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Ye Wei nodded. "Correct."

He frowned and felt extremely puzzled. "Chaotic memories are something that only happens to mental patients. You are also a divine doctor and you are so young. How is it that you doubted yourself?"

His sentence was like the lightning bolt that woke Shen Ruoqing from her dream.

Shen Ruoqing nodded. "You are correct. My thinking is wrong."

It was impossible for her memories to be problematic.

Chu Cichen also said that he had no problems on his side.

In that case, the only thing questionable was the incident itself.

The two of them went to school and took a photo. There must be a special connection and reason within. Why did she come here instead of going to investigate the truth?

After thinking a bit, she stood up straight. "Uncle Ye, I'm sorry to have wasted your time."

She then left the clinic and rode with Chu Yu to the Chu Manor.

The large iron gate of the Chu Manor opened up as she drove closer. The guards were standing at the entrance and respectfully welcomed Shen Ruoqing...the person behind Shen Ruoqing, Chu Yu, home.

The two of them drove to the villa's entrance, and Matriarch Chu who received the news quickly came out. Her eyes shone when she looked at Chu Yu. "Little Yu, you want to come back here to stay?"

Chu Yu looked at his paternal grandmother before looking at Shen Ruoqing. He hesitated for a while before shaking his head. "No...I only came here with mommy for a look."

Matriarch Chu's eyes flashed with disappointment, but she still smiled. "Mn, I heard your parents calling you Jingjing. Can I call you the same too?"

"Up to you."

"Jingjing, you can treat this place as your home in the future and come whenever you want to." Matriarch Chu held her hands. "You didn't manage to have a proper tour around this place when you came earlier. How about this? I'll get Chu Yu to bring you around. There are actually two more esteemed guests visiting us right now."

"No worries, please go ahead with your own stuff first."

Those who were addressed as 'esteemed guests' by Matriarch Chu would surely not be simple characters.

However, Shen Ruoqing didn't expect Matriarch Chu would have such high regard for her—leaving her guests aside to personally welcome her.

Chu Yu stretched out his little hand to hold hers. "Mommy, let me bring you to see my room!"

"Okay."

Shen Ruoqing followed Chu Yu and entered the living room by a side door before directly entering the lift and heading up to the third floor.

The design of the Chu Manor was very complicated. There were a total of four entrances. When there were guests at home, the occupants in the house could choose to leave via the side doors for convenience.

The people in the living room wouldn't be able to see people inside the lift, but the people in the lift were able to see the people below.

Right now, there was a middle-aged couple seated on the sofa. Their ages were similar to Matriarch Chu and the appearance of the female also bore some resemblance to Matriarch Chu, but she was now frowning.

Chu Yu asked with bewilderment on his face, "Who are those two people?"

"...The second younger sister of paternal grandma who married into the Yun Family of Ford City."

Chu Tianye sat on the sofa in Chu Yu's room as he shook his little legs. He then started gossiping, "Mommy, do you know of the Yun Family? It's said that half of the entire entertainment circle belongs to them. They are the boss of Prosper Entertainment!"

His eyes then brightened. "They are surely very rich!"

However, he pouted. "Mommy, I remember that the old witch of the Shen Family was also surnamed Yun before she married into the Shen Family. She was also from Ford City. Later on, I will go and ask great aunt later if she knows that old witch~"

Chu Yu was stunned when he heard this. "How do you know?"

Usually, his paternal grandmother was very strict so she wouldn't casually reveal such relationships.

Chu Tianye puffed his chest out, "Oh, I asked her. Earlier, I'm already familiar with great aunt. She likes me very much!~"

Shen Ruoqing narrowed her eyes.

Prosper Entertainment?

Wasn't that the entertainment company Jing Zhen was in?

While she was pondering, a chubby puppy ran in and started barking.

Chu Yu patted the puppy on the head as he asked happily, "Little Ye, what is its name?"

Chu Tianye stared at the sky and guiltily said, "Oh, I haven't given it a name!"

Chu Xiaomeng, who had been reading in the study, carried her dinosaur toy and came from behind the puppy. "Chuyu, are you hungry? It's time to drink milk."

Chu Yu: "??"

He started. "I'm not hungry?"

Shen Ruoqing then educated her. "Little Meng, you have to call him elder brother. You can't address him by his name directly."

Chu Xiaomeng: "??"

She stared at that little puppy in confusion. She had many things she wanted to say, but it was hard to put them all in a nutshell.

When he was at the airport, a strange uncle told her to address his dog as 'brother'. Now, her mother actually also wanted her to refer to the puppy as 'elder brother'?

Chu Xiaomeng took a bottle of milk in her hands and walked to the puppy. After that, she crouched and said, "Elder brother, drink some milk."

Shen Ruoqing: "..."

Chu Yu: "..."

The two of them fell silent before suddenly understanding something. When they turned to look at the sofa, Chu Tianye had long disappeared from the location where he was sitting.

Chu Tianye had his back against the wall as he tip-toed to the room's entrance. When the two glanced over, he quickly rushed out. "Mommy, I'm heading down to help grandma with the guests~"

"..."

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Downstairs.

Matriarch Chu's younger sister was now the current leader of the Yun Family. She sighed. "Sister, we came to Sea City this time because we have a matter that we need your help with."

Matriarch Chu was stunned. "What is it?"

"Help us to find a person." Madam Yun then looked at her husband Yun Zhengyang.

Yun Zhengyang was wearing glasses. He was a fifty-year-old man that had a dignified and elegant demeanor, and he looked extremely polite. He sighed. "Help me find my cousin."

He then introduced the situation in detail. "Sister-in-law, you should know that the Yun Family was helmed by my aunt previously. She wasn't married and I finally learned that she actually has a daughter after so many years have passed. Her daughter should be 48 years old this year."

Matriarch Chu was extremely shocked. "Aunty Yun has a daughter? How did you guys know she is in Sea City then?"

Yun Zhengyang sighed. "I discovered that she has a trust fund when I was tidying her inheritance. Every month, a sum of money would be wired to an unknown bank account in Sea City, and I only found out that she has a daughter after I looked for her lawyer."

He fell silent before continuing, "Maybe my aunt was pregnant before marrying. After all, this was a very embarrassing thing for the entire family back in that era, so she might have decided to hide her daughter's existence. She eventually found a loyal servant and got the servant to bring her daughter here to Sea City to live."

“That servant’s ancestors have been working in our family for generations, so she was given the ‘Yun’ surname. I think she was called Yun Xiu or Yun He, but the older generation in my family can’t remember it clearly anymore as almost fifty years have passed after all...From our investigations, she married someone after coming to Sea City. But we are not familiar with Sea City, so it’s difficult for us to start the search.”

Matriarch Chu frowned. “It has been so long, is there any meaning even if you found her?”

Yun Zhengyang replied, “She is the only bloodline of my aunt. My aunt has given her entire life to the Yun Family, including the company that I inherited. So, I have to find my cousin no matter what and check to see if she has been living well...”

As the sound of his voice rang out, Chu Tianye dashed in and shouted, “Great aunt, Great uncle-in-law! You guys are from Ford City? In that case, are you all acquainted with my maternal grandma’s foster mother?”

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Madam Yun looked at Chu Tianye. The little fellow was very young, but very intelligent and bubbly. Everyone would dote on him if they saw him. She smiled and asked, “Your maternal grandmother’s foster mother? Who is that?”

Chu Tianye was prepared to say something, but Matriarch Chu interrupted with a laugh. “It’s the Shen Family. Little Ye and Little Yu’s mother is named Shen Ruoqing. I’ll introduce you two to her later.”

Matriarch Chu might be acquainted with Shen Ruoqing, but since Shen Ruoqing and Chu Cichen hadn’t decided to get together yet, it wasn’t too good to introduce the Chu Family’s relatives to Shen Ruoqing.

Madam Yun nodded and looked at Chu Tianye. “Does your mother treat you well?”

After all, they were sisters related by blood, so she was naturally concerned about their younger generations. She was afraid that Shen Ruoqing might be another Lin Wanru and was using the children in exchange for wealth.

Chu Tianye lowered his head and sighed. “Ever since me and my sister were born...my mommy has to wake up early to scrub toilets...”

Madam Yun’s eyes turned red from the story and directly took a check out, passing it to him. “Before I came here, I had no idea about your situation, so I didn’t prepare any gifts. How about this? Great aunt will allow you to write any number you want on the blank check. Treat this as a meeting gift!”

Chu Tianye quickly rejected it. "This isn't too good, right..."

"What's not good about it? This is a gift your great aunt is giving you, so just take it. Hmm, in that case, how about giving you five million to play around with?"

Chu Tianye immediately grinned. "Great aunt, you are simply too good to me. I'll split half of the money with my younger sister. How much is half of five million?"

He cocked his head and lifted his fingers to count.

Madam Yun began laughing when she saw this. "You even know how to share with your younger sister? Alright, let's not split it. I'll give you and your sister five million each!"

As she spoke, she took out her pen and wrote ten million on the check before passing it to Chu Tianye.

Matriarch Chu who was watching from the side: "..."

Why did she see the shadow of her past self from a few days ago on her younger sister?

When she saw Chu Tianye stuffing the check in his pocket, Matriarch Chu coughed. "Where's Chu Yu?"

"It's drinking milk above!"

Chu Tianye subconsciously replied before realizing that his paternal grandmother was asking him about Chu Yu and not the puppy Chuyu. Hence, he coughed before explaining, "Mommy said that drinking milk will make people grow taller."

"..."

Matriarch Chu shot a meaningful look at him. "Quickly accompany Chu Yu to play. We still have important matters to discuss."

Chu Tianye named the puppy Chuyu. At the start, Matriarch Chu didn't catch it, but after listening to it a few times, how could she not understand Chu Tianye's thoughts?

Chu Tianye was a kid that knew how to read the situation very well, or he wouldn't be so adept in social situations. After receiving the check, he stood up and obediently answered, "Okay, grandma."

After speaking, he politely bade farewell to Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun before running upstairs.

Madam Yun stared at his running back and sighed. "This is a good child. He is polite and knows how to speak. It seems that his mother's education methods are not bad. However... isn't her background a little too low? No wonder Cichen didn't want to marry her."

"It has nothing to do with her background." Matriarch Chu didn't seem to want to continue speaking about this, so she changed the topic back. "With Aunt Yun transferring money into the other bank account, you guys should be able to find the owner of the account, right?"

Yun Zhengyang answered, "Back then, my aunt might be afraid of our family finding out, so she intentionally concealed the name of the account holder. I only know that my aunt transferred three sums of money to my cousin. First, it is payment for the servant, and the sum is around \$20,000 per month. The second sum is for my cousin's own expenditure, and it is around \$100,000 every month ever since she was young. When she joins a university, she would still be able to claim one lump sum of \$1,000,000 and if she gets married, she would be able to claim a lump sum of \$10,000,000. In fact, if she gives birth, she would also be able to claim \$10,000,000 per child. My aunt planned everything out in detail meticulously."

It was indeed planned meticulously.

\$20,000 for a servant's pay. This sum of money was considered high-income fifty years ago. Even currently, only a few people could find a job that paid them \$20,000 per month in Sea City. So, it could be said that his aunt treated the servant really well.

Matriarch Chu narrowed her eyes. "Was she not afraid of the servant embezzling the funds?"

Yun Zhengyang nodded. "We came here to look for my cousin because of this matter as well. My aunt trusted the servant who grew up with her a lot, but we don't trust the servant at all. So, we have to personally see my cousin living well before we can relax."

Matriarch Chu understood. "Sure, I'm considered pretty familiar with Sea City. I'll help you with the search and will give you the answer within two days."

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When Chu Tianye went up, he saw Chu Yu hugging the puppy. "Mommy, I feel that the name 'Chuyu' is pretty pleasant to listen to. It is just like the first time when I encounter mommy!"

His mommy was an angel from the sky, riding on a cloud that was a motorbike, saving him from the truck.

The most important thing was that if the puppy was named Chuyu, his mommy would surely feel heartache for Chu Yu!

As expected, Shen Ruoqing patted his head. "Little Yu is so obedient. However, your brother is just too mischievous!"

Chu Yu was very satisfied!

He even leaned forward to help Shen Ruoqing pat his head better.

Chu Tianye: "!!"

What a bootlicker!

He then leaned on the wall outside the door and poked his little head out. "Mommy, did you come here to look for daddy?"

Shen Ruoqing nodded.

She was indeed here to look for Chu Cichen. After all, the proof of her relationship back then wasn't only a single photo. She still had many details to ask him.

Chu Tianye pointed to the floor above. "Daddy is there. He is having a meeting with Uncle Lu Cheng."

Shen Ruoqing nodded and lazily leaned against the sofa. "I'll wait for a while then."

Chu Tianye giggled and acted like a master bootlicker, immediately fetching a cup of wolfberry tea for Shen Ruoqing. He then acted like the owner of this place. "Little Yu, do you want to eat watermelons?"

"..."

Chu Yu fell silent before he spoke, "Little Ye, I heard great aunt saying that she gave you ten million, but five million is for sister, right? Have you split it with her yet?"

Chu Tianye quickly clutched his pocket and just when he was about to speak, Chu Yu already spoke, "As an elder brother, one would never snatch things from their younger siblings. Don't worry, I won't touch your money, but you cannot touch our sister's money too. Okay?"

Chu Tianye: "...dog!"

Shen Ruoqing's lips curled into a smile as she looked at the two brothers.

Little Yu looked pitiful and kind, but he could actually be quite evil if the situation called for it. Little Ye was going to feel the pain this time. But who asked him to name the puppy 'Chuyu'?

Shen Ruoqing ignored the conversation between the brothers. She then took out her phone and saw Lu Hui sending a text to her. [Boss, that old witch of the Shen Family is too shameless. She actually went to gather those news reporters from streaming apps, wanting to force your mother to mend the relationship with her. Luckily, she has no idea that the Z Corporation belongs to you, or she definitely would want a slice of this cake!]

Shen Ruoqing opened a streaming app.

She saw a reporter bringing Matriarch Shen to the location outside her house. The reporter asked, "Old Madam, what is your wish?"

Matriarch Shen rubbed her red eyes. "Five years ago, my granddaughter had an unmarried pregnancy. Because of my anger, I scolded them, saying that they were degenerates and had no morals. My daughter and her husband brought my granddaughter away because of this incident. Now, I regretted it and wanted them to come back... Moreover, they have been staying at my house for so many years before the incident. I'm the one who raised my daughter and my granddaughter. Now that I'm already so old, I only wish for my family to be reunited. Reporters, please help me persuade my daughter. She must not be so irresponsible and not provide for me..."

The reporters' eyes turned red when they heard this. "Old Madam, we will do our best to persuade your daughter. Oh right, is it convenient for you to tell us your name?"

Matriarch Shen's eyelids fluttered. "My name is Yun Xiu."

Chapter 43: Interview and Chaos!

The reporter's name was Little Xiang, and she was a small-time streamer.

She got famous because she focused on helping people to resolve problems. People would look for her for some civil disputes they were facing but were unwilling to report to the police. She then made use of the pressure from public opinion and helped plenty of people.

At this moment, Matriarch Shen had her head lowered. Her head was full of white hair, and her kind eyes that were red from crying immediately gave Little Xiang the impression that Matriarch Shen was the victim.

Shen Ruotong was supporting Matriarch Shen. When she saw Little Xiang, she sighed. "Because of my aunt, my grandmother has cried a lot through the years. She couldn't

even eat or sleep well. I hope that my aunt can forgive my grandmother and return home with us. Now, my grandmother is already so advanced in age, so she only wants a happy and united family.”

Matriarch Shen shed tears silently. “My husband died young, so I brought my three children single-handedly up alone. I only have one daughter...”

She looked at the reporter. “I know that she hates me because I didn’t give her shares of the company. However, people from my era all favor males more. Isn’t it normal to give my inheritance to my sons?”

Up until now, in certain villages, their custom was favoring males over females.

The Sea City could be considered a first-tier city in the southern part of the country, but the surrounding villages still had some old-fashioned customs passed down. For example, the guys needed to prepare a ‘bride price’ for the family if they wanted to marry the daughters. It was akin to the family selling off their daughters.

And their sons had to buy a house and a bridal car if they got married...

There were plenty of such phenomena. Now that Matriarch Shen took the initiative to speak out, Little Xiang understood. She nodded. “I understand, your daughter must have been influenced by the people around her and blamed you. However, we shouldn’t favor the males over the females.”

Just after she spoke, Shen Ruotong immediately replied, “But my aunt is my grandmother’s foster daughter, and my father and uncle are her biological sons!”

Little Xiang was astonished. “Foster daughter?”

Matriarch Shen wiped her tears away and nodded. “Yes, after me and my husband got married, I decided to adopt her because we didn’t manage to have a child after a long time. I didn’t expect to suddenly give birth to two sons after I adopted her. But you shouldn’t listen to her blind words. I’ve always doted on her and treated her like my real daughter...I remember when she was young, I sent her to a prestigious kindergarten, while my sons went to an ordinary one...”

Matriarch Shen continued, “In addition, she is somewhat special. Back then, because I couldn’t bear to let her leave me, I helped her to find a husband to marry into our family, and they have been living with us until she turned 43 years old. She only left us five years later...”

Little Xiang spoke righteously, “Since that’s the case, you should give her some of your inheritance. Even if the portion is lesser compared to the inheritance you give your two sons, you still have to do so. If not, she probably wouldn’t feel balanced psychologically.”

Matriarch Shen sighed. "Little friend, you are correct. I've already thought things through. I will do so! I'll split the inheritance into three equal portions and distribute them fairly. I only hope that my daughter can return home..."

After Matriarch Shen got chased out by Shen Qianhui, she thought things through clearly.

She must have gone silly.

Why did she have to force Shen Qianhui?

Previously, because Shen Qianhui was simply too good to bully, Matriarch Shen didn't think too much.

But now, her thoughts were clear. So what if she split her inheritance into three? By doing so, she would be able to improve their relationship and bind Shen Qianhui to her. If that was the case, wouldn't the Chu Family help out with the Shen Family's business?

Even for the Z Corporation, after they learned that Shen Qianhui had one-third of the inheritance, they would surely give the Shen Family some face and continue with the cooperation.

In the past, her brain must have turned to mush. Why did she use the stupidest method?

And she understood Shen Qianhui very deeply. Although Shen Qianhui was very kindhearted, she would never change her mind after making a decision. This was why even if Matriarch Shen wanted to use such conditions to entice her to go back home, Shen Qianhui would never agree.

Hence, Matriarch Shen was using this method. She wanted to use public opinion and forced her to go back!

Didn't Shen Ruoqing give birth to some children for the Chu Family?

Since that was the case, they naturally had to pay attention to their reputation!

Matriarch Shen had planned everything out very well. She even brought the reporters here when Shen Ruoqing wasn't home. This was because she was afraid that the crazy Shen Ruoqing might directly chase her and the reporters out.

At this moment, a group of people carried cameras and followed Matriarch Shen to enter the terrace. After that, they went to the door and stared at this exquisite house. The reporters immediately grew biased and sided with Matriarch Shen.

Although Shen Qianhui was a foster daughter that was chased out from the family, how could she be poor seeing that she was staying in such a nice place?

The Shen Family had given her so much, yet she fell out simply because of a sentence...

However, with her experience as a reporter, Little Xiang managed to maintain her rationality.

After all, this was now just a one-sided story. No matter what, the other party had to respond first.

She knocked on the door.

Jing Zhen's voice rang out. "Who is it?"

After that, he opened the door.

Little Xiang took the microphone and spoke, "Hello, I'm reporter Little Xiang from Little Xiang's Speak Out Programme. Today, I came..."

"Huh? A reporter? F*ck!" Jing Zhen shouted in a low voice before frowning and taking a step back. He warily asked, "How did you guys find out my address? You even came all the way here to interview me! Nowadays, the fans are really scary. Are you a sasaeng*?"

Little Xiang: "?"

Jing Zhen stood up straight. "Sorry, I'm only focused on acting and won't accept any interviews. Thank you for liking me, but please do not disturb my life."

After saying this, he directly closed the door.

Little Xiang: "??"

She was stunned as she looked at the door. Just when she wanted to knock again, she heard a pleasant voice sounding out. "Hubby, who is that?"

"It's a reporter. The reporters nowadays are simply too crazy and actually chased me all the way to our house for an interview. Wifey, quickly go back in. What if they decide to barge into the house and snap photos of us? I'm still in my casual clothes and I have not done my hair yet..."

The woman laughed. "Your psychological baggage as a celebrity is quite heavy..."

The two of them then closed all the blinds and decided not to interact with the people outside.

Little Xiang: "..."

She started before turning to look at the cameraman. Because this was a live stream, she had to pay attention to her words. "Was that a mega-celebrity earlier? He has no make-up on but looks quite handsome. However, why don't I recognize him...?"

[Rows of comments appeared on the bullet curtain*.]

—Who is this? Why is he so handsome?

—Yup and he's so funny. I almost died from laughing!

—Could this family dispute also involve a celebrity? I'm filled with more anticipation now. However, who is that celebrity? He is so handsome, but it's sad that he married so early.

—Is there anyone who can check his information? Who is he exactly? I want all the information about this handsome bro within three minutes!

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The rows of comments made Shen Ruoqing, who was currently watching the live stream, curled her lips into a smile.

Since Jing Zhen was at home, her mother would definitely not suffer a disadvantage.

This was why there was no need for her to rush back. After that, she drank a few mouthfuls of tea leisurely as she continued to watch. Little Xiang knocked on the door again, but no one opened it, so she couldn't carry on with the next step and could only temporarily turn off the stream.

However, this matter slowly became trending.

Downstairs.

Matriarch Chu was personally escorting Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun to the guestroom when the butler quickly ran over and passed her a phone. "Madam, something happened to the Shen Family..."

When Madam Yun heard this, her steps suddenly paused. She then moved to Matriarch Chu's side and asked, "Is it the Shen Family where Little Ye's mother is from?"

Matriarch Chu nodded.

“Let’s quickly take a look…”

[1] Sasaeng – In South Korean culture, a sasaeng, or sasaeng fan, is an obsessive fan who stalks or engages in other behavior constituting an invasion of the privacy of Korean idols, drama actors, or other public figures.

[2] Bullet curtain – something unique to Chinese streaming platforms: It is a form of video commentary used on internet video consisting of scrolling user/viewer messages posted on top of the video in real-time

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Matriarch Chu’s eyes gleamed when she heard this. She smiled. “Don’t worry, you guys should rest quickly. It must have been a tiring journey here.”

Madam Yun pondered for a moment before saying, “Okay then.”

After they entered the room, Yun Zhengyang, who looked very cultured, asked. “Matriarch Chu seems to be hiding something?”

Madam Yun laughed. “It looks like my sister is very fond of her daughter-in-law. She doesn’t want to wash her house’s dirty linens in public because she is afraid I might look down on Little Ye’s mother if I saw the live stream.”

She took her phone out. “I initially wasn’t interested in this, but the more she doesn’t want me to know, the more I have to know.”

Yun Zhengyang wasn’t interested in the strange thoughts of women. He merely rubbed his glabella in response.

Madam Yun’s expression grew heavy when she saw that. “Are you not feeling well?”

“A little.”

“Rest well then.”

Outside the door.

After Matriarch Chu and her butler walked far away, she then instructed, “Don’t mention anything about the Shen Family before my relatives in the future.”

The butler immediately understood. “Noted.”

The butler then asked, “In that case, what should we do about the Shen Family…”

Matriarch Chu contemplated before suddenly speaking, "Go and tell Lu Cheng about his matter and get Cichen to take charge. I'm already old, how would I know what is happening to the Shen Family?"

The butler smiled. "Are you creating a chance for Young Master Chen and Miss Shen?"

Matriarch Chu rolled her eyes at the butler. "You are indeed very smart. Okay, go and help the Yun Family search for their missing person. You can investigate all women around 48 years old in the Sea City and check using the parameters that she was fostered, and her previous generation came from Ford City..."

"Roger."

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In the study.

Chu Cichen sat on the sofa. Even when handling things at home, he was also dressed in a black shirt that showed off his lanky figure. His brows were slightly furrowed, and he looked imposing without being angry.

Lu Chen was still wearing his flora shirt, and he was sitting limply opposite Chu Cichen. "Bro Chen, who the hell is Prof. Z? I searched almost the entire Sea City, but I couldn't find him!"

Chu Cichen narrowed his eyes and spoke coldly, "Trash."

This word immediately caused Lu Chen to sit up straight. He explained, "It isn't easy to deal with Lu Hui either. I invited him a few times to drink, but he is extremely tight-lipped. He only told me that Professor Z was busy with important things and had no time for us."

He secretly cast a glance at Chu Cichen and asked probingly, "The Z Corporation is like a dark horse that suddenly emerged. Their development speed is actually equal to the Chu Corporation. Since they are so arrogant, why don't we just buy the entire Z Corporation?"

Chu Cichen shot an icy look at him. "I've said that we must be low-profile when we are back in the country."

Lu Cheng still wanted to say something, but Chu Cichen warned him, "Stop your gangster thoughts and go find him."

"...Okay."

Lu Cheng stood up and walked out. But just when he was at the door, his phone rang. He took a look and discovered that the butler had sent him a link. After that, he opened it up and watched it before glancing at Chu Cichen. "Bro Chen, look at this."

The video link was the video of Matriarch Shen and reporter Little Xiang's interactions. Because Jing Zhen didn't open the door, they basically couldn't enter Shen Qianhui's house. So, Matriarch Shen made a scene and started crying. "Daughter, I know I'm wrong. Come home with me!"

All the comments below were one-sided ones.

—This old madam looks so so so pitiful.

—Although the old madam shouldn't favor males over females, she is already so old. Just think about it, it's very normal for people in our grandparents' era to favor males over females. In addition, she raised her foster daughter to 43 years old. She has done enough.

—The foster daughter is simply too ruthless.

—She has not raised a daughter but a thankless wretch instead!

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Lu Cheng looked at Chu Cichen and knew that he didn't understand the situation. Hence, he explained, "Back then, when Shen Ruoqing was pregnant despite not being married, the Shen Family found this very embarrassing, so they expelled Shen Ruoqing and her parents... They had no idea that she was pregnant with the Chu Family bloodline. Now, before Shen Ruoqing even joins the Chu Family, the Shen Family is already hankering for benefits. How ugly must their personalities be?"

Chu Cichen frowned and didn't reply.

At this moment, the door to his room was pushed open, and Chu Tianye's small figure rushed in. "Daddy, are you guys done? My mommy is here, and she wants to see you."

After hearing this, Lu Cheng immediately spoke, "Bro Chen, she must be here to look for your help. Just sit and relax. I can handle such a minor matter~"

However, before he could finish speaking, Chu Cichen already stood up. He tidied his clothes and followed Chu Tianye out. "Where is she?"

Chu Tianye held his hands. "Daddy, you have to give me \$50 if I bring you there. Also, when mommy asked me to come to send you a message, that is chargeable too. So, it will be a total of \$100 okay~"

“ ... ”

Chu Yu's room was down below, so Chu Cichen went down with Chu Tianye. Lu Cheng then followed them and made a comment.

“Bro Chen, Shen Ruoqing's family background is even inferior to Lin Wanru's. It's really pitiful that the three children have such a mother and also a bunch of shameless relatives hankering after profits and benefits...How can Shen Ruoqing be compatible with you?”

Chu Tianye immediately became like an angry cat with its fur standing on its end. “Who else is compatible with daddy then?”

He looked as though he was going to rush over and start biting Lu Cheng.

“Either someone from a prominent family background or a very capable individual.”

“In terms of family background, no other families in the Sea City can be compared to the Chu Family. Z Corporation can barely be considered one and...the Yun Family. However, the Yun Family is from Ford City. They are the wealthiest family there, so descendants from their family might barely be able to match up with Bro Chen.”

“Or maybe, someone like Professor Z. A capable person would always be able to obtain respect.”

Chu Tianye: “?”

His “fur” immediately smoothed.

He then nodded. “Hmm, you are very correct~”

He also felt that his daddy and mommy were very compatible!

When Chu Cichen heard Chu Tianye's words, he frowned. He thought that Chu Tianye was despising Shen Ruoqing because of her background and her not being capable enough.

Hence, Chu Cichen halted and suddenly turned to look at Chu Tianye, wanting to educate him. “Little Ye, children should never blame their parents. It isn't easy for your mother to bring you and Little Meng up all by herself...”

Chu Tianye subconsciously said, “Right, my mother has to wake up every day to...”

(Eh? What excuse did I fabricate when I spoke to daddy before?)

(Sweeping the streets? Cleaning the toilet? Doing food delivery? Shifting bricks?)

Lu Cheng sneered. "You don't have to speak up for her. I've checked the facts. Your mother wasn't so hardworking. She simply stayed at home and lived off her parents. In these past five years, she lazed around at home and has never found a job before."

Chu Tianye hated people despising Shen Ruoqing the most.

He coldly laughed and looked at Lu Cheng. "You should go check your eyes. You are so young, yet why are your eyes so bad? Let me tell you something. My mommy is super impressive!"

Lu Cheng grinned. "Is living off her parents impressive? But then again, she's really impressive when it comes to fighting."

"..."

Chu Tianye looked at Lu Cheng and suddenly spoke. "Uncle, I'll tell you a secret."

"My mommy is actually...Professor Z!"

Chapter 45: Shen Qianhui Is My Aunt's Daughter!

Lu Cheng seemed to have been given a bad fright. "What? Is that true?"

Chu Tianye raised his chin proudly.

At the next moment, Lu Cheng burst out laughing. "You might as well say that she's the daughter that the Yun Family lost a long time ago! That would be more convincing than to say that she's Prof. Z! Prof. Z is a guy!"

Chu Tianye: "?"

Chu Tianye looked at Lu Cheng as if he was looking at a fool. "Forget it, I won't hold it against an idiot."

Lu Cheng: "..."

As they spoke, the three of them came to Chu Yu's bedroom. Chu Cichen brought Chu Tianye into the bedroom. But when he saw that Lu Cheng was planning to go with them, he suddenly turned around and closed the door.

With a bang, he shut Lu Cheng outside, almost hitting him in the nose.

Lu Cheng: "..."

Chu Cichen looked at the woman in front of him. She was sitting leisurely on the sofa with her head lowered, holding her phone. Chu Cichen didn't know what she was doing or to whom she was sending a message. After that, she looked up upon noticing his arrival. Chu Yu sat obediently beside her and played with the Alaskan Malamute puppy. As for his daughter, Little Meng, she was sitting in the corner reading a book.

The scene in front of him was very realistic and had the warmth of an ordinary person. It made Chu Cichen subconsciously feel relaxed. He strode forward and arrived in front of Shen Ruoqing.

This was the only sofa in Chu Yu's room. After the three of them sat on it, Chu Cichen could only remain standing.

Shen Ruoqing raised her brows, put down her phone, and looked at him.

Chu Yu's room was very big, being a 100-square meter bedroom suite. It didn't seem packed with the four of them in the room, but when Chu Cichen stood there, his tall figure instantly made the room appear cramped.

As Chu Cichen was thinking, a chair was pushed behind him. Chu Tianye smiled. "Daddy, have a seat!"

Chu Cichen looked at that chair and sat down.

The chair was custom-made for Chu Yu, so when his tall figure sat on this small chair, the scene looked a little funny.

Chu Cichen also noticed this. He lowered his gaze calmly and knocked on the chair's handle with his fingers a few times.

This action...

Shen Ruoqing clenched her fingers.

Five years ago, "he" also had the same habit. Every time he felt nervous or uncomfortable, he'd subconsciously knocked his fingers a few times.

Therefore, Chu Cichen was that guy!

A person might be able to change in some aspects but not their habits!

"Miss Shen, do you need help?"

Chu Cichen's deep voice pulled Shen Ruoqing back to her senses. She was stunned for a moment. "What?"

“The matter with the Shen Family.”

Only then did Shen Ruoqing understand what he was talking about. She waved her hand. “No need. I would like to ask you a few questions.”

“On this day, five years ago, where were you?”

Today was a weekend.

On this day five years ago, Chu Cichen had professed his love to her.

Until now, she still remembered the guy who had stood in front of her shyly, as if he didn't dare to look into her eyes. He asked, “Miss Shen, can you be my girlfriend?”

In return, she smiled. “Okay.”

After that, the guy's ears turned red.

Right now, Chu Cichen stared at her. The woman seemed to be thinking of something. Although her lips had only curled up ever so slightly, the smile was very strong.

She must have recalled things about her boyfriend...

Chu Cichen lowered his head and carefully thought back on the past. He said, “I was in F. Country.”

Shen Ruoqing frowned. “Are you sure?”

“Yes.”

The events didn't add up then.

Disappointment appeared in her gaze again.

This gaze made Chu Cichen's countenance turn cold.

He lowered his head and said softly, “Miss Shen, don't attempt to prove things anymore. I've said it before. I didn't lose my memories and remember things very clearly.”

He looked down at his wristwatch, his tone icy-cold. “I'm sorry, I have an overseas meeting in five minutes.”

After saying this, he stood up. However, when he was about to head out, he turned back. “If you need help regarding the matter concerning the Shen Family, you can give me a call.”

Shen Ruoqing understood the hidden meanings behind his words—don't look for him unless there was a reason to do so.

Bang.

The door was closed.

Shen Ruoqing let out another sigh.

She knew that this man was very busy. If it wasn't for the account of the three children, he would definitely not have come to meet her. Take for example when she had gone to the Chu Corporation back then. It was impossible to meet an important figure like him without making an appointment in advance.

—

When Lu Cheng saw Chu Cichen coming out, he quickly went up to him. "Bro Chen, she asked you for help, didn't she? This matter can be resolved with just a simple call. That Little Xiang is just a host. Do you need me to make the call now?"

Chu Cichen said, "No need."

He then headed upstairs.

Lu Cheng was surprised. "Huh? Isn't the reason why she looked for you to ask you for help? Isn't this woman being too relaxed? She sponges off her parents, but she doesn't care when such a thing happens to her parents? For this matter, we just need to get our company's technical staff to hack this post and it won't receive attention... It just takes one word..."

As he spoke, he casually tapped open the link from earlier, only to realize that the post was already gone!

"Hmm? The post was deleted! Which hero couldn't stand seeing this and did this?"

Lu Cheng just exclaimed this when he frowned again, his tone turning solemn. "Bro Chen, this is bad. That old witch used an ultimate move!"

Shen Ruoqing could hack a post and suppress the live stream's popularity. What she didn't expect was that something beyond her expectation was taking place.

At the moment Jing Zhen appeared in the video, although it was with his bare face, his disposition and looks were too outstanding. Hence, Little Xiang's fans saw him and someone took a screenshot of his photo, uploading it onto Weibo.

Thereafter, Jing Zhen, who had always been a background actor, suddenly shot to fame!

The entire Internet was searching for who this handsome-looking uncle was!

This led to the event receiving attention. Shen Ruoqing suddenly didn't know if she should feel happy for Jing Zhen or feel troubled for Shen Qianhui.

Meanwhile, the media worker, Little Xiang, was very efficient and made use of this rising popularity, taking the opportunity to turn on the live stream again. "Yes, that turned out to be a bit of a joke. The guy should be a celebrity. He's really very good-looking, but it's a pity that they refuse to open the door... Back to the topic, the reason why we're actually here is to resolve the conflict between the mother and daughter..."

When Matriarch Shen, who was at the side, saw the door being shut, she knew that there was no way to resolve this matter if Shen Qianhui simply refused to open the door.

She then suddenly clutched her chest and leaned against Shen Ruotong.

Shen Ruotong immediately understood her intent. "Grandmother! Grandmother, what's wrong? Someone, help! Grandmother has been driven sick from anger by Aunt!"

Little Xiang immediately went over to help Matriarch Shen. "Ms. Yun, should we head to the hospital first?"

Matriarch Shen replied weakly, "No, I must receive my daughter's forgiveness today. Otherwise, I won't leave! I'm afraid that I won't be able to wake up after going to the hospital and will die without peace of mind!"

At this moment, the bullet curtain* of the live stream was instantly flooded with people scolding Shen Qianhui for being heartless and ungrateful.

The popularity of this matter instantly exploded.

In the Chu Family's guest room...

Yun Zhengyang was watching his wife staring at the live stream. He couldn't help but frown and said, "Can viewing this stream help us find the person we're looking for?"

However, Ms. Yun seemed stunned as she turned to look at him. "Zhengyang, can I say that I've really found her?"

Yun Zhengyang: "??"

Footnote:

[1] Bullet curtain is a form of video commentary used on Internet video consisting of scrolling user/viewer messages posted on top of the video in real-time.

Chapter 46: Family Dispute!

At the Shen Family's residence.

Although Little Xiang's post had been hacked, due to an unexpected turn of events, the live stream's popularity exploded due to Jing Zhen.

The topic #FairFacePeachBlossomEyes, #ReflectedThroughAGreenJadeFan became a popular search on the Internet. When it was clicked, people could see the screenshot of the video taken by Little Xiang's fan.

Jing Zhen was really good-looking.

The most unique thing about him was his peach blossom eyes. The corners of his eyes were slightly raised and his eyes were dreamy with a faint blush around them. Moreover, his long eyelashes covered his eyes, and the smile on his lips looked a little devilish.

There were no wrinkles on his face, and it was hard to tell his age.

Therefore, a big bunch of people in the comments section called him 'older brother'. Everyone wanted to know who this male celebrity was.

Through the leads on the Internet, everyone gushed into Little Xiang's live stream

In the live stream, all the comments on the bullet curtain were asking:

——Where is the fair face guy with peach blossom eyes?

——Asking the same question as above. Why do I only see an old lady and not the handsome guy?

Some people replied to these viewers' questions, saying that the handsome guy was inside the terrace. The door wasn't opened yet, and they should just wait quietly. It was only then did everyone notice that this was a streamer who focused on helping people to mediate relationships.

Shen Ruotong cried in the direction of the terrace and repeated, "Aunt, please open the door. How can you be so heartless? Are you just going to watch and ignore things as Grandmother collapses?"

“Aunt, Grandmother knows that you’re angry because of the uneven distribution of the family assets, thus wanting to cut off all ties with us. Grandmother knows that she’s wrong now. She’s willing to split the inheritance equally into three portions and give you one of them!

“No matter what, Grandmother had put in great effort into raising you and sending you to university. As a child, can you really cut off ties with your parents?”

As Shen Ruotong shouted this, the people who had just joined the live stream immediately knew what this matter was about.

——Most children are all heartless toward their parents.

——I agree with what the previous person said. If children recognize their mistakes, their parents will definitely forgive them.

——I just became a fan of this cute brother*, but am I going to be disappointed so quickly...

——Ahhhhhh, that handsome guy is clearly naturally good-looking. It’s impossible to create such an exquisite face through cosmetic surgery. How can something like this happen?

——Previous poster, don’t be anxious. What if the tables turn around later in such family disputes?

Of course, since Matriarch Shen went to look for Little Xiang, she must have done ample preparations. She paid for a water army* and right now, the members of the water army started ‘attacking’.

——Stop finding excuses. That daughter doesn’t even dare to come out. She must be feeling guilty!

——I happen to stay near them. This daughter is really heartless toward her mother. Her mother came to look for her a few times, but she refused to acknowledge her! In this day and age, are money and inheritance really so important?

——Your parents’ money belongs to them. Even if they aren’t left behind for you, can you ignore the fact that they have raised you? Moreover, your mother has realized her mistake and is planning to give a share to you now.

——This daughter is really inhuman. Her mother has gone to such lengths, but she still refuses to give in...

These comments caused the passersby who weren’t sure of the situation to join in to scold Shen Qianhui.

More and more people joined the live stream. Some neighbors even heard about this matter and came rushing over to watch the show. It wasn't long before Little Xiang and Matriarch Shen were surrounded by people.

When the neighbors saw Matriarch Shen's frail appearance, they couldn't hold it in and helped to call out.

"Madam Shen, come out!"

"Madam Shen, open the door!"

"If there's any issue, just talk things out. Don't leave the elderly out in the scorching sun! She might die!"

With such a big commotion, Jing Zhen was unable to hide things even if he were to use anti-fans as an excuse. When Shen Qianhui heard the noise outside, she opened the door, feeling puzzled.

At the instant the door was opened, the camera aimed straight at her and Jing Zhen.

No matter the time and situation, Shen Qianhui always appeared graceful. She wore a white cheongsam that gave her a refined disposition. However, when the camera was directed at Jing Zhen, he immediately entered his acting mode. He stood upright and tall, even finding the right angle to perfectly present his exceptionally good-looking face to the viewers.

The bullet curtain was instantly covered in screams.

——Ahhhhhh, he's too handsome!

——My mother asked why I'm licking the screen!

——Can someone get me a high-definition image? I want to use it for my wallpaper!

——Although they are a good-looking pair and are a good match for each other, I can't help but want to ask, what shows did the cute brother act in?! To think that I missed out on such good looks?

Seeing that the comments were going off the topic again, the water army and some passersby who liked to create trouble started commenting again.

——Please take note, a big bunch of people are going to feel disappointed later.

——Please be wary when chasing idols! Be careful of the disappointment!

—No matter how good-looking or how rich he is, if there's a problem with the celebrity's personality and perspectives, please don't be their fan~!

—That's right. What's the point of being handsome when this person doesn't even acknowledge his mother? He can only be described as a scum who appears cultured and refined!

...

Shen Qianhui couldn't see the comments on the bullet curtain. She just appeared to be confused as she looked at Matriarch Shen. She asked, feeling puzzled, "Mother, what... are you guys doing?"

Little Xiang dashed to her and said, "Madam Shen, I heard you cut ties with your mother five years ago. Your mother now knows that she's in the wrong. May I ask if you're willing to forgive her?"

Shen Qianhui's pupils contracted and she looked at Matriarch Shen in disbelief. The little bit of kindness and kinship she still had toward her mother now completely dissipated.

Shen Qianhui was an elite in the business world, so how could she not understand what Matriarch Shen was trying to do? How could she not understand what Matriarch Shen was thinking?

Hence, she clenched her fists tightly and no longer acted obediently before Matriarch Shen like she had done in the past. She straightened her posture and looked coldly toward Matriarch Shen. "Mother, is it so hard for you to let our family off?"

The moment she said this, Matriarch Shen's countenance stiffened up slightly.

Shen Qianhui's voice still sounded pleasant, but the coldness in her tone was something that Matriarch Shen had never heard before.

Jing Zhen also spoke up, "Mother-in-law, the Shen Family has made use of Qianhui to earn so much money. Isn't it enough? Why do you still continue to pester us?"

Little Xiang felt like she was hearing a different story from the conversation and asked, "Can you tell us more about it?"

Jing Zhen looked at Shen Qianhui.

She was the one who had feelings for the Shen Family. Jing Zhen didn't know if his wife was willing to expose everything to the public.

Shen Qianhui then took a step forward and stood in front of him. At this moment, the frail-looking woman didn't wish to be protected. She also wanted to be the one to protect her family.

She looked at Matriarch Shen. "Mother, are you sure you want me to explain the entire situation of why I left the family?"

Matriarch Shen's eyes narrowed. "Qianhui, no matter the reason, it's just a conflict between us. Since there's a conflict, we should resolve it. I only want you guys to come back home. We're family. Why can't we resolve the problem and be reunited?"

As Matriarch Shen spoke, she overlooked a luxurious Bentley slowly driving over.

Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun were in the car!

Footnote:

[1] 小哥哥, which we translated as 'cute brother', is an online term that is frequently used to describe good-looking guys. It's a term used when someone wants to express their likes with a hint of intimacy toward the guy.

[2] An Internet water army is a group of users who are paid to post online comments with a vested interest.

Chapter 47: Yun Xiu, What Does She Owe You?

The car stopped not far away. However, just as Madam Yun was about to get out of the car, Yun Zhengyang held her hand and said, "Let's see how the situation unfolds before we go over."

It was only natural that he wasn't going to allow his aunt's child to be bullied. However, if his aunt's daughter was the one being insensible and creating trouble for no reason, the Yun family wasn't going to spoil her!

After all, the Yun Family was the most influential family in Ford City. They had a good background and strict family teaching.

Not far away.

When Matriarch Shen saw that Shen Qianhui still refused to give in, she cried, "Qianhui, I know that I was wrong. It was my fault back then. I shouldn't have chased your entire family out because your daughter got pregnant without being married and caused a scandal... I was driven by anger back then!"

So, it turned out that there was such a scandal.

Little Xiang looked at Shen Qianhui. “Madam Shen, is that true?”

All the neighbors started to persuade Shen Qianhui.

“Madam Shen, your mother is already so old, yet she has come to apologize personally. It’s not right for you to keep her out here...”

“That’s right. How bad can the conflicts between family members be? Moreover, hearing from what the old lady is saying, it’s your daughter who failed to keep herself in check. Your foster mother really hasn’t done anything wrong.”

“Even if your mother did something wrong, given how she’s reflecting on herself now, you should let the past be bygone...”

“She has raised you for 43 years. You can’t be an ingrate!”

“...”

Shen Qianhui clenched her fists and inhaled deeply. “Isn’t the true reason because my daughter lost the value of bringing the family into a political marriage? That is why you drove us out.”

Matriarch Shen held onto her chest, pretending to be very sad. “How... How could you think that of me?”

Shen Ruotong also shouted, “Auntie, Grandmother lost her appetite because of you! How can you slander her like this?”

Matriarch Shen suddenly knelt before Shen Qianhui.

“Qianhui, bring the children back home. I’m old and don’t have many years left to live. I only want our family to be reunited... Tell me, what do I have to do for you to forgive me? I’ll do everything you say!”

The live stream’s bullet curtain exploded.

——My god...I cried when I heard this. I feel pity for the devotion of all parents in the world to their children.

——Children are all very rebellious. How many people fell out with their family because of their love relationships? However, even though the parents drove the children out, would they really not let you go back if you were to return?

—Turns out that she's an adopted daughter. It seems that the old lady was already very good to her.

—This good-looking cute brother's character is really bad. I'm not going to be his fan anymore!

...

Amidst everyone's finger pointing, Shen Qianhui's side was immediately disadvantaged.

Matriarch Shen was old. She was clutching her chest, crying and pleading for forgiveness. Next to her, Shen Ruotong kept on adding fuel to the fire. The two of them appeared very pitiful.

In comparison, Shen Qianhui and Jing Zhen looked dazzling.

People always pitied the weak. In addition to how Matriarch Shen avoided speaking of serious matters and only spoke about the minor issues, everyone inevitably was more inclined to support her.

Little Xiang also tried to mediate the situation. "Madam Shen, even if she isn't your birth mother, she has raised you up after all. Moreover, she also allowed your husband to marry into the family. This is already a type of affinity. The old lady is getting on in age, and your relationship was so good in the past. Why not put the feud down and get along harmoniously as a family?"

"As children, we are unable to give back to our parents the way our parents treated us. We're forever indebted to our parents. She has raised you, and you should provide for her in her old age. This is the most romantic thing in the world. Madam Shen, what do you think? Or if you have any requests for her, you can raise them too."

Shen Qianhui said firmly, "My only request is for our families to not contact each other anymore. Mother, the Shen Family has enough money to spend now. Can you stop trying to get more benefits by making use of my daughter?"

Matriarch Shen's crying voice paused.

"How can you think of me like this? I swear it's definitely not because of money that I want you guys to come back home! It's also not because your daughter has gotten married to a good family! Why don't we do this? I'll write a pledge that I'll not let the family of your daughter's husband give us money. How about that?"

Even if they didn't ask for money, they could still obtain a lot of benefits by making use of their identities as the Chu Family's in-laws.

Shen Qianhui understood Matriarch Shen all too well.

Shen Ruotong also shouted, "Aunt, that's enough from you guys! Are you guys really so blinded by money? Grandmother just wants the family to be reunited. Is it so hard to fulfill this small wish of hers?"

The people around them also started commenting.

"It seems to me like you're the one who's thinking about nothing but money! You got angry because you didn't get a share of the family assets, cutting off ties with your maiden family. Now, you keep talking about money, money, money..."

Little Xiang also frowned. "Madam Shen, your mother has said so much. Why are you still unwilling to give in? Even though money is important, isn't kinship the most precious thing?"

Shen Qianhui looked at the crowd and knew that no one believed them...

When Shen Ruojing rushed over on her motorbike, this was the scene she saw.

Shen Ruojing's motorbike passed by the luxurious Bentley, and she took a look at it curiously. However, she didn't pause for long but dashed straight into the crowd. She took off her helmet, her feet supporting her motorbike upright. She then looked at Matriarch Shen and asked, "Are you sure that you aren't doing this for money?"

Matriarch Shen was about to rebut when Shen Ruojing took out her phone and tapped on it. The next moment, the speakers were turned up and Matriarch Shen's voice rang out.

"Chase this mother and daughter out! Don't allow them to come back here ever again! One more thing, Shen Qianhui, you're fired! You aren't allowed to go to the company anymore!"

"Mother? I've just negotiated a big deal for the company and the contract is going to be signed soon..."

"That's right. You helped us negotiate a collaboration with the Z Corporation, so the Shen Family won't have to worry about food and clothing for the next few decades. Just let your younger brother take care of the contract signing. Why is there a need to keep you? Scram!"

This was what Matriarch Shen had said back then when Madam Lin went to the Shen Manor.

Now that the recording was played, everyone instantly fell silent.

Shen Ruojing stared at them and said coldly, "I've collected a lot of similar things you said over the years. Do you want to listen to more of them?"

“ ”
...

Matriarch Shen then glared at her and sat down on the floor, crying even louder.

“Qianhui, you’re so heartless. How can you treat me like this? When you were young, all the good food in the family was given to you. I worked hard outside to raise you...

“When you were young, you said that your birth parents didn’t want you anymore and that I was your mother because I’ve raised you. You said that you’d treat me well... What sin have I committed? Is this how the daughter I adopted out of kindness treats me when I’ve gotten old? ...

“So what if I want to borrow some of the glory? I’m your adoptive mother! You were raised by me! You owe me! If you don’t provide for me in my old age, I’ll sue you!”

People in the crowd and the viewers on the bullet curtain all started discussing too. They were split into two groups. One group felt that Shen Qianhui shouldn’t forgive Matriarch Shen, but the other group, led by the water army, felt that what Matriarch Shen said made sense.

—The debt of raising oneself is bigger than heaven itself. Moreover, she is her adoptive mother. If even an adopted daughter could be such an ingrate, would there be anyone in the world willing to adopt children anymore?

—I agree with the previous opinion. Since she has received the favor, then she has the responsibility to return the debt.

...

Matriarch Shen’s eyes were gleaming.

She had brought up Shen Qianhui. She was on the side of righteousness! No one could reproach her!!!

Just as the Internet was thrown into a mess and Matriarch Shen was feeling very proud, Madam Yun suddenly bellowed sharply from the side.

“Yun Xiu! Let me hear it too. What does she owe you?!”

Chapter 48: Jing Zhen’s Identity

Matriarch Shen was now standing at the peak of morality.

It was a norm for the wealthy people in the country to not distribute their assets fairly to their descendants. For the family business to develop, they couldn't possibly split the shares evenly. Hence, some children would always feel aggrieved.

Moreover, Matriarch Shen was Shen Qianhui's adoptive mother. Although in the eyes of the law, adoptive children had equal rights to inheritance, on moral grounds, most adoptive children would take the initiative to give in.

After all, things were like what Matriarch Shen had said. To an orphan, giving them a family and raising them up was already considered a favor. One must know contentment.

This was also the reason why most people criticized Shen Qianhui.

Without the Shen Family, Shen Qianhui might have to stay in the orphanage for life and would be chased out at the age of 18 to be independent. Moreover, it would be a problem whether she would be able to attend university or not. How could she possibly have become the talented elite she was today?

Even Shen Qianhui herself thought the same.

Therefore, after she could earn money, she worked very hard for the Shen Family's company.

Given her capabilities, how could she not understand that Matriarch Shen was just making use of her?

However, in the past, Shen Qianhui felt that even though Matriarch Shen was making use of her, she did have feelings for her. Therefore, despite knowing these things, Shen Qianhui never complained. She just wanted to do more work and let Matriarch Shen see her value and be closer to her.

People who were lacking in love had to use their entire lifetime to heal the hurt they received from their childhood.

This was also why both Shen Ruojing and Jing Zhen had never exposed the facade in front of Shen Qianhui despite having seen through Matriarch Shen.

Shen Qianhui knew that after today, she would definitely be subject to condemnation from the public. However, although she could accept herself working for the Shen Family for the rest of her life, she wasn't going to allow her daughter to do the same.

Shen Qianhui was already prepared to be scolded, but who was this random person that suddenly popped out?

Yun Xiu... This was Matriarch Shen's name. How did she know that?

It had been a very long time since someone had called Matriarch Shen by her name, so she was stunned for a short moment when she heard it. She thought that it was an old affiliate from Sea City.

Matriarch Shen then looked toward Madam Yun. From this lady's dignified and graceful appearance, Matriarch Shen knew that the latter was from an extraordinary background. She couldn't help but ask, "Madam, you are...?"

Madam Yun lowered her head and replied indifferently, "I'm from the Yun Family."

Yun...

Other people might just find this surname uncommon, but they wouldn't think too much about it. However, when Matriarch Shen heard this, she felt something explode in her brain.

Over the years, she had been making use of the money the young miss had given to Shen Qianhui for her own family business. However, Shen Qianhui didn't know that. In the past, the company had been under Shen Qianhui's name!

But Yun Xiu's young miss had passed away five years ago.

Before her death, she had informed Matriarch Shen that no one from the Yun Family would come to disturb them. She told Matriarch Shen to rest assured.

That was why Matriarch Shen suddenly pushed things to even greater intensity, driving Shen Qianhui out of the house and even changing the name of the company's legal owner.

At this moment, Matriarch Shen looked at Madam Yun in disbelief. Her face turned completely pale.

Madam Yun took another step forward and stood between Matriarch Shen and Shen Qianhui. Her voice was slow, but everyone nearby could hear her. "I never knew that when a nanny was hired to take care of a child, the child would grow up to be indebted to the nanny for raising them up. What kind of reasoning is this?"

Her words shocked everyone here.

Little Xiang was sensitive and caught the gist of the content. She was astonished and asked, "Madam, what do you mean?"

When the cameraman heard her words, he planned on turning the camera at Madam Yun, but the latter looked at him calmly. Her gaze was so imposing that the cameraman didn't dare to move.

Madam Yun had her back to the camera and said softly, "My aunt had hired Yun Xiu as a nanny, paying her \$20,000 each month to take care of my cousin. I heard that in the past years, this nanny's salary was raised to \$100,000. However, I didn't expect that after my aunt passed away, Yun Xiu, a mere servant, actually had the audacity to bully her young miss. I heard a mention of the Shen Family's company earlier... Isn't that my cousin's company? When did it become the Shen Family's?"

Her words made Little Xiang, the surrounding neighbors, and everyone on the Internet understood what had happened.

(What adoptive mother? You're just a hired nanny!)

Little Xiang was shocked as she looked toward Matriarch Shen. "Mrs. Yun, is what this madam said true?"

How could Matriarch Shen possibly dare say no?!

Other people might not know who this person was, but Matriarch Shen knew it very well!

The Yun Family was the most affluent family in Ford City. Their influence in Ford City was like the Chu Family in Sea City!

Hence, Matriarch Shen turned limp and fell to the ground. Although she didn't admit it, her appearance already made everyone understand what the truth was.

Feeling puzzled, Little Xiang asked, "Since Madam Shen is your cousin, why hasn't anyone from the Yun Family come to acknowledge her for so many years?"

Madam Yun looked calmly at her and then gave a faint smile. "This is our family matter, so I won't be troubling reporters to take too much note of it. If there's nothing else, you guys can leave now."

Little Xiang: "..."

Although she knew that there were a lot more materials to get from them, she had gained enough views today. Moreover, this madam gave off a strong disposition, causing her to not dare to rebut her. Hence, Little Xiang nodded. After giving a concluding statement, she ended the live stream.

At this moment, the tables had shockingly turned for the bullet curtain situation. There were people who scolded Matriarch Shen, as well as comments about Jing Zhen.

——My god! To think that this cute brother has filmed so many movies! To think that I didn't realize this before!

—He plays the role of a soldier. In such a big scene, how could you possibly notice him?

—Ahhhhh! I found the cute brother's Weibo account! He's called Jing Zhen! Sisters, go and follow him!!!

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The live stream was turned off and Little Xiang left. The neighbors wanted to stay to watch the show, but Shen Ruojing had invited everyone that had a connection into her house and closed the door.

Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun sat on the sofa while Shen Qianhui seemed to be in a bit of a daze.

A few days ago, she was still telling Jing Zhen how she didn't know who her parents were. Thus, she didn't expect her family members to come to their door...

Matriarch Shen sat on the living room's floor, and Shen Ruotong was also shocked and at a loss. She shook Matriarch Shen's arm and asked, "Grandmother, what is going on? I'm a rich daughter of an affluent family! How can I be a servant's granddaughter?! And Shen Ruojing is supposed to be an adopted daughter's child. How did she become a rich daughter of an affluent family?"

Rich daughter of an affluent family... servant...

These words agitated Matriarch Shen. She knew that things were over for her, and she was going to lose all the riches they had gotten. She looked viciously at Shen Qianhui. "What rich daughter of an affluent family? So what if you're from the Yun Family? Right now, you're just married to a small-time actor. You're just Madam Jing! You're no longer part of the distinguished Yun Family! It's even worse for Shen Ruojing! She's just the daughter of a small-time actor!"

She then shouted at Madam Yun, "You guys came looking for her, wanting to reestablish relationships with her? What then? No matter how much the Yun Family compensates her, her husband's family is still unpresentable! She'll forever be the wife of this trashy small-time celebrity!"

Madam Yun looked at Jing Zhen.

He was leaning back on the sofa, assuming a leisurely pose. He gave off a strong presence that made it hard for others to ignore him.

Shen Ruojing, who was standing next to him, raised her brows. As long as her father didn't say anything, he would have a strong disposition.

She was just thinking this when she suddenly detected an assessing gaze.

She turned and looked over to see that Yun Zhengyang was looking at Jing Zhen with a doubtful and unsettled expression. Yun Zhengyang seemed hesitant. He then pushed his glasses up his nose and sat up straight before looking respectfully at Jing Zhen. "Why are you* here?"

Footnote:

[1] When Yun Zhengyang spoke to Jing Zhen, he used a more respectful form of 'you'. It is usually used to address one's superiors, elders, or people of higher statuses.

Chapter 49: Hidden Identity?

Yun Zhengyang's words made everyone dumbfounded.

Madam Yun and Shen Qianhui seemed perplexed.

Even Shen Ruoqing raised her brows and looked at Jing Zhen.

Could her father be some kind of important figure?

As Shen Ruoqing was thinking this, Jing Zhen asked, looking puzzled, "This is my house. Where would I be if not here?"

Yun Zhengyang stared at Jing Zhen's face. The latter's peach blossom eyes were filled with an innocent gaze, and he was also sizing Yun Zhengyang up. "Who are you? Why did you say that you're my wife's cousin? What cousin?"

This frivolous tone, this silly expression...

Yun Zhengyang retracted his gaze and sighed quietly. "I'm sorry, I mistook you for someone else."

Jing Zhen: "?"

He then flew into a rage. "Hey, what are you talking about? You better explain things clearly! My face is so unique, so how could you have mistaken me for someone else? Moreover, who can be more handsome than I am?!"

The contempt in Yun Zhengyang's gaze became even stronger. He looked at Shen Qianhui and changed the topic. "The Shen Family misappropriated the money Aunt left for you and also changed the legal owner of the company without you knowing. These

acts are considered financial crimes. The Shen Family's business will be returned to you. As for Yun Xiu, how are you planning on dealing with her?"

Shen Ruotong instantly clutched Matriarch Shen's clothes tightly. "What financial crime? The Shen Family's business belongs to us! How is it hers?! I understand now. Shen Ruoqing, are you using Mr. Chu to oppress us because you've given birth to his children?"

Matriarch Shen looked at Shen Qianhui. "How are you going to deal with me?"

Shen Qianhui stared at her "adoptive mother".

Since young, her adoptive mother couldn't be considered to have treated her well, but she hadn't treated her shabbily either. Matriarch Shen was always scolding her, but when Shen Qianhui saw that other mothers were also impatient toward their children, she thought that such behavior was normal.

It was until Shen Qianhui's two younger brothers were born that she realized that her adoptive mother never scolded them.

Back then, Shen Qianhui understood that she was different from her two younger brothers. She was an adopted child, so she should do more for the family.

Therefore, from a young age, she was very diligent in doing household chores. No matter what good food there was in the family, she'd take the initiative to give them to her younger brothers. She also helped to teach her younger brothers in their schoolwork.

Shen Qianhui had always thought that she was of a lower status than her two brothers. Matriarch Shen also kept on reminding her all the time that she was her adoptive mother, and told Shen Qianhui to not forget about the favor the Shen Family had given to her.

But now she understood that everything was the other way around!

She had never owed Matriarch Shen anything!

Shen Qianhui clenched her fists. "Just let the law deal with them accordingly..."

"Alright."

Yun Zhengyang gestured to his assistant with a glance, and the latter immediately made the necessary arrangements. It wasn't long before the police came and took the cursing Matriarch Shen away.

After the assistant returned from making a phone call, he said, "The Yun Family's legal team will be taking the plane tonight to come here. We'll be able to file a legal lawsuit against her tomorrow. I've just spoken to the legal team over the phone. They said that the involved money is too big and Matriarch Shen can be sentenced to imprisonment for ten years or more. The good thing is the Shen Manor and money can be reclaimed. Madam Shen, how would you like to deal with those?"

Shen Qianhui lowered her head.

She was already 48 years old, but only now did she know her true identity, that she didn't have to lower her head to others. But weren't all these too late?

As Shen Qianhui was thinking about these things, Jing Zhen hooked his arms around her. "Honey, we're now rich, right? I can afford to pay the penalty for terminating my contract! Are you able to invest in a film for me now?"

Shen Qianhui was stunned.

Maybe it wasn't too late. After all, her husband's wish was to become an international star. Since that was the case, she had to help him achieve his goal no matter what.

Shen Qianhui lowered her head. "Alright."

Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun saw that Shen Qianhui's level of interest wasn't high and felt a little awkward. After all, they weren't on close terms, and Shen Qianhui didn't have a sense of belonging to the Yun Family. Therefore, Yun Zhengyang then said that they were going to take their leave.

Shen Ruoqing watched as the two of them headed out. After some thought, she followed behind them and rode on her motorbike to the Chu Manor to pick Chu Yu up.

After Yun Zhengyang and Madam Yun returned to the Chu Manor, Matriarch Chu came out to welcome them personally. She held Madam Yun's hands and said, "I really didn't expect that our future in-laws turned out to be Aunt Yun's daughter!"

Madam Yun took a few looks at her. "You've expected this long ago, right?"

She suddenly realized that when Chu Tianye had come downstairs and had been about to mention Matriarch Shen's name, he had been interrupted by Matriarch Chu. Thereafter, the butler mentioned the Shen Family's matter and when Madam Yun wanted to watch the show, Matriarch Chu interfered again.

The Shen Family was going to become the Chu Family's in-laws, so Madam Yun didn't believe that this sister of hers hadn't tried to find out about their family!

Matriarch Chu's gaze flickered and she said, "That's right. When you brought this matter up, I already guessed that it's their family."

"Then why didn't you tell me that earlier?!" Madam Yun pretended to be angry.

However, Matriarch Chu didn't seem to feel guilty at all. "The Yun Family must have known long ago that Aunt Yun has a daughter outside, right? No one came to look for her over so many years, but you guys suddenly came. Moreover, you didn't even tell me what's the reason you're looking for her, so why should I tell you who she is?"

Madam Yun: "..."

Matriarch Chu straightened her back and said, "Your husband isn't a philanthropist. Are you looking for her to have a share of the family assets? Moreover, even though you guys seemed to have helped her today, you didn't make it clear to the public that she's the Yun Family's young miss... So, are you still planning to hide your motive on why you're looking for her?"

Madam Yun lowered her head, looking dejected.

Matriarch Chu said, "Alright, if you don't want to say it, then don't... But if you guys are planning to do anything bad to her, I'll stand up for my in-laws!"

Upstairs.

Shen Ruoqing had ridden her motorbike with great speed and arrived faster than the Yun Family did. Right now, she was waiting for Chu Yu to pack his usual homework so that he could bring them back to work on them.

It was very rare that Chu Xiaomeng abandoned her books and came to send her off.

Shen Ruoqing took Chu Yu's hand and had just stepped out when she saw Lu Cheng coming out from Chu Cichen's study sheepishly. He had clearly been given a scolding again.

When Lu Cheng saw them, he immediately said enviously, "I suddenly understand why you're so free every day. One should enjoy life when they are young, unlike me, being overwhelmed with work every day, working like a dog..."

Recently, in order to find Prof. Z, he had almost combed through the entire Sea City. His legs had become slimmer as a result of this!

Shen Ruoqing paid him no heed.

However, Chu Xiaomeng said softly, "But Uncle, dogs aren't tired at all~"

Lu Cheng: “??”

This was a blow to his heart!!

This girl was really good at driving people crazy from anger.

His lips twitched and he said, “Little Meng, you’re so good at talking that you shouldn’t talk next time.”

Chu Xiaomeng: “... Okay.”

Shen Ruoqing then brought Chu Yu downstairs and happened to see Yun Zhengyang, Madam Yun, and Matriarch Chu.

“Mr. Yun, may I ask a question?”

Shen Ruoqing suddenly spoke out, calling Yun Zhengyang.

Yun Zhengyang turned and looked at her. “You should call me uncle.... What do you want to ask?”

He thought that Shen Ruoqing was going to ask why they had come looking for Shen Qianhui after so many years had passed.

However, he didn’t expect Shen Ruoqing to lower her gaze calmly and asked, “May I ask who you mistook my father for today?”

Chapter 50: I’ll Shield Shen Ruoqing!

Yun Zhengyang was startled for a moment, clearly not expecting that Shen Ruoqing would ask him this.

He fell silent for a moment before saying, “Someone none of us can afford to offend. His actual identity is one that ordinary people can’t come in contact with and will never be able to reach. Pardon me for not being able to tell you.”

So mysterious?

Shen Ruoqing stroked her chin, instantly losing interest.

As someone who had retired and spent her time doing nothing, she shouldn’t get involved with such trouble.

She nodded and then turned to leave with Chu Yu.

Yun Zhengyang looked at her back view and couldn't help but say in a soft voice to Madam Yun, "Don't you think that she's too composed?"

Madam Yun also nodded. "I noticed it long ago. Ordinary people would definitely be at a loss from the unexpected surprise when they realized that they turned out to be a rich daughter from an affluent family. But their family seemed to appear... indifferent?"

After saying this, he then said, "But they still don't know who we actually are. They must think that we're an ordinary family."

Ford City's Yun Family was famous across the country.

However, when they went to acknowledge Shen Qianhui, they didn't tell her which Yun Family they were from.

Yun Zhengyang nodded. "The reason we didn't clarify who we are is that we don't want them to cling onto us... Forget it, let's not talk about this. Wine can turn one's face red from drunkenness, money can drive temptation*. Let's not try to test human nature."

He then said, "Aunt had sacrificed her entire life for the family after all. You should personally lead the legal team to take care of the matters tomorrow."

"Alright."

Madam Yun replied, "I won't be joining you when you discuss business matters with Cichen later."

Regardless if it was due to personal or business reasons, Chu Cichen naturally had to give Yun Zhengyang an invitation since the latter was the current head of the Yun Family.

Yun Zhengyang nodded and followed the butler to Chu Cichen's study.

After Chu Cichen came back from overseas, he would only go to the Chu Corporation's office building when he had to deal with work-related matters. Most of his other time was spent in this study.

The renovation style for his study was concise and stark. A big black sofa took over a large space in the lounge, and he was seated on it. When Yun Zhengyang came in, he stood up and pointed to the seat opposite him. "Uncle, please take a seat."

Yun Zhengyang sized him up.

A 27-year-old man could only be considered a newbie in business, having just grown out of their youthfulness. However, after Chu Cichen took over the Chu Family, his

actions seemed so experienced that even Yun Zhengyang had heard people mentioning him in Ford City.

He didn't dare to underestimate his nephew, nor did he dare to claim to be his elder.

Yun Zhengyang sat down opposite Chu Cichen. "I met Shen Ruoqing today. She's really a good child."

Chu Cichen's long and narrow eyes flashed with a dull gleam. He knew that Yun Zhengyang was trying to probe his attitude toward Shen Ruoqing, so he spoke calmly in a forceful tone, "It has been tough on Miss Shen to be raising two children over the years. I'm very satisfied."

His words were almost saying outright, 'I'll shield Shen Ruoqing!'

Although he always felt very unsatisfied when the woman was trying to find the shadow of another man on him, and he had also warned her to stay away from him, his children's mother was not to be bullied by others!

Yun Zhengyang understood Chu Cichen's meaning and heaved a sigh of relief.

It was because Yun Zhengyang had heard the news that the woman from the Lin Family had pretended to be Chu Yu's birth mother, and Chu Cichen had shown implacable hatred toward her.

But now that Chu Cichen had given his word, Yun Zhengyang wouldn't have to fear that Chu Cichen would be displeased if he were to try to think of ways to make up for his aunt's daughter.

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The next day, Madam Yun personally led the Yun Family's legal team to Shen Qianhui's residence.

The Yun Family's legal team was very professional and took care of everything in the morning. They returned to give their report at noon.

"Matriarch Shen has been arrested and placed behind bars. The Shen Manor has also been seized. According to Madam Shen's instructions, it has been posted online to be sold through judicial auctioning. The Shen Family's company has also had all its assets frozen, and the finance department is done calculating everything. The company will be sold later on and the money will be transferred to Madam Shen's card. It's just that these things will need to take some time."

Their speed was already very fast!

Shen Qianhui said gratefully, "Thank you."

"You're welcome."

Madam Yun's attitude was very amicable. "These are things that we should be doing..."

After saying that, she held Shen Qianhui's hand. "Aunt never knew that you were treated like this. All the news Yun Xiu sent back to us was that you were doing very well."

Shen Qianhui nodded. She hesitated for a moment before asking, "Do you have her photo?"

She wanted to see what her birth mother looked like.

Madam Yun said, "We have the photos of her younger days at home in Ford City, but I didn't bring them with me. When I married into the Yun Family, she was about your age. The two of you share a great resemblance."

After saying that, she took out her phone and opened up the picture gallery. "This is a photo of Aunt that was taken about seven to eight years ago."

The moment Shen Qianhui saw the photo, tears suddenly rolled down her eyes. Her gaze was fixed on the phone as she said, "I know her."

On a certain day five to six years ago, Shen Qianhui encountered this old lady in the car park when she was getting off work. The latter seemed to be very old and had white hair. Also, she was seated in a wheelchair and was very skinny.

The old lady had strayed off from her family members, and Shen Qianhui tried to help her. When the two of them were together, the old lady kept on asking her, "You're so kind. You must be living well, right?"

Back then, Shen Qianhui was in charge of the sales department of Shen Family's company, and everything was going smoothly for her at work. However, Matriarch Shen was treating her like a money tree. Other than feeling a little bitter inside, how could she be said to not be living well?

Therefore, Shen Qianhui nodded and said, "Yes, I'm living well."

The old lady said, "My daughter is of the same age as you, but it's a pity that I can't see her anymore. Knowing that she's living well, I'll be able to leave this world with peace of mind."

Thereafter, Shen Qianhui found the old lady's family.

She had a strong impression of the old lady because the latter seemed to love her daughter a lot.

Shen Ruoqing sat next to Shen Qianhui and also saw that photo.

Her peach blossom eyes flickered and she seemed to be in deep thought...

At this moment, Madam Yun said, "Oh, right. Zhengyang and I thought about it after we went back yesterday. Since brother-in-law is a celebrity and you also have the intention of setting up an entertainment company in the future... The Yun Family has an entertainment company in Sea City and we've decided to give it to you."

At the instant she finished saying this, Jing Zhen's phone rang.

He let out a cough and picked up the phone.

The call had just connected when the voice of Jing Zhen's manager rang out. "Jing Zhen, do you f*cking not want to live anymore? How dare you bring up wanting to break the contract with the company?! Can you afford the penalty?"

Jing Zhen raised his head and said proudly, "My wife can afford to pay the penalty!"

The manager was enraged. "You gigolo! Do you know who are the people behind our company? I told you long ago that we're a third-tier subsidiary under Prosper Entertainment! Which celebrity dares to offend Prosper Entertainment? If you dare to break the contract, I can guarantee that you won't be able to continue on in the entertainment circle?!"

"Oh, right, our company is going to have a new boss soon! I heard that the new boss is the owner's cousin! Do you know what this means? This means that if you dare to break the contract, you'll be offending the Yun Family!"

Footnote:

[1] 'Wine can turn one's face red from drunkenness, money can drive temptation' is a saying that suggests wine and riches can easily drive one to commit crimes and one should be wary in handling them.