

# **I Am A Boss Mommy That Wants To Slack**

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*Chapter 31: Lin Family's Outcome*

To do a DNA test for Shen Ruoqing and Chu Yu?

Why?

Chu Cimo looked at Shen Ruoqing and then at Chu Cichen. He couldn't figure things out.

Madam Lin sat limply on the ground. She knew that they would understand everything. It was over for her and Lin Wanru.

At this moment, Matriarch Chu came to a sudden understanding.

Back then, after Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng's DNA report came out, she had always felt that Lin Wanru was too sensitive about Shen Ruoqing's visit.

After that, Chu Yu was kidnapped, so she didn't have time to think too much about it. However, at this moment, she suddenly understood.

(Could it be...)

Even after Matriarch Chu knew that Lin Wanru had kidnapped Chu Yu, she still didn't have any killing intent toward Lin Wanru. She only thought that the other party was trying to fight for her favor against Shen Ruoqing.

As for what Da Shan had said about Chu Yu being tortured to death... she didn't believe most of it.

Matriarch Chu never thought that the Lin Family really wanted to kill Chu Yu, so she always had a trace of kindness toward Lin Wanru. She was even prepared to plead on her behalf.

But at this moment, she suddenly looked at Lin Wanru with shock and killing intent in her eyes!

(So that's how things were!)

Matriarch Chu looked at the bruises on Little Yu's body and suddenly frowned. She then rushed to Lin Wanru and slapped her face. "You beast!"

With a dull thudding sound, Lin Wanru fell to the ground.

When Madam Lin and Lin Wanru heard Chu Cichen's words, their bodies trembled. Both of them shrank their necks and their pupils constricted.

After being slapped, Lin Wanru stuttered and subconsciously said, "Aunty, let me explain..."

However, she didn't know what to say to excuse herself from this matter.

Seeing that Lin Wanru couldn't say anything, Matriarch Chu became even more certain of her guess. She scolded angrily, "Lin Wanru, has all the kindness I gave you all these years been fed to dogs? How many benefits has the Lin Family gotten from the Chu Family? Five years ago, the Lin Family was an impoverished family that couldn't even be compared to the Shen Family! But now, the Lin Family has become the top ten in the business circle in Sea City. How much help has the Chu Family given to the Lin Family to be able to achieve this?!"

"These are all things that Little Yu brought for you guys. Even if you don't have feelings for him, how could you torture him?! He's only five years old! How could you bear to do something like this?"

After saying that, Matriarch Chu wanted to slap Lin Wanru again.

Madam Lin shouted, "Matriarch Chu, even if we've done something wrong, there's the law to take care of us! You can't lay a hand against us!"

With these words shouted out, one of the police officers at the side quickly stepped up and said, "Matriarch Chu, you can't raise your hand..."

Before the officer could finish his words, Chu Cimo went up to hold onto Matriarch Chu's arms. "Mother, mother, what are you doing? How can you raise your hand and beat someone up in front of the police?"

The police officers who rushed over all heaved a sigh of relief.

Then, at the next instant...

Bang!

Chu Cimo landed a strong kick on Lin Wanru's chest. He had used all his strength in this kick and directly sent Lin Wanru flying backward.

After Chu Cimo was done, he asked innocently, "Can I raise my feet instead?"

"... You can't do that either."

Chu Cimo immediately gave his assurance. "So that's how it is. Then I guarantee that I won't do that next time. I'm a law-abiding citizen."

"..."

Everyone turned their head away quietly and looked at Lin Wanru, who was clutching her chest and vomiting blood. If she was kicked again, she would probably die, right?

They had originally thought that the second son of the Chu Family was a second-generation profligate son. They didn't expect him to be so ruthless as well!

Chu Cimo held Madam Chu's arm and walked to the side, saying softly, "Mother, you're weak, so why raise your hand? Even if you slap her 100 times, it won't be as exhilarating as one kick from me! Let me tell you when you hit someone, you mustn't hit them in the face..."

Madam Lin rushed up to Lin Wanru. "Wanru, how are you feeling?"

Lin Wanru's complexion was pale. She was already covered in bruises after being beaten up by Shen Ruoqing yesterday. Although those were just external injuries, she was in so much pain that she couldn't sleep well for the entire night. It led to her being out of it today.

Now, the spot where she was kicked hurt so much that she couldn't straighten her body. Each time she coughed, she'd vomit blood...

Madam Lin shouted, "Hospital! We have to go to the hospital! This is broad daylight. No matter how powerful the Chu Family is, are they allowed to kill?"

One of the police officers coughed and took a step forward. "We'll arrest these two, but before that, we'll also send them to the hospital for treatment."

"No problem, no problem. That should be how it is!" Chu Cimo nodded.

Matriarch Chu watched as the few of them were sent to the ambulance and taken away. She knew that they would be punished by the law, but she still felt that it was not enough to vent her anger. "The Lin Family has been relying on our family's influence to earn a lot of money for so many years... It's all my fault for being blind!"

After saying that, she looked at Chu Cichen.

Noticing his mother's unfriendly gaze, Chu Cichen realized that she was probably going to push the problem to him in the next moment. Hence, he made a prompt decision and spoke up before her, "Judging from the time, the Lin Corporation should have been acquired by the Chu Corporation by now."

As expected, Matriarch Chu was extremely satisfied. But she was still a little puzzled. "Would the Lin Family agree to this?"

Chu Cichen's gaze was deep. "They kidnapped and abused Chu Yu, almost causing him to die. Would they dare to disagree?"

As soon as he finished speaking, he suddenly felt a chill.

Chu Cichen turned around and saw Shen Ruoqing looking at him coldly like an iceberg. "For the sake of business, you can even make use of your son. What 'good' methods indeed!"

Shen Ruoqing was very angry.

Chu Yu had landed in the Lin Family's hands. Even with Da Shan protecting him by his side, how could Chu Cichen assure his safety? Shouldn't the child's safety be placed above everything else?

Although the child wasn't seriously injured, it was true that he had been abused by Lin Wan and had also been starved!

Chu Cichen: '?'

Did she think that he had let Chu Yu put on this show in order to acquire the Lin Corporation?

How could that be possible?

How many assets did the Lin Family have... Chu Cichen was just taking advantage of the situation and doing this in passing. Moreover, all of this trouble was created because the kid didn't listen to Da Shan.

Back in the suburbs, Da Shan had saved Chu Yu. However, Chu Yu didn't want to leave, and this caused Chu Cichen to have to go to the Lin Family to probe things and ensure Chu Yu's safety. In order to not let Lin Wanru have any suspicions, he even had to put on an act.

Even so, Chu Cichen couldn't be bothered to explain. He looked at Chu Yu and gestured for him to speak.

However, Chu Yu frowned and raised his head to look at Chu Cichen. Then, he looked at Shen Ruojing with bright eyes.

So... beautiful aunty was his mother?!

He immediately grabbed Shen Ruojing tightly with his small hand and leaned against her. He said aggrievedly, "Mommy, I did all these willingly."

Chu Cichen: '!!'

Chu Cichen sneered at Chu Yu. After that, she looked at Shen Ruojing and continued, "Miss Shen, for the DNA test between yourself and Little Yu..."

Shen Ruojing interrupted him directly, "Mr. Chu, back then, you repeated for the last time that you didn't know me. Then why should I do a DNA test with your child?"

Chu Cichen: '?'

Why did these words sound a little familiar?

As Chu Cichen was thinking this, he saw Shen Ruojing turn around and head up the stairs.

"..."

Chu Cichen frowned. Just as he was wondering if he should follow her, the woman who had sent Chu Yu back chuckled. She then sized up Chu Cichen innocently before following after Shen Ruojing. "Hey, Baby, wait for me~"

Upstairs.

Shen Ruojing watched as Ye Lu entered. The woman said sweetly, "I've done the DNA test for you and even sent the report over personally. Aren't I considerate?"

Shen Ruojing's gaze landed on the DNA report.

When she sent Chu Yu over last night, she had already requested a DNA test. Now that the results were out, she felt a little hesitant in opening it.

She already had feelings for Chu Yu. If Chu Yu wasn't her child... What was she going to do?

Shen Ruojing then lowered her eyes and opened the report.

*Chapter 32: Chu Cichen Is A Gigolo?*

After reading the report, Shen Ruojing's expression turned complicated.

So she had really given birth to triplets back then...

And she, as the mother, had never known of Chu Yu's existence!

At the thought of the abuse he had suffered in the past few days, the wounds on his body, and how thin the child had become because he hadn't eaten for a few days, Shen Ruojing's heart ached again.

Ye Lu had read the report. At this moment, she said, "Baby, you're really amazing~ Triplets. Only an amazing person would be able to give birth to triplets!"

"..."

Shen Ruojing had always ignored Ye Lu's gibberish. She then stood up and opened the door, only to discover that Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng were actually at her door, sizing Chu Yu up curiously.

Chu Yu asked, "Is this Mommy's room?"

Chu Tianye's lips twitched. "The DNA test isn't done yet. Don't call her mommy."

"The results will be the same." Chu Yu was actually a little flustered, but he still said, "If I'm really not Mommy's child, then let's just get Mommy to marry Daddy. That way, she'll also be my Mommy!"

Chu Tianye was rendered speechless and snorted.

Chu Yu walked up to him and said, "If we're brothers, then I should give you half of my good stuff. I have a bank card with the red packet money I've accumulated over the years..."

Chu Tianye immediately chuckled and hooked his arm around Chu Yu's shoulder. "Good brother, you must be my mommy's son! There's no need to do the DNA test anymore. Why go to the extra trouble? Sister, don't you think so as well?"

Chu Xiaomeng, who was holding the dinosaur soft toy, said, "...Oh!" She wondered if there were books included in her new brother's red packet money. It would be best if they were those that were a unique copy or were out of print!

Shen Ruojing: '...'

Her heart suddenly ached.

Chu Tianye had a carefree personality and did not notice that Chu Yu's actions were actually done to please him.

Children who did not have a mother by their side yearned for love even more.

Shen Ruoqing walked over and squatted down. She then looked at Chu Yu and said, "Chu Yu, hello. Let's get to know each other again. I'm your mother."

Tears instantly welled up in Chu Yu's eyes.

He looked even more pitiful with his thin face. He nodded vigorously. "Mommy!"

"En."

"Mommy!"

"Yes."

"Mommy!"

"Little Yu, I'm here."

"Mommy..."

When Chu Tianye squeezed in between them, the warm atmosphere between Shen Ruoqing and Chu Yu was instantly ruined. "Is he really my brother?"

Chu Yu's pupils contracted as he looked at Shen Ruoqing uneasily.

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "Yes, you're triplets."

She handed the DNA report to Chu Yu.

Chu Yu took it and carefully checked the results. He then heaved a sigh of relief again. "It's true!"

As soon as he finished speaking, a pair of big hands reached over and took the DNA report away. The few of them turned their heads and saw Chu Cichen standing there. He was very tall and when he stood in the small living room on the second floor, he immediately made the space seem cramped.

Shen Ruoqing's expression that had just brightened up turned gloomy again.

Ye Lu noticed the atmosphere and looked at Chu Xiaomeng. She was about to say that she wanted to go to Chu Xiaomeng's room to play when she remembered that this child was special and definitely didn't like people going to her room. Hence, she looked at Chu Tianye and asked, "Little Ye, where's your room? Why don't you bring us there and show us? Let your daddy and mommy have some time to talk. Is that alright?"

Chu Tianye turned around and left. "Alright, my room is here. Aunty Lu Cha\*, you mustn't peek at my diary~"

"I'm called Ye Lu, not Lu Cha~"

"But my mommy says that you're Lu Cha!"

"..."

After the few of them went into Chu Tianye's room, Chu Cichen closed the report. "So Miss Shen has done the test."

He fell silent for a moment, suddenly unsure how he should face the woman before him.

Over the years, many women had pursued him. However, most of them gave up because of his cold disposition. On the other hand, this woman had given birth to three children of his. She also liked him and had repeatedly asked to move in with the Chu Family. Moreover, he had even said the other time to ask her to wait for him to come and marry her...

Chu Cichen suddenly didn't know how to explain himself.

Would she be disappointed if he said that his words back then were just an improvised measure for the sake of putting up an act?

While he was hesitating, he suddenly saw Shen Ruoqing frown. She then headed downstairs.

Chu Cichen followed behind her in confusion. When he went downstairs, he saw Matriarch Chu and Chu Cimo sitting on the sofa in the living room. He didn't say anything and followed Shen Ruoqing out.

As soon as Shen Ruoqing stepped out of the house, she saw Shen Qianhui and Jing Zhen standing at the gate.

With Shen Ruotong's help, Matriarch Shen was holding Shen Qianhui's hand and crying, "I was forced by Madam Lin at that time. I raised you, so how could I be so heartless to you?"

Shen Ruotong said from the side, "Aunt, Grandmother was worried about you these few days that she couldn't eat or sleep well!"

Matriarch Shen sighed. "Since the Chu Family has told the public that this is a misunderstanding, your two younger brothers and I have discussed it, and we've decided to bring you home."

Shen Qianhui was stunned.

Ever since she was chased out five years ago, she had always wanted to go home.

But all these years, she had been busy with the Shen Family's business, and it was only some time ago that she finally came to a realization.

Kinship wasn't something that could be forced to happen through the exchange of benefits.

Now, Matriarch Shen suddenly came to tell her that she could go home. She felt as if a lifetime had passed. It was as if that foolish her was from her previous life.

She didn't say anything, but Jing Zhen said, "Then are you guys going to continue to discuss the collaboration with the Z Corporation?"

Matriarch Shen glanced at him and said disdainfully, "You're just a son-in-law who married into our family. How can you talk to me like that?"

"Honey~~" Jing Zhen called out aggrievedly.

Shen Qianhui immediately stood in front of him. "Mother, he's my husband! I hope you treat him with more respect."

Matriarch Shen frowned and was about to scold her when she thought of the purpose of her visit today. Hence, she suppressed her anger and said, "Mother is here to bring you home."

As soon as she finished speaking, Shen Ruojing's voice rang out. "We can go back, but how many shares will the Shen Family give my mother?"

Matriarch Shen choked.

Shen Ruojing leaned against the wall and crossed her arms. In the tone of one who was watching a good show, she said, "If you don't give her any shares, how can you say that you really love my mother? You're not just doing this to collaborate with the Z Corporation, are you?"

"..."

Matriarch Shen didn't know how to reply to this, so she could only try to drag things out. "We can talk about these things slowly later on. We've been talking for so long. Why? You aren't even inviting me into your house now?"

Shen Qianhui lowered her head. "Mother, that's not it... We have guests at home today..."

Matriarch Shen said disdainfully, "What guests can you have?"

Shen Qianhui answered, "They are Jingjing's... friends."

"Her friends? Then all the more they aren't good people! She's ignorant, incompetent, immoral, and probably made many bad friends outside. They're all shady people..."

As soon as Matriarch Shen finished speaking, she saw Chu Cichen walking out of the house. She frowned and said, "This is her so-called friend? Given how good-looking he is, he must be another gigolo!"

She looked at Chu Cichen impatiently and asked, "What's your name?"

Footnote:

[1] Lu (lǜ) Cha can be directly translated to 'green tea' while Ye Lu can be translated to 'green leaf'. Green tea(b\*tch) is a derogative internet slang used to describe a young woman that likes to dress and act in a certain way in order to portray herself as pure and innocent.

### *Chapter 33: Chu Family's Children Don't Need To Be Raised By Others*

Chu Cichen narrowed his dangerous-looking eyes and looked at Matriarch Shen without saying anything.

"Rude."

When Matriarch Shen saw that he didn't answer, she reprimanded, "You don't even know basic etiquette toward elders. What a waste of your good face!"

After saying that, she walked by him and wanted to enter.

Shen Qianhui hurriedly blocked in front of her. "Mother, it really isn't convenient today..."

Chu Cichen had just returned to Sea City, so not many people recognized him.

However, Matriarch Shen would surely recognize Matriarch Chu.

Based on Shen Qianhui's understanding of Matriarch Shen, once she saw Matriarch Chu in the living room, she would probably kneel down to her.

If Matriarch Shen really were to kneel down servilely, the Shen Family and the Chu Family would immediately become of unequal standing. It would also make things difficult for Shen Ruoqing in the future.

Although Shen Qianhui was sensitive because she didn't have parents with her, and she also valued kinship the most, she never felt inferior. Moreover, there were three little children here now. She didn't want her daughter to be unable to raise her head in front of the Chu Family.

Matriarch Shen sneered. "What's inconvenient about it? Get out of my way..."

She pushed Shen Qianhui away and was about to walk toward the Shen Family's residence.

However, Shen Ruoqing blocked the door. She lowered her eyes and played with her fingers. "You really can't enter this house today."

Matriarch Shen stopped in her tracks.

Of course, Matriarch Shen knew how good this granddaughter of hers was at fighting. She still remembered that Shen Ruoqing had once made her angry when she was in the third grade. Hence, Matriarch Shen deliberately picked Shen Ruotong up after school and left Shen Ruoqing behind. After that, she saw a few street hooligans surrounding Shen Ruoqing.

Matriarch Shen had thought that this would be a good chance to teach Shen Ruoqing a lesson and make her less prickly in the future. However, what she did not expect was that Shen Ruoqing came back covered in blood two hours later.

Back then, Shen Qianhui had just gotten off work. When she saw Shen Ruoqing like that, she was so frightened that she almost fainted. Shen Qianhui then rushed up and sized her up, wanting to see if her daughter was injured anywhere.

However, the thin girl only wiped the blood off her face and smiled. "I'm fine. This blood belongs to other people."

She looked like a demon at that time!

Matriarch Shen took a step back and didn't dare to mention entering the house again. Instead, she looked at Shen Qianhui and said, "Alright, if you don't let me in, I won't

enter... Then, you can go to work tomorrow. I've been saving your position in the company for you."

Shen Ruoqing said sarcastically, "Is there a need to intentionally keep a sales position open?"

Matriarch Shen gritted her teeth at Shen Ruoqing's words and answered, "It's the position of sales manager! Haven't you always wanted to be the sales general manager? Qianhui, you have watched the Shen Family get to where it is today. You have feelings for the Shen Family's business, right?"

Shen Qianhui was slightly stunned.

The position that she had worked hard for five years to get was now placed in front of her.

However, she didn't feel the happiness and anticipation she had had before.

Shen Qianhui lowered her head. "Mother, I'll think about this. You can go back first."

"What's there to consider?"

Matriarch Shen glanced at her and gritted her teeth. "In addition to a basic salary, we will also give you a commission. How about one percent?"

However, Shen Qianhui only repeated, "I'll think about it."

She had been with the Shen Family for more than 40 years, so she had deep feelings for them.

It could be said that the Shen Family had given her a home. Even though she had long since known that Matriarch Shen treated her differently than her two younger brothers, she was already very satisfied.

She had seen the children in orphanages before. The longing in their eyes made her panic.

She was afraid of losing her home.

Later on, even though she had her own small family with Jing Zhen and had a child, it had become a habit for her to contribute to and please the Shen Family.

Now that Matriarch Shen had given in, her heart was wavering a little...

Matriarch Shen continued to try to persuade her. "The Shen Family has raised you for so many years. Although you're not my biological daughter, I've always treated you as

one. Qianhui, do you remember how I watched over you when you were sick back then? I watched over you all night! There was another time when it was raining heavily outside and you had a fever of 40 degrees. I carried you to the hospital... Mother was muddle-headed about what happened last time, but how could a mother and daughter have an overnight grudge? Mother has personally come to apologize to you. What else do you want me to do to be able to forgive me? Do you want Mother to bow and kneel to you?"

Shen Qianhui hurriedly said, "Mother, that's not what I meant. I just want to consider..."

She had promised Jing Zhen that day that she would start an entertainment company or studio. If she went back to work now, what would happen to Jing Zhen?

"What exactly do you have to consider?"

Matriarch Shen frowned, thinking that Shen Qianhui was dissatisfied with the conditions. She then lowered her eyes and said earnestly, "Qianhui, don't blame Mom for being direct. You're nothing now... I know that you're capable and have been chosen by the Z Corporation. But even so, you'll just be an employee. Can the Z Corporation treat you as their owner?"

She said patiently, "If you come back home, you'll still be the young miss of the Shen Family. With this status, when the time comes, it'll be easy for Shen Ruoqing to find a partner. She's only 25 years old and can't possibly stay unemployed forever. She cannot continue to live in her current state all her life, right? Having two children, she can only at most look for a gigolo to play with now. Which man from a good family would be willing to marry her? As long as you come back, I guarantee to look for a good family of equal status for her!"

Shen Qianhui's eyes turned red.

All the words that Matriarch Shen had said previously weren't as useful as what she said at the very end.

As long as it was something for Shen Ruoqing's future, Shen Qianhui would be willing to do it. Even if she would be humiliated if she were to return to the Shen Family, she could at least give her daughter a good family background.

She recalled the humiliation those rich families had shown Jing Zhen at the Lin Family's banquet.

Shen Qianhui wasn't afraid of being humiliated, but she didn't wish for her daughter to be unable to raise her head before others in the future.

Her voice choked as she said, "Mother, you're right... For Jingjing's sake, we should go back..."

Shen Ruoqing raised her brows when she saw Shen Qianhui giving in. She didn't say anything but looked at Jing Zhen.

Jing Zhen's beautiful peach blossom eyes flickered and he spoke up, grinning, "Mother-in-law, which good families are you planning to find for Jingjing? Tell us about them first. We'll go check on their character."

Shen Qianhui looked at Chu Cichen.

She had never thought that the Chu Family would accept her daughter. After all, Chu Cichen was cold and wasn't the ideal son-in-law in her heart. Hence, she also looked at Matriarch Shen curiously.

Matriarch Shen gave it some thought before saying, "The second son from your second sister-in-law's maternal family is 28 this year, right? Hasn't he always liked Jingjing? If I were to speak to the Li Family about this, it shouldn't be a problem."

The moment Matriarch Shen said this, Shen Qianhui's face abruptly turned pale.

She said in surprise, "That delirious guy from the Li Family?"

Matriarch Shen immediately said unhappily, "What delirious guy? The Li Family is considered to be of compatible status with our Shen Family. It's true that there's some problem with their second son's mental state, but if that wasn't the case, would he marry Shen Ruoqing?"

Jing Zhen echoed with a shadow of a smile. "This is really a 'good family'."

Shen Ruoqing, who was at the side, curled her lips.

Her father, who really liked to act, could always make Matriarch Shen reveal her true colors with just one sentence.

Shen Ruoqing then looked toward her mother. As expected, the latter bit tightly onto her lips, saying, "Mother, is this how you would treat Jingjing well?"

Matriarch Shen felt displeased and said coldly, "Isn't this a good marriage? Both families will become closer. Otherwise, what kind of family could Shen Ruoqing, who has lost her chastity and also has two b\*stard children with her, be able to marry into? Of course, I'll get the Li Family to take good care of the two children. It'd be impossible for them to inherit the family assets, but at least they could bring them up to university. It would be a lot better than their poor father!"

Chu Cichen couldn't take it anymore and said coldly, "The Chu Family's children don't need to be raised by others."

*Chapter 34: Traces of Their Past*

Matriarch Shen looked at him in surprise, and her heart sank. “Which Chu family?”

In Sea City, the Chu Family was a sensitive word.

Although there were many people with the surname Chu, only the most influential family in the city could instill fear in everyone’s heart.

However, she immediately came around to things.

She had seen the two young masters of the Chu Family—Chu Cimo and Chu Ciyuan—before. Neither of them was this man in front of her, so how could he be from that Chu Family? This was especially when this person looked exceptionally exquisite and beautiful. Although he seemed cold, her looks were comparable to Jing Zhen’s. Hence, he must be a young actor who had just debuted.

Although Chu Cichen’s aura was strong, Jing Zhen would sometimes give Matriarch Shen the wrong impression in a similar way, so she didn’t care at all.

She sneered and sized up Chu Cichen. “Are you the father of the two children?”

Chu Cichen replied, “That’s right.”

Matriarch Shen asked, “Which company’s newly signed celebrity are you? Don’t you know the rules in Sea City?! If the children are yours, then so be it. Why mention the Chu Family? Those who don’t know any better might mistake you for being from that family!”

She pointed upward to emphasize her respect for the Chu Family.

She had just said this when a voice rang out in the living room. “Bro, what are you guys doing outside?”

As Chu Cimo spoke, he came rushing out. He only threw a glance at Matriarch Shen and then looked at Shen Ruoqing fiercely.

Matriarch Shen, who saw him coming out, was shocked.

Chu Cimo was a famous second-generation profligate in the Sea City. He only lived his life idly. Since young, he would lead a group of second-generation profligates to eat and drink, not doing any serious work. Therefore, many people knew him.

Even Shen Ruotong was dumbstruck and she tugged at Matriarch Shen’s arm.

Only then did Matriarch Shen come to her senses. She looked at Chu Cichen in disbelief and then asked while stuttering, “Young, Young Master... Which brother of yours is this?”

Chu Cimo rolled his eyes. “Heh, the only one who can be called Bro by me of course is my oldest brother! How could it be that illegitimate son?”

Matriarch Shen: ‘!!!’

She was flabbergasted and looked at Chu Cichen in disbelief. Never would she have expected that the Chu Family’s successor, who had now become the head of the Chu Family, was actually so young!

She then looked at Shen Ruoqing. She suddenly recalled that when Madam Lin had gone to the Shen Family’s manor to look for her back then, she mentioned that Shen Ruoqing had made a ruckus at Matriarch Chu’s banquet, saying that her child was the Chu Family’s young master.

Hence, she abruptly realized something and rushed up to Shen Qianhui, holding onto her hands. “H-Her children... they are Chu Cichen’s?”

Shen Qianhui looked at her in despair.

She didn’t mind that her adoptive mother abandoned her repeatedly. However, when Matriarch Shen suggested marrying Shen Ruoqing to the Li Family’s delirious son, it completely infuriated her.

Shen Qianhui valued kinship a lot.

However, she knew the difference between close and distant relatives as well!

Matriarch Shen was her adoptive mother, while Shen Ruoqing was a child she had given birth to. Shen Ruoqing was her daughter!

Matriarch Shen’s behavior today had crossed her bottom line.

Hence, Shen Qianhui completely came to her senses.

She said with a cold attitude, “... This has nothing to do with you.”

Noticing that Shen Qianhui wasn’t even willing to call her ‘Mother’ anymore, then at the thought of her actions earlier, Matriarch Shen abruptly realized that Shen Qianhui had really gotten angry.

Matriarch Shen wanted to say more, but Chu Cimo looked toward her impatiently. "Who are you? Didn't you see that we're waiting here? My mother is still waiting to discuss the marriage between the two families! If you have no other matters, then leave!"

How could Matriarch Shen dare to pester further? She smiled sheepishly and backed off. "So there are really important guests present. Then Qianhui, you guys can go take care of the important matters first. Jingjing, you guys can talk first. Your younger sister and I will be making a move first."

The few of them only returned to the living room after seeing Matriarch Shen and Shen Ruotong get into the car.

Shen Qianhui's eyes were red as she looked at Matriarch Chu.

After what had taken place earlier, they were definitely going to be looked down on, right?

As Shen Qianhui was thinking this, Matriarch Chu stood up and walked toward her before holding her hand. "Madam Shen, I've long since heard of you all these years in Sea City. I didn't expect that there'd be a day for us to have such an affinity! Miss Shen has given birth to triplets for our Chu Family. We'll definitely not ignore this!"

Matriarch Chu went straight to the point. "So, let us discuss the wedding date for the two of them, shall we?"

The moment she said this, three small heads that were in the corridor upstairs instantly looked down.

Shen Ruojing was about to say that she didn't agree with this when Chu Cichen beat her to it. "I don't agree."

Matriarch Chu subconsciously wanted to scold him, but after seeing Chu Cichen's deep gaze, the words got stuck in her throat. She didn't dare to say them and could only glare at Chu Cimo angrily.

Chu Cimo: '?'

Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruojing and thought of what Matriarch Shen had said just now. He actually felt some unwillingness to see her being treated like this.

As she had given birth to three children for him, she couldn't get married and was looked down on...

Chu Cichen spoke up sincerely, "Miss Shen, I can't marry you. But if you agree to it, I can promise to let you bring the three children with you and move in with the Chu Family."

Shen Ruoqing: ‘?’

She looked straight at him with her indifferent peach blossom eyes. “Till now, you still don’t know me, right?”

Chu Cichen frowned. “That’s right.”

“Is that so...” Shen Ruoqing paused. “Then you can scam.”

“ ... ”

Everyone in the room was dumbfounded. No one had expected that Shen Ruoqing would tell the people from the Chu Family to scam!

Chu Cichen’s countenance turned grim.

Matriarch Chu opened her mouth, but she knew that her son was the one who had let Shen Ruoqing down. She said, “Then what about the children?”

Almost at the same time, Chu Yu’s voice rang out from upstairs. “I want to be with Mommy!”

Chu Tianye: ‘?’

F\*ck!

A bootlicker had come to his house, causing him to be slower in bootlicking!

Chu Tianye quickly said, “I’ll be wherever Mommy is!”

Chu Xiaomeng nodded to express her agreement with her two brothers’ words.

Matriarch Chu: ‘...’

Matriarch Chu wanted to say more when Jing Zhen stood up. He had a tall stature and exuded a manly aura as he spoke, “Since that’s the case, Matriarch Chu, please leave.”

Chu Cimo jumped up. “Hey! Shen Ruoqing, don’t go overboard! The children are the Chu Family’s children, so why would they stay with you? Let me tell you, we must take all three children with us. Otherwise, you can wait for us to take legal action!”

Matriarch Chu reproached Chu Cimo, “Shut up!”

She then looked at Shen Ruoqing. “Miss Shen, I know that you’re aggrieved. After we go back, I’ll try to convince Cichen. However, you need to think from his point of view. You suddenly came to us with the children, and he didn’t know you prior to this either.

Hence, he would definitely need some time to get accustomed to this relationship. But don't worry, I'll make him accept you..."

Chu Cichen frowned. At the thought of how she had said previously that she liked him and wanted to move in with the Chu Family, his voice turned even colder. "Miss Shen, such tricks of playing hard to get are enough after one or two times. What are you up to again?"

What was she up to?

Shen Ruoqing looked toward him and then directly headed into the bedroom.

While everyone was feeling puzzled, she quickly came out again. However, this time around, she was holding a photo frame in her hand.

She walked up to Chu Cichen, threw the photo frame into his hand, and then pointed to the person on it, asking, "Is this you?"

Chu Cichen lowered his head and when he saw the photo, his pupils contracted. This familiar scene...

Shen Ruoqing's cold and sneering voice rang out next to his ears. "Mr. Chu, five years ago, you said that you love me. But five years later, you suddenly don't recognize me. I also want to ask you this. What are you up to?"

### *Chapter 35: Recalling Something*

Chu Cichen stared at the photo in his hand.

The man in the photo looked a little younger than he was now. Although his gaze was still deep, there was a hint of vigor on his complexion. His lips were also curled a little in a slight smile.

Next to him, Shen Ruoqing stood there expressionless. She seemed unwilling to take the photo, and her look told people that they had better not offend her.

The background was a library of an overseas university.

There were many foreign and local students standing behind them, but the two of them stood next to each other, both focused on looking at the camera.

Sunlight was cascading down through the tree next to them, and the spotted shadows were cast on their faces. The light and shadow gave a delusion as if one had passed through space.

Chu Cichen stared at the photo and seemed a little stunned.

When Matriarch Chu saw his expression, she wanted to go over and take a look at the photo. However, she didn't dare to do that and instead pushed Chu Cimo.

Under Matriarch Chu's threatening gaze, Chu Cimo could only slowly make his way behind Chu Cichen. He tiptoed and stretched out his neck to take a look. After that, he said in surprise, "Bro, this is you!"

Chu Cichen frowned.

The person in the photo was really him.

Five years ago, he had an injury on his forehead and after the wound healed, there was an inconspicuous scar for half a year. It'd be hard to tell that there was a scar if one didn't take a closer look at it.

He then looked at the date... On that day, it was true that he had hidden his identity and kept a low profile to conduct research on a certain project at this school.

However, he still didn't remember having taken a photo with Shen Ruoqing before.

Despite this, the time and location both matched...

Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruoqing.

He had always been very certain that he hadn't lost his memories before. He had only been schemed on that one night five years ago, causing him to have s\*x with her.

Therefore, when Shen Ruoqing appeared before him, claiming to have been in a relationship with him for half a year, he took her as a liar. Thereafter, the woman continued to entice him and said that she liked him...

Hence, Chu Cichen's attitude toward her had always been bad.

Even though he knew that she was the one who had given birth to the three children, he would at most only take a step back and let her move into the Chu Family with the three children. He would give her all the honor and glory except for the title of Mrs. Chu.

However, at this moment, looking at the photo in her hand and at how angry she looked...He wondered if there had really been a problem with his memory.

But that wasn't possible.

Until now, he could still remember the details of what he had done at that school very clearly. He didn't remember having taken a photo together with Shen Ruoqing.

When Matriarch Chu heard Chu Cimo's voice, she also came over quickly. After taking a closer look, she immediately said, "It turns out that you really did have a relationship with Miss Shen before. How could you not remember it? It couldn't be that you didn't want to admit it and take the responsibility, could it?"

However, Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruoqing. "Miss Shen, may I take this photo with me and conduct an investigation?"

Seeing his reaction, Shen Ruoqing asked hesitantly, "Do you really not remember me?"

Chu Cichen replied seriously, "I really don't."

Shen Ruoqing fell silent.

The reason why she was angry was because she thought that he was pretending not to know her. She thought that he had cheated on her. But now, the truth had come to light; all three children were hers.

But if Chu Cichen really didn't remember her, then this matter would become complicated.

The boyfriend she had been in a relationship with for half a year suddenly became a stranger. The entire matter gave off a bizarre and unimaginable feeling.

The fury in her heart unknowingly diminished. "I can give you the photo, but I want to do a serious pulse diagnosis for you."

Chu Cichen: "... Alright."

With everything made clear, the two of them suppressed their hostility and sat on the sofa. Shen Ruoqing pressed down on his wrist.

Chu Cimo scratched his head at the side. "Hey, you're taking my brother's pulse? Don't think that you're a divine doctor just because you learned about some Chinese medicine from some random books."

"Shut up."

"Shut up."

Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen both spoke at the same time, then both of them paused for a moment.

Matriarch Chu chipped in at the right timing, "The two of you even know what each other is thinking. That tacit understanding is really great, just like a married couple. Working together to face off against an outsider is the right way to do things!"

(Outsider?) Why was he always the one to get hurt?!

Shen Ruojing closed her eyes and focused on taking his pulse.

A minute later, she opened her eyes in confusion, but she refused to give up and started a new round.

It wasn't until she had done this three times to ascertain things that she withdrew her hand.

Chu Cichen looked at his wrist. There still seemed to be remnant warmth left behind from the woman's fingers. Her fingers were cold, just like her personality, but they were thin and fair. Her fingertips were so fair that they were almost translucent, looking so pretty like they were a work of art.

The moment this thought came to mind, Chu Cichen immediately withdrew his hand.

Chu Cimo asked at the side, "How is it?"

Shen Ruojing spoke up in a satisfied tone, "Your pulse is very strong, and your blood contains strong vitality. You are young and have a strong s\*xual drive, yet you keep your desires restrained. Your body is in quite a good condition."

At the very least, this man hadn't gone around looking for women during these years.

Chu Cimo: '?'

This woman really dared to say anything!

He choked on his saliva and coughed violently. He then looked at Chu Cichen again and saw that although his big bro was expressionless, his ears had turned red...

Matriarch Chu smiled. "Cichen has always taken care of his body and character. There's no need to worry about that."

Chu Cichen: "...". Was there anything to be worried about?!

However, Shen Ruojing tilted her head and smiled. "Alright."

Matriarch Chu struck while the iron was hot. "Since the two of you have made things clear, no matter what's going on with Cichen, why don't you bring the children to move into the Chu Family first?"

This time around, Chu Cichen didn't refuse.

However, Shen Ruoqing shook her head. "Before things are sorted out, it's better to forget this."

Chu Cichen didn't lose his memories.

His body wouldn't lie about this.

The events that had taken place back then became increasingly strange.

Chu Cichen didn't push further and said after thinking about it for a while, "I'll investigate the photo as soon as possible. I'll contact you as long as I've received some news."

"Alright."

"Then we shan't bother you any further."

"I won't be sending you off."

Neither of them liked talking a lot, so after a few words, they split up. Matriarch Chu had no choice but to follow after Chu Cichen.

After getting into the car, Matriarch Chu picked up her phone and called Chu Yu.

On the second floor of the Shen Family's residence, in Chu Tianye's room.

Chu Yu picked up the phone and Matriarch Chu sighed, saying, "Little Yu, your grandmother misses you. Can you bring your mother with you and move back?"

Chu Yu was a little troubled.

He had been brought up by Matriarch Chu since young, and they had a close relationship. However, at the thought of being with his mommy, he said hesitantly, "As long as I can be with Mommy, I don't mind going anywhere."

Matriarch Chu said, "As long as all three of you move into the Chu Family, would you need to worry that your mother doesn't come?"

When Chu Yu heard this, he instantly sneered, "I'm not going! I'm not like someone, making Mommy do things that she's unwilling to do!"

"No matter how much money I'm given, I won't betray my mommy!"

Chu Cichen, who was in the middle seat, closed his eyes and carefully thought back to the day five years ago when he went to school. A moment later, he suddenly recalled something.

*Chapter 36: Investigated!*

Chu Cichen took out the photo and carefully assessed the details on it.

He suddenly picked up his phone and dialed a number.

The dial tone only rang once and the call was connected. A male voice speaking in French could be heard. "Boss, how can I be of service?"

Chu Cichen lowered his gaze and instructed, "Help me with something..."

If things were as he expected, this should be how the photo came about.

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In the Shen Family's residence.

Chu Xiaomeng looked at the two people in front of her and tightened her grip on the dinosaur soft toy. She said unhappily to Chu Tianye, "So, you betrayed Mommy just like that?"

"I didn't want to either." Chu Tianye felt very aggrieved. "But Paternal Grandmother offered too much."

Chu Xiaomeng: '...'

She was about to say something in contempt to Chu Tianye when the latter squatted down in front of her. "Sister, Paternal Grandmother said that there's a big library in the Chu Family's manor! There are many books there! Especially books that are out of print or there are only unique copies of them!"

Chu Xiaomeng's eyes lit up.

Chu Tianye then added, "Moreover, there aren't any people in the Chu Manor's library! It's because outsiders can't enter easily, not even the nanny. Every day, there'd just be a robot cleaner to clean the dust."

Chu Xiaomeng suddenly shot up to her feet. "Let's go."

Both Chu Yu and Chu Tianye asked, "To where?"

Chu Xiaomeng looked at them and said confidently, "My library."

Chu Yu: ‘...’ He had initially thought that he was caught in a dilemma between his paternal grandmother and his mommy and was the one who let down his mommy the most. (Do the two of you not have any integrity?)

Who were the ones who said that they wouldn’t betray their mommy earlier?

Given how unfilial his siblings were, their mommy would definitely feel very hurt. At the thought of how their mommy would have no one but him to rely on when she grew old, Chu Yu quietly clenched his small fists.

(Mommy, don’t worry! I’ll love you forever!)

The dramatic Chu Yu started going on in his heart.

When the three children stood in front of Shen Ruoqing and stuttered as they expressed their views, Shen Ruoqing raised her brows. “So, you guys want to go stay with the Chu Family?”

Chu Tianye said, “Mommy, after I get Paternal Grandmother’s money, you’ll be able to idle away every day. It won’t be an issue for me to take care of you! After I get the money, I’ll come back!”

Chu Xiaomeng looked at her brother and learned from him, saying, “After I get those books, I’ll come back too!”

Chu Yu took a step forward and hugged Shen Ruoqing’s arm. “... Mommy, I won’t go back! I’ll stay with you!”

Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng: ‘???’

Traitor!

The two children then turned to look at Shen Ruoqing’s expression. However, they saw that she didn’t get angry.

Shen Ruoqing naturally understood what they were thinking.

They had just got to know their daddy, so how could they not want to be reunited with him?

Just like how Chu Yu didn’t want to leave her, the two children definitely wanted to know what kind of person their father was. She actually didn’t object to this.

The children were free to do as they wished.

She picked up Chu Yu and said, “Alright, the two of you can go.”

“ ... ”

Although Matriarch Chu knew that Chu Yu wouldn't be coming back and that Shen Ruoqing wouldn't be coming along with the two children, Matriarch Chu still welcomed the two children very much. She came to pick them up personally.

After they got into the car, Matriarch Chu hugged Chu Xiaomeng.

Her granddaughter was finally back!

Matriarch Chu smiled and said, “Little Meng, I heard you like dogs, so I already bought one at home. You'll be able to see it after we go back!”

Chu Xiaomeng's eyes lit up. “Alright.”

Chu Tianye's mind started turning. “Grandmother, have you thought of a name for the dog?”

“I haven't yet. I was waiting for you guys to name it!”

“I've already thought of it!”

Matriarch Chu seemed doubtful. “So fast?”

Chu Tianye sighed. “Grandmother, my sister and I were abandoned by daddy from the moment we were born. Mommy worked hard to get up early and go to the stall to sell pancakes, but she was still very poor. She would come back very late at night and the house was so dark. Back then, I thought that it would be good if there was a dog to accompany my sister and me...”

Matriarch Chu's lips twitched and she interrupted him, “Weren't your maternal grandparents at home?”

“... That isn't important! Grandmother, the day I liked the most is the day I met you. Therefore, can I name this dog Chuyu\*?”

Matriarch Chu was bewitched by his sweet words and nodded. “Of course you can!”

When the car arrived at the Chu Manor, Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng saw an Alaskan Malamute puppy waiting for them in the courtyard. The small puppy looked simple-minded and its white fur was very long. It was chubby and very adorable.

Chu Tianye grinned.

“Chuyu, come over here!”

“Chuyu, come over and let my sister hug you~”

“Chuyu, you dog!”

Matriarch Chu smiled when she saw the two children playing happily with the puppy. But why did she feel that something was amiss?

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“Ah-choo!”

“Ah-choo!”

When the Shen Family was having dinner, Chu Yu kept on sneezing.

“Did you catch a cold?”

Shen Ruoqing touched Chu Yu’s small face and the latter nestled his head against her hand, his eyes filled with admiration. “Mommy, I’m sick. Can I sleep with you tonight?”

“... You’re fine.”

“Oh.”

Chu Yu was wearing a small suit and lowered his head in disappointment. Someone must have been talking bad about him behind his back, causing him to sneeze so many times. He wondered if there was still time for him to go take a cold shower and pretend to be sick.

When he was thinking of this, he saw Shen Ruoqing picking up some vegetables and putting them in his bowl. “Eat more vegetables and I’ll sleep with you.”

She noticed that Chu Yu was picky with his food and didn’t like to eat vegetables.

This habit was exactly the same as the other two children.

Chu Yu suddenly looked up, his eyes gleaming as he looked at her. “Really?”

“En.”

Chu Yu then looked at that whole plate of vegetables. “Then if I were to finish the entire plate of vegetables, can I continue to sleep together with you tomorrow?”

“...” Shen Ruoqing realized that there was something wrong with her teaching method.

She could talk terms with Chu Tianye and Chu Xiaomeng.

However, Chu Yu was lacking too much of a sense of security and motherly love.

She rubbed Chu Yu's head. "Little Yu, the reason Mommy asked you to eat vegetables is that I want you to have a balanced and nutritious diet. Little Ye is like a calf, while you're too skinny."

Chu Yu seemed to have understood something and said, "Mommy, I understand now!"

He looked at the vegetables in the bowl and stuffed them into his mouth as if he was facing death. It looked as if he was eating poison.

For his mommy's sake, he wasn't going to back down!

Jing Zhen: "... This acting skill is amazing! Little Yu, after dinner, let's discuss between grandfather and grandchild how you felt when you were eating poison, oh, no, when you were eating the vegetables."

Shen Ruoqing: '...'

That night, Chu Yu had a dream. In the dream, he seemed to have turned into a puppy.

The next day, Shen Ruoqing woke up early to practice Tai Chi, keeping up with her leisurely retirement lifestyle. Just then, her phone rang.

She took a look and realized that it was Chu Cichen.

She picked up the phone and Chu Cichen's deep voice spoke in an alluring tone, "Miss Shen, I've figured out the matter with the photo."

Shen Ruoqing's expression froze. "What happened?"

"Take a look at your inbox. I just sent you an email."

Shen Ruoqing turned on the speaker mode for her phone and then opened up her inbox.

Footnote:

[1] The name for the dog Chuyu (初遇) is meant to be a word pun with the name for the child Chu Yu (楚屿). However, their hanyu pinyin is the same, but the raws for both names are different.

*Chapter 37: The Truth Behind the Photo*

Chu Cichen sent over a photo.

When Shen Ruoqing downloaded it, Chu Cichen said slowly, "I've thought about it for very long. When I went to school that day, I only took one photo. It was true that it was in front of the library, but back then, people took me as a foreign student and pulled me over for a group photo."

Ding.

The photo was downloaded.

After Shen Ruoqing opened it up, she realized that it was indeed a group photo.

Over 20 people stood in a row.

Chu Cichen and her were standing on the rightmost side of the crowd. But the two of them had beautiful appearances and were very eye-catching.

After covering the rest of the people, what was left was surprisingly the photo of her and Chu Cichen. Even the library background behind them was identical!

Shen Ruoqing was stunned and her fingertips tightened on her phone.

The memories from that day gushed into her mind.

Back then, Chu Cichen had gone to that school for an errand. It was because he had said that his company had him go work on a project and he happened to go to F. Country during that time.

Chu Cichen had called her and asked her to meet him at the school.

That day, they walked for a very long time in the school. When they saw the library, a man who looked more like a big boy suddenly said shyly that he wanted to take a photo with her.

However, Shen Ruoqing's identity was special and she never left behind evidence on the Internet, let alone take photos.

Back then, the two of them had affirmed their relationship for two months. Looking at the boy, Shen Ruoqing agreed.

The boy immediately dashed out, grabbed a passerby, and handed his phone over to them. He then ran back to stand next to her. Back then, she was a little unwilling, so her expression was a little solemn.

At that time, there was indeed a group of people who came rushing over, wanting to take photos too, but she didn't pay much attention to them.

She casually forwarded the email and Chu Cichen's voice came from the phone again. "Miss Shen, I think we need to have a good talk."

Shen Ruojing said, "Alright, you can choose the location."

"I'm at the back entrance of your neighborhood."

Hearing this, Shen Ruojing hung up and went downstairs.

She also happened to see Shen Qianhui hanging up the phone. Shen Qianhui's thin body was leaning against the sofa, and her elegant cheongsam outlined her graceful figure. Her exquisite makeup could not hide the worry between her brows.

Jing Zhen was eating breakfast slowly, looking as elegant as a prince. Even an ordinary scene in their lives was pleasing to the eye.

Jing Zhen always said unexpected things, but his voice was very pleasant. "Is it from the Shen Family again?"

Shen Qianhui lowered her eyes, her long eyelashes covering the sadness in her eyes. "Mn, Mother asked me to help be a middleman to introduce them to the Z Corporation or the Chu Family. It's not like we own the Z Corporation. Would they sign a contract just because I asked them to? It's even more impossible with the Chu family. Even if anything were to happen to either of us, I still wouldn't want to trouble the Chu Family, lest they look down on Jingjing. And now Mother wants me to go to the Chu Family to ask them for cooperation. Why doesn't she consider Jingjing's situation at all?"

Jing Zhen swallowed a mouthful of bread and said in a muffled voice, "She's not her biological granddaughter, so of course she doesn't care."

Shen Qianhui was stumped for a short moment, then a layer of hazy moisture appeared in her eyes. She suddenly asked, "Where do you think my biological parents are? Why did they abandon me back then?"

A dark glint flashed across Jing Zhen's peach blossom eyes. "Maybe they had their difficulties."

Shen Qianhui looked at him. Although her voice was gentle, her attitude was very serious. "I'm not afraid of hardship. I just hope that we can face any difficulties together as a family. However, I was probably born to be fated with weak kinships and was not blessed with them. Therefore, I was thrown away when I was born. Then, my adoptive mother tried all ways to scheme against me..."

After complaining for a while, Shen Qianhui sighed and said, "Forget it. I'm already 48 years old. What's the point of pursuing my background?"

Jing Zhen didn't say anything and stuffed the rest of the bread into his mouth.

He suddenly walked over and held Shen Qianhui's hand. "Honey, have some breakfast first. Nothing is absolute. Who knows, they might come knocking on the door one day?"

Shen Ruojing was already immune to her parents' public display of affection. She then walked through the living room and headed out.

There was some distance between her house and the district's back entrance. When she strolled over slowly, she saw a black Bentley parked there quietly. Four bodyguards in black stood around the car with their hands behind their backs.

When they saw her, one of them immediately put out his hand and greeted her.

Shen Ruojing walked over. "... Da Shan?"

"It's me." Da Shan scratched his head and coughed. "I betrayed the kidnappers. Young Master... Ahem, Mr. Chu was afraid that I would be punished by others, so he asked me to come and... to come and join his guards!"

"..."

Shen Ruojing's lips twitched. Could this cover-up be any more obvious?

Da Shan was probably part of Chu Cichen's power in Sea City's underworld. This time, in order to save Chu Yu, he had been exposed and could only abandon the dark side.

She asked, "What about those people from the Lin Family?"

Da Shan said, "Madam Lin and Lin Wanru are in jail. The evidence is conclusive. In addition, they were sentenced to life imprisonment for stealing a child, fraud, and a series of other things."

After saying that, Da Shan muttered softly, "Miss Shen, don't worry. Young Master specially instructed some people to watch over them. They will definitely suffer."

Shen Ruojing nodded.

By this time, she had already walked to the Bentley. Da Shan shut his mouth and opened the door for her respectfully.

In the car.

Chu Cichen sat on the leather seat with the laptop in front of him switched on. The person on the computer screen was talking in French and reporting about work matters.

Noticing that the door was opened, he glanced at her and nodded slightly. "Wait a moment."

Then he pointed to the seat opposite him and gestured for her to take a seat. He then looked at the computer again.

Shen Ruoqing sat down and closed the car door.

She heard Chu Cichen reply in French, his deep voice as pleasant as a cello.

His French pronunciation was perfect. In a daze, it reminded Shen Ruoqing that five years ago, he had sent her a voice message in French one night...

After dealing with the overseas matters, Chu Cichen closed the laptop and looked up coldly at Shen Ruoqing. "Miss Shen, do you believe what I said now?"

Shen Ruoqing lowered her eyes. "What time did you go to school that day?"

Chu Cichen did not answer. Instead, he handed her a piece of paper that he had prepared long ago. On it was his schedule for the entire day. Although he had concealed his identity that day and traveled incognito, he remembered what he was doing at every period.

Shen Ruoqing took the schedule and read it from beginning to end. She realized that other than the time they were both at the library when taking the photo, there was no other overlap in their timing.

What was going on?

Could it be that she was the one with memory problems instead?

As Shen Ruoqing was thinking, Chu Cichen's body slowly leaned forward, and he became very aggressive. "Miss Shen, I really don't know you. I couldn't have pursued you five years ago either."

Shen Ruoqing frowned. "Why are you so sure?"

"Because," Chu Cichen lowered his eyes and leaned against the back of the seat, distancing himself from her. "At that time, I already have someone I like."

"..."

The car suddenly fell silent.

After a while, Shen Ruoqing frowned and asked, "Who is she?"

*Chapter 38: Whose Memories Went Wrong?*

Chu Cichen's eyelashes trembled slightly. He didn't answer this question but said, "She's no longer around."

No longer around...

Shen Ruoqing could hear unwillingness to part, reminiscence, and a hint of nostalgia in just these three words.

She shouldn't have asked too much.

Chu Cichen used a photo to prove that her so-called past was fake.

She clenched her fists tightly and thought of how she had pestered him during this period. She lowered her peach blossom eyes and said indifferently, "I'm sorry, but I didn't lie to you about the photo."

"I know." Chu Cichen looked at her. "Although I don't understand why such a misunderstanding happened, I think you must have been deceived."

It would be simple for Shen Ruoqing to move into the Chu Family and gain a raise in status if that was what she wanted. She only needed to use the three children to achieve her goal. There was no need for her to lie to him.

He also recalled how the woman's anger yesterday didn't seem to be an act.

So Chu Cichen chose to believe her.

He continued, "Miss Shen, can we talk about the three children now?"

The sadness in Shen Ruoqing's heart dissipated. She narrowed her peach blossom eyes and said warily, "I won't give up the custody of the three children. If the Chu family really wants to bring this to court with me, I'll push for it all the way to the end!"

Wealthy families would definitely not leave their children outside.

Seeing her like this, Chu Cichen admired her even more.

Back then, Lin Wanru had brought Chu Yu to the Chu Family and then abandoned him without any hesitation in exchange for the Lin Family's wealth. The Shen Ruoqing today seemed more like how a mother should act.

Chu Cichen was silent for a moment before saying, "I won't file a lawsuit."

That would break the hearts of the three children.

When he looked up again, he thought of how Shen Ruoqing had been mocked because of the children all these years. He spoke again.

“Consider what I said yesterday. If you’re willing, you can bring the children along to move in with the Chu Family. Other than the title of Mrs. Chu, I can give you anything you want. I believe you can also raise your head and not be criticized by others.”

He lowered his eyes. “Don’t worry, I won’t remarry again in this life, so you don’t have to worry that the children will have a stepmother.”

(So that’s what he meant by letting me move in with the Chu Family...)

At this thought, Shen Ruoqing interrupted him. “No need.”

Chu Cichen frowned.

Previously, she had said that she liked him and wanted to live together with him. Now that she knew that he wasn’t her boyfriend, she immediately refused to move in to live with the Chu Family?

This woman was really heartless.

For some reason, he suddenly felt a little uncomfortable.

Shen Ruoqing looked at him and said, “The children can take turns to stay with either of us. There’s no need for us to force ourselves to live together. As for what happened five years ago, I’ll investigate it myself further. Goodbye.”

After saying that, she got out of the car and left without any hesitation.

Chu Cichen looked at Shen Ruoqing’s back view. For some reason, he felt that this feeling was so familiar, just like that person back then...

But how could that be possible?

She was already dead, right in front of his eyes. She had died in an explosion and not even her corpse remained.

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Shen Ruoqing got out of the car with extremely complicated feelings.

She didn’t understand why that person wasn’t Chu Cichen even though they were the same person.

She was certain that the matter with the photo was definitely not a coincidence.

So did that mean that someone had set her up behind her back?

But if it wasn't him, who was the person she had met with every week?

Or rather, did such a person really exist?

Could she have imagined everything herself?

Shen Ruoqing rubbed her temples and suddenly took out her phone to call Ye Lu. Her sweet voice sounded again. "Baby, what's wrong? Do you miss me?"

Shen Ruoqing said, "Arrange a health examination for me."

"Are you feeling unwell somewhere? I'm really worried~" Ye Lu spoke nervously.

Shen Ruoqing: "... I want to see if there's a problem with my brain."

Ye Lu subconsciously felt worried. "It couldn't be a side effect from that explosion, could it? But didn't we do a checkup back then? ... I'll make arrangements for you right away. I'll get my father to do a checkup for you!"

Ye Lu was a part of the medical system, and her father was a renowned neurosurgeon.

Shen Ruoqing replied with a 'hmm' and then hung up the call.

A minute later, Ye Lu sent a WeChat message to her. [Come over to my place at 2 p.m.]

After that, Shen Ruoqing put her phone in her pocket and walked back slowly.

She had just reached the door when she heard Matriarch Shen's voice ringing out from the living room.

"I didn't expect our Jingjing to be blessed with such a rich life. That's Chu Cichen, the head of the Chu Family! Qianhui, I knew that her face would be useful!"

Jing Zhen: "... Of course. She takes after me!"

"Since our Jingjing has given birth to three children for the Chu Family, then did they say what compensation they'll give you guys? We can skip the betrothal gifts and stuff like that. The Chu Corporation has recently started a real estate project. Get them to work together with our company!"

Shen Qianhui: "Mother, that won't do. The Chu Family has already signed a contract with another company for that project!"

“So what? You’re Chu Cichen’s mother-in-law now. Shouldn’t the Chu Family give us some soup to drink when they get to eat meat? Are you too embarrassed to bring this up? Isn’t Chu Yu staying at your house now? Get him to go talk to Matriarch Chu. This matter will definitely succeed!”

When Shen Ruoqing walked in, she saw Shen Qianhui’s expression darken. “Mother, I definitely don’t agree with this! We mustn’t make use of the children! How would Jingjing be able to hold her head up in the future?”

Matriarch Shen sneered. “Is she able to raise her head now? Putting aside the fact that she has yet to return to the Shen Family, even if she was still the eldest young miss of the Shen Family, would she be worthy of the Chu Family? Shen Qianhui, I know you have your pride, but it’s useless to have pride in business!”

Shen Qianhui was so angry that her chest heaved. “Mother, this isn’t business! Both parties must be equal in a marriage!”

Matriarch Shen said arrogantly, “Equal? So far, only Z Corporation can say that they are equals in front of the Chu Family. Shen Qianhui, didn’t the Shen Family raise her so that we can benefit from the political marriage she can bring us? If she doesn’t give us anything, then you guys can forget about returning to the Shen Family. Without returning to the Shen Family, you guys won’t even be considered commoners, and all the more you won’t be able to be a match for the Chu Family!”

Shen Qianhui looked at her with disappointment. She suddenly realized something and said, “Mother, I thought we weren’t part of the Shen Family ever since a long time ago?”

When Jing Zhen heard his wife’s words, he immediately became excited.

His wife had finally come to her senses!

He said arrogantly, “That’s right, old woman. Didn’t the Shen Family sever ties with our family? You can leave now!”

Matriarch Shen didn’t expect to hear such replies to her threatening words. She instantly flared up. “Alright, you’ve climbed up the social ladder now and don’t care for our Shen Family anymore, right? You want a clean break? Sure!”

“Shen Qianhui, think about it. How much did you spend from your birth until you went to university? There should be at least a million dollars. Return it to me now! Can you afford to do that? Everything that you own was given to you by the Shen Family! Return them all to me and we’d be considered to have made a clean break!”

Shen Qianhui looked at her in disbelief. She was so angry that her trembling body started to slowly straighten up...

*Chapter 39: Sever Ties!*

Shen Qianhui looked at her white-haired mother in front of her. After having spent 48 years together, she, an orphan who lacked kinship, had always valued the Shen Family.

However, she knew that it was time to cut things off clearly.

This was because if they didn't do that, Matriarch Shen might directly go to the Chu Family to ask for cooperation. At that time, Matriarch Chu might make things difficult for Jingjing.

Seeing that Shen Qianhui did not speak for a long time, Madam Shen said patiently, "Qianhui, I'm not asking much from you. Either you help me settle the contract with Z Corporation or get the Chu Family to cooperate with us. If you're too embarrassed to ask, I'll go and talk to them..."

Her reply was as expected.

Shen Qianhui suddenly smiled.

"Qianhui, have you thought it through? If only you have done this earlier. We're mother and daughter. Why do we have to be so distant? Regardless if it was Z Corporation or the Chu Family, the cooperation we want is not worth mentioning..."

Shen Qianhui interrupted her. "It's true that these clothes were bought for me by the Shen Family..."

After saying that, she suddenly put both hands behind her back, pulled down the zipper, and then tugged off her clothes.

Matriarch Shen was slightly stunned. "W-What are you doing?"

She saw Shen Qianhui stretching out her slender arm and throwing the cheongsam in front of her.

"You can have it back."

"I'll pack all the clothes at home for you to take away later."

"As for that one million dollars, I'll think of a way to gather and return them to you..."

"Mother, with that, we don't owe each other anything anymore, right?"

...

Matriarch Shen looked at her in a daze.

At this moment, Shen Qianhui's expression was still gentle, but her eyes were filled with great disappointment and coldness. Matriarch Shen's hands and feet felt chilly

She raised Shen Qianhui and understood her character.

Shen Qianhui looked gentle and amiable, and she was also polite and easy to talk to. However, that was actually just how she conducted herself. If she was really someone who was easily bullied by others, how could the Shen Family's business prosper in her hands?

It was just that Shen Qianhui yearned for kinship, so she was especially tolerant of the Shen Family. It didn't matter what Matriarch Shen had done to Shen Qianhui.

However, once such a woman made up her mind, it couldn't be changed easily.

Matriarch Shen panicked. "Qianhui, Mother was just joking with you. Why did you take it seriously?"

She quickly bent over, picked up the clothing, and handed it to her. "Although you're at home, how can you be doing this? It's fine if it's just Jing Zhen, but isn't there a child around too? Hurry up and put it on!"

Shen Qianhui didn't move but just looked at her quietly.

The smile on Matriarch Shen's face slowly froze and then disappeared. In the end, Matriarch Shen threw the clothing on the ground in exasperation. "Shen Qianhui, I think you're muddle-headed! You really want to sever ties with me?"

Shen Qianhui lowered her head. At this moment, she was wearing a white inner slip dress with straps. Her exposed shoulders were exceptionally thin. Even though she was already 48 years old, her body was as slender as a young girl's.

However, her tone was firm. "Yes."

Her daughter, Shen Ruoqing, was her bottom line.

It was true that Shen Qianhui could not bear to part with Matriarch Shen. She admitted that she had an abnormal attachment to Matriarch Shen, but for the sake of her daughter, Shen Qianhui had to abandon Matriarch Shen.

"Excellent, excellent, this is really excellent!"

Matriarch Shen was overwhelmed with fury and exasperation. She stomped her feet and pointed at her. "But do you think that giving me these is enough? Don't forget, it was me who raised you from a baby to this age!"

Jing Zhen took off his shirt and draped it over Shen Qianhui's shoulders even if it meant he had to expose the upper half of his body. Although Shen Qianhui's slip dress was enough to maintain her dignity, she seemed to have gained confidence the moment she put on his shirt.

That was right, even if she stripped everything that she had in the past, she still had her husband and daughter!

Jing Zhen might have looked thin and weak like a typical gigolo when he was dressed, but after taking off his clothes, the muscles on his body were obvious. He took a step forward, scaring Matriarch Shen so much that she took two steps back.

Jing Zhen sneered. "What else do you want?"

Matriarch Shen sneered. "If you want to completely sever ties with the Shen Family... fine! Then convert these mental losses into money to compensate me! I want cooperation with either the Z Corporation or Chu Corporation. You can pick one of the two."

Jing Zhen's peach blossom eyes flashed with a fierce look. "...Old woman, you really dare to ask for an exorbitant price."

However, Matriarch Shen only looked at Shen Qianhui.

Shen Qianhui smiled bitterly. She suddenly rushed into the kitchen and walked out with a kitchen knife.

Jing Zhen gasped. "Honey, what are you doing? Don't take things too hard and kill the old woman!"

Matriarch Shen was not afraid at first, but when Jing Zhen said this, she turned pale from shock. "Qianhui, w-what are you thinking of doing?"

Shen Qianhui looked at her and said in a trembling but firm voice, "I heard that each person has a total of ten bowls of blood in their bodies. I still have to keep this body to take care of the children and accompany my husband, so I can't return it to you. Then I'll return ten bowls of blood to you!"

With that, she raised the knife and slashed it at her wrist.

She moved quickly and without hesitation!

“Honey!”

Jing Zhen’s expression changed drastically. He rushed over and grabbed her wrist, his face filled with disbelief and helpless indulgence. “You... Why are you so foolish?!”

Shen Qianhui’s tears fell.

Matriarch Shen’s expression was very cold. “Why? You can’t bear to continue anymore? Humans only have ten bowls of blood. If you want to return them to me, then do it all in one day!”

Jing Zhen frowned slightly. Just as he was about to speak, Shen Ruojing’s cold voice rang out. “This isn’t how the scores should be settled.”

Shen Ruojing slowly entered and stood between Matriarch Shen and her mother. She said slowly, “You raised her until she was 18 years old. When she went to university, she had to take care of her own living expenses and tuition fees. Back then, the Shen Family’s company was worth a few million dollars. It was only after she took over that the company expanded to have over 100 million in assets. If we were to take this into consideration, shouldn’t you guys return the Shen Corporation to my mother?”

Matriarch Shen was enraged. “Bullsh\*t! The Shen Family...”

Bang!

Before she could finish the rest of her sentence, Shen Ruojing suddenly raised her leg to hook the dining chair at the side and placed it down in front of her. The dining chair was made from solid wood and was very heavy. When it landed, it made a very loud sound.

Shen Ruojing then sat down on the chair. “Do you not agree? Then you can talk about it slowly.”

“...”

Matriarch Shen might dare to be unreasonable when facing Shen Qianhui. However, in the face of this fiend, how could Matriarch Shen dare to say anything?

“My mother is kind and doesn’t want to argue with you, so we won’t ask for the hundreds of millions that the Shen Family owes us.” Shen Ruojing waved her hand and narrowed her eyes. “Why are you still not leaving? Is it because you’re thinking of... discussing things further?”

“...”

Matriarch Shen was so angry that she glared at them before turning around furiously to leave. Before she left, she said, "Shen Qianhui, this isn't over!"

After she left, Shen Ruoqing stood up and moved the chair back. She then patted Jing Zhen's shoulder and gestured at Shen Qianhui with her lips. "Father, I'll leave things to you."

Jing Zhen made an "okay" gesture with his hand.

Shen Ruoqing walked upstairs and heard Jing Zhen comforting Shen Qianhui in a soft voice...

After lunch, Shen Ruoqing brought Chu Yu out to look for Ye Lu.

She was planning to drive a car when she saw Chu Yu staring at her motorbike, his face filled with excitement. "Mommy, can we ride this?"

"Sure."

Shen Ruoqing walked over and threw Chu Tianye's helmet to him.

Chu Yu looked at the helmet and didn't say anything.

Shen Ruoqing noticed it and curled her lips, saying, "This is Little Ye's. You can use it first. When we come back, I'll bring you to buy a new one."

Only then was Chu Yu satisfied and he nodded vigorously. "Alright, Mommy!"

Shen Ruoqing got on the motorbike and kicked back the kickstand. After that, Chu Yu climbed up clumsily and wrapped his arms around her waist tightly. With a vroom, the motorbike drove off.

They soon arrived at Ye Lu's clinic.

After Shen Ruoqing was done parking, Ye Lu had her assistant bring Chu Yu to play while she led Shen Ruoqing to the examination room. She sighed. "Baby, I've never asked you this, but what was going on exactly with that explosion back then?"

*Chapter 40: Health Examination Results*

Shen Ruoqing had many secrets about her.

Ye Lu always knew this, so she rarely asked Shen Ruoqing anything. The two of them had been through life and death situations together, so it was enough to know that the other party could be trusted.

However, this time around, she was too curious.

Back then, Ye Lu had received a call from Shen Ruoqing asking her to go to the scene of the explosion. After that, her heart was in her throat when she saw Shen Ruoqing crawling out from underground covered in injuries.

Ye Lu then brought Shen Ruoqing back to the country and gave her treatment.

She was very seriously injured in that incident. It was the worst injury she had ever suffered since the two of them knew each other. There were scalding wounds from her neck and higher, and she was almost disfigured.

Every time Ye Lu thought of this, she couldn't help but look at Shen Ruoqing's stunning face.

It was such a pity that she was given such a beautiful face when she didn't treasure herself.

Shen Ruoqing did not know what Ye Lu was thinking. Hence, when she heard Ye Lu's question, she lowered her peach blossom eyes and her long eyelashes covered her eyes. She seemed to have thought of things of the past, and her entire body was enveloped in a layer of coldness. She said indifferently, "It was nothing."

(If it was nothing, how could it have almost taken your life?)

Ye Lu silently complained in her heart but didn't continue to pursue the matter. Instead, she diverted the conversation. "My father has a few other patients this afternoon and didn't want to come, but I pleaded with him and finally got him to agree. Baby, you have to remember that I sacrificed a lot for you~"

Ye Wei who was in the examination room: "..."

Ye Wei was a renowned brain specialist in Sea City. His expression was serious, and he looked like a person who didn't talk or smile much. Right now, he wore a white coat and looked very serious. But when he heard Ye Lu's words, he snorted coldly. "When I heard that something happened to Shen Ruoqing, I came without saying a word. When did you plead with me?"

Before Ye Lu could say anything, Shen Ruoqing said, "Thank you, Uncle Ye."

Ye Wei pointed at the instrument beside him and said seriously, "Lie down with your head facing that direction."

Shen Ruoqing lay in the instrument, and the expandable bed moved her inside. The instrument then scanned her entire brain. As Ye Wei operated the machine, he said, "I heard that you actually gave birth to triplets?"

"That's right."

Ye Wei said, "Hehe, you already have three children, but Ye Lu is still single. If you have suitable candidates, introduce some to her."

"..." At this time and age, parents were urging their children to get married everywhere.

"Father!" Ye Lu pouted unhappily. "I don't want to get married~"

"Don't want to get married? Then what do you want to do?"

"I want to be by my parents' side forever. I can't bear to leave the two of you~ Actually, it's all Father's fault that I cannot find a boyfriend!"

Ye Wei frowned. "Why is it my fault?"

"You're too outstanding and treat Mother too well. This raises my standards when looking at men. Therefore, I can't find one!~"

"..." Ye Wei fell silent for a moment and then his tone became gentle. "Then look for one slowly."

"Alright, Father!"

As the two of them talked to each other, they had done the CT scan for Shen Ruoqing. However, it would take half an hour before the results came out, so Shen Ruoqing went out and found out that the receptionist had brought Chu Yu to the motorbike shop next door to play.

At this moment, Chu Yu was looking at a small helmet on the display.

Shen Ruoqing walked over and rubbed his head.

Chu Yu immediately looked at her. "Mommy, can I buy this?"

"Of course,"

Shen Ruoqing brought him into the shop and bought that small helmet.

Chu Yu's eyes lit up as he hugged the helmet that belonged to him and ran to Ye Lu's clinic.

Shen Ruoqing's motorbike was parked there. There were two helmets that had been used often, placed in the front seat.

One of them was big, and the other was smaller and blue.

Chu Yu picked up the small one and then opened up the storage box at the back of the motorbike. There was a small pink helmet placed there quietly. Chu Yu put Chu Tianye's blue helmet inside, next to the pink helmet and closed the box.

Thereafter, he placed his newly bought small black helmet next to Shen Ruoqing's big black helmet.

After doing all these, he looked at Shen Ruoqing with gleaming eyes, as if he had done something bad.

He had his mommy to himself now!

Shen Ruoqing: '...'

At the Chu Manor.

"Chuyu, come and have some meat!"

"Chuyu, why aren't you eating? Are you missing home?"

"You won't miss home! You must be enjoying yourself right now! Hmph, traitor!"

"Chuyu, you dog!"

Chu Cichen had just entered when he heard this loud voice. Hence, he frowned slightly and waved at Lu Cheng who was following behind him. Chu Cichen had Lu Cheng wait for him in the study upstairs, while he headed for the back garden.

All these years, he had been busy outside and had not been there as Chu Yu grew up. It'd at most be Matriarch Chu who would bring Chu Yu overseas to visit him.

Yesterday, Matriarch Chu had brought two of the children home, saying that Chu Yu stayed behind with Shen Ruoqing. Had he come back?

Chu Cichen followed the voice and saw Chu Tianye squatting down, holding a stick while giving commands to a white puppy.

"Chuyu lay down! Why are you so stupid? You aren't like me at all!"

"Hey, what else can you do besides drinking milk? You're unlike me, who has to worry about the survival of my family. Sigh, Mommy is a salted fish who only knows how to

slack every day. My sister is a bookworm who wants to read books that are unique copies. Everything needs money! Why do you only know how to stick to Mommy? You're the legendary mommy's boy! You'll definitely not be able to find a wife in the future!"

Chu Cichen: "..."

His relationship with Chu Yu was very simple. It was enough for the two of them to do their own things every day. Suddenly, he didn't even know how to greet such a lively chatterbox son.

Chu Cichen coughed and was thinking about how to speak when Chu Tianye suddenly turned around. When Chu Tianye saw Chu Cichen, he stood up and rushed into his arms, hugging his thigh and shouting, "Daddy, you've worked hard. Shall I help you massage your legs?"

Facing such a passionate son, Chu Cichen was a little at a loss. "...No need."

"It's okay, Daddy. I'm very good at massage."

Chu Tianye then grabbed Chu Cichen's hand and pulled him to sit down in the garden. After giving Chu Cichen a massage solicitously, Chu Yu took out his phone and opened the QR code to hand it to him. "\$5,000. It's an honest price!"

Chu Cichen: "..."

His long and narrow phoenix eyes squinted. "Where's your sister?"

"In the study!" Chu Tianye climbed up Chu Cichen's legs and sat on his thigh, letting Chu Cichen hug him. Then, he swayed his short legs.

"Daddy, I heard from Chu Yu that he gets red packets every year. My poor sister and I were abandoned by Daddy the moment we were born. Mommy had to work hard, getting up early and delivering food till late. She could only fill our stomachs but couldn't give us more. I've never seen what a red packet looks like..."

"... Your mother has quite an extensive range of work experiences"

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At the clinic.

Half an hour passed by very quickly. After receiving the CT scan results, Ye Wei walked to the window and raised it up to take a careful look. He then asked Shen Ruoqing a few questions before coming to the conclusion. "There's nothing wrong with your brain."

Shen Ruojing rested her chin on her hand and asked, "Uncle Ye, you're saying that all my memories are normal?"