

Chapter 1151

Got Played

For almost half a month, Rose had closed herself off from the outside world and had been self-cultivating. Throughout her isolation period, all she said was that she had sensed something. That was why Yang Chen did not disturb her.

These days, that woman would either be hanging around the back mountains or meditating in her own room. Yang Chen thought that it would be better for her to think things through by herself. But of course, it was easier said than done.

An Xin seemed to not have fully woken up yet. She blinked a few times. Then slowly, a hint of delight appeared on her face.

“Really? How did you know honey?”

Yang Chen caressed the woman’s head. “Silly woman, how can the Soul Forming Stage be at the same level as the Xiantian Full Cycle? A Soul Forming Stage cultivator appeared out of nowhere. Of course, I would be alerted.”

A unique oppression had formed in Rose and Yang Chen clearly felt it. It is true that Rose already possessed a hint of the True Yuan since birth. However this time, her oppression had risen to a whole new level!

“I’m going to the mountains, you can continue to sleep for a bit,” Yang Chen kissed An Xin on her cheek with a smile. He quickly got dressed and jumped off the balcony.

In a blink of an eye, Yang Chen had reached the platform of the back mountains.

Rose stood by the cliff. She was in her blue sweater and skinny jeans.

The woman shut her beautiful eyes and held her arms wide open. Although the cold wind was hitting her straight on, she did not feel cold.

Compared to her usual seductive looks, Rose now looked to be a pure beautiful lady. Be it by her actions, her aura, or even the impression she gives through her exterior beauty.

All Yang Chen felt was that the woman in front of him was even more attractive.

Sensing Yang Chen’s presence behind her, Rose turned around. They stared into each other’s eyes. Without saying a word, they shared this joyful moment together.

Yang Chen stood right in front of Rose in a flash. He raised a hand lightly and caressed the woman’s cheek.

“Doesn’t it feel like you’ve just entered a whole new world?”

Rose pursed her lips smiling and shook her head. “No.”

“Then what is it?”

“It’s the same world, but something feels different.”

Yang Chen nodded. "Everyone is different, especially our sensing abilities. Even if it's similar, the 'Dao' understood would be different. I will never understand your 'Dao', and neither will the others."

After entering the Soul Forming Stage, Rose had also been reborn physically. Although her skin seemed to be fragile, in reality, it actually has the support and protection of the True Yuan.

At that moment, she felt Yang Chen's hand passing over her face. It felt like a wave of unpredictable True Yuan shaking the quiet waters.

Rose stayed quiet in that feeling for a moment. Then she smiled and said, "Although it's been two years since we first met, this is the first time that I've felt so close to you. Although my cultivation base is far inferior to yours, I can finally understand some of your emotions and feelings. All of it is real and it's the most truthful aspect of yourself. I just feel so happy."

"You better not just focus on being happy. You've just entered the Soul Forming Stage but you can't just stop now. I happen to have quite a few middle-grade elixirs with me. You couldn't use them since you hadn't reached the Soul Forming Stage, but now you can."

Yang Chen took out two small porcelain bottles from the Mustard Sumeru ring. This ring was purposely bought from a good porcelain shop in order to keep the medicine.

"There's five Dragon cloud pills and one Heaven cloud pill here. You can take the Dragon cloud pill first to speed up the condensation process of Heaven and Earth Energy and the transformation of spiritual aura to the True Yuan. After that, you may take the high-grade Heaven cloud pill. It will improve your cultivation during the Soul Forming Stage. Zhiqing said that this Heaven cloud pill is considered a rare treasure in Hongmeng. If it wasn't thanks to my excellent refining skills and my good luck in searching for materials, we could never get it."

Rose accepted the two bottles without much thought. It had always been a blessing to accept the hard work of her man. Since she loved to cultivate, she would not mind getting her hands on a few more elixirs.

Looking at the woman's joyful expression, Yang Chen pointed at his own lips, "Shouldn't you be repaying me after taking all that good stuff? So much for treating you well. I even gave you the top grade elixir!"

Rose rolled her eyes at him and gently floated up. She wrapped her arms around Yang Chen's neck and kissed him.

After entering the Soul Forming Stage, flying would no longer be a difficult task. She could naturally fly up with the help of Heaven and Earth Energy.

"Honey, is it true that I'm not going to grow old from now on? Is it true that I can live for a few hundred years?" Rose asked excitedly.

Yang Chen nodded. He held the woman's hand and started walking down the mountain.

"That's right. From now on you won't age. Living for two or three hundred years will not be a problem at all. However, you shouldn't be too relaxed. Do try and reach the final level of the Soul Forming Stage. From the Soul Forming Stage to the Tribulation Passing Stage requires an accumulation of cultivation so sensing will not be that important by then."

“Then if I reach the Tribulation Passing Stage, will I need to go through the Three Yang Fire Tribulation, the Six Frost Water, or the Nine Heavens Thunder Tribulation?”

Yang Chen pondered for a while and shook his head. “I’m not too sure either, but I don’t think it would be the Nine Heavens Thunder Tribulation. Due to your age and foundation factors, it’s too late to cultivate the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture. This cultivation method is actually a modified and summarized version that I’ve made. I wasn’t sure what level this method could reach. After all, you’re the first one to reach the Soul Forming Stage. Before this, I was actually worried that this method would stop you all from reaching the Soul Forming Stage. Looking at things now, I am much more at ease.”

Two of them were talking and exchanging their experiences in cultivation. Both of them seemed calm as if nothing much was going on between them.

After Rose entered the Soul Forming Stage, her whole being became more disconnected from civilization. She did not have much interest in what Yang Chen was saying about the Red Thorns Society while they were walking down the slope.

When she looked at the Red Thorns Society from the height of a Soul Forming Stage cultivator, all of it seemed completely ephemeral.

This had the same logic as Yang Chen’s attitude towards his mercenaries and assassins. Despite having a large number of mercenaries and assassins, he had already lost all interest in managing them.

Rose was more tranquil compared to Yang Chen during her Soul Forming Stage. That was why he even thought that it might be due to the different understanding of the ‘Dao’.

However, Yang Chen had already made up his mind to have a bit of fun with Rose either tonight or tomorrow night. His heart started to itch when he thought that he had never played with a Soul Forming Stage woman before.

If Rose knew what the man beside her was thinking, she would roll her eyes. What a pathetic fellow!

After he reached home with Rose, he saw Ma Guifang doing some exercises on a mat near the front door. She was stretching her limbs.

She was already approaching her sixties. Although the charm of Ma Guifang remained the same, strands of white could already be seen in her hair.

Yang Chen was the one who taught seniors like her and Guo Xuehua these Tu Na methods and some exercises to keep fit. After all, it’s a bit too late for these seniors to catch up in cultivation. That was why it would be better for them to use elixirs to improve their health and appearance instead.

These days, Yang Chen stayed at home. He often saw Ma Guifang and Guo Xuehua having tea while talking with each other. Rose had isolated herself from the others so he started to somewhat miss her.

“Oh Rose, you’re finally back.” Ma Guifang smiled as she stepped forward. She looked up and down, thinking for a while. “This is quite weird. How did this girl become prettier after a few days.”

Rose started blushing, “How is that true Auntie Ma? I didn’t even go for plastic surgery.”

“It’s not about your looks. Maybe it’s your temperament. Actually no, I can’t tell what it actually is. Is it because of your cultivation?”

Rose nodded. “There’s been a slight improvement.”

Ma Guifang waved her hand, “Forget it, I don’t know much about all that anyway. Come on in, Qianni is making breakfast. You too Yang Chen. If you were to eat at home, you’d have to fight your own daughter for food. There’s no point letting that happen.”

Yang Chen smiled wryly. He did not expect his image in his mother-in-law’s eyes to be like this.

When they entered the living room, the delicious aroma of omelets with a hint of green onions channeled around the whole room. Yang Chen immediately regained his appetite.

Mo Qianni looked out of the kitchen while she was still wearing her apron. She was surprised at the sight of Yang Chen and Rose together and said, “It’ll be done soon, just wait a moment.”

Before long, Mo Qianni brought out a table of exquisite breakfast.

Regarding Rose’s change, Mo Qianni obviously knew that she already had a breakthrough. Mo Qianni asked Rose how she felt out of her own curiosity.

Mo Qianni was a little disappointed at herself at not being focused on cultivating after she saw Rose change into a completely new person. She had stopped at the peak of the Houtian stage.

Yang Chen made a call back home to say that he was having breakfast at Mo Qianni’s place. However, the actual reason was that he noticed Rose’s breakthrough.

After listening, Guo Xuehua said, “Really? Rose is such an amazing child. Yang Chen, this is good news. We should celebrate for Rose.”

Yang Chen was puzzled. “Celebrate? How did you intend to celebrate this?”

“Isn’t it the weekend? Since we don’t have much to do, why don’t we invite An Xin, Mingyu, Zhiqing, and all those girls over for a gathering?” Guo Xuehua said with much excitement.

Yang Chen still felt a little awkward about the entire thing. The way Guo Xuehua put it made it sound like it was not just a simple ‘gathering’.

However, Yang Chen had no reason to object to the suggestion and said, “Inform Ruoxi, let everyone come over after they’re done.”

Guo Xuehua agreed and hung up in a rush.

Yang Chen told Mo Qianni and Rose about the gathering. Rose felt a bit embarrassed but Mo Qianni and Ma Guifang just started laughing.

“Little Qianqian, Mother, what are you both laughing at?” Yang Chen was extremely confused.

He felt like he had been fooled by them.

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Mo Qianni and her mother laughed for quite a while. It seemed like they were enjoying themselves.

Ma Guifang sighed and said, "Yang Chen, while you were in Korea, Rose had been practicing with her doors closed. That is why both of you didn't know of this. Xuehua has been restless these days. She's now using Rose as an excuse to ask the girls to come to play Mahjong with her."

"Play Mahjong?!"

"Yes, didn't you know? You have a new Mahjong table in your house. When you and Ruoxi went to Korea, they played Mahjong every other day. They even used cash to play, each round starting from a thousand. I've been there twice and it was just like a casino.," Ma Guifang laughed and shook her head.

Yang Chen then remembered that there was a table covered by a piece of black cloth at the side hall. He dismissed it as an extra table. How would he have expected it to be a Mahjong table?!

Yang Chen thought about this matter. He concluded that playing Mahjong would not be a big deal anyway. It would be a good way to improve his relationship with all the women.

"I've never heard about this from my mother. Why the big secret?" Yang Chen asked.

Ma Guifang rolled her eyes at her son-in-law. "Boys are just so thoughtless. A group of girls going to your house to play Mahjong. What's more, Xuehua treats all of them like daughters-in-law. Think about it, what will Ruoxi think? No matter what, Ruoxi is the lady of the house. It would be better if the relationship between the in-laws remained good."

Yang Chen nodded. Since Lin Ruoxi had always been reluctant about her mother-in-law getting too close with the other women, this may actually lead to conflict between both of them. Nevertheless, it was inevitable and he could not prevent this forever.

As breakfast was about to end, Yang Chen received another call. It was a call from Zhao Teng.

"Hey, Zhao Teng, why are you calling me on a weekend," Yang Chen asked curiously.

Zhao Teng laughed through the phone. "Director Yang, I knew you would forget since you're such a busy man. Do you remember that a few days ago, we mentioned that we would go to KTV to celebrate the wrap up of the shooting of the 'Sword Fairy' drama?"

Yang Chen suddenly recalled about it/ "Which KTV?"

"You definitely know of The Melody at Shou An road right? Although it's a place for splurging on women, the security there is still considered good. After all, Ms Hui Lin will be attending too so we can't let the paparazzi get near us."

Yang Chen had heard about that night club before. It was located in the prime area in Zhonghai city center.

He did not have anything against the plan so he just followed through with their arrangements. His main focus was now on how to give some encouragement to Hui Lin. After all, the girl had been working hard in her acting for such a long time. It was definitely a must to congratulate her.

After breakfast, Yang Chen returned home and found Lin Ruoxi playing building blocks with Lanlan. He told her that he was going to Melody KTV tonight for Hui Lin's celebration. He asked her if she wanted to come along with him.

Lin Ruoxi seemed to know that the shooting had already ended and shook her head. "You can go ahead. The public media conference in two days away and they'll officially announce the finishing of the drama then. I'll attend that ceremony instead so count me out for today. I don't like KTVs anyway."

"Hui Lin might be sad if you don't go."

"Give me a break," Lin Ruoxi said without looking up. "I've called Hui Lin earlier to congratulate her. Did you really think that I would need to wait for your call?"

Yang Chen knew that he was asking to be snubbed when he asked her in the first place. He shrugged and then squatted down to play building blocks with Lanlan.

Yang Chen was definitely better than Lin Ruoxi in playing building blocks. He made Lanlan laugh and clap as he built an airplane and tank with her.

Lin Ruoxi felt a slight warmth in her heart when she saw them playing together. She caressed her daughter's hair and asked softly, "Honey, will you...let Lanlan cultivate in the future?"

Yang Chen chuckled and stated naturally, "Obviously. How can our daughter have a shorter life than her own parents? Besides, Lanlan's qualifications are high and she has more advantages compared to me when I was young. I've decided to teach her the 'Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture'...She's our first child so I can't be stingy with her."

"Indeed..." Lin Ruoxi said with a complicated look on her face. "Then why haven't you taught her anything?"

"First off, Lanlan is still young. She won't be able to understand the complexity at this age. We should at the very least wait until she finishes her kindergarten. Secondly, I don't want her to rely on the elixirs for growth. This scripture is different from the methods I've created. It requires a strong and solid foundation or else she might turn evil. Thirdly, I'm not sure about the opponents we will face. There are people out there trying to get the scripture. Just in case, if I pass it down to Lanlan, they might go straight up to her to get it. Plus, she'll have to put in a lot of hard work and effort if she starts cultivating. Let's let her enjoy her childhood."

Lin Ruoxi nodded and sighed lightly. "I only hope that Lanlan will have a healthy body and that she can protect herself. However, I'm afraid that she'll be like you and would go fighting everywhere after she starts cultivating. Even if she always wins, I'll still be worried about her."

Yang Chen could see the woman's concerns but he could not do much as well. The most he could do was try his best to protect his family and children as much as possible and to reduce their contact with conflicts.

Although it seemed to be calm for now, Hongmeng and the Hidden clan, even Athena, were all waiting for a chance to make a move. Who on earth knew what they were planning.

None of them were normal humans so they would not act if they did not have full confidence in their plan. Besides, they had plenty of time, so they might as well just take it slow.

Lin Ruoxi left Yang Chen behind to play with Lanlan and she went over to the kitchen to help. The women would be coming over in the afternoon. Although Lin Ruoxi was a little envious of Rose who had entered the Soul Forming Stage, she did not oppose the idea of having such a gathering.

At noon, Rose and Mo Qianni came to the house together. Next came An Xin, Xiao Zhiqing, Liu Mingyu, and Li Jingjing.

Tang Wan was older and had a daughter who was studying to take care of. They did not have many interactions so Guo Xuehua did not invite her.

As for Cai Yan, she had been rejecting invitations due to her work. Guo Xuehua was annoyed at this female police officer so she did not bother to call her either.

Out of a sudden, the whole house turned beautiful and colorful.

Lanlan saw her aunties coming into the house and happily ran up to hug and kiss them. The women did not disappoint the little girl as well. They brought a variety of food and toys for Lanlan and the chubby little girl was quite satisfied with it.

Today's main spotlight was obviously Rose who had just entered the Soul Forming Stage. The women noticed the increase of her charisma and were all envious of her.

Without waiting for the women to ask Rose about her cultivation, Guo Xuehua clapped in excitement and said, "Let's not ask her about it now. Which one of you is going to play a few rounds of Mahjong with me? My hands are getting itchy after not playing for a few days. Let's play and talk together."

An Xin immediately showed a bitter face after hearing that. "Mother...are we playing again? I didn't bring money today..."

"Silly girl, who said that we must use money. It's just for enjoyment," Guo Xuehua replied.

Lin Ruoxi was carrying a plate of fruits from the kitchen. She was puzzled for a moment after hearing about Mahjong. "Mother, we have Mahjong at home?"

Guo Xuehua walked into the side hall, slightly embarrassed as she took off the black cloth on the Mahjong table. "I bought a Mahjong table when you and Yang Chen went overseas. I asked the girls to come over to fix my boredom. Ruoxi, you wouldn't mind right?"

Lin Ruoxi had a clear mind. She could obviously tell that Guo Xuehua did not literally mean to ask the girls over for food today and she felt a little upset.

Due to the way she was educated since young, Lin Ruoxi thought that playing Mahjong was not a good thing. It was a waste of time and not to mention that it involved gambling. Despite her ways of thinking, her mother-in-law wanted to play so it was not appropriate for her to force her mother-in-law to stop.

"Yeah, go ahead. As long as Mother is happy," Lin Ruoxi forced a smile.

Guo Xuehua quickly nodded and invited the women in.

There was only one Mahjong table. After a round of pushing and shoving, they decided to let today's spotlight Rose, Anxin who is the best at flattering Guo Xuehua and Li Jingjing who recently joined the sister group to give it a go.

However, Li Jingjing had never played Mahjong before and she liked Lanlan a lot so she wanted to play with the child instead.

Mo Qianni was smart enough and spoke to Lin Ruoxi who was expressionless. "Ruoxi, why don't you join us."

"Me?" Lin Ruoxi was stunned, she then frowned and said, "I don't know how to play."

"I can teach you, it's very easy. You're so smart, you'll be able to learn it in a flash. If you're able to learn it, you can play with our mother later on so she wouldn't get bored," Mo Qianni persuaded her.

Lin Ruoxi looked at the colored Mahjong tiles. She thought that it would be a bit embarrassing if all the women knew how to play except for her. She then nodded and agreed to join the game.

Chapter 1153

You Are In Trouble

Seeing Lin Ruoxi and the other women playing mahjong, Yang Chen thought that the whole thing was a little weird. All in all, it was still better than the awkward atmosphere between the women before.

Xiao Zhiqing and Liu Mingyu did not play with the women. Instead, they chatted with Wang Ma. Wang Ma pampered her daughter like it was nobody's business. Although they lived together, they would still have endless topics to talk about when they see each other again.

Yang Chen noticed that it was time for him to attend tonight's event after looking at the harmonious sight between the young and old women for awhile.

After saying goodbye to Wang Ma and Guo Xuehua, Yang Chen drove towards Melody KTV in the city center.

Although it was called a KTV, it was comparable to a grand night club. The four black-suited bodyguards that guarded the entrance made countless passersby stop at their feet.

Yang Chen parked his car and entered the main hall. Zhao Teng was already there waiting for him.

"Director Yang, you're finally here! Our own department staff and everyone from the film crew is already inside." Zhao Teng looked extremely radiant. He was quite keen on these gatherings.

"Is it really necessary to be this excited?" Yang Chen laughed.

Zhao Teng said joyfully, "Director Yang you may not know this but the price of a bottle of liquor is five times higher than other places. Us working-class people wouldn't dare to come here to spend if it wasn't for the help from the company."

Yang Chen didn't know much about this industry. As he followed Zhao Teng through the corridor, many customers were dressed in formal attire. Every movement they made showed that they were from the upper class or upstart levels in society.

On each door, the names of each cabin were all engraved in jade stones with various ancient styles. The floor was carpeted in soft Mediterranean fur. Not a single sound could be heard when people stepped on it.

The lights were slightly dim, but the brightness was just enough for people to do certain small gestures without being afraid of getting caught.

The waitresses walking back and forth were all in outfits such as bunny girls and high slit cheongsams. Some looked mature while others looked youthful. There were even foreign women. There were women in various different styles.

They reached a cabin named ‘Luoxia Guwu’ and pushed the door open. A huge area could be seen through the door.

Under the bright lights, the red sofa against the wall was awfully eye-catching. There were around twenty people drinking and chatting happily.

A middle-aged man held a mic in his hands while he sang a fast song excitedly. Yang Chen thought that the song was quite familiar but he could not put a name to it.

Everyone saw Yang Chen entering and stood up. Those that stood up included Director Yu Shuo who he had not met for quite some time and of course, Hui Lin too.

Hui Lin wanted to be as low key as possible so she wore a simple black trench coat. She looked refreshing and pleasant with minimal makeup and her naturally silky hair.

Yang Chen shook hands with everyone. However, in all honesty, he wasn’t familiar with the company’s employees. He would just smile and keep up his act

He chatted with Director Yu Shuo for a while and had a few toasts of wine with the crew.

When he finally sat beside Hui Lin, Yang Chen looked at the girl from top to bottom and asked caringly, “You’ve worked hard, did you encounter any problems while working?”

Hui Lin nodded gently. “Everyone has been treating me well but filming a movie is really tough. I guess I should just stick to singing in the future.”

“Haha, this will depend on the ticket sales of the movie. If the sales are good then just take it as helping your sister and film a few more,” Yang Chen teased her.

Hui Ling snorted lightly. “ My sister doesn’t need me to help her earn money anyway. She’s able to earn in any industry. If I don’t want to film any longer, she’ll definitely agree to it.”

“Look at your smugness.” Yang Chen smiled. “After finishing this work, it’s time to take a break. You’ve been busy for almost a year.”

Hui Lin shook her head. “I can’t. It’s almost Chinese New Year. The Spring Festival Gala crew have contacted me multiple times. They’ve requested my presence and my team agrees with it. I would like to give it a try too.”

“You plan to go to the Spring Festival Gala?” Yang Chen saw many news reports about the gala and frowned. “It’s not a good job though. It’s said that the programs would be majorly modified by the censorship team. Why bother going?”

“What could they possibly change with my singing?” Hui Lin said, “I want to perform on a bigger stage. Also, I’d like to prove myself to my grandmother.”

Looking at Hui Lin’s confident look, Yang Chen realized that the girl had truly become a superstar by her own means. She was no longer in anyone’s shadow.

With a Hui Lin like this, it was getting more and more difficult to hide her dazzling glory.

After another guy finished throatily shouting a song, everyone applauded and asked Hui Lin to go up to sing a song.

Hui Lin didn’t put up an attitude and she let everyone choose a song for her. In the end, they chose a fast-paced song. She sang it in her ethereal and graceful voice. It had a completely different style from the original song.

An intoxicated director Yu Shuo clapped and said, “I’ve heard people say that a real singer would be able to make a song bear their own trace, no matter what song they sing. Miss Hui Lin’s singing skills and use of emotion are exactly like a real singer.”

Just as the crew and the company continued to cheer on, the door of the cabin was suddenly pushed open by someone.

A brawny short-haired man in a tight-fitting short white sleeved shirt dashed in. He had a square like a face and golden chains on him. Behind him were a few rough-looking men. A waiter tried to persuade him about something but was pushed aside by them.

The brawny man with the golden chain took a glance around the cabin. When he saw Hui Lin, he immediately rejoiced, “It really is the superstar, Hui Lin. Haha, today’s trip was not in vain!”

A waiter with gelled up hair quickly said, “Master Lei, Miss Hui Lin is our VIP. Please don’t disturb them.”

The brawny man with the surname Lei glared at him in dissatisfaction. “VIP? How can a person who sings for money be counted as a VIP? She’s only a superstar if I say so. If I say she’s a chick, then she’s one!”

Zhao Teng stood up and said angrily, “Waiters! Who are these people?! Why are you all simply letting people in here?!”

Zhao Teng was the one who organized the event today. He would obviously feel ashamed when a few guys came in to find trouble out of a sudden.

“This...” The waiter said awkwardly, “Sir please don’t be mad. Master Lei’s men saw Miss Hui Lin by accident just now. That’s why he found his way here.”

“My name is Lei Heng. My dad likes listening to Miss Hui Lin’s singing. Since we’re all here today, why don’t you follow me to our cabin.” Lei Heng waved his hand.

Hui Lin frowned a little. As a public figure, it was inconvenient for her to deal with such trouble and she looked at Yang Chen.

Yang Chen touched his hair in annoyance. As he was about to get up, he saw two young managers from his company walk up to the front.

“Hey, who do you think you are?! Do you know who is sitting here?! Watch out or we’ll call the police!”

“Get out of here!”

Lei Heng looked at the two Yu Lei managers in suits and smiled disdainfully. He cocked his chin up slightly and two elite men rushed forward from behind him, pushing the two managers onto the floor!

Both of the workers were not experienced in fighting. They rolled over twice after falling on the ground and were kicked away!

“Little white face wants to call the police? Make another sound and you’ll be castrated!” Lei Heng laughed ruthlessly.

The waiter that stood at a side turned pale along with the rest in the cabin. Lei Heng’s tone did not sound like just a threat.

Yang Chen finally got up and walked to the front. He helped both his employees up and checked if they were injured badly. Then, he allowed them to take a seat once more.

He then turned around and looked at Lei Heng, Yang Chen sighed, “Today’s a day for celebration so I guess it’s not appropriate to have bloodshed. I don’t care who you are. I’ll just assume that you’re a crazy dog that came out of nowhere. So just get lost now.”

Lei Heng laughed wildly. “I have no idea what’s all this nonsense. I’m just asking for a show person to come to my cabin for a performance. It seems like you want to be castrated first...”

BANG!

Without waiting for Lei Heng to joke around, Yang Chen made his move.

He did a simple and firm push into Lei Heng’s chest. Although he did not use his true force, it still had Lei Heng flying out the door.

Lei Heng’s body hit right onto the corridor wall. The back of his head rammed into it and he passed out on the spot!

Everyone was stunned. None of them even clearly saw how Yang Chen did it!

Yang Chen furrowed his eyebrows in annoyance. “I told you to get lost and you still made a fuss. Are you stupid?”

The waiter who stood at the side gasped and shouted ‘Oh my’ with a headache. “Sir, you’re in big trouble! How could you hit Master Lei!”

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What A Coincidence

Yang Chen patted the waiter's shoulder, "Thank you for your concern, but I think you should drag this guy away so that he doesn't block the door."

The two male subordinates were extremely mad. They checked to see if Lei Heng had suffered any life-threatening injuries and then carried him up.

"You brat, who do you think you are? Don't think so highly of yourself just because of your strength! Do you know who Master Lei is? Don't expect to get out of here safely tonight!"

Normally, Yang Chen would be indifferent to such provocation. But after he saw the people trembling in fear when he looked back into the cabin, he knew that the event was now over.

After giving some thought to it, Yang Chen waved his hand at Hui Lin and the others to indicate that there would be nothing to worry about. Then, he walked out of the cabin and closed the door behind him.

"Where's your cabin, lead the way."

The two men were stunned as they looked at Yang Chen.

"Hehe, we actually met a dumb brat that offered himself right to our doorstep! Come with us!"

The waiter saw Yang Chen leaving with the two men. He quickly went to inform the manager before anything worse happened.

Yang Chen followed the two men to their cabin. Once they opened the door, a strong wave of tobacco welcomed him.

The laughter of the men and women in the stuffy cabin was excruciatingly loud. No one was singing in the cabin. Instead, a group of people was playing cards. As they played, the men hugged and licked the women.

A chubby man with gray hair and a cigar in his mouth was seated on the innermost side. He was dressed in a white suit and he looked like he was in his fifties.

The man was holding a petite woman in his arms. She looked twenty or so and was dressed in a black laced openwork tulle skirt. Her eyes were drawn in thick purple eyeshadow. She looked extremely flirtatious.

Everyone saw the unconscious Lei Heng being carried into the cabin by the two men and stopped all their movements. They looked at the two men puzzledly.

"Ah Zheng, what happened to Ah Heng?" A middle-aged man with thick brows stood up and asked.

One of the men grinned at Yang Chen who was behind him, "Third Master, Master Lei fell into this brat's trap. He was knocked into the wall and then he fainted!"

"What?! Didn't he say that he was going to find Hui Lin to sing for Elder Brother?! How did he get knocked out?!"

"Little brat who are you?! Are you tired of living?!" Someone stood up and yelled at Yang Chen.

Yang Chen reached out his hands and waved them. The smell of tobacco and perfume made him feel uncomfortable.

Yang Chen glanced at everyone in the area and said flatly, "Who's the father of this dude?"

"You bastard. How dare you come face to face with my Elder Brother?! I'll flip you over for plotting against Ah Heng!" the Third Master said angrily.

The middle-aged man rushed forward towards Yang Chen. He was going to punch Yang Chen in the head!

Without looking, Yang Chen stretched out a hand and grabbed the man's fist. Then, he threw the Third Master onto the ground!

"How dare you hit the Third master?!"

The few other men who were present were not stupid. They noticed that Yang Chen's skills were far greater than themselves and they did not dare to rush in.

The man in the white suit who was sitting on the innermost sofa frowned slightly. He finally got up then said, "Kid, who are you? It's not illegal for me to find a female singer to sing me a song to lighten up the mood."

"I'm only going to say this once. Either obediently have fun by yourselves or get lost from my sight. If anyone causes me trouble again, I'll make sure that the person faints and never wakes up again."

Yang Chen said these words with a haughty glance. His murderous gaze was not something ordinary people could stand against.

The ladies had goosebumps all over themselves after being stared at by those cold eyes. The few other men were rendered speechless as well.

The Third Master walked towards the boss and whispered, "Brother, what should we do? Should we call our men?"

The man in the white suit squinted his eyes and let out a sigh. "It's fine. This is a very important month, we shouldn't cause a scene. Next time, check before making a decision."

"Elder brother is wise," the Third Master nodded.

Both of them thought that their voices were really low but Yang Chen was still able to hear them. Though, he was the only one in the cabin who could hear them. However, he did not care. If it were not for the crew who were celebrating here today, these people would not have escaped so lightly.

"Young man, although I don't know what's your relationship with Hui Lin, we should have some dignity for each other. I know the owner of this place. If we were to cause a scene, it wouldn't be good for his business as well. Looking at that fact, I won't care further about today's issue." The man stood up and made a toast to Yang Chen. During this time, Melody's manager finally hurried over to the scene. He heard what the man said and smiled, "You're right Boss Lei. It's best not to care about this small conflict. How about I treat you and your entire cabin to free wine tonight?"

Yang Chen ignored him. Seeing that the matter had been resolved, as long as the other party did not cause trouble, he did not want to mess with them either. He then turned and walked away.

The manager let out a sigh of relief and quickly flattered Boss Lei. "Boss Lei, my apologies for making you feel uncomfortable. Why don't I call in a few more college chicks to spend time with your brothers?"

Boss Lei looked at his unconscious son and said, "It's fine, no need for that. Send my son to the hospital for treatment."

The manager wiped off his cold sweat as he smiled awkwardly. He quickly ordered the waiters to carry Lei Heng out of the cabin.

Yang Chen, who had left the cabin and was on his way back to his cabin turned around a corner and was stunned.

A man and woman were walking towards him.

The man was wearing a striped suit with a white shirt underneath. His facial features were quite clear and dignified while his body figure was tall and fit.

Yang Chen had no idea who this man was. Cai Yan had her short hair loosely tied up, with a crystal hair pin clipped in her hair. She wore a black layered lace dress that enhanced her feminine side and she did not look like the fierce policewoman she usually did.

At that moment, Cai Yan looked like a white-collared little woman who was holding the man's arm while smiling.

When Cai Yan turned around and saw Yang Chen who was standing opposite her, the woman froze and could not bring herself to speak.

Yang Chen immediately recalled that Cai Yan was impatiently waiting to go out for dinner with someone else the other day. After seeing this scene, he could not separate the matters from each other.

His face darkened and he suppressed the urge to rip this man limb from limb. With a fierce light in his eyes, Yang Chen sneered, "What a coincidence."

Chapter 1155 Girlfriend

Cai Yan exclaimed. When she saw the expression on Yang Chen's face, she realized that she was still holding the man's hand and she immediately let go of it!

She covered her mouth with both hands, shaking as she tried to say something. Cai Yan was so anxious that she could not even utter a single word.

The man frowned. "Yanyan, who is this? Do you know each other?"

Yanyan?

Yang Chen's smile turned even colder, "Wow, so affectionate. Officer Cai Yan, won't you tell me about your partner here?"

Cai Yan's pretty face turned pale. When she heard Yang Chen addressing her as 'Officer Cai Yan', she had already felt a taste of Yang Chen's fury.

"It's not like that...Yang Chen, listen to me...I...we are here to..."

At that moment, Ah Zheng and a few subordinates of Boss Lei who were going to send Lei Heng away saw the man in the corridor and smiled.

"Director Xiao, you're here? Yo, is this the girlfriend you've been telling us about? She looks hot. Our boss is waiting inside, come on in!" The Third Brother laughed.

As for Yang Chen who was at the side, the Third Brother and the others pretended to not see him. It was as if Director Xiao in front of them was more important than him.

Director Xiao quickly smiled and greeted them. Then he made eye contact with Cai Yan and held her hand.

"Sir, I still have arrangements with Yanyan. We can get to know each other next time," Director Xiao smiled and nodded at Yang Chen. He then pulled Cai Yan away.

Yang Chen stood blankly, with the word 'girlfriend' echoing in his ear.

Who is Director Xiao? How is Cai Yan his girlfriend!?

Yang Chen clenched his fist tightly. It was only less than a week since the last time he was with Cai Yan. He could not understand why such a man would appear so suddenly.

As he was about to turn back and make things clear, the phone in his pocket vibrated.

Yang Chen took it out and looked at it. It was a message from Cai Yan.

"I'll explain later, don't come over."

Yang Chen looked at her text and forced himself to calm down.

Although Cai Yan was in full swing, she would not do anything sneaky. He should still believe in his own woman.

Since she said that she would explain later, he will just wait for her explanation. So he went back to his cabin for a few more drinks.

But just the thought of Cai Yan holding hands with another man gave Yang Chen a headache.

After returning to the cabin, Hui Lin worriedly asked him about the situation. Yang Chen merely said that everything was fine so everyone else continued to have fun.

Hui Lin had to return to Beijing for the preparation of the Spring Festival Gala. She did not have much time so they left at around ten o'clock. Before they parted, Yang Chen asked her to send his regards to her family.

As soon as Hui Lin left, the crew left as well. The post-production of the movie was still in full swing and they were hoping for it to be released during the Spring Festival.

Yang Chen stayed until the end. He waited quietly in the parking lot for Cai Yan and the man to come out.

Cai Yan finally called as the time approached midnight.

On the phone, Cai Yan sounded a little weak and nervous, she asked softly, "Yang Chen...I'm out, where are you? I'll be right there."

"Carpark," Yang Chen said flatly and hung up.

Not after long, Cai Yan who was still dressed in black walked over. The woman seemed to not be afraid of the cold despite only having a thin layer of stockings to cover her legs.

Yang Chen had never seen her dressed in such a feminine style. He was even more dissatisfied after seeing that she was dressed this way when she was with another man.

What made Yang Chen even more dissatisfied was that Director Xiao had followed her here!

Cai Yan noticed Yang Chen leaning against his BMW with his pale greenish face. She forced a smile to please him and walked up to him. Then, she carefully grabbed Yang Chen's hand.

"Honey, you aren't really mad, right? I'm here for work, it's not what you think..." Cai Yan said pleadingly.

Yang Chen glanced at Director Xiao who was behind the woman. He too was also staring at Yang Chen with a weird expression on his face.

"Work? I'm pretty interested to know what kind of work requires you, a police chief, to be someone else's girlfriend."

"Oh no, Xiao Ye and I are university classmates. I'm only pretending to be his girlfriend to lie to Lei Zhengfu," Cai Yan hurriedly said.

Xiao Ye walked up front and smiled. "Hello, my name is Xiao Ye. I'm Yanyan's schoolmate from the police academy. I suppose you are Yanyan's boyfriend, Yang Chen, that she mentioned. I hope you won't misunderstand anything. Although I'm pursuing Yanyan, she's still not my girlfriend yet."

"Xiao Ye! Stop talking! You..." Cai Yan became anxious and her face reddened.

Yang Chen laughed angrily. "Haha, I'm so confused right now. Are you or are you not? Is this work or personal, what are you two even talking about?"

Cai Yan quickly said, "Yang Chen, don't simply listen to him. Don't you know me well enough, why would I do all these behind your back? Today is really for work. I wanted to collect Lei Zhengfu's criminal evidence. That's why I purposely used this chance to come here."

"Criminal evidence?" Yang Chen frowned.

"Yeah," Cai Yan nodded, "Let me tell you what happened..."

Cai Yan started to summarize the entire issue.

The one they called Boss Lei in the cabin's actual name was Lei Zhengfu. He was a local tyrant from Lushan Town, on the west side of Zhonghai city.

He was said to be a tyrant because he worked as a gangster in his early years but later on, he somehow took over a quarry and became an iron ore boss. He started to produce steel and he gradually expanded his business.

However, in recent years, Lei Zhengfu relied on resources from both the dark and bright sides to build a paper mill.

The paper mill was originally not allowed to run. The pollution would be too serious and sewage discharge would also be a problem. However, Lei Zhengfu had connections in the town and those connections even reached people in Zhonghai City. So eventually, he managed to open it.

The profit of tens of millions in a year was definitely not something ordinary people could imagine. It also allowed Lei Zhengfu to feed the officials above.

However, Lei Zhengfu's ambitions did not stop there. He also joined the party and was planning to become the village chief of Dawang Village this year through voting by village representatives.

After becoming the village chief, Lei Zhengfu could continue expanding his paper mill easily. At the same time, he could discharge the sewage into the river. That would reduce the cost of purification of the sewage waters.

Originally, the village committee strongly opposed this practice and gathered people to demonstrate against it. Although Lei Zhengfu had already bought over the connections, he still could not succeed. If he could become the village chief, everything would be much easier.

Yang Chen knew that there were many townships and villages around Zhonghai because Lin Ruoxi had also placed some low-level factories of Yu Lei in those surrounding towns. After all, labor and land there were cheaper.

In all actuality, Yang Chen was not at all interested in cracking down the villains and local tyrants in these townships. Such things were everywhere in the world and he was not a compassionate Buddha.

"Even if it's because of this, why are you with this guy? You're dressed this way and call yourself his girlfriend?!" Yang Chen asked uncomfortably.

Cai Yan explained, "Xiao Ye is a classmate from my university. He's now the office director of Lushan Town and he's from the village of Dangwang. His father is against Lei Zhengfu as the village chief. Lei Zhengfu has too many connections so many officials are involved to protect him. It would be difficult to knock him down. At our last class gathering, Xiao Ye already knew of my position and wanted to ask me to investigate Lei Zhengfu's criminal evidence. I couldn't investigate him directly since he's a businessman and he could simply use his money to get out of this. Lei Zhengfu tried to get every household in the village representatives to vote for him, but Xiao Ye's family never agreed. That's why he specially invited Xiao Ye to eat and drink here today. We wanted to use this opportunity so I pretended to be Xiao Ye's girlfriend and came to see Lei Zhengfu with him. We wanted to record something and jot down some of his bribes so we could file a lawsuit in the court!"

Yang Chen frowned and was still a little puzzled. There were so many twists and turns in this issue.

Although it was said that the surrounding towns and villages were also within the scope of the Zhonghai Region, she was only the Western District Police Chief. All he could only say was that Cai Yan's sense of justice was too strong.

Chapter 1156 You Can Save Me

Cai Yan thought that Yang Chen didn't believe her words and pulled out a thin pocket-sized recording from the belt around her waist. She showed it off to Yang Chen as she pouted. "Look, I came here for the recording! The people of Lei Zhengfu saw us both, so I can't explain it to you just in case they suspect anything."

Yang Chen already believed her from a long time ago and pushed the recorder back. "Okay, I believe you. But do you have too much time on your hands? Was it essential to do this by yourself? Can't you just send someone else instead?"

"Hehe," Cai Yan cheerfully said, "'Spying' is fun, but those guys are from the underworld, I am afraid they will harm Xiao Ye. That's why I have to protect him."

Xiao Ye stood behind and asserted, "Yanyan, I'm a man, I should be protecting you instead."

Yang Chen got goosebumps all over himself after listening to that. He frowned and said, "Hey, even though you are Yanyan's classmate, you shouldn't address her like that... Oh, and what did you say just now? Are you pursuing Yanyan? Do you take me as a dead person, or are you declaring war with me?"

Cai Yan instantly pulled onto Yang Chen's sleeves. "Hey, don't insult him, okay? I've told him not to call me like that, and I've already rejected him, but he just doesn't listen."

Xiao Ye reluctantly said, "Mr. Yang, since you haven't married Yanyan yet, I still have not lost, and I will work hard for my dream."

"Dream?" Xiao Ye's serious face utterly stunned Yang Chen.

Cai Yan blushed as if she knew something.

Xiao Ye glanced at the BMW X6 behind Yang Chen and sighed, "I can tell that Mr. Yang is a rich man by merely looking at your car, and I'm just a civil servant of a township. I'm from a peasant family with no money, power, and even my title is not as high as Yanyan. However, I've had a crush on her since the day I first entered university. Later on, after graduating and parting ways, I always thought I'd never get to see her again, but I did."

"Although I am aware that I am not worthy enough of her, I also don't want to regret it throughout my life that I didn't try my best. I won't give up my pursuit for Yanyan just because Mr. Yang is a rich man. If you two marry each other, only then will I give my blessings to both of you and walk away."

Those words were heartfelt. Although Cai Yan was leaning against Yang Chen, she bit her cherry lips. She was feeling a surge of complex emotions, and also she felt a bit guilty.

Yang Chen could not bring himself to be compared with such a man. Although Xiao Ye made Yang Chen feel uncomfortable as he still wanted to pursue Cai Yan regardless, he was a bright and upright person. He was a man with self-esteem and respect. As for himself, although Yang Chen had genuine feelings for Cai Yan and truly loved her, he still couldn't afford to give her a decent marriage.

Comparing himself to such a man, made him feel more abhorrent.

However, things like emotions were meant to be unfair, just like statuses in societies.

Cai Yan herself knew very well that Xiao Ye was a man who would love her wholeheartedly, but that still wasn't enough for her to choose him.

It was not because he lacked what Yang Chen had in terms of status, money, or reputation. Instead, after coming to understand Yang Chen, falling in love with him, and experiencing what he could give to her, she could not get fond of an ordinary man like Xiao Ye anymore.

Yang Chen sighed and asked Cai Yan, "That day, you said someone invited you out for dinner and hung up on my call. Was it him?"

Cai Yan didn't try to hide anything and nodded. "Yeah, you won't get mad, right? I've told Xiao Ye many times that I would never change my mind, but he was stubborn. Xiao Ye is a kind man, and I can't treat him with cruelty, right."

Cai Yan was a straightforward person and explained her thoughts once again in front of Xiao Ye.

There was a glimmer of sadness in Xiao Ye's eyes as he smiled wryly. "Yanyan, I've always liked your straightforwardness and the fact that you're never pretentious, but you are making me sad. I've always been curious about what kind of man will make Yanyan fall in love, and I even doubted whether Mr. Yang even existed, but it seems like it will be challenging for me to succeed."

Yang Chen suddenly didn't hate this guy anymore. He gave a gentle smile and said, "It's not that it's difficult, but it's just impossible to succeed. Nonetheless, to be honest, I appreciate your honesty. As for letting Yanyan pretend to be your girlfriend and helping you find evidence to sue Lei Zhengfu, I will not let it pass next time. Even if she wants to help you, you guys must find out any other way than holding your hands and pretending to be a couple."

Cai Yan pursed her lips and smiled. "Why, are you jealous?"

Yang Chen raised his brows. "Yes, I am jealous."

Cai Yan hit Yang Chen's chest with her head happily. "Okay, don't be so sour anymore, I won't do this again. The few hours it took just to handle Lei Zhengfu with Xiao Ye was useless as we didn't get many materials. That old Fox was very mysterious and cautious of me, a strange girl he never heard of before. Thus he will not open his mouth that easily."

Yang Chen chuckled. "I advise you to be careful from now on. Since he can bribe people so blatantly and pollute enterprises, he must have many contacts in Zhonghai. He's definitely not that simple. You suddenly appeared today in such a private event, so he'll surely be suspicious of you. If he finds out that you are from the police station, he might lash out his anger on Xiao Ye, and he'll be in danger."

Cai Yan blinked her eyes. "Really? Then...then what should we do?"

"How am I supposed to know that?" Yang Chen shrugged.

Xiao Ye then said, “Yanyan, don’t worry, no matter how demanding Lei Zhengfu is, I am still a national civil official. What can he do to me? The election for the village chief will be at the end of this month. Let’s hurry and gather evidence. We must not let him get elected.”

A look of determination flashed through Cai Yan’s eyes. She was highly spirited.

Yang Chen looked at the pair of man and woman full of ‘anti-violence’ and suddenly thought, if he did not capture Cai Yan’s heart, they might have been a good match.

After chatting for a while, it was already late. Yang Chen asked Xiao Ye generously if he would need a ride back home.

But Xiao Ye insisted on taking a taxi back home and said he still had the money.

Yang Chen was polite, and after saying goodbye to Xiao Ye, he drove Cai Yan back to the women’s residence.

The Cai family was in Zhonghai, and they only had a young daughter, Cai Yan. The rest were security guards from the army and a few servants. Cai Yuncheng and his wife did not come often, so the days were quiet.

Along the way, Yang Chen asked Cai Yan curiously if she had helped Xiao Ye arrest Lei Zhengfu. This curiosity was because Guo Xuehua mentioned her a few times, saying this daughter-in-law was not cooperative and never had the time for gatherings.

Cai Yan embarrassedly stuck out her tongue and said, “Honey, you didn’t know, but Lei Zhengfu is abhorrent to his home. The guests from the beginning of the year to be the chief of the village. He then asked every household in the town, not to mention it to the city’s related leaders. A table costs a minimum of two thousand or up to ten thousand for expensive ones. He specially built a warehouse for the guests’ gifts. The warehouse is full of Wuliangye and Maotai, and large cigarettes of The Big Panda and Yellow Crane Tower. These are all real, and the warehouse was behind his house. I’ve sent someone to investigate.”

“He also gave gifts to the villagers from each household so that no one would dare not vote for him. If anyone threatened to decline it, he would send his gangsters to beat them until they accepted. In this way, the villagers received the bribes and did not dare to report him until everyone was compromised. Xiao Ye’s father refused and was beaten to accept it. Xiao Ye later came home and learned that, but he could not fight with Lei Zhengfu. That’s why he’s asking for my help. It took millions every year for him to send out gifts and host events. Still, the reason he spent so much money is that when he became the head of the village, within a year, he could earn it back immediately by tinkering with the land in those villages and expanding the paper mill! If Lei Zhengfu were arrested, those underground criminals could also be captured along with those corrupted officials related to him!”

Yang Chen looked at Cai Yan, who was energetic, and smiled, “You are breaking one’s path to fortune. If you drag in too many officials, you will be in danger. Although father-in-law is a general, he won’t be able to withstand the pressure from all those officials.”

“You’re right about that,” Cai Yan held Yang Chen’s arm and smiled. “Before, I may not have dared to, but now that we have our dear Master Yang. If I can’t withstand it, you can save me!”

Yang Chen was so done. This woman was relying on him to help her and hoped to enforce the law with her own rules to serve justice on behalf of heaven!

“Just don’t lose track of your cultivation. Rose had just entered the Soul Forming Stage today. The rest should be keeping up.”

“What!? Sister Rose has entered the Soul Forming Stage?!” Cai Yan’s jaw fell, and her mouth remained wide open in shock as she nodded weakly.

Although she enjoyed fighting and combat, she was not good enough to sense realms and other things. At the end of the day, she was a straight-minded person.

“Also,” Yang Chen glanced at the woman for a few moments and said in a kinky, “Don’t be extravagant in front of me but dress more like a woman. Your lace dress today looks good on you.”

Cai Yan was happy. It always felt amazingly sweet when you were praised by your own man about ‘your’ appearance. She pursed her lips smilingly and nodded while planning to get more feminine outfits in the future.

It was almost two o’clock in the morning by the time he sent Cai Yan back home. Yang Chen thought he hadn’t spent many nights at home for a few days, so he quickly went back without lingering with Cai Yan any further.

However, as soon as he got home, Yang Chen, who thought the lights in the house would already be dimmed entirely, found that it was still brightly lit!

Chapter 1157 You Can’t Be Like This

Usually, Guo Xuehua, Wang Ma and the others would be asleep long ago. After all, they were already half a century old.

Lin Ruoxi would be putting Lanlan to sleep instead of working until late at night like she used to.

However, tonight, the house was bubbly and joyful. The entire mansion was brightly lit!

Yang Chen pushed the door and went in. Because of his sensitive ears, he could immediately hear the women chattering from the side hall.

“An Xin! Don’t sneak around! You’ve hit it out already! Pong!!” Lin Ruoxi shouted forcefully.

“Ah...Sister Ruoxi, you just let me pass this time...” An Xin pleaded.

“I’ve let you pass once, give me the tile!”

“Oh...”

“Ruoxi, it’s already so late, let’s stop after this round.”

“Mother, you should go to bed first, we are not tired yet!”

“Who said that! I am about to pass out!” Mo Qianni added with a weak tone.

“Qianni, stop pretending. How can you be tired after cultivating for so long?”

“My gracious, show some mercy, please. My mom has been calling and urging me to go home. She has never been like this...”

The women talked in unfamiliar tones, accompanied by the ‘pong’ sound of the mahjong.

Having a stiff face, Yang Chen sneakily went towards the side hall door.

Inside the side hall, Lin Ruoxi’s face radiated as she concentrated on her tiles.

Playing with her at the same table were three women in distress. Aside from pitiful An Xin and Mo Qianni, there was also Rose with a helpless look from drowsiness.

Looking at Guo Xuehua yawning while sitting on a chair next to them made Yang Chen even more speechless. She was sitting there paralyzed as she continued to watch the women play.

Did these women play mahjong until dawn!?

Guo Xuehua finally heaved a sigh of relief as she saw Yang Chen return. She then stood up and called him smilingly, “Hey Son! You’ve finally returned! Come and quickly convince your wife to end this game now. She’s dragged us to play mahjong for over ten hours!”

An Xin pouted and quickly nodded, “Yes dear, please hurry and talk to Sister Ruoxi, I’ve lost over 8 million... it’s equivalent to two villas.”

“What!?” Yang Chen was stunned, “How much exactly did you all bet?”

“Two thousand per round, and a few hundred thousand for bigger rounds. If Yanyan would have seen this, we’d be arrested as gamblers long ago,” Mo Qianni snorted as she rolled her eyes.

Yang Chen started sweating after listening to this. He chuckled, “Such a ‘good mood’, huh? Ruoxi, you as well, why did you place such big bets? It’s late already, let An Xin and the others go home.”

Lin Ruoxi snorted softly and defiantly said, “What’s there to be afraid of? We were just placing it for fun, and I won’t be asking An Xin for 8 million, right? Just give me a few million, and it’s fine.”

“You said it,” Mo Qianni quickly added, “I don’t have that much money to lose, just waive the 2 million I lost.”

“Oh no way!” Lin Ruoxi argued. “Qianni, you can’t be waiving everything at all. If you lose, you lose. Just give one-tenth. If you don’t want to spend your own money, ask for it from the bad guy. He has nowhere to spend, anyway.”

Lin Ruoxi pointed at Yang Chen.

Yang Chen was still unable to understand the whole situation. He gasped, “Why does it sound like Ruoxi was the only one winning? You all have been losing?”

Smiling bitterly, Guo Xuehua explained, “Right! Rose was the one who lost the least among them, just a few ten thousand. And An Xin seemed to have a stiff brain, and she lost every time she played. As for Ruoxi, she just learned this today, but she’s playing like an old fox already. She would never put the tiles we want, and would act mysteriously the whole time. None of us could guess what she would put out next. She had been plotting us all very quietly!”

Mo Qianni also chided annoyingly, "We shouldn't have played with Ruoxi earlier, it's just like business to her. Even if we use up all of our brain cells, it wouldn't be enough to win against her. Can I just go and die!"

Lin Ruoxi said happily, "It's too late, who told you to make me sit down and play. It turns out that mahjong is so simple. You must call me if you all are playing anytime!"

Lin Ruoxi had a smile as sweet as honey while saying this. She seemed to be covered in the spring breeze.

As Yang Chen listened to Guo Xuehua's description, he finally got a rough idea of what happened.

It turned out that, after Yang Chen left in the afternoon, Mo Qianni taught Lin Ruoxi how to play mahjong. At first, Mo Qianni's original intention was to make Lin Ruoxi and her sisters have a more harmonious relationship, but in the end, she made the rest cry.

Although Lin Ruoxi was not good at singing, dancing, and other physical activities, mahjong, a game of gambling that needed skills and luck, was a mental game of Lin Ruoxi expertise!

Lin Ruoxi quickly understood that just as she used to be in the business world, keeping an expressionless face and making it hard for people to guess your thoughts or playing hard to get were similar skills that she needed at the mahjong table.

After learning the strategies of the game, the woman quickly learned some tricks, and delved into it surprisingly fast.

After a short while, Lin Ruoxi didn't need Mo Qianni to help her anymore. She remembered all the rules, and as long as her tile setting was decent, she won almost every round.

The entire round, Lin Ruoxi could calculate so quickly about who was playing which part, whether they played nothing at all or who wanted to eat, and who tried to 'pong.' She grasped it all just like a humanoid computer.

Other women were just treating it like a game and having fun, but to Lin Ruoxi it was a competition she was unwilling to lose in. Since she started playing, she would strive to win!

Generally, in all other games she would strive hard to win against An Xin no matter what it took, but this time, the other women were not her opponents at all!

A rich little lady like An Xin, who was too lazy to use her brain while playing casually, lost like a mess.

As for Rose, she had previously worked in the underworld, and gambling was an everyday activity, so she did not lose much. But if she wanted to win against Lin Ruoxi, it was still tricky.

"Son, you didn't know this, but initially, Zhi Qing and Ming Yu took turns to play, but later on they really couldn't keep up. Zhi Qing relied on her mother, Yulan's relationship, and ran back home to rest. As for Ming Yu, her father sent someone to pick her up. Jing Jing was lucky because she didn't know how to play, so she left early. Only me, your mother, Rose and the rest were left. I've lost over 300,000 today. Money isn't a big deal, but I'm afraid of losing. It was already so late and if Ruo Xi continues, it will be morning already!" Guo Xuehua grinned bitterly while enduring so much dissatisfaction.

Yang Chen touched his chin and said to Lin Ruoxi, "All right, Ruoxi, since mom said so, let's stop here today. There'll be many chances to play, right?"

Lin Ruoxi bulged her mouth, unwillingly, "I am not done yet..."

"You are constantly winning, that is why you feel happy, right? But you are wrong, and you can't be building your happiness on the pain of others though," Feng persuaded. "Be good, go upstairs and go to bed, how can a mother be gambling through the night?"

Lin Ruoxi saw everyone staring at her so eagerly, so she had to put down the tiles in her hand, "Well, then let's dismiss it for today. We shall come again next time."

The women finally heaved out a sigh of relief, especially An Xin, who was completely exhausted.

Yang Chen sent Rose and the rest out. Before they parted, Mo Qianni whispered, "Honey, you should tell Ruoxi that playing mahjong at home is not the same as doing business against competitors. It hurts people. We all were deliberately letting mother win so she can be happy, but as soon as Ruoxi started, mom began losing. She said nothing, but she would be feeling uncomfortable. She enjoys playing mahjong, and we can't be playing behind Ruoxi's back in the future, right?"

Yang Chen pinched the woman's hand and smiled, "You are so thoughtful, no wonder mom favored you so much."

Mo Qianni rolled her eyes at him, "An Xin and the rest understood this, and everyone thinks the same way. It's just that Ruoxi is just so straight-minded. What good is there in fighting against her mother-in-law?"

Yang Chen sighed. After all, Mo Qianni said so just to help her sister have a better relationship with her mother-in-law.

He didn't know if Lin Ruoxi was too innocent, or that this woman was just too serious. But it was often not a good thing to be too dangerous.

After seeing them out, Yang Chen went back to the second floor of his home to check whether Guo Xuehua had already taken a rest. Then he walked to the door of Lin Ruoxi's room and knocked.

Lin Ruoxi had just finished cleaning up and was going to rest. She opened the door and saw Yang Chen standing there. Then she asked curiously, "Honey, do you need anything?"

"Nothing much, just wanted to tell you not to be so serious while playing mahjong..."

Yang Chen reiterated what Mo Qianni said, but after listening, Lin Ruoxi frowned and seemed to disagree.

"I don't think it's appropriate to do so. If I already know which tile will let my opponent win and I still give it out, isn't it cheating? Even if the family is playing, it should be fair and honest. If we are letting each other win, then why are we even placing bets? Might as well just play for free. Plus, I didn't demand them to lose money, we need not lose to make mother lucky, right? Mother can't act like that, and if she as an elder wants to be angry with me about such a matter, then I think she's too stingy. It's not like I did anything wrong."

Looking at Lin Ruoxi's natural expression, Yang Chen smiled bitterly. When it comes to playing games, his wife was the boss of all.

"You silly girl, how can you play games so harshly? Telling you anything is just meaningless, go, go to sleep."

Yang Chen had no idea how to convince her, so he did not bother much. He went straight to his room while shaking his head.

Chapter 1158 Little Cannonball

The next two days, although Guo Xuehua felt tempted, she didn't dare call the women over for mahjong. She got a headache every time she thought about Lin Ruoxi's mindset.

As a mother-in-law, how could she bring herself to tell her daughter-in-law for allowing her to win for enjoyment? Thus, she had to pretend everything was fine despite having some opinions.

On the other hand, Yang Chen concentrated on looking after the women's cultivation and went for work. He spent two days peacefully as usual.

Surprisingly, the busiest person in the house was Lanlan, the chubby little girl. It was all because the kindergarten organized a visit to the Zhonghai Wild Zoo before the weather got too cold.

Lanlan had been waiting for a long time to visit the zoo as she was very eager to see the pandas in real life. It was also the first time she would travel with the kids.

To Lanlan, who missed the living pandas, she had been waiting long enough for the zoo visit, and it was also the first time for her to travel with the kids.

Lanlan had been waiting for a long time to visit the zoo after she missed seeing the wild pandas. It was also the first time she got to travel with the kids.

Although most kids don't dare to go near Lanlan due to the assaulting incident, kids were still forgetful. Xiao Ya and the other girls closer to Lanlan before went back to normal after a few days, with the other kids slowly following suit.

However, the kid from the Wang family, because of whatever happened internally, followed his parents and left Zhonghai.

In the early morning, Guo Xuehua purposely packed a bigger sized backpack for Lanlan and stuffed many snacks inside. Taking her appetite in mind, it would not be a problem for her to finish everything.

Lanlan said goodbye to the adults with a sweet smile and got in a white BMW X5, especially for her transport along with Min Juan.

Lin Ruoxi prepared this car especially for Min Juan, and it was for conveniently bringing Lanlan out. A vehicle costing around seven or eighty hundred thousand was the cheapest car Lin Ruoxi could think of.

Min Juan did not waste time and quickly got her driving license by then. However, driving a car deemed expensive in the eyes of the regular person shortly after she got her license, she felt nervous. Yang Chen then assured her, "Lanlan is here, there's nothing to be afraid of," and Min Juan became less worried.

Lanlan was not any ordinary kid. Even if something would happen during the drive, she won't get hurt.

Although it sounded weird, at the end of the day, Lanlan was the one who would be protecting her guardian when they were together.

While they were on their way to the kindergarten, Lanlan, who was sitting in the backseat, kept on urging Min Juan with her lips pouting, "Aunt Min Juan, drive faster! Faster, faster! Lanlan wants to go to the zoo!"

Min Juan turned around without knowing how to react. "My little ancestor, the transport to the zoo will wait in front of the kindergarten, and they won't leave before the time's up, we don't have to reach that early."

Lanlan didn't bother about all these as she was getting anxious, so she kept on urging.

Driving from the western suburbs' mansions, they passed over a long express highway in the middle sea suburb. Here, there were lots of branch roads. Usually, no one would start driving from here as it has been neglected for some time, but this happened to be the way nearest to Yun Hua Kindergarten.

Min Juan's palms would be sweating every time she drove on the highway. Thus, it was better to take the smaller roads where there were fewer cars.

Following Lanlan's urge, Min Juan stepped more on the accelerator, and not long after, at the junction in front, a minivan rushed toward them!

Min Juan quickly pulled the brakes. The logic was to let the cars from the main road to pass first, but the minivan did not obey the traffic rules and just came out!

"Honk!!"

Min Juan gave a loud horn, but the minivan stopped in the middle of the road instead!

"What's all this, they don't do quality driving at all," Min Juan started judging them like an auntie.

Lanlan pouted her lips and was dissatisfied about stopping the car.

By this moment, the minivan's rear door opened, and three fierce men wearing silver chains with dyed hair hopped down.

They dashed towards the BMW, and one of them having red hair punched Min Juan's driver's seat door with his fist heavily!

"Bang bang bang!"

The man hooked his finger. "Open the door! Get down!!"

Min Juan got overly frightened, and her face paled as she started shivering. While she remained unaware of what should be done, she suddenly heard the rear door open!

Lanlan, who was mad, came down from the seat, opened the door, and jumped off the car!

The chubby little girl placed both her hands on her waist while her silky back fringes were waving along with the morning breeze, looking like a little elf in winter.

“Why are you all blocking us! Lanlan wants to go to kindergarten! Quickly move your car away!!” Lanlan roared angrily.

The redhead and the two men were stunned; they did not expect the little girl to jump down herself.

Min Juan could not continue hiding. She quickly opened the door, ran down the car, hugged Lanlan’s body, and asked nervously, “Who are you all!? Why are you blocking us!?”

“Hehe, you don’t have to know about us. Sit behind nicely, and we will be driving this car!” The redhead smiled eerily.

Lanlan tilted her head and asked, “You guys are driving? Are you sending Lanlan to the kindergarten?”

“Haha, kindergarten? Little brats, make more noise, and I’ll slap you straight! Get in the car!!” The redhead said fiercely.

Min Juan saw the three of them showing their true colors and quickly protected Lanlan behind her.

“Lanlan, run! Go find daddy and mommy!”

“Run!?”

The redhead gave them a look. The guy beside quickly blocked her way and slapped Min Juan’s face!

“Pak!” Min Juan yelled in pain and fell onto the ground.

Lanlan got mad right away, “You guys hit aunt! You are bad guys!!!”

“This kid is so loud. Make her faint!” The redhead said.

“Yes!”

The man grabbed Lanlan’s collar with one hand and pulled her over, then slapped the back of her neck!

It was quite a hard slap. Even if it were an adult, he or she would probably feel dizzy.

But nothing happened to Lanlan; she was completely fine!

The man who hit her was puzzled. “What, how can this be? How is she still all right?”

Lanlan’s face flushed with rage, and her pair of dark eyes filled with anger.

No one had expected her gaze to hold so much indifference to life, given that she was such an adorable little girl!

“You dare to hit Lanlan, even mommy wouldn’t hit me, you are all bad guys! Lanlan will kill all of you!!”

The redhead was frightened by Lanlan’s look, but then he thought, ‘It is just a girl from the kindergarten, why should I be afraid?’

“Hey, are you guys hearing this, this little kid says she will kill us?” The redhead snorted.

“Boss, just dump them into the car. People might come here if we drag on, and it will be troublesome. The boss is still waiting for the hostage,” the other man said.

The redhead nodded, “Dump both the big and small ones into the car and drive it away!”

“Yes!”

The two other men answered and were ready to capture them.

But before they managed to touch Lanlan, she made a move first!

The chubby little girl was as fast as lightning. Her body’s strength was hidden in regular days, but it broke out at this moment, and nobody could see it!

“Oof”!

There was a sound as if something had broken through a layer of paper.

Before the man who wanted to catch Lanlan reacted, he looked down on his stomach unbelievably...

Lanlan’s small fist was just like a diamond drill, penetrated through the man’s stomach, and broke out from his kidney behind!

“Argh!!!”

The man screamed as his eyes rolled over, but it did nothing to affect Lanlan’s next move.

As the little girl kicked out her thighs, her body jumped upwards like a small cannonball. She hooked up her left hand and hit the other man’s head!

“Crack!”

Another sharp noise resounded; the man’s head was beaten upside down and turned around 180 degrees. His head sank by half with his neck broken!

The redhead, witnessing both his men dying within a mere span of three to four seconds. Suddenly, an urgency to pee struck him. His legs trembled, and he dared not move!

Lanlan did not have the intention to stop. She walked to the redhead and kicked him!

“Ah!!”

The redhead got tackled over by Lanlan, and even the sound of his leg cracking could be heard!

Min Juan wanted to stop Lanlan, but it was already too late by the time she reached her. After she reacted back in time, the three men who tried to kidnap Lanlan were done with, two killed, one severely injured.

Not far away, the driver left in the minivan saw the little girl finishing three of his associates and quickly turned his car and escaped as he sped up to the max!

Min Juan could not bother much even as she saw blood flowing on the road. She hurried forward and carried Lanlan, who was upset, and placed her back into the car.

“Lanlan, stay till and sit, wait for aunt to make a call.”

Min Juan knew that she could not make the decision. It was evident that someone wanted to kidnap Lanlan. She must tell Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi immediately, so she took out her phone and dialed.

“Mhmm,” Lanlan pouted her lips and nodded. She stared at the digital clock on the clock unhappily.

As for the blood on her body and the three kidnapers on the ground, Lanlan did not want to bother.

At that moment, as it was still early. Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi were still at home watching the morning news with Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma.

Yang Chen suddenly noticed his phone vibrating and took a look; a call came in from Min Juan. He was a little surprised as Min Juan would usually contact Lin Ruoxi if anything was going on. However, this time she called him instead.

He picked up the call, and before Yang Chen got to ask anything, Min Juan blabbered everything out and urged him.

Yang Chen frowned immediately, and his eyes were filled with coldness now. He got up quickly and said calmly, “Stay there, I’ll be reaching in a moment.”

Chapter 1159 Inheritance

Lin Ruoxi saw Yang Chen’s severe face and inquired worriedly, “Honey, what’s wrong?”

Yang Chen hung up the call and said in a deep voice, “Min Juan brought Lanlan out, and a few strangers blocked their way, wanting to kidnap them.”

“What!?” Lin Ruoxi got up in a panic. “What now?!”

Guo Xuehua and Wang Ma looked over nervously.

Yang Chen smiled. “Our dear daughter finished them all. I’ll go and take care of the rest. Don’t worry, Lanlan is fine.”

Lin Ruoxi let out a sigh of relief and patted her chest. “Hurry up and go. You are fast enough to reach there, and I’ll also be there soon.”

Yang Chen did not waste time and chose not to drive. Instead, he flashed through and reached the junction. It was a path they passed by often, so it was easy to find Min Juan and Lanlan.

Yang Chen appeared on the scene in an instant.

“Mr. Yang, you are here!” Min Juan had seen worse, so she was not surprised to see Yang Chen appearing out of nowhere.

Yang Chen nodded and walked to the car. He reached into the car and carried Lanlan out. He patted the chubby little girl, who was unhappy, confirmed that she was fine, and then looked at the three men on the floor.

Two of them were killed directly by Lanlan. The redhead with the broken leg fainted from the pain.

Yang Chen looked at Lanlan’s ‘work.’ It was awe-inspiring. Fierceness could match him as the father, and he could see a sense of inheritance in her.

Although this outlook was somewhat insane, Yang Chen was delighted with his daughter’s decisive murders.

“Daddy... Lanlan wants to go to the zoo...” Lanlan teared up pitifully. After so long, the child was afraid that she could not catch up with the team.

“Awh, there’s blood everywhere on your clothes, how can you go to the kindergarten,” Min Juan said helplessly.

Yang Chen smiled. “Don’t worry. Daddy is fast enough. I’ll bring Lanlan back to change her clothes and fly to the kindergarten immediately. We will definitely make it!”

Lanlan immediately cheered up and clapped. “Oh! Daddy is the best!”

“Of course, but Lanlan, next time when you kill people, try to choose a way that won’t cause bleeding. That way, you won’t dirty your clothes, so you won’t have to change them.”

“How can you kill bad guys without making them bleed?” Lanlan asked curiously.

Yang Chen gave a light example. “For example, flatten the bad guy’s neck, spin his head around, or grab a stone somewhere and throw it at them! These are fine!”

Lanlan nodded in confusion, “Then Lanlan should try it the next time I kill bad guys.”

“Hehe, that’s right, you are my obedient daughter,” Yang Chen grinned.

Min Juan was speechless as she listened to the father and daughter. How could they still talk openly about those frightening topics when there were still three kidnappers lying on the ground! Although they could only ‘attempt to,’ we should keep in mind what they initially came for, right?

Yang Chen then turned around. “Min Juan, later on when Ruoxi arrives, asks her to contact Yanyan directly. There’s still one alive. It shouldn’t be too difficult to investigate. I’ll bring Lanlan back to change her clothes.”

As the women had been practicing, Yang Chen already sent the Sea Eagles back to Europe. After all, they had their own families, and they missed them as well.

That’s why he had to trouble Cai Yan for investigative matters.

Min Juan nodded and understood.

Yang Chen saw no one around and instantly moved back home. They ran into Min Juan’s room as Lanlan’s clothes were all in there.

Changing the little girl’s clothes, wiping off the bloodstains on her face, and spraying some perfume to mask the bloody smell took only ten minutes.

The next moment, Yang Chen carried Lanlan and moved to the rooftop of Yunhua Kindergarten, so it would not appear too abrupt and alert others.

Opening the rooftop door, Yang Chen sent Lanlan downstairs, and they made it just in time.

Lanlan was not affected by the killing at all, but felt particularly excited about this morning. She also begged Yang Chen to bring her to ‘fly’ around more.

How could Yang Chen listen to her? He patted the chubby girl's buttocks and urged her into the classroom to meet up with the other children and secretly went back home.

Lin Ruoxi had followed up on what Yang Chen said, letting Cai Yan send a few police officers to the scene and deal with the perpetrators.

Two men were dead, with the redhead remaining arrested and sent to the hospital. After treating his broken leg briefly, his follow-up treatment was postponed.

Although Lanlan killed people, she was still a kid, and it was out of 'self-defense' anyway, so it didn't matter.

Cai Yan was naturally very dissatisfied with her 'goddaughter' almost being kidnapped. She asked her men to find the information of those kidnappers quickly, and soon the ward became the interrogation room for the police.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi stood inside the ward together. They were not in the mood to go to work anymore. Either way, they had to settle the actual culprit behind the scenes who had come straight up to their daughter.

"You don't have to cover up in front of me. We've figured out that you are a member of the dismissed Dongxing Association, Meng Jun. Your two subordinates Ah Ze and Wang Fei had many records in our station as well. It filled all your information in our hands, so if you cooperate with our investigation and tell us the culprit behind all this, you might still get a more lenient sentence in court. If you dare hide anything from us, I guarantee you you will get at least ten years of imprisonment from attempted kidnapping alone. Even if we sentenced you to death, no one would dare to say anything."

Cai Yan was interrogating Meng Jun, the redhead, with a stern face. Although there was sarcasm in her words, it was useful.

Meng Jun was still suffering from the pain in his legs. After hearing the beautiful policewoman being so strict in her words, he shivered.

"I... police officer, I am just a little nobody trying to earn some extra money. A boss hired my brothers and me to kidnap that kid, so we hid there. We did the work for money, and we didn't know who was the one who used us."

"Then, after you kidnap the child, where will she be sent to, and what's the purpose?" Cai Yan questioned.

Meng Jun quickly said, "The destination is an abandoned rice cake factory at Nanting Road of Xijiao. Our job is to send the kid there, and the boss will send someone to take over!"

"There's one more associate of yours who ran away. Where is he now?"

Meng Jun clenched his teeth. "Oh, right, officer. His name is Ah Lu, and he's not one of us. The employer sent him to monitor our work, and he would know who's the one behind all this. Although he ran off, I can tell you his car plate number, and you should be able to find some traces!"

The redhead was anxious too. The most important thing now was to save himself. That's why he spilled everything.

With the car plate number, Cai Yan used her connections and the cooperation of the other officers around the area, and she managed to find the direction the minivan went.

After they researched all information, Cai Yan immediately ordered her subordinates to find that minivan around the entire Zhonghai.

Not long after, a message came from below. The minivan was found by the roadside near Xijiao. However, no one could be found in the car.

Most gangsters had records in the police station, and this driver named Ah Lu was quickly found in the files.

After getting confirmation from Meng Jun that it was the Ah Lu they were looking for, Cai Yan issued a wanted order for the entire Zhonghai to search for this guy. As long as they found him, they could know who's the employer.

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi looked at Ah Lu's picture and could see that he did not look like a nice person. Nonetheless, they could do nothing but only wait for Cai Yan to arrest him.

Lin Ruoxi felt lucky that Lanlan differed from other kids, especially during these dangerous times. Having a 'strong and fierce' daughter was something to be happy about.

After settling all these issues, it was already noon.

As Cai Yan was planning to have lunch with Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi, a call from the police station came.

Cai Yan picked up her phone, and her face went straight pale after hearing a few words!

Yang Chen and Lin Ruoxi looked at each other and felt confused. She was beautiful before, but now she looked as if she lost her soul.

As Cai Yan put down her phone shakily, tears filled her eyes, glowing rosy as she started sobbing.

"Yanyan, what happened? You look scary..." Lin Ruoxi murmured.

Cai Yan covered her mouth, but she could not help it and started crying. Two streams of tears rolled down her face, as she said to Yang Chen, who was worried, "Xiao Ye...Xiao Ye is d-dead..."

Lin Ruoxi was full of confusion, as she did not know who Xiao Ye was, but it shocked Yang Chen. He could not believe what he just heard.

Chapter 1160 - You!

You!

Yang Chen couldn't care about anything else. Without hesitation, he dashed forward and enshrouded Cai Yan in his embrace. Patting her lower back lovingly, he cooed, "Stop crying, we're still at the hospital. You're the police chief! How can you be bawling your eyes out? Quick, tell me what's wrong."

Cai Yan sniffled, doing her best to hold back her tears. Wiping a finger across the corners of her reddened eyes, she looked up piteously. "The station just received a call from Xiao Ye's father, reporting that Xiao Ye was... was hung and has died."

“Hanged?” Though Yang Chen was barely acquainted with Xiao Ye, he was still a man with dignity at the very least. To think that he was humiliated with murder by hanging, he couldn’t help but shudder as he asked, “Did that Lei Zhengfu’s underlings do it?”

Cai Yan shook her head. “We’re not sure of it yet, but it’s highly probable. Previously, Xiao Ye had once mentioned to his father that he could ring the station and ask for me if any emergencies arise, but I didn’t... expect it to be such an emergency.”

As she spoke, Cai Yan rubbed her hands over her cheeks and plastered on a grim expression. “This can’t do. I must drop by Xiao Ye’s place right now.”

Sensing that Cai Yan might not be in her right mind, Yang Chen furrowed his brows and turned to Lin Ruoxi. “Ruoxi, you return to the office first. I’ll accompany Yanyan there.”

Although Lin Ruoxi did not know what exactly happened, a person’s death was still a big issue. She did not question further and patted Cai Yan’s back to comfort her, then left.

Cai Yan looked at Yang Chen gratefully. She felt more at ease when there was a man by her side during her downtimes.

The two left the hospital, and Cai Yan drove her police car to Dawang Village in Lushan Town.

Dawang Village was only less than an hour away from Zhonghai. Since many road sections were provincial roads, they could not drive too fast.

There was a river flowing through the village and many ponds where river mussels and catfishes were farmed from.

In the last two years, many paper mills were built, as well as stone and iron mines developed by Lei Zhengfu. Due to this, severe pollution had emerged in the village. Consequently, many fishing ponds were abandoned, and lands had gotten polluted to the point where farming was no longer a possibility.

The villagers worked at Lei Zhengfu’s paper mill while most of the young people went to Zhonghai City for work. The elderly and women mostly stayed in the village.

Xiao Ye’s house was near the asphalt road at the entrance of the village. There were dozens of villagers standing at their door, discussing, murmuring, with some women and children crying.

When Yang Chen and Cai Yan arrived, two cars from the Lushan Town Police Station were already there.

Several police officers saw a police car from Zhonghai City arriving, and it looked familiar. They took another glance and saw the face of the beautiful policewoman. She got out of the car and suddenly felt a little puzzled.

Only their head, Zhang Guoping, the director of the Lushan Town Police Station, recognized Cai Yan, who he often met during meetings in the city.

“Chief Cai, what calls for your presence?” Zhang Guoping was a large man with a prominent beer belly. As he walked up, he hollered warmly with a wide grin.

“Director Zhang, you all have worked hard,” Cai Yan smiled forcefully but did not respond to the fat man’s hand.

Zhang Guoping immediately introduced her to his men. “This is the police chief of the Western District Police Station in Zhonghai, Cai Yan. She’s our superior, everyone. Pay your respects!”

The few police officers were shocked that such a beautiful and young woman could be the leader from the city, but they still greeted each other and dared not neglect her.

For that matter, most of these police officers were just working for a living. The police station in the city was where there were national civil servants who really counted.

Cai Yan couldn’t be bothered to start small talk with them. Instead, she walked up to Xiao Ye’s father.

Father Xiao looked quite alike with his son Xiao Ye and was easily recognizable. Nonetheless, Father Xiao had gray hair, and his son was suddenly killed, so he was mentally exhausted and looked haggard.

Cai Yan knew Father Xiao in the past and seeing the old man like this, she felt heartbroken and went up to grab his hand. “Uncle Xiao, you must stay strong, I will definitely serve justice for Xiao Ye!”

Father Xiao smiled dejectedly and spoke in a loud voice, “Thank you, Chief Cai. We are already grateful that you came here.”

Logically, Xiao Ye’s death was not significant enough for Cai Yan to make a special trip to the town. Thus, Father Xiao was just hanging onto a final sliver of hope as he placed the call.

Cai Yan could not find the words to comfort him. After all, Xiao Ye was gone, not to mention before his father. Whatever she said would still ring hollow.

Find the murderer! Punish the murderer!

Cai Yan firmed her eyes and suddenly turned back to Zhang Guoping and asked, “Director Zhang, what’s the situation here, and how is the investigation going?”

Zhang Guoping smiled and said, “Chief Cai, Director Xiao was found hanged at his balcony by passing villagers this morning. There were no traces of fighting found at the scene. From various signs, it’s not like homicide, but suicide.”

“Lies! My son would never commit suicide!”

Father Xiao suddenly shouted angrily at this time, “It must have been that Lei Zhengfu who sent his men to come and kill my son last night! Didn’t he just ask my family to vote for him as the village chief!? He killed my son for a vote! Why didn’t you police go and catch him immediately!”

The surrounding villagers all showed grief and anger. Everyone actually thought that way, but they didn’t dare speak out.

Xiao Ye was a child who grew up in Dawang Village. Most of those present were his uncles and aunts. Such a cruel death extremely saddened the villagers.

Zhang Guoping frowned and said, "Xiao Jingen, we need evidence for investigations. So what if there were no traces of fighting found on the scene? Does Director Xiao, a man who graduated from a police academy, have no means of self-defense?"

Yang Chen, who had been watching all these interrupted and asked, "You say that he committed suicide. Do you know what his motivation was to commit suicide?"

"Who are you?" Zhang Guoping did not bother with Yang Chen just now, thinking he was Cai Yan's subordinates, but it did not look like it now.

"Don't bother finding out who he is; just answer his questions." Cai Yan tossed a cold glare at Zhang Guoping.

Zhang Guopin saw Cai Yan saying this, and obediently replied, "We haven't found it yet, but we will try our best to solve the case within a month."

"Are you kidding me!? A month!?" Cai Yan reprimanded. "Immediately inspect the fingerprints on the spot and examine the body today. I don't believe that you can't find any trace of the murderer! I am taking over this case from you directly! All of you get out!"

Cai Yan was able to see through it. Zhang Guoping worked in the Lushan Town Police Station. Still, he should have received many benefits from Lei Zhengfu, and wanted to suppress it.

Zhang Guoping suddenly displayed a slight playfulness and smiled. "Director Cai, I respect you as a superior, but you shouldn't go overboard. We all followed the procedures and made no fundamental mistakes. You don't know, but our Lushan Town is small, and there are many things to be settled. Our police station is also increasing its efficiency as much as possible. If you are so determined to chase us away, how am I supposed to continue working for Lushan Town? I may be an unimportant person, but... my uncle may feel that I am causing him to lose face."

"Your uncle?" Cai Yan sneered, "You mean Director Zhou of the Public Security Department? Did you think I will be lenient with you just because your uncle is my superior?"

Zhang Guoping hummed lightly, "Chief Cai, let's not interfere with each other's businesses. I should be the one deciding the case at my grounds right."

"Zhang Guoping, you have an uncle working as the Director of the Public Security Department, but you are just the head of the police station in a small town. Do you know why?"

Zhang Guoping frowned and was a bit unhappy. "Chief Cai is laughing at me?"

"Forget it, let me just tell you upfront," Cai Yan enunciated clearly as she flipped her sleeves over and rolled them a couple of times. She then scoffed, "You're unbelievably pig-headed!"

As she finished, Cai Yan landed a brisk punch on Zhang Guoping's beer belly!

Smack!

It was as though the onlookers could hear the sound of the punch colliding with his flesh!

Zhang Guoping's eyes widened as he let out a grunt of agony and stumbled backward!

Cai Yan did not bother much and punched Zhang Guoping's left cheek. His fat face spun back as blood flew out of his nose and mouth!

The villagers and the other police officers were stunned. A heroic and beautiful policewoman randomly hit someone without saying a word.

Yang Chen was happily watching from the side. Her direct and slightly violent character was what made him remember this girl previously.

"Nice! What a good hit!!" Yang Chen immediately clapped and cheered.

One of the villagers took the lead, and the rest joined in, laughing and clapping. They had been enduring Zhang Guoping and his team for such a long time.

Zhang Guoping was beaten hard, and he panted as he leaned on the two police officers. He pointed at Cai Yan and yelled vaguely, "You b*tch...you...how dare you, huh! I...I am going to report to my superior! You...you are finished!"