his lips helplessly. "I also know that you're here to sever our father-daughter relationship. I know all this."

Upon hearing this, she dropped her gaze indifferently. Gong Shaoying tightened his grip on his cane.

This time, he had put aside all his pride and hatred for the Mu family. He didn't want to hate anyone anymore, and didn't have the right to either. Perhaps he was a successful businessman, and his achievements as a businessman were astonishing and unsurpassed. But whether as a husband or a father, he was a great failure. As a husband, he'd made that woman wait all her life, but he'd never turned up.

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As a husband, he had made that woman wait all her life, but he never turned up. As a father, his daughter had turned against him, and told him "I hate you". Furthermore, she had intentions to sever the father-daughter relationship.

Gong Shaoying knew that he was guilty. Still, he hoped that she would come back to him so that they could be reunited as father and daughter.

Except that he'd done it the wrong way. He had placed the burden of the feud between the Gong and Mu families on Yun Shishi's shoulders.

The saddest thing that could happen to a person is to gradually become someone they hate. He had once hated the Mu family, but now, he had become the executioner he hated the most.

"I'm sorry." Gong Shaoying sighed heavily. He looked up, and for a moment, his looked as though he had aged many years. "I know that you must hate me very much, and I won't shamelessly beg you to forgive me. However, I'm already very content to see you again..."

Although Yun Shishi remained expressionless, her heart was in turmoil. Grievance, resentment, incomprehension, doubt... Mostly, she felt sad for her mother.

Her lips twisted to force a ghost of a smile. "You know, some apologies are useless, no matter how many times you say it. You feel the same guilt towards my mother, but no matter how many times you apologize, she can't come back to you. She can't come back to me. You've made her love and wait and hate all her life. Can your apologies ever undo that?"

Gong Shaoying was silent.

Yun Shishi continued, "Once you hurt someone, no amount of apologies can offset the damage. She can't come back now and neither can you turn back time."

Gong Shaoying's eyes throbbed. He hated himself for not having done better, and even more so for making Mu Qingcheng wait for so long.

Yun Shishi inhaled deeply. "Why did you wipe out Youyou's memory in the first place?"

"I was hoping..." Gong Shaoying paused and explained, "I was hoping he could stay by my side. After all, the Gong family's blood flows in him. I didn't acknowledge the Mu family or Mu Yazhe."

"Well then..." She asked icily, "Can you return my son to me?"

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“Hasn’t he returned to you?”

Yun Shishi frowned and her voice was suddenly hoarse. “He did come back to me. But the boy he used to be is gone. The boy is a stranger now, and he will never be the same again.”

She paused for a few seconds, and glared at Gong Shaoying with hatred. “It’s your fault. If it hadn’t been for you, if it hadn’t been for you! Youyou wouldn’t be like this at all! Do you know how much pain he’s in?”

Gong Shaoying didn’t want to argue, but at the mention of Youyou, he couldn’t help mentioning, “If I hadn’t brought him back to the Gong family residence, his condition might have worsened drastically. Are you aware of his physical condition?”

Yun Shishi was stunned.

“His physical condition is not optimistic. If he had not recuperated in the Gong family residence at that time, perhaps his internal organs would have gradually withered.”

Gong Shaoying wasn’t lying about this. This was also why Gong Jie did not hate Gong Shaoying that much.

Gong Shaoying had arranged for Youyou to recuperate in the Gong family residence with the best medical resources he had available. He had spent significant resources just to recuperate his grandson.

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And it turned out, Gong Shaoying’s actions were indeed effective. Youyou’s physical condition improved. The function of the heart had also increased more than five times. At least he wasn’t as weak as he used to be. However, Gong Shaoying didn’t tell anyone about this.

It was fine if others misunderstood him. But Yun Shishi had to know this. There was still a selfish part of him that wanted to make it clear to her that he meant well. At least, for that matter, even if she would not forgive him, he might not have to suffer the fate of a complete severance. This was already considered a prayer answered!

Gong Shaoying was a proud man. He had been flying high all his life and was insufferably arrogant. But now, before Yun Shishi, he was humble for the first time.

Perhaps it was because she looked so much like Mu Qingcheng. When he looked at his daughter, it was like seeing the woman he had once loved so deeply, through his daughter’s soul. It turned his heart into mush. He poured all his guilt and his love for Mu Qingcheng into her, hoping to make up for his regrets and mistakes. It was not a choice of his whether she appreciated it or not. Only, he hoped, even if only because out of pity for him, that she would not be so resolute.

“Don’t go thinking I’m her, trying to brush me off with words like that.” Yun Shishi bristled. “The boy can’t go back to the way he was. This is all thanks to you! Gong Shaoying, what is your heart made of?”

Ice? You've dragged my mother through misery all her life. Will you be satisfied only when you've turned my world upside down too?"

Gong Shaoying shook his head, but he could only shake his head. He had no way to explain himself.

"Can you think of a way to make him go back to the way he was?" She bit down on her lip hard, clenching her fist in anxiety. She hung on to the hope that Gong Shaoying would have other ways to awaken the former Youyou. She wanted her Youyou back.

Gong Shaoying said indifferently, "He has a split personality. Do you know about this?"

She answered, "I do now. I didn't know about this before."

"Because he was too good at hiding it." Gong Shaoying's eyes revealed admiration. "This child has always known how to dote on others. He dotes on you and wants to protect you, so he ever only says good things."

"Is there no way to salvage the situation?"

Gong Shaoying said, "What if I say there is a way?"

Her eyes, initially dull with indifference, seemed to light up at once. "Really?"

"He can go back to the old days when the two personalities lived in the same shell. But that will be painful. The coexistence of two personalities present great hidden dangers. Sooner or later, he'll be overwhelmed. Because these two personalities are extreme opposites. They'll never be able to merge or accept each other. They're destined to clash."

Yun Shishi was extremely saddened to hear this. The previous Youyou had two personalities at the same time. In her presence, he had always been innocent, well-behaved, kind, and pure. It was only the other side, perhaps, that was colder than she could have imagined.

Was he going back to this?

She couldn't bear it. She did not want the boy to suffer such pain.

So then...

"Did you say there was another way?" Filled with hope, she asked, "What method is it?"

Gong Shaoying looked up. His once handsome face was now extremely weathered. "The alternative is to awaken the first personality and have that personality kill the second personality, so that the first personality can regain dominance."

"I thought the boy's first personality had been killed?"

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Gong Shaoying smiled helplessly. "The fact is that the first personality cannot be destroyed. This is because the first personality is the original personality, and the second personality is the derived

personality. Many studies have shown that other than the first personality, the other personalities can be destroyed. Even if the first personality disappears, it's only because it's temporarily sealed."

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"The way to wake the first personality is simple. But unless the first destroys the second, it's hard to get the first personality to dominate."

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Yun Shishi suddenly felt a sharp pain in her heart. Both the first and second personalities were her son. Both the kind and the callous boy were her own flesh and blood. Whichever personality, she didn't want to give it up so easily.

To have the first personality destroy the second? Why put the boy through such a cruel decision?

"Is there no..." Her lips suddenly trembled violently. "Is there no other way?"

Gong Shaoying shook his head silently. "Shishi, I understand your feelings. Just as I want Youyou to be well, there's no perfect solution."

"You understand my feelings?" Yun Shishi snorted at that. "You understand? If you did, you wouldn't be so cruel as to destroy the boy's first personality!"

"It wasn't destroyed by me." Gong Shaoying's tone was very calm. "No matter how powerful I am, I can't infiltrate the child's consciousness. It might be a little abstract for me to say this, but in short, no one except the second personality can communicate with the first personality."

Her face went rigid as ice. "I don't believe it..." Her eyes were empty as she muttered, "I don't believe it. There's only one cruel way! There has to be another way!"

"Shishi..."

Yun Shishi shot to her feet. "Don't you dare call me that! You have no right to call me that!"

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Gong Shaoying fell silent. He didn't dare say anything else, for fear of unintentionally saying something to set her off. She was too sensitive. He must treat it with care.

"Calm down. Maybe there's some other way. Give me a little more time. I'll definitely think of something."

"That's not necessary! All you can think of are cruel solutions. All you can think of is the cruel strangulation of his personality. You are the executioner!" In the heat of the moment, she spoke almost without thinking.

Because of her words, Gong Shaoying's heart ached so much that he almost suffocated. However, he remained silent and allowed her to vent her anger. He understood that her emotions were pent up to the breaking point and needed an outlet. He indulged her, allowing her to vent her emotions.

“That’s all for today. I hope you can respect yourself in the future and stop interfering in my life!” She added, “In any case, the boy is my son. No matter what, I’m going to get back the boy he used to be. You don’t have to worry about anything else!”

With that, she stalked off without looking back.

Gong Shaoying stood up and was about to run after her when he realized how resolute she was. He lost the courage to run after her. He had lost. And he admitted defeat. However, he had only himself to blame. He had failed Mu Qingcheng, and he had failed his daughter. He had brought this upon himself. He could not blame anyone else.

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“Sigh.” Gong Shaoying let out a heavy sigh and fell back onto the sofa in deadly silence.

The door swung open again.

Gong Jie entered and saw him sitting in the gloom, looking depressed. “Father,” he finally said.

Gong Shaoying nodded. “How is she?”

“She’s left. I’ve asked the driver to send her home.”

“You should send her home yourself. Otherwise, I’ll be worried.”

“But you...”

“You don’t have to worry about me.” Gong Shaoying waved his hand weakly. “I’ll be fine sitting alone for a bit.”

Without another word, Gong Jie turned and left. The door shut behind him. However, Gong Shaoying did not notice the figure hiding quietly in the corner of the escalator on the second floor.

The boy stood expressionlessly in the corner. Earlier, when he heard what Yun Shishi and Gong Shaoying said, he had felt a little upset. Loss, grievance, loneliness, unwillingness, guilt... He knew that the sweet, innocent boy he had once been, held an unshakable place in his mother’s heart. He also understood that even giving everything he had might not replace the boy’s former place in her heart. But he wanted to try.

So he occupied this body and stayed with her, all he wanted was her acknowledgment. He wanted to replace the previous Youyou. But it didn’t seem possible...

No one can ever replace another person. Everyone is unique. No one can be replaced.

But why couldn’t he? Had he not done well enough? Was he not as good as that Youyou? He was already trying to change. Mommy loved to see him smile. Even if he wasn’t very used to smiling at others, he tried to be sunny, tried to be that innocent and simple character. However, he was the second personality to begin with, a personality born of darkness. How could he transform into real sunlight?

This was a disguised suppression. He had also toyed with the idea of giving up. He wanted to give up and let the original boy return to his body. Whereas the boy had chosen to sleep forever and never wake up.

But... He couldn't do it. Even though he was born of darkness, he instinctively felt the warmth. Yun Shishi was as warm as the sun. Gradually, he became fatally dependent on such warmth. That was why he was hogging this body. He wanted to play the part of the previous Youyou and claim all her favor. But now, he'd heard it with his own ears. Yun Shishi missed the previous Youyou so much that she wanted him back with her.

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He'd learned from Gong Jie that Yun Shishi was meeting with Gong Shaoying, so he'd come here in secret. He hadn't told anyone, just because he was worried. Hence, he'd hidden himself on the second floor and overheard their conversation. Except that after hearing her true thoughts, he could not help feeling a little sad.

Was he ... unwanted? The boy could not help doubting himself.

She seemed to miss the previous Youyou, but what about him? Didn't she need him? Couldn't he replace the other boy? So what was the point of his existence now?

The boy put his hand over his heart and squatted down, looking forlorn, hugging himself helplessly. He craved warmth too. He was Youyou, too. He was part of this life. Why was he not needed and so rejected? He... he wanted a family too!

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At the same time, Gong Shaoying's words reminded him. "The first personality can never be destroyed."

Was that true? The boy replayed those words over and over again, but he felt a strange sense of dread. The first personality could never be destroyed, but the second personality could disappear forever. He was the second personality. He was in danger of being destroyed by the first personality. To disappear from this world forever...

The boy frowned, his delicate, handsome face troubled and hesitant. Then, as if he had finally made up his mind about something, an icy smile appeared on his cold lips.

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Gong Jie and Yun Shishi returned to the Mu family residence. When they saw no sign of Youyou, they got nervous. Little Yichen was taking his afternoon nap. Yun Shishi shook him awake and asked him where the boy had gone.

Little Yichen said, "Isn't Youyou at home?"

The two adults looked at each other. Yun Shishi finally panicked. Why wasn't Youyou at home? Where could he have gone if he wasn't at home?

More than a year had passed since that incident, and it had been more than a year since the boy had returned from Acklan Island. She remembered that when he first came home, he had been extremely cold to both her and Mu Yazhe. Her heart ached for him. Having lost all his memories, he had become so cold.

However, finding what she had lost made her cherish what she had. She stayed by him patiently, taking care of him, and eventually the boy was no longer estranged from her or so cold towards her. He had come to accept her as his own and was willing to accommodate the family.

Initially, she would worry that the boy would slip away from her one night. But now, although the boy was not as simple and lovely as he had once been, he was gradually opening his heart to her. He was becoming fond of clinging to her.

Usually the boy would not wander off. Something must have happened. He was beginning to know how to feel sorry for her and not worry her. How could a boy like that suddenly disappear without a word?

Just as she was beginning to feel extremely worried, the boy obediently returned home more than half an hour later.

“Mommy!”

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She was just about to call her husband and tell him to hurry home to look for the boy, but as she picked up her phone, the door flew open. Yun Shishi and Gong Jie turned in unison and to their amazement, the boy strolled in.

Yun Shishi was stunned for a brief moment. Then she was so nervous that she immediately lunged forward and took him in her arms.

“Where have you been, Youyou?”

The warmth of her arms made him yearn for her. He wrapped his arm around her shoulders and gently stroked her hair. “I was bored at home,” he said soothingly. “I went for a walk. Just a casual stroll.” His tone was extremely doting, but he seemed a little absent-minded as he spoke.

He saw her nervousness, but felt at a loss. Was such anxiety real? Was such warmth also real? He had no idea. He wondered if her concern was for him or... for this body. Her conversation with Gong Shaoying continued to replay in his ears. She said she was waiting for Youyou to come back to her.

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“Are you feeling cold, Youyou?” Her gentle voice interrupted his thoughts.

It was starting to snow outside. She wondered where and how far he had gone on his solitary walk. The thought of it made her heart ache.