

## **Boss Mommy 411**

### Chapter 411 Inviting Professor Z Up The Stage! (2)

This caused him to involuntarily ponder. If his granddaughter was also in the scientific research field, would she also be able to carve out achievements for herself?

It was a pity her granddaughter was too old now. It was too late to nurture her.

If time could be rewound to ten years ago, he could train her to take his path...

As Shen Yuansong was pondering, the vice president couldn't help but nag, "How good would it be if Prof. Z was someone that stood with us."

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Shen Ruoqing. "..."

She turned her head and suddenly asked, "How do you know that he isn't someone from your camp?"

The vice president started slightly and stared at her in puzzlement.

After that, he frowned and revealed an expression of loathing. As he didn't reply to her, it was clear that he was very against her.

However, Shen Ruoqing didn't mind.

Just when Shen Yuansong was preparing to reprimand him, the host went up the stage and prompted Shen Yuansong to announce that the award ceremony had started.

Shen Yuansong was already old, and he only needed to say a single sentence. Hence, he didn't go up the stage and remained in his seat. He received the mic that a staff member passed him and he said, "Let the award ceremony begin!"

After that, he passed the mic over.

But at this moment, a voice rang out. "President Shen, before the ceremony starts, shouldn't you introduce to us who is the person sitting beside you?"

Shen Ruoqing frowned and saw a man around sixty years old who was seated three seats away from them speaking up. He was none other than the presidential candidate that the vice president had spoken about earlier, the one who often had conflicts with Shen Yuansong.

After this person finished speaking, he laughed. "Is this our president's wife? Actually, President Shen has yet to marry, and I also heard this young miss is unwed. In this case, you guys are proceeding openly and aboveboard, so I believe the rumors earlier must be a misunderstanding, right? President Shen, you better explain to us. If not, everyone might not be clear about the situation and would doubt your moral character!"

Although he said it was a misunderstanding, he was actually adding fuel to the flames.

Hence, Shen Yuansong's countenance darkened as he spoke in rage, "Don't talk nonsense here. My relationship with...Miss Shen is a simple doctor-and-patient relationship!"

“Oh? Doctor-and-patient relationship? I thought that...” That person stopped after saying this and laughed. He didn’t continue any further.

However, his words invoked the rage of everyone.

Earlier, the intimate actions between Shen Yuansong and Shen Ruoqing already triggered the crowd’s unhappiness. Now that someone added fuel to the flames, the unhappiness began festering!

Some people immediately shouted.

“Old Master Shen, what are you doing? You failed to protect your moral integrity, so you are going to give up completely?”

“President Shen, I’m simply too disappointed in you. You’ve always been my mentor in scientific research. You once said that moral character is more important than ability. Is this the moral character you are talking about?”

“It’s one thing if you mingled with her privately, but you even brought her here to such an important event. Old Master Shen, what does our scientific research association count for in your eyes?”

“...”

Everyone began speaking out in doubt one after another, and the volume of their voices was very loud.

Shen Yuansong pursed his lips when he saw this situation.

All the people below were staring at him in concern. They wanted an answer.

The vice president involuntarily cast a look of rage at Shen Ruoqing. What charm did this woman have exactly? She actually could cause President Shen to be so protective of her? In such a situation now, shouldn’t they quickly find someone to bring her away?!

Chu Qianshu who was seated in the third row was also clenching her fists.

She truly didn’t understand why her eldest brother wanted to bring her sister-in-law here to be insulted by others. Although she believed that there was nothing going on between Shen Ruoqing and Shen Yuansong, their intimate actions still caused her to feel very uncomfortable!

Didn’t her sister-in-law know how to avoid being gossiped about?

Chu Qianshu inhaled deeply and felt extremely panicked in her heart.

She then looked at Lu Hui...

Luckily, Professor Z was here at this award ceremony, and his presence managed to soothe her nerves.

Shen Jiayi who was seated behind her excitedly sat up straight.

In the future, his prestige in the Shen Family would decline further. A muddle-headed old man that was bewitched by a vixen...how many would be convinced by him and submit to him?!

He deserved it!

Who told him to remove her father's management position and act so unprotective toward his grandniece?!

After thinking of this, Shen Jiayi glanced at the surroundings and suddenly shouted, "Chase that woman out!"

It instantly caused a commotion.

Ever since ancient times, beautiful women had always been treated like trouble.

Everyone didn't dare to blame Shen Yuansong as he had countless achievements throughout his lifetime. Hence, they could only transfer all their rage to Shen Ruoqing.

If it wasn't for this woman, how could Old Master Shen make such a mistake?!

When the emotions were ignited, those who were doubtful of Shen Yuansong also couldn't help but shout in rage, "Femme fatale. Correct, chase that woman out!"

"The science world doesn't permit her to be in this award ceremony!"

"A vixen! What method did she use exactly to charm Old Master Shen, causing him to make such a mistake?"

"Chase her out, chase her out!"

"..."

Shen Yuansong glanced at the agitated emotions of the crowd below and his fingers tightened.

The vice president persuaded him from the side, "President, just let Miss Shen leave first. If not, how can we continue with this event?"

Someone at the side looked at Shen Ruoqing and said, "Miss, you should leave for President Shen's sake. If not, if everyone's anger is inflamed, the security guards might not be able to control the situation."

Shen Ruoqing didn't speak. She still remained cool and collected.

She then turned her head to look at Shen Yuansong, only to see her maternal grandfather staring in the distance with a resolute look in his gaze. He stood up and waved his hands to quell the noise. After that, he spoke into the mic, "My relationship with Miss Shen is my private matter. Now, I only want to say one thing. The innocent shall always be innocent."

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After saying that, he directly looked at the host. "Let the award ceremony begin!"

His domineering attitude caused the crowd below to be even more unhappy.

"The innocent shall always be innocent? But are you innocent?"

"My god, how does he have the cheek to utter such words?"

"Things have reached such a stage, yet he still refuses to chase this woman out. Such protectiveness is abnormal!"

“...”

Under the fervent discussion of the crowd, the host on stage immediately began the hosting procedure. Although her voice was a little panicky, it still rang out loud through the area. “Today, it is our blessing to be able to invite Professor Z here. Can we please put our hands together for Prof. Z to invite him to give the opening speech?!”

After these words were spoken, the scene fell silent.

Shen Yuansong did trigger everyone’s rage, but Prof. Z was the character everyone felt the most curious about!

After all, the things Prof. Z had developed from his research were leading the entire world in biomedicine!

Everyone felt extremely curious about him, so they turned in unison to look at Lu Hui.

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Even Chu Qianshu discarded her worry about her sis-in-law. Her eyes were gleaming as she turned to look at Prof. Z.

One of the staff members walked toward Lu Hui and made a gesture of invitation to him. Lu Hui spoke concisely, “I apologize, I’m not Prof. Z. Professor Z is over there...”

He pointed to a seat located in the center.

Everyone’s vision immediately gathered in the area he pointed at.

Prof. Z was seated there? But those characters there had nameplates. Hence, some people even speculated that Professor Z was a sock-puppet account of one of the major characters here. This couldn’t possibly be true, right?

Just when everyone’s thoughts were flying wildly, a slender figure suddenly stood up.

It was actually...Shen Ruojing!!!

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The scene fell into complete silence, but a commotion quickly broke out once again.

Everyone looked at Shen Ruojing in disbelief, and a thought flashed in their minds at the same time:

Why did this young lady stand up?

At this moment, Chu Qianshu’s gaze was in a daze. She was also momentarily puzzled.

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Her elder sis-in-law was going to say a few words? To clarify the relationship with Old Master Shen?

This was a time for Prof. Z to make a speech. Many people’s attention was on this!

As for Shen Jiayi, she also looked confused, but her expression soon turned into elation instead.

Shen Ruoqing had a face as if she was tired of the world and looked very intelligent, but Shen Jiayi didn't expect her to actually be so foolish!

Even the host was helping her and bringing up Prof. Z. As a result, everyone's attention had been turned to that mysterious Prof. Z, yet Shen Ruoqing still jumped out by herself.

Why?

Did she want to rebut those people who were scolding Shen Yuansong?

What most people were thinking now was this: Was Shen Yuansong finally getting her to leave? Did he finally notice that someone wasn't right? As expected, there was still hope for Old Master Shen...

Even Shen Yuansong showed a moment of confusion and was at a loss.

He didn't seem to understand why Shen Ruoqing would suddenly stand up. Could it be that she couldn't take it due to there being so many people scolding her?

He quickly pulled Shen Ruoqing's arm and said, "Jingjing, don't be impulsive. I've lived to such an old age and no longer care about what the outside world says about me."

When Shen Ruoqing heard this, she lowered her gaze and looked at him. "But I care."

These simple words made Shen Yuansong feel stunned momentarily, and a warm flow suddenly gushed from the bottom of his heart.

In the past, he had never felt that not having any children would be a lifelong regret. Since a rational person like him had chosen to not get married, he wouldn't regret it.

But now, being defended made him feel as if something was filling up his chest, filling his heart up...

However, the vice president said angrily, "Miss Shen! If you care about Old Master Shen, then you should leave this place immediately! Your presence here is a humiliation to him!"

People from the scientific world were all high and lofty. With Old Master Shen holding things up for them, they just needed to focus on their research. Therefore, regardless of the situation, no businessmen had sat in the first three rows for the award ceremony.

They'd at most make appearances as family members, but those people would either be marriage partners or parents! Even for children, there were very few instances of them attending.

For Shen Ruoqing, someone whom Old Master Shen was in a scandal with, to be sitting there, it was a humiliation to the science world.

The vice president understood everyone's fury.

Scientists were humans too. They were only convinced by experience and contributions. Hence, how could a young woman, who hadn't done anything but just depended on her relationship with Old Master Shen, be able to stand above them?

Who'd be convinced?

Shen Yuansong immediately said, "Old Liu, shut up!"

The vice president's eyes turned red. "Old Master Shen, are you going to let her act so wilfully like this?"

Shen Yuansong smiled. He then looked at Shen Ruoqing and said, "Jingjing, I get that you're filial, but you won't be able to get on stage. It's like what I said earlier, the security guards won't let you get on..."

He had just finished saying this when he heard Shen Ruoqing say calmly, "But aren't they asking me to go on stage to make a speech right now?"

After she said this, Shen Yuansong was stunned.

He looked at Shen Ruoqing in astonishment and puzzlement. "What?"

The vice president even said impatiently, "Miss Shen, they're inviting Prof. Z to go on stage for a speech, not..."

Before he could finish his sentence, he seemed to have suddenly realized something. He looked at Shen Ruoqing in disbelief, only to see the girl giving him a faint smile.

The vice president was stunned.

He gulped, and an exciting and agitating thought suddenly gushed into his mind.

Could it be, she was...

How could that be?! She looked to be only in her twenties. Wasn't she too young?

But just as everyone at the event harbored varying thoughts and were discussing amongst themselves in private, Lu Hui's voice rang across the entire place through the microphone. He said to the staff member in front of him, "What are you still standing here for? Hurry up and pass her the microphone! Prof. Z is her, Shen Ruoqing!"

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"..."

Lu Hui's voice was loud and clear, suppressing all doubting sounds. His words were like a switch, muting the entire venue.

As a result, Chu Qianshu was stunned and she looked at Shen Ruoqing in disbelief.

She felt that she must have heard wrongly.

Her eldest sister-in-law, who was unlearned and ignorant, was the knowledgeable Professor Z?!

This was too unscientific!

She gulped and couldn't help but look at Chu Cichen.

She suddenly recalled that he had said earlier that he was going to get a seat as her eldest sis-in-law's family member... Wasn't her eldest brother the family member of her eldest sis-in-law?!

Shen Jiayi, who was seated behind her and had been looking at Shen Ruoqing in disdain, had her head lowered as she texted Wen Yuyi. The two of them had become good friends recently.

The duo often exchanged news, gossiped about Shen Ruoqing, and said bad things about her.

Wen Yuyi sent her a fawning message earlier: [To think that she went to the award ceremony too? Who is she to do that? This is simply a humiliation and a joke. Miss Shen, she must have pestered your granduncle to let her go because you are into scientific research. She's really shameless.]

When Shen Jiayi saw this reply, she broke into a satisfied smile.

Then, she heard Lu Hui's voice and abruptly looked up, her eyes becoming rounded. She was both stunned and in shock as she looked at Shen Ruoqing.

What did that person say earlier?

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Professor Z was Shen Ruoqing?

How was that possible?!

At this moment, her phone's sudden vibrations brought her back to reality. She looked down and saw that Wen Yuyi had sent another message: [Don't mind her. She's just a clown in front of you.]

Shen Jiayi. "..."

She only felt that this message had a strong sarcastic tone.

Was she being scolded for being a clown?!

Shen Jiayi clenched her fists tightly again, feeling so angry that she blocked Wen Yuyi's number.

They weren't the only ones. Other than Lu Hui and Chu Cichen who knew the truth, everyone else present was stunned.

Prof. Z was an uprising new star in the scientific world who had come up with many patented inventions. But how could she be so young?!

Amidst the bizarre silence, even though the staff member was also stunned, he still ran over with the microphone to Shen Ruoqing. "Professor Z, please!"

Shen Ruoqing took the microphone.

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She then turned to glance at Shen Yuansong and smiled before slowly heading up the stage.

Shen Yuansong was elated inside. He was so agitated that his hands were trembling non-stop!

He had felt that it was a pity that his granddaughter hadn't grown up by his side, and he couldn't influence her to enter the scientific research world. However, he didn't expect that she had done even better than he imagined!

Even if she were to grow up by his side, it would be impossible for her to become better than she was now!

Shen Yuansong's eyes suddenly turned red. His gaze was fixed on Shen Ruoqing, and every single one of her actions seemed to have become his entire world.

This was his granddaughter! Prof. Z was his granddaughter!

He wasn't the only one. Right now, everyone's gaze was gathered on Shen Ruoqing.

The girl's slender figure was straight and upright as she slowly went on the stage.

Shen Ruoqing stood up there, looking down at the densely-packed crowd. She didn't feel nervous at all, as she had seen such scenes countless times.

But this time around, she was speaking up for her grandfather.

Shen Ruoqing held the microphone and said calmly, "Hello everyone, I'm Professor Z. I'm also the femme fatale that you guys were referring to earlier..."

Everyone looked at her, seemingly stunned, yet also like they hadn't come back to their senses.

At this moment, Shen Yuansong suddenly heard a voice. "Old Master Shen, so the reason you've treated her so well is because you found out long ago that she's Professor Z? You want to pull her into your camp and nurture her to fight against me, right?"

The person who spoke was the same old man who was at odds with Shen Yuansong.

This 60-year-old man squinted his eyes. "This youngster might be an amazing character, but it's a pity that people change! She's only in her twenties and has endless possibilities. How can you guarantee that she'll always be on your side and strictly follow through with your plan?"

After saying that, he laughed again as if wanting to stab a knife into Shen Yuansong's heart. "The greatest pity in your life is that you don't have any descendants. Given your identity and education resources, if you had a biological child, their achievements would probably not be worse off than hers, right? If she were your biological daughter, you wouldn't have to worry about being betrayed either..."

Chapter 413 Biological Granddaughter!

Shen Jiayi stared at Shen Ruoqing in rage as she shouted loudly, "My granduncle has always been righteous, but he ended up like this because of you, isn't it?! The description 'femme fatale' is too light even if used on you!"

When Shen Ruoqing heard this, her gaze sank as she slowly replied, "The term 'femme fatale' is traditionally biased toward females and extremely insulting. Are you still living in the feudal era?"

The term was usually used to associate beautiful women with trouble as their looks could cause kings to mismanage their empires due to focusing on pleasing them. But how could a woman truly have such capabilities?

This was simply a case of finding an excuse for the decline of a country because it had an incapable ruler.

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The scientists here were cursing her and chasing her out because they were angry about Shen Yuansong's conduct. However, they didn't wish to scold the esteemed Shen Yuansong, so they could only transfer their anger onto her!

Shen Jiayi choked and felt her face turning red.

Those scientists who had scolded Shen Ruoqing together with Shen Jiayi felt themselves going red as well.

After all, they were passionate about research and hence were bad at social interactions. It was easier for them to be beguiled by others. Now that Shen Ruoqing said this, all of them immediately realized their mistakes.

Chu Qianshu who was before her actually stood up. Her eyes gleamed. "Well said!"

After that, intense applause rang out.

As the sound of her claps rang out, the others also started applauding. For a time, the sounds of applause echoed throughout the entire place!

Amidst the applause, Shen Jiayi shouted loudly once more, "So, you mean that this is all a mistake my grandpa made?! Could it be that he forced you to be so intimate with him?"

The applause abruptly stopped as everyone instantly turned and looked at Shen Yuansong once more.

Everyone fell silent.

They understood that Shen Yuansong must be muddle-headed, and that was why he did such a thing. However, although he had failed to manage his integrity, no one here was willing to reproach him.

It was because his contributions to the scientific world were simply too great!

Shen Yuansong who was currently being observed pressed his lips together.

The vice president glared at the other old man in rage before nervously looking at Shen Yuansong. He was afraid that this incident might trigger his illness. However, he discovered that Shen Yuansong was ignoring the other old man, not even glancing at him.

In fact, everyone was shooting questioning gazes at him, but he didn't reply to anyone.

Rather, he was staring at the stage seriously with a deep gaze. There was a message within his gaze. (Are you sure you want to do this despite knowing how dangerous the future might be?!)

Shen Ruoqing also looked at him and replied with her actions. She held the mic and slowly enunciated each word, "Is there any problem with me being close with my maternal grandfather, someone who has a blood relationship with me?"

Shen Jiayi. "??"

What was she talking about?

This time, her voice was even shriller compared to before. She shouted in doubt, "Biological maternal grandpa?"

“Oh, not maternal.”

Shen Ruoqing’s words caused Shen Jiayi’s tense heart to relax.

She was happy...

Even if Shen Ruoqing was Professor Z, no matter how impressive she was, her background couldn’t be compared to Shen Jiayi’s. Shen Jiayi’s background was enough to let her stand at the peak!

The endpoint everyone could reach through hard work was merely her starting point.

Her identity was the thing she was the proudest of.

But when she thought of this, she heard Shen Ruoqing continuing. “He should be considered my paternal grandfather, as after all, my father married into my mother’s family.”

Shen Jiayi, who had just relaxed, felt her heart clenching again.

W...what did she say earlier?!

Paternal grandfather? Biological?

Everyone on the scene was stunned.

Everyone looked at Shen Ruoqing and also looked at Shen Yuansong.

Even the vice president was stunned as he looked at the stage in astonishment.

At this moment, Shen Yuansong’s rival who had been making snide remarks felt his pupils constricting as he looked at Shen Yuansong in disbelief. “She is your granddaughter?!”

Shen Yuansong’s eyes were already wet.

He stood up and trembled.

His granddaughter had stood out to protect him, so what qualifications did he have to still hide?!

Shen Yuansong waved to a staff member at the side, and that staff immediately passed a mic over. After that, Shen Yuansong took the mic and replied loudly, “That is correct. Shen Ruoqing’s mother, Shen Qianhui, is my biological daughter, so there is no doubt that she is my biological granddaughter!”

After saying that, he looked at his rival with arrogance. “Old Xu, how about it? My granddaughter is stronger than your son, right?”

His son was working in the scientific industry and could be considered to have some small accomplishments. However, he was incomparable to Prof. Z!

His rival Old Xu. “...”

“Hahahahaha!” Shen Yuansong lifted his head and laughed proudly.

His laughter echoed through the venue and caused many people to be subconsciously moved. Somehow, they could hear the relief of a hero who did have a successor.

Shen Ruoqing glanced at her grandfather and smiled before she spoke again, "Sometimes, what you see and what you hear might not be real. Before understanding the whole situation, we shouldn't comment recklessly. Science is a strict art and we cannot be allowed to profane its sacredness!"

After saying this, she bowed slightly and left the stage.

Later on, when Shen Yuansong was nominated for the special contribution award, the 500 scientists here voted for him. Even Shen Jiayi had no choice but to do so under the gazes of everyone.

The award ceremony soon ended and Shen Yuansong lifted the trophy and award in his hands as he looked kindly at Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing asked, "Very happy?"

Shen Yuansong gently smiled. "Correct. I can die without regret now after obtaining the award I'm most satisfied with in my life!"

Shen Ruoqing glanced at the award and trophy in his hands. "Why is that?"

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Shen Yuansong didn't explain and merely looked at her.

He had devoted his entire life to scientific research and contributed immensely to the Shen Family. As expected, the heavens gave him a gift back. With such a granddaughter, he felt that his entire life's effort was worth it!

After seeing how happy he was, Shen Ruoqing glanced at people in their surroundings.

Everyone was snapping photos in excitement. She then probingly said, "Let me take a photo for you."

Shen Yuansong passed his mobile phone to her. "Sure!"

He took two steps back and stood below the stage, allowing the banner of the scientific association to be captured in the shot.

Shen Ruoqing turned the camera on, but just when she was about to aim properly, Shen Yuansong's phone suddenly vibrated as a series of numbers from an unknown caller appeared.

At this moment, someone walked past Shen Ruoqing and accidentally bumped into her arm, causing her finger to directly press the 'listen' button.

After regaining her senses, she decided to switch it to speaker mode.

Hence, amidst the boisterous scene, an unfamiliar voice rang out with the tone of command. "Shen Yuansong, I heard that you have a biological granddaughter? You have truly hidden this well! Although your granddaughter has given birth to three children, we don't mind. When are you planning to send her over?"

Shen Ruoqing's gaze sank.

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She finally understood that this must be the reason why her grandfather refused to acknowledge her back then!

Shen Ruoqing lifted her hand and glanced at her grandfather who was smiling and posing for the camera...

She then stared at the phone and suddenly asked, "Who are you?"

The other party paused before laughing. "You must be his granddaughter. He didn't tell you about us?"

Shen Ruoqing pursed his lips. "Where do you want me to go?"

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Shen Ruoqing stared ahead, and the tone of her voice was filled with coldness.

"It seems that he has indeed not told you anything." The voice on the other end was filled with disdain, like a ruler that stood loftily at the top. He then continued, "Have you heard of..."

However, before he could finish his sentence, the phone that Shen Ruoqing was holding was suddenly snatched away.

Shen Ruoqing quickly turned her head and saw Shen Yuansong shooting a look of panic at her. After that, Shen Yuansong walked to the side with the phone, and his voice was filled with respect. "Sir, please listen to my explanation for this matter...we just reunited and I've never thought of resisting...However, she is truly not suitable as she has given birth to three children and is already married!"

The scene at the award ceremony was too chaotic, and Shen Ruoqing couldn't hear what the other party said clearly. However, when she saw the look of dread on Shen Yuansong's face, she felt that the power that the other party wielded was something she absolutely couldn't underestimate.

The four great families of the capital depended on the control of the economy in the capital for their development.

The Shen Family was the head of the four families, and one could say that if Shen Yuansong stomped his feet in the capital, the economy of the capital would be stirred. However, such a powerful maternal grandfather was actually speaking so servilely with a tone of pleading in his voice.

Hence, Shen Ruoqing sank into contemplation. It was unknown what the other party said, but Shen Yuansong replied, "I'm willing to use half of the Shen Family's fortune to exchange for her freedom...Sir, can you reconsider this? Alright..."

After hanging up, Shen Yuansong wiped the sweat on his forehead away before he looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Jingjing, don't be afraid. I'll do my best to stop them!"

Shen Ruoqing asked, "Who is 'them'?"

Shen Yuansong shook his head. "If I can stop them, this matter will come to an end. But if I fail to do so, I'll tell you their identity in the future. Right now, I only want to make sure there is no connection between you and them!"

Shen Ruojing looked at the resolve on her grandfather's face, as well as his stooped figure that still looked somewhat straight. After she pondered for a while, she decided not to pursue the question.

At this moment...

"Sis-in-law!" someone exclaimed. Shen Ruojing then glanced to the side and discovered Chu Qianshu standing not far away. Chu Qianshu was currently cautiously looking at her.

In the past, she kept having a look like she was giving a lecture, but now, all of that had disappeared. There was only admiration on her face.

When Shen Ruojing glanced over and even smiled at her, Chu Qianshu immediately flew over. She was very agitated as she asked, "A...are you really Professor Z?"

Shen Ruojing didn't speak.

Chu Qianshu quickly explained, "I...it isn't that I don't believe you. I just feel that this is too incredible! Prof. Z, who is my idol, is actually you..."

She took a step forward and jabbered on, "The moment I came to this venue, I was already thinking about what sort of person Professor Z was. When I saw that he was going to bring a family member, I felt a little disappointed..."

Shen Ruojing lifted her brows. "Oh?"

Chu Qianshu blushed. "Because I thought that Prof. Z was a man. S...so..."

After saying that, she became unhappy again. "However, sis-in-law, why did you choose my elder brother who is a businessman? You should find someone from the science circle. My brother has the stink of a capitalist, so how could he be worthy of you?"

Chu Cichen, who had just walked over to congratulate Old Master Shen for obtaining the award, was speechless.

He coughed lightly.

Chu Qianshu then glanced at him and showed a look of contempt. After that, she took a step forward and held Shen Ruojing's arm as she spoke, "Big brother, don't blame me for my unpleasant words, but you should really read and learn more. A human cannot only know how to make money. If not, you won't have any common language with sister-in-law in the future!"

Chu Cichen couldn't help but remind her, "I have a double Ph.D. in Finance and Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

The look of contempt on Chu Qianshu's face deepened. "You are clearly a top student in mathematics, but you didn't choose to focus on scientific research and became a businessman instead. You have wasted your good genes."

Chu Cichen. "..."

His gaze sank and he directly took a step forward as he pressed down on Chu Qianshu's shoulder.

Chu Qianshu suddenly felt herself being pulled to the side and she almost fell. After she stabilized her footing, she turned her head and saw Chu Cichen standing between her and Professor Z.

Chu Qianshu hurriedly stepped forward. "Brother, what are you doing? I still have some questions I wish to consult my sis-in-law with."

Chu Cichen icily answered, "Your sis-in-law is not free."

Chu Qianshu. "Does sis-in-law have some matters to handle later on? What is she doing?"

"I have to discuss some matters about the petri dish with her, so I can learn more. If not, I won't have a common language with your sister-in-law anymore. So, I guess you won't disturb us, right?"

Chu Qianshu. "???"

She felt that her elder brother was simply too heartless to her!

Just when she wanted to say something, someone in the distance called her to take a photo. Hence, Chu Qianshu could only shoot a look of reluctance at Shen Ruoqing before she walked over.

Only now did Chu Cichen look at Shen Yuansong. He then glanced at Shen Ruoqing before he asked, "Old Sir, do you feel uncomfortable in any way?"

At this moment, Shen Yuansong's complexion was truly unsightly to behold.

When he heard this, he looked at Chu Cichen before suddenly grabbing his hand. "Your children are already old. I think it's best for you two to quickly be officially married."

A gleam flashed in Chu Cichen's eyes as he asked, "Why?"

Shen Yuansong widened his eyes. "What do you mean why? Don't you want to give my granddaughter a proper identity?"

Chu Cichen knew that Old Master Shen was intentionally hiding something. He pondered for a while before speaking with determination in his voice, "Old Sir, did something happen? I'll settle the matter for you."

"You won't be able to." Shen Yuansong's grip on Chu Cichen's hand tightened. "Listen to me and quickly get officially married to her. I only have a single granddaughter, and I'll have to depend on you to take care of her in the future!"

Chu Cichen looked at his expression and seriously replied, "Sure."

This was the first time Shen Ruoqing saw how nervous Shen Yuansong was, and this caused her to feel more curious about the real reason. Who exactly was threatening them?

Just as she was contemplating, Shen Jiayi's voice suddenly rang out from the side. "Grandpa, is she really your maternal granddaughter?! That's impossible, where did a biological granddaughter suddenly come from? You..."

Before she could finish speaking, Shen Ruoqing moved forward and blocked her.

The girl looked at Chu Cichen and spoke, "Bring my grandpa away first."

It wasn't suitable for Shen Jiayi to see her grandfather's current condition, or there might be more waves of commotion in the Shen Family.

Chu Cichen nodded and supported Shen Yuansong to the exit.

"Don't leave!"

Shen Jiayi wanted to chase, but no matter which direction she went, Shen Ruoqing was able to easily appear before her and block her. After recalling the scene from a few days ago when she was beaten up so badly to the extent that she lost a tooth, Shen Jiayi stomped her feet angrily, but she didn't dare to charge forward.

She could only watch angrily as Shen Yuansong departed the venue. Shen Jiayi angrily said, "Shen Ruoqing, don't act too brazenly! Even if you are grandfather's biological granddaughter, I'm also a daughter of the Shen Family!"

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Shen Ruoqing glanced down imperiously. "Hmm, from a branch family."

Shen Jiayi. "!!!"

She was so enraged that her entire body started trembling.

She wanted nothing more than to rush over to scratch Shen Ruoqing's face.

However, she was no match for Shen Ruoqing...

Shen Jiayi took a deep breath and suddenly spoke, "What are you so complacent about? So what if you are of the direct line of descent? Let me tell you something. Do you know that your fiance, Bro Chu, is meeting me privately?!"

Shen Ruoqing's gaze sank after hearing this.

She took a step forward and asked, "What did you say?"

Shen Jiayi immediately laughed. "I said that your fiance, Chu Cichen, has just sent a text to me, saying that he wants to meet me tomorrow night."

Shen Ruoqing spoke with certainty in her tone, "That's impossible."

Shen Jiayi immediately took out her phone and showed her an address. "You don't believe me? Come to this place tomorrow, and I'll personally let you see how Bro Chu and I will be dating! So what if you are a direct descendant? Are you still not made a cuckoo by me?!"

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Chapter 415 Jingjing, Long Time No See!

Shen Ruoqing glanced at the address on the phone and coldly laughed before she turned and left.

She soon went outside the award ceremony's venue and saw that Chu Cichen had sent Shen Yuansong into a car. However, the car had not driven off. Clearly, Shen Yuansong had something to say to her.

Shen Ruoqing hastened her steps and went toward the car as she greeted him. Shen Yuansong then slowly spoke, "For the matter of acknowledgment, don't inform your mother first. I'll personally bring her back home after I finish handling the matters of the Shen Family."

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "Sure."

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Today's award ceremony was a grand occasion for the scientific world, and there were no reporters. Hence, the events that happened wouldn't be publicized.

After all, all scientific researchers were top talents of the country, and their names were classified information.

After Shen Yuansong left, Shen Ruoqing then looked at Chu Cichen and walked to the Chu Family's car. But at this moment, somehow Lu Cheng, who was inside the car, suddenly jumped out.

He had a face filled with excitement. "Lord Jing, Bro Chen, has the matter been settled?"

Shen Ruoqing didn't reply and Chu Cichen nodded.

Lu Cheng continued, "Oh right, did you guys meet Professor Z? Back then in Sea City, we kept looking for him but were unable to find him. I wonder what sort of mysterious character he is."

Chu Cichen and Shen Ruoqing shared a glance after hearing this, and they suddenly burst out in laughter.

Lu Cheng didn't understand their actions. He tidied his floral-print shirt and scratched his head after some time. "What are you guys laughing about? Is my dress sense weird today?"

"Oh, I know. Is Prof. Z a strange person? I've said that those in scientific research wouldn't care about small details. Don't tell me he has a full beard and dresses sloppily while he stinks of sweat?"

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

Her face darkened, but before she could speak, Lu Cheng continued, "This award forbade entry to all non-scientists. How troublesome. If not, I could have followed you guys in for a look too. We definitely have to forge a good relationship with Prof. Z. The pharmaceutical industry that our Chu Corporation is focusing on will definitely not be able to endure without the Z Corporation's support. Right now, many people are jealous of us. If someone is willing to offer a high enough pay to headhunt Prof. Z away, we will be in dire straits!"

When Chu Cichen heard this, he nodded. "You are correct. If we don't want him to leave, we have to give him enough benefits."

Lu Cheng. "Right now, the patent fee we are paying is already very high. What other benefits can we give?"

Chu Cichen glanced at Shen Ruoqing. "Maybe give myself in marriage?"

Lu Cheng. "???"

He was stunned.

He still wanted to say something, but Shen Ruojing's ears suddenly turned red as she interjected, "No need."

After that, she got into the car first.

Lu Cheng's head was filled with question marks as he looked at Chu Cichen. He didn't really understand Shen Ruojing's words. "No need what?"

Chu Cichen. "Prof. Z doesn't want to marry me."

Lu Cheng. "!!!"

He was completely rooted to the ground as he stared at the car in disbelief.

What did Bro Chen mean?

At this moment, Lu Hui ran out of the ceremony venue. After he saw Lu Cheng, he grabbed his arm. "Hey, where's my boss?"

Lu Cheng. "Your boss? Prof. Z?"

"Yeah..." After Lu Hui said this, he saw the car door at the side slowly being closed. He immediately understood something. Hence, he rushed over and shouted, "Boss, you can't leave! I still have a few contracts here that I need you to go through..."

From the car, Shen Ruojing's cold voice rang out. "I've retired, you can handle them."

Lu Hui. "..."

He twitched his lips and just when he wanted to say something, the sound of an exclamation rang out from the side. "My god? Lord Jing is actually Professor Z?!"

Lu Hui. "?"

He slowly turned his head with an unpleasant look on his face. "That is my boss."

"Oh, she is my Lord Jing too." Lu Cheng then went into the driver's seat. After that, Lu Hui heard Lu Cheng say, "Lord Jing, we want to concoct another type of drug, but I've forgotten its name. In any case, it is a medicine that needs raw materials from a petri dish. The overseas company is too petty and refuses to sell the technology to us. Why don't you make us one?"

Lu Hui twitched his lips.

A lazy person like his boss would only speak and not take action. She always said that she was retired, so how would she work?

But just when this thought crossed his mind, the car's engine stirred to life and drove past him. When it passed by him, through the opened window, he heard a cold female voice reply, "Sure."

Lu Hui. "..."

He felt his body freezing and being petrified before cracking open.

(Boss, what happened to your retirement life? Why is there so much difference in treatment?!)

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The next morning, Shen Ruoqing woke up and practiced Taichi as usual, and she coincidentally saw Chu Cichen jogging in the park. After the two of them finished their exercises, they tacitly walked back together.

Shen Ruoqing asked, “Do you have any arrangements tonight?”

Chu Cichen replied, “Nope. I’ll be back in the afternoon. I’ve promised Little Ye to help him calculate his entertainment company’s quarterly report to see how much money he made.”

“...Money grubber.” Shen Ruoqing couldn’t help but mumble.

Chu Cichen’s lips curled into a smile. He continued, “I also have to accompany Xiao Meng to supervise how she writes. Teacher Sparton sent me a text, saying she is too lazy. Her writing speed cannot match her brain’s speed, and practicing writing will calm her heart down.”

Shen Ruoqing nodded. “Let’s see if she can find a new excuse tonight if she fails to write the words well.”

“...” Chu Cichen smiled. “Also, Little Yu wants you to tutor him in math.”

When Shen Ruoqing heard this, she stumbled and hastened her footsteps. “I’m busy tonight.”

Chu Cichen glanced at her back as a warm smile lit his face.

When he chatted with Shen Ruoqing about the shortcomings of their children, it gave him a sense of happiness from a quiet life with no regrets.

However, somehow he started feeling uneasy.

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It seemed that something was going to happen and interrupt his happiness.

Chu Cichen lowered his eyes.

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At 6 p.m.

Shen Ruoqing punctually arrived at the address that Shen Jiayi had shown her yesterday.

This place was a French restaurant. Right now, Shen Ruoqing wore a cap and a black facial mask. After she entered, she found a corner seat in the hall.

She could see Shen Jiayi entering and sitting in a location far away, which was next to the window.

There was a river outside and the scenery was beautiful.

Also, Shen Jiayi had specially dolled herself up. She would glance at her watch occasionally and seemed to be a little impatient from waiting.

Shen Ruoqing took a sip of tea.

She also glanced at her phone.

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It was five minutes past six.

Shen Jiayi had told her yesterday that she and Chu Cichen agreed to meet at six p.m. today.

But Chu Cichen would definitely not come.

So, this guy must be the one who accompanied her in dating six years ago!!

Did that person truly exist?

Back in Ford City, although the canteen aunty had proved that his existence was real, Shen Ruoqing still felt that it was incredulous.

Even if Chu Cichen had a twin, they must have grown up in different environments, so their personalities wouldn't be so similar to the extent that even she couldn't tell the difference...this was also why she came today.

Right now, more than five minutes had passed.

Would he appear?

Shen Ruoqing couldn't be sure. Right now, she was feeling a little nervous.

She then took a deep breath and glanced at her phone again a few minutes later.

It was now ten past six.

Shen Jiayi was already extremely impatient. Hence, she stood up and frenziedly made a call. However, it was evident that the other party didn't pick up her call.

After another ten minutes, Shen Jiayi was so angry that she kicked the table and chairs.

At 6.30, Shen Jiayi finally took her bag and stormed out in anger.

Seeing this scene, Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyelids and finished her last bit of tea.

Luckily, no one came. In other words, there was basically no such person!

Back then, the one she was dating was precisely Chu Cichen. If this was the case, both of them could accept the truth, and things would be much more simple.

She drew in a deep breath. But just when she was preparing to settle the bill, the area beside her dimmed.

Her figure also froze.

She slowly turned her head and saw a tall man standing beside her.

The man had robust-looking features, and his phoenix eyes gleamed with joy and happiness after seeing her. His face was clearly Chu Cichen's face.

But Shen Ruoqing could tell at a single glance.

He wasn't Chu Cichen!

Shen Ruojing's eyes violently narrowed and she was in a daze for a time. After that, she saw the man opening his mouth. "Jingjing, it has been a long time since we last met."

"..."

Chapter 416 Who Are You Exactly?

For a time, Shen Ruojing felt as though she was in a dream.

A thin glass separated the man and her. Shen Ruojing basically couldn't hear what he was saying clearly, so she could only make out a few words from the shape of his mouth. This made her feel like she was in a dream.

The man still retained his youth from six years ago, and his expression looked akin to the little puppy-like guy she had met in the past!

This in fact caused her to feel like she had traveled back in time and returned to the past.

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She couldn't help but recall the time when she was overseas and met Chu Cichen. After she fell in love at first sight with him, she returned to the country. Back then, it was also an evening like this evening. She was seated in a coffee place drinking coffee.

She lowered her eyes and thought about the young man she had fallen in love with when she was overseas.

At that time, she didn't know his name and only remembered his features. His face and voice kept appearing in his mind and caused her to involuntarily sigh. Why didn't she ask for his name that time? Would they ever meet again?

After that, she felt that she was ridiculous.

The world was so big, so how could they meet again?

Just as she was indulging in fantasy, the area beside her dimmed just like now.

She turned her head and saw the man in her thoughts making a call outside. His appearance was the same as when he was overseas, clad in a gray exercise robe. After that, he seemed to have sensed someone looking at him from the coffee place, so he turned his head around.

After he saw Shen Ruojing, he started slightly and hung up directly, entering the coffee place and walking toward her. After he arrived before her, he hesitated for a while before he spoke, "Hello, have we met before?"

If it wasn't for the fact that they had encountered each other overseas, such a sentence would immediately cause Shen Ruojing to mock him for his old-fashioned pickup line.

But Shen Ruojing back then felt her eyes brightening.

She felt a ray of light piercing through the darkness that shrouded her, illuminating her life.

She smiled slightly. "I didn't expect you to remember. I'm Shen Ruoqing, what about you?"

"Chu Cichen. Chu with the twin '木' radicals, Ci that stands for the word 'farewell', and Chen with the '王' radical. What are you doing here?"

"Oh, I'm attending the university near here. What about you?"

"I'm working."

"You are so young, but you've started working?"

"Hmm, my family background is an ordinary one, so I couldn't afford to study in university."

"In that case, why were you overseas back then?"

"My company sent me there for work purposes."

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Those memories kept flashing in Shen Ruoqing's mind. She was staring at the man outside the restaurant, the man who was separated from her by a glass window. Her gaze sank slightly. She had a million questions she wanted to ask him.

Six years ago, why did this man masquerade as Chu Cichen?!

Why did he suddenly disappear as well?

Was there some plot with regard to that matter those years ago?

Shen Ruoqing stared out of the window seriously.

The man standing there started slightly.

The joy in his eyes that came from meeting again flickered and a hint of panic appeared. He pursed his lips and suddenly turned around, wanting to run away!

Shen Ruoqing was very anxious. She knew that she wouldn't be able to catch up to him as she had to exit the restaurant first.

So, she could only lean against the glass and shout, "Hold it! Don't leave!"

The man seemed to have heard her voice and his footsteps stopped.

He slowly turned his head and after he discovered that Shen Ruoqing couldn't catch up to him, he heaved a sigh of relief. He then came back to the glass and lowered his head slightly, looking at her with a complicated look in his eyes.

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing hated the fact she didn't have a superpower that would enable her to bypass the glass and grab him!

She frowned and stared at him.

The man fell silent and suddenly took out his phone. After he keyed in some text, he placed his phone on the glass and showed her what he typed. [Jingjing, is the man you love me or him?]

Shen Ruojing's gaze sank.

She didn't reply, but the man outside seemed to have understood something. He lowered his eyelids, and his long eyelashes cast a shadow across his face. This portrayed a look of innocence and hurt.

The sky had already turned dark.

When the rays of the setting sun cascaded on him, it made his figure appear dream-like.

He took a step back. After that, he turned and ran with no hesitation before disappearing into a sea of people.

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Shen Ruojing pursed her lips. After that, her phone rang.

When she picked up the call, Chu Cichen's voice rang out from the other end. "Jingjing, where are you? Do you need me to fetch you home?"

Shen Ruojing lowered her head and looked at the key to her motorbike in her hand. She lowered her eyelids slightly. "No need."

Chu Cichen grunted in affirmation. After that, the man laughed in a low voice. "When are you coming back? I'm already missing you."

Shen Ruojing pondered for a while before replying, "Right now."

"Alright, I'll wait for you at home."

After hanging up, Shen Ruojing left the restaurant. She directly mounted her bike and rode to the Chu Manor.

There were many people on the street.

She sped through the roads and was in no mood to enjoy the scenery on the way.

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Very soon, she arrived home.

When she entered the living room, a thriving aura could be felt as Chu Tianye shouted, "Long live my maternal grandma. She only used half a year to earn so much money for me! That's too impressive! I'll be a rich man in the future!"

Matriarch Chu's voice then rang out. "Little Ye, since you are so rich now, you shouldn't yearn for your father's inheritance!"

The curly-haired Chu Tianye jumped to his feet in agitation after hearing this. "That can't be done! Grandma, it should be the contrary. It's precisely because I can earn money that daddy should give me

more money. My sister is immersed in scientific research and as for Chu Yu, all his thoughts are on mommy. I think daddy will worry less if he hands all his businesses to me! Am I right, sister?"

Chu Xiaomeng hugged her dinosaur soft toy and was currently practicing calligraphy on a large table in the living room. After hearing this, she grunted. "Oh, correct."

As for Chu Yu, he was sitting on the sofa and was expressionless. "Where did mommy go? Why hasn't she come back yet?"

Chuyu wagged its tail and sat on the ground beside Chu Tianye as it stared at the entrance imposingly.

Chu Cichen sat behind Chu Xiaomeng and although his vision was on her written words, there was a deep look in his gaze, and no one could tell what he was thinking about.

Although the children were so noisy, he didn't say anything.

Only when Shen Ruoqing entered did he lift his head abruptly. His eyes brightened as he looked at her. After that, he stood up and strode over. "You are back."

His voice was low, but his tone was gentle. He lacked the sense of youth from his younger days, and he was also no longer as skinny. Clearly, he had matured a lot.

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Shen Ruoqing stared at him.

At this moment, her phone rang.

When she picked up, Lu Hui's voice rang out from the other end. "Boss, I had waited outside the restaurant according to your instructions and had been following him. I then found his location and captured him! The place he stays at is simply too surprising. Why don't you take a guess where it is? Do you want to come over now?"

After she learned that the fake Chu Cichen was going to meet Shen Jiayi, how could Shen Ruoqing go alone?!

There were too many people on that street, and it was simply too difficult to capture someone.

So, before she went there, she told Lu Hui to bring some men and hide near the restaurant. This was why Shen Ruoqing didn't panic at all when the fake Chu Cichen left in the end.

Upon hearing Lu Hui's words, she turned and headed out. "Send me the address, I'm coming immediately."

#### Chapter 417 Truth

Shen Ruoqing just came back but was about to go out again. This attracted the attention of everyone in the living room.

When Chu Yu heard Shen Ruoqing talking, his head immediately turned around. After seeing his mommy, he immediately ran over.

However, when he reached the entrance, Shen Ruoqing was already gone. This caused him to start slightly. "Where did mommy go?"

The smile on Chu Cichen's face gradually vanished.

Panic strangely appeared in his heart. It felt like Shen Ruoqing was going to leave him...

She had always been leading a life of retirement and didn't care about anything. But now, it seemed that she was even busier than him...

Just when he thought of this, Chu Yu asked depressedly, "Was mommy so busy in the past?"

Chu Xiaomeng took the chance to put down her writing brush as she replied, "Nope. Mommy was never so busy. She hated being busy the most."

Chu Cichen. "Xiaomeng, don't slack."

Chu Xiaomeng whose actions were discovered immediately pouted. She could only pick her writing brush up again. "Daddy, this brush is too heavy. My fingers are already tired."

Matriarch Chu, who was at the side, twitched her lips and exposed her. "You've practiced for less than half an hour!"

Chu Xiaomeng's voice became softer as she spoke. "Scientific research states that the bones of five-year-old children have not been fully developed yet, so they cannot practice for more than half an hour. You guys are abusing children."

Matriarch Chu. "?"

Chu Cichen rubbed her head and said, "This scientific research is not scientific at all. Continue to practice."

Chu Xiaomeng's dream was dashed. She had a dispirited expression on her face as she complained unhappily, "Daddy, it is so boring to practice calligraphy. I wish to research quantum science..."

"You can do so after practicing for half an hour more."

Chu Xuaomeng. "..."

Boohoo. In the past, her daddy would always agree to all her requests. But now, her daddy had a change of heart!

She stared pleadingly at Chu Tianye, only to see him stretching two fingers out to her. It must mean that he wanted \$200. Chu Xiaomeng nodded in agreement.

Chu Tianye paused before suddenly adding three more fingers. The price had now changed to \$500. He increased the price on the spot!

Chu Xiaomeng. "!"

But even so, she nodded her head.

Chu Tianye immediately grinned and went to Chu Cichen. The little fellow lifted his head and asked, "Daddy, what is mommy busy with recently?"

What was she busy with...?

Chu Cichen's gaze dimmed slightly.

He also had no idea.

Speaking of which, he had yet to completely understand Shen Ruoqing. Before this, he had no idea that she was Prof. Z, no idea that she was Divine Doctor Jing, and no idea that she was Anonymous and Qing Dai...

After all, he had never taken the initiative to reveal her matters and he had never asked before.

When they first got acquainted with each other, he felt that there was no need to ask. After all, this woman was just the mother of his three children. Her other matters had nothing to do with him.

After knowing that she was 518, he didn't dare to ask. He was always cautious for fear of treading on her bottom line as it might make her leave him.

For example, like now...he didn't even dare to ask her what she was busy with.

This was because he was afraid that he didn't have these qualifications.

After all, the person who had confessed to her back then wasn't him...the person who had accompanied her on dates also wasn't him.

"Bzz..."

The roar from her motorbike's engine rang out. Evidently, Shen Ruoqing was going to leave.

Chu Cichen clenched his fists tightly and suppressed the impulse to rush out. He lowered his eyelids, but as expected, he no longer paid any attention to Chu Xiaomeng.

Chu Xiaomeng took the chance to put her writing brush down and spoke to Matriarch Chu, "Grandma, I want to drink water."

Matriarch Chu. "...You just drank."

Chu Xiaomeng, "I'm going to the toilet."

"You just went."

"Ah? But I feel thirsty now and also want to go to the toilet..."

Matriarch Chu was very helpless. She then glanced at her son, the only one who could support her, and saw that he was distracted and not paying attention to this. Hence, Matriarch Chu, who felt heartache for her granddaughter, decided to let her off.

Chu Xiaomeng was like a freed butterfly as she excitedly ran out.

At this moment, Chu Cichen's phone vibrated.

He lowered his head and saw a text sent by Lu Cheng: [Boss, you got me to investigate who was dating Shen Jiayi, and I have some results. There is indeed someone who looks the exact same as you! However, before we moved in to capture him, we discovered Lord Jing's people there too. Should we still go ahead with the plan to capture him?]

Chu Cichen's chin tensed after he saw the text.

These days, he had been getting Lu Cheng to investigate the matter of the past. When Shen Jiayi kept speaking nonsense to him, as though the two of them had interacted privately, he sensed something. Hence, he got Lu Cheng to pay attention to Shen Jiayi.

He had finally found that person now!

But should he go and capture him?

Shen Ruoqing had clearly found that person but didn't inform him. Wasn't it because she didn't want him to act?

Would Jingjing be unhappy if he carelessly went over at this time?

This man, who had always been decisive, suddenly didn't know what to do as he hesitated.

He stood at his location and felt extremely conflicted, but his phone suddenly rang at this moment.

It was a series of unknown numbers that was calling him.

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Chu Cichen's gaze sank slightly. Although the numbers were unknown, he was very familiar with them. It must be that person in the shadows who kept calling Shen Ruoqing back then!

He picked up the call, and the familiar electronic voice rang out. "Mr. Chu, Shen Ruoqing is going to meet with her old flame. Why don't you take a guess whether the person she loved is you or him?"

"That person accompanied her for a full half a year, and they would date every week. As for you, you only met her by chance overseas. So, do you think love at first sight is more important, or do you think a relationship that's slowly nurtured is more important?"

Chu Cichen glanced at his three children and took two steps toward the entrance. He lowered his voice. "Do you think you can sow discord between us by saying this?"

"Am I sowing discord? I'm merely stating a fact. In the past, she was truly in a very bad frame of mind. It was him who accompanied her step by step until she walked out of the darkness, allowing her to have the thought of leading an ordinary life. What about you? When she needed someone to accompany her the most, where were you?! Oh, the you back then basically didn't know who she is."

The green veins at the back of Chu Cichen's hand were throbbing. He clearly knew that the other party was sowing discord, but he wasn't able to suppress the rising panic he was feeling at this moment.

W...who was the person Shen Ruoqing loved exactly?!

Chu Cichen only felt that he was surrounded by darkness as if he was tossed into a land of ice and snow.

His voice was steady as he replied, "The one she loved is me. There is no doubt about this. The him back then could only masquerade as me!"

"But what if he wasn't masquerading as you and that person has always been himself in front of Shen Ruoqing?"

His words were like a thunderbolt that exploded in Chu Cichen's ears.

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Next, Chu Cichen's heart sank even more as the electronic voice continued to speak, "If you are so confident in yourself, why didn't Shen Ruoqing inform you that she is going to meet him? Why did she have to do it behind your back?"

Chu Cichen pressed his lips tightly together.

Just when he didn't know how to answer these questions and face these doubts, just when he couldn't be sure of how this matter would develop and was lost and helpless...

"Vroom...screech!"

The sound of a motorbike's engine whirring rang out from the entrance, followed by the sound of a sudden break. After that, a woman removed her helmet and smoothed her long black hair, allowing it to flutter freely in the wind.

Shen Ruoqing quietly looked at him. "Oh, I forgot to tell you that I've found the guy who masqueraded as you. Do you want to go with me to find out the truth?"

"..."

Chu Cichen's shaky heart state calmed instantly.

Chapter 418 Why Do They Look the Same?

All the guesses and uncertainties were gone at this moment.

Chu Cichen smiled and asked, "On your bike?"

Hearing this, Shen Ruoqing glanced at him challengingly. "Are you scared?"

Chu Cichen chuckled, "I'm not."

After saying that, he walked over and put on the helmet that Shen Ruoqing tossed to him. He then sat down naturally behind Shen Ruoqing.

Dressed in a suit and wearing a helmet, this was supposed to be a disharmonious combination. However, when sitting behind Shen Ruoqing, he felt that everything seemed normal and wasn't out of place.

Chu Cichen took the opportunity to glance at his phone, only to realize that the other party had hung up the call at some point.

His lips curled and he put his phone into his pocket. After that, he rested his hands on Shen Ruojing's shoulders.

"Hold on tight."

Shen Ruojing's cold voice rang out, causing Chu Cichen to smile. "Alright..."

He had just finished saying this when the bike flew out.

The strong wind gusted, and the bike's speed was so fast that it was cleaving through the air, making one feel both the sensation of thrill and danger. However, under the helmet, Chu Cichen was only wearing a faint smile.

He had always known that Shen Ruojing liked such extreme sports.

From his view, these acts were too extreme. But now that he was with her, he suddenly felt very blissful no matter what they were doing.

His hands slowly moved from her shoulders to around her waist.

This woman always kept a cold front and usually wore loose-fitting clothes. However, only after hugging her did Chu Cichen realize that her waist was very slender.

He didn't know what other women's waists were like. He only knew that the muscles at Shen Ruojing's waist were filled with power, not making one feel that the waist was so thin that it would easily snap. Instead, it gave him a firm feeling.

The lamps in the capital move backward very quickly.

Chu Cichen only felt as if a few seconds had passed when the bike came to a stop.

The woman then turned and looked at him. "You're still not getting off?"

Feeling stunned, Chu Cichen asked, "We've arrived?"

"Mmmm."

Only then did Chu Cichen alight. When he took off his helmet and put it in the storage behind, he asked in a puzzled manner, "So fast?"

After he got off the bike, Shen Ruojing got off cleanly too.

She was wearing a pair of leather boots and tightly-fitted pants. The bottoms of her pants were stuffed into her boots, giving her a clean and sharp look. It was very suitable for the capturing operation tonight.

She casually parked the bike by the roadside before she scuffed her hair, casually tying it up into a bun with a black rubber band. This would stop her long hair from affecting her operation later.

Only then did she say to Chu Cichen, "It's not fast. It has been 20 minutes."

After saying that, she took a few glances around and realized that Lu Hui wasn't far away. She said, "Come with me."

Shen Ruoqing walked in front with light footsteps. After ascertaining that Chu Cichem was following her, she quickly went up to Lu Hui and asked softly, "Where is he?"

Lu Hui. "In that alley in front. This alley has a lot of turns and it's easy for one to escape. However, I've arranged for people at every entrance. We're just waiting for you to go and catch him."

"Hmm, let's go."

Shen Ruoqing waved her hand and entered the alley.

This was a small village outside the Five Ring Road of the capital's center. In this area, there were mostly single-story houses and buildings that were three to four stories high. However, all of them looked dilapidated.

On the other hand, there was a newly constructed district just one road away from the village.

The place was brightly lit up and it looked very good.

Lu Hui explained, "This is an urban village that is waiting to be torn down. However, as it is outside the Five Ring Road, it'll probably take another ten or more years before that happens."

Shen Ruoqing didn't understand. "Urban village... Since he is staying here, could it be that he is a local from the capital?"

Lu Hui shook his head quickly. "The locals who live in the village don't have much income. Therefore, they built many such illegal buildings to rent out to gain some income. Many people who work in the capital but can't afford rent would stay in such places. I've asked around. That guy is called Song Chen and he rents a room here."

After he said this, Chu Cichen suddenly looked at him.

Lu Hui quickly explained, "It's the 'chen' from the word 'dust'. It's not the same word as Mr. Chu's 'chen'."

However, Chu Cichen still minded this.

To speak the truth, he didn't like this guy at all. This guy used his face to date his first love, and there was even a word in this guy's name that had the same pronunciation as his name...

No matter how he thought about it, he felt uncomfortable!

Just as he was lost in his thoughts, he felt a soft feeling on his wrist. He then lowered his head and realized that Shen Ruoqing's hand was on the back of his hand, patting it lightly.

Her simple action made his mood clear up, and the gloominess that had just appeared was instantly gone. He coughed and said, "I don't mind."

Lu Hui. "... You didn't look like that just now!"

However, Lu Hui didn't dare to expose the big shot's inner feelings. He could only swallow these complaints and continue to lead the way for them into the village.

The street in the village had stalls on both sides, selling living necessities and food. The street was very narrow to the extent that if two cars were to meet, they would have to avoid each other carefully.

This rundown place could instantly bring one back to the '80s or '90s. Compared to the bustling big city in the capital, it was like a world from another lifetime.

Since Song Chen could impersonate Chu Cichen back then and had learned all his actions and behavior, he was definitely from an extraordinary background. Why would he be living here?

Shen Ruoqing quickly arrived at a small alley under Lu Hui's lead while feeling curious.

This place was set apart from the street in front, appearing a lot quieter.

They soon stopped in front of a one-story house.

Its door looked like a door of a courtyard house, but now the door was wide open. After the three of them entered, Shen Ruoqing realized that the other three directions of this squarish space had three-story buildings built on it.

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Lu Hui explained, "This is a rental house. The landlord built a total of 27 rooms here in order to get more rent."

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

If each room was rented out at 800, the rent for 27 rooms would be over 20,000 per month.

It was no wonder people said that the capital's locals could survive just from collecting rental income.

She then followed Lu Hui to the second floor and finally arrived outside unit 207.

Lu Hui pointed inside and said softly, "He's inside."

Upon hearing this, Shen Ruoqing's gaze sank. She made a gesture to her back. When Lu Hui looked back in a daze, Chu Cichen had hidden at the side.

Only then did Lu Hui understand and hide on the other side.

Seeing that both of them had hidden well, Shen Ruoqing knocked on the door.

A familiar yet unfamiliar voice rang out. "Who's that?"

Chu Cichen only found this mysterious.

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This was clearly his voice, but as it came from another person's mouth, he found it extremely unfamiliar.

When he was in a daze, the door was opened.

A face that looked exactly the same as Chu Cichen's instantly appeared in front of them!

Song Chen looked completely defenseless. When he opened the door and saw Shen Ruoqing, his eyes first lit up. However, he immediately realized something and looked behind her. Immediately, he grabbed her hand and pulled her into the room.

Song Chen said anxiously, "Jingjing, how did you find your way here? Don't you know that this place is very dangerous?!"

His gaze and expression looked the same as they were six years ago. It gave Shen Ruoqing a delusion as if reality and dream were intertwined together.

Hence, she pursed her lips tightly, frowned, then took a step back.

However, Song Chen seemed as if he hadn't noticed her repulsion. Just as he was about to go and close the door, a hand stopped the door. Next, Chu Cichen walked out in huge strides.

Song Chen's eyes immediately widened upon seeing him.

He looked at Shen Ruoqing in disbelief and then took another look at Chu Cichen before taking a step back, falling back on the sofa in the room. "You, you guys found me in the end..."

The guy had a thin and frail figure, just like the youth from six years ago!

But this shouldn't be how things were! When Chu Cichen was 20 years old, he was in the midst of growing, so it was normal for him to be skinny. However, after one stop growing taller, they would slowly lose their youthfulness.

Therefore, unlike Song Chen, Chu Cichen had additional hints of reliability and maturity on his face. His body also had more muscles. Overall, he looked more normal.

At this moment, Chu Cichen stared at this person who shared an uncanny resemblance with him from six years ago. He asked harshly, "Who are you? Why do you look the same as me?!"

Chapter 419 Reason

After hearing Chu Cichen's words, Song Chen inhaled deeply. He then looked at Chu Cichen as though this was the first time he was seeing him. Moreover, his eyes were filled with shock as he gazed at him. In the end, his vision landed on Chu Cichen's determined face.

Song Chen mumbled, "You are then Chu Cichen, the real... Chu Cichen."

A look of mockery appeared on his face, and he didn't answer the question. Rather, he looked at Shen Ruoqing and persistently asked, "Jingjing, was the one you loved those years ago me, who accompanied you, or him?"

Shen Ruoqing pursed her lips. She then cocked her head and glanced at Chu Cichen, not replying to the question. Rather, she counter-asked, "I want to know the truth of this matter. Who are you? Why did you pretend to be him to date me?"

When Song Chen heard this, he lowered his head in disappointment. "The one you love is him, correct? From the start until the end, it has always been him...you were willing to speak with me and get close to me back then because of him...because you thought that I was him..."

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After saying these, he smiled bitterly. "So, I've always been in a one-sided love and overthinking things..."

He lowered his eyes and grabbed the edges of the sofa.

Shen Ruoqing frowned. She grabbed a chair at the side and placed it before the sofa, sitting on it. She then stared down imperiously and exuded a domineering aura as she slowly asked, "Song Chen, right? This isn't the time for us to reminisce about the past. I didn't come here to talk to you about love. I want you to tell me who you are and why you masqueraded as Chu Cichen."

It was as though Song Chen hadn't expected that she would be so cold.

He revealed a hurt expression...

After that, he smiled bitterly. "Jingjing, don't be like this. I'm not your enemy and I will never hurt you..."

After seeing his appearance, Shen Ruoqing sighed. "I know."

Song Chen started.

Shen Ruoqing continued, "You intentionally got close to Shen Jiayi because you wanted me to know about this, so I would take the initiative to find you, right?"

Song Chen's eyes turned red. "So, you knew about this!"

Shen Ruoqing then spoke, "Because it is meaningless for you to masquerade as Chu Cichen to get close to her. Other than this reason, I can't think of any others."

Song Chen nodded. "I once promised those people that I would never look for you or appear before you. However, when I was walking on the streets that day, Shen Jiayi encountered me and started chatting me up. I knew she misunderstood when she called me Mr. Chu. So, I went on two meals with her and as expected, you were drawn over..."

Chu Cichen, who was at the side, didn't know what to feel when he heard Shen Ruoqing speaking so gently to this guy.

This was especially so because this man had his face and even assumed such a pitiful expression. This caused him to feel like he wanted nothing more than to tear the man's face off.

It simply felt too awkward.

When he heard this, he couldn't help but interrupt them, "So, why did you have to masquerade as me to get close to her? Also, how did you know my living habits, personality, and everything between me and Jingjing? What was your motive for doing all these?"

Song Chen glanced at Chu Cichen with hostility after hearing this. His tone was not as pleasant anymore as he spoke, "Since I took the initiative to appear and draw Jingjing over, it was naturally to be honest with her. Things are very complicated, so I'll explain them one by one..."

Chu Cichen domineeringly spoke, "In that case, start by explaining who you are and why you look similar to me."

Song Chen looked at Shen Ruoqing.

Shen Ruoqing nodded and asked, "Who are you exactly?"

Song Chen lowered his eyes and revealed a look of hurt in his gaze. "This is a very sorrowful question...I'm an orphan, I..."

He spoke and lifted his head.

But at that very instant, his pupils constricted as he suddenly jumped up. "Be careful!"

After shouting, he lunged at Shen Ruoqing to knock her down.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen had their attention on him, so they basically didn't notice anything. But when Song Chen shouted the warning, both of them heard the sound of glass breaking.

They turned to the left and stared at the glass, only to see a bullet blasting forth!

It happened too quickly to the extent that even Shen Ruoqing didn't sense any killing intent.

From the direction of the bullet and the fact that Song Chen had lunged at her to cover her, it was clear that the bullet was meant for her!

Shen Ruoqing started slightly and subconsciously pushed Song Chen away. But at the next moment, she felt something warm dripping on her hand.

She lowered her head and saw that her hands were stained with blood.

As for Song Chen, whom she pushed away, he fell back on the sofa. There was a bullet in his chest, and he was bleeding profusely. However, he was staring at Shen Ruoqing in a panic. "Jingjing, are you okay?"

Before Shen Ruoqing could speak, Chu Cichen already stood before her protectively, blocking her from the window. The man then pointed to the dead corners of the room. "There's a sniper, we should hide!"

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

She carried Song Chen and went to a dead corner where no vision was provided from the window.

Chu Cichen cleanly hid at the side of the bed and glanced in the direction where the bullet was fired. His sharp senses soon detected the location of the sniper. After that, he immediately took his phone and called Lu Cheng. "The three o'clock direction. There's a lighthouse there and the sniper is above it. Go take a look!"

"Roger."

Two minutes later, Lu Cheng replied, "The sniper has fled."

Chu Cichen asked, "Is there anyone there?"

"Nope."

Chu Cichen grew enraged. "Go investigate then!"

After the sound of his voice faded, Shen Ruoqing's voice rang out. "No need, I know who that was."

"Who?"

"Dugu Xiao."

Shen Ruoqing said this because her phone was currently vibrating and Dugu Xiao was calling her.

She picked up the call and Dugu Xiao's cold and malevolent voice rang out. "The person who created the No. 5 Neurotoxin might be still alive, but they should be living like rats, something that can be hunted by everyone. How can you announce to the public that you are Professor Z? Shen Ruoqing, how are you qualified to receive respect from others?!"

Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyelids. "This place is the capital of China. You dare to fire here? Don't you want to live anymore?!"

Dugu Xiao started slightly before he broke out in laughter. "Who says that I was the one who fired? Please do not blame people if you don't have proof! In addition, even if I don't use a gun, I can make you live a life worse than death! I'll let you taste the feeling of being scolded and hated by everyone. Shen Ruoqing, just you wait. I'll make it so that you won't be able to lift your head up high and make you feel like you are living in hell forever!"

He hung up after saying this.

Right now, Shen Ruoqing was in no mood to entertain him. Since the sniper outside had fled, she immediately started to check on Song Chen's condition, wanting to take a look at his injuries.

Song Chen's countenance was as pale as paper, and he was still bleeding from his chest. His situation was not very good!

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"Help me to press down on his wound."

After Shen Ruoqing said that, Chu Cichen took a step forward and executed her instructions. Shen Ruoqing had taken out some silver needles from her pocket and inserted them in the area around Song Chen's wound!

At this moment, Song Chen panted heavily and mumbled.

"Jingjing, I know I won't be able to make it... But this is good as well, as I don't want to live like a fugitive that needs to hide constantly anymore. During these years, the only person I can't forget is you..."

"I'll tell you the truth you want to know..."

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Shen Ruoqing furrowed her brows and swiftly applied acupuncture. When she heard his words, she pursed her lips. "Speak."

Her hands didn't cease moving.

The bullet had exploded upon entering Song Chen's body, and the location of the wound was covered in messy patches of flesh and blood.

To make it even worse, the shattered fragments of the bullets had embedded into his organs. Song Chen's situation was indeed precarious!

Song Chen's lungs were also injured and he couldn't catch his breath, which made speaking even harder. "It was they who made me impersonate Chu Cichen...I did it for money...but I truly fell in love with you. However...I couldn't look for you or they would kill my younger sister..."

Chu Cichen immediately asked, "Who is 'they'?"

"They are..."

Song Chen's mouth opened and closed, but due to his lung injury, he couldn't speak.

Chu Cichen hurriedly changed to another question. "Why do you look so alike to me?"

Song Chen looked at him. "Be..."

He wasn't able to complete the sentence.

He quickly clutched his throat, as if he wanted to reveal the truth before he died...

Chu Cichen felt even more anxious. They had investigated for such a long time before this person took the initiative to appear. If he died now, they would run out of clues!

He looked at Shen Ruoqing and saw her speaking in a heavy manner, "Shut up, you won't die. Just speak when you are able to."

It was as though he could hear her words. Song Chen then stopped persisting, and the instant he relaxed, he immediately fell unconscious.

Shen Ruoqing controlled his bleeding. If they wanted to remove the fragments inside, they would have to go to a hospital.

The ambulance soon arrived and the nurses put Song Chen on a stretcher before they carried him down.

Shen Ruoqing followed behind them, and just when they arrived downstairs, she heard a weak voice calling out, "Elder brother? Elder brother! What happened to you? Elder brother! Boohoo!"

Shen Ruoqing lifted her head and saw a 9-year-old girl with her school bag. She should have just returned home after she ended class. At this moment, the little girl tossed her bag away and ran toward the stretcher.

The medical staff nearby immediately stopped her. "Little friend, we have to bring your elder brother to the hospital for an operation..."

The little girl immediately started crying.

When Shen Ruoqing saw her, she immediately looked at Chu Cichen. The two of them revealed a shocked expression because this little girl was none other than the little girl named Little Mi, the patient who had wanted to commit suicide due to the special medicine being too expensive!

Shen Ruojing still remembered Little Mi saying that her elder brother only earned \$10,000 per month and could barely support their medical expenses...So, it turned out that her elder brother was actually Song Chen?!

At this instant, Shen Ruojing suddenly felt that Little Mi's appearance had resolved one of her confusions.

Whenever she saw Song Chen, she kept feeling puzzled. Why was it that even after six years, Song Chen still looked so youthful and didn't have the air of a mature man at all?

It was as though time had stopped for him. Every time she looked at him, she would feel that she had been transported back in time.

So, the reason he was so frail and skinny was that he was ill! He was a patient that needed the gene-deficient agent P+ medicine.

It wasn't that time had stopped for him six years ago and he didn't grow up. Rather, his sickness made it difficult for his body to grow stronger.

The sense of bizarreness she felt every time she saw Song Chen finally had a scientific explanation.

As for the other questions, she decided to wait until he woke up before she continued to ask.

Just when she was pondering, Little Mi suddenly shouted, "Brother Doctor, please wait. Please wait...You have to wait for me!"

After she shouted, she pushed everyone aside as she rushed up. The little fellow ran very quickly and soon came back with a wallet in her hands. "My elder brother's protective amulet is within. Please let him wear it so it can protect him during the operation!"

Maybe it was because she was too nervous, she tripped and fell before Shen Ruojing.

The wallet in her hands also fell onto the ground and opened from the impact.

As a result, the photo stored within the wallet simply showed itself in front of Shen Ruojing.

Shen Ruojing's gaze sank as she stared at the photo.

She then bent and picked it up.

The person in the photo was a cool-looking female standing underneath a tree. The female had her head lifted, and sunlight could be seen streaming through the gaps of the tree leaves, cascading on her body with a gentle glow.

That female was none other than the 20-year-old Shen Ruojing!

"Elder sister! Please return the photo to me!" Little Mi jumped up and snatched the photo away from Shen Ruojing's hands. She then gently wiped it and placed it back into the wallet. "Every time before my brother went to work, he would bring the photo along with him. He said before that the photo is his protective amulet, it is also the only hope that let him continue living!"

After saying that, Little Mi ran to Song Chen who was being moved into the ambulance, and stuffed the photo in her hands into his pocket.

The little girl didn't know that when an operation was being done, the patient had to be stripped of all clothes.

She only knew her elder brother mustn't die...

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Three hours later.

The lights in the operating theater went out, and the door was pushed open as the doctor walked out in fatigue.

Little Mi rushed over and asked, "Doctor, how is my elder brother?"

The doctor glanced at her before sighing in surprise. "It is really a miracle. His injuries were so serious, but the bleeding had actually stopped before he arrived at the hospital. Also, the operation went very smoothly and there was no situation in which he lost a large quantity of blood. It was as though someone practicing traditional Chinese medicine had stopped his bleeding..."

The doctor kept remarking in surprise.

As he said this, Chu Cichen and Shen Ruoqing exchanged a glance.

Shen Ruoqing interrupted him, "How is the patient now?"

That doctor glanced at Shen Ruoqing in shock. "Are you also a doctor?"

Only doctors would use the term 'patients' when speaking with another doctor. For example, family members like Little Mi would usually address the patients by their familial terms.

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

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That doctor then replied, "The patient is no longer in a life-threatening situation and will soon be pushed out of the operating theater."

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

Little Mi rubbed her red eyes. "When will my elder brother wake up?"

The doctor explained, "He will wake up after the anesthesia is gone. I think there's roughly around half an hour more. Don't worry. However, he lost too much blood, so he has to recuperate well. In the future, feed him food that can replenish his blood..."

Little Mi immediately nodded. "I'll boil pig liver soup for my elder brother to drink!"

The doctor patted her head before turning to go.

At this moment, Song Chen was pushed out by a nurse from the operating theater. The few of them then headed into a ward.

After confirming that Song Chen's condition had stabilized, Shen Ruoqing turned and wanted to look for Chu Cichen, but she felt someone tugging the corner of her shirt.

She lowered her head and saw Little Mi lifting her head to look at her. "Elder sister, can you wait here until my elder brother wakes up? I know that you are my brother's protective amulet. He will definitely be very happy if he sees you when he wakes up!"

Shen Ruoqing paused. She suddenly squatted and spoke, "Little Mi, let me ask you a few questions. Did your elder brother always look like this? Are you and him biological siblings? Where are your parents? What sort of person is your elder brother exactly?"

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