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Chapter 331 Seeing Second Uncle!

The three of them entered the Bai Residence.

Mother Bai first got a servant to pour tea for them. After that, she led the three of them to a room on the first floor.

Her expression was gentle. Bai Shanshan's quiet temperament was something she inherited from Mother Bai. So, Mother Bai looked at them and slowly said, "His death anniversary is in two days."

After that, she pushed the door open.

The three of them then entered.

Shen Ruojing immediately noticed the black-and-white portrait that was hanging on the wall.

Father Bai looked gentle and elegant and bore a resemblance to Bai Xiaojiu; Shen Ruojing could tell he was from the Bai Family with just a glance.

She then glanced at Bai Xiaojiu only to see that his attention was completely fixated on the photo. There was an agitated look on his face, and his gaze flickered with light. It looked as though he wanted to lunge forward.

It seemed that the man in the photo was indeed the second son of the Bai Family.

Bai Xiaojiu was so agitated that his entire body was trembling. The man in the photo was someone his grandmother would always show them every new year. She wanted them to remember that this was their second uncle and if they ran into him outside, they had to bring him home.

Although the man in the black-and-white photograph was decades older compared to the photo that his grandmother showed them, having a more carefree look as though he had seen through everything in the world, Bai Xiaojiu could recognize that this man was his second uncle with a single glance!

His second uncle passed away?

He actually passed away!

After his agitation passed, Bai Xiaojiu slowly calmed down. He pursed his lips tightly and looked at Mother Bai. "Auntie, might I be so bold to ask a question, Second...how did uncle pass away?"

As he spoke of Father Bai, Mother Bai's eyes flickered with gentleness. She sighed. "He died of cancer and left us when Shanshan was still in junior high."

Mother Bai didn't go into details.

Bai Xiaojiu naturally didn't feel too good to continue asking. Although the man in the portrait was his second uncle, he still needed proof. He couldn't possibly depend on a single photo to convince the Bai Family.

Shen Ruojing suddenly spoke, "Are we not here to burn incense and give offerings?"

Her words caused Bai Xiaojiu to regain his senses.

Shen Ruojing took the lead. After lighting a few sticks of incense, she bowed and inserted the incense sticks into the incense burner.

Bai Xiaojiu and Yun Wei followed her actions. After that, the three bade farewell to Mother Bai and left the Bai Residence.

Just when they stepped out, Yun Wei impatiently asked, "How is it?"

Bai Xiaojiu frowned, "It is my second uncle, but why isn't my DNA with Bai Shanshan's a match? Clearly, we are related, right?"

Cousins were definitely related if one wanted to do DNA testing.

Yun Wei was also doubtful. "Could it be that your uncle wasn't your grandmother's son?"

She could only suspect this.

After all, Bai Shanshan bore a 70% resemblance to the Bai Family's second son. Those who were meticulous would definitely agree that they were father and daughter.

Bai Xiaojiu's lips twitched. "This joke isn't funny at all."

Matriarch Bai doted on her second son the most. She was only unkind to Fourth Madam Bai.

When Bai Xiaojiu was young, Matriarch Bai also treated him very well.

As they were chatting, Shen Ruojing suddenly said, "There's a problem with the DNA report."

This sentence caused Bai Xiaojiu to be stunned.

He frowned before speaking, "I'll send someone to investigate."

Shen Ruojing nodded. "My friend will arrive at the capital tomorrow. I'll get her to personally do the DNA test."

"Alright, I'll wait for your good news."

Shen Ruojing then split from the two of them.

Bai Xiaojiu drove and sent Yun Wei back to the Chu Manor before returning home.

"There seems to be a charity banquet tonight and our Matriarch was invited."

"My heavens, our Matriarch has so much prestige! Also, she will bring Madam Shen Wanying with her no matter where she goes. The main house is really favored!"

Bai Xiaojiu lowered his eyelids when he heard these words.

The servants immediately dispersed after seeing him. It was as though they were afraid they might be implicated if they spoke to him.

Bai Xiaojiu couldn't be bothered with them. After all, the person in charge of the family right now was Matriarch Bai, and he was indeed loathed by her. Everyone was afraid that they might be unlucky as well if they got too close to him.

As he pondered, he soon arrived at the fourth house's location. He heard his mother angrily complaining, "The charity banquet also issued an invitation to me, and I originally wanted to bring Little Wei there for her to broaden her horizons. However, Matriarch is simply too biased and actually kept my invitation, not allowing me to go. I've never been jealous that she has always been biased toward the third house, but things are becoming worse and worse now!"

A trusted butler of the fourth house who was standing at the side spoke, "Recently, no matter what events there are, Matriarch won't allow you to go out. I don't know why, but I feel as though she wants to put you under house arrest?"

Fourth Madam Bai choked as her eyes turned even redder. "What wrong have I committed? Her second son was the one who let me down, so Old Master Bai got his fourth son to marry me. Why does she have to implicate me because he left home?!"

The butler also felt heartache as she hugged her. "Yeah, Madam, you have truly suffered a lot through all these years."

Fourth Madam Bai sobbed and wiped her tears away. After that, she spoke, "Don't say anymore and just treat it like nothing happened. If Xiaojiu learns of this, he will feel even sadder. Forget it, I'll just make a call and inform the charity banquet that I'm not feeling well tonight."

"Okay."

Seeing how his mother had to forcefully act happy, Bai Xiaojiu clenched his fists.

His mother wasn't a weak and gentle woman but a strong career woman instead.

Her personality was domineering and decisive.

But now, she felt so stifled to the extreme!

Bai Xiaojiu didn't mind suffering alone, but he didn't want to see his mother and Yun Wei suffer along with him. He didn't wish to endure this anymore!

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At another location, inside a car.

Shen Wanying was speaking, "Grandmother, would it be a little too bad because you forbade fourth aunt from going?"

Matriarch Bai coldly laughed. "What's bad about it? Since your mother-in-law and your third aunt-in-law aren't going, why should she go?"

Shen Wanying's gaze flashed.

The charity banquet didn't issue an invitation to her mother-in-law and third aunt-in-law because they had nothing to do with the banquet tonight.

However, her fourth aunt-in-law was the nominal chairman of this charity organization and could be considered half-the-host tonight. The charity would naturally issue an invitation to her!

But she couldn't say such things.

In fact, Shen Wanying even wanted to fan the flames. "But grandmother, if you do this, fourth aunt might harbor hatred in her heart toward you."

"Even if she does, she has to tolerate me!" As expected, Matriarch Bai grew angry. "She has no right to be angry because if it wasn't for her, my second son wouldn't have left!"

Shen Wanying's gaze gleamed with satisfaction.

But at this moment, Matriarch Bai's phone suddenly rang. She glanced at it and saw that Bai Xiaojiu was the one calling her.

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She narrowed her eyes and picked up the call. Her attitude was frosty. "What do you want?"

Bai Xiaojiu. "Grandmother, I saw second uncle."

Matriarch Bai's pitch instantly became high. "What?"

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Matriarch Bai's emotions were immediately agitated and she also felt some excitement. "Where is he? Did you get him to come home? You..."

The words she wanted to say suddenly got stuck in her throat.

She always wanted to look for her second son and had done her best to search through all these years. But even after Shen Wanying helped to locate him, her second son still refused to return home.

Could it be that his heart had finally softened and he had returned to the capital?

Bai Xiaojiu was stunned by her reaction. For a time, he didn't know how to tell this bad news to his grandmother. "He..."

(He has already passed away...)

Shen Wanying was beside Matriarch Bai.

Matriarch Bai was using an old mobile phone, and the volume was very loud. After all, she was already old and couldn't hear well. Even though the speaker mode was not on, Shen Wanying could hear every word clearly.

Her gaze sank and before Bai Xiaojiu could speak, she interjected, "Xiaojiu, did you make a mistake?"

Bai Xiaojiu and Matriarch Bai both started. Matriarch Bai then looked at her.

Shen Wanying continued, "I just spoke to second uncle on the phone today, and he has not returned to the capital. He is still in Sichuan! So, how can you possibly have met him? Xiaojiu, did you get swindled?"

The fake second uncle gave a rough answer when he was asked about his location because he was afraid Matriarch Bai would send people to look for him.

Bai Xiaojiu's voice turned cold. "I won't make a mistake!"

However, Shen Wanying continued, "Is that so? Do you have proof that he is second uncle, then?"

Bai Xiaojiu was dumbstruck.

Other than the portrait on the wall, he truly had no other evidence.

He didn't have sufficient evidence.

Bai Xiaojiu fell silent.

Shen Wanying frowned and sighed. "Xiaojiu, grandmother is already old. You should stop trying to scare her. Don't tell me you saw someone that resembles him and you immediately say that he is your second uncle? Actually, a few days ago, grandmother suspected that Bai Shanshan was second uncle's daughter...Bai Shanshan is your fiance's cousin-in-law. After all, she does resemble second uncle. In the end, we discovered that everything was a misunderstanding. Bai Shanshan had undergone cosmetic surgery..."

Bai Xiaojiu furrowed his brows. "I'm going to talk about her too. Grandmother, I just went to her home and saw second uncle's portrait hanging on the wall..."

"Shut up!" Matriarch Bai was enraged. "Your second uncle is living well, why are you cursing him? You were fooled by Bai Shanshan! I've done a DNA test with her, and the result showed that we are not related!"

Bai Xiaojiu was stunned. "You also did a DNA test?"

He seemed to have faintly sensed something.

He then frowned.

"Correct." Matriarch Bai continued scolding, "Bai Shanshan's father has passed away, yet you are determined to say that your second uncle is her father? What motives do you have exactly? You are a vile creature! When I'm home, I'm going to break your leg!"

After she finished scolding, Matriarch Bai directly hung the phone up. She was so angry that her temples were throbbing.

Shen Wanying immediately sat closer and massaged her head. "Grandmother, don't be angry. Xiaojiu was probably swindled. Also, you are always scolding him, and you blame him and fourth aunt due to the second uncle's matter. It's only normal that he would feel resentment in his heart..."

Matriarch Bai immediately spoke, "Resentment? What resentment? He simply wants his second uncle to die! Bai Xiaojiu's thoughts are too venomous!"

Shen Wanying spoke, "Grandmother, actually, Xiaojiu would surely feel bad because you are biased toward us and the third house recently. Just forgive him this time..."

Every time she appeared to be speaking up for Bai Xiaojiu, she would intentionally word things to invoke Matriarch Bai's anger.

Matriarch Bai's second son was her reverse scale.

Bai Xiaojiu was too angry when he saw Fourth Madam Bai's situation, so he had made the call without proper evidence, further infuriating Matriarch Bai. It was especially so since Shen Wanying kept fanning the flames. Matriarch Bai then replied, "Oh I'm biased? In fact, I've long since been very unhappy with him and his mother!"

After she finished saying this, Matriarch Bai's gaze dimmed. "We will split them from the family! After tonight's banquet ends, we will split the fourth house away from the main Bai Family. In the future, they won't need to face me as well!"

Shen Wanying's eyes gleamed with excitement.

Her purpose was precisely this.

As long as the fourth house was cut off, Bai Xiaojiu would naturally be excluded from the successor pool!

They should get this done once and for all!

As the two of them spoke, they finally arrived at the location of the charity dinner banquet.

Matriarch Bai's expression was still unsightly after she got down from the car. However, she knew what she should do at such an event, so she did her best to calm her emotions.

The Bai Family had a noble status and the program tonight had yet to begin. Hence, once she entered, the director personally went to welcome her and sent her to a VIP room to rest first.

Matriarch Bai brought Shen Wanying to the backstage, but Shen Wanying suddenly saw something. She directly tugged at Matriarch Bai's arm. "Grandmother, isn't that Bai Shanshan?"

Matriarch Bai glanced in the direction she pointed at and saw Bai Shanshan clad in a white costume. Bai Shanshan was currently having her make-up done backstage.

This charity banquet was a very formal event, and so they had invited many professional singers from the entertainment industry. This was a very high-level event.

So, when the director contacted Shen Qianhui, both parties signed a contract and Bai Shanshan was designated to be one of the singers for this event today.

This was also the first opportunity for Bai Shanshan to go up the stage after [Masked Singers]. Hence, she cherished this chance very much.

During these past two weeks, she had been practicing the song she wanted to sing.

Even though she was having her make-up done right now, she was still humming the familiar melody of the song in a low voice.

But all of a sudden, the lighting of the area beside her dimmed.

Bai Shanshan started.

She turned her head slightly and saw Matriarch Bai standing beside her while being supported by Shen Wanying and her butler.

Bai Shanshan clenched her fists tightly.

Her make-up artist had her back to Matriarch Bai and the others, so she didn't see them. While she was applying make-up to Bai Shanshan's eye area, she said, "Teacher Bai, your skin is flawless! Also, your features are so beautiful that you actually don't need to use heavy makeup!"

She took the eyeshadow palette and applied eyeshadow for Bai Shanshan before speaking again, "The internet all said that your face is a product of cosmetic surgery, but after I took a close look meticulously today, there are no traces of you having gone under the knife before! Your nose is definitely natural too!"

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Chapter 333 Missing (1)

Upon undergoing cosmetic surgery, there would usually be signs.

Regardless of double eyelids, nose, or facial shape surgery, there would be very faint scars in subtle places. People who maintained a respectful distance would usually not be able to tell, but make-up artists had to peer at their client's face at such a close distance and apply make-up to all parts of the face. It was impossible for them to not be able to tell.

In the industry, everyone knew that make-up artists were the ones who knew the best whether or not a celebrity had undergone cosmetic surgery before.

As the make-up artist mumbled in a low voice, she realized that Bai Shanshan didn't reply. Instead, Bai Shanshan was looking behind her.

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Only then did the make-up artist turn her head. Seeing Matriarch Bai and her group there, she almost jumped in fright.

Shen Wanying looked at Matriarch Bai before she turned to Bai Shanshan. She then spoke in a strange tone, "No cosmetic surgery before? In that case, how did Miss Bai undergo such a huge transformation in just three months? It's like you became a new person..."

Bai Shanshan didn't reply.

The director, who followed Matriarch Bai, looked at the two parties. After that, he was puzzled and glanced fawningly at Matriarch Bai. "Matriarch Bai, are you acquainted with Shanshan?"

Matriarch Bai lowered her eyelids, feeling complicated in her heart.

On one hand, she did feel a sense of intimacy when she looked at Bai Shanshan's face.

But on the other hand, Shen Wanying was correct. If Bai Shanshan hadn't undergone cosmetic surgery, how could there be such a huge transformation in just three months?

In addition, if she hadn't done cosmetic surgery, why would there be so many doubtful voices online?

At this moment, Matriarch Bai narrowed her eyes after hearing the director's words. "I have a few words to speak with...her about. Can you go out first?"

Matriarch Bai originally wanted to address Bai Shanshan as 'Miss Bai', but she also felt that Bai Shanshan wasn't worthy of the surname 'Bai'.

When the director heard this, he immediately waved his hands and left the room with the staff. Only the assistant that Shen Qianhui assigned to Bai Shanshan was here. She stood behind Bai Shanshan as per what a responsible assistant would do.

Matriarch Bai didn't mind that there was an additional person in the room. She coldly looked at Bai Shanshan. "I've waited an entire day today, but I didn't see anyone from the Chu Family coming to apologize. Why? Is Chu Xiaoqi not going to give the slot up?"

In return, Bai Shanshan's voice was gentle yet determined. "Matriarch Bai, Xiaoqi was chosen by Sparton. It is impossible for me to get my daughter to give up the slot. As for the apology you were mentioning, student Bai Yitong was the first to hit Xiaoqi, and this was why Tianye and Chu Yu would hit him. So, if you want to talk about an apology, shouldn't the Bai Family be the one to personally come over and do so?"

She was actually extremely frightened in her heart; her obedient-looking deer-like eyes contained panic within.

However, she must not lose face for the Chu Family!

Matriarch Bai narrowed her eyes.

In her past few interactions with Bai Shanshan, this woman had always been very gentle and had a weak-looking appearance. Who would have thought that she would be so unyielding and tough today?

Under broad daylight, the Bai Family naturally wouldn't do anything to her.

Matriarch Bai suddenly lowered her eyelids and calmly spoke, "Since this is the case, don't blame our Bai Family for being impolite to the Chu Family!"

After she finished speaking, Matriarch Bai brought Shen Wanying along as she strode out.

The moment she exited, she ran into the director of the dinner banquet.

The director stared with bewilderment at Bai Shanshan before turning to Matriarch Bai. "Matriarch, you..."

Matriarch Bai casually replied, "Even a face that has undergone cosmetic surgery can be on this TV program? The quality of your charity banquet is far inferior compared to before!"

The director immediately understood something. "In that case, I'll immediately cancel her participation."

"..." Bai Shanshan's deer-like eyes suddenly appeared again in Matriarch Bai's mind. They were filled with innocence and terror, which caused her to feel depressed.

Actually, if she wanted to sever a celebrity's path, she only needed to speak a single sentence.

But it was unknown why Matriarch Bai felt reluctant to do so.

So, she calmed her anger. "Forget it, how can our Bai Family target a small-time celebrity?"

The Chu Family and Bai Family could be considered enemies now, but there was no need for her to make things difficult for a woman. If she wanted to target someone, she should target the two men from the Chu Family!

The director also heaved a huge sigh of relief. If they canceled Bai Shanshan's participation at the last minute, they would surely have to pay a hefty penalty fee. Hence, he started to praise Matriarch Bai. "Matriarch Bai is generous!"

Matriarch Bai continued walking and entered the VIP resting room.

However, Shen Wanying slowed her step and stared at Matriarch Bai's back while she pouted.

(This old freak...why must she pretend that she is noble?)

The fact that Bai Shanshan was the second uncle's biological daughter made Shen Wanying feel uneasy.

She then lowered her eyelid and waved her hand to the butler from the main house. When the butler walked closer, Shen Wanying whispered something.

The butler immediately nodded.

In Bai Shanshan's make-up room, the assistant heaved a sigh of relief after Matriarch Bai's group had left. She patted her chest and asked, "Sister Shanshan, who is that woman? Her aura is so formidable and almost frightened me to death."

Chapter 334 Missing (2)

Bai Shanshan also heaved a huge sigh of relief, feeling her legs go weak.

She had always been a timid person, but she put on a strong front for once. Now that Matriarch Bai was gone, she felt relaxed.

As if sensing Bai Shanshan's abnormality, the assistant came over to comfort her. "Don't be afraid, don't be afraid. It's fine. Sister Shanshan, your makeup is almost done. You should prepare for the performance first."

Bai Shanshan nodded.

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As time passed, the banquet began. Bai Shanshan's program was the 11th one. So, seeing that it was about time, a staff member came to call her to the front stage.

Bai Shanshan stood up and went with the staff member while her assistant followed her.

They had just taken two steps when they were stopped by the staff member. "Teacher Bai, I'm sorry. There are too many people making preparations, so we can't allow any assistants to go along. This..."

Bai Shanshan looked at her assistant. "You can wait here then."

The assistant nodded.

Bai Shanshan then followed the staff member and continued walking forward.

She was wearing a white-silk long dress, which accentuated her figure, displaying it very well.

She wanted to show her fans that she had really slimmed down.

She had succeeded!

Bai Shanshan took a deep breath and knew that today was her chance.

"Teacher Bai, we've arrived."

Bai Shanshan came back to her senses after hearing the staff member's voice. However, when she looked up, she only saw that she hadn't been brought to the front stage. Feeling stunned, she looked at the staff member and asked, "Where are we going?"

The staff member instantly revealed an eerie smile. "Teacher Bai, it is naturally to send you to the place you should go!"

After saying this, the staff member suddenly opened a door and pushed her hard into a room!

Having been pushed, Bai Shanshan directly opened her eyes wide and dashed to the door. However, a click sounded and the door was locked!

She looked back and discovered that this place was an abandoned storage room. However, the room's window was spoiled. A gust of cold winter wind gusted through the window into the room!

Bai Shanshan was shocked. She then dashed to the metal door and hit it hard. "Let me out! Is anyone there? I'm over here!"

It was a pity that the banquet venue was too big, and this place was too secluded. Moreover, it was very lively outside. No one heard her calls.

In the corridor not far away from the door, Shen Wanying had fox fur draped over her shoulders, and she smiled as she stared ahead.

The temperature had dipped today, and it was negative ten degrees outside. How long could she hold on for with her silk spaghetti strapped dress?

At the VIP seat in front.

The director accompanied Matriarch Bai.

However, a voice suddenly rang out in the director's headset. "Director, Bai Shanshan hasn't come to the preparation venue!"

The director was stunned when he heard this. "What? What's going on? Where is she?"

"I don't know. Our staff member said that she suddenly felt scared before going on stage. She then ran off!"

The director instantly gritted his teeth furiously. "Let the other programs go on first. The rest of you, go and look for her!"

Bai Shanshan had cowered from performing before and lost her voice on stage, causing a stage mishap.

This was also the reason why her status was awkward now.

No one was willing to look for an artist whose condition was unstable. What happened now was a good example!

The director spoke into the headset softly but angrily. He then smiled apologetically to Matriarch Bai. "Matriarch, there is a situation, and I have to go to coordinate things."

However, Matriarch Bai had heard the series of events very clearly.

She didn't expect that even though she had let Bai Shanshan off, Bai Shanshan herself didn't perform!

Matriarch Bai let out a cold snort. "An artist like her only knows how to go for cosmetic surgery to make them look better. What can a person like this do in the entertainment circle?"

The director nodded as well, gritting his teeth angrily. "You're right. After this matter, I'll definitely tell everyone in the circle so that everyone knows what kind of artist Bai Shanshan is!"

After leaving Matriarch Bai's side, the director immediately called Shen Qianhui.

The call had just connected when the director bit Shen Qianhui's head off. "... What is wrong with your artist? If she doesn't want to work, then don't sign a contract with us! She suddenly ran off right before going on stage. Does she not take our program seriously at all? Director Shen, your company must take on all the responsibilities for this stage mishap!"

Shen Qianhui said, "That's impossible. Bai Shanshan's mental state is very stable right now, and what happened previously won't occur again. Is there some misunderstanding? Director, don't panic. I'll call her assistant and ask where she is!"

Shen Qianhui called Bai Shanshan's assistant right after hanging up.

The assistant picked up very quickly, but when she was asked, she replied, "Shanshan's phone is with me. She went to the preparation venue. What? The director said that Sister Shanshan has run off? That's impossible. She didn't even change her clothes, so where could she run off to?"

After saying that, the assistant panicked as well. "I'll go look for her immediately. Maybe she's in the car park?"

After hanging up the call, the assistant ran quickly, looking for Bai Shanshan everywhere.

However, how could she know where Bai Shanshan was?

This charity banquet received a lot of attention.

After all, many popular artists were invited. Therefore, the production team had posted it online long ago.

After some of Bai Shanshan's fans saw that the 11th program wasn't her, they instantly typed out on the bullet curtain to ask what was going on. Someone even ran onto Weibo and tagged the production team to ask about this. They also suspected the production team was trying to beat Bai Shanshan down.

The director was enraged after seeing this. He then used the production team's Weibo account to post. [Bai Shanshan suddenly disappeared right before her performance and we can't get in touch with her on her phone. This led to the subsequent performances being pushed forward. Bai Shanshan will take responsibility for everything, and the production will pursue her mistake. Based on the contract, she has breached the contract for no reason and will compensate 50 million to the production team!]

After this post was released, the artist who was called in at the last minute to save the show couldn't help posting on Weibo to complain about this matter as well. As she was too rushed into getting on stage, the backdrop couldn't be changed in time, which led to a flaw in her performance and she was mocked.

After the director and that artist posted these Weibo posts, a commotion broke out on the internet.

#BaiShanShanActingConceited#, #BaiShanShanGaveProductionTeamAHardYime# and other similar trending searches appeared on the front of the Weibo ranking list.

The entire Internet started to crusade against Bai Shanshan!

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Thereafter, #BaiShanShanDidCosmeticSurgery# also appeared on the trending search!!

Right now, Bai Shanshan, who had become the target of public criticism and was scolded by everyone on the Internet, was pacing back and forth in the room. She had to keep running to keep her body temperature up, preventing herself from being frozen.

At the same time, she was constantly knocking on the door, wanting to get help.

However, it was too cold.

For someone with a frail physique, if they were to only wear a silk dress and stay in such an environment for half an hour, they'd probably get hypothermia!

Hence, after running around for half an hour, Bai Shanshan was slowly losing her strength... She could only curl up and look at the big metal door in a daze.

She clenched her fists tightly and gritted her teeth; a layer of frost had even appeared on her brows.

This was definitely an act by the Bai Family.

They were exacting revenge on her!

Bai Shanshan covered her face with her hands in agony. At this moment, she deeply sensed the terror of the Bai Family.

At the same time, Shen Ruojing finally met up with Ye Lu in the capital.

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Ye Lu, looking like a neighbor girl from next door, felt extremely touched when she saw that Shen Ruojing was waiting for her in the clinic that Lu Hui had arranged for her. "Bro Jing, did you personally come to welcome me?"

"No." Shen Ruojing then took out the DNA samples of Bai Shanshan and Bai Xiaojiu, handing them to her. "I came to bring you the samples. I'll need to trouble you to work hard tonight and get the results out. Report to me after you are done."

She patted Ye Lu's shoulder and turned to leave.

Ye Lu instantly stomped her feet angrily. "You're a heartless person! This is too much!"

She wanted to complain more, but Shen Ruojing's phone suddenly rang.

After picking up the call, Shen Qianhui's voice directly rang out. "Jingjing, I think something happened to Shanshan!"

Chapter 335 Found!

"She is not in the car!"

"I just contacted the security earlier. No one saw her going out!"

"I've checked the surveillance cameras, but because many artists have to change backstage, the organization doesn't dare to install any cameras there!"

"Did anyone see where Sis Shanshan went?"

Bai Shanshan's assistant cried and spoke to Shen Qianhui who rushed over. She was on the verge of a complete breakdown and didn't know what to do!

Shen Qianhui was accompanying Jing Zhen, and just so coincidentally, they were at a filming set near here. This was why she had managed to rush over immediately. But even so, it was useless.

She frowned and was so anxious that she kept pacing around. Fortunately, she didn't come alone. She also got Jing Zhen's work unit to come over, so everyone was helping to search for Bai Shanshan in the surroundings.

Shen Qianhui frowned. "Have you searched all the rooms here?"

Bai Shanshan's assistant cried even louder when she heard this. "No, there are many places that we are not allowed to search. I said that Sister Shanshan has gone missing, but they don't believe me."

Shen Qianhui grew angry. "How can they do this? I'm going to look for the director!"

She called the director, but the enraged director naturally wouldn't act pleasant to her. "She is an artist from your company, and she ran off, yet you came to me, wanting me to find her? Director Shen, what do you mean by this?"

Shen Qianhui grew anxious. "We have searched a few locations but still failed to locate Shanshan. I'm not trying to ask her whereabouts from you. Rather, can you give me the authority to search this entire building? After all, up until now, no one has seen her leaving yet..."

When the director heard this, he frowned. Shen Qianhui seemed to feel him hesitate, hence, she directly spoke, "Director, you may not know this, but Shanshan is a daughter-in-law of the Chu Family, and our Shen family and the Yun Family from Ford City also have a deep relationship..."

The Chu Family was from Sea City, and although they weren't involved in the entertainment industry, a small-time director like him still had to give them some face.

Also, the Yun Family of Ford City was a big shot in the entertainment industry!

He inhaled deeply. "Alright then, I'll come out to look for you."

After hanging up, he helplessly looked at Matriarch Bai. "Madam, I have to head out to handle some matters."

Matriarch Bai waved her hands and had a look of disregard on her face.

However, Shen Wanying's gaze flickered and she suddenly spoke, "Director, your expression is unsightly. Could they have used their identity to threaten you? Don't tell me that despite Bai Shanshan breaking her contract, you are the one who has to endure the consequences?"

The director pursed his lips.

Shen Qianhui's earlier words were indeed that of a threat.

He didn't deny it, so it was equal to him admitting it silently.

As Matriarch Bai hated such things the most, she coldly smiled and spoke to Shen Wanying, "You should go and take a look. Check out what's happening."

"Okay, grandmother. Don't worry, I won't allow them to disturb your enjoyment tonight."

Shen Wanying directly stood up and followed the director.

When the two arrived at the door, they saw Shen Qianhui anxiously pacing to-and-fro. After seeing the director, she immediately took a step forward and said, "Director, please give us the authority to search all the rooms."

However, the director didn't look at her. "It is not that I don't want to give that to you. Rather, there are many people of high statuses attending the charity banquet tonight. If your people just searched recklessly, what would happen if they accidentally knocked someone down?"

Shen Qianhui. "If that happens, we will take responsibility. At that time, I'll personally pay them a visit to apologize. You don't have to bear the responsibility!"

"I'm the director, so tell me... can I really not bear any responsibility?"

Shen Qianhui didn't wish to delay the time, so she directly acted domineeringly. "In that case, since I've handed my artist to you, you have to take responsibility. She went missing here, if something really happened to her, can you even bear the responsibility?"

The director choked.

Bai Shanshan indeed went missing here, so hesitation appeared in his heart...

At this moment, a voice rang out.

"Missing? So Miss Bai went missing? Should we call the police then?" Shen Wanying then continued, "But it's useless even if we call the police now, right? For missing people, a case can only be established after 24 hours."

The director immediately nodded. "Miss Shen is correct..."

However, Shen Qianhui was infuriated. "It is winter now and the temperature has dipped. It's negative ten degrees outside! Shanshan is wearing her costume and you want to wait for 24 hours? We cannot afford to wait so long!"

The director's heart sank and he faintly felt a little nervous.

However, Shen Wanying sighed lightly. "Miss Bai has legs, right? Also, we didn't hear any sounds of dispute. She is also not a child and has no mental problems. How can she possibly leave in her costume?"

Shen Qianhui. "?"

Although she understood this was a society governed by law, and there were so many people here that any shouts would definitely be heard by someone, she still felt uneasy because they couldn't locate Bai Shanshan.

Just when the situation was at an impasse, two loud sounds suddenly rang out from outside.

"Cheee!"

Shen Ruojing rode her motorbike and screeched to a stop.

"Bang!"

As she flung her motorbike down, she saw a nimble figure leaping over the railings. Most probably, his car wasn't allowed in, so Chu Cimo had chosen to climb the walls. After he entered, he immediately rushed here and arrived before Shen Qianhui even quicker than Shen Ruojing.

Chu Cimo had an anxious look on his face. "Where is Shanshan? What do you mean that she went missing? Have you guys searched through the entire building?"

Shen Qianhui saw her daughter and felt at ease for some reason. She directly explained, "We did a rough check, and no one saw Shanshan leaving. However, they don't permit us to search the remaining rooms."

As the sound of her voice faded, Shen Ruojing suddenly exchanged a mutual glance with Chu Cimo. The two of them seemed to be connected by telepathy as they suddenly spoke.

"I'll search the east side, you will search the west side!"

"I'll search the west side, you will search the east side!"

After saying that, both of them nodded and started rushing off.

Shen Wanying directly blocked Shen Ruojing. "Miss Shen, you..."

"Bang!" Shen Ruojing knew that time was vital as it might concern a life. From the time her mother informed her about this, in addition to the time she spent traveling here, half an hour had passed.

Hence, she didn't hesitate and directly launched a kick at Shen Wanying's chest. After kicking her to the ground, she and Chu Cimo continued rushing forward!

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All the security guards here rushed over hurriedly, but Shen Ruojing and Chu Cimo didn't clash with them head-on. The two of them bypassed them and continued searching the rooms.

Shen Wanying was dumbfounded, not expecting that Shen Ruojing would act so barbaric the moment she appeared. She actually didn't pause to say anything and directly rushed in. Hence, Shen Wanying was so angry that she shouted, "Are you guys not afraid of offending people by barging in forcefully? This is a private space!"

The director was also badly angered and scolded Shen Qianhui in a rage, "These are your people, right? Is this how your company does things?! This is simply lawless!"

However, Shen Qianhui was unyielding. "Director, they are merely anxious due to wanting to find a missing person."

"What do you mean by anxious? They are acting like barbarians. Also, how can Bai Shanshan still be here? Let me tell you this, if you fail to find her, I'll definitely pursue this all the way until the end and sue you guys for barging in without permission!"

At the same time his voice rang out, Chu Cimo carried Bai Shanshan with both of his arms as he staggered out of one of the rooms ahead. His voice had hints of crying as he shouted, "Sis-in-law, quick. Save Shanshan quickly!"

Chapter 336 Culprit

Shen Ruojing was in the midst of searching the rooms too.

Every time she entered a room, she would indeed shock the people within.

An actress was currently changing in the room that she searched. After Shen Ruojing opened and took a glance around, she immediately closed the door and started to search the next room.

Feeling extremely angry, after the actress changed, she immediately rushed out and started scolding Shen Ruojing.

Also, at the entrance, there were reporters waiting to record the specific citation tonight.

Bai Shanshan suddenly disappeared when it was her turn to perform on the stage. Such irresponsible behavior became the headlines today, and everyone was waiting to report this.

Hence, after the reporters saw Shen Ruojing and Chu Cimo's actions, they immediately crowded around and started taking pictures as they wanted to report the latest news online.

"BaiShanShan'sManagerMakingTroubleOnTheScene#, #BaiShanShanFled#, etc. All these headlines went on trending and unhappy voices started appearing online.

- ——Their own artist ran away, but Bai Shanshan's company is making trouble?
- ——How shameless! They even barged in to search for people. They truly have no regard for the charity banquet.
- ——This is too lawless!

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As the comments flooded the web, out of everyone's expectation, Chu Cimo suddenly ran out with Bai Shanshan in his arms!

Chu Cimo's heart leaped to his throat.

Ever since he knew Bai Shanshan had gone missing, he immediately rushed here and assumed the worst.

After he arrived, he immediately scanned the building as he was afraid he might miss out on a hidden chamber of sorts and might not be able to find his wife.

As the Rooftop Gentleman, he was the most proficient in things like this.

He had thought of places where secret hidden rooms might be, but he had never expected that in one of the rooms in the east wing, he actually found Bai Shanshan there.

He didn't have time to inspect each room carefully, hence, he merely took a peep every time he passed a room and would leave once he was sure that there was no one within.

When he was walking by the easternmost room, he saw that the windows of the room were open, and the tattered curtains were swaying in the wind. When he glanced through the window, the entire place looked empty.

He almost walked away.

However, he paused his steps for some reason and decided to kick the door open. After that, he saw Bai Shanshan who had fallen down near the entrance!

She was curled up completely and had fainted.

She was wearing a white-colored silk dress, and there was a layer of frost on her face and between her eyebrows. Her lips were purplish from the cold, and her face was completely pale.

That scene caused his heart to pound rapidly in fear.

He didn't know medicine, but he faintly remembered his sister-in-law knew something about it. Hence, he didn't say anything, directly carried Bai Shanshan, and rushed out!

When he carried Bai Shanshan, he discovered that her body had stiffened and it felt like frozen meat!

Shen Ruojing heard his pleading voice and swiftly rushed back from the opposite direction. The two of them finally gathered at the great hall!

Shen Ruojing didn't hesitate to take her pulse, but she discovered that Bai Shanshan's pulse was already extremely weak as she had lost all her body temperature. Shen Ruojing then quickly took out a heart protecting pill and stuffed it into Bai Shanshan's mouth. This pill could protect her heart. After that, she swiftly held her hands and spoke to Chu Cimo, "Start rubbing! Make sure her hands and legs are warm!"

Chu Cimo didn't say anything and immediately grabbed Bai Shanshan's ice-cold legs!

Her fair leg looked like a block of ice in his large palms, and this scene caused his entire body to shudder. However, he didn't dare to waste time asking questions. After rubbing his palms to make sure they were warm, he started rubbing her legs.

But after rubbing for a while and not seeing any effect, Chu Cimo directly removed his clothes and wrapped Bai Shanshan's leg with them!

Shen Ruojing was helping Bai Shanshan to warm her body. When she saw Chu Cimo's action, her lips twitched. "Rubbing is the quickest way."

Only then did Chu Cimo take her leg out again and continue to rub.

The assistant and Shen Qianhui also rushed over to help. The few of them were rubbing Bai Shanshan's limbs rapidly, and twenty minutes later, Bai Shanshan finally regained some temperature in her body...

Shen Ruojing inspected Bai Shanshan again. After ascertaining that the heart protecting pill was useful, and Bai Shanshan was out of danger, she then heaved a sigh of relief.

She looked at Chu Cimo and said three words, "She's fine now."

These words caused the others who were rubbing Bai Shanshan's limbs to heave a sigh of relief.

Shen Qianhui's arms were almost sore from rubbing.

She stood up and stared into the eyes of the astonished director. The moment she glanced over, the director came to his senses and spoke weakly, "What's going on? Why is Bai Shanshan still here? What exactly happened?"

When Chu Cimo heard this, he abruptly lifted his head. His red eyes looked like he wanted to kill someone as he stared at the director. "When I found her, she was locked in the easternmost old, abandoned room! The windows have no glass and there is an iron lock!"

Shen Ruojing added, "If she was discovered ten minutes later, even immortals wouldn't be able to save her."

The director gulped down his saliva. "B...but why would she be there?"

"You have to ask your staff then!" Shen Qianhui was steaming with anger. "Also, the door was locked from the outside. Someone must have brought Shanshan to that room and locked her in!"

The director subconsciously wanted to deny it in order to shirk responsibility.

But after he saw Bai Shanshan, who was lying on the ground and on the verge of death, he wasn't able to utter such words. He directly changed his tone. "What do you guys want to investigate? I will cooperate fully!"

Shen Qianhui immediately spoke, "Check the CCTVs! I want to see the one who brought Shanshan there!"

Although there were many places with no cameras...

The footage of the scene, where Bai Shanshan was called to follow a staff and their journey to this locked room, would surely be captured by some of the installed cameras.

"Okay, I'll immediately get someone to check!" The director didn't waste time and immediately got someone to go to the surveillance room.

Shen Wanying, who was kicked by Shen Ruojing, was still arrogantly telling the guards to throw these people out. However, she didn't expect they had found Bai Shanshan so quickly and even managed to save her. Now, they wanted to investigate further?

She clenched her fingers while a hint of panic flashed in her eyes.

That 'staff' was naturally her butler!

Because the fewer who knew about this, the better. So, Shen Wanying got her butler to do it personally. She understood that things might not be that safe even if she bribed the staff here.

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If they checked the surveillance footage...

Just when she was thinking, she saw the staff member from the surveillance room running over. "Director, I don't know what happened, but the footage of when Bai Shanshan went missing has been deleted!"

Once she heard this, Shen Wanying heaved a sigh of relief.

Luckily, it was done in time.

Since her butler had personally acted, he would naturally ensure that the footage was destroyed. If not, he would be caught for sure.

The butler had made the preparations long ago.

But at this moment, Shen Wanying suddenly heard a clear voice ringing out. "Is that so? I've found someone to restore the footage."

Shen Wanying quickly turned her head and saw Shen Ruojing waving the mobile phone in her hand.

Chapter 337 Identity Confirmed!

Shen Ruojing frowned a little.

She stared at her phone and felt that this restoration was a little too easy. Earlier, when she hacked into the system, she only operated it slightly and the footage was already restored...

Shen Wanying was very careful when she handled things and definitely wouldn't leave behind a loophole for others to exploit her. Also, the situation was so serious, so how could she be so careless?

As for Shen Wanying, her heart sank!

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(T...this is impossible!)

She had found a professional hacker nicknamed CY!

CY was the hacker she trusted the most, and she had hired him a few times before to handle similar things.

She had once tried to probe whether CY had true skill by intentionally asking him to delete something while she tried finding others to restore the thing he deleted. In the end, even Hacker X failed to restore what CY had deleted...

This was because destruction was easier than restoration!

So, how could the footage possibly be restored?

She stared at the phone in Shen Ruojing's hands in disbelief. She wanted to say that Shen Ruojing was lying, but she hadn't expected that Shen Ruojing would directly open the video file, and the face of Shen Wanying's butler clearly appeared before everyone here!

The director stared at the person who led Bai Shanshan away. After that, he turned and stared at Shen Wanying in disbelief.

Her butler went home immediately after doing this as Shen Wanying was afraid that Bai Shanshan's assistant might be able to recognize him.

If Bai Shanshan was discovered, all the staff would surely be gathered for identification. So, this was to prevent him from getting caught.

However, never in Shen Wanying's wildest dreams had she expected that the deleted footage, which she was sure was 100% secure, would be restored.

After glancing in the direction the director was looking, Shen Ruojing narrowed her eyes. "Director, do you recognize the person in the footage?"

The director hesitated whether to tell the truth or not, but Shen Ruojing's voice suddenly turned cold. "He is intentionally trying to kill someone. Director, are you sure you want to lie?"

The director immediately choked and gulped down his saliva. "This person seems to be the butler of Matriarch Bai..."

As his words rang out, Shen Ruojing's gaze turned sharp as she instantly looked at Shen Wanying. "Miss Shen, where is your butler?"

Shen Wanying nervously clenched her fists. She then gulped down a mouthful of saliva and stuttered, "H...he..."

Seeing that she couldn't say anything, Shen Ruojing directly spoke, "Call the police."

Such a situation would definitely require the police.

Shen Wanying's eyes flickered as she silently retreated, wanting to leave this place. However, Shen Ruojing blocked her. "You are not allowed to leave!"

At this moment, an aged voice filled with imposingness rang out. "What happened here?"

The commotion was too great, and it involved the Bai Family. Hence, Matriarch Bai who was watching the show was finally alerted, and she slowly walked here under her butler's support.

Her eyes paused slightly when she gazed at Bai Shanshan and ultimately landed on Shen Wanying.

Shen Wanying looked like a child that had been wronged as she walked toward Matriarch Bai. "Grandmother, I don't know why my butler would do this, but I have no connection with it! Now, they are acting barbaric and refuse to let me leave..."

Matriarch Bai's gaze turned deep.

How could Shen Wanying not know what her butler was doing?

Matriarch Bai was very clear in her heart that Shen Wanying was the mastermind.

However, how could she let others bring Shen Wanying away in public view?

Naturally not!

In fact, she couldn't allow anything to happen to Shen Wanying!

This was because Shen Wanying didn't only represent herself. She was also the wife of a direct descendent of the Bai Family and thus represented the prestige of the Bai Family!

Even if it wasn't for the Bai Family, just the fact that Shen Wanying had found the Matriarch's second son was enough for her to shield Shen Wanying!

Matriarch Bai pondered and directly grabbed her hand. She stood behind Shen Wanying and spoke to the others, "There shouldn't be any evidence right now that points to Wanying, right? This matter is solely done by that butler and has nothing to do with the Bai Family! It is completely unrelated!"

Her words made things very clear.

Everyone also understood in their hearts that even if they reported this to the police, the culprit would be determined as the butler. The butlers of such influential families were very loyal to their masters!

As someone that could climb the ranks and become Shen Wanying's personal butler, that person would definitely tank for Shen Wanying even if it was the death penalty!

In addition, Bai Shanshan wasn't dead. At most, the butler would be sentenced for attempted murder, and it was impossible for the punishment to be the death sentence...

Matriarch Bai looked at Bai Shanshan again and her gaze flashed. "Since the butler is from the Bai Family, we will definitely compensate. Just say it, what do you all want?"

Ultimately, she couldn't steel her heart and decided to take a step back.

Chu Cimo grew even more enraged when he heard this. He pointed at Shen Wanying and howled, "We don't want anything other than stripping this woman and tossing her into an icy cellar for two hours!"

Matriarch Bai immediately retorted in rage, "How is that possible?"

"Why is it impossible?" Chu Cimo pointed at the unconscious Bai Shanshan. "My wife was almost harmed to death by you guys, and you know the truth of this matter very well in your heart! If you want us to not pursue this further, get her to freeze for two hours!"

Matriarch Bai looked at Bai Shanshan, yet she shifted her gaze away soon after and spoke with disdain, "How can a small-time celebrity be comparable to a daughter-in-law of our Bai Family?"

Chu Cimo was extremely angered. "So what if she's a small-time celebrity? She also has parents. There is no difference between her and you all."

Matriarch Bai only found him ridiculous.

Life was never fair. If Bai Shanshan was from the four great families, this matter naturally couldn't be brushed aside so easily.

After seeing the contempt on Matriarch Bai's face, Shen Qianhui couldn't tolerate it anymore. "Old Madam, speak from your heart. If the victim today weren't Shanshan but your own daughter or granddaughter, would you still shield the culprit?"

She would naturally not!

Matriarch Bai was someone who loved shielding her own people the most!

But was Bai Shanshan her granddaughter?

She was just a small-time celebrity that resembled her second son due to cosmetic surgery! She wasn't worthy!

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So, the Chus were destined to suffer this disadvantage!

Matriarch Bai spoke arrogantly, "Since you all don't want any compensation, let this matter come to an end then. As for Miss Bai, I can only express my regret. Naturally, if the police want to investigate, our Bai Family will surely cooperate well."

Once Shen Wanying heard this, she knew that Matriarch Bai would definitely protect her.

Thus, she immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

Seeing that the culprit was going to get away so arrogantly, Chu Cimo felt a surge of hatred flooding his heart. He glared at Shen Wanying's back and was about to charge forward.

Even if he had to be imprisoned, he couldn't allow Bai Shanshan to be casually insulted and bullied like this!

But at this moment, Shen Ruojing's mobile phone suddenly rang.

She picked the call up and Ye Lu's voice rang out. "Baby, after I rushed to fix the DNA testing machine, I immediately did the test for you. Tell me, am I good to you?"

Shen Ruojing. "...The result?"

"I can guarantee that Bai Shanshan and Bai Xiaojiu are paternal cousins!"

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Chapter 338 Violence To Curb Violence!

Paternal cousins?

This meant that Bai Shanshan's father was indeed the second son that Matriarch Bai had always been searching for!

Shen Ruojing's gaze sank slightly. "Send the report over."

Ye Lu who was on the other end of the call. "??"

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She was astonished. "Right now? Baby, why don't you see what time it is? I had to shift many things to the new location earlier, can't you let me have a good rest?"

Shen Ruojing still wanted to say something, but she then heard Chu Cimo's angry voice. "You guys are not allowed to leave!"

After that, she inclined her head and saw Matriarch Bai wanting to bring Shen Wanying away.

However, Chu Cimo was blocking the entrance and was having a confrontation with the bodyguards of the Bai Family.

Shen Ruojing replied, "Get Lu Hui to deliver it. I need the report as soon as possible."

She directly hung up after saying that.

At this moment, Matriarch Bai had a tone of reprimanding in her voice. "What are you doing? Why are you restricting our freedom? If you don't get out of the way, don't blame me for being rude!"

However, Chu Cimo's eyes were red, and he glared at Shen Wanying. "You cannot leave. You have to stay behind and pay the price for your actions!"

Shen Wanying wasn't afraid either. With Matriarch Chu's protection, she soon regained her rationality and spoke with false righteousness, "Mr. Chu, the butler is the butler and I am me. The private grudge between the butler and Miss Bai has nothing to do with me."

Chu Cimo stared at her with rage. "You don't have to pretend anymore. There are reporters all around us, and I believe everyone knows what is going on. You are the one who commanded the butler. You are the mastermind!"

Chu Cimo wasn't an impetuous person.

Although his personality was carefree, he knew what he should and should not do.

If he let them leave today and the butler refused to speak in the future, Bai Shanshan could only suffer this in silence!

Right now, there were many reporters present. Although everyone had no evidence, all of them knew what was going on in their hearts. This was why Chu Cimo wanted to blow this matter up.

At that time, the Bai Family would have to give them an explanation.

In Sea City, when he was accused of killing Yan Zihao, Dugu Xiao also used public opinion to give the Chu Family, a local hegemon of Sea City, great pressure.

Now, the surrounding reporters seemed to have heard some gossip. Their eyes brightened as they took their cameras out and started snapping photos.

Just when Chu Cimo wanted to say something, Matriarch Bai suddenly took a step forward and waved her hand. "Clear the place!"

An instant later, a group of bodyguards dressed in black rushed in and directly stopped the reporters.

"Sorry, the Bai Family will not accept any interviews. Please make way."

"Please hand over your memory cards for us to check."

"Taking photos and filming is forbidden. Please leave right now."

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Although there were over ten reporters standing outside the door, there were around 30 bodyguards who were forcibly chasing people out. They basically didn't give the reporters any chance to talk or shoot.

Some of them even domineeringly snatched the cameras of the reporters away and deleted all the footage and photos, using the reason that Matriarch Bai and Shen Wanying's privacies were infringed.

In merely twenty seconds, these well-trained guards had chased the reporters out of the great hall!

Even if these reporters wanted to eavesdrop, the distance was too far and they couldn't hear anything!

Chu Cimo was speechless when he saw the situation.

Never in his wildest dreams would he have expected that the Bai Family would use such a move!

They were basically unreasonable!

Shen Wanying also heaved a huge sigh of relief. At the same time, she lamented the fact that she was too inexperienced and had almost fallen into the trap of public opinion.

Matriarch Bai had seen too many things and could always avoid danger at the first instance. This was one of the qualities that all matriarchs of families should have.

Chu Cimo's eyes gradually turned red as he stared at the two people in front of him.

If public opinion couldn't make them pay, he didn't mind making them pay in blood so they would learn who they were messing with!

Just when he was about to lose control of his rationality, a weak voice drifted over.

"Cold..."

Chu Cimo turned his head immediately and saw Bai Shanshan shivering as she woke up.

"Cold..."

He instantly rushed over and removed his outer coat to use as a blanket for Bai Shanshan before embracing her tightly. "Shanshan, do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

Bai Shanshan opened her eyes in confusion, but her gaze gradually gained focus. As she spoke, the cold air in her mouth was released. "Cimo, I...I'm not frozen to death...?"

Chu Cimo hugged her tightly. "Right, you are still alive. You are not dead..."

Matriarch Bai also looked at Bai Shanshan. When she saw how weak Bai Shanshan was, she strangely felt her heart softening. But even so, she still steeled her heart and directly spoke, "Miss Bai, this is a misunderstanding. The butler of the Bai Family only wanted to prank you."

Before Chu Cimo could explode in anger, she continued, "The Chu Family has just relocated to the capital and hasn't established a stable footing yet. Mr. Chu, are you sure you want to go against the Bai Family right now just because of a misunderstanding?"

As the sound of her voice faded, Bai Shanshan's pupils constricted.

After she understood what had happened, she immediately looked at Chu Cimo and spoke in a fearful voice, "Cimo, I'm fine. Let's just forget about this matter."

Her voice was hoarse and she was quivering due to her being too cold. Her frostbitten face would cause anyone who looked at her to feel pity.

Bai Shanshan didn't want to implicate the Chu Family.

She had always felt self-inferior and that she wasn't worthy of Chu Cimo.

So, if the Chu Family who had just entered the capital was consigned to eternal damnation because of her, she would feel a heavy sense of guilt!

However, Chu Cimo retorted in rage, "How can we just forget this?!"

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Matriarch Bai slowly spoke, "Mr. Chu, I'll give you a suggestion. Any family who just entered the capital but has yet to establish their footing is unworthy to talk about pride. As the saying goes, it isn't too late

for a gentleman to take his revenge ten years later. So, what you can do now is bear this hatred in your heart and only talk about it in the future after your older brother has established a firm foothold in the capital!"

Chu Cimo clenched his fists tightly.

He understood what Matriarch Bai had said would be the option all corporations would choose.

He also wasn't qualified to use the Chu Corporation as a bet. After all, he had never done anything for the company and had grown up under the protection of the Chu Corporation, which enabled him to live freely with no worries.

What would his big brother choose if he was here?

Shen Ruojing looked at them and slowly exhaled a breath of turbid air. Just when she was planning to speak, a steel-like voice rang out from the entrance.

"I have never been a gentleman."

These words caused everyone to turn their heads. They then saw Chu Cichen walking in imposingly. His figure was tall and his steps were heavy. He was like a giant mountain that gave people a boundless sense of security.

When he entered, everyone could see that his expression was cold and unyielding. His long and narrow phoenix eyes then landed on Matriarch Bai as he tyrannically spoke, "I like curbing violence with violence even more."

After saying this, the bodyguards behind him directly pushed through the human wall formed by Matriarch Bai's guards, and they led the reporters back to the great hall.

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Chapter 339 Biological Granddaughter!

Chu Cichen brought over twenty bodyguards. Although his number of people was a little fewer in comparison, his guards felt no fear when they confronted the Bai Family's guards.

With them here, the reporters once again flooded the great hall and started asking questions.

"What happened here?"

"Bai Shanshan was pranked maliciously. Who did this?"

"..."

Matriarch Bai tensed her chin and matched gazes with Chu Cichen.

This Chu Family Leader was young and had guts. Moreover, he exuded an aura as though he would even massacre gods and buddhas should they stand in his way. It was like he had no fear at all.

Matriarch Bai narrowed her eyes. "Mr. Chu, do you know what you are doing?"

Chu Cichen was the backbone of the Chu Family, the leader. He ignored Matriarch Bai and looked straight at Chu Cimo, saying, "Do what you want to do."

Earlier, Chu Cimo stayed silent because he wanted to respect his elder brother's choice. So, now after he heard Chu Cichen speak, he immediately shouted to the reporters, "Shen Wanying is the person who commanded her butler to intentionally harm Shanshan!"

At this moment, Shen Wanying had calmed down. With the entire Bai Family as her backing, she basically feared nothing.

She frowned and spoke loftily, "What nonsense are you talking about? My status and Miss Bai's status are so far apart. Why would I target a small celebrity like her?"

In order to create a huge scene and also to let the reporters hear clearly, Chu Cimo shouted, "I'm not talking nonsense! There was already conflict between us. My daughter was selected by Sparton and became his student, but you wanted your son to snatch her slot away. For this, you targeted our family. This incident is known by every parent in the school. Hence, you have the motive to harm my wife!"

Shen Wanying acted indifferently. "Given the Bai Family's power, do you think I'll care for some education resources? My son can have everything he wants. Does he need to snatch anything from people?"

She sighed. "Also, you said that all parents in the kindergarten know of this. In that case, can you find a witness?"

She had always acted nobly to outsiders, as though she didn't give a damn about the slot. She knew that no one would have anything on her.

Chu Cimo choked after hearing her words.

Shen Wanying grew even more domineering. "Do you think our Bai Family is like you? Hankering over some education resources? What can't we have? Our Bai Family can sue you for slander if you start talking nonsense without evidence!"

As her words rang out, a voice suddenly drifted over from the entrance. "I can be the witness!"

Everyone turned and saw Bai Xiaojiu, who had just arrived.

Bai Xiaojiu saw Bai Shanshan's trending news when he was at home, and he recalled that his grandmother and eldest sister-in-law were precisely here for this banquet. Realizing that his eldest sister-in-law must have done something, he then hurried over.

However, he didn't realize he would run into such a scene.

When Shen Wanying saw him, she immediately felt her heart sinking.

She quickly looked at Matriarch Bai, wanting Matriarch Bai to stop him from speaking. However, Matriarch Bai was after all an old woman, and her reaction wasn't as fast as before. Before she could say anything, Bai Xiaojiu already spoke to everyone in the surroundings, "I'm from the Bai Family, and I can bear witness that my eldest sister-in-law is indeed vying with the Chu Family for this education resource. Because of this matter, she always treats the Chu Family like a thorn in her flesh!"

As he said this, the reporters in the surroundings went crazy!

So, what Chu Cimo had said earlier was real!

As expected, Shen Wanying was the one who commanded her butler!

Everyone immediately raised their cameras and started snapping pictures!

This would definitely be the headline for tomorrow!

Shen Wanying quickly covered her face as panic filled her heart once more.

As for Chu Cimo, he was extremely joyful. Right now, he could already prove that Shen Wanying had the motive to do this. Even if the butler didn't expose her, the reporters would be enough to make her lose a layer of skin at the very least!

But at this moment, a peal of mocking laughter rang out.

Matriarch Bai took a step forward and spoke to one of the reporters in the surroundings, "Which news agency are you from?"

That person started.

Matriarch Bai lowered her eyes and stared at his work badge. "The Night Entertainment News Agency? Do you know that the act of writing a report without evidence to back it up can be sued?"

That reporter immediately panicked and quickly took a step back. "I won't fabricate things and will write the report truthfully!"

"Truthfully? There's no need to report things when people are casually slandering my Bai Family."

Matriarch Bai's single sentence caused the reporter's words to be stuck in his throat.

That reporter stared at Matriarch Bai in astonishment before looking at the bodyguards of the Bai Family in the surroundings. All of them had fierce and malevolent expressions. The reporter immediately spoke with no hesitation, "...Alright, don't worry Matriarch Bai. I won't write the report!"

Matriarch Bai then turned her eyes to the others in the surroundings.

The group of reporters instantly felt stifled.

The Bai Family was one of the four great families of the capital!

How would they dare to offend them?

Hence, all of them lowered their heads one by one.

Matriarch Bai calmly spoke, "Butler, these reporters are still working so hard during this cold winter night. You should bring them to a coffee house and order some hot stuff to warm their bodies."

The butler immediately stepped forward and led the reporters away.

Once again, Chu Cimo witnessed how different the influential families in the capital were from the influential families in Sea City!

The four great families of the capital were simply too tyrannical!

The reporters didn't dare to write the report and had left directly. After that, Matriarch Bai walked toward Bai Xiaojiu and suddenly launched a slap ruthlessly at his face!

"Did our Bai Family teach you to butter up outsiders to harm your own people?"

Bai Xiaojiu felt a burning pain on his cheek, but he stared straight at Matriarch Bai. "Grandmother, eldest sister-in-law was committing murder!"

"Pak!"

Another slap was ruthlessly launched!

Matriarch Bai glared at him. "So you do know that she is your eldest sister-in-law!"

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Bai Xiaojiu clenched his fists tightly. "Grandmother, is the Bai Family's prestige really that important? Could it be that for the sake of prestige, you would even condone her even if she committed a crime?"

Matriarch Bai coldly laughed. "Why is it that our Bai Family can stand tall and not fall for several centuries? It is because we always put our family first! The prestige of the family is greater than any individual's prestige, and any damage to the family's prestige is also greater in comparison. You studied for so many years but don't even know this logic? Why does the old man regard you so highly?"

The four great families of the capital were all large families with very rich heritages.

Despite the change of eras, their roots were still deep and their foundations were robust. Hence, they weren't affected much. It was because all of them treated the family as their number one priority.

Bai Xiaojiu wanted to say that this was a new modern society, but he knew it was useless to say it. Those elders of the family basically wouldn't listen to him because they would use their past standards to judge him.

For example, Matriarch Bai hated Fourth Madam Bai immensely, but even after her second son had left home, she still allowed her fourth son to marry her.

Bai Xiaojiu opened and closed his mouth, not being able to say anything.

All of a sudden, a clear voice drifted over. "In that case, can you forsake your biological grandchild for the sake of family?"

When Shen Ruojing said this, her peach blossom eyes were glancing through the windows of the great hall. Lu Hui was finally here with the DNA report!

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Matriarch Bai was stunned after she heard Shen Ruojing's words.

She frowned and asked in bewilderment, "Biological grandchild?"

The gaze of Shen Wanying who was behind her sank after she heard these words.

Before Matriarch Bai went to do the DNA test, Shen Wanying had long since known that Bai Shanshan was the daughter of the Bai Family's second uncle. However, he had passed away.

Shen Wanying was also sure that Bai Shanshan didn't know her identity. If not, why didn't she and her mother look for the Bai Family?

This was why she had decided to forge the DNA report to conceal everything.

But now why did Shen Ruojing say this...? Could it be that they had discovered the truth?

Hence, Shen Wanying nervously gulped a mouthful of saliva down and took a step forward. "What biological grandchild? Bai Xiaojiu was the one at fault first, so grandmother punished him! For the family, let alone a grandchild, even I will have to make some sacrifices! Forget it, you guys won't understand even if I tell you about these. In addition, this is a family matter of our Bai Family. Miss Shen, Mr. Chu, it is best that you guys don't interfere!"

Biological grandchild?

Matriarch Bai started. So Shen Ruojing was talking about Bai Xiaojiu?

Shen Wanying turned the spearhead toward Bai Xiaojiu. "Xiaojiu, I and your eldest brother have always treated you kindly, so why are you treating us like this? If it wasn't for grandmother intimidating those reporters earlier, did you really want to stand out and become a witness for them?"

Bai Xiaojiu's cheek was already swollen.

He stared at the two of them and directly replied, "Yes."

Shen Wanying lowered her eyelids and sighed. "In that case, do you feel very regretful that those reporters don't dare to write anything now?"

After Shen Wanying finished saying this, Matriarch Bai no longer cared about Bai Xiaojiu. She looked straight at Chu Cichen and coldly laughed. "Even if they report things factually, they have no evidence that Wanying was the one who harmed Miss Bai! Mr. Chu, our society is governed by laws. Do you think you will be able to take revenge just by using a few reporters?"

Chu Cichen had been watching their discussion from the beginning to the end. Upon hearing this, a mocking smile appeared on his face. "When did I ever say that I was going to rely on public opinion to punish you all?"

His gaze was heavy as he looked at Chu Cimo. "I already said that I like curbing violence with violence. Do what you want to do."

What he wanted to do?

What did Chu Cimo want to do the most right now? It was naturally to repay Shen Wanying for her actions!

Only now did Chu Cimo come back to his senses. Earlier, the words spoken by his big brother weren't a pass for him to depend on the reporters. When did their Chu Corporation ever depend on public opinion when they did things?

They depended on their fists and strength!

After he thought through it, Chu Cimo's eyes immediately brightened. His expression was gloomy as he rushed toward Shen Wanying and grabbed her arm directly.

Shen Wanying turned pale. "What do you want to do?"

"I'll do to you whatever you did to Shanshan!"

After saying this, he directly pulled Shen Wanying toward the storage room!

Seeing this, Matriarch Bai's countenance drastically changed. She then shouted in rage, "Impudent! Stop them!"

It was a pity that when the guards wanted to rush forward, they were blocked by Chu Cichen's men. 30 guards actually failed to break through the human wall created by the twenty-plus men.

And in the great hall, other than Bai Xiaojiu, only Matriarch Bai and her female butler were there. Who else could stop Chu Cimo?

Hence, she could only follow Chu Cimo. When they arrived at the storage room, Chu Cimo directly yanked Shen Wanying's jacket off her.

Although the weather in the capital had turned cold, there was no need for the Bai Family's people to step outside when they were in the Bai Manor or when they got in their cars from their underground car park.

So, Shen Wanying only wore a dress and a lambskin jacket that helped preserve her body warmth and block the wind. But now, after Chu Cimo yanked it away, she immediately shivered due to her thin dress.

Chu Cimo dragged her in and directly threw her near the window. After that, he took the chance to break her ankle as a bit of interest!

"Bang!"

"Ah!"

The intense pain caused Shen Wanying to scream loudly. After that, Chu Cimo walked to the entrance and locked the door.

Shen Wanying felt as though all the warmth in her body was instantly sapped away.

Even her ankle didn't feel as painful anymore.

After that, she quickly crawled to the entrance and knocked frenziedly. "Let me out! Grandmother, this place is too cold, save me!"

Outside, Matriarch Bai's expression changed. She then rushed over and wanted to push Chu Cimo away as she wanted to release Shen Wanying. However, Chu Cimo was like a powerful guardian standing there. Matriarch Bai couldn't move him at all.

She screeched, "Are you guys crazy? You are trying to kill her!"

"What do you mean by kill? We are merely pranking Miss Shen. Earlier, didn't your butler prank Shanshan as well?"

With his big brother backing him, Chu Cimo decided to take revenge first!

Swift revenge was simply too satisfactory!

Matriarch Bai was extremely angry. "Chu Cichen, for the sake of a mere younger sister-in-law who is a small-time celebrity, are you sure you want to treat a direct daughter-in-law of the Bai Family like this?! Do you know who she is?"

Chu Cichen's expression was steady and he showed no hesitation at all.

Wasn't it just a daughter-in-law? If it wasn't to give Bai Xiaojiu and Yun Wei some face, he wouldn't even place the Bai Family in his eyes.

This man was truly handsome today...Shen Ruojing curled her lips and stared at him openly with admiration.

However, when she heard Matriarch Bai saying that Bai Shanshan was just a small-time celebrity, Shen Ruojing felt very uncomfortable in her heart.

These people were all lofty and thought themselves as supreme. They didn't treat ordinary people as humans.

Matriarch Bai saw both Chu Cichen and Chu Cimo remain unmoving.

She then glanced at the surroundings and only saw Bai Xiaojiu who followed them over. Hence, she immediately shouted, "Xiaojiu, save your sister-in-law quickly!"

Bai Xiaojiu frowned and looked at Chu Cimo. However, he didn't move.

Matriarch Bai rushed over. "No matter what, they are outsiders, while the person inside is your sister-inlaw, the mother of your nephew! Could it be that you want to watch her die? Are you sure you want to do this for an outsider, Bai Shanshan?"

Shen Ruojing slowly walked toward Matriarch Bai, holding the DNA report that Lu Hui had given her in her hands. She then looked at Matriarch Bai and said, "He isn't doing this for an outsider but for his biological cousin."

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Matriarch Bai was stunned as she looked at Shen Ruojing in disbelief. "What are you talking about?"

Shen Ruojing then passed the DNA report to Matriarch Bai. "I said that Bai Shanshan is Bai Xiaojiu's biological cousin! She is the daughter of Bai Jiaxiao!"

"..."

Matriarch Bai was dumbstruck. She trembled as she lowered her head to look at the DNA report in her hands.

Her brain almost short-circuited when she saw that Bai Shanshan and Bai Xiaojiu were really biological cousins.

At this moment, Shen Wanying who was locked in the storage room also heard the voices outside, and she immediately shouted in rage, "This is impossible! Grandmother, don't listen to her! She must be lying to you!"

"Correct, you are lying to me!" Matriarch Bai didn't believe it. "I've done a DNA test for Chu Xiaoqi before, and she is not my biological great-granddaughter. Don't take out a report by some unknown testing organization to swindle me!"

Bai Xiaojiu didn't expect that the DNA report was clearly different from the one he had done in the morning.

After he heard Matriarch Bai's words, Bai Xiaojiu suddenly understood something. He abruptly turned his head toward Matriarch Bai and asked, "Grandmother, you have also done a DNA test? Where did you do yours?"

Matriarch Bai coldly laughed. "In any case, it is not a little unknown testing organization!"

A hint of mockery flashed in Shen Ruojing's eyes after hearing her words. She knew that Matriarch Bai wouldn't believe her easily. Fortunately, she already doubted the integrity of the testing facility in which Bai Xiaojiu had done his DNA test today, so she had made other preparations...

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