

## **Boss Mommy 421**

### Chapter 421 Old Friend

Shen Ruoqing wanted to get some information from Little Mi.

After all, kids mostly didn't know how to lie.

However, Little Mi was perplexed after she heard her question. "My elder brother has always been my elder brother. Our parents passed away long ago, and my elder brother was the one who brought me up..."

Shen Ruoqing wanted to ask something more, but she suddenly realized that Little Mi was merely two when that incident happened six years ago. She basically wouldn't be able to remember anything, and Shen Ruoqing couldn't get any information from her.

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Hence, she patted Little Mi's head and passed her to Lu Hui. "Find a place for her to stay."

Song Chen's landlord was badly frightened after he learned of the sniping incident. A normal citizen like him only wanted a peaceful life. Also, he felt that Song Chen was part of the triads, so he directly tossed Little Mi's and Song Chen's luggage out, refusing to permit them to stay there anymore.

If it wasn't for Lu Hui sending someone to guard there, their luggage would have been stolen by others.

Lu Hui walked to Shen Ruoqing's side and lowered his voice. "We searched their luggage, but no suspicious items were found."

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

Seeing that Song Chen still didn't show any signs of waking up, Shen Ruoqing got Lu Hui to bring Little Mi back to rest. She then sent someone to guard this place before she went out.

Just as she stepped out, she saw Chu Cichen smoking at the end of the corridor.

This was the second time she saw this man smoke.

The night was a hazy one, and the smoke could be seen floating in the air, causing him to exude a desolate air.

Shen Ruoqing slowly walked over.

Just as she neared, the man seemed to feel something and turned his head to glance at her. After that, he quickly doused the cigarette as though he was a child that had done something wrong. He then explained, "I don't usually smoke."

"I know." Shen Ruoqing leaned against a window.

The cold wind blew over, causing her mind to feel more refreshed.

The man's aggrieved voice suddenly rang out in her ears. "Earlier, I didn't sense that you were in danger. If I had sensed it, my actions would have been faster than his and I would also have blocked the bullet for you."

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

Ever since Song Chen was sent to the hospital, Chu Cichen hadn't said a single word. She had initially thought that it was because he was jealous. However, she hadn't expected the answer to be this.

She changed the topic. "Let alone you, even I myself didn't sense the danger. It seems that Dugu Xiao has found an expert."

Chu Cichen's voice immediately turned cold. "Don't worry, he shouldn't think about harming you again with me around!"

Shen Ruoqing's lips curled into a smile. "Hmm, I trust you."

Chu Cichen started slightly.

He looked at Shen Ruoqing again before lowering his phoenix eyes to mask the jealousy within. His mouth opened and closed, wanting to say something but not knowing how to say it.

Shen Ruoqing cleanly said, "The answer is you."

Chu Cichen paused as he lifted his head to look at her.

"I know you want to ask who was the one I loved. The answer is you."

Shen Ruoqing looked at him. "I thought he was you, which was why I agreed to his courtship after I met him in our country."

Chu Cichen's straightened spine slowly relaxed as an imperceptible smile curled his lips. However, he still didn't feel at ease enough. "But the relationship between us was love at first sight while he accompanied you for half a year..."

Shen Ruoqing actually laughed. "Do you think I couldn't think straight because I was completely in love?"

Chu Cichen was stunned.

Shen Ruoqing walked past him. "Silly."

Chu Cichen felt even more dumbstruck.

He was very confused as he followed behind her. He wanted to pursue the matter to the end, so he asked, "Jingjing, you mean that you've fallen in love with me long ago? When was it? Why didn't I know about it?"

Shen Ruoqing ignored him.

She had never mentioned her past to anyone before.

Just as she was preparing to return to the ward, she suddenly noticed a familiar figure standing ahead in the distance!

Shen Ruoqing was startled. She then walked over.

The young woman with her back facing her had a good figure and was wearing a decent-looking dress. It was none other than her good friend, Rong Rong!

But wasn't she in Ford City after she left the prison? At that time, none of her family members went to fetch her, so Shen Ruoqing arranged a house for Rong Rong to stay in Ford City.

Since she appeared here, could it be that her family had sent someone to fetch her back?

There was a middle-aged woman in her fifties standing in front of Rong Rong. At this moment, she was anxiously speaking to Rong Rong, "Doctor Xu is a specialist and is very capable. If he is fond of you, you shouldn't hesitate. Don't you know about your dark past? You spent 13 years in prison and if it wasn't for the Rong Family suppressing the truth and telling outsiders that you just returned from overseas studies, do you think anyone would dare to be together with you?...Doctor Xu's background might be a little low, but it is already very good that he is willing to accept you. If not, what sort of husband do you want to find?"

Rong Rong lowered her eyelids and spoke calmly, "Mother, I want to find one who doesn't despise me."

Mother Rong immediately reprimanded her, "Doctor Xu doesn't despise you! Are you satisfied now since you went behind my back and told him that you were in prison?"

Rong Rong didn't reply.

Mother Rong felt as though her heavy punch had landed on soft cotton. She took a deep breath and continued, "Can you smile a little? Why do you keep assuming a bitter expression? Also, starting tomorrow, you should break off all relationships with your lousy friends and get your younger sister to bring you around, so you can have more social interactions with people in high society. In addition, I heard that the Shen Family just acknowledged a new biological granddaughter. Your younger sister is preparing to forge a good relationship with her. Do you know who the Shen Family is? This hospital belongs to them! After your younger sister becomes friends with the eldest young miss, Doctor Xu wouldn't dare to slight you on account of your younger sister!"

Rong Rong lowered her eyes, feeling no interest in this topic at all.

All of a sudden, she seemed to sense something, and she saw Shen Ruoqing after she turned her head.

Her eyes brightened.

Shen Ruoqing had a smile on her face as she took the initiative to greet her. "Sister Rong."

Rong Rong's expression became much gentler. "Little Jing."

Just when Shen Ruoqing wanted to say something more, Rong Rong's mother suddenly cut in. She had a provocative look in her eyes as she looked at Shen Ruoqing. Maybe it was because he sensed a rebellious air from the girl before her, and the latter's dressing style didn't seem to be from a rich family.

This was especially so as her leggings were tucked into her leather shoes. How would any good girl wear such a thing?

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She frowned in disdain. "Rong Rong, Doctor Xu is free now. You should bring him this soup!"

Rong Rong unhappily answered, "Mother, let me speak a few words to my friend first."

"Friend?!" Mother Rong revealed a look of contempt. "What sort of legitimate friends do you have? You knew her from prison right?!"

Rong Rong's expression changed. "Mother, don't talk nonsense. Little Jing is my best friend..."

"Did you forget what I just said? Didn't I tell you to break off all relationships with your lousy friends? Can you learn from your younger sister and make friends with people from rich families? Our Rong Family is not an ordinary family. No matter what, we are one of the four great families in the capital!"

After Mother Rong finished speaking, she looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Best friend? What benefits can your so-called best friend give you? Can she introduce you and let you get acquainted with the eldest young miss of the Shen Family?"

As the sound of her voice faded, Chu Cichen icily spoke, "In that case, do you know who she is?"

Chapter 422 Her Light

Mother Rong started and stared at Shen Ruoqing in puzzlement. "Who can she be? She can't possibly be the eldest young miss of the Shen Family, right?"

Just when Chu Cichen wanted to speak, someone suddenly ran out of the ward. "Lord Jing, the patient has awakened!"

This interrupted Chu Cichen's explanation.

When Shen Ruoqing heard this, she immediately looked at Rong Rong. "Sis Rong, you have my WeChat; let's keep in contact frequently. I've some urgent matters to handle..."

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Rong Rong immediately replied, "Go ahead and get busy with your stuff."

Shen Ruoqing nodded and led Chu Cichen to the ward.

After the two of them left, Mother Rong coldly laughed. "Look at what she is being addressed as. Lord Jing? How can this young woman be from a good family? You should stay further away from her!"

Rong Rong looked at Mother Rong and said, "She is Little Jing."

Mother Rong sneered. "What Little Jing..."

After she said this, she suddenly paused as she abruptly understood something. She looked at Rong Rong and asked, "She is that child who was kidnapped together with you back then?"

Rong Rong lowered her head and clenched her fingers tightly.

Back when she was 15 years old, she was kidnapped and relocated to the mountains. At that time, in order to make her obedient, the mountain people locked her in an underground cave, wanting to frighten her.

In the dark cave, another little girl was locked up together with her.

It was the 11-year-old Shen Ruoqing.

It was located deep in the mountains and forests, and the area was so destitute that there wasn't even a path. Every day, there would be people tossing a piece of cornbread down, and they were both cold and hungry.

This was especially so during the night when the cold mountain wind gusted. The sound of the wind sounded like the wails of vicious ghosts, and it made her feel so much panic and dread that she covered her ears.

Just when she was about to break down mentally, an icy small hand held her hand.

Rong Rong lifted her head and saw a small girl looking at her. The girl's voice was cold but calming. She said, "Don't be afraid."

Upon hearing this, Rong Rong's fearful heart gradually became at ease.

However, her stomach produced rumbling sounds. Hence, she hugged her knees and silently lowered her head as tears flowed out of her eyes. She said, "Little sister, it is so dark in here. I'm afraid and want to go home..."

After that, a piece of cornbread appeared before her.

It was too dark, so Rong Rong wasn't able to see what the cornbread looked like. But after sniffing it, she could smell the faint fragrance of wheat, so she forcibly endured the disgust and ate a mouthful.

She almost vomited as she had never eaten coarse food before.

She then glanced to the side.

After her eyes got acclimatized to the darkness, she could faintly see the little girl eating bit by bit under the faint moonlight. She understood that if she didn't eat, she wouldn't be able to survive.

So, Rong Rong endured the pain in her throat and swallowed the bread.

After eating two bites and just when she wanted to continue, the girl beside her spoke, "Don't finish it so quickly."

Rong Rong asked, "Why?"

The girl explained, "We only have one per day."

Rong Rong then saw the girl keeping the rest of her cornbread inside her clothes.

Rong Rong learned from her and kept the cornbread as well before asking, "Little sister, how long has it been since you were imprisoned here?"

The girl replied, "Half a year."

Rong Rong was immediately stunned. "You were locked up here for half a year?"

"But you won't be."

The girl calmly explained, "I'm too young, so I won't be able to fetch a good price. This is why they'll have to wait until my menses comes at around 13 years old. As for you, you will probably be purchased in at most a month."

Rong Rong shivered.

She hugged her knees tightly again. "I...I'm from the Rong Family of the capital! They can call my father and get him to ransom me. He will be able to afford it no matter how much they ask!"

After saying that, she looked at the little girl. "Little sister, don't be afraid as well. I'll get my father to ransom you out."

However, the girl replied, "They won't do that."

The little girl was clearly younger than her, but she was much calmer. She slowly continued, "These people here aren't able to find wives. If they allow someone to ransom you back, no one will sell any more females to their village. Hence, the hearts of the villagers are very united."

Hearing this, Rong Rong panicked.

Her entire body started trembling.

At this moment, the wolf-like wails rang out from outside again.

Rong Rong cowered in the corner in fright, but even so, she still stretched out a trembling hand to her. "Little sister, are you afraid? I can hug you."

"I'm not afraid."

The 11-year-old Shen Ruoqing lifted her tiny face which was filled with dirt. But she was hugging a radio in her hands. Her eyes were gleaming as a smile could be seen on her face. "I have a source of light."

Rong Rong started. "What?"

"He said his name is Chu Cichen."

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"In that case, you should stay further away from her!"

In the hospital, Mother Rong's voice pulled Rong Rong back from her memories.

Mother Rong was badly anxious. "The people of our Rong Family will keep this secret for you no matter what. However, you cannot mention it as well. Since she knows about it, you should distance yourself from her or she might talk nonsense to outsiders!"

However, Rong Rong ignored her.

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She lowered her head to mask the complex look in her eyes.

Being kidnapped and sold, almost becoming a tool to give birth. She was not in the wrong for all of these!

Even for killing...she had only done that for the sake of escaping.

She just hadn't expected the poison to be so powerful, allowing her to kill 13 men in one go. She was then judged to have over-retaliated in self-defense and was sentenced to 13 years in prison...

But why did everyone in the world feel that she was the one in the wrong? Why did they feel that she was shameful? Weren't those kidnappers the despicable ones?

They deserved their deaths!

"Enough, don't waste time here. You should quickly meet with Doctor Xu. It's already so late, but he is still working. How tired must he be? Give him the soup to display your gentleness and care. I'm sure that he would be very happy!"

Mother Rong urged her again.

Rong Rong silently sighed and took the soup flask as she walked to Doctor Xu's treatment room.

Regardless of whether her mother wanted to quickly marry her out or was sincerely doing this for her own good, Rong Rong had a thought in her heart. What she should do now was to forget the past and start her life anew.

Little Jing had once said that they should never turn back.

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In that case, she should simply date, get married, and give birth...living an ordinary but happy life.

Mother Rong followed Rong Rong, and they soon arrived at Doctor Xu's treatment room. After knocking on the door, Mother Rong laughed. "Doctor Xu, are you still busy with your work despite it being so late? Little Rong said you must be tired, so she came and brought some soup for you."

Doctor Xu lifted his head and was a man with gentle features. However, how he observed Rong Rong made her feel very uncomfortable. It was like she was a piece of merchandise to be chosen.

Doctor Xu then retracted his gaze and stood up. "Little Rong, it has been hard on you."

After he said this, the phone on his desk rang. So, he picked up the call and the hospital dean's voice rang out. "Doctor Xu? Are you the one on duty tonight? I just received a piece of news. The eldest young miss of the Shen Family brought her friend to be warded in our hospital. You should show her more concern!"

Doctor Xu started. "The eldest young miss of the Shen Family? Are you talking about the Shen Family that owns this hospital?"

“Correct. Her friend’s ward is 403. If you are free, you should head over to see if you can provide any help.”

Doctor Xu’s eyes gleamed. “Dean, don’t worry. I’m going immediately!”

If he could gain the favor of the Eldest Young Miss from the Shen Family, his future would be boundlessly brilliant!

Mother Rong seemed to have overheard the conversation. She hurriedly spoke, “Doctor Xu, let us go with you. Our Rong Family and the Shen Family are best allies through the generations. We can go over and greet her too.”

Doctor Xu lifted his chin slightly and swept his glance at Rong Rong before arrogantly nodding. “Alright then.”

Chapter 423 Reason

Doctor Xu brought Mother Rong and Rong Rong to Ward 403. But before they could get close, they were obstructed by someone.

Lu Hui and Chu Cichen’s bodyguards stood outside the ward to prevent anyone from attempting to harm Song Chen again. This was also something that Shen Ruoqing had instructed them.

Hence, upon seeing Doctor Xu and the others, a guard immediately questioned, “What are you all trying to do here?”

Mother Rong’s eyes gleamed.

From the number of guards here, the person inside must be the eldest young miss of the Shen Family!

Although the Rong Family was also one of the four great families, they were similar to the Bai Family and belonged to the weakest tier. Even if that was the case, they were still part of the four great families.

However, things were different between them and Bai Xiaojiu. Bai Xiaojiu was from the direct branch of descent, so even if the family split, he was still the direct grandson.

On the other hand, Rong Rong’s family had already been split into branches.

Currently, the leader of the Rong Family was Rong Rong’s eldest uncle. Ever since her grandfather passed away and the Rong Clan split into branches, the standard of living of Rong Rong’s family was rapidly declining.

Hence, Rong Rong’s family always wanted to fawn on the main branch, but they were always looked down upon.

Now that the Shen Family had acknowledged a mysterious eldest young miss, everyone in the outside world thought back to the time when Shen Zhong and Shen Chong were stripped of their management positions. From this, they could be sure that Old Master Shen was planning to hand the Shen Family to his biological granddaughter!

Therefore, Shen Ruoqing’s status elevated crazily. She was not merely the eldest young miss of the Shen Family. In fact, it was possible for her to be the future leader.



This was why everyone wanted to forge a connection with her. Even the main branch of the Rong Family wanted to do so, let alone Mother Rong.

Hence, Doctor Xu smiled and gently spoke, "I'm a doctor here, and I need to check on the patient's condition. Please inform the eldest young miss of the Shen Family."

Mother Rong also immediately spoke, "We are from the Rong Family and we have marriage relations with the Shen Family. We heard that the eldest young miss's friend was warded, so we came to visit her."

The guard surveyed the three of them. "The three of you wait here first. I'll make a report."

Inside the ward.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen had long since arrived. At this moment, Song Chen already woke up and his gaze gradually filled with strength. He first surveyed the surroundings before he asked, "Where is Little Mi?"

Shen Ruoqing. "I got someone to bring her away to rest."

Song Chen didn't doubt the truth of these words. It was as though he would believe whatever Shen Ruoqing told him.

Song Chen gently smiled and his pale face portrayed the tenderness of a little puppy. It was still pretty taxing for him to talk, but he still managed to speak slowly. "You don't have to worry about my body. Just ask whatever you want to ask."

Shen Ruoqing saw that his lips were very dry and as a doctor, her instincts made her subconsciously want to pour a cup of water and pass it to him.

Just when she stretched her hand out, another larger hand shot out quicker than her and grabbed the cup.

He poured a cup of water and didn't bother testing the temperature as he directly passed it to Song Chen.

However, Song Chen's injuries were too heavy, and he basically couldn't move at this moment.

Shen Ruoqing coughed and reminded Chu Cichen. "Use a cotton bud and wet it before dabbing his lips."

Chu Cichen. "..."

He stared at the face that resembled him six years ago and felt extremely annoyed and unhappy in his heart. After wetting the cotton bud, he violently wiped Song Chen's lips and tossed the cotton bud into the rubbish bin with a look of disdain on his face.

Song Chen was speechless. This man used too much strength and hurt his lips! Hence, he glared at Chu Cichen and wanted to speak, but it also looked like he didn't dare to.

Seeing this, Shen Ruoqing suppressed her laughter. Chu Cichen's jealousy was truly great.

She coughed and started asking, "Let's first talk about why you want to impersonate Chu Cichen to be at my side."

Song Chen looked at her. "For money."

His eyes were red and he revealed a look of shame when he spoke of this. It was as though he also loathed himself.

He slowly continued, "The special genetic condition I have is something innately acquired from birth. I lack the gene P+ and have to pay \$60,000 in medical fees every month. Although my parents were from the capital, their income was only five to six thousand per month. As ordinary people, how could we afford such expenses? They sold their old house in the capital for my sake, but even so, they weren't able to endure the expenses when I was 20 years old..."

"Back then, they were merely forty but looked like they were in their sixties. Half their hair had turned white. Seeing this, I told them to have another kid and give up on me, and they agreed. My mother gave birth to Little Mi when she was around 40 years old. But because she was always so tired through the year, she lost too much blood during the delivery and passed away."

When he spoke of this, Song Chen's face was filled with sorrow.

He radiated a weak and helpless feeling.

When he spoke until here, he looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Jingjing, do you know that when life is at the most difficult phase, you always feel that you would encounter hope and you would do your best to walk forward. However, you would soon realize what welcomes you is even deeper despair."

"After my mother passed away, my father never recovered from his sorrow and even discovered that Little Mi has the same condition as me. At that time, he broke down completely and bought a large amount of insurance with the beneficiary listed as me. He then staged an accident and fell to his death while working on the 20th floor..."

Shen Ruoqing's lips were tightly pressed together when she heard this.

She had always thought that the majority of people in the world were leading ordinary and happy lives. It was extremely rare for them to truly encounter a huge crisis.

However, for Song Chen, all the difficulties in the world seemed to combine and crush his family.

She couldn't help asking, "What happened then? Did the insurance company pay?"

"How would they possibly pay?" Song Chen bitterly smiled. "My parents were honest people and weren't thoughtful or scheming enough. My father's staged accident had many flaws, and after the insurance company investigated, they knew that he staged the accident. However, since he was already dead, they wouldn't pursue any legal liability or make me and Little Mi bear the responsibility."

"So, my father gave his life to seek a hint of hope for us, but it was ultimately useless."

Shen Ruoqing felt extremely rueful in her heart. Chu Cichen's cold words broke the mood. "So, what does this have to do with the matter of you impersonating me?"

Shen Ruoqing focused her thoughts and looked at Song Chen.

Song Chen bitterly smiled. "My father's insurance payout failed, but I and Little Mi still have to live on. Although I've been studying for the past 20 years, I was just a fresh graduate, so how could I possibly find any good job? Upon seeing the money my parents had left for us lessening, I went to do all sorts of jobs while just sleeping four hours per day. However, I could only manage to earn \$20,000 every month, and the remaining money for our treatment was about to run dry. As a result, Little Mi and I faced utter despair. If someone tossed out a life-saving rope to us at this moment, I would definitely grab it with no hesitation.

"At that time, someone actually looked for me. They told me they could give me a large sum of money, but they wanted me to impersonate someone to help them complete a task. At that time, I agreed with no hesitation. Because, if I had no money, the medication for me and Little Mi would be stopped next month and we would surely die without it."

Chu Cichen's gaze sank and asked the most critical question, "They want you to impersonate me, right? But why do you look exactly the same as me?"

Chapter 424 Mysterious

Song Chen sighed and lowered his head. "Through cosmetic surgery."

Shen Ruoqing lifted her brows and looked at Chu Cichen. Seeing no change in his expression, she wondered if this answer was within his guess, or he was angry but not showing it.

However, she had long since guessed this.

Other than cosmetic surgery, how could someone look identical to another person?

Shen Ruoqing continued to ask, "Even if it is surgery, it should be impossible for you to look so alike to him."

He looked exactly the same as Chu Cichen did six years ago.

At this moment, Chu Cichen's gaze was deep, but his eyes were filled with the look of scrutiny and suspicion.

When he knew that someone was impersonating him, he was very puzzled.

Even for identical twins, there would still be differences after they grew up. Outsiders might not be able to tell, but those familiar with the twins would surely be able to differentiate them.

Due to this, Chu Cichen felt a bit of jealousy in his heart and thought that Shen Ruoqing didn't love him enough. Otherwise, after dating Song Chen for half a year in the country, why wasn't she able to tell the difference between Song Chen and him?

Now after seeing Song Chen, he finally understood why.

Song Chen resembled him way too much.

Let alone Shen Ruoqing, if Song Chen didn't put on such a weak expression, even Chu Cichen would think that he must have gone back in time six years ago!

Hence, he placed Shen Ruoqing's question in very high regard.

Song Chen lowered his head and sighed. "Actually, my original appearance also resembles Chu Ci...Mr. Chu a lot. The cosmetic surgery only adjusted a few things. So, after I returned to my original life, no one around me felt like anything was wrong."

Shen Ruoqing frowned. "Your original appearance resembled him?"

Song Chen nodded. "There are over seven billion people in the world, and China alone holds 1.4 billion. Many ordinary people resemble celebrities, so there would definitely be people who resemble others even if they are not blood-related. It is also because of this point that they chose me and gave me and Little Mi the chance to continue living."

He looked at Shen Ruoqing with apologetic eyes. "After I finished the surgery, they imprisoned me in a secret base to train me in Mr. Chu's actions until my face recovered. After that, they sent me to Sea City. I didn't understand what they wanted to do, and I kept training in his mannerisms until our first encounter.

"Jingjing, I know our encounters were fake and my actions before you were faked as well. But one thing is real. The moment I first saw you, I suddenly felt that my life was worth it.

"I had other intentions in getting close to you, as I was under the command of others. But ever since I was born up till now, the half year I spent with you was the happiest period of my life.

"During these years, I have never forgotten you. I remember every moment of our dates and every time you smiled. I could even sense that your mood wasn't very good back then. I...I didn't know what happened to you, but every time I could make you smile, I would feel very happy and content..."

Chu Cichen clenched his fists tightly when he heard this.

Shen Ruoqing could sense his fury, and she also didn't want to listen to this. Hence, she interrupted Song Chen, "What happened next? Why did you suddenly vanish?"

Song Chen looked at Shen Ruoqing as a look of hurt appeared in his eyes.

However, he could still control his emotions and continue, "They managed me very strictly and kept using money to threaten me. Every time I was with you, I felt like telling you that I wasn't Chu Cichen. However...I didn't dare to. Without money, Little Mi would die! This lasted until that night..."

"They wanted me to have a s\*xual relationship with you, but I didn't want to. I didn't want to be together with you using a fake identity. So after I proposed to you, I made a decision that night and fled."

Shen Ruoqing was stunned.

She thought that Song Chen had impersonated Chu Cichen for the sake of drawing the real Chu Cichen to be together with her. So, everything was a coincidence?

Chu Cichen's chin was tense as his aura was shrouded in frost. Right now, the coldness in his eyes could kill. "Who are they?!"

When he thought about that night and realized that if Song Chen hadn't fled, the person who had made love with Jingjing would be Song Chen. Maybe, they would have three adorable children...

Chu Cichen felt as though his heart was stabbed.

However, Song Chen shook his head and continued speaking to Shen Ruoqing, "I have no idea. They are very mysterious and would always wear masks. So, I had no idea who they are from the start till the end. After I fled, I came to the capital to look for Little Mi and quickly relocated our residence. Those people called me and said that since I've fled, I should never appear before you again. If not, they would kill both me and Little Mi and also kill you! That's why I've never dared to look for you all these years."

"It was only after Shen Jiayi recognized me wrongly as Mr. Chu did I learn that you have moved to the capital. At that time, my head heated up and I acted impulsively, so I intentionally played her. I thought that you would surely look for me once you sensed something wrong...and at that time...I would be able to see you again..."

Song Chen grew increasingly tired as he revealed the truth.

He finally heaved a sigh of relief after he had revealed everything. He slowly closed his eyes and said, "Jingjing, I'm very tired. I wish to rest for a while."

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "Sure."

She grabbed Chu Cichen's hand and wanted to bring him out.

But she hadn't expected that when her hand touched him, the man froze. He only relaxed after realizing it was her.

This ward was ensuite, so there was a small living room outside the sick room.

In the living room, Shen Ruoqing furrowed her brows.

Now, the discrepancies in their memories could be explained and they had also found the fake Chu Cichen. However, she was still trapped in a fog of confusion.

Why would those people want Song Chen to impersonate Chu Cichen to get close to her and date her?! What was their motive?

Shen Ruoqing looked at Chu Cichen, wanting to discuss with him. However, she discovered that the man had a gloomy look on his face. She clicked her tongue. "Are you still angry?"

Chu Cichen grunted depressedly in response.

Just when Shen Ruoqing was preparing to explain that she had always maintained a distance from Song Chen even when they were dating because there was an indescribable awkwardness...

Before she could finish speaking, the man suddenly stretched out his arms and pulled her into an embrace.

As a result, Shen Ruoqing started slightly and wanted to struggle. However, Chu Cichen's voice rang out. "In that half a year, we only met each other a few times overseas. After that, you faked your death and returned to China, and we never met each other again. I kept thinking that you were harmed by Dugu

Xiao, and I felt incredibly lonely and sad because I was alone. However, I had no idea that you had no one to accompany you. This is why I can't help being angry with myself..."

Shen Ruoqing was dumbfounded and a current of warmth suddenly flowed from her heart, wrapping around it.

She slowly spoke, "Actually, you have always been with me."

Chu Cichen didn't understand. Just when he was planning to ask, a knock suddenly rang out from the door. One of the guards entered. "Sir, there's a Doctor Xu outside who wants to come in to take a look at the patient."

Shen Ruoqing quickly pushed Chu Cichen away.

Chu Cichen twitched his lips. His expression was like ice as he spoke, "Get him to scram!"

Hearing this, the guard jumped in fright and realized that he had come in at the wrong time and disturbed the intimate moments between his employer and Miss Shen. Just as he turned and wanted to leave, he suddenly thought of something and continued to speak, "Oh, there's another party who proclaimed that they were from the Rong Family. They said they were old acquaintances of the Shen Family, and they hoped to pay a visit to the ward."

Chu Cichen cast another icy glance at him.

Just as the guard was preparing to leave, Shen Ruoqing suddenly stopped him. "The Rong Family? Is there a young woman that looks very gentle and quiet?"

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The security guard nodded. "Correct."

Shen Ruoqing coughed. "Let them enter then."

Chapter 425 Salvation

Just when the guard wanted to go out, Chu Cichen interjected, "Wait two more minutes before you allow them to come in."

"..." The guard immediately misunderstood something. Did his employer not hug Miss Shen enough? Or did he want to do something else?

But wasn't two minutes too short?

The guard shot a look of contempt at his employer. "Got it."

Chu Cichen. "..."

He couldn't be bothered to explain. After the guard went out, he then looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Earlier, you said that I've always been with you. What do you mean?"

What was going on?

Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyelids.

Her thoughts drifted back to when she was eleven.

Back then, she was abducted and sent to the mountains and forests. She was then tossed by a few adults into an underground cave.

The eleven-year-old girl was skinny and tall like a bamboo stick. And although she was trained in martial arts, she was still too young and basically wasn't a match for these people.

This also caused joy to be seen on the faces of those people.

To punish her, they tossed her into the cave, wanting to frighten her.

Shen Ruoqing was a little rebellious since young, but she was still young after all. Honestly speaking, she was extremely afraid.

Although she refused to cry or beg for mercy, her body was still trembling in fear in the dark cave.

The mountain wind gusted by, and it sounded like the shrill cries and wails of vicious ghosts.

She curled up in a corner and felt hungry and cold, knowing no one would come and save her. This group of people kidnapped her and stuffed her in the boot of a car. After driving for two days, they brought her up a boat and then relocated her to a huge truck. After traveling for four to five days, the kidnappers changed to a small van and brought her here.

From the amount of time it took them to travel, she should be at the edge of China, in the most remote mountain village.

Even if her parents discovered that she went missing, they wouldn't be able to find her in time.

After all, China was so big...

What could she do then?

The voices of the people outside drifted down. "That female we sold yesterday is now thoroughly subdued through beatings. Although they looked intimidating as they are from a big city, they are actually sluts deep down in their bones! It is just that this little girl is too skinny, and her bum is too small. She doesn't look like she would be able to give birth to children."

"You don't know how fierce she was! If we really can't sell her, we can simply play with her ourselves!"

The chatting voices gradually went further away, so the little girl climbed to her feet.

She began searching for things that could help her climb out of the cave, but after going around, she discovered that there was basically nothing inside. The cave was very deep, almost 20 meters deep. However, the walls were completely barren, without footholds that she could use to get out.

She walked one circle before sitting on the ground in despair.

In this cave, if there were no outsiders coming to help, those inside wouldn't be able to get up.

Hence, she lay there helplessly and stared at the sky.

The wind gradually ceased.

Only then did she discover that the howling wind actually wasn't scary. What was scary was the absolute silence.

It was as though the entire world had died. There was no sound at all, no response, like she was the only one remaining in the world, trapped in a deep abyss...

The term 'loneliness' couldn't even describe how frightened she felt at this moment.

...There were some sharp stones at the side. As long as she cut her wrist with one, all pain would instantly vanish.

Such thoughts made her involuntarily sit back up.

Just when she grabbed one of the stones, she suddenly discovered that there was a radio in the cave.

It was an old kind of radio.

She immediately grabbed it. As someone who had self-learned electrical engineering, she tried disassembling the radio and extending its antenna. After that, she shook the battery and there was finally some electricity.

After that, she tried to modify the radio into a walkie-talkie to connect to a channel not far from her. She would be able to call for help then.

She tuned the frequency for a very long time, but there were no sounds at all.

After waiting so long, she thought that she was completely isolated from the world and would be trapped in this darkness forever. But all of a sudden, the voice of an adult man rang out from the other end.

"Young master, why did the radio suddenly buzz twice?"

After that, a young voice rang out.

"It is no longer buzzing now. Uncle Liu, it's time for me to study."

"Hmm, okay. I'll go out first then and not disturb you."

"...When the heavens want to bestow something great on someone, they would first temper the person's heart and will. They would then exhaust their strength, using hunger to nurture the body, making the person completely exhausted..."

In the lonely cave, Shen Ruoqing could only see a small piece of the sky. The young man's melodious voice had pulled her away from the boundless terror she felt.

She shouted a few words, but the other party ignored her. Evidently, he didn't receive her message.

This radio didn't have any ability to converse. She could only listen but not send out any replies.

However, this lonely world finally had sounds. Without realizing it, she hugged the radio to sleep.

From then on, listening to the young man studying and reading poems became her only source of joy every night. It was as though once she listened to his voice, she would be able to calm down.



Humans had to have hope, right?

She simply depended on his voice and endured her harsh living conditions.

It was unknown how long had passed. Maybe, it had been a month or even 100 days.

The other party started learning mandarin.

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She heard the other party's teacher patiently speaking, "Young master, if your name is written in Chinese, it would be written like this '楚辞琛'. Take note that your 'ci' is that of 'farewell' and 'chen' has the '王' radical beside it."

Shen Ruoqing smiled.

So, his name was Chu Cichen.

He was the only ray of light in her life at that time.

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So, there had never been love at first sight. Shen Ruoqing wasn't a woman addled by love, so how would she fall in love with him because of his looks?

She had always liked Chu Cichen.

Also, it wasn't the Chu Cichen that Song Chen impersonated.

There was no need for him to do anything. As long as he was in this world, he was her salvation...

It was so when she was 11 years old, and it was so when she was in the darkest period of her life six years ago.

Song Chen impersonated Chu Cichen and met her for two hours every week. However, it wasn't because of what he said or what he did that she felt at ease. Rather, it was the fact that the person he was impersonating was Chu Cichen.

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In the ward, Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyes to mask the emotions within. In the end, she only curled her lips and didn't explain. She then glanced at the door. "They will soon enter."

Outside the door.

Mother Rong was currently checking the surroundings. At the same time, she whispered to Rong Rong, "Your friend Little Jing better not appear right now. Also, later on, you have to make sure that you don't mention anything about your past. Understand? If the eldest young miss of the Shen Family asked where have you been in the past thirteen years, just say you were studying abroad..."

Rong Rong didn't speak.

Doctor Xu added, "Little Rong, you should pay attention to your words and ponder over how to become her friend...Later when you meet her, don't say the wrong things."

The guard soon allowed all three to enter.

Doctor Xu took the lead while Mother Rong walked behind. She couldn't help but pinch Rong Rong. "Why is your brain like wood? If you were half as smart as your younger sister, you would definitely be able to charm the eldest young miss of the Shen Family!"

She spoke in a tone like she hated iron for not becoming steel as she glared at Rong Rong. After that, she made sure she had a wide smile on her face as she brought Rong Rong through the door.

Chapter 426 Friend

Doctor Xu entered to see a man and woman sitting on the sofa in the ward's living room.

The woman was dressed in tight pants, black leather boots, and a short coat. She had a sharp and clean look that was unlike the typical rich young ladies. Instead, she looked a little more like a hired brawler or assassin.

However, she was extremely beautiful.

On her cool-looking face, which was more beautiful than celebrities, she had exquisite features. Her face was fair, and her peach blossom eyes seemed to carry a shadow of a smile as she looked at them.

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Also, the man seated next to her had a very strong disposition. He had tough and firm features, and his aura was akin to a militant that exuded a strong killing intent. He also seemed decisive and had no problems employing tough measures.

When he sat there, his aura didn't shadow the woman. However, when one noticed him, they'd be in shock.

Doctor Xu was so scared that he immediately retracted his gaze. He then looked at Young Miss Shen and was just about to smile and say something, but a series of sharp beeps suddenly rang out from the ward!

Doctor Xu was given a fright. Before he could react to things, the woman in front of him suddenly stood up and dashed into the ward. She looked more like a professional doctor compared to him.

Doctor Xu was stunned.

At this moment, Rong Rong and Mother Rong also walked in.

The two of them saw a glimpse of Shen Ruoqing's figure dashing into the ward but didn't manage to get a clear view of her. Both of them then turned to Doctor Xu and asked, "What happened?"

Doctor Xu wore a solemn expression. "Miss Shen's friend went into shock and requires immediate medical attention!"

After saying that, he rolled up his sleeves and said to the two of them, "Auntie, Little Rong, the two of you should go back first. I need to attend to the patient. It's not suitable for the two of you to stay here!"

After saying this, Doctor Xu also entered the ward.

Mother Rong was stunned. She tried to walk toward the ward, but when the nurses and doctors who were on duty heard the pings from the medical device, all of them rushed in as well.

A doctor pushed her away and entered the ward.

After that, the nurses started to chase them away. "Please go out first. We need to provide emergency rescue. Unrelated people should leave immediately!"

Mother Rong and Rong Rong were pushed out of the ward, and they stood outside awkwardly.

Rong Rong tugged Mother Rong's sleeve. "Mother, let's leave first. Miss Shen's friend went into shock. It's inappropriate for us to try and get close to her now."

Mother Rong understood this too. If they were to visit earlier when the patient's condition was stable, it'd be polite. But if they were to continue to stay here given the current situation, it'd be too rude of them.

This was especially so since she was an elder. It'd put her in an embarrassing situation.

She frowned and suddenly handed the thermal container to Rong Rong. "You stay here and wait for Doctor Xu. Later on, you can use the pretext of bringing him soup to get to know Miss Shen."

Rong Rong clenched her hands and lowered her head. "This isn't good..."

"What's bad about it? Miss Shen was just acknowledged back into the family and definitely doesn't understand the situation in the capital. If you can become her first friend, you'll definitely be able to get a lot of help from her in the future! You're only getting this great opportunity because your younger sister isn't here! You must hang onto this chance!"

After Mother Rong said that, she turned to leave. "I'll be heading back first. You must remember to get Miss Shen's contact and add her on WeChat, do you understand?"

Hearing this, Rong Rong clenched her fists and let out a silent sigh. Under Mother Rong's compelling gaze, she could only sit down on a chair in the long corridor outside the ward, waiting quietly.

Only then did Mother Rong leave.

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In the ward.

The moment Doctor Xu entered, he saw Miss Shen standing there in a daze.

Her reaction was very normal.

He quickly took a step forward and started checking the devices on Song Chen. All the data showed that his heart had stopped beating!

Moreover, his blood oxygen saturation was plunging rapidly, and his blood pressure was at zero. His breathing had stopped as well.

Doctor Xu quickly walked over to Shen Ruoqing's side. He then picked up the defibrillator and said, "Miss Shen, please make way. We need to perform an emergency rescue!"

Shen Ruoqing docilely moved to the corner of the room, making way for the medical staff.

At this moment, the other doctors and nurses entered in succession.

Doctor Xu picked up the two defibrillators and said calmly, "150J."

"150J, ready."

However, Song Chen showed no reaction.

Doctor Xu then said, "200J."

"200J, ready!"

Song Chen continued to show no reaction.

"CPR, perform artificial respiration!"

Doctor Xu jumped onto the bed and took turns performing CPR on Song Chen with a nurse. He put in a lot of effort.

Shen Ruoqing stood at the side, narrowing her eyes.

Chu Cichen asked softly, "What happened? Wasn't the operation a success? Why did this suddenly happen? Is there no way to save him?"

Shen Ruoqing's expression tensed.

The operation was a success.

By right, Song Chen was no longer in a critical condition and this shouldn't have happened...

This was why she didn't make any rescue attempt at the first instant. After all, the doctors and nurses knew the basic procedures.

She was observing the entire ward seriously. Suddenly, she saw a small injection bottle in the trash bin!

She walked over quickly and picked up the bottle carefully... The label on the bottle was normal medicine. However, Shen Ruoqing opened the cap and studied the remnant product left inside...

A short moment later, her pupils constricted and she said softly, "This is potassium chloride!"

Chu Cichen asked in a deep voice, "Is it poisonous?"

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"Mmm. Injecting it directly will cause a cardiac arrest."

This was why Song Chen showed no reaction at all even though Doctor Xu and his team had spent so much time on the rescue efforts.

Shen Ruoqing stared at the medicine bottle.

It seemed that what Song Chen had said was true.

If he were to look for her, he'd be harmed.

The gunshot accident was done by Dugu Xiao, so Shen Ruoqing hadn't taken Song Chen's words to heart. But now, she believed them.

The mastermind definitely came prepared to be able to poison Song Chen in front of her eyes.

Just as Shen Ruoqing's mind was wandering, Chu Cichen asked, "Can he still be saved?"

The person in bed had his appearance from six years ago. Looking at his pale complexion, Chu Cichen felt an awkward feeling from the bottom of his heart.

"He can."

If it wasn't because she had discovered the potassium chloride and that the rescue efforts were just CPR and the defibrillators, it'd be useless. On the contrary, it would cause them to miss the golden hour for rescuing Song Chen.

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But since she had found out the reason, then what followed would be easy.

Shen Ruoqing took a step forward and ordered a nurse, "Bring glucose insulin! Hurry!"

Hearing this command, the nurse was stunned and her expression immediately changed drastically.

"Who are you? Don't make a fuss here! Hurry up and get out!"

When Doctor Xu who was performing CPR heard this, he looked at Shen Ruoqing politely. "Miss Shen, is the patient diabetic? Even if that were the case, it'd be useless even if we were to inject this. We should first bring back the patient's heartbeats before proceeding with the next step of treatment."

Shen Ruoqing frowned. Potassium chloride was odorless and colorless, so there was no way for her to explain that the remnant medicine in the bottle was potassium chloride.

However, if they waited for the test result to come out, it'd be too late to save Song Chen.

She could only say firmly, "Go get it! Right now!"

The nurse immediately flew into a rage and was about to chase Shen Ruoqing out. However, Doctor Xu didn't dare to go against the orders of the Shen Family's young miss, and he said to the nurse, "Go get it! Listen to Miss Shen!"

When he spoke, his tone emphasized the words 'Miss Shen', and this allowed the nurse to instantly understand who this lady was.

The hospital was opened by the Shen Family...

Hence, the nurse didn't dare to go against Doctor Xu's words and could only say indignantly, "Alright! I'll go!"

However, before she stepped out of the ward, she still glared at Shen Ruoqing unhappily. "This is a matter of life and death, but you still give reckless orders, using your identity to back you up! You really can't judge the importance of the situation! If you were to delay the optimal saving period of your friend, I want to see how you answer for it!"

Chapter 427 Responsibility

Two minutes later, the nurse panted and ran back with the injection fluid.

CPR was physically demanding. At this moment, Doctor Xu was already sweating profusely.

When the nurse saw this, she threw the glucose insulin injection to Shen Ruoqing before walking toward Doctor Xu to help.

Shen Ruoqing wasn't angry.

Song Chen was on a drip. Hence, Shen Ruoqing directly took action herself and injected him with the injection in her hands. After that, she turned the drip speed to maximum.

The nurse was angry when she saw it, so she stepped forward to intervene. "What are you doing?! It is said that the patient does not have diabetes. If you inject like this, the patient will turn hypoglycemic! It will then be even more difficult to rescue him!"

The insulin had already been injected.

Shen Ruoqing stopped the nurse and explained, "He is suffering from potassium poisoning, and I am diluting the potassium concentration in his body with glucose insulin."

The nurse frowned. "How can it be potassium poisoning? He just finished surgery and we didn't inject him with any potassium-containing medication!"

Shen Ruoqing pointed to the small medicine bottle, which had just been picked up from the trash can and placed on the table. "It's not a nutrient solution but undiluted potassium chloride."

The nurse sneered. "Who are you kidding? Both doctors and nurses in our hospital are professionally trained, so how could we inject patients with undiluted potassium chloride?"

Shen Ruoqing inhaled deeply.

This was why she hated explaining as it took a lot of time. Even if she explained, the other party might not believe her. She lowered her eyelids and continued, "Someone tried to poison him."

The nurse clearly didn't believe her words and felt that it was not realistic. She sneered. "Fine, even if someone tried to poison him, how did you know there's potassium chloride inside? We should first send it for testing!"

Shen Ruoqing felt somewhat helpless. "There's no time for that."

The nurse grew even angrier. "Because there's no time, you want to use medicine randomly on a patient based on a reckless conjecture? Do you know if that is not potassium chloride, it would be akin to murdering him by injecting him with so much insulin!?"

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

As Professor Z, she would often deal with biomedicine throughout the year. Just based on the viscosity of the liquid in the bottle, in addition to the state of it, and also armed with the knowledge of what substances could harm the human body and cause cardiac arrest...Shen Ruoqing instantly had her judgment.

However, she basically had no way to explain all of these.

Chu Cichen's expression grew increasingly darker. When he saw that the nurse's words were getting more and more excessive, he directly took a step forward and spoke in a heavy voice, "What if it is potassium chloride? If you refuse to let her use insulin, you would be delaying the treatment time. Wouldn't it be like you are trying to murder someone?!"

The nurse choked.

She was a straightforward person that was unafraid of power. Hence, she stretched her neck and shouted, "I'm following the standard procedure for saving someone, so how can I possibly be murdering people? In addition, we are responsible for the patients' safety! As for her, she directly injected so much insulin into the patient. At that time, if we failed to save the patient, would she be responsible?"

Seeing that Chu Cichen was still going to say something, Shen Ruoqing held his hand. She couldn't be bothered to say anymore and only remarked in a strict tone, "I'll be responsible. Right now, can you continue to save him?"

The nurse was scared by her aura, and she immediately glanced pleading at Doctor Xu, seeking his help.

Doctor Xu wiped his sweat and his movements continued without stopping. He had been trying to save Song Chen. However, he didn't say anything.

The nurse could only endure.

The entire atmosphere in the ward was filled with nervousness as everyone fought valiantly against the god of death, wanting to pull Song Chen back from hell.

Time slowly passed but Song Chen was still not breathing.

Doctor Xu's movements gradually slowed down, and he looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Miss Shen, we have done our best."

However, Shen Ruoqing glanced at Song Chen and commanded, "Continue."

Hearing this, Doctor Xu started and explained, "We have been trying to save him for the past 30 minutes. According to the research, if blood supply to the brain is stopped for 30 minutes, even if we manage to save the patient, there's a possibility that he might be brain dead."

Shen Ruoqing domineeringly spoke, "You also know that's just a possibility and not a certainty. So, continue."

By counting the time, the concentration of potassium chloride in Song Chen's body had been diluted. It was now the best time to try saving him.

Doctor Xu pursed his lips and didn't reply as he continued doing CPR.

The nurse at the side had endured for a very long time and felt even more angered now. "Miss Shen, enough! We are doctors and nurses, not servants from your Shen Family!

"Since he is still unconscious, it means that your judgment was wrong. He was not poisoned by potassium chloride. It must be because you injected insulin into him, which resulted in his blood sugar being overly low. You are the one who delayed his treatment!

"You must be afraid now, so you want Doctor Xu to continue. It's too late!

"If you didn't act against our will earlier, we might have managed to save your friend. But now, your friend has passed away, so you have to bear the responsibility!..."

As the sound of her voice faded, a short 'beep' sound suddenly rang out.

Chapter 428 WeChat

This sound was very short, but it caused the nurse to be stunned.

Her body stiffened and she turned her head subconsciously, only to see that the straight line on the device was now showing fluctuations.

"There's a heartbeat! Hurry up! Continue!"

The other doctors cried out in pleasant surprise. Doctor Xu was also slightly stunned for a moment before looking at Shen Ruoqing in shock. He then hastened his actions.

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After another ten seconds, another short "beep" sounded, followed by a stable "beep, beep, beep"...

Everyone in the room found these sounds wonderful!

Song Chen had recovered his heartbeat and he was saved!

Shen Ruoqing immediately took a step forward and lifted his eyelids to take a look. She then checked the data on the medical devices and only heaved a huge sigh of relief after realizing that there was no damage to his brain.

Doctor Xu came off the bed while panting; his legs had turned to jelly and he almost fell down. He then rubbed his sore hands and looked at Shen Ruoqing, saying, "Miss Shen, are you versed in medicine? To think that you guessed it correctly that this is a case of potassium chloride poisoning!"

Shen Ruoqing replied calmly, "Hmm, I know a little."

She then looked at the nurse who had spoken up earlier.



The nurse was clearly in a daze and was looking at Song Chen in disbelief. She then looked at Shen Ruoqing as her hands clenched tightly, released, and then clenched tightly again. In the end, she said meekly, "You, you were actually right..."

Doctor Xu frowned and reproached her, "You went overboard earlier. Even if it wasn't Miss Shen, you shouldn't be treating patients' family members this way. Go and submit your resignation letter later."

The nurse lowered her head in embarrassment before she bowed at Shen Ruoqing. "I'm sorry, I was at fault."

She had seen too many cases of second-generation heirs creating trouble and mess, thus she had thought that Shen Ruoqing was one of them. This was why she had treated Shen Ruoqing like that before...

However, Shen Ruoqing gave Doctor Xu a glance and said, "There's no need to resign. It's your responsibility to listen to the doctors' instructions."

The nurse looked up abruptly, and her eyes reddened as she looked at Shen Ruoqing.

Doctor Xu also took a step forward, wanting to fawn on Shen Ruoqing.

However, at this moment, the door to the ward was pushed open.

Ye Lu, dressed in a standard white coat, led two people in. She looked at everyone in the room and said, "I'll be taking over from here. Can all unconcerned individuals please leave immediately?"

Doctor Xu. "?"

CPR required a lot of stamina. Previously, in order to perform well in front of Miss Shen, he didn't switch with another medical staff. So now, his limbs had all turned to jelly. But to think that the patient would be snatched from him before he could ask for some credit?

After Ye Lu finished these words, some more bodyguards entered. They stood with their legs slightly apart, their hands behind their backs, and they stared at the doctors and nurses with fierce gazes. It seemed like they wanted to watch as the medical staff leave.

Shen Ruoqing said calmly, "I'm sorry, but due to the poisoning incident, no one will be allowed into the ward without my permission from now on."

Although the person she liked was Chu Cichen, Song Chen had taken the initiative to look for her and resolved her confusion from back then. Most importantly, he had taken a bullet for her.

Therefore, Shen Ruoqing was going to assure Song Chen's safety.

She was the one who called Ye Lu over. Ye Lu was the only person she could trust.

It was possible for these people to poison a patient without being caught in the Shen Family's hospital. Therefore, Shen Ruoqing decided to cut off everyone's entry.

She still had to look for the person who wanted to kill her through Song Chen, uncover the mastermind, and find out the truth about why those people had Song Chen masquerade as Chu Cichen back then!

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When Doctor Xu was chased out of the ward, he still felt that he was such a joke.

He shook his head before he headed to his consultation room.

He had just walked over when he saw a woman with a gentle and amiable disposition sitting on the wooden bench outside his door. It was Rong Rong.

Doctor Xu paused in his footsteps for a moment before walking over to ask, “Why are you here?”

He knew that the reason Rong Rong had stayed behind must be for the eldest young miss of the Shen Family. But if that was the case, why was she here instead of staying outside the ward?

Naturally, Rong Rong had done this to avoid the Shen Family’s Eldest Young Miss.

She didn’t wish to curry favor with others and just wanted to live her own life. Therefore, she stood up and handed the soup to Doctor Xu. “I’m sorry, my mother asked me to pass this on to you. I won’t come and disturb you again in the future.”

After saying that, Rong Rong turned to leave.

However, Doctor Xu called out to her, “Little Rong,”

Rong Rong paused in her footsteps and turned back to look at him.

Doctor Xu smiled at her. “I really don’t mind your past. Why don’t you believe me?”

Hearing this, Rong Rong fell silent.

Doctor Xu really treated her quite well. When the two of them met on a matchmaking date, he was very nice to her. Later on, she realized that Mother Rong didn’t tell him the truth that she had been behind bars before, so she exposed this fact.

Doctor Xu was a little astonished then but still politely said that he’d slowly learn to accept her.

However, Rong Rong suggested that they should just break up. She didn’t wish to hold him back.

After Mother Rong found out about that, she forced Rong Rong to come to patch things up with Doctor Xu.

Rong Rong lowered her head. “I’m sorry. I was planning to not get married in this lifetime...”

Her past was too bad. The fact that she had been imprisoned for 13 years was just the result, but no one knew about the process.

Doctor Xu took a step forward. “I know that you mind your past, so you’re unwilling to accept me. But I really like you. I’ve liked you ever since we were in school. Can’t you give me a chance?”

Rong Rong bit her lips, looking up at him in disbelief. “You like me?”

“That’s right,” Doctor Xu said. “By right, based on my status, I’m not a good match for you. Therefore, I only dared to get close to you now after what happened. Do you know? When you came to matchmake

with me, I was shocked. I kept feeling that I was unworthy of you until you told me that you had gone to jail before. Only then did I make up my mind. Therefore, I hope that you can give me a chance.”

He then took Rong Rong’s hand and said, “Marry me and forget about the past. We can live our life together happily.”

Rong Rong took a step back, breaking free from his grasp. She said meekly, “I...I need to think about this.”

She then left in a panic.

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Doctor Xu watched her leave and suddenly let out a soft laugh, his gaze revealing a hint of contempt.

However, Rong Rong didn’t see that.

13 years of imprisonment had worn out her sharpness. After she was released, other than Little Jing’s family, even her parents despised her. They told her never to bring up her past.

No one would care for her like Doctor Xu did, saying that they liked her...

At this moment, Rong Rong was a little swayed.

Forgetting about the past, no longer bringing it up, and starting a brand new life seemed not a bad option too.

Just as she was thinking in a daze, she arrived outside the hospital.

Only then did she realize that her family’s car had left to send Mother Rong home.

She picked up her phone and noticed that Mother Rong had sent her a message: [I’ll be heading back by myself first. You can call a ride home yourself.]

Call a ride...

Rong Rong let out a bitter laugh.

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She wanted to go out to work, but the Rong Family didn’t allow her to do so for fear that she’d made a mockery of herself. However, ever since she returned to the family, they hadn’t given her a single cent. How would she have the money to call for a ride?

Just as Rong Rong was planning to walk back...

Suddenly, a car stopped in front of her. She looked up and saw Shen Ruoqing in the front passenger seat, beckoning at her. “Sis Rong, I’ll send you back.”

Rong Rong’s eyes lit up and she got on without hesitation.

She sat in the hind passenger seat, only to realize that the driver was the man who had stayed by Little Jing’s side. As if noticing her gaze, Shen Ruoqing introduced, “He is Chu Cichen.”

Rong Rong was slightly stunned. "Chu Cichen?"

Little Jing's ray of light?

She sized Chu Cichen up seriously and then felt heartfelt happiness for Shen Ruojing. "Little Jing, congrats."

Shen Ruojing's lips curled slightly, but she still asked, "What is it between you and that Doctor Xu?"

Rong Rong lowered her head. "I'm still considering it."

"Oh, then consider it well. Don't be in a hurry."

Rong Rong pursed her lips. "Alright."

She fell silent once again.

Shen Ruojing was never good at consoling others and didn't know what she should say. Thankfully, the Rong Manor wasn't far off from the hospital and they soon arrived.

Shen Ruojing sent Rong Rong off of the car and said to her, "Sis Rong, if you have any difficulties, you have my number."

Rong Rong nodded.

At this moment, the Rong Manor's gate was suddenly opened.

Mother Rong walked out. When she saw Rong Rong, her eyes gleamed. However, when she saw Shen Ruojing, she frowned and then turned to Rong Rong. "Why did you get involved with her again?"

Rong Rong lowered her gaze. "It wasn't easy to get a ride, so Little Jing sent me home."

Mother Rong looked at Shen Ruojing in contempt before she asked the question she was most concerned about, "Did you manage to add the Shen Family's eldest young miss on WeChat?"

Rong Rong shook her head.

Mother Rong fumed and said provocatively, "You always hang out with such indecent people and don't do any proper things! What else can you do?!"

Chapter 429 Apology

When asking Rong Rong about the eldest young miss of the Shen family, Mother Rong did so in a lowered voice.

So, Shen Ruojing didn't hear it. However, Mother Rong intentionally raised her volume during the last part of her sentence, allowing Shen Ruojing to hear it clearly and causing her to frown unhappily.

Just as she wanted to speak, Rong Rong already spoke out in a strict tone, "Mother, Little Jing is my friend. I hope you can respect her!"

Hearing this, Mother Rong furrowed her brows. "How can she be considered your friend? She's merely someone that will lead you astray! I've told you to distance yourself from her. You've been in the pri...I mean you were away from the world for thirteen years and have no idea how the world has changed!"

Right now, there are swindlers all around with many ways of cheating people. I'm only doing this for your own good!"

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Rong Rong became even angrier. "Little Jing is not a liar. The more you talk, the more excessive you are. Apologize to Little Jing!"

"Apologize? Have you lost your mind? I am your mother! How can you make me apologize for the sake of a stranger?" Mother Rong was about to start hitting someone.

Just as Shen Ruoqing was about to step forward to stop her, a gentle voice came: "Mother, what are you doing?"

Then, a charming figure walked out. It was Rong Rong's younger sister, Rong Yue.

Upon seeing her, Mother Rong's mood instantly became calm. She patted her chest and said, "It's all because of your disobedient elder sister. I think she won't give up until she makes me die of anger! I think our whole family owes her in our previous reincarnation!"

Rong Yue immediately said, "Okay, Mother, don't be angry."

Then she looked at Rong Rong, with a look of helplessness on her face. "Elder Sister, Mother is getting older. She has been worried about you for these years, so you should understand her."

After that, she looked at Shen Ruoqing and said firmly, "You must be a friend of my elder sister, right? My mother is worried about my elder sister. I'm sure you won't have a grudge against her, right?"

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

If she had a grudge, would that mean she was bullying the elderly?

Her lips curled.

She didn't take Mother Rong's words to heart and was just worried that Rong Rong was not having a good time at home.

Rong Rong disagreed, "If Shen Ruoqing doesn't care, it means that she is magnanimous. However, Mother, didn't you teach us since we were young that when we do something wrong, we must apologize? Are the three words 'I'm sorry' really so difficult to say?"

Mother Rong's face fell and she was about to lose her temper.

Rong Yue glanced at Shen Ruoqing and smiled. "Okay, elder sister, I'll apologize on behalf of my mother. I'm sorry. Anyway, does your friend want to come to our house and sit for a while?"

Shen Ruoqing stepped back and looked at the car in the distance before raising her eyebrows. "No need."

She gestured for Rong Rong to call her before she turned and departed.

After the car left, Mother Rong glared at Rong Rong. "I am your mother! For the sake of a stranger, you actually made me lose face?"

Rong Rong lowered her gaze. "She's not a stranger. I told you my release date, but none of you came to pick me up. It was Ruojing who picked me up and gave me a place to stay!"

Mother Rong impatiently said, "How many times have I explained it? That day, your younger sister suddenly fell ill. We were taking care of her at the hospital! Also, we sent the driver over, but by the time he got there, you were gone."

She continued, "Couldn't you call since you came out and didn't see us?"

Rong Rong clenched her fist. "I just got out of prison, where was I supposed to get a phone?"

Mother Rong gasped. "Couldn't you wait?"

Rong Rong's heart felt as dead as ashes.

Thirteen years in prison left her wanting to leave as soon as she was released. How could she have waited for them outside?

However, her mother wouldn't think of this. She would only feel that Rong Rong was irresponsible.

In the past, her mother wasn't like this toward her. Her mother was very concerned and loved both her and her younger sister.

But ever since she stayed thirteen years in prison, she became her mother's shame...

Rong Rong couldn't be bothered to say this. She simply strode past the two of them and headed for the door.

But before she could enter, she heard Mother Rong saying, "How did that Little Jing know your release date? She went to pick you up after you got released probably because she wanted to get close to you. She wanted to send you home as well. Hence, she must have known you are part of the Rong Family, one of the four great families in the capital. She wishes to fawn on you..."

"Mother, enough is enough!" Rong Rong exclaimed. "Little Jing has money! Don't think that everyone is like you, wanting to ingratiate yourself with wealthy people! Little Jing gets by just fine on her own!"

Mother Rong was furious. "Fine, I let you go and flatter the eldest young miss of the Shen family for your own social status. It was not to let the Shen family give you money! As your mother, what have I become in your eyes? And what do you mean by your friend has money? I remember you once said that the girl who was kidnapped with you was from a small city, so how wealthy could she be?"

Rong Rong answered, "She has so much money that she even bought me a house in Ford City!"

Although Ford City wasn't as good as the capital, the location of the house was excellent and it was worth tens of millions.

After all, Mother Rong had never given her daughter that much money... Right now, Mother Rong was penniless, and the dowry she gave Rong Rong was worth a million at most.

Rong Rong's answer was simply to express that Shen Ruojing didn't need to flatter them, and they didn't need to flatter her either.

Sure enough, Mother Rong was stunned and didn't expect Little Jing to be so generous. For a moment, she was speechless.

However, Rong Yue took advantage of the opportunity and spoke up, "Sis, which house in Ford City are you talking about? In the suburbs, an old and dilapidated house can be bought for a few hundred thousand, right? If a few hundred thousand can buy your favor and allow her to gain a connection with the Rong Family, I believe that is worth it. Anyway, the amount of money that the Rong Family can casually take out is worth much more than that."

Mother Rong also reacted. "Your younger sister is right! I don't believe your friend is that capable."

Rong Rong suddenly stopped and turned around to look at her mother fiercely. "Mother, is it because Little Jing is my friend that's why you think she's up to no good? Do you look down on her or on me?"

Mother Rong choked.

Rong Rong clenched her fists tightly and her body trembled a little. At this moment, her voice was no longer as resolute as it was filled with helplessness. "Since you look down on me, why do you still want to fetch me back home?"

Mother Rong was dumbstruck.

Rong Rong no longer spoke. She then lowered her head and left.

Mother Rong only regained her senses after she left. After that, she was so angry that her chest began heaving up and down. She spoke to Rong Yue, "This useless thing actually has the cheek to reproach me? I didn't want to look down on her, but other than the fact that she brought so much shame to our family, what else has she brought us? There was such a good opportunity today, so I told her to get acquainted with the eldest young miss of the Shen Family. However, she refused to do anything. She is simply trash! She is trash and her friend is too!"

Rong Yue patted her back and consoled her, "Mother, don't be angry. I've started looking for people to introduce me to Miss Shen. This friend of mine participated in the science award ceremony, and I've asked her to send me the information on Miss Shen."

As her voice rang out, her mobile phone vibrated.

Rong Yue picked it up and smiled after glancing at it. "See, the info on Miss Shen is here. Let us take a look at her appearance first..."

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Mother Rong immediately forgot about her unhappiness and stared at Rong Yue's phone together with Rong Yue in excitement.

In the end, after they clicked open the information, they discovered that not only was there no photograph, but the information within was only Professor Z's resume and contact method.

Rong Yue immediately sent a text to her friend to ask: [Where is Miss Shen's photo?]

Her friend replied very quickly: [Back then, Old Master Shen gave an absolute order that no one is permitted to take photos. So, no one dared to snap a shot. Haven't you discovered that there is no news about the eldest young miss of the Shen Family outside?]

When Rong Yue saw this, she felt very helpless. [Alright then.]

Mother Rong asked, "What should we do?"

Rong Yue smiled. "Isn't it easy if we want to get acquainted with a person? My friend has given us the contact method of Miss Shen. I'll try adding her on WeChat tonight."

Mother Rong nodded immediately before she asked, "Don't you think it's embarrassing that I'm forcing you to meet her?"

Rong Yue shook her head. "I know you are doing it for my own good. Our family is looked down upon by those of higher status. If I can make friends with Miss Shen from the prominent Shen Family, we will surely benefit from it in the future."

Mother Rong immediately patted her hand. "You are the one who understands me."

The mother-and-daughter duo then returned to their room with affection.

All of this was seen from the balcony of the second floor by Rong Rong.

Her eyes showed a hint of hurt, and her lips were tinged with bitterness.

When she was in Ford City, she originally intended to find a job. However, at that time, all the employers heard that she had just been released from prison after serving 13 years for killing someone, so everyone rejected her.

She had spent her best years in prison, without a degree or work experience. Now at 28 years old, she was considered quite old and was despised by everyone.

(Only Little Jing doesn't despise me. But Little Jing has her own life...)

Just as she was thinking about this, Rong Rong's phone rang. She picked it up and found a WeChat message from Dr. Xu: [Rong Rong, look up at the sky.]

Rong Rong looked up unconsciously.

Today was the sixteenth of the month. The round moon could be seen high up in the sky, radiating a bright light.

Her phone rang again.

It was still a text from Doctor Xu:

[You have always been the white moonlight in my heart.]

[It was so in the past, it is the same now, and it will still be in the future. Although you were away for 13 years, you are slowly filling up my heart.]



[My moonlight, are you willing to have a date with me tomorrow afternoon at the mala tang shop near our high school?]

Rong Rong's eyes turned slightly red.

Actually, other than Little Jing, there was still Doctor Xu in this world who cared about her.

She lowered her eyelids and hesitated for some time before finally replying with a single word. [Okay.]

At the same time, after Rong Yue returned to her room, she immediately tried adding Prof. Z as her friend through WeChat. [Hi Miss Shen, I'm Miss Rong from the second house of the Rong Family.]

The Rong Family was considered the weakest among the four great families in the capital.

The second house of the Rong Family was even more insignificant. This was why Rong Yue didn't mention her name. She was afraid that the eldest young miss of the Shen Family who had just arrived at the capital might not have heard of her name before.

However, all these were relative.

Mother Rong and Rong Yue both felt a sense of superiority because their status was the object of envy to ordinary families in the capital.

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Chu Manor.

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen's experience tonight could be described as very tumultuous.

They had finally figured out the truth of the matter and found the person who had impersonated Chu Cichen.

Right now, they were sitting in Chu Cichen's study. Shen Ruoqing had habitually searched this room for any surveillance devices. Finding none, she then sat across from him while feeling at ease.

Chu Cichen asked, "Do you believe everything that Song Chen said?"

Shen Ruoqing, with a downward gaze, replied honestly, "I don't know. What do you think?"

Chu Cichen sighed too and said, "I don't know either."

The two of them were silent for a moment.

After a while, Chu Cichen could not help but ask in a voice with a hint of resentment, "Jingjing, is he really similar to me from six years ago? Am I really like a...?"

He pondered for a while, not knowing how to describe Song Chen now.

So, Shen Ruoqing filled in for him. "Puppy?"

Chu Cichen. ??

Although Song Chen was the same height as Chu Cichen, he looked thin. Also, when he was facing Shen Ruojing, he always seemed very weak. The word “puppy” could be used to describe him relatively, but it still felt awkward!

Chu Cichen corrected her. “A sissy.”

“...” Shen Ruojing didn’t argue about this with him. She lowered her eyes. “Song Chen six years ago looked exactly the same as he does now, and Song Chen six years ago resembled you perfectly.”

In the past, Shen Ruojing had no idea that Chu Cichen was 527, so she didn’t think too much about this.

But after knowing it, Shen Ruojing would reflect carefully on the matters of the past.

Although the 527 of the organization wore a mask, his personality was the same as both Chu Cichen in China and Chu Cichen overseas.

In other words, the feeling that Song Chen gave her was that he was Chu Cichen himself.

Chu Cichen nodded. “Before you said this, I always believed that there would surely be differences between two people. However, after I saw him...”

Chu Cichen spoke out loud about the most bizarre thing after his meeting with Song Chen, “His appearance looks exactly like me from six years ago, like traveling through time and coming to the present.”

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It was still the same question. They looked exactly the same.

Chu Cichen fell silent and asked, “Can cosmetic surgery really make someone exactly the same as another person?”

Shen Ruojing touched her chin. “In theory, it can. But in reality, a person is an uncontrollable organism. Different living environments will create different feelings. For example, the temperature of the outside world and even the sunlight will cause the skin to have a different color when its rays shine upon the person. Moreover, cosmetic surgery isn’t perfect. Scientific research shows that all parts of the human body that were altered through surgery would gradually return to a state where the person would resemble their original looks, unless their facial bones were shaved away and one’s flesh was scrapped off. After all, the human body has a self-healing ability.”

However, this wasn’t the case for Song Chen. He had not changed for six years, not even for a single bit!

As Professor Z, Shen Ruojing had been in the scientific research world for so many years, but even she had never encountered a situation like this before.

She felt a headache. “I already told Ye Lu to stay in the hospital, and she would frequently take note of Song Chen’s condition. Also, those people behind the scene are hiding in the shadows. If they don’t act, we won’t have any opportunity to find them. But if they still want to make an attempt at Song Chen’s life, I will definitely discover it! Right now, we can only deal with things as they come!”

Chu Cichen also nodded in agreement.

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing's phone rang again. She picked it up and Shen Yuansong's voice rang out. "Jingjing, I've handled the troublesome matters. I'm going to organize a banquet so everyone in the capital will recognize you!"

Shen Ruoqing. "No need for that, I..."

Before she could finish her words, Shen Yuansong domineeringly continued, "Impossible. I cannot let my acknowledged granddaughter be estranged and live elsewhere! This matter is settled. If you have friends you wish to invite, you can just tell my butler. I'll get him to contact you. The banquet will be held three days from now!"

Shen Ruoqing. "..."

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Her lips twitched as she looked at Chu Cichen. "He just said 'acknowledged granddaughter', not 'acknowledged daughter', right?"

Chu Cichen held back a laugh. "Yes."

Shen Ruoqing. "...then what about my mother?"

Chu Cichen cleared up her doubts. "In a bit, they will be selecting a new president for the national scientific association. Nowadays, every organization is moving toward the younger generation to lead them in future development. I think the old man wants to push you up, so he is eager to publicly announce your identity."

Shen Ruoqing was speechless. "..."

She wanted to refuse, but when she thought of Shen Yuansong's awe-inspiring personal resume...in the end, she sighed silently.

Just then, the butler of the Shen family, Uncle Liu, sent her a WeChat message: [Miss, do you have any friends you'd like to invite?]

Friends to invite?

She didn't have many friends in the capital, only Yun Wei and her family.

Just as she was about to reply with "You take care of it", she suddenly remembered Rong Rong.

Hence, she immediately replied to the message: [Yes, there is, I want to invite the eldest Miss Rong from the second house of the Rong family. Her full name is Rong Rong!]