

Boss Mommy 401

Chapter 401 He Has Appeared (2)

“Hmm, Jingjing’s maternal grandfather is just a farmer, but I know that you went to Ford City in the past to engage in agriculture testing. This and the recent actions of the Shen Corporation caused me to have such a guess.”

Shen Yuansong patted his shoulder. “I didn’t misjudge you. You are indeed highly intelligent.”

Their conversation wasn’t heard by Shen Ruoqing who was at the banquet location, but she could roughly guess what they were talking about. She was sitting on a sofa. But at this moment, the area before her dimmed.

She turned and saw Shen Jiayi coldly looking at her. “God-granddaughter? Hehe, others would at most take in a god-daughter, but I didn’t expect that you actually got my grandpa to acknowledge you as his god-granddaughter. But even so, what can you do?! You still cannot be compared to me as I’m his biological granddaughter!”

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Shen Ruoqing slowly asked, “You? Biological?”

“...” Shen Jiayi choked before angrily shouting, “No matter what, I’m still more closely related! At the very least, we are connected by blood and you are not! Don’t ever think that you are someone from the Shen Family just because grandpa has acknowledged you. Let me tell you this. Even though your surname is Shen, our status is different! You won’t be able to surpass me no matter what!”

Shen Ruoqing rolled her eyes and felt that this girl was an idiot.

Hence, Shen Ruoqing sneered and stood up. But just when she was about to leave, Shen Jiayi continued, “Also, do you really think that Chu Cichen cares a lot about you? Let me tell you this. The reason why he doesn’t mind your relationship with my grandpa is because he is worried about losing a money tree like you! My invitation was really given to me by him personally! Before you, he looks righteous, but when he is alone with me, he is capable of doing some naughty things...”

After Shen Jiayi said this, she revealed a victorious expression. “Just wait. All men like pure girls. Do you really think he would remember your past goodness after you climbed into my grandfather’s bed? You have given him three children, but why hasn’t he married you yet? I’m waiting to see the day he abandons you!”

After saying this, Shen Jiayi lifted her head and began walking spiritedly out of the door.

Shen Ruoqing. “...”

She silently sighed. She truly didn’t understand why Shen Jiayi had to be so childish. Chu Cichen and her weren’t new lovebirds who just got together. Their relationship encompassed life and death due to the missions they had shared. Even if they weren’t lovers, they could be considered best teammates.

How could Chu Cichen go and meet this girl in private given his pride?

Yet, it was as though Shen Jiayi was telling the truth...

Shen Ruoqing pondered and suddenly had a flash of insight.

She abruptly turned to look at Shen Jiayi.

This woman had a huge rack but did not have brains. Although she was wilful and barbaric, she didn't seem to be lying about that.

However, it was impossible for Chu Cichen to go and see her.

In that case...who was the person she met?!

Shen Ruoqing suddenly clenched her fists tightly.

At this moment, she felt her scalp turning numb! It was like someone had knocked her head.

Shen Ruoqing then took a step forward quickly and grabbed Shen Jiayi by her shoulder. After that, she narrowed her eyes and asked, "Where and when did he give you the invitation?"

Shen Jiayi. "Heh, I knew that your composure earlier must have been faked. How can you be nonchalant about this? But then, how can I reveal the secret dating location between him and me to you?"

She directly shook off Shen Ruoqing's arm and strode out with large steps.

Shen Ruoqing tensed her chin.

At this moment, Chu Cichen finally returned and came before Shen Ruoqing.

He looked at her and suddenly said, "Old Master Shen is a person worthy of respect. Do you know that it has been so many years, but he has never given up researching agriculture science? I heard that some time ago, he submitted a thesis on agricultural science, and the content within was shocking. The scientific world then decided to give him the special contribution award this year."

Chu Cichen continued, "The special contribution award is very prestigious; only a few people in the country ever received it. Moreover, those who received this award could all be imprinted in the history of our country...such talent is truly worthy of admiration."

He had said so many things before he realized that something was wrong with Shen Ruoqing's expression. Hence, he asked, "What's the matter?"

Shen Ruoqing pursed her lips and said, "He has appeared."

Chu Cichen tensed. This man who was usually composed had a crack in his eyes from which one could tell that he was feeling intense emotions...

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At night, Chu Cichen turned and tossed on his bed and couldn't fall asleep no matter what.

His mind was filled with Shen Ruoqing's words. (He has appeared...)

The 'he' must be referring to the 'he' who had always accompanied Shen Ruoqing back then in China.

Chu Cichen didn't understand why someone would look the same as he did. He also had no idea who this man was. But at this moment, he felt a little panicky.

(Shen Ruoqing has yet to fall in love with me. If 'he' appears, who would Shen Ruoqing choose?)

Although Shen Ruoqing's love at first sight was him, the one that had accompanied her for half a year in the past was another person...

Chu Cichen turned again and suddenly decided to stand up. He then pushed the door open and went to Matriarch Chu's room, knocking on the door.

Hearing the knocks, Matriarch Chu opened the door and rubbed her eyes. "What's wrong? If you don't sleep at night, you will get wrinkles!"

Chu Cichen looked at her. "Mother, do I have a twin?"

Matriarch Chu. "?"

She stretched her hand out in astonishment to touch Chu Cichen's forehead. "You are not feverish, so what nonsense are you talking about? When did our family ever have twins?!"

Multiple births were generally inherited, and the Chu Family never had twins before.

Upon hearing this, Chu Cichen fell silent. "It's fine then."

Matriarch Chu. "?"

Even after she woke up the next day, she was still puzzled. She then decided to question Chu Cichen at breakfast. "I don't know what you were thinking last night. Why did you come to my room in the middle of the night to ask such a weird question?"

Just when Chu Cichen wanted to say something, his phone vibrated.

He glanced at it and discovered that Lu Cheng had sent him a link.

After he opened it, a huge row of words entered his vision: [Is morality or career more important for an old scientist that has lost self-respect?]

The content within was about a scientist with the surname 'Shen' who had made many excellent contributions to the agriculture science of the country. However, he had lost all self-respect. He was close to eighty years old, yet he had gotten together with a young woman in her twenties!

The photos of the banquet were even posted.

Shen Yuansong and Shen Ruoqing's faces were clearly captured there.

In one of the photos, Shen Yuansong choked when he was drinking water, and Shen Ruoqing was patting his back for him. However, it looked like Shen Ruoqing was embracing him from this angle.

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Another photograph showed Shen Ruoqing taking Shen Yuansong's pulse. Shen Yuansong then wanted to retract his hand, but Shen Ruoqing grabbed it tightly!

The two photographs painted an intimate scene and would indeed cause others to easily have doubts if they didn't know the whole context.

The comments below were even more unsavory. All of them were scolding Shen Yuansong, saying he was an old bull that liked to feast on tender grass.

Chapter 402 Teaching Vile People A Lesson!

After Shen Ruoqing practiced Taichi today, she took a longer shower than she usually did. So, after she changed her clothes and came down, she saw that Chu Cichen had finished his breakfast.

He had been a little out of it since she told him that his impersonator had appeared. Even when he was having his run today, he was looking at her.

But now, it looked like his expression had regained normalcy.

Shen Ruoqing smiled and sat down next to him. "What's for breakfast today?"

Chu Cichen pursed his lips. "There's a spread today. You can have whatever you want."

Shen Ruoqing nodded and the nanny immediately served both Chinese and Western dishes for her to choose from.

Shen Ruoqing casually picked buns and soy milk. When she was eating, she saw that Matriarch Chu was also looking at her.

Shen Ruoqing finally realized that something wasn't right and she asked, "What's the matter?"

Matriarch Chu coughed. "Erm, Jingjing, would you mind if people were to scold you on the Internet?"

From the moment Shen Ruoqing came to look for Chu Cichen with the children, she already had to face many problems. She had also been scolded in the entertainment circle and even when she was performing at Ford City Music Academy.

Even before that, Shen Ruoqing's reputation in Sea City had never been good. People were all talking about her and scolding her in private. However, Shen Ruoqing never cared about these things.

It was because people would always be jealous of the strong.

She didn't care for all the scolding. Would being scolded a little delay her retirement or something?

Shen Ruoqing took a bite of the bun. "I don't mind."

Matriarch Chu immediately heaved a sigh of relief. "I knew it. Jingjing doesn't care about these things at all. That's why you don't have to be so careful around her. Moreover, those people are just spouting gibberish and don't have any actual evidence."

Shen Ruoqing nodded, not interested in even asking about what happened.

However, she took a glance and saw Chu Cichen's expression looking very solemn.

Shen Ruoqing then paused and slowly put down the bun in her hand. She finally tried to look at what the problem was. "What is it?"

Chu Cichen had always been composed and steady in handling things. He rarely showed such a worried look.

Chu Cichen then pursed his lips and handed his phone to Shen Ruojing.

Shen Ruojing took the phone and had a look. When she saw the content on it, her pupils contracted abruptly.

The news was really very absurd, but the two photos that came with it were too misleading. This was especially when people didn't know of her identity as a doctor. Her actions of patting Shen Yuansong's back and taking his pulse would thus look especially intimate.

The news article was written in a very sharp manner, and the comments on it were hard to look at.

—Is the age gap between old men and younger women when they try to hook up so large these days? That old man looks like he is in his eighties. What does the young lady like about him? That he is old? That he doesn't take showers?

—This woman seems to be a celebrity, right? Which one is she? She looks very beautiful. Given how beautiful she is, being born with great looks, why doesn't she just work steadily on acting? Why choose to rely on an old man?

—Ahhhhhh, isn't this my Anonymous?! Please tell me that this is a lie!

—You guys are focusing on the wrong things. The problem now isn't what the female celebrity has done! If all scientists are like this, then I am really sorry for the future of our country! Does anyone know who this scientist is? Is there anyone who can shed light on this?

—I'm an internal party, sharing with everyone. This old master has the surname Shen and his name is Yuansong. He is an agricultural scientist who has made exceptional contributions to society. The science circle initially planned on applying for a special contribution award for him, but it's a pity that there's a problem with his ethics. No one knows if the application will go through.

—Previous poster, do the children of such an amazing scientist not feel embarrassed when something like this has taken place?

—This is the most amazing thing about this scientist. He has spent his life devoted to scientific research and has neither children nor a wife.

—Tsk tsk, so this is what being devoted to scientific research is like? He clearly doesn't want to settle down and have his freedom restricted!

—That's such a pity. Since he is so smart, he should give birth to more intelligent children. Intelligence can be inherited! Why is he doing such ridiculous things?

—Previous poster, could it be that he can't have kids? Otherwise, which normal person wouldn't want to have children?

—This is too much information to process. The old master can't have kids? Then there must be a problem with a certain part of his body. No wonder he's looking for such a young woman. The more I look at him, the more I think he is a p*revert!

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Most people on the Internet didn't know about the four great families.

Even if they did, they wouldn't know the names of the important figures. This was classified information.

Therefore, everyone didn't know that Shen Yuansong was the head of the Shen Family. They only thought that he was an ordinary scientific researcher.

The scolding got worse and even elevated to humiliating his character.

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing's hand that was holding the phone clenched tightly. Fury was seething within her.

Matriarch Chu also sighed. "Old Master Shen is a senior I respect a lot. I remember my parents said that among the people from their generation, the old master was the one they admired the most. He had been very smart since young and was selected with other youths to study overseas for a few years. When he came back, he turned to agriculture, and the research he had done back then continued to be used until now. Thereafter, he changed his trade to become the head of the Shen Family. He has a keen eye for business as well, leading the Shen Family to become the top family amongst the four great families... I wonder who is so bored to be creating rumors about an old man like Old Master Shen?"

Matriarch Chu was indignant. When she was talking, Shen Ruoqing shot up to her feet.

Before she turned to head out, she heard Chu Cichen say, "I helped you to maintain your bike yesterday. It isn't at the spot you parked it but on the west side of the garage."

Shen Ruoqing nodded and strode out quickly.

Chu Cichen said again, "Jingjing..."

Shen Ruoqing turned her head abruptly, her peach blossom eyes flickering with killing intent and fury. This caused Chu Cichen to swallow his words of wanting his phone back. He only quietly glanced at his phone that was held in Shen Ruoqing's hand, and he reminded her gently, "Drive slower on the road."

Shen Ruoqing then turned and left.

Vroom! Her bike was almost flying.

20 minutes later, Shen Ruoqing arrived at the Shen Manor.

She knocked on the door, and the guard was stunned for a moment after seeing her. Shen Ruoqing lowered her gaze. "I'm looking for the old master. Help me inform him of my arrival."

"Yes."

As the guard called the butler, Shen Jiayi happened to drive out. When she saw Shen Ruoqing outside on her bike, Shen Jiayi stopped her pink sports car, rolled down her window, and surveyed Shen Ruoqing. She then let out a cold snort. "Shen Ruoqing, did you see the post? Even if I don't say anything, everyone

has eyes! Since you have done something so shameless with my granduncle, then don't blame others for exposing the two of you!

"But this is really unexpected of my granduncle. He has never gotten close to women for so many years, so I thought he was really someone without any desires. Turns out that he plays even wilder than anyone else! Isn't the age gap between the two of you too big? If I were him, I'd have no face to stay in the capital anymore. He preached to me every day, but it turns out that he is so shameless himself!..."

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Shen Jiayi had just said this when she saw Shen Ruoqing's gaze sinking.

At the next moment, a buzzing sound rang out and Shen Ruoqing's bike charged rapidly toward Shen Jiayi!

Chapter 403 Absolutely Not Permitting Her Grandfather To Be Bullied! (1)

Shen Jiayi jumped in fright.

Seeing that the motorbike was speeding toward her, her mind seemed to have turned blank.

The woman on the motorbike wore a helmet, but her gaze under it would cause one to feel like they were in an ice cellar. Shen Jiayi knew that she should start the engine to dodge. But the moment she stepped on the gas pedal, she realized that she had forgotten to change the gear in her panic.

As the motorbike got closer and closer and when it was just a few inches away from slamming into her, Shen Jiayi covered her head and screamed, "Ahhhhh!"

"Screech~"

When the motorbike was about to crash into the driver's seat, it suddenly did a u-turn and coolly came to a stop before the car. Shen Ruoqing then removed her helmet and tossed it onto the ground. After that, she jumped off her bike and walked toward Shen Jiayi.

As for Shen Jiayi, she was screaming for a long time until she realized that the motorbike didn't slam into her. But when she lifted her head again, she saw that the bike was parked before the door, blocking her way out.

The back door was already closed, so she couldn't retreat.

When she turned again, she discovered Shen Ruoqing standing right beside her, and this caused her to jump in fright!

Shen Jiayi immediately spoke, "Shen Ruoqing, w...what are you doing? Ahhh!"

Before she could finish her sentence, Shen Ruoqing already grabbed her hair through the wound-down car window. She forcefully pulled backward, and her other hand was opening the car door. In one smooth action, she managed to drag Shen Jiayi down from the driver's seat!

"Shen Ruoqing, you must be crazy! Release me now! Do you know what you are doing? Even if my grandpa dotes on you, you are not allowed to hit the people from the Shen Family. You..."

“Pak!” A slap ruthlessly slammed into Shen Jiayi’s mouth. She then felt a metallic taste in her throat and coughed out a mouthful of saliva.

There was actually one of her front teeth mixed with blood in that pool of saliva!

With burning pain in her cheeks and a swollen mouth, she was in so much pain and could hardly speak. “Boohoo, release me! It is so painful...”

However, when she lifted her head, what she saw was Shen Ruoqing’s gaze, which looked as though she could kill. “Do you know what you should say and what you should not?”

At this moment, Shen Jiayi truly felt dread.

She cried, “Release me, release me...”

However, Shen Ruoqing didn’t release her grip on her hair and still forcefully pulled it. “He sacrificed so much for the Shen Family and gave up the industry he loves most. He also has no biological children and was planning to leave the Shen Family to you people...”

“Do you know how much he has invested in medical research? Do you know that he went around, begging overseas companies for the sake of procuring the raw materials used to manufacture the gene-deficient agent P+ medicine? Do you know how many connections he had to pull just to save the lives of those few thousand patients?!”

“Do you know how many people his contributions to agricultural science have fed?”

“Is someone like him a person you can sully?!”

It was very rare for Shen Ruoqing to say so much.

At this moment, her voice was cold, and it was quivering in anger.

She had investigated Shen Yuansong before. As she had gotten Lu Hui and Old Hong to help her with it, she had the most comprehensive information on Shen Yuansong.

And the more she investigated him, the more impressed she felt.

In his life, Shen Yuansong had given up on science and turned to business. However, he never let science down.

A grandfather like this was one that she admired the most.

This was why she would take the initiative to acknowledge him. This was why she couldn’t help but get close to him during the banquet. In her heart, she felt proud of having a maternal grandfather like him.

No one was allowed to sully her grandfather!

When Shen Ruoqing was basking in rage, an aged but gratified voice drifted over from the entrance.

“Lass, stop.”

Shen Ruoqing turned and saw Shen Yuansong who had a headful of white hair. He was trembling as he stood there with the support from his butler. At this moment, the old man's face was filled with wrinkles, but they did nothing to mar his righteousness and majestic posture.

Only then did Shen Ruoqing discover that her anger earlier was a little too great.

Usually, she would treat the words of others as farts.

She was too impulsive today, but she didn't regret it.

She then glanced at Shen Jiayi, whose face was completely swollen now, before she released her grip.

After Shen Jiayi regained her freedom, she stood up and sobbed. She then looked at Shen Yuansong and complained, "Grandfather, she's too arrogant, she..."

Before she could finish, Shen Yuansong's gaze was like ice as she looked at her. "I've heard all the words you said earlier."

Chapter 404 Absolutely Not Permitting Her Grandfather To Be Bullied! (2)

Shen Yuansong and his butler had been heading out to look for Shen Ruoqing as they were worried that she might be impulsive and reveal her identity.

They hadn't expected to run into the two of them at the entrance.

Now, Shen Jiayi was so frightened by his words that she shivered.

"Scram, don't let me see you again." Shen Yuansong's tone was filled with emotions, but it was weak.

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Hearing this, Shen Jiayi didn't even dare to take the car. She directly clutched her face as she ran to the Shen Manor.

After that, she charged into Shen Chong's room and cried very loudly, "Father, he actually doesn't give me any face at all for the sake of his little lover! As expected, since I'm not his biological granddaughter, he feels no closeness to me!"

Shen Chong stared at his daughter with heartache. As he got someone to come and apply medicine for her, he also spoke ruthlessly, "Don't worry, he won't be able to proclaim his innocence now that something like this has happened. In the future, I want to see what cheek he has to return to the company!"

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At the other location, Shen Ruoqing supported Shen Yuansong and went to Shen Yuansong's room.

After the butler closed the door, Shen Ruoqing anxiously asked, "You are not angry, right?"

At the same time, her finger pressed onto his pulse.

Shen Yuansong laughed. "An old man like me has lived for close to eighty years. So what if some people scold me online? I won't care about them at all."

Shen Ruoqing sighed in relief. "That's good then."

As they chatted, the butler pushed the door open and entered. His expression was unsightly and his eyes were red. "Old Master, earlier the scientific world gave me a call and s...said that..."

Shen Yuansong's heart sank. "What did they say?"

The butler angrily replied, "They said that this matter has affected your reputation too much. You most probably won't be selected for the special contribution award this year."

The special contribution award was only given to very few people.

It had not been given out for the past few years, and this year when Shen Yuansong was nominated, everyone was very convinced. But now that there were so many comments against him online, if they still gave him the award, the public would probably not be happy...

Shen Yuansong's eyes narrowed slightly, but he was merely silent for two seconds before he laughed. "How can a minor thing like this be worthy of mention?"

The butler immediately grumbled, "What minor thing? This award is only given to a few people in the country, and it is a symbol that the country has acknowledged your painstaking effort. This is the highest award in the scientific world!"

However, Shen Yuansong's tone was calm. "I did so many things not because I wanted the award."

The butler wanted to speak but hesitated. "But..."

"There are no buts. Alright, you can head out first."

After Shen Yuansong told the butler to go out, Shen Ruoqing looked at him. "Is this award very important to you?"

Shen Yuansong laughed. "There's nothing more important to me compared to you. Jingjing, right now, I only hope that you and your mother can live happily for the rest of your lives. Do you understand my meaning?"

Shen Ruoqing knew that her grandfather was still worried about that unknown danger. He would rather be scolded and misunderstood by others than acknowledge her and her mother.

She lowered her eyes. "I understand."

"It's good that you can understand. Don't be so impulsive in the future." Shen Yuansong smiled after he said this. "In addition, since there are scandalous rumors between us, why don't we temporarily not meet for now?"

Shen Ruoqing stood up. "Hmm, I won't be coming to the Shen Manor for the next few days then."

She and Shen Yuansong bade farewell to each other and she walked out.

The butler personally sent her out. When he returned again, he opened the door, only to see Shen Yuansong lying on the sofa with trembling fingers.

The butler hurriedly rushed over. "Sir, I knew you would definitely feel unsettled about this! This award is something you fought to gain for the sake of your father. How can it not be important to you?"

Back then, before Shen Yuansong's father passed away, he got Shen Yuansong to come back and take over the family business.

However, Shen Yuansong was completely unwilling.

His father said that even if Shen Yuansong devoted his entire life to research, he wouldn't be able to get the contribution award. Since that was the case, he might as well become a businessman.

Back then, Shen Yuansong felt extremely angry and felt that his father had insulted all scientists.

He vowed he would get that award no matter what.

However, his father had long since passed away.

And recently, Shen Yuansong's condition wasn't very good. He originally wanted to get this award so that when he met his father in the underworld, he could flaunt it and say that his father was wrong in the past. But now, it was probably too late.

This award was usually only given to dead scientists.

If Shen Yuansong wanted to get it while alive, it was impossibly difficult.

This year, he revealed to everyone that his body was on the verge of breaking down, which was why the scientific world decided to give him the award.

Shen Yuansong then patted the butler's hand after hearing this. "No worries, everything would be gone once someone died. Back then, the argument between me and my father was just a childish one to prove who was right..."

However, the butler said, "It wasn't a childish one. Rather, your ideologies were different. You feel that science can benefit the country, while he felt that commerce could benefit the country and science was rubbish. You wanted to use this award to prove your ideology..."

Men would always be kids even if they were on the verge of death.

Although Shen Yuansong was close to reaching eighty years old, he was still adamant that he was correct.

However, how could these things be more important than his granddaughter leading a stable life?

Shen Yuansong took a deep breath and suppressed the sweetness in his throat. He laughed. "Just let things conclude like this."

The butler disagreed. "I don't think the little young miss will let things rest like that."

Shen Yuansong actually smiled. "She is indeed very intelligent. But even if she publishes a Weibo post or summons a reporters' conference to explain our relationship, it is already too late. Unless she could participate in the scientific world's award ceremony this year and say it out loud in public...but... wouldn't that be making things difficult for her? The scientific world is filled with stubborn old people

like me. No one would be convinced by each other, and they would only be convinced by actual scientific results. I've already said this to her earlier..."

The butler fell silent and sighed.

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Shen Ruoqing rode her motorbike and turned her head back to glance at the Shen Manor.

Shen Yuansong had casually said that it didn't matter and his expression didn't change.

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He, who was nearing his eighties, had long since learned how to remain expressionless.

However, when the bad news was told to him, his pulse did quicken. This was sufficient to say that he minded this award very much. So, although Shen Ruoqing didn't know the reason, she wasn't willing to allow her maternal grandfather to feel aggrieved!

Hence, she took out her phone and made a call to Lu Hui. "Send me the invitation card that the scientific world issued to Professor Z, the one for the award ceremony."

Lu Hui was very surprised. "Boss, what do you want to do? You have never shown any interest in attending in the past."

Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyelids and wore her helmet as she turned her gaze into the distance. Her eyes were resolute as she spoke, "To acknowledge a family member."

Chapter 405 Know A Little

At this moment, a family member arrived at the Chu Manor.

Chu Yuan personally led a woman in and after the woman saw Matriarch Chu, she greeted, "Eldest Aunt!"

Matriarch Chu looked at the girl and was shocked. "Qianshu? Why did you return?"

This person was none other than the biological daughter of Chu Yuan, Chu Qianshu!

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All these years, she had been studying abroad. This was why Matriarch Chu was very shocked by her sudden appearance.

Chu Qianshu resembled people of the Chu Family and had the symbolic phoenix eyes. But sadly, she wore glasses, and this caused half of her gloriously beautiful large eyes to be covered.

Perhaps it was due to scientific research, but Chu Qianshu exuded a very old-fashioned aura. She was very young, only 23. However, her serious expression made everyone feel that she must be 32 instead.

If Matriarch Chu asked Yun Wei the same question, Yun Wei would probably say something like "Because I missed you." However, Chu Qianshu replied seriously, "I came to the capital to represent my teacher in a science award ceremony."

After saying that, she glanced around. "Where's my older brother?"

The children of the Chu Family usually didn't have many interactions with Chu Cichen.

Only Chu Qianshu, who had been studying abroad in recent years, treated Chu Cichen as her elder brother. Chu Cichen paid attention to her and helped her out, so their relationship was pretty good.

Matriarch Chu replied, "He's at the company."

Chu Yuan also said, "The Chu Corporation is such a huge business. Your elder brother naturally has to manage it well..."

Chu Qianshu nodded. "He is working very hard."

Matriarch Chu. "..."

Such a remark was like a supervisor giving a comment after checking on a worker. Hearing it, Matriarch Chu didn't know how to reply. But it was understandable since Chu Qianshu was immersed in scientific research and was not very well-versed in interpersonal communications.

Matriarch Chu's lips twitched and she suddenly spoke, "It's said that nieces would take after their aunts. I finally understood who Xiaomeng's character resembles!"

Chu Yuan involuntarily laughed.

Upon hearing Chu Xiaomeng's name, Chu Qianshu seemed to have realized something. She directly glanced upstairs. "Is Chu Yu here?"

"He's above."

"I'm going to test him and see if he has studied hard during this period."

Matriarch Chu nodded.

Chu Qianshu soon went upstairs and located Chu Yu's room. After that, she knocked on the door and entered. After giving Chu Yu a few questions and getting him to do them, she planned to look for her niece, which Matriarch Chu said resembled her a lot.

It was a pity that before she could locate Chu Xiaomeng, she heard Matriarch Chu and Chu Yuan's voices from below.

Chu Yuan. "Eldest sister-in-law, this time around, Ruoqing created quite a huge commotion. What do you think of this matter?"

Matriarch Chu's tone was determined. "I absolutely trust Jingjing's character. She isn't such a person."

Chu Yuan. "However, from the photographs, it can be seen that she treats Old Master Shen differently...Is Old Master Shen serious about acknowledging her as his god-granddaughter? Did Ruoqing feel pressure due to Chu Cimo's wife being someone from the Bai Family, so she went to fawn on Old Master Shen?"

Matriarch Chu shook her head. "Definitely not."

After saying that, she was puzzled as well.

Shen Ruoqing was someone who was afraid of trouble. Although she stayed in the Chu Manor now, her relationship with the others in the Chu Family wasn't very good.

But during that day at the banquet, Matriarch Chu clearly saw that Shen Ruoqing was chatting very happily with Old Master Shen!

That amount of passion caused Matriarch Chu to feel puzzled. Why did Ruoqing become completely unfamiliar?

Could she really feel pressured by Bai Shanshan's status, so she wanted to find a stronger backing?

Matriarch Chu was bewildered, but she wouldn't say such things to Chu Yuan. She believed in Shen Ruoqing's character.

Chu Yuan continued, "Should we interfere in this matter? After all, if Chu Cichen's wife, Shen Ruoqing, had scandalous rumors linking her and Old Master Shen, it would be bad for our company's image. The majority of people in the company believe in these rumors..."

Matriarch Chu silently sighed. "Cichen understands this matter, so just leave it to him to handle."

Actually, the Shen and Chu families had both acted and suppressed the impact of that post to the lowest. Right now, only people in the scientific community circulated those screenshots privately.

Chu Qianshu who was standing upstairs frowned upon hearing their conversation.

She returned to Chu Yu's room, looking at him solving the difficult questions, and she suddenly asked, "How's your mommy's education level?"

Chu Yu. "?"

He lifted his head and looked at Chu Qianshu before he twitched his lips. "Still okay I guess."

Chu Qianshu. "Does it mean it is not very good? In that case, she is a bad match for your father!"

Chu Yu. "??"

As a mommy's boy, he explained domineeringly, "Although my mommy's math isn't good, she is better than daddy in all other aspects."

"How bad is her math level?"

Chu Yu. "?"

"Does she understand calculus? This subject is taught in university, right?"

"..."

"She doesn't? What about geometry? This subject is taught in high school, right?"

"..."

Chu Qianshu was stunned. “She doesn’t know that? Could it be that her standard is at elementary school?”

Chu Yu. “?????”

Although his mommy’s math skill level was very weak, she was a very good mother. In his heart, no one could destroy her image as a good mother!

Chu Yu lowered his head and suddenly asked, “Aunt, how do I do this question?”

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Chu Qianshu glanced at the question and explained a huge load of information to him before asking, “Do you understand now?”

“Nope, can you explain again?”

“...”

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When Shen Ruoqing returned to the Chu Manor, Chu Qianshu was already on the verge of exploding.

She had explained the question to Chu Yu for two whole hours, and her tongue was parched!

Hence, after Shen Ruoqing greeted her, Chu Qianshu’s countenance was extremely ugly to behold. She coldly nodded and was about to say something, only to see Shen Ruoqing going to her room to take a fishing rod. Clearly, she was preparing to head out for fishing.

Chu Qianshu. “...”

She involuntarily took a step forward. “Eldest sis-in-law, I wish to talk to you.”

Shen Ruoqing halted her steps. She then turned her head and looked at Chu Qianshu. “Speak.”

Chu Qianshu took a deep breath and continued, “I don’t know how the relationship between you and my older brother is, but men are unreliable. You should always rely on yourself. For people of the Chu Family, be it men or women, we are champions in our chosen fields. Do you understand my meaning?”

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Shen Ruoqing. “???”

She shook her head blankly.

Chu Qianshu hated iron for not becoming steel as she continued, “We have a top-tier hacker and a top researcher. As for Cimo, don’t assume he’s only good at playing the fool. He has things he is good at as well. And my eldest brother is like a dragon among humans. All of us are champions in our chosen fields. But what about you?”

Shen Ruoqing touched her chin and her lips suddenly curled. “All of these that you spoke about...I know a little about all of them.”

Chu Qianshu. “???”

Shen Ruoqing continued. "Anything else?"

Chu Qianshu. "!"

Seeing that Shen Ruoqing didn't speak anymore, directly turning to leave, Chu Qianshu was so angry that she stomped her feet. "Truly, rotten wood cannot be sculpted! How can a talent like my brother fall in love with a hooligan like this? Other than her pretty face, what contributions has she made to humanity?!"

From that day onward, Chu Qianshu kept showing a dark face to Shen Ruoqing.

She found Shen Ruoqing very unpleasant and was filled with prejudice against Shen Ruoqing.

Three days later, the science award ceremony finally began!

Chapter 406 Professor Z!

The award ceremony would be held at night, and it started at 6 p.m.

Now, Shen Ruoqing was in her bedroom. She had her head lowered as she checked out the time on her phone. It was currently 4 p.m.

She would still be on time if she left at 5 p.m. Hence, she could still laze about for an hour or so.

The moment she thought of this, a knock rang out.

Shen Ruoqing lazily spoke, "Enter."

The bedroom door was pushed open, and Chu Cichen and Chu Qianshu were standing outside.

Chu Qianshu immediately saw Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing basically didn't seem like a mother of three children. No one would suspect anything if she was introduced as a student at the university. At this moment, Shen Ruoqing was seated on a bamboo recliner chair at the balcony with a book in her hands. She was currently very immersed in reading.

There was a teapot at the side, and a few black and red-colored wolfberries could be seen inside the transparent glass teapot. All of this constituted a very pleasant-looking scene!

Chu Qianshu suddenly doubted herself. Did she misunderstand her?

Although her eldest sister-in-law didn't have an official job, she was still reading daily to nourish her own knowledge.

When she thought of this, she saw Shen Ruoqing placing the book in her hands on the table. Feeling curious, Chu Qianshu took a glance and saw that the book's title was: [Boss Life After Retiring From Marriage: She's Sassy and Beautiful.]

With just a single glance, she could tell this book was a brainless web novel!

Chu Qianshu. "!!"

She knew she was right. This eldest sister-in-law of hers was a slacker!

Her lips twitched and she took the initiative to stride into the room. Her tone was rigid as she said, "You are reading such books every day? If you like to read, you can actually read some famous novels."

Although Chu Qianshu was more fond of reading scientific research theories such as physics and math books, Shen Ruoqing probably wouldn't be able to understand these things, right? At the very least, she should read some famous novels, and that would be so much better than the trash she was reading now! Shen Ruoqing shouldn't be a mere vase that looked beautiful but knew nothing!

Shen Ruoqing lifted her peach blossom eyes and calmly replied, "Oh. Those books are tiring to read. As for web novels like this, you can enjoy the content without needing to use your brain!"

Chu Qianshu. "..."

She truly couldn't stand watching people waste their lives away. Hence, she took a few deep breaths and suppressed her impulse to reprimand Shen Ruoqing.

She didn't even want to glance at Shen Ruoqing anymore.

There was only a thought in her heart. Her older brother was like a fresh flower, but why was it planted on a bed of cow dung?

She snorted. "I'll wait for you guys downstairs."

After that, she turned and walked out.

She would probably be angered to death if she continued waiting here.

After she left, Chu Cichen smiled. "She hates seeing people being ignorant the most. Why are you teasing her?"

Actually, as long as he revealed one of Shen Ruoqing's sock puppet accounts to Chu Qianshu, it would be enough.

Even if that other identity was Anonymous or Qing Dai, Chu Qianshu would immediately not feel any contempt toward her.

Chu Qianshu was someone who respected the various top characters of each industry very much. However, she still felt that scientific research ranked the top in her heart.

Shen Ruoqing stretched lazily. "Don't you feel she looks very adorable when she is angry?"

Shen Ruoqing actually admired Chu Qianshu a lot.

From the first time they met, Shen Ruoqing could sense all the inner qualities a scientist ought to have from her. She was serious and had rigor and conviction in her beliefs.

Scientific research was a very dry and boring job. As long as one could persevere, regardless if one had any achievements or not, that was already a feat worthy of others' respect.

In fact, she could see a shadow of an adult Chu Xiaomeng from her.

Chu Xiaomeng's personality was one that could fully immerse herself in researching the world. When she grew up, her character would probably be similar to Chu Qianshu's, right?

Chu Cichen smiled in a doting manner. "Let's go?"

Shen Ruoqing started slightly. "Go where?"

"To the award ceremony," Chu Cichen said. "I got Chu Qianshu to bring us in."

The award ceremony that the scientific world organized this time around only sent invitations to scientists and reputable characters. Although Chu Qianshu was here representing her teacher, she also had a very high status in this field. This was why she could bring people in.

When Shen Ruoqing heard this, her peach blossom eyes regarded Chu Cichen seriously.

She hadn't expected that Chu Cichen could guess her thoughts.

She lowered her eyelids. "My maternal grandfather refuses to acknowledge our relationship because he believes that once he does so, huge trouble will come my way. He once said that this trouble would cause us to break up."

Chu Cichen clenched his fists tightly and looked at her seriously. "As long as you don't want to break up with me, we will never break up. Jingjing, no matter what happens, I will never leave you."

He had never been afraid of external pressure. He was only afraid that Shen Ruoqing would push him away.

It was like six years ago when she decided to fake her death in the organization...

Back then, if she was willing to tell him her troubles, there wouldn't be a problem to kill Dugu Xiao if the two of them joined hands!

Shen Ruoqing had actually felt some guilt toward Chu Cichen for going to the award ceremony this time around.

After all, if she went and proclaimed her identity, the troubles that might occur would definitely involve Chu Cichen. But now, Chu Cichen's words caused her to smile as the burden in her heart disappeared.

Yes, why was there a need to split things so evenly?

He was the father of her three children, and it was normal for him to take on the unknown danger together with her! At most, she would come back from her retired life and help Chu Cichen to strengthen the Chu Corporation!

Shen Ruoqing stood up. "Let's go then."

The two of them went down together and saw Chu Qianshu currently talking on the phone. Her face was filled with joy as she asked, "You are saying that Prof. Z would be attending the award ceremony this time? I'm such a big fan of his research projects! If he could share his insights with me for just a little while, I would surely benefit endlessly! Oh, he was invited to give a speech by the organizers? That's excellent! Hehehe, I'm really excited!"

It was unknown what the other party's reply was. Chu Qianshu excitedly hung up the phone.

When she turned and saw Chu Cichen, her eyes brightened. She was about to speak, but Chu Cichen interrupted her, "Let's get in the car."

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Hence, Chu Qianshu suppressed her excitement and entered the car. After the engine started, she looked at Chu Cichen, only to see that he already had his earphones in and was on a call to handle business matters.

Chu Qianshu's suppressed excitement was almost bursting out.

In the end, she could only glance at Shen Ruoqing, the only person who was idling in the car. She prodded her arm. "Oi, do you know who Prof. Z is?"

Shen Ruoqing. "...Hmm?"

She gave a small uncommitted reply, and Chu Qianshu immediately gushed excitedly, "Prof. Z can be considered the leader of scientific research when it comes to biomedicine. A few years ago, the petri dish he developed became the world's most advanced technology. My elder brother depends on that to grow the bacteria needed for the special medicine...Say, don't you feel Professor Z is impressive?"

"..." These words caused Shen Ruoqing to feel somewhat embarrassed. "Just normal I guess."

Chu Qianshu. "?"

Her eyes immediately turned round from anger. "You are not capable, but why are you looking down on others? Don't you know how awesome Professor Z is? Forget it, you won't understand even if I talk to you about these things!"

Once again, she turned her head away angrily, and no longer looked at Shen Ruoqing.

There was finally some peace and quiet.

Shen Ruoqing curled her lips and looked at Chu Cichen. She could tell that he wasn't busy at all. It was all an act!

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...This was too over the top!

He clearly knew that his cousin was very naggy, so he actually ignored everything and let Shen Ruoqing handle his cousin alone!

The car soon arrived at the award ceremony's location.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen followed Chu Qianshu and entered the banquet. Chu Qianshu then pointed at the seats outside. "The seats ahead have nameplates on them. My status isn't high enough, so the family members I brought can only sit at the back. You guys should casually find your seats."

After saying that, Chu Qianshu cast another warning glance at Shen Ruoqing. "Also, this place is the award ceremony for the scientific world, not a place where you can randomly make a speech. I know

you wish to proclaim something using the stage, but you better not act recklessly. Just forget it if there isn't a chance to do so."

After saying that, she hurried forward.

Chu Qianshu's seat was in the third row.

Although she was impressive, she was still young after all, thus the number of projects she had participated in was limited.

Just when she got seated, she saw a nameplate of one of the seats in the first row – Professor Z.

Chu Qianshu's eyes brightened.

The distance between her's and Prof. Z's seats was so close!

Ahhhhh~

She really had to thank the organizer!

She would be able to observe Prof. Z from all angles this way! She could also take a look at what this top scientist looked like! Would his head be bigger than normal people's due to his brain? After all, his brain capacity was much larger compared to theirs!

Although Chu Qianshu was a top scholar, the difference between her and Professor Z was like heaven and earth. The disparity was too great!

Chapter 407 Professor Z's Family Member

Chu Qianshu stretched her neck, but she didn't see Prof. Z walking over. Hence, she could only check out the seat beside Professor Z meticulously.

Although Professor Z was impressive, he was still considered young in the science circle. It had only been six years since he published his thesis and shot to fame after that. So, everyone guessed that Professor Z was only in his thirties.

Hence, although his seat was in the first row, it was arranged at the side.

The seats in the center were reserved for the major characters in the industry.

For example, a legendary character like Shen Yuansong was arranged to sit right in the center.

At the start, he was a talented scientist, and after he became a businessman, he still used a large amount of funds to focus on research. He had made huge contributions to the scientific world.

Currently, he was one of the leaders among scientists and was also the president of the science association!

The people on both sides of him were mentors from various industries. Some of them researched physics and mathematics, and the others focused on chemistry, mechanical engineering, pharmaceutical, and other industries.

As the president of the science association, Shen Yuansong's methods had always been domineering. He set a special rule saying that since this was a science award ceremony, the people in the first three rows had to be scientists.

Even if one was a multimillionaire and had a noble status, they wouldn't be able to sit in the first three rows if they were not a scientist.

However, Prof. Z was able to sit in the first row despite his young age. From this, one could see how high his social status was.

But...

Why was there an empty seat beside Professor Z?

As this thought appeared in Chu Qianshu's mind, she heard someone at the side speaking in a low voice. "I heard Prof. Z is going to bring his family member here today! I wonder what sort of women could match him."

Professor Z had never disclosed his gender or age in public.

But every time he published a paper, his language was concise and he wouldn't use more words if he could use less. Such a style made everyone feel that Prof. Z was a benchmark among straightforward men in science.

As Chu Qianshu heard this, she started.

(Professor Z is already married?)

She immediately felt disappointed as she silently sighed, doing her best to suppress the disappointment.

A woman like her who was fully focused on scientific research naturally wouldn't pay too much attention to the entertainment circle, let alone chase any idols. Hence, she didn't know that Shen Ruoqing was Qing Dai and Anonymous.

To Chu Qianshu, the male god in her heart was Professor Z.

Even though she didn't know what Prof. Z looked like, she didn't mind it. As long as he had two eyes and a nose, it was good enough for her. After all, what she was fond of was his inner quality.

Professor Z's knowledge was enough for her to give him full marks.

Hence, she wondered what sort of woman was worthy of Professor Z!

Chu Qianshu's heart was filled with jealousy as she was lost in thoughts. A moment later, she discovered the area beside her darkening.

She then turned her head and saw Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen beside her.

Shen Ruoqing's side profile could clearly be seen from where she was standing.

It was flawless. The bridge of her nose, the contours of her face, and her beautiful jawline were all extremely perfect. Even the strictest aesthetic experts wouldn't be able to pinpoint anything wrong with her face.

A thought suddenly flashed in Chu Qianshu's head. Would Prof. Z act like her eldest brother and found a vase to be his wife?

She pursed her lips and felt even more uncomfortable in her heart.

Her elder brother was a businessman, so it was fine even if he got a vase.

However, for someone holy and noble like Prof. Z, he better not let her be disappointed with his choice!

After indulging in fantasy, Chu Qianshu suddenly realized that something was wrong.

Eh?

Why did Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen come to the front?

She quickly tugged Shen Ruoqing's arm and glanced at the back. "Family members cannot sit in front. You all can only sit at the back."

As her voice faded, she saw that the seats behind were already fully filled with people.

This scientific award ceremony gathered major characters from various industries. So, everyone with the slightest bit of fame in the scientific world would think of solutions that enabled them to come here so they could get acquainted with these VIPS.

Hence, the seats behind were filled.

Currently, there were only two more empty seats behind Chu Qianshu.

Hence, Chu Qianshu directly pointed behind her. "Why don't you guys sit here?"

There were no more nameplates starting from the fourth row. Everyone could sit there casually.

One could say that the third row was a watershed. In addition, there were also security guards here to prevent scientists from acting too crazy and rushing to the first and second rows to disturb the major characters.

Shen Ruoqing glanced at the seat with Professor Z's nameplate on and could tell that all the seats in the first row were very comfortable.

In addition, the seat was currently very close to her. She could simply reach out and touch it.

However, Chu Qianshu kept pulling her back, not allowing her to go forward at all. She even whispered, "The first row seats are for the major characters. You cannot go there casually. The guards will only allow you to go there if someone from the first row summons you."

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

Her mouth opened and closed. And just as she wanted to speak, Chu Qianshu already placed her bag on one of the seats in the fourth row. "Quickly get seated, don't stand around. Everyone is looking at the two of you."

"..."

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen exchanged a mutual glance as they helplessly twitched their lips.

Just when she was preparing to take out her invitation, a dark shadow suddenly flashed past her and even pushed her aside. After that, that figure sat down on the seat that Chu Qianshu had reserved with her bag. After the figure succeeded, she tossed Chu Qianshu's bag to the ground.

Chu Qianshu angrily said, "Oi, I've already reserved this seat. How can you toss my bag away?"

Shen Ruoqing frowned.

The person occupying the seat was none other than Shen Jiayi!

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It was unknown how she had managed to enter. At this moment, she sat there arrogantly with her arms crossed. She smiled. "How can you reserve any seats in an event like this? You are too disrespectful to scientists!"

After speaking, Shen Jiayi looked at Chu Cichen. "Bro Chu, I know you are here to get acquainted with more specialists and scientists. My seat is very close to the front, so why don't you sit beside me?"

Chu Cichen's brows were furrowed as his countenance turned cold.

Chu Qianshu asked, "Who are you?"

Shen Jiayi laughed. "Aiya, I forgot to introduce myself. Actually, I majored in biomedical science and am currently a biomedicine researcher. I came in with my teacher. Bro Chu, your Chu Corporation is currently planning on focusing on the pharmaceutical industry, right? I can introduce my teacher to you! My teacher is acquainted with Professor Z. I heard that your company bought a patent from Prof. Z. If you sit beside me, I can get my teacher to link you and Professor Z up so you guys can cooperate on a deeper level. I'm sure if Professor Z joins your company, you guys will be like a tiger with wings in the pharmaceutical industry, and your development speed will be greatly enhanced~"

Chu Qianshu's expression changed slightly after hearing this. "You are into scientific research?"

Shen Jiayi lifted her chin proudly. "Correct."

Chu Qianshu. "In that case, you ought to be very clever!"

Shen Jiayi's lips curled. "Still okay I guess."

She had long since researched that Chu Cichen's female cousin was a fan of scientific research. Since this was the case, after his cousin learned of her identity, his cousin should be supportive of her being together with Chu Cichen, right?

Shen Jiayi didn't know what was going on with herself, but after she met Chu Cichen, she no longer had other men in her eyes.

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She had to snatch Chu Cichen over!

However, she hadn't expected that at the next instant, Chu Qianshu spoke in contempt, "Since you are so smart, why are you still seducing a married man?! This is simply throwing the face of us, female scientists!"

Shen Jiayi. "?"

She was badly angered. "What married man? They have yet to register their marriage!"

Chu Qianshu replied, "They already have children, so it's considered that they are already in a union. It has nothing to do with whether they have the marriage certificate or not. Young miss, you don't even have a nameplate here, so why are you acting so arrogant? I've already reserved this seat, so you better step aside!"

Shen Jiayi almost went crazy from rage. "No way! Although I don't have a nameplate, I'm still a scientist. Shen Ruoqing isn't even one, so what qualifications does she have to be seated here?! Let me tell you guys something. If you make me angry, I'm going to shout loudly and attract attention. When the time comes, neither of us will be able to sit here!"

Chu Qianshu was also enraged.

She immediately looked at Shen Ruoqing, only to see Shen Ruoqing's lips curling into a smile. "No problem, you can sit here."

After that, she looked at Chu Cichen. "Come with me."

Chapter 408 First Row!

Chu Cichen furrowed his brows and followed Shen Ruoqing. However, his gaze landed on the seats with nameplates in the second row.

Hmm...he had no idea of Jingjing's status among scientists.

Although Divine Doctor Jing was usually responsible for treating illnesses, she had also researched and concocted many miraculous medical pills. Logically speaking, she did have a connection with the scientific research industry...

Just when he was thinking, he saw Shen Ruoqing walking past the second row without giving it a glance and arrived at the first row seats...

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Chu Cichen's phoenix eyes flashed with surprise. He looked at Shen Ruoqing, only to see her heading in the left direction.

Chu Cichen's gaze followed her and landed on the seat she was walking toward. Very soon, he saw the seat with Prof. Z's name.

Prof. Z had been leading a retired life in Sea City...

Jingjing also always talked about enjoying life in retirement.

Could it be that...

His pupils constricted as he stared at Shen Ruoqing in astonishment.

Shen Ruoqing's side profile was absolutely beautiful. When the dim lighting fell on her face, it accentuated her cool demeanor and the resolve in her gaze.

Chu Cichen retracted his gaze and his lips suddenly curled.

How many more secrets did his Jingjing have that he had no idea about?

Chu Qianshu and Shen Jiayi were both dumbstruck.

Even people who were seated beside them were stunned after seeing the actions of the two.

The major characters seated in the front row would usually be invited backstage for a rest the moment they entered. So, those people would be entering from a side door near the first row later.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen were both good-looking and looked very conspicuous. Hence, many people on the scene were observing them. At this moment, when they saw these two walking toward the empty first row, everyone started to discuss in private.

"Who are these two people? Don't they know the rules?"

"My heavens, could it be that they wanted to get the major characters to sign autographs for them? Before they came, didn't the staff members tell them the rules of this award ceremony? Are they going to openly defy the rules?"

"Those who can come here are all people with statuses. Isn't it too embarrassing that they are ignoring their own statuses and going to the front so blatantly?"

"..."

Chu Qianshu anxiously stood up after hearing the comments from the surroundings. She wanted to rush over to stop the two of them, yet she didn't dare to go to the front row. Hence, she could only stand at the third row and lowered her voice as she shouted, "Brother, no one is permitted to go near the first row. Where are you guys going? Come back quickly!"

She had an extremely embarrassed look on her face.

She had emphasized the rules here to them many times, but her ignorant eldest sister-in-law simply had no respect for them!

Although their family had money and status, this was a gathering of the academic world!

In this place, one's background didn't matter!

She was really afraid that the two of them might screw things up and say something in arrogance such as "I'll cover all the fees for this event!" If that were the case, she probably would dig a hole right away and bury herself!

Chu Cichen turned his head to look at her and shot her a comforting glance. "Don't be nervous, I'm just going with your sister-in-law as she has a family member's allocation seat."

Chu Qianshu. "???"

Family member allocation seat? From her sister-in-law?

She felt that maybe her command of the Chinese language had deteriorated because she focused too hard on research overseas. How could her sister-in-law possibly have a seat in the front row, let alone any seat allocations for family members?!

On the other hand, a hint of excitement gleamed in Shen Jiayi's eyes. She directly looked at the guards standing at the side as she called out. "What are you all waiting for? Those two people are already in the first row!"

At this moment, even the guards were dumbfounded.

In an event like this, only scientists were qualified to be here. Also, when these scientists entered, they were told the rules and they knew not to go to the first rows. Although everyone might be very excited when they saw the major characters, they would usually comply with the rules.

So, the security guards had been pretty relaxed. This was the first time they encountered guests that ignored the rules.

The two guards then glanced at each other before hurrying over. Just before Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen sat down, the two guards stopped them. "Hi, you guys cannot come near the first row if your names are not on the nameplates. Please head to the back seats instead."

Their voices weren't loud, but because the people near the front rows were watching them, the four people in front looked very conspicuous.

After that, the people in the hall gradually quieted down and everyone was looking at them.

Now, a hint of mockery appeared in Shen Jiayi's eyes.

Shen Ruoqing was a buffoon and only knew how to beat people up. However, she didn't understand that a place like this wasn't one where she could casually enter!

The Shen Family was the number one family in the capital. But even so, Shen Yuansong had no way to give the special contribution award to himself. From this, one could see how heavy the weightage of this scientific award event was.

Chu Qianshu was even more anxious now. She ignored her embarrassment, and just when she was about to rush over to drag Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen back, she heard Shen Ruoqing saying, "I have a nameplate with my name on it."

After saying this, the entire scene fell silent again.

Shen Jiayi was stunned. Her eyes then turned round and she sneered. "How is that possible? Shen Ruoqing, you are simply ignorant and ridiculous! Guards, don't believe her. She merely came here hoping to get a seat!"

The guards were stunned too.

As the security guards here, they had long since memorized the names of all the important characters. Also, there didn't seem to be a young man and woman among those important characters seated in the first row.

The guards coughed and spoke, "Sorry, please show us your invitation."

The invitation would definitely contain the name of the invited person.

Shen Ruojing took her phone out and searched for the invitation in her email. "Please wait a moment."

Chapter 409 That, That Can't Be, Right?

Chu Qianshu stood in a daze, feeling astonished as she looked at the two of them.

Did Shen Ruojing really have an invitation letter?

Then who was she? To be able to receive an invitation and be seated in the first row?

Chu Qianshu's gaze slowly moved across the names in front of them and eventually stopped at Professor Z's name.

(That, that can't be, right...)

Shen Jiayi clenched her fists and said softly, "Granduncle wouldn't be so muddled that he arranged a seat for his lover, right? One that even came with an invitation?"

(He wouldn't. He wouldn't, would he?)

Although Shen Yuansong was the president of the Science Association, such an act would incur too much wrath!

However, what was it to her if Shen Yuansong was left in a bad spot?

She would be happy to see this outcome!

Shen Jiayi felt mad and jealous over how Old Master Shen was biased toward Shen Ruojing!

She felt that she was the granddaughter of the Shen Family and that Shen Yuansong was muddle-headed and had inappropriate thoughts toward Shen Ruojing!

While Chu Qianshu and Shen Jiayi were respectively immersed in their own thoughts, the security guards looked at Chu Cichen again and asked, "Sir, then where is your invitation letter?"

Chu Cichen tilted his chin slightly and said, "I'm her family member."

The two security guards. "..."

Why did they hear a hint of pride in his words?

To be able to bring along a family member to the first row further emphasized that this girl's identity wasn't simple. Therefore, the security guards waited patiently. "Alright Sir, sorry to disturb you."

Shen Ruoqing had quite a number of emails in her mailbox. After all, the things she had to take care of were piling up, so she needed some time to find the invitation letter. During this time, Chu Cichen's gaze landed on the seat next to Professor Z. There was a small nameplate that said "Professor Z's family".

Family... People's understanding would be 'husband'!

The smile on Chu Cichen's lips deepened.

However, at the next moment, the smile on his face suddenly stiffened up as he looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Before today, you didn't know that I would be coming with you to the award ceremony, right?"

Shen Ruoqing continued to look at her phone. "Nope!"

"..." Chu Cichen's gaze landed on the word 'family' and then asked sourly, "Then who's the family member that was supposed to come?"

Shen Ruoqing. "???"

Even her actions of searching through her phone paused. Why wasn't she aware that she was bringing along a family member to the award ceremony?!

Just as she was feeling puzzled, the door next to the first-row seats suddenly opened, and the people who were previously resting backstage walked out.

The first who came in was a young and unfamiliar face.

After he entered, he headed straight in Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen's direction. This person was Lu Hui!

After seeing Shen Ruoqing, his eyes lit up and he quickly walked over to her side, looking around before saying, "You didn't go to the resting room backstage, so I thought you wouldn't be here!"

The award ceremony allocated a chance for Prof. Z to make a speech on stage. If Shen Ruoqing didn't come, Lu Hui would take her place as her representative.

This was how he had handled things over the years.

Moreover, Lu Hui also wanted to meet the big shots in the scientific world. Therefore, he asked for two seats from the organizer, with one in the name of Prof. Z's family member.

At the thought of this, Lu Hui suddenly felt a cold gaze coming from the side. He slowly turned and met Chu Cichen's gaze, which was filled with killing intent. "You're Prof. Z's family?"

"..." Lu Hui was shocked by Chu Cichen's gaze and immediately explained, "Bro-in-law, normal family members count as well! I've always treated Boss as my older sister, so Boss's family is also my family..."

Just as Lu Hui was trying hard to think of a conversation topic and considering how he should console this big shot, he suddenly saw the frost on Chu Cichen's face dissipating, and his lips curled in satisfaction.

Lu Hui. "?"

Was there something he said that hit the spot?

Although Lu Hui didn't really understand, it was fine as long as the big shot was happy. He heaved a sigh of relief and then heard Shen Ruoqing say impatiently, "Where's the invitation letter? Show it to the two security guards."

Lu Hui wanted to take out the invitation card...

However, how could the two security guards dare to let him do so?

The big shots who were arranged to sit in the first row had all been invited backstage when they arrived with their invitation letter. Earlier on, Lu Hui had also come from there!

Therefore, the two of them quickly waved their hands and smiled. "No need, no need. This is a misunderstanding. It's just that... There are only two seats here, but there are three of you. How will the seating arrangements be?"

Lu Hui said anxiously, "I'll leave, I'll leave!"

When the three of them were talking, the rest of the scientific big shots entered progressively. Shen Yuansong walked at the back, but the moment he entered, he saw Shen Ruoqing.

Right now, his granddaughter was surrounded by two security guards, and they seemed to be arguing about something. Moreover, it looked like she was going to be chased away. After all, not everyone was allowed to sit in the first row!

Fearing that his granddaughter might be put in a bad spot, Shen Yuansong immediately called out loudly, "Ruoqing, you came earlier?"

All the scientists. "???"

Everyone looked at Shen Yuansong in confusion, only to see the old man smile and say, "Your seat is the family member seat next to me. Hurry up and come over."

The spot next to Shen Yuansong was originally catered for his family doctor.

After all, the award ceremony tonight wasn't going to be very peaceful. The butler was afraid that Shen Yuansong's body wouldn't be able to take it and thus had the family doctor stay by his side at all times.

But now, seeing that Shen Ruoqing was troubled, he had to do this as he was her grandfather.

Shen Ruoqing's lips twitched too.

Lu Hui quietly stopped his action of leaving. "Boss, what do you think?"

Shen Ruoqing looked at Shen Yuansong seriously. After seeing that his complexion wasn't good, she said, "You sit here with Mr. Chu. I'll go over there."

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Lu Hui smiled excitedly. "Alright!"

He was very interested in such award ceremonies and didn't want to leave.

Therefore, under everyone's gaze, Shen Ruoqing and Shen Yuansong sat at the center positions.

A commotion directly broke out.

People at the bottom each harbored different thoughts, but they had clearly misunderstood.

Chu Qianshu looked at Lu Hui and then at Chu Cichen before turning back to Shen Ruoqing. She had sorted through the course of events. So, Lu Hui, was Prof. Z? Her older brother's company had cooperation with Prof. Z, which was why he could get a seat with him.

As for her sis-in-law... not only did she not avoid the person with whom she had a scandal, but she even sat together with him?!

Chu Qianshu didn't understand the situation, but she somehow heaved a sigh of relief.

What rubbish was she thinking about earlier?

How could that unlearned woman be Prof. Z? She must have thought too much!

At this moment, Shen Jiayi, who was behind her, started cursing. "Shameless! What right does she have to be Granduncle's family?! Granduncle is muddle-headed!"

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She clenched her fists tightly.

She was the Shen Family's young miss! But why was all the treatment meant for the Shen Family's young miss now all given to Shen Ruoqing?!

All the other scientists started talking amongst themselves too.

"Lord! To think that the scandal between President Shen and that young lady is true!"

"Of course! If it wasn't true, would he let her take the family seat? That girl can't possibly be her granddaughter, right?"

"My God! Isn't that too shameless?! Their age gap is almost 60 years, and they are like grandfather and granddaughter. To think that they are sitting together so blatantly like this?! Moreover, isn't this girl with that guy earlier? Why is their circle so messy?!"

"... In the past, I've always thought that President Shen was a role model in the scientific world. He always convinced us with the way he did things. But this time around, why is he so muddle-headed?! Just because she is his lover, does he think that he can bring her to the award ceremony?! Does he know that this is an insult to science!?"

"I originally thought that although President Shen might not be morally correct, his contribution to science is undeniable. Therefore, I wanted to give my vote to him! But now, I don't wish to do that anymore."

"It's the same for me. President Shen has gone overboard!"

"..."

The rest of the people discussed this non-stop. These voices were quickly captured by the staff members and reached the ears of those in the first row.

Hearing this, the science association's vice president whispered next to Shen Yuansong's ear, "President, you'll anger everyone like this. This is very disadvantageous to your votes!"

As the special contribution award was brought up by the science association, the voting would also be done on the spot today.

Moreover, it would only be awarded if over two-thirds of the voters agreed.

Shen Yuansong initially had his right to the special contribution award canceled, but a moment ago, some people who were of high seniority in the association gathered for a discussion. They then eventually decided to give the deciding right to all the scientists present.

After all, being lacking in ethics wasn't a criterion to judge one's suitability for "outstanding contribution". It'd depend on everyone's acceptance of the said scientist's moral level.

Therefore, if Shen Yuansong had shown more sincerity and humility, there would have still been hope for him at the award ceremony tonight.

However, Shen Ruoqing's appearance already angered everyone.

The vice president saw everything clearly. Shen Yuansong had changed his company at the last minute. This meant that he hadn't planned on bringing Shen Ruoqing here and that the mistress had found her way here herself!

Hence, the vice president's gaze when looking at Shen Ruoqing changed to become unfriendly.

He was a loyal supporter of Shen Yuansong, but now, to think that the person he admired the most was going to be destroyed in the hands of a woman?!

However, Shen Yuansong blocked his view and was very defensive of Shen Ruoqing. He lowered his gaze and said, "Alright, let the award ceremony begin."

The vice president nodded.

Shen Ruoqing didn't feel anything about the vice president's hostility. Her phone rang and she saw the message Lu Hui sent her. [Oh right, Boss, didn't you want to go on stage to say a few words to acknowledge a family member? The organizer has arranged for you to say a few words for the opening.]

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After Shen Ruoqing saw the text, she turned to glance at Shen Yuansong before replying: [Sure].

It felt like her glance conveyed too many emotions, and Shen Yuansong sensed something. Or maybe, her appearance here made Shen Yuansong understand her intentions. Hence, he directly lowered his voice and spoke, "Lass, don't think of acknowledging me or whatnot. You won't be able to go up the stage."

Shen Yuansong pointed to the two passageways at the sides that could allow one to go up the stage. Each of the passageways was guarded by two security guards. They were muscular and looked very difficult to handle.

Shen Yuansong smiled. "These are guards I specially hired for the sake of this award ceremony. All of them are well-trained, so you don't have to bother thinking about a plan to go up. Today, just sit here and relax. You can see the association your grandfather has managed all these years and also witness the strength of China's scientific research."

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After saying this, Shen Yuansong was a little proud. "Fifty years ago, our country was suppressed in all aspects when it came to scientific research and basically was inferior to international standards. But now, although there are still some areas where we cannot compare to them, the distance between us has shortened. In fact, in other areas, we have surpassed those people. Don't look down on scientific research. It can make our country prosper!"

Shen Yuansong was a man with ideals and ambition.

Also, he had truly fought his entire life for his dreams.

After hearing his words, Shen Ruoqing calmly lowered her eyelids. This was the first time she felt ashamed of a casual retirement life.

However, Shen Yuansong soon sighed. "It's a pity I have no successor."

The vice president beside him couldn't help but add, "Yeah, you are going to retire as the president after this year. Are you certain of the new presidential candidate?"

Shen Yuansong frowned.

The vice president also sighed silently.

The future new president was an expert in quantum science. He was sixty this year, but his thinking was very conservative and wasn't able to keep up with the changes in development. This was the reason why he often had different views from Shen Yuansong.

Once he became the new president, Shen Yuansong's concept of free innovation, which he had adhered to all these years, would probably be subverted.

In addition, this person's ego had recently swelled. It was as though he couldn't wait for Shen Yuansong to retire and wanted to force the latter to do so earlier. This time around, the rumors were precisely circulated by this person in the shadows.

The vice president couldn't help but say, "The presidents of research associations overseas are getting younger and younger. I heard the current research president of M-country is not even 40 years old. Why can't we find a younger candidate?"

Shen Yuansong sighed. "How many youngsters among scientific researchers can convince the rest thoroughly?"

The vice president immediately thought of someone. "There's one. How do you feel about Professor Z?"

The vice president glanced at Lu Hui in the distance. "Prof. Z has a very high status in the research world. Many young people take him as their role model, and he looks like he's only in his thirties. If you wish to recommend him as a candidate, he might actually be selected!"

Shen Yuansong involuntarily glanced over and hesitated. "He never liked to participate in such events, but he suddenly came for the award ceremony this time. Also, we didn't prepare any awards for him, so why did he suddenly appear? Did you ask him for the reason?"

"Yes." The vice president sighed. "He said he suddenly felt like coming."

"..."

When Shen Yuansong heard this, he pondered for a moment. "He's pretty carefree. How is his moral character? We can try to understand him. If he can really lead the association in a better direction, I don't mind recommending him as a candidate!"

The vice president hesitated. "His personality is aloof, and I'm afraid he isn't too respectful of you. He isn't someone from our camp..."

Shen Yuansong said righteously, "Our association is of service to scientific research as a whole and isn't for the sake of the Shen Corporation. Old Liu, you shouldn't be confused about the direction and form camps left and right!"

The vice president immediately lowered his head in acknowledgment. "It is my mistake."

However, he was still reluctant as he sighed. "It is because you have no successor. If you had a child and if he or she had the slightest achievement in scientific research, they would be able to take over your position. At the very least, they wouldn't abolish what you've established through the years."

Shen Yuansong pursed his lips and subconsciously glanced at Shen Ruoqing,

He also felt regret in his heart.

His daughter was a businesswoman, and she was extremely outstanding.

As for his granddaughter, she had learned medicine and chosen the path of arts. She had also managed to ascend to the peak of her chosen path as Qing Dai and Anonymous.