

Boss Mommy 471

Chapter 471 Photograph

Shen Yuansong was suddenly confused. At a time like this, why was the Old Bai looking at him when he had nothing to do with this? Did he want Shen Yuansong to help mediate this situation?

While he was thinking, the voice from above suddenly became more intense. "Speak!"

Old man Bai's forehead was covered in sweat as he spoke, "Madam, I do know, but I cannot say. It was you who said back then that he is the heir and that we must be loyal to him!"

As soon as he spoke, the woman choked. "How dare you use my own words against me?"

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Old Bai then looked at Shen Yuansong.

Shen Yuansong had no choice but to speak up, "Madam, Old Bai has always been stubborn and unreasonable like a stone in a dung pit. Don't waste your time arguing with him."

Old Bai scolded him angrily, "Old Shen, who are you insulting?"

"It's naturally you! I have long since found you unpleasant to the eye. You know where he is, but you won't tell us. Do you want him to give you exclusive resources, so your family can surpass my Shen family?"

"How can you insult people like that? I'm not that kind of person, you..."

The two men started quarreling.

The entire room was filled with their arguing voices. On the other hand, the heads of the other two prominent families, the Xu family and the Rong family, were younger than them so they didn't dare to intervene.

The two men continued to quarrel and suddenly started fighting.

One was pulling the other's hair, while the other was pulling the other's beard.

As they fought, Old Bai suddenly held his chest and exclaimed in pain, "Ow, ow, it hurts..."

Shen Yuansong immediately stopped and asked, "Old Bai?"

Old Bai said, "I'm having a heart attack. Quickly take me to the hospital!"

Shen Yuansong looked up at the woman above and made a gesture of request.

The woman sat steadily and watched them perform without exposing them. After a while, she sneered. "Go ahead."

Hearing this, Shen Yuansong and Old Bai instantly felt relieved and immediately left the room with the help of the butler. Shen Yuansong then said, "Get in my car, you can lie down inside..."

Old Bai was then taken to Shen Yuansong's car.

The car started immediately and drove away.

After they left Puluo Avenue, Shen Yuansong said coldly, "Okay, stop pretending."

Old Bai, who was moaning in pain just a second ago, suddenly sat up and looked out the window. He patted his chest and immediately cursed, "The old witch was nowhere to be seen for so many years. How come she's getting scarier and scarier!?"

Shen Yuansong agreed with him.

Old Bai then adjusted his clothes and said, "We were just acting earlier, so why did you really pull my beard?"

Shen Yuansong sneered. "You also pulled my hair. Anyway, I saved your life, so how do you plan to thank me?"

Old Bai immediately understood what he meant and said, "You can forget about trying to get the other piece of Madman's work!"

Shen Yuansong. "..."

He glanced at Old Master Bai and asked, "Where is he exactly?"

Old Bai looked deeply at him and asked, "I heard Shen Qianhui is your daughter? And she even married a little-known celebrity?"

Shen Yuansong immediately got angry. "Don't change the subject!"

In his mind, Old Master Bai silently mumbled, 'My old friend, I helped you, but you didn't understand my intention.'

However, he said, "I just heard that you never got married in your life because you were afraid of having a daughter... So, did the Shen family and the witch's family sign a marriage contract?"

Shen Yuansong nodded. "My father signed it."

Old Bai immediately sneered. "He's really confused!"

In fact, intermarriage between wealthy families was very common, and even the four major families often intermarried. Even if they didn't love each other enough, they could be respectful and some couples could have a harmonious relationship and become a good story in the circle.

This kind of marriage was an acceptable way for everyone.

But to have a marriage contract with that person... That was not an ordinary marriage at all!!!

Upon thinking about the appearance of that lady now, it was like she had just come back from hell. Who would be willing to throw their daughter into the fire pit?! No wonder Shen Yuansong didn't want to get married and didn't want to have a daughter!

After Old Bai finished speaking, he suddenly realized that Shen Qianhui had married Jing Zhen. He tried to hold it back but still couldn't help looking at Shen Yuansong. "But perhaps there will be a blessing in disguise."

“What blessing? The old witch doesn’t want my daughter anymore. After all, my daughter is almost fifty years old and married a small-time actor. Now she wants my granddaughter to marry into her family instead...”

Old Master Bai was stunned. “Really? But your granddaughter has three children already!”

Shen Yuansong lowered his gaze. “They can’t wait for the next generation to grow up. However, I promised to give them some of the Shen family’s stocks and let them tear up the agreement made years ago. And she agreed.”

Old Master Bai nodded. “You did the right thing. Even though it’s your granddaughter and not your daughter, you can’t push her into the fire pit. Moreover, compared to them, Chu Cichen is really a good son-in-law!”

Shen Yuansong nodded satisfactorily. “Chu Cichen is really good!”

After praising him, he suddenly smiled and looked at Old Bai. “Speaking of which, my granddaughter and your granddaughter are considered in-laws. As for the matter regarding this marriage, the Bai family should support me!”

Thinking of his granddaughter’s marriage and that worthless Chu Cimo, Old Master Bai’s face turned black.

Shen Yuansong laughed. “You just mocked my daughter for marrying a small-time actor. Isn’t your granddaughter also marrying a useless affluent second-generation?”

Old Master Bai immediately became unhappy. “How is he useless? Chu Cimo, he... he...”

Shen Yuansong smiled and asked, “What’s wrong with him? Does he have a position in the Chu Corporation?”

Old Master Bai himself looked down on Chu Cimo, but he didn’t allow others to do so. He immediately said, “He has a close relationship with Valor Gate! Just a few days ago, he helped your son-in-law find people from Valor Gate to serve as bodyguards!”

Shen Yuansong sneered. “Is that true?”

Valor Gate was not part of their system, but they and the four major families mutually respected each other. Valor Gate would not meddle in their affairs. So, Old Master Bai must be bragging!

However...

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Shen Yuansong glanced back at the manor they had just left.

He noticed that many guards were deployed in the estate today. If the lady reneged on their deal and tried to forcibly take Jingjing away, his own guards might not be enough to handle these professional people.

If Valor Gate could help them, it would be great.

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In the manor halfway up the mountain that resembled a castle.

After the people from the four major families left, the noblewoman suddenly pushed the teacup in her hand onto the ground. Her chest was heaving with anger.

The butler re-brewed the earl grey tea and brought it over in a porcelain cup with a gold trim. “Quee...” he began but was soon being glared at by the noblewoman.

“In China, call me Madam,” she said.

The butler immediately said, “Madam, please calm down. The Shen family is just ignorant.”

The noblewoman took a sip of the tea, and a fierce look flashed in her eyes. “Old Shen has hidden his granddaughter so well and he doesn’t even dare to bring her here for me to see... Go find a photo of her and let me see what kind of beauty she is!”

The butler immediately complied and left the room.

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Five minutes later, the butler returned and said, “Madam, I’ve found photos of his daughter and granddaughter, but...”

“What?” the noblewoman asked, giving him a glance.

“I can’t help but feel that his granddaughter looks familiar,” the butler said as he handed over a photo of Shen Ruoqing.

In the photo, Shen Ruoqing had clear and cold peach blossom eyes.

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Upon receiving the photos handed over by the butler, the noblewoman glanced at Shen Qianhui first.

Although she was approaching fifty years old, her temperament was gentle and she looked delicate and weak.

The noblewoman sneered. “His daughter does have some unique features, the kind that he likes. But unfortunately, she’s old and faded now. I heard that she even married some obscure small-time actor?”

The butler nodded immediately. “Should I also hand over the information of that young actor?”

“No need.”

She threw Shen Qianhui’s photo aside and looked at Shen Ruoqing’s. At first glance, she also felt Shen Ruoqing to be very familiar, and she even felt a sense of warmth somehow.

After staring at it for a while, the butler suddenly spoke up, “Madam, she looks a bit like you when you were young!”

“Really?”

The noblewoman stared at the photo, her eyes unpredictable, but her smile gradually widened. "Interesting, no wonder Old Shen has been hiding her...she's the type I like."

She put down the photo and looked at the butler again. "Any news on that scoundrel?"

"None." The butler lowered his head. "Sir's whereabouts are too difficult to find. He's been hiding in China for over twenty years, and his appearance must have changed somewhat, making it even harder to find him..."

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Upon returning home, Shen Yuansong heard from the butler that Shen Ruoqing had moved in with her three children. He then felt relieved and instructed the butler, "Go hire some more bodyguards. I always feel uneasy in my heart. That old witch is known for her fickleness..."

The butler nodded and left.

Shen Yuansong then went upstairs to see the room Shen Ruoqing was staying in. He had asked the butler to clean it up after recognizing his granddaughter.

For the three children, he also created three separate children's rooms that were connected to Shen Ruoqing's master bedroom. The four of them would surely feel very comfortable living here.

Shen Yuansong knocked on the door and heard a "come in" before he pushed it open. The next moment, his face stiffened because he saw that Chu Cichen was here too!

Shen Yuansong clenched his jaw, but he then saw Chu Cichen greeting him respectfully, "Grandfather-in-law, Jingjing and I will be imposing on the Shen family for a while."

Shen Yuansong. "..."

He was very satisfied with regard to this grandson-in-law, so he merely waved his hands and directly sat down before Shen Ruoqing.

He looked at Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen and suddenly spoke up, "You two haven't registered your marriage yet, have you?"

His expression suddenly turned displeased.

What was Chu Cichen doing? His granddaughter had given birth to three children for him, and they still hadn't registered their marriage?!

Chu Cichen's phoenix-like eyes flickered slightly and he immediately said, "As long as Jingjing agrees, I am ready any time."

Shen Yuansong's anger immediately dissipated.

It turned out that it was their Jingjing who disagreed...

He smiled and looked at Shen Ruoqing. "In that case, listen to your grandfather and go register your marriage tomorrow."

Chu Cichen also looked at Shen Ruoqing eagerly.

Shen Ruojing. “.....”

She pursed her lips and sighed before saying, “Even with a certificate, we can still divorce. Grandfather, I understand your concerns, but it’s not related to this.”

Shen Yuansong’s expression paused slightly.

His granddaughter was really too sensitive. He couldn’t hide anything from her.

Shen Ruojing said, “I have moved into the Shen Manor, and before Little Ye takes over the management of the Shen family, I’m afraid I’ll have to help look after things. So Grandfather, what secrets does the Shen family have? Who’s that person you met today? Why was my mother abandoned by you? Now, let’s talk openly and honestly.”

Shen Yuansong paused and said, “Jingjing, it’s not the time for you to know everything yet...”

As soon as he finished speaking, Shen Ruojing looked at him seriously. “Grandfather, I’ve said it before. I’m not as weak as you imagine, and I have my own strength. I don’t understand why, as the head of one of the four major families in the capital of China, you are still afraid? Even if the person is from a foreign royal family, you shouldn’t be so afraid! This place is China! What exactly is the hidden situation here?!”

Her voice was resolute and powerful, making Shen Yuansong suddenly feel a sense of relief.

He fell silent again for a moment before saying, “Okay, I’ll tell you everything!”

Chapter 473 Queen!!!

Three children were currently looking at their own rooms. Therefore, after Chu Cichen closed the door, he turned and sat next to Shen Ruojing, listening to Shen Yuansong talk about the difficulties that the Shen family was facing.

Shen Yuansong sighed. “Jingjing may not know, but Cichen should have heard of it. Some ancient families in the world are controlling the economic lifeline of the entire world. They are best at making money. After several hundred years or even thousands of years of accumulation, their family’s wealth is enough to rival a country’s.”

Chu Cichen nodded. “There are three of these big families in the world. I know that one of them started with a bank. At its peak, their family’s business expanded all over the world. However, they gradually became low-key later on.”

Shen Yuansong nodded. “Ordinary wealthy families, even with assets worth tens of billions, cannot touch their core interests. Therefore, only a few people know about them. They control the global economic trend. When a family’s wealth accumulates to a certain extent, they need their approval to go further. The four great families of the capital chose one of them as a reliance to secure commercial positions and become the four most powerful families in China.

Shen Ruojing immediately asked, “Which one?”

Shen Yuansong said slowly, “The royal family of Country A.”

Shen Ruoqing was taken aback. Country A was a constitutional monarchy located on the border of China, and the country's policies were all subject to the king's authority. It was a small country on earth that was usually inconspicuous. But unexpectedly, the royal family of Country A was one of the three major families that controlled the global economy?

She hesitated and asked, "What kind of dealings does the Shen family have with them?"

Shen Yuansong sighed. "At the start, when all the four families came into an alliance, the power between the four families was initially balanced. However, over the years, there had to be a ranking. My father was muddle-headed and signed another agreement with the royal family of Country A. They then helped the Shen family become the number one family in the capital."

Shen Ruoqing asked, "What does the Shen family have to pay?"

Shen Yuansong sighed. "Every daughter of the head of the Shen family must be sent to marry into the royal family of Country A."

Shen Ruoqing understood but also seemed to not understand. "What's the difference from an ordinary business marriage?"

Shen Yuansong glanced at her.

Shen Ruoqing looked at Chu Cichen, feeling confused.

At this moment, Chu Cichen's eyes were full of coldness. He understood the situation the Shen family was facing.

He explained to Shen Ruoqing, "It's not the same. An ordinary business marriage is a union between two families to strengthen their relationship. But the relationship between the Shen family and the royal family of Country A is more like... offering tribute."

"Offering tribute..."

This ancient term made Shen Ruoqing pause for a long time before she finally understood.

In a business marriage, both sides were relatively fair, but offering tribute had a feeling of a master-and-servant relationship.

It was a humiliating deal!

Chu Cichen then turned to Shen Yuansong and said, "I remember you had a sister who was sent to marry a member of the royal family and became a princess... but she lived a miserable life and eventually committed suicide."

Shen Yuansong nodded. "Country A is a patriarchal society where women have a very low status. My sister was proud, so how could she willingly become a man's accessory? She lived in extreme oppression and then chose to end her life. Her death made my father regret it, but the situation had been set and couldn't be changed."

Shen Ruoqing tightened her jaw. With just a few words from her grandfather, she understood the unchosen life of a woman.

As a foreigner, her grandpa's sister was looked down upon and neglected by her husband. Her upbringing was also different from the people abroad, as everyone was equal in her world...

Also, Shen Ruoqing vaguely remembered that commoners in Country A had to bow and pay homage to the royal family...

That Shen family daughter who was sent to be married must have felt so helpless and suffocated!

The only thing she could do was to end her own life and return everything the family had given her!

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing finally understood why her grandmother chose to break up with her grandfather, why she was afraid of being found, and why she directly left Shen Qianhui to grow up in Sea City!

Both her grandfather and grandmother would rather let her mother be an ordinary person than let her live such a life.

She tightened her jaw and said in a cold voice, "Grandfather, does our Shen family have to continue this tradition? I would rather dissolve this wealth than allow my daughter to suffer such treatment!"

Shen Yuansong lowered his eyes and said, "In fact, the Shen family has always had business dealings with them. This contract is purely ancillary where we are subordinate to them. I remain unmarried my entire life in order to terminate this contract, but I didn't expect your mother's existence..."

Shen Yuansong's lifelong celibacy at least maintained the happiness of two generations of women. He had originally thought that when he handed over the Shen family to Shen Zhong or Shen Chong, it would no longer be his concern. But now, the legitimate descendant, Shen Qianhui had emerged and she had also given birth to a daughter...

Shen Yuansong continued, "However, you guys don't have to be too worried. I've negotiated with the Queen of Country A. All of the profits from the linked businesses between the Shen Family and them will be offered, and this contract will be canceled."

The old man stood up straight and spoke, "I am not someone who sells out his granddaughter for glory. Even if the Shen family falls from its position as the top family in the capital, so what of it?!"

Shen Ruoqing felt suffocated in her chest. She had always thought that families like the Four Great Families in the capital had no worries about food, clothing, or money, but she had never expected that they would still be at the mercy of others.

She couldn't help but ask, "Grandfather, the world is developing, isn't there anyone who can break the dominance of these ancient families? Why should economic development depend on their whims?"

Upon hearing this, Shen Yuansong spoke up, "The Four Great Families rose to power too early. In those olden days, if we wanted to expand further, we had to rely on the support of those ancient families. Most of the newly rich don't have enough foundation, so they are not valued in their eyes, but there are cases of a few rare exceptions..."

Shen Ruoqing perked up her ears. She was about to listen further when the hurried footsteps of the butler outside interrupted them. Even the butler's voice carried a hint of fear. "Master, that, that madam has arrived!"

“What?!” Shen Yuansong stood up suddenly, his body trembling. His first reaction was to look at Chu Cichen. “You keep an eye on Ruojing. She can’t leave here without my permission!”

Shen Yuansong then strode out. Just as he reached the door, he saw a dignified figure walking toward him. Although the queen was already elderly, she exuded a strong presence.

At this moment, she had arrived at the door of Shen Ruojing’s room!

Outside, all of the Shen family’s bodyguards were lying on the ground, while a row of well-trained imperial guards in the unique uniform of the royal family controlled the living room of the Shen family.

The queen looked at Shen Yuansong behind the door. “Old Shen, since you didn’t bring your granddaughter to meet me, I’ve no choice but to come and see her in person...”

Chapter 474 Meeting!

Shen Yuansong’s body stiffened.

As for the servants of the Shen family, all of them came out and were secretly standing in inconspicuous positions. They were looking at these intruders and seemed to be frightened.

After all, since becoming the first wealthy family in the capital, the Shen Manor had never been forcefully broken into. Also, the squad of guards brought by the queen was all skilled, and when they entered the Shen family, they directly broke the front door and rushed in like a military squad. The large iron gate of the Shen family had been torn down and looked extremely messy.

The queen entered elegantly, completely unlike a guest in someone else’s home. It felt as if she was in her own home, and she sat directly in the main seat of the living room.

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Shen Yuansong’s forehead broke out in cold sweat.

The Shen family’s bodyguards were all provided by a professional security team, and they even trained some themselves. But Shen Yuansong was well aware that these people couldn’t compare to real guards! That was why he had been anxious to have the Valor Gate provide a few people for them. If there were three or four people from the Valor Gate here, they could at least hold them off for a few minutes, and it was possible for Chu Cichen to take Shen Ruojing and leave from the back door.

Now, they were blocked like this...

Shen Yuansong gave a wry smile. “Madam, what are you trying to do?”

“I changed my mind,” the queen spoke directly. “I don’t want your compensation. I only want our princess, so please bring out your granddaughter.”

The queen smiled. “Actually, I don’t understand. Isn’t it an honor for her to marry our prince and become a princess? Or do you not like my lousy son?”

The queen called him a lousy son, but anyone who knew a little about the current situation in Country A knew how much the queen loved this son. It was said that as the crown prince didn’t like to compete,

the queen had helped him secretly and already killed all of the current king's heirs, leaving only him alive. Therefore, even though he was not in Country A for so many years, his status had never changed.

Shen Yuansong immediately smiled and said, "How can that be? That person's wisdom and strategy are the best I've ever seen, second only to the queen."

The queen nodded. "So, where is your granddaughter?"

Shen Yuansong straightened his slightly curved back slowly. "Madam, my granddaughter is already married and has three children. Thank you for your favor, but her status really isn't suitable to match your country's crown prince."

The crown prince of your country...

This remark revealed the distance between their identities directly.

Shen Yuansong seemed to have decided to stand his ground.

Hearing this, the queen narrowed her eyes and exerted the pressure of someone who had been in power for a long time. This pressure directly bore down onto Shen Yuansong. However, he stopped retreating. He was also the head of one of the four major families in China and had been in charge for so many years. Even though he knew that he was not as powerful as the queen, he could still face her gaze without fear!

The two stared at each other for a long time, and the queen smiled. "Interesting, it turns out you have never been afraid of us."

Shen Yuansong spoke up, "Queen, this is China. Our identities here are only businessmen... of course, I still deeply admire you in my heart."

He looked around. "But your behavior of intruding without the host's permission is considered illegal in China. It is trespassing on private property."

"Is that so?" The queen smiled. "I haven't been in China for a long time, so I'm not very familiar with Chinese law. I thought I was in Country A. Since that's the case, I will apologize to China later. How about it? Oh, if your family suffered any damages, just let me know how much and we will compensate you accordingly."

It was an apology in words only, with no sincerity at all!

Did the Shen family need the money she was offering?

Shen Yuansong was getting angry.

This was clearly a case of being outclassed by an opponent.

He took another deep breath and said, "There is no need for compensation. We are already in a partnership. It is fine that you don't understand our etiquette, but I still hope that you won't do this again next time."

The queen sighed. "I can't promise that. After all, I'm getting old and my memory is blurry. Speaking of which, isn't the Shen family the number one powerhouse in the capital? Your security measures are too weak. Do you need me to send some personal guards over?"

Shen Yuansong: "..."

He lowered his head. "China is safe everywhere, and there is no need for too many security measures. Even if there are times when we need them, the government of China will also protect us. Actually, not to mention the armed forces of China, even Valor Gate alone has a powerful presence in the capital, so the queen doesn't need to worry too much. On the other hand, you only brought a single team of personal guards over. The capital is a place that is full of hidden dragons and crouching tigers, so it's better to keep a low profile."

The queen's face grew even colder, and she sneered. "Are you threatening me? As far as I know, Valor Gate will not be too involved with the four major families of the capital. You're probably going to fail if you want to rely on them!"

Shen Yuansong smiled. "We are all Chinese. If something really happens, someone like Mr. Hong will definitely take action."

The queen narrowed her eyes. Finally, she saw the tactics of this old fox, who was not as weak and easy to bully as she had thought.

She lowered her gaze and asked, "So, have you made up your mind to break the agreement?"

Shen Yuansong didn't want to offend the queen, so he immediately lowered his head when he heard her softened tone. "Your Majesty, the daughters of the Shen family have difficulty adapting to the climate and environment of Country A. Let's cancel this agreement, and the penalty will be paid by our Shen family!"

The queen smiled. "If you want to discuss this, that's fine. But your granddaughter should come out. It's only appropriate for her to come and meet an elder, right? Could it be that your granddaughter is a heavenly beauty that cannot be seen by me?"

Shen Yuansong didn't understand why the queen was so persistent. He was about to refuse, but then Shen Ruoqing's voice came from upstairs. "It's not that she can't be seen. It's just that she's rough and vulgar. I'm afraid she will tarnish the Queen's eyes."

The queen heard this and suddenly looked up.

She saw a slender figure standing there. Her slender body resembled a pine tree, yet with seemingly infinite strength. Her clear peach blossom eyes were cold when she looked at the queen.

Beside her, a tall man stood warily, guarding her. When the queen saw him, her pupils shrank slightly and she furrowed her brow.

Chapter 475 Fight Against Them

Upon seeing Chu Cichen, the Queen was slightly stunned. She felt a sense of familiarity but was unable to recall where she had seen him before.

She furrowed her brows and turned her attention to Shen Ruoqing, expressing her satisfaction with a nod. "Miss Shen is impressive indeed."

Shen Ruoqing asked, "Now that you have seen me, can we continue our discussion?"

"There's nothing more to discuss." The Queen stood up. It seemed that she made a trip here specially to merely see someone.

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But in the next moment, she surprised everyone by turning to Shen Yuansong and saying, "You can cancel the agreement if you want, but half of the Shen Family's assets may not be enough."

Upon hearing this, Shen Yuansong's face then turned cold and he retorted, "Madam, the worth of what my family has received from you is far from half of our assets."

"But you have violated the contract, so you must pay the compensation. I want two-thirds of your family's assets. If you agree, then the agreement will be void from this moment on. But of course..."

The Queen looked at Shen Ruoqing and said, "I really like your granddaughter. You can think about it again."

After that, she left confidently, and her guards cleared the way in front and behind her. She had spent only ten minutes in the Shen Manor in total.

After the Queen's entourage left, Shen Ruoqing looked at Shen Yuansong and asked, "Grandfather..."

Shen Yuansong's gaze sank, but he answered confidently, "Give it to her. Even if our family only has one-third of our current assets in the future, we can still be one of the four great families!"

They would go from being the first to the last, but he believed that with Shen Ruoqing and Shen Tianye's leadership, the Shen Family would regain their first position in the future.

Shen Ruoqing felt that it was unfair. "It's normal to compensate for a breach of contract, but her demands are too harsh."

Shen Yuansong sighed. "There's nothing we can do. She is from Country A's royal family and monopolizes the economic trend. It's better to negotiate with her."

At this moment, Shen Ruoqing felt a sense of helplessness when she asked, "Grandfather, I asked you earlier if there was any financial power that could break their monopoly. You said there was... Who were you talking about?"

Shen Yuansong began to speak. "A few years ago, a corporation named 'Loong' suddenly emerged overseas. It was comprised of the world's top talents, and its founder was said to be a rich second-generation son who had always been a part of the 'high IQ' club. He led seven people to establish their new business empire, challenging the positions of the three ancient families. The three families then extended an olive branch, but he refused to accept their terms. So, he was eventually jointly suppressed by the three ancient families..."

"And then?" Shen Ruoqing's heart raced as she listened.

“Loong lost, but as far as I know, they have been steadily developing despite the pressure from the three ancient families.” Shen Yuansong sighed.

Chu Cichen’s eyes flickered as he suddenly asked, “Grandfather, do you think the Loong Corporation can break their monopoly?”

Shen Yuansong stroked his beard and his eyes were full of anticipation. “Yes. When the leader of Loong lost before, he was only 20 years old and full of youthful arrogance. In this case, he was bullied by a group of old men. I believe that after hiding his talents for a while, he will eventually rise again!”

After speaking, he smiled. “But I admire his courage. Loong means Eastern Dragon, and it is obvious that their corporation was founded by a Chinese. Among the three ancient families that control the economy, there are no Chinese. So, he had no idea about being low-key and restrained, and that was what led to his failure last time. But China is becoming increasingly strong today, and it is time for a representative figure to emerge! I also hope that this Eastern Dragon can soar in the sky!”

Chu Cichen listened to this and lowered his eyes, slowly saying, “He will.”

The grandfather looked at him and said with emphasis, “Cichen, I know you are also a business genius. You returned to the country for only a few days and reorganized the Chu Corporation with thunderous means. But there are many talented people in this world, and I don’t expect you to be so powerful. I just hope you can love your country like the founder of Loong. You must remember that without the country’s strength, there would be no place for us today!”

Chu Cichen lowered his head. His attitude was heartfelt and he had a hint of helplessness on his face. “Yes, I will always remember your words.”

Shen Yuansong was finally satisfied.

After sending Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen back to their room, Shen Yuansong looked at the butler and asked, “Was the front gate demolished?”

The butler was very helpless. “Yes, and when the group of people came in, they also trampled on many flowers and plants.”

The butler asked in confusion, “What was the reason for that person to cause this disturbance?”

Shen Yuansong sighed. “To suppress our arrogance! Wait and see, by tomorrow, the news of the Shen Family offending them will spread throughout the four great families. The news of the Shen Family preparing to pay two-thirds of our assets will also spread... Our family most probably will no longer be the same as before.”

The four great families were already at odds with each other.

However, the Shen Family was firmly in the first place.

But starting tomorrow, the Bai, Rong, and Xu families might have some ideas about this first place.

The Queen caused such a disturbance just to make him understand...

In her eyes, the Shen Family was not even worth mentioning. She came if she wanted to, left if she wanted to, and could take away two-thirds of the Shen Family's assets easily. It was just a matter of words...

It was a quiet night.

The next day, when Shen Ruoqing woke up, the grand martial uncle of the Valor Gate called her. "Junior Sister, I have sent the people you wanted over, and I also reminded them not to say that they are from Valor Gate to outsiders."

Shen Ruoqing stretched and said lazily, "Thank you, Senior Brother."

"Why thank me? We are all one family. By the way, our fighting competition is almost over. Hurry up and find Champion Chen!"

Shen Ruoqing sighed. "I know."

Yesterday, the Queen's direct intrusion made her realize that the security strength of the Shen Family was indeed too weak. Hence, she called her sect overnight, and the old man of Valor Gate immediately sent some disciples over when he heard that she had been bullied.

When Shen Ruoqing got downstairs after waking up, she saw the butler bringing several disciples of Valor Gate into the living room. "Miss, they said they came to see you."

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "Uncle Liu, from now on, the security of the house will be entrusted to them."

The butler was about to agree when a strange voice suddenly came from the side. "Hey, are you trying to insert your people into the security of the house as soon as you join the Shen Family? These people look so skinny and weak. They might fall down with just a push. What benefit did they give you for you to allow them to manage the security of the house? Also, do you know that the Shen Family hires professional guards? I don't know where you got these people from. Shen Ruoqing, you are too overconfident, aren't you?!"

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Shen Jiayi walked over and her face was full of provocation.

As soon as she spoke, another voice came. "Jiayi, how could you speak to Ruoqing like that? You are so rude!"

Looking in the direction of the voice, Shen Ruoqing saw a 25-year-old girl walking in. She looked very gentle and had a similar face to Shen Jiayi and Shen Wanying. However, she lacked Shen Jiayi's willfulness and Shen Wanying's arrogance.

The butler by her side immediately explained in a low voice, "Miss, this is Miss Shen Tingyan of the third branch. She married the eldest son of the Xu family."

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Shen Yuansong, who was the head of the Shen family, was from the first branch. The second branch was Shen Yuansong's younger brother, who had two sons, Shen Zhong and Shen Chong. As for Shen

Yuansong's younger brother from the third branch, he had a son who died young and only left two daughters behind.

Shen Tingyan was the daughter of the third branch.

The butler wanted to say more, but Shen Jiayi stared at Shen Tingyan angrily. "Who do you think you are? How dare you speak to me like that? What? You heard that the true Young Miss of the Shen family is back and you came to curry favor? Too bad, she didn't even become a princess, but granduncle still has to give the queen two-thirds of the family assets! Shen Ruoqing, you really are a rural bumpkin who brings shame to the family and makes us a laughing stock!"

Shen Tingyan immediately frowned. "Jiayi, we are all part of the Shen Family, so don't say that..."

Shen Jiayi sneered. "Am I wrong? You're just a fatherless orphan, and you're from a side branch of the Shen family. What qualifies you to marry the eldest son of the Xu family? Isn't it because our Shen family is the leader of the four great families? If the Shen family didn't have this strength, who would look at you?!"

Shen Tingyan was taken aback by her attack, and her eyes turned slightly red.

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes. Just as she was about to speak, she saw Shen Tingyan faintly saying, "Yes, without granduncle's care, we are all just from the side branch. So, what gives you the right to criticize the granddaughter of the main branch here?"

Shen Jiayi was hit where it hurt.

She had always looked down on Shen Tingyan, thinking that the latter was from the third branch and that the position of the head of the Shen family would eventually fall to their second branch.

This was because back then, Shen Yuansong had no descendants and this made her the eldest granddaughter of the family.

But now, she and Shen Tingyan were both the same in status – they were from the side branches!

Shen Jiayi was so angry that she jumped and was about to give Shen Tingyan a slap in the face!

Seeing this, Shen Tingyan was so scared that she closed her eyes and leaned forward, not even daring to dodge...

From a young age, her mother had told her that the daughters of the second branch were different from her. The daughters of the second branch would be the direct descendants, and they would always be from the side branch. Therefore, Shen Tingyan never dared to challenge Shen Jiayi.

However, she couldn't bear to listen to Shen Jiayi anymore, so she retorted. It was just that she hadn't expected Shen Jiayi to start hitting her...

"Pak!"

The pain that Shen Tingyan anticipated never came...She slowly opened her eyes and saw her cold-looking cousin, Shen Ruoqing, standing before her.

Shen Ruoqing grabbed Shen Jiayi's arm and viciously slapped her with the back of her hand!

As a result, Shen Jiayi fell to the ground, and her face swelled up.

Shen Ruoqing only stared at her and clapped her hands. "Why can't you learn your lesson?"

Now, Shen Jiayi's eyes turned red. She was actually slapped in front of so many servants!

She jumped up from the ground and screamed, "Shen Ruoqing, I'm not finished with you!"

But just as she finished speaking, she heard Shen Yuansong's angry voice drifting over. "Who are you not finished with?!"

Shen Jiayi froze when she saw Shen Yuansong walking in with Shen Zhong, Shen Chong, and Shen Cong.

At that moment, Shen Yuansong's gaze was as cold as ice as he looked at her and said, "Speak! Why aren't you finished with the legitimate eldest daughter of my Shen family?!"

Shen Jiayi immediately became nervous and her whole body trembled.

She shouted in fear, "Grandpa, she brought those unidentified men into our house and even suggested that they manage the security of the Shen family. I just wanted to remind this country bum...my cousin..."

After saying this, she seemed to have found an excuse and hurriedly tried to clear her name. "It was just me speaking without thinking. Our house was easily broken into yesterday, and our security system does need to be strengthened. However, I have no idea where our cousin found these men. They don't even seem to know martial arts, and she wants them to take over the security of the Shen family. How can we just casually change our security like this when we have so many people in the Shen family?"

Shen Yuansong looked toward the several men standing in the living room.

The people were wearing loose exercise clothes, each looking very agile and restrained. They even exuded a kind of refined aura, something unusual for martial artists.

However, Shen Yuansong understood that when Chinese Kung Fu was taken to the extreme, it was not about showing off outwardly but rather about being like them...

He looked at Shen Ruoqing and asked, "Jingjing, did you bring these people here?"

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "Yes."

Shen Yuansong was about to say something when Shen Zhong stepped forward and smiled. "Niece, I know you are concerned about the safety of the Shen family, but martial artists do not look like that. You see, they are not tall and mighty in stature. Could you have been deceived?"

Shen Chong continued, "It's normal for a young girl like her to not understand these things. Big brother, I remember Shen Cong and the people from Valor Gate are acquainted, right?"

Since Shen Yuansong had recognized Shen Ruoqing as his granddaughter and promised to hand over the family business to Shen Tianye in the future, Shen Zhong and Shen Zhong, the brothers who had previously fought for control of the family, had joined forces to seize the family business.

Therefore, the first step was to control the Shen family.

If they wanted to know every move of the Shen family, owning the security guards was absolutely crucial.

Unexpectedly, Shen Ruoqing had taken the initiative to arrange her own people in the security force.

As soon as Shen Chong spoke, Shen Zhong immediately understood what his younger brother meant. He smiled and looked at Shen Yuansong. "Yes, Cong'er is acquainted with the people from Valor Gate. Uncle, I was just thinking that our family is still too weak. Our gate was easily broken down. Why not have Cong'er take the lead and ask for a few outer disciples from Valor Gate to come and protect our family?"

Chapter 477 Kicked Out

Shen Yuansong pondered for a moment with furrowed brows and said, "Indeed, the safety of the Shen family is very precarious at the moment."

Hearing this, Shen Zhong and Shen Chong both brightened up and nodded eagerly.

Shen Cong then chimed in, "Yes, that's right. Who knows when the Queen will barge in with her men again? We were all frightened out of our wits yesterday. If we don't do something, our family will become completely vulnerable. Granduncle, please trust me and let me handle our family's security. I guarantee that I can keep our home safe!"

Shen Yuansong looked at him and replied, "I understand your intentions. However, the Valor Gate has never gotten involved in the affairs of the four great families, so it may be difficult to ask for their assistance."

Shen Zhong immediately responded, "It may be difficult for others, but Cong'er is acquainted with some of the members of the Valor Gate who are currently in charge. It shouldn't be a problem to ask a few of them for help, right Cong'er?"

At this moment, Shen Cong's eyes lit up even brighter. "Yes, that's right. I think it should be no problem to invite four or five people. However, Grandfather, you need to give me the authority to handle the security of our manor. Otherwise, it would be seen as disrespectful if I invite members of Valor Gate to help and they have to listen to someone else's orders."

Shen Yuansong sighed. "But four or five people are too few. How can they protect such a large family like ours?"

Shen Cong was confused by his grandfather's words and was still thinking about it when Shen Yuansong continued, "In fact, we split into different branches long ago. Now that the main branch is suffering a catastrophe, I cannot drag down the second branch as well. How about this? The second branch can move out today. Cong'er knows some disciples from Valor Gate who can protect a few people of the second branch. They should have enough capability in this regard."

Shen Zhong and Shen Chong were thunderstruck by these words.

What did Shen Yuansong mean by asking the second branch to leave?

If they left, they would never have another chance to compete for inheritance rights!

Shen Zhong was about to protest, but Shen Yuansong had already turned to the butler and said, "Actually, our family has been divided into different branches in my generation. I remember the second branch's residence is in the south. Can it be inhabited?"

The butler replied immediately, "Yes, it can. It is cleaned every day."

Shen Yuansong nodded and said without further discussion, "Alright, then find a few people to escort the second branch there."

Shen Zhong cried out in desperation, "Uncle! We don't have any grievances against the main branch. We really don't. The Shen family is in trouble now, and we can't just abandon it!"

Shen Chong also hastily exclaimed, "Uncle, is there anything we did wrong? The three branches used to live together happily. It was so lively!"

Shen Cong shouted even louder, "Grandfather, are you trying to kick us out of the family?"

Shen Yuansong looked at the three of them indifferently and said, "Why are you guys freaking out? I just think you were right earlier. Our home's security is not strong enough. If someone breaks in one day and scares you all, how can I explain to our ancestors? So, you should move out first. When things calm down, you can come back if you want to."

Could they come back safely after leaving? It was impossible!

Shen Zhong and Shen Chong wanted to say something, but Shen Yuansong had already turned to Shen Ruoqing and asked, "Jingjing, can you trust these people?"

Shen Ruoqing looked at her grandfather; she was very satisfied.

When a tree grew too large, some of its problematic wilted leaves had to be shaken off.

Now that external enemies were surrounding them, the troublemakers from the second branch of the Shen family might become internal troubles as well. Only by decisively driving them away could the entire Shen family unite and fight against their enemy.

She nodded to Shen Yuansong and said, "With them here, we won't have a repeat of last night's situation!"

Shen Yuansong nodded and said, "Then I'll leave the home security to you from now on."

"Okay."

The two of them quickly settled the transfer of power with a few words, making Shen Zhong and Shen Chong jealous!

For so many years, they had worked hard to show their worth, but the old man only let them do some work in the company. The family's power had never been handed over to them!

And now, it was given so easily to Shen Ruoqing, a girl?!

They were furious. They wanted to say something, but a single glance from Shen Yuansong made them shut up.

The old man's authority was very immense, making them afraid to speak.

Shen Zhong and Shen Chong looked at each other and knew that if they didn't leave now, they might be kicked out. If that happened, they would lose face and might not even be able to take anything with them.

Hence, they lowered their heads with resentment and said, "Fine, we'll leave!"

When the three of them left to pack their things, Shen Jiayi still stood there, feeling dazed and motionless. She seemed to not understand what had just happened.

On the other hand, Shen Tingyan looked at Shen Yuansong nervously and asked, "Grandpa, what about the third branch?"

As soon as she spoke, Shen Yuansong sighed and said, "What third branch? I've already said it. You are my granddaughter, Shen Yuansong's own flesh and blood. From now on, just live here peacefully."

Shen Jiayi widened her eyes.

She finally realized what had just happened...

Before this, Shen Yuansong didn't have any children, so he treated the children from the second and third branches as his own, even publicly stating that these granddaughters were all his biological granddaughters.

That was why the eldest granddaughter, Shen Wanying, who was actually from the second house, was able to marry the eldest grandson of the Bai family.

And Shen Tingyan, who was from the third house, was also able to marry the eldest grandson of the Xu family as the legitimate granddaughter.

The other sisters were also married as legitimate granddaughters of the Shen family, and their husbands were all from good families.

However, Shen Jiayi had not been married off yet.

If the second branch was to be separated like this, she would just be the daughter of the second branch of the Shen family and no longer be considered a legitimate granddaughter of the Shen family.

Hence, Shen Jiayi panicked. She looked toward Shen Yuansong with red eyes and said, "Grandpa, I..."

But Shen Yuansong was already fed up with this grandniece who always acted like a princess and kept looking down on this and that.

He couldn't be bothered to talk to her and simply said, "Tingyan, you can take your sister away."

Shen Jiayi wanted to say something, but her arm was pulled by Shen Tingyan, who then dragged her out of the room.

Once they were out of the living room, Shen Jiayi pushed Shen Tingyan away and glared at her angrily. "What are you doing?"

Shen Tingyan sighed. "Jiayi, we're sisters. I advise you not to cause a scene."

But Shen Jiayi was like a cat whose tail had been stepped on. Her entire body was bristling.

“Shen Tingyan, what gives you the right to lecture me? Do you think you’re more noble than me? You’re not! The Xu family has long since looked down on you. It’s been three years since you married into their family, but you can’t even have a child because of the cold you caught when you fell into the water as a child. Just you wait, if the Shen family falls, the first thing the Xu family will do is divorce you!”

This statement made Shen Tingyan’s face turn pale.

She opened her mouth to say something, but nothing came out.

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Shen Jiayi stared at her. “Wait a minute, it’s not a festival or anything, so why are you back here?”

After that, she suddenly realized something and laughed. “I know, did the Xu family send you back? I heard a little rumor, your days haven’t been good, right? You see, that is why Shen Ruoqing is a disaster! Since she returned to the family, how many problems have there been?”

Shen Tingyan immediately responded, “It’s because of my health problems. It has nothing to do with Ruoqing...”

Shen Jiayi sneered and felt like she had finally gained the upper hand. She then left with big strides.

Shen Tingyan stood still for a while. She had been married to Xu Zhaosan for three years but still had no children.

They tried hard every night but couldn’t conceive. They had also gone to see doctors, but they couldn’t find any problems.

Hence, Shen Tingyan’s mother-in-law blamed her, saying that it was because she had fallen into cold water when she was a child and that the cold qi had damaged her womb.

If it wasn’t for Shen’s family background, her mother-in-law would have kicked her out long ago.

Last night, the queen broke into the Shen family and wanted to take away two-thirds of their wealth.

When Shen Tingyan’s mother-in-law heard about it, she immediately sent Shen Tingyan back home and told her to stay for a few more days.

In fact, she just wanted to get rid of her.

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Shen Tingyan then lowered her eyes and composed herself before returning to the living room to report to Shen Yuansong.

She then apologized to Shen Ruoqing. “Ruoqing, I wasn’t feeling well on the day of your recognition banquet. I’m sorry.”

Actually, it was her mother-in-law who didn’t allow her to come.

She thought that with the appearance of a real legitimate granddaughter in the Shen family, Shen Tingyan, who was a fake granddaughter, would become a joke.

Shen Ruoqing waved his hand and said, "It's okay."

Shen Tingyan then turned to Shen Yuansong and said, "Grandpa, me and my mother still have some personal belongings. If there's any financial problem in the family, please feel free to ask us for help."

Shen Yuansong replied, "How could I ask such things from you guys?"

Shen Tingyan said sincerely, "Grandpa, you took care of us after Dad passed away. We know that those things were given to us by you, and we are also part of this family."

Shen Yuansong smiled and said, "It's not that bad yet, don't worry."

A moment later, Shen Yuansong suddenly asked, "Why did you come back home so suddenly this time?"

Chapter 478 Punish Them A Little!

Shen Tingyan was slightly startled, but she quickly smiled and said, "I heard that there was trouble at home, so I came back to take a look."

Shen Yuansong nodded and said, "Okay, go see your mother quickly."

"Okay." Shen Tingyan nodded at Shen Ruoqing before leaving.

With such a big incident happening at home, she didn't want to tell her grandfather about her trivial matters.

Otherwise, he would surely get angry. Right now, the most important thing was to solve the crisis at home.

Taking away two-thirds of the family's assets sounded simple, but the family business was like a production line where everything was arranged properly.

Suddenly losing two-thirds of the assets meant that the remaining one-third might not be able to sustain the family, and there would definitely be financial problems.

As Shen Tingyan thought of this, she entered her residence. And when Third Madam Shen saw her, she was quite surprised and asked, "Why did you come back today?"

Since she didn't want to worry Shen Yuansong or her mother, Shen Tingyan just smiled and said, "Nothing, I just came back to accompany you for a few days."

Third Madam Shen saw that her daughter's expression was normal and she nodded.

But at noon, Madam Xu from the Xu family sent a butler over.

Third Madam Shen smiled at Shen Tingyan and said, "Do you still want to stay? Your mother-in-law probably wouldn't agree. Look, they're sending someone to call you back, right?"

However, Shen Tingyan's body tensed.

The butler from the Xu family was an old woman who had been with Madam Xu for a long time. After she entered the house, she smiled and said, "Miss, you left in a hurry and forgot to bring the medicine, so the madam asked me to specially bring it to you."

After that, the butler took out the medicine and said, "Madam also asked you to stay here. She said she wants me to watch over you and make sure you drink the medicine three times a day."

Third Madam Shen's expression changed immediately and she asked, "What medicine?"

The butler smiled and said, "It's naturally a fertility medicine. Our madam has found a special prescription for her!"

After she finished speaking, the people behind her brought out the medicine one by one.

The butler first lit a talisman paper and threw it into the water. Then she started adding all kinds of dark medicinal herbs...

Third Madam Shen looked at a black ball and asked, "What is this?"

The butler smiled and said, "Oh, this is cow dung. It is said that cow dung contains a kind of fermentation material that is good for the body..."

Third Madam Shen suddenly felt nauseous!

The butler opened another package, and it was full of dried centipedes.

She took one and broke it into pieces, throwing them into a bottle of medicine. She then opened another bottle, and there were a bunch of squirming earthworms inside!

The butler used a pair of tweezers to take out the earthworms, held her nose in disgust, and threw them into the medicine bottle.

After poking them to death with a stick, she immediately handed the bottle to Shen Tingyan, saying, "Miss, drink it while it's fresh!"

Shen Tingyan's face turned as pale as paper. Seeing this, third Madam Shen was furious and stood up. "You are going too far. This is torture!"

The butler laughed and said, "Torture? Everything we use has its medicinal effect, and it is specially prescribed for people. Madam said she knows that the young mistress may need to endure some hardships, but our Xu family cannot afford to lose its direct line. Therefore, please drink it quickly while it's fresh and effective!"

Third Madam Shen wanted to say something, but Shen Tingyan immediately took the medicine and drank it in one gulp. However, as soon as she finished, she couldn't help feeling nauseous and rushed into the bathroom to vomit.

The butler sighed at the door and said, "Madam, you've just thrown away Madam's good intentions. Our Xu family's future depends on you. If you can't have children, what are we going to do?"

Third Madam Shen immediately rushed over and pushed the butler aside, embracing Shen Tingyan and crying bitterly in the bathroom.

Meanwhile, Shen Ruoqing knew nothing about what was happening in the third branch's residence. She only told the butler, Uncle Liu, to keep an eye on them and prevent any sabotage against them.

Uncle Liu nodded and said, "Don't worry, Miss. The old master has instructed us."

Within half a day, the second house and its occupants were urged to move out.

After arriving at the residence in the south, the second branch felt that it was too small and very unlucky.

Shen Zhong and Shen Chong had gloomy faces and discussed the problem. In the end, they decided to punish the main branch a little and teach them a lesson.

At this time, Shen Cong spoke up, "Dad, Uncle, let me handle this! She's in charge of the security system, right? What if the security system malfunctions tonight and thieves break into the manor? Where will she put her face then?"

Shen Zhong and Shen Chong were stunned and asked, "But who can break into the Shen Manor and steal things? Although she employed a few people who didn't look very reliable today, the walls of the Shen Manor are high and have protective glass!"

Shen Cong smiled. "I already have people in mind!"

At night.

Shen Cong secretly brought the Fourth Senior Brother of Valor Gate and several outer disciples to the entrance of the Shen Manor.

After that, he looked at the Shen Manor fiercely and handed the map of the terrain to the Fourth Senior Brother, saying, "Do you see it? This is Shen Ruoqing's bedroom! You can steal things here, and if you can do something more, even better. It's best to ruin her reputation!"

The Fourth Senior Brother thought of Shen Ruoqing's beautiful face and gulped down his saliva. "Okay, leave it to me!"

He immediately led the group of Valor Gate's disciples and sneaked into the backyard.

Shen Cong had said that Shen Ruoqing had hired several unreliable-looking fellows as the new security guards. After they scaled the wall, they could simply knock the guards out, and they could do as they pleased.

With this in mind, the Fourth Senior Brother jumped over the high wall...

Chapter 479 Thieves

The Shen family had a three-meter-high fence covered with reinforced glass slag to prevent thieves from entering.

However, this little trick couldn't prevent the outer disciples from Valor Gate.

The fourth senior brother jumped in smoothly, and the sound of his landing was very soft, akin to a hunting night owl. The few people who followed behind him were also very agile.

Even the outer disciples of Valor Gate had such skill. This was enough to see why the status of Valor Gate in the pugilistic world was so high.

After the group of seven jumped in, the fourth senior brother saw a small house made of red bricks not far away. The interior was lit dimly, and there were many silhouettes inside. There were clearly people guarding that place.

He casually summoned two disciples. "You two, go and knock the people out first, and then turn off the monitoring cam."

The two disciples immediately nodded and rushed over.

The fourth senior brother then made the rest of them stay here, concealing themselves in the grass.

After that, he had a relaxed look on his face and took out his mobile phone to reply to Shen Cong's anxious text: [How is it? Did it go well?]

The fourth senior brother replied with a message: [You are underestimating me too much if you assume I can't handle such a small thing well. Don't worry, wait for me to have fun with Miss Shen.]

Shen Cong immediately replied: [I'll be waiting for the good news.]

The fourth senior brother then threw his mobile phone into his pocket.

After waiting for a while, he heard no response from the two he sent. He then glanced at the disciples behind him and mumbled in dissatisfaction, "What are those two brats doing? How can they be so slow? Have they been slacking off in their training all these years?"

The people behind him immediately smile fawningly. "If they failed, someone would have surely shouted and the scene would have been chaotic. However, there's no commotion at all. I'm sure they must have knocked the guards out already. I guess it's because there are too many surveillance cameras in Shen Manor. Just think about how big this place is. We probably will need two hours to run around it. I wonder how many cameras are installed!"

The fourth senior brother contemplated and felt that it made sense. He then nodded and called two more disciples to enter. "You two should go in and help. Be quick."

He was burning with impatience and wanted to meet with the exquisite and beautiful eldest young miss of the Shen Family...

Her face was fair and looked like it was filled with collagen. It must definitely be silky smooth to the touch...At that time, he would put a blindfold on her and do whatever he wanted to..

The more he fantasized, the more lustful he felt. He didn't want to wait another 15 minutes and decided to head directly in. "Why are you guys so slow despite there being four people turning off the cams?"

He brought the others along and directly went to the guardpost.

He then warily opened the door and saw his four subordinates squatting at the corner with their hands over their heads. There was also another person seated on an office chair with his back facing them. It seemed that this person was staring at the monitor, but he remained motionless at this moment.

The fourth senior brother realized that this guard must have been knocked unconscious. Hence, he ignored him. He walked over while feeling bewildered and kicked his subordinates. "What the hell are you guys doing? Are you all squatting here to take a poo? Why are you not executing my orders?"

The subordinates immediately lifted their heads. After that, they glanced behind him and didn't dare to speak.

The fourth senior brother angrily spoke, "Are you guys dumb? Why are you delaying my time?"

After saying that, his phone rang again. Shen Cong sent another message. [Which step of the plan are you at now?]

The fourth senior brother directly sent a voice message. "F*ck! I don't know what the hell my subordinates are doing. They are all squatting here and wasting my time. But don't worry, we came here to create chaos. Later on, I'll pay Shen Ruoqing a visit..."

After saying this, the fourth senior brother walked to the monitor. "You guys didn't even turn a single camera off. What retards! Never mind, let me check where Miss Shen is currently..."

After he said this, he put his phone down and walked over. The office chair was blocking his way, so he casually pushed it.

The office chair had wheels on it and as it was pushed, it spun around and the person sitting on the chair faced the fourth senior brother directly.

From the corner of his eyes, the fourth senior brother felt that the stature of that person wasn't tall, but he looked very familiar. Hence, he subconsciously turned to glance at him...

Chapter 480 Valor Gate Is Displeased?

The man on the office chair didn't faint like what the fourth senior brother had expected. Instead, the man's eyes were opened, and his sharp gaze contained a spirited look that would instill fear.

With his rectangular face shape, he looked clearly like a strict and stubborn person, giving off an extremely imposing feeling.

Seeing this man, the fourth senior brother's legs instantly turned soft and he collapsed to the ground, gulping and shouting in panic, "Third, Third Martial Uncle?!"

The few inner disciples sent by Valor Gate to protect the Shen Manor were led by Valor Gate's Third Martial Uncle, who was also Shen Ruoqing's third senior brother.

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He was 41 years old and was very solemn and serious.

Since his little junior martial sister was in trouble, he naturally came to offer help without any hesitation.

This was why Shen Ruoqing handed the Shen Family's security system to him. Otherwise, it'd be considered a humiliation to have invited the Valor Gate's third martial uncle here yet have him take orders from other security guards!

When the Valor Gate's third martial uncle saw the fourth senior brother, he lashed out with a kick!

Since the third martial uncle sat on the wheeled office chair, some of his force would naturally be reduced. However, when his kick landed on the fourth senior brother, the latter knocked heavily against the wall. This showed how impressive the third martial uncle was!

The fourth senior brother felt all of his internal organs being stirred up. He couldn't care less about the pain and knelt on the floor. "Third Martial Uncle, please spare my life!"

Valor Gate had a rule that disciples weren't allowed to commit crimes. However, the fourth senior brother was here to break into someone's house, and the words he said earlier were overboard too... (How dare this guy think of bullying my junior martial sister?)

At the thought of this, the third martial uncle became even angrier and he stood up.

He was neither tall nor had a burly figure, yet each step he took gave off the feeling as if the ground was shaking and the mountains were trembling. He then walked up to the fourth martial brother and pressed his foot down on the latter's chest. "Speak! Who sent you here?!"

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Shen Cong drove his car and stopped it outside the Shen Manor.

He had gone through a few sticks of cigarettes but hadn't seen the fourth martial brother coming out. He instantly cursed in his heart.

This fourth martial brother was a l*cherous person. He must have taken a liking to Shen Ruoqing's face.

However...

Didn't he also harbor indecent thoughts toward Shen Ruoqing before he found out that she was his cousin?

Shen Cong understood the fourth martial brother.

However, he was afraid that the latter would take too long and get discovered. Therefore, he kept sending him messages.

[Don't go overboard.]

[Don't get found out.]

[The Shen Manor's security isn't that bad.]

Shen Cong sent out three consecutive messages, but all of them sank into the bottomless sea.

Shen Cong was stunned. He didn't dare to call the fourth martial brother for fear of alarming the Shen Family. No matter how amazing the fourth martial brother was, there were close to 100 people in the Shen Manor, including the masters and the servants. If everyone was woken up, the fourth martial brother and his group wouldn't be able to make their escape...

Just as Shen Cong was thinking of this, the sound of a car engine sounded. Shen Cong looked over to take a look, only to see a few cars heading straight for him. When they got closer, he realized that these were police cars!

F*ck!

The fourth martial brother failed?

It was too late for Shen Cong to escape!

However, he didn't feel anxious.

The reason the fourth martial brother dared to take on a criminal job like this was because he would definitely not betray the person who hired him. In Shen Cong's alibi, he was only back at the Shen Manor to take a look because he had just moved out and wasn't used to the new life. He had nothing to do with the thieves who had broken into the Shen Manor...

As he thought this, when the police came surrounding him to arrest him, he was very cooperative in raising his hands. "Officers, I'm not a thief. This is my home, it's true..."

However, the policemen handcuffed him without saying anything. They then brought him into the Shen Manor.

It seemed that they had really failed.

It was definitely because the fourth senior brother had taken too long...

As Shen Cong thought this, he was brought to the living room and then saw the few Valor Sect's outer disciples having their hands tied up and docilely keeping their heads lowered. Old Master Shen also had a dark gaze as if he was going to spew fire. Shen Cong immediately asked, "Granduncle, what happened?"

The moment Shen Cong said this, Shen Yuansong walked over abruptly.

"Pa!" Shen Yuansong gave Shen Cong a hard slap. "Look at what you've done!"

The policemen then said that Shen Cong was the one who hired these people to rob their family.

Shen Cong cried out that he was maligned. "I just came back to take a look. I have nothing to do with these thieves! Fourth Senior Brother, speak up! Did you come to the Shen Manor because of your lustful desires? I am definitely not the one who instigated you to do this!"

He was certain that the fourth senior brother wouldn't expose him.

Unexpectedly, the fourth senior brother confessed honestly... "He is the one who hired us. The commission was two gold bars and they are in the car I drove here. I also have our chat records on WeChat that can be used as evidence..."

Shen Cong was instantly confused and in disbelief.

Little did he know that the fourth senior brother was already scared out of his wits when facing the third martial uncle. He didn't dare to tell any more lies.

The situation in Valor Gate was especially simple—suppression via martial prowess! The third martial uncle’s skill was so good that it was considered a one-sided oppression when he dealt with the fourth senior brother!

Now that both witness and evidence were in place, there was nothing else Shen Cong could say and he was taken away by the police. Shen Cong knew that it was over for him and he cried, pleading for Shen Yuansong to spare him. “Granduncle, Granduncle, we’re family after all! Now that the Shen Family is in such a bad plight, please forgive me this once! I won’t make the same mistake again!”

However, it was useless. Shen Yuansong remained expressionless.

He had watched Shen Cong grow up. As the third generation, Shen Cong even had the possibility of becoming the head of the family two generations down. But now, things had come to this...

However, if the Shen Family didn’t clear the internal troubles and had to face external troubles, it would be bad. Hence, Shen Yuansong must make a choice!

At the thought of how Shen Cong had instructed the fourth senior brother to have some fun with Shen Ruoqing, Shen Yuansong was instantly enraged. He waved his hand and said, “I won’t be writing a dispute settlement! Officers, please deal with him in the strictest way possible!”

The policemen took the fourth senior brother and the outer disciples out.

Now, the fourth senior brother had his head lowered, and his gaze was filled with listlessness.

He had been driven out of Valor Gate by the third martial uncle earlier. Moreover, the latter had told the police to deal with him based on the rules... To the fourth senior brother, this was the most serious kind of punishment!

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When Shen Cong was brought out by the policemen, he turned his head abruptly at Shen Yuansong, bellowing furiously, “Shen Yuansong, why are you acting so arrogantly? Who in the capital doesn’t know that having offended the queen, the Shen Family will be facing bankruptcy very soon!? I’ll at least get food while in jail. I’ll wait for the day you guys can’t even afford to eat!...”

As he said this, he was taken away by the police.

However, what he said was heard in the living room, making Shen Yuansong’s expression turned heavy.

Shen Yuansong took a deep breath and turned around. He then saw that the middle-aged man who was in charge of security was talking to his granddaughter not far away.

Shen Ruoqing said, “Senior Brother, thank you so much for tonight.”

The Valor Gate’s third martial uncle was a solemn and rigid man. However, he felt uneasy in front of his pretty junior sister and he scratched his head shyly. “Junior Sister, you don’t have to thank me.”

Just as Shen Ruoqing was planning to say more, Shen Yuansong walked over with a solemn expression. “Jingjing, that thief earlier seems to be a Valor Gate’s disciple. Will we make Valor Gate feel displeased if we let the police take him away without telling them beforehand?”

The Shen Family was in a precarious situation now, and Shen Yuansong didn't wish to spoil their relationship with Valor Gate as well.

Although the Valor Gate's disciples were in the wrong, according to the rules of influential families, they should have informed Valor Gate of the situation first.

Shen Ruojing. "..."

Shen Ruojing's third senior brother. "..."

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The two of them exchanged a glance, suddenly at a loss of how they should explain to Old Master Shen.

Shen Ruojing fell silent for a moment before saying, "Grandfather, erm..."