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Nan Chen kept quiet.

He could feel Nan Zhengde's rage in his voice and had to calm himself down before he spoke.

"Do you trust me, Grandpa?"

"What do you think? Would I have entrusted you with the Nan family otherwise?" Nan Zhengde asked as he looked straight into Nan Chen's eyes.

"Thank you for trusting me, Grandpa. In that case, I'll do my explanation."

"Very well. Go ahead, I'm listening."

"As you know, Ning Ran is the mother of those children."

"Of course I know that, but you shouldn't give up on something this important just because she's their mother!" Nan Zhengde said coldly.

"I wasn't giving up on it. I heard that something had happened to her, so I had to find out about her condition. I believe nothing is more important than human life. We may not be married, but that doesn't change the fact that she is the mother of my children. Her safety will affect their lives at present and in the future. They mean the world to me, and I am willing to exchange anything for them," Nan Chen spoke slowly and cautiously while observing Nan Zhengde's responses.

He only continued when he saw Nan Zhengde motion at him to go on.

“So I didn’t do it for Ning Ran or even myself. I did it for the children as well as the future of the Nan family. I know my reason may not sound very convincing, but that is my honest answer. I’m sure you will be able to make a judgment, Grandpa,” Nan Chen said calmly.

Nan Zhengde remained silent and seemed to be in deep thought.

“Well, I suppose your reasoning is acceptable,” he said after a long pause.

That meant it wasn’t completely convincing.

“So why did you change your mind in the end?” Nan Zhengde asked.

“Because I found out that she wasn’t really in a life-threatening situation,” Nan Chen replied.

That was one of the very few moments Nan Chen had told a lie.

He had actually planned on seeing the official at night, but Ning Ran urged him to leave by throwing him out.

“What exactly did she say to you throughout the entire process?” Nan Zhengde asked.

Nan Chen recalled the things Ning Ran said that day and couldn’t bring himself to say it.

“She didn’t say anything.”

“Did she threaten you into seeing her at the hospital?” Nan Zhengde glared at him.

“What do you mean, Grandpa?” Nan Chen noticed something was amiss.

“Did she ask you to go see her, or did you go there of your own accord?”

“The latter, of course! She has no right to demand anything of me, nor will I do as she asks. You know me, Grandpa.”

“Is that so?”

Nan Chen realized that someone must have been badmouthing Ning Ran in front of him.

“Did you hear some nasty rumor or something, Grandpa?”

“I did.” Nan Zhengde didn’t bother to deny it.

The two most powerful men of the Nan family were answering each other’s sensitive questions directly.

“What sort of rumor was it?”

“Someone told me that the woman forced you to go see her, and that you nearly messed everything up as a result. If she really is that selfish and inconsiderate, then you shouldn’t keep her around.” Nan Zhengde got straight to the point.

“Who told you that?” Nan Chen asked.

“Bai Hua did, but she was in this mountain the entire time. She too, had heard all of that from someone else.”

Nan Chen was shocked to hear that.

Bai Hua is here? Does that mean Grandpa has forgiven them? Why else would he let them stay with him otherwise?

“I understand now.” Nan Chen said, “Everything she has heard is false.”

“Okay,” Nan Zhengde replied and went silent once again.

“How have you been, Grandpa?” Nan Chen asked.

“I’ll manage. Keep in mind that I’m not as young as I used to be, so try not to give me a heart attack, okay?”

“I’m sorry, Grandpa. It’s my fault, and I won’t do it again.” Nan Chen apologized.

“But you don’t seem to be at fault, according to what you said earlier.”

“Making you worry is a fault in itself.”

Nan Zhengde kept quiet.

“Is this the only reason why you wanted to see me?” Nan Chen asked.

“Bai Hua was the one who told me all that. Why didn’t you ask me how she found out about it?”

“I know she must’ve heard it from someone. Someone with ulterior motives, that is.” Nan Chen said calmly.

Nan Zhengde nodded. *As expected of the person I have entrusted everything with. He saw through it right away!*

“Aren’t you going to pursue this matter, then?” Nan Zhengde asked.

“No.”

“Why not? Don’t you care about it at all?”

“I do, but I don’t want to pursue this matter.” Nan Chen said.

Nan Zhengde gave him a puzzled look.

“The incident took place on set, and there were a lot of people present at the scene. That person could be any one of them, so it would be incredibly difficult to find out who it was. I don’t want to trouble my men with such a difficult yet pointless task as that would be a huge waste of resources. Whoever did it must have something that they want, and they won’t stop until they accomplish it. I’m sure they will make a move again. All I have to do is wait for them to do so and expose them then. As long as you are able to tell right from wrong, they will not be able to have their way.”

Nan Zhengde nodded. “You’re right. I do have faith in your capabilities, but you are still very young and inexperienced. You must be more careful in how you handle things, Nan Chen.”

“I understand, Grandpa. I’m sorry for making you worry.”

“I’ve always thought that someone had intentionally arranged for the return of Nan Zhiyuan and Bai Hua. I’ve been observing them for a while now, but I wasn’t able to find anything suspicious about them. The Ouyang family has been in touch with them quite a lot lately, but there isn’t anything unusual about that either. As such, I find it very difficult to understand, and uncertainties are usually a sign of danger. Think of it as a habit I’ve developed over the years if you will. Who knows, maybe I’m just overthinking things?” Nan Zhengde frowned.

He’s clearly bothered by this.

“Is that why you chose to forgive them and keep them by your side? To see if they had any ulterior motives?” Nan Chen asked.

“Correct.” Nan Zhengde nodded.

“Have you managed to find anything?”

Nan Zhengde shook his head. “No, Zhiyuan and Bai Hua haven’t done anything wrong or unusual so far.”

Nan Chen nodded. “Do we have any conflicts of interest with the Ouyang family?”

“No. The friendship between us goes way back, and we’ve been helping each other out in our businesses throughout all those years. Thus, there are no conflicts whatsoever.” Nan Zhengde said.

“I see.”

“Do you have any ideas?” Nan Zhengde asked.

“Not at the moment, although I still find the Ouyang family to be most suspicious.”

“I heard you were pretty close with the second daughter of the Ouyang family. Is that true?”

Nan Chen nodded. “We are considered close, but it’s nothing intimate.”

Nan Zhengde simply nodded in response and kept quiet.

They were both holding back on sharing their honest opinions regarding the incident.

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Outside the room, Bai Hua took out some fruits and pastries for the children.

However, they refused to eat, merely staring at Bai Hua.

“I’m your grandmother. Don’t look at me like that. I won’t hurt you,” assured Bai Hua.

Still unaffected, the children remained motionless.

“These pastries are really yummy! They’re made by a famous pastry chef in Tokyo,” persuaded Bai Hua.

By now, Erbao was starting to be tempted. As a glutton, she knew that the pastries were yummy just from the fragrance.

However, as Dabao did not move, neither would she.

“We’ve already eaten. Thank you, grandma,” stated Dabao expressionlessly.

“You called me grandma?” exclaimed Bai Hua in surprise.

“Well, with your age, we should call you grandma,” replied Dabao politely.

His words were courteous, but it revealed an implicit fact—he did not call her grandma out of sincerity, but because of her old age.

In other words, it was just a way of addressing her, not an acknowledgement of her as their grandma.

“Why do you speak so unpleasantly? What do you mean that you should call me grandma because of my age? I’m your grandma for a fact,” said Bai Hua in frustration.

“I don’t know you.” Erbao chimed in.

“You...”

Bai Hua was about to fly into a rage, but she remembered that she must not offend these two kids.

After all, they were the Nan family’s precious darlings. Everyone would have to concede to them.

If she did not have a good relationship with the kids, it would be harder for her to assimilate into the Nan family.

Hence, Bai Hua had no choice but to suppress the urge to be firm with the kids.

“I know that you’re not familiar with me. That’s because I’ve been living overseas for a long time. Now that I’ve just returned, I really wish to get along well with you. After all, we’re a family,” coaxed Bai Hua with a smile.

However, her smile looked a little fake, making the kids feel uneasy.

Although they were children, they were sensitive towards adults’ emotions.

Dabao and Erbao both knew that this old lady’s smile was not sincere, hence they kept quiet.

“Come on. Let’s have a bite.” Bai Hua insisted on persuading them.

“No, thanks.” Dabao still refused.

Bai Hua could not help but get angry. “What’s wrong with you? I’m speaking to you so nicely, but you just refuse to listen to me. Are you crazy?”

While what she said at the start was fine, her last sentence was already an insult.

“Who are you to scold Dabao? You’re the crazy one!” rebuked Erbao furiously.

“How dare you scold me, you damned brat?” Bai Hua could not hold herself back anymore.

“You’re not allowed to scold my sister!” Dabao defended Erbao too.

After all, the siblings were so close that it seemed like they were joined at the hips. If they heard the other being scolded, they would feel even more upset.

“Hah! Are you trying to rebel? So what if I scolded you? Your mom is so uncivilized that she taught you to behave like this! That woman is so crude. Her children lack even the most basic manners!”

She had finally crossed the line. Earlier, she only scolded Erbao and Dabao. Now, she was scolding their mother.

The two kids were utterly enraged. *How can she scold Mommy? How can she?*

“You’re a bad grandma!” Erbao’s face flushed red in anger. “You scolded my Mommy!”

Although she was furious, Erbao did not know how to curse and hurl insults like the people on the streets. Hence, this was the most she could do.

“Are you angry? Your mother did not do a good job teaching you! You’re grandchildren from the Nan family. How can you not know basic manners?” scoffed Bai Hua coldly.

“Despite your old age, you deserve no respect!” Dabao snapped.

Dabao’s rebukes were much skilled than Erbao. Although he did not know those common insults, his words were much more scathing than Erbao’s.

Just with that sentence, it was clear how critical he was.

“What did you say? What did you call me?” Bai Hua was enraged.

“I said that despite your old age, you deserve no respect. You’re a vicious woman,” repeated Dabao expressionlessly.

Bai Hua was so furious that her face flushed. “You...”

“You’re a baddie! A big baddie...” Erbao furiously yelled at Bai Hua.

As Bai Hua insulted Ning Ran, Erbao resented her now.

“You damned brat! If you scold me again, your mother will never be allowed into the Nan family. I’ll make her get lost, so you’ll never see her again!”

Bai Hua was acting absurdly too. In her fury, she actually started arguing with two kids.

Erbao became even more anxious when she heard that. *This wicked old lady wants to chase Mommy away, and prevent us from seeing her forever!*

She’s going overboard!

“You baddie! You’re not allowed to insult Mommy or chase her away. You’re such a mean woman...”

With flushed cheeks, Erbao bellowed at Bai Hua.

“What are you doing, Erbao?” Nan Chen finally came back.

When Erbao spotted Nan Chen, she could not hold her aggrieved feelings back anymore and burst into tears.

This time, it was not an act. She was actually crying.

After all, Erbao was just a child. After hearing her mother being insulted, threatened to be chased away and that she would never see her mother again, her young self could not withstand such a blow.

“What’s wrong, darling?” Nan Chen jogged towards her and hugged her.

“Meanie...” Erbao wailed even louder.

When children felt like they had been wronged, they would endure it before their pillar of support came. Now that he had arrived, Erbao vented her frustration all at once.

“Don’t cry... Good girl...”

When Nan Chen saw Erbao crying so devastatingly, his heart ached.

As Bai Hua did not expect Nan Chen to come out so quickly, she was at a loss for how to explain this.

“What happened?” Nan Chen asked Dabao, who had a cold expression on his face.

“Grandma bullied Erbao.” Dabao’s answer was very straightforward.

“Hey, what are you talking about? How did I bully her? She’s the one insulting me, okay? Chen, don’t listen to his nonsense. They’re my grandchildren. I’ll never bully them,” explained Bai Hua hurriedly.

However, Nan Chen’s expression was still frosty. He did not even spare a single glance at Bai Hua.

Instead of asking Bai Hua what happened, he asked Dabao directly. This had implied that he did not trust Bai Hua.

“Grandma scolded us for not knowing any manners. She even insulted Mommy! As Erbao became unhappy, she rebuked her. Then, grandma scolded Erbao,” continued Dabao.

Nan Chen’s expression turned even grimmer.

Although he was not the type to be overly defensive of his children, he believed Dabao’s words.

The reason was because he saw how heartbroken Erbao was.

Erbao was an optimistic person. Sometimes, she would pretend to be sad, but that was different from how she was behaving now.

She was crying so much that she could barely even speak. This meant that she was really sad.

Nothing could make Erbao so sad, except for something that involved her mother.

Hence, Nan Chen deduced that Bai Hua must have said something extremely vicious to make Erbao so devastated.

“Do you think it’s appropriate to treat my children like this?” Nan Chen shot a cold glare at Bai Hua.

“Why are you believing what the kids say? I didn’t even say anything. They’re kicking up a fuss themselves.” Bai Hua was in a rush to explain herself.

“Even if the adults have committed a mistake, the children are innocent. It’s fine if you don’t like them, but you shouldn’t hurt them!” yelled Nan Chen furiously.

“Hey! I’ve already said that I didn’t do anything. Why won’t you believe me?” Bai Hua was starting to become anxious.

“You’re the elder here. You shouldn’t be such a bad role model for the children.”

With that, Nan Chen carried Erbao. “It’s okay. Let’s go.”

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“Huh? What’s going on? Why are you so impolite just like the kids?” yelled Bai Hua from behind.

Completely ignoring her, Nan Chen left with the two children.

After sitting on the car for a long time, Erbao was still immersed in her sorrow.

“Don’t be sad. You don’t need to believe in what your Grandma says,” consoled Nan Chen softly.

“Grandma is a meanie. She wants to chase Mommy away.” Erbao was still sobbing.

“Don’t listen to her. No one is chasing Mommy away, and she won’t leave either,” assured Nan Chen.

“Really?” Only then did Erbao calm down slightly.

“Of course! I promise to you that Mommy won’t leave. She’ll stay by your side forever,” affirmed Nan Chen as well.

“Daddy, you must keep your promise. Pinky promise.” Erbao stretched her pinky out.

Nan Chen did the same and hooked his pinky around Erbao’s.

“Daddy, you must protect Mommy,” Dabao chimed in.

“Why did you say that?” asked Nan Chen.

“Because Grandma might bully Mommy. If that happens, Mommy will be very pitiful,” explained Dabao.

“Why do you think that your Grandma will bully Mommy?”

“Because she doesn’t like Mommy, so there’s a high possibility that she’ll make things difficult for her,” replied Dabao.

“It’s fine. Your Mommy won’t be bullied so easily. She’s a strong woman,” assured Nan Chen .

“Daddy, if Mommy and Grandma fights, whose side are you on?” asked Dabao.

When Erbao, who had just calmed down, heard this question, she became interested too. "I know this question. If Grandma and Mommy falls into the sea at the same time, who will you rescue first?"

Nan Chen was stunned. "Where did you hear such a meaningless question?"

"The television series," replied Erbao honestly.

"These are very meaningless questions. Don't learn the wrong things," reminded Nan Chen.

"Okay. But who will you save first, Daddy?" asked Erbao, her eyes sparkling brightly.

"I said that this is a meaningless question. Stop asking it already," replied Nan Chen.

"Okay, then. But Dabao's question isn't meaningless, right? If Mommy and Grandma fight, whose side are you on?" Erbao asked persistently.

"I won't let anyone chase your Mommy away. No one can do that," answered Nan Chen.

If someone is going to chase that woman away, it can only be me.

If I didn't chase her away, no one else can.

At this moment, Nan Chen's phone buzzed. It was a call from Nan Xing.

"Nan Chen, where are you?" asked Nan Xing.

"I brought the kids up the hills to visit their Great-Grandpa."

"You aren't at the hospital?"

“No. Why? Did something happen?”

“Hey, Nan Chen. I’m not trying to chastise you, but why didn’t you send someone to keep an eye there? If you’re not around, what if Ouyang Qi goes there again?” said Nan Xing.

Nan Chen remained silent.

Ning Ran is an adult. I can’t possibly tie her with a rope for twenty hours, right?

Neither can I send someone to keep an eye on her, and beat any men who approach her.

Evidently, that was not unfeasible.

“Forget it. Get back to your work. I’ll go and take a look. If that bastard comes again, I’ll beat him up!” said Nan Xing.

“Don’t do it yourself. It might be more troublesome.”

This is interesting. Nan Chen is not advising me against beating him up, but that I shouldn’t do it myself.

In other words, I can teach that bastard a lesson, but not personally.

“Don’t worry, Nan Chen. I’m still capable of dealing with a rich playboy. I’ll ensure that Ding Mi will not be harassed,” guaranteed Nan Xing.

“You should call her Ning Ran,” corrected Nan Chen.

Nan Xing paused for a while. “If there’s nothing else, I’ll hang up first.”

Then, he ended the call.

Immediately afterward, someone called Nan Chen again.

It was Ouyang Qing.

Nan Chen picked up the call. "Yes?"

"Chen, I've arrived at your office. Assistant Jiang said that you've left. When will you be back?"

"Quite late. Is there anything urgent?"

"I want to tell you face to face. Where are you? If I won't be disturbing you, I go over to see you," offered Ouyang Qing.

Obviously, Ouyang Qing was saying that on purpose. Bai Hua had already told her that Nan Chen went to Yunfeng Hill.

Furthermore, she also knew that the children were together with Nan Chen.

"I'm not in the city. I'm on my way back from Yunfeng Hill."

Ouyang Qing was delighted. *Nan Chen is actually telling me the truth. This is so rare!*

Actually, it was not because Nan Chen favored her. He simply did not deign to lie.

"Then, I'll wait for you," said Ouyang Qing.

"There's no need. I need to go to the hospital. You don't have to wait for me," replied Nan Chen.

"The hospital? Did Aunt fall ill again? Then I should visit her as well." Ouyang Qing feigned ignorance.

“No. It’s the kids’ mother.”

“Oh, Ding Mi. She’s the female lead for the new movie. We’ll be cooperating in the future. I should go visit her too.”

“There’s no need for that,” rejected Nan Chen directly.

“You’ve misunderstood, Chen. I’m not there to see you. I’m there to visit Ding Mi. Are you stopping me from going because you’re scared that I’ll snatch your beauty away? Hahaha...” Ouyang Qing chuckled sweetly.

Nan Chen remained unconvinced. “There’s no need for that. If there’s anything important, tell me tomorrow in my office.”

Before Ouyang Qing could reply, he hung up the call.

Initially, Ouyang Qing was quite elated. However, after Nan Chen hung up so abruptly, her heart sank again.

Since you don’t want me to visit, I’ll insist on doing it!

After Nan Chen ended the call, Dabao and Erbao looked at him simultaneously.

“What?” asked Nan Chen.

“Daddy, are you calling the pretty lady out for a date again?” asked Erbao with a straight face.

“Who said that? I did not.”

Dabao shot a glance at Erbao and winked.

Understanding right away, Erbao fell silent.

Nan Chen noticed the exchange that happened between them. However, he did not know what it meant.

“What are both of you up to again?”

Nan Chen felt a bit uneasy. The kids were simply too mischievous, whose words always hit home. Nan Chen felt that he had become the weaker party in front of them.

“Nothing. We fully support you, Daddy,” said Dabao.

“What are you saying? What do you mean when you said you support me?” Nan Chen frowned.

“Since Daddy and Mommy don’t like each other, both of you should just look for someone whom you like. This way, you will be happy and won’t fight as much,” explained Dabao.

Nan Chen felt exasperated. *Are they trying to sting me with their words again?*

Are they so addicted that they need to do this several times a day?

“Did Mommy say this?” asked Nan Chen coldly.

Dabao sighed. “This shows that you don’t like Mommy. When you hear something that upsets you, you’d assume that it’s Mommy who said it. But she’s not such a mean person.”

Nan Chen found himself at a loss for what to say.

Is he implying that I’m being petty?

“Dabao, things that happen between adults are very complicated. You’re both smart and sensible children. However, you don’t understand the adult world that much.”

Nan Chen kept trying to explain to them patiently.

Only these two children enjoyed such privilege. If they were someone else, Nan Chen would have thrown them out of the car window already.

Dabao heaved another sigh. “Okay, then.”

He answered very reluctantly, with a face still full of indignation.

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After exiting the highway, Nan Chen spotted Ouyang Qing’s red sports car.

How deliberate is she to wait at the highway intersection?

“Chen, I want to see the children, so I waited here for you,” said Ouyang Qing sweetly.

Then, she waved at Dabao and Erbao in the car. “Hello, darlings.”

Erbao mumbled, “Am I even close to you?”

Luckily, Ouyang Qing did not hear anything as she was outside and Erbao was inside the car.

Dabao shot a glare at Erbao, who fell silent immediately.

Dabao's words had the most effect on Erbao, even more so than Ning Ran's. Erbao would follow all of her brother's instructions.

"I'm going to bring them to visit their mother. I already said that we'll discuss any matters tomorrow." Nan Chen was slightly annoyed.

"Chen, I'm not deliberately disturbing you. I just want to see the two children," insisted Ouyang Qing.

"Fine. Now that you've seen them, you can leave now," said Nan Chen.

Dabao glanced at Erbao, who revealed a sweet smile. She waved at Ouyang Qing. "Hello!"

When Ouyang Qing saw that Erbao was taking the initiative to greet her, she rushed towards her. "Darling, how about I treat you to dessert?"

"Okay!" Erbao agreed immediately.

Nan Chen was a little surprised. *Why is Erbao being so friendly with Ouyang Qing?*

"No. You shouldn't eat desserts at night," refused Nan Chen.

"But desserts can help to improve my mood! I want to eat too," said Dabao.

"You want to eat too? I thought you usually don't eat desserts."

"My emotions were stirred up today, so I want to eat something sweet." Dabao put on a mature air.

“Chen, since the two darlings want to eat, just let me treat them.” Ouyang Qing thought that her chance had arrived.

However, Nan Chen was still hesitating.

“Daddy, just go to the hospital yourself and visit Mommy. We’ll follow this lady to have dessert. What’s wrong with that? I’m sure that she’ll take good care of us, right?”

Erbao glanced at Ouyang Qing.

“Of course! I’ll definitely take good care of these two darlings. They’re so obedient anyway, so there’s no need for you to worry about them,” agreed Ouyang quickly.

Nan Chen was still hesitant, he was not comfortable leaving the two children with Ouyang Qing.

“Then, I’ll tag along too.” That was Nan Chen’s final decision.

“There’s no need, Daddy. Go ahead with your work. You don’t have to keep us company. It’s more fun if we spend time alone with this lady,” insisted Erbao.

“Yeah, Daddy. You don’t need to worry about us. We’ll look for you after we finish eating,” said Dabao as well.

“Chen, don’t worry. We have the bodyguards tagging along too. Do you distrust me that much?” whined Ouyang Qing.

“Yeah, Daddy. Don’t worry! Dabao, let’s get into the pretty lady’s car.” Erbao looked like she was brimming with excitement.

“Okay!” Dabao nodded in agreement.

Ouyang Qing was overjoyed. *As long as I win the children's favor, the threat Ding Mi poses will be significantly reduced!*

Although the kids are not mine, they like me. I can take good care of them.

In addition to the Ouyang family's wealth backing me up, how can that insignificant actress be a threat to me?

“Okay, then. Go with her. I'll let the bodyguards go with you and you must stay in contact with me all the time. Don't come home too late, okay?” Nan Chen relented in the end.

He arrived at the hospital half an hour later.

From afar, he spotted a man pacing in front of Ning Ran's hospital ward, looking extremely frustrated.

When Nan Chen walked closer, he realized that the person was Ouyang Qi.

Why is this guy pacing around outside?

When Ouyang Qi noticed Nan Chen, a suspicious expression crossed his face as if he had just saw a ghost.

“What are you doing here?” asked Nan Chen coldly.

“Of course I'm here to visit her. You're the real Nan Chen, right?” Ouyang Qi looked like he suddenly got a revelation.

Nan Chen remained silent. *Is there a fake Nan Chen?*

Oh, right! There actually is another one—Nan Xing.

“If you're here to visit, why are you pacing around in the corridors?”

A bitter look appeared on Ouyang Qi's face. "I want to go in too, but you refused to let me in. Oh, wait. The imposter refused to let me in. He kept lying to me that he's Nan Chen, but he's actually Nan Xing. Damn it! He tricked me. How could he do that?"

Indeed, Nan Xing had been standing guard here. No wonder this guy can't enter.

When Nan Chen entered the ward, he spotted Nan Xing there as expected.

Not only was Nan Xing present, but Zheng Lunlun was also there.

In addition to the person lying in bed, the three of them were each clutching a phone. Their heads were lowered as they focused attentively on it.

They were so attentive that no one raised their heads when Nan Chen entered.

"Hey, move to the side! What's going on with you?"

Ning Ran suddenly yelled. Her voice was loud, not sounding like a sickly patient at all.

"It's all Uncle Xing's fault! He's such a noob, playing like an elementary school kid," chided Zheng Lunlun as well.

On the other hand, Nan Xing remained silent and let Ning Ran and Zheng Lunlun complain about him.

It's true that I'm the most amateurish amongst them. So what? Who said that I can't play if I'm an amateur?

Without amateurs like me, how can skilled players show their prowess?

Nan Chen stood there for a few minutes, yet not a single person greeted him. They were extremely engrossed in their game.

This made Nan Chen a bit angry.

What a rabble.

“Ahem!” Nan Chen finally made a sound.

Yet, everyone ignored him, none of them raised their heads.

They were in the midst of an intense game. No one had the time to entertain him.

Striding towards Zheng Lunlun, Nan Chen snatched his phone away.

“What are you doing? I’m going to die... Uncle Chen?”

Nan Xing and Ning Ran were momentarily stunned before they realized who had entered.

Both of them quickly kept their phones and stared at Nan Chen.

“Continue playing. I won’t disturb you,” said Nan Chen with a solemn expression.

“Well, Zheng Lunlun came and he insisted on playing a game. If we refuse, he’ll make a ruckus and pester us. This is the hospital. If he actually kicks up a fuss, we’ll affect the others. Hence, we had no choice but to listen to him and play a game with him,” defended Nan Xing.

“Yeah, that’s what happened. He’s a kid after all, and we’re the adults. We need to give in to him,” agreed Ning Ran.

Zheng Lunlun was stunned. *So I’m the scapegoat now?*

I wasn’t the one who suggested to play a game. It was Ning Ran, who’s almost going crazy after being stuck in the hospital for so long.

Now that Nan Chen's here, the two of them pushed the blame to me. I can't believe this!

Are they even worthy to be my elders? Are these elders pushing the blame on me?

Nan Chen remained silent, with cold expression on his face.

Actually, there was nothing wrong with playing games. However, he could not understand why there were so engrossed with it.

At this moment, someone entered. It was Ouyang Qi, who had been pacing outside for a while.

Previously, Nan Xing and Zheng Lunlun prohibited him from entering. Now that Nan Chen had arrived, he thought that he would be more reasonable as he was the CEO. Hence, he decided to give it a shot.

When he entered, he realized that all four of them had a solemn expression and the room was dead silent.

What's going on? Although the hospital ward should be quiet, we aren't prohibited from talking, right?

Aren't they being too rule-abiding by staying so quiet?

"Hello, everyone!" Ouyang Qi waved his hands, greeting Ning Ran and the others as if he were a high-ranking official.

However, everyone ignored him.

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Just like that, Ouyang Qi was completely ignored.

Although he was a shameless person, he still felt quite embarrassed.

After all, he was a Young Master from a wealthy family, so he deserved some respect.

“Ahem, what are you doing? Why is the atmosphere so gloomy? Should I tell you a joke?”

Nan Xing and Zheng Lunlun’s heads looked up simultaneously as they looked at Ouyang Qi. They snapped at the same time, “Get out!”

Ouyang Qi was stunned. *Why are they so united when they are up against me?*

“Don’t be like that. My father is Ouyang Duo. He’s very wealthy, not worse than the Nan family...”

“Get out!”

This time, three people yelled at the same time. They were Nan Xing, Nan Chen and Zheng Lunlun.

When they were up against an enemy, they were still united as a family.

Ouyang Qi knew that things were not looking good for him. It was already hard to deal with two hostile people. Now that there were three of them, he could not afford to provoke them.

Hence, he laughed drily. "Get out? Sure, sure. Have a good time, guys. I'll take my leave now. Goodbye."

Then, he hurried out of the hospital ward.

"Nan Chen, why are you here? Didn't you tell me to come here and stop that dog from coming in?" Nan Xing looked at Nan Chen appeasingly.

Ning Ran wondered when she heard what he said. *What's 'stopping that dog'? Am I a bone? Do they need to prevent me from being snatched away by a dog?*

"You, go out too," instructed Nan Chen coldly.

"Huh? Me?" asked Nan Xing.

"Get out."

"Oh, okay. I'll go now. Continue chatting, guys. I think that the nurse on duty over there is quite pretty. I'll go get her number."

Standing up, Nan Xing patted his butt which had gone numb from sitting, and headed out.

Glancing at Zheng Lunlun, Nan Chen asked, "Aren't you leaving?"

"Me too?"

"Are you waiting for me to feed you before leaving?" asked Nan Chen coldly.

“Umm, there’s no need for that. I’ve already eaten. You guys talk, okay? I’ll get lost now.”

With that, Zheng Lunlun dashed out too.

Now, only Nan Chen and Ning Ran were left in the hospital ward. By then, the atmosphere had become even colder.

“Where did you come from and where are the kids?” asked Ning Ran.

“Are you recuperating, or are you having a party here?” demanded Nan Chen coldly.

“What are you talking about? Of course, I’m recuperating. This is a hospital. Can I even have a party here?” rebuked Ning Ran as she frowned.

“So you know that this is a hospital too, huh? Why did you get so many people to come here then? There are people inside and outside of the ward!” snapped Nan Chen furiously.

“Wow, are you serious? I’ve never left the hospital. Why are you saying that I brought them over?” Ning Ran was upset now too.

“Weren’t you having so much fun just now?”

“Didn’t I explain it already? Zheng Lunlun wanted to play a game, so we played a couple of rounds together. I didn’t know that they’ll come, nor did I ask them to. Stop losing your temper at me. Where are my kids?” asked Ning Ran.

“What about Ouyang Qi? Why is he so free that he keep coming to the hospital every day?” Nan Chen became infuriated.

“How do I know? Why don’t you go and ask him! I didn’t ask him to come. Well, he’s so rich that he doesn’t need to work. All he needs to do is to rely on his

parent's money, so he naturally has time to visit me. What can I do about it? This is a hospital, not my private villa. I can't chase him away either."

"So you just let him stay here every day?"

"I didn't. He's the one who insists on coming. It's got nothing to do with me," defended Ning Ran.

"It's got nothing to do with you, huh? Who did he come here for then?"

Mulling over it for a while, Ning Ran thought that he was right. She seemed to have something to do with it, but not directly.

"I'm in no position to care about what he does. Anyway, I didn't do anything wrong. So, where are my kids?" asked Ning Ran, feeling irritated.

"They went to eat dessert."

"With whom?"

"A friend."

"A friend? How can you let the kids follow someone so casually? What kind of person is your friend?"

"I asked the bodyguards to tag along. I can't possibly bring the kids over to watch you have a party, right?"

Ning Ran took a deep breath. *He's arguing with me right off the bat. This is so stressful.*

"Mr. Chen, first of all, I did not have a party. Other than Ouyang Qi, everyone else who came is your relative. I can't possibly stop them from coming if they want to visit me, right? Secondly, I've already explained what's going on with Ouyang Qi.

He insisted on coming. It's got nothing to do with me. Furthermore, I've not been friendly to him. Thirdly, my kids shouldn't go out with other people so easily, not even if they are your friends. How can you be certain that your friends do not have any ulterior motives? If something bad happened, who will bear the responsibility?"

Nan Chen's heart skipped a beat too.

Actually, he was reluctant to leave the children with Ouyang Qing. However, as they insisted, he had no choice but to relent.

He had been feeling uneasy all the time. After hearing what Ning Ran said, he felt even more anxious.

However, Nan Chen would never admit his mistakes openly. "I know what I am doing."

"I'm the kids' mother. Naturally, I have the right to ask about them. Who did you leave my kids with?" Ning Ran became agitated.

"I already said that they left with a friend. They'll come here after a while."

"Which friend?"

Noticing Nan Chen's silence, Nan Chen suddenly got a revelation.

"You let your pretty girlfriend bring my kids away, right, didn't you?" demanded Ning Ran in an icy tone.

"Why are you calling her my pretty girlfriend. Don't say that, okay?"

By now, Ning Ran was already getting restless. "Wow, Nan Chen. I can't believe this. Are you letting my kids see their stepmother now? They are my kids. Who are you to let them meet their stepmother?"

“What are you talking about? Can you please mind your language?” Nan Chen was frustrated too.

“You just can’t wait for them to meet their stepmother! Let me tell you this, Nan Chen. I will never let my kids stay with you. If you want to snatch my kids away, you can only do it over my dead body! Where are they right now? I want to go to them!”

As she spoke, Ning Ran jumped off the bed, wore her shoes and prepared to leave.

“What are you doing?”

“I’m going to look for my kids!”

“Where are you going to look for them? Don’t get agitated. I said that they’ll be fine.”

“I won’t let my kids be bullied by an evil woman. I’m going to look for them now.”

“I already said that they’ll be fine. They’ll come back after a while. Why are you being so riled up?”

Not expecting Ning Ran to become so agitated, Nan Chen started to feel uneasy too.

“They’re my kids, my own flesh and blood. It’s impossible that I can remain calm! If I knew that you’re going to leave my kids with an evil woman, I wouldn’t have allowed them to go out with you! I trusted you because you are their father!”

Ning Ran was not putting on an act. Instead, she was genuinely emotional now. Her eyes were red and her voice was quaking as if she was on the brink of tears.

Nan Chen held her back. “Don’t do this. The kids are alright. I’ve got everything under control. If anything happens, the bodyguards will inform me. The kids are capable of taking care of themselves. You don’t need to be so anxious. They’re my kids too. You really don’t have to do this.”

Nan Chen’s attitude became gentler because he suddenly understood why Ning Ran was so agitated.

If Ning Ran let the kids go out with Ouyang Qi, he would be beyond furious.

All parents only want the best for their children.