

For Zhou Manlan, she was hoping that Fan Hunjun would have more women surrounding him.

Women should be his downfall.

If Fan Hunjun was surrounded by women every day, he wouldn't have the time and experience to manage the Fan Group. Then, Zhou Manlan would quickly sweep the group's properties through deceptive tactics.

Not only that, she had also hatched a new plan: to steal the hundreds of millions Shangguan Youran gave to Fan Hunjun.

Because of this, she must never allow the women around Fan Hunjun to disappear.

"Li Shanshan, what are you looking at?" Zhou Manlan asked.

"N... nothing."

Not expecting Zhou Manlan to suddenly appear behind her, Li Shanshan was startled by her sudden question, before she then quickly turned around to face her.

Li Shanshan was a prideful person; she could not withstand this kind of mental blow.

Seeing Fan Hunjun entering with a beautiful woman, she suddenly panic and did not know what to do.

Zhou Manlan smiled and said, "As the saying goes,

if it is not meant to be, it will not be. You already filed for a marriage certificate with Fan Hunjun, so there's nothing to be afraid of."

That's right. No matter whether the wedding is held or not, Fan Hunjun and I are already legally wedded!

The person who needs to be worried and scared are Fan Hunjun and that little vixen; what am I afraid of?

Li Shanshan looked at Zhou Manlan gratefully.

From Li Shanshan's perspective, even though Shangguan Youran was beautiful, Fan Hunjun had already filed a marriage certificate with her. If Shangguan Youran already knew Fan Hunjun since before, it just proved that Li Shanshan was more important in Fan Hunjun's heart.

If Fan Hunjun just met Shangguan Youran at the auction today, all the more reason she did not have to worry.

After all, now that Fan Hunjun had become rich, there might be many more little vixens swarming over him. She had to defend her status as his legal wife. There was no way that she was letting that gold mine in front of her eyes slip away from her grasp.

Zhou Manlan patted her on the shoulder. "A successful and happy woman must do one thing—take care of her man, and never let go nor give up on him!"

Li Shanshan nodded. For her, Fan Hunjun was not only a man, but also a gold mine. She would never let go nor surrender him.

Fan Hunjun's grandmother who was sitting on the bed was oblivious to everything that they were saying, let alone Zhou Manlan's sinister plans.

"Your mother is right," Fan Hunjun's grandmother chimed in. "As the saying goes, men are afraid of choosing the wrong career, while women are afraid of marrying the wrong man. Once you marry a good man, you should cherish your marriage and care for it like a baby."

"I understand, Grandma." Li Shanshan walked toward the bed and picked up the bag. "Grandma, Mum, I'm going out to get us some food."

Although she was ready to fight off any woman, but because she didn't have much confidence in Fan Hunjun, she didn't want to show her emotions, at least not at this time.

Li Shanshan secretly made a resolve in her heart; just like how Fang Youqin's fought for Zhang Junhao back then, she had to first find a way to hold on to Fan Hunjun's heart so that she could win the war without fighting. Only then would she be able to confidently face all the women who tried to get close to Fan Hunjun.

That was why she chose to retreat for the moment.

Zhou Manlan knew from a glance that Li

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Shanshan was preparing to take a slightly more indirect path to reach her goal, not wanting to have a heads-on conflict with Fan Hunjun and Shangguan Youran.

But Zhou Manlan would never allow Li Shanshan's plan to succeed.

She wanted the women around Fan Hunjun to fight over him first, only then would she have the stage to make her appearance.

With all the experience and skills that she had gained throughout her life, toying with those younglings was like a breeze to her.

Seeing Li Shanshan getting prepared to leave, Zhou Manlan smiled and suggested, "Why don't you wait a little longer? Isn't Fan Hunjun coming? We can ask him if he wants some food too."



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Li Shanshan looked at Zhou Manlan awkwardly.

Zhou Manlan smiled knowingly and pretended to show her support. "It's going to be fine. Me and Grandma are rooting for you!"

Now that Grandma's sight was restored, she could finally see what was going on. Although she didn't know exactly what was happening, she could tell from Zhou Manlan's last sentence that something happened between Fan Hunjun and Li Shanshan.

However, because she didn't know the specific details, she refrained from commenting and just sat there, pretending to be deaf.

When Fan Hunjun arrived with Shangguan Youran, Grandma's heart immediately became crystal clear.

"Oh, Fan Hunjun, you're here. Have you had lunch yet?" Zhou Manlan greeted them affectionately and looked at Shangguan Youran before asking again, "And this is...?"

Before Fan Hunjun could introduce her, Shangguan Youran said with a smile, "I'm Shangguan Youran, his confidant. If I'm not mistaken, you must be his aunt. Fan Hunjun used to talk about you all the time in S country. He was always telling me how beautiful and classy you are. I never believed him, but now that I'm seeing you in person, hehe, you are much more beautiful than what he described!"

Zhou Manlan was taken aback. Shangguan Youran was beautiful, but she was only in her early

twenties—a few years younger than Li Shanshan.

When Zhou Manlan saw her flirting with Fan Hunjun just now when they were making their way to the hospital, she took her for a crazy girl. She never expected her to be so good with words the moment she opened her mouth.

Zhou Manlan knew full well that Fan Hunjun hated her before, so there was no way that he would describe her in such a positive light; it must have been Shangguan Youran who put in the good words.

Being as wise as she was at her age, Zhou Manlan knew that Shangguan Youran was not an easy person to deal with.

However, this was a good thing. Zhou Manlan was worried that with Shangguan Youran's age, even if she was as rich as a millionaire, she wouldn't be able to compete with Li Shanshan at all if the both of them started fighting for Fan Hunjun.

Zhou Manlan hoped that Li Shanshan and Shangguan Youran would end up becoming enemies and clashed. And by then, she would have the stage to herself in the end.

At first, Li Shanshan had the impression that Shangguan Youran was a naive little girl. Apart from her insane wealth and beautiful face, Li Shanshan didn't take her seriously at all.

However, after finally hearing Shangguan Youran talk for the first time, she realized that Shangguan

Youran's flattering skills were terrifying. People with sweet mouths like her were dangerously likable.

Li Shanshan's determination started to falter a little.

She studied Shangguan Youran carefully, feeling as though she had seen her somewhere before, but she just couldn't remember where.

Zhou Manlan smiled and praised, "Oh, this little girl is not only beautiful, but good with words too!"

Grandma had been listening in all along. Although she felt that Shangguan Youran was both beautiful and cute, Fan Hunjun was her only grandson that she has pinned all her hopes on. She had decided to love him no matter what he did.

However, her thinking was still old-fashioned. Furthermore, she had a good impression of Li Shanshan since before. It was only then that she finally understood what Zhou Manlan and Li Shanshan were talking about.

She believed that Zhou Manlan was also on Li Shanshan's side. However, because Fan Hunjun was standing right in front of them, along with the fact that Shangguan Youran was so good at talking, her position as a mother-in-law did not give her much say in this matter, other than praising Shangguan Youran.

But her position as his grandmother was different. She had already met Li Shanshan's father, and they

had even decided on a wedding date. She knew that she had to say something.

Otherwise, she felt that the Fans would be talked behind their backs, and accused of having no morals or culture.

“Fan Hunjun—”

“Yeah, Grandma?”

“Pardon this old lady for not understanding your young people’s problems but I’m curious—what is a confidant?”



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Right as Fan Hunjun was about to explain it to Grandma, Shangguan Youran's face brightened up. Her beady eyes widened, making them look extra radiant and cute.

"Oh my god! Is this your grandma? Fan Hunjun, had you not called her 'Grandma', I'd have easily mistaken her for your aunt's elder sister. She looks so young!"

Damn, this is a bit much.

Stunned, Fan Hunjun looked at her.

Zhou Manlan and Li Shanshan widened their eyes and exchanged glances, before turning to look at Grandma and Shangguan Youran at the same time. This girl is really something else!

Grandma was also at loss for words.

Before this, her face had turned serious, as she was getting ready to put on her 'grandma's air' and lecture Fan Hunjun, while reprimanding Shangguan Youran indirectly as well. If she used a slightly serious tone on him, Shangguan Youran would definitely know that Grandma was talking about herself.

However, right as she was ready to lecture Fan Hunjun and make use of him to tell Shangguan Youran off, Shangguan Youran suddenly came up with the flattery, catching her completely off guard.

Flattery could win anyone over!

Grandma was a woman after all.

Naturally, all women love being pretty, especially women in their twilight years. They had a strong desire to look and feel a few years younger so that they could live a little longer.

Not only did Shangguan Youran praise her appearance and temperament, she also said that Grandma looked at least twenty years younger. At once, Grandma's heart felt as sweet as honey.

And she even had the sudden urge to take a mirror and look at herself!

Mistaking her as the sister of the graceful and beautiful Zhou Manlan? Grandma thought to herself, How would I look like now if I were to become younger again?

One could never be too polite.

As the saying went, 'Never slap a smiling face.'

Grandma's intention to lecture them had now been completely disrupted by Shangguan Youran.

When everyone was at a loss for words and didn't know what to say, Shangguan Yaoran—like a white pigeon who was full of vitality—hopped up to Fan Hunjun's grandmother and held her hands tightly.

"Grandma, a confidant is someone who is closer than a normal friend, but someone you're not in a relationship with. Or should I put it this way, though we're not in a relationship, we see eye to

eye, and we both know what is in each other's heart; we just don't say it out loud. Hehe. Do you get what I mean, Grandma?"

Everyone knew that Grandma was just pretending. If she really did not know what it meant, she really lived her entire life in vain.

Shangguan Youran knew that as well, but she purposely gave Grandma a vivid description nevertheless, as if the thing that she spoke was the truth.

Fan Xujun didn't really care. His relationship with Li Shanshan was rocky anyway. Not only that, he knew that even if Shangguan Youran exaggerated their relationship, Li Shanshan would not leave him.

For Li Shanshan, at least at this stage, money was her end goal.

But in her eyes, Fan Hunjun was nothing more than a dollar sign to her.

Fan Hunjun was certain that right now, Li Shanshan could lose anything, except for money; she would lose herself if that ever happened.

Sure enough, Li Shanshan's face became twisted with anger, but she managed to hold it in with incredible self-control.

This was the second time in Li Shanshan's life that she had held in her anger for Fan Hunjun.

The first time it happened was at the bar at the hospital entrance.

Fan Hunjun remained calm but was secretly pleased in his heart.

He suddenly realized that the arrival of Shangguan Youran had somehow managed to hit Li Shanshan's sore spot.

However, this was just the beginning for Fan Hunjun, for it was merely the appetizer before his actual meal. His real revenge and torture for Li Shanshan had yet to come.

But of course, Fan Hunjun never planned this at all.

On that day at the hospital entrance, when he threw the marriage certificate at Li Shanshan, he had planned to give it all up. However, Li Shanshan did not propose to go to the Civil Affairs Bureau for them to get a divorce.

Then we shall see who will emerge as the ultimate winner!



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Zhou Manlan pretended to look at Shangguan Youran and Fan Hunjun's grandma, but she was actually observing Fan Hunjun and Li Shanshan from the corner of her eye the whole time.

Li Shanshan's tolerance was at her limit. However, Fan Hunjun's calmness and his lack of reaction were clearly telling Zhou Manlan that Li Shanshan was not as important to him as everyone had thought.

Then again, this was all a good thing to Zhou Manlan.

She could use Li Shanshan to mess with Fan Hunjun's mind so that he would never have the energy to get involved in the Fan Group's affairs.

Shangguan Yaoran's compliment made Fan Hunjun's grandma unable to put on a stern look. However, she felt that she had to say something in response to Shangguan Youran's explanation of confidant.

"I say, little girl. You are very beautiful and cute. You must have been very good friends with our Fan Hunjun when you were in S country, am I right?"

"That's right! He saved me and my father's life, so he's basically our family's savior at this point. I have wanted to repay my gratitude toward him by marrying him since long ago, but he hates it for some reason. He said he had a classmate in his hometown who was his goddess, and I think that female classmate's name was Li Shanshan or

something. Don't you think that's very annoying of him?"

When Li Shanshan heard this, her heart thumped loudly again. Thank the heavens! This guy has been talking about me even when he was abroad. The reason he treats me this way now is just because he saw me together with Zhang Junhao that night. It's alright anyway. This matter can be cleared away!

Shangguan Youran was telling the truth. When they were in S country, she had always openly professed her love to Fan Hunjun, and he did use Li Shanshan to reject her love, although, at that time, Fang Youqin and Li Shanshan were both Fan Hunjun's goddesses.

Because Li Shanshan's family conditions were not as good as Fang Youqin's, and that she also happened to be his grandma's neighbor, he unconsciously felt that it was more possible for him to end up together with Li Shanshan.

After she heard that, Grandma quickly replied, "Wonderful! So you knew about their relationship. This time, when Fan Hunjun came back, he has already filed a marriage with her, and their wedding will be held on New Year. As a friend, you're more than welcome to attend as a guest. But if you get any ideas, you'd better..."

"That's not a problem," Shangguan Youran said. "Even though I was born in the west, I followed my dad to S country when I was very young. Grandma, you may not know this, but in S country,

polygamous relationships are very common. My father has a gold mine in S country where Fan Hunjun used to work at, so he will definitely have to return there at some point. When that time comes, I welcome the idea of bringing Li Shanshan over too. Oh, we can decide who's going to be the first or second wife when we get there!"

As soon as Li Shanshan heard that she had a gold mine back at home and that she was from S country, she slowly began recognizing the little beauty standing in front of her. She is the handsome young man who appeared at the auction today! At once, her heart thumped in anxiety again.

Damn, she has the money and the looks. How can I beat her?

I thought that she was just another little vixen from some bar, but now you're suddenly telling me that she's the daughter of a rich family?

She's so beautiful and her family even owns a gold mine. Is she sick in the mind? How did she become attracted to Thoughtless Hun?

"Really?" Zhou Manlan pretended to be surprised and asked. "Polygamy is still common in S country?"

"Isn't that a good thing? But of course, the husband must be someone rich! Fan Hunjun was a supervisor in my dad's gold mine, and he had an annual salary of six million, not including year-end dividends, nor the pocket money that I secretly

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give him occasionally. Hehe~"

An annual salary of six-million? Fan Hunjun was abroad for seven years, so...

Li Shanshan counted. Sh*t, is he always this rich?



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