

Chen Nan had spent the entire year feeling depressed.

She wasn't interested in doing anything.

She used to be such a radiant and lively spirit, but everything seemed to have been sucked out of her.

Every day, she went about her classes and ate like a zombie without the slightest light in her eyes.

In everyone's view, Chen Nan looked like she had just broken up with her lover.

Hence, Chen Nan's roommates forced her to go out for some fun over the holiday.

They were worried that Chen Nan might slump into a depression otherwise.

Despite their words of consolation, Chen Nan shook her head and laughed sadly. "A better man? I doubt I will find someone better than him in my life."

"Hey! Can you snap out of it?" Her friend instantly put her hand on her forehead and felt angry. "The last thing you need in China are men. There are better fish, but you have yet to see them. Try to meet more people and find someone better in less than three months,"

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Wang Ying-Ying spoke to Chen Nan disappointedly.

Wang Ying-Ying was the girl in charge of their hostel.

She was the oldest of the lot, had good grades and was very responsible. Chen Nan and the others called her their big sister.

“Exactly, Nannan! It was his loss to lose you. Why beat yourself up over it? Get over it and stop living in the past. You deserve someone better and should start living for yourself,” encouraged another one of Chen Nan’s friends.

Chen Nan said nothing and kept her head lowered.

“Look at that. The willows by the roadside are starting to turn green. Winter is over, and spring is here. An entire year has passed. If you keep getting depressed and wasting time, you would have let yourself down? How can you answer to your parents, who have high hopes for you? We brought you out in the hope that you can forget about him quickly and have a life,” continued Wang Ying-Ying with concern and optimism.

Chen Nan remained silent, but she raised her head like Wang Ying-Ying said and looked around.

The frozen river had thawed and started on its



course.

Green buds had started to grow from withered trees, and the breeze felt slightly warm.

“Spring is really here.” Chen Nan raised her head and looked at the bright sunlight, and her heart started to melt.

In the end, Chen Nan seemed to have finally let it go. She clenched her fists tightly and bit her lip before she said with resolution, “You are right. I should let him go and forget him. We now belong in two different worlds. Since we are destined to be on different paths, why should I keep thinking about him? If I hurt myself, I would hurt my family. I shall wipe all traces of you from my life from now on. I will throw away all your photos, gifts and all our common friends from today onwards. A year has passed, so it's time I move on. Ye Fan, I will stop thinking about you from now on!”

Chen Nan spoke with determination as she clenched her fists.

She even shouted towards the sky as though she was bidding her love farewell.

The moment Chen Nan decided to let it go, she felt like a weight on her heart had lifted.

It felt as though the stone on her heart for years had gone away.

“That’s the spirit! That’s more like our adorable fairy from the Finance faculty! It’s just a guy. I promise you will meet someone better.” Wang Ying-Ying and Chen Nan both smiled.

All three of them smiled.

“Okay! Since you are over him, let’s go find out what’s going on up ahead.”

After they helped Chen Nan resolve her frustrations, the three of them went into the crowd excitedly to see what was going on.

“Uncle, can you tell us what happened?”

“Why are there so many people here?”

“Also, why are they kneeling?”

“Are they in mourning because someone died?”

The three girls asked the people around them as they looked in front.

“Haven’t you heard? It is quite the news. I heard that the Wei family has offended someone, so their entire clan is here to apologize and beg for forgiveness.”

“The Wei family? Are they important folks?”

“That goes without saying. Have you heard of the top four elite families of Yanjing? Besides



the Mo family, the remaining three, the Lu, Xu, and Xur families combined can't compare to the Wei family from Zhonghai. Their clan has held power for over two centuries. Of course they are important."

"Are they that powerful?"

The three girls were stunned since they were inexperienced lasses.

Although they knew nothing about the Wei clan, they had heard about the Lu, Xur, and Xu families.

Chen Nan could still remember how two young men from these families had caused so much trouble in Jiangdong. Her father ended up breaking away from Ye Fan because he had feared their power.

All this time, Chen Nan felt that the Lu and Xur families were the biggest clans in the country, but now an even more powerful Wei clan had turned up.

"Gosh, how powerful could the man they offended be? He even makes the entire Wei family kneel before him."

Chen Nan, Wang Ying-Ying, and Su Mu-Mu were all stunned. A look of curiosity and shock rose in their eyes.

“What did I say? I told you there are always better men out there. Isn’t there one right before our eyes now? Isn’t the man who defeated the Wei family more powerful than your man?” Wang Ying-Ying exclaimed in shock before she smiled at Chen Nan.

Chen Nan nodded. “He is. If the Wei family is that powerful, anyone who is capable of making them bow is truly extraordinary.”

“Now do you think you won’t meet anyone as outstanding as him?” Wang Ying-Ying laughed as she spoke.

All three of them decided to stick around and wait.

They wanted to see who had managed to make the Wei family bow here in submission.

The crowd around them also wanted to know desperately.

Everyone wanted to see who on earth this immortal was!

Just as everyone waited, a middle-aged man suddenly emerged from the crowd.

His eyes were filled with displeasure as he witnessed the sight before he strode into the Xu family estate.



However, the moment he reached the door, Tong Shan and Qing Tan tried to stop him.

“You two aren’t even grandmasters. How dare you stop me? I’m in a bad mood, so you better get out of my way! Or else, don’t blame me for beating you up even if you work for that kid!” said Tang Hao furiously with coldness in his eyes.

“My apologies. May I ask who you are?” asked Tong Shan deeply.

“You aren’t fit to know my name. Get out of my way this instant!” shouted Tang Hao angrily once more.

Just as they were about to fight, Ye Yu-Yan hurried out of the estate.

She hurriedly stopped Tong Shan and Qing Tan before she smiled and apologized to Tang Hao.



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Ye Yu-Yan had seen this man before.

Tang Hao came with some men to ask Ye Fan not to make trouble in Yanjing when they first arrived.

Hence, Ye Yu-Yan knew who this powerful and important the man was.

Ye Yu-Yan had doubts whether her cousin was capable of fighting the man, let alone Tong Shan and Qing Tan.

After all, this man felt far more mature than Ye Fan.

She could sense his strength just by standing in front of him.

Now that he was at the Xu residence, Ye Yu-Yan naturally treated Tang Hao with courtesy and invited him in.

“Where is Ye Fan? Get him to come out. I want to ask him if this is his idea of visiting relatives and not making trouble. Dozens of choppers landed, and the Wei and Xu families bowed to him. Yanjing has been sent into chaos because of him. Good lord! Even the emperor of ancient times couldn’t pull this off. Isn’t he impressive?” Tang Hao lost the patience to even stay seated as he demanded to see Ye Fan.

Ye Yu-Yan smiled sadly and said, “My cousin



has gone out.”

“Gone out? When did he leave? Where did he go? Are you just making up excuses?” shouted Tang Hao sternly as he glared at her.

Ye Yu-Yan hurriedly explained, “I’m not making an excuse. My cousin left three days ago. I think he went on holiday with Miss Xu. He came to Yanjing to visit his relatives, so it makes sense for him to go on a break.”

Tang Hao’s eyes instantly widened when he heard what Ye Yu-Yan said.

“What did you just say? He’s gone out to have fun with a girl? There are so many people kneeling outside, the city has been in chaos for days, and all eyes are on him, but he’s gone on a date?!”

Tang Hao almost passed out in anger when he found out where Ye Fan had gone.

“Contact him this instant and tell him Heavenly Grandmaster from War God Castle is waiting for him at the Xu residence. He can decide whether he wants to come,” said Tang Hao furiously in a stern tone.

He was clearly furious with Ye Fan’s actions.

Tang Hao had reminded Ye Fan so many times to keep a low profile and stay out of trouble.

Yanjing wasn't like Jiangdong. This was the capital and the holy land of martial arts, therefore, many nations were watching each and every movement within this city.

The tiniest incident here could get blown out of proportion by global media and cause damage to the country's reputation.

Ye Fan had assured Tang Hao that he would stay out of trouble, and Tang Hao had bought it.

In hindsight, he was a fool to have believed Ye Fan's bullshit.

He should have taken the King of Fighters' advice and told Ye Fan to leave Yanjing. Then things wouldn't have ended up like this.

"My cousin doesn't usually carry a phone," said Ye Yu-Yan awkwardly to Tang Hao.

"You..." Tang Hao was so angry that his face was livid. "Fine. If he is uncontactable, I will wait for him here. I want to see how long he can keep me waiting here for."

Tang Hao wasn't going to leave without seeing him, so he decided to wait here.

Shortly after Tang Hao's arrival, two other guests turned up.

"Excuse me! The heads of the Lu and Xur



families, Lu He and Xur Hai-Sheng, would like to pay respects to...”

Two men dressed in suits stood outside the estate and bowed reverently.

Their resounding and respectful voices echoed throughout the atmosphere.

In an instant, the crowd outside went into a commotion again.

“What?”

“Even the Lu and Xur families are here to pay their respects.”

“Oh my!”

“Who on earth is in there?”

“How did he manage to make all these leaders of Yanjing come to pay obeisance to him?”

The crowd went into an uproar and everyone was terribly curious about who the man was.

Wei Chen and Wei Guang frowned as they knelt outside the residence without daring to raise their heads.

“Damn it! Those old geezers are here too?! Haven't they become cowards and refused to leave their homes for ages? Are they here to

laugh at us?" said Wei Guang softly as he looked at the men.

Wei Chen calmed him down, "Never mind. Just ignore them and wait calmly. Mr Chu should be back soon."

Lu He and Xur Hai-Sheng were led into the estate as Wei Chen spoke.

"Sorry. My cousin isn't around. If you want to see him, please come another day," said Ye Yu-Yan apologetically.

"It's fine. We have plenty of time to wait."

"We should have visited Mr Chu in Jiangdong ages ago, but we were worried about disturbing him."

"Now that Mr Chu is in town, we should pay our respects to apologize for what we did back in the day."

Lu He and Xur Hai-Sheng spoke courteously.

Ye Yu-Yan laughed gently. "Okay then, be my guest."

There were people waiting for Ye Fan both inside and outside.

Tang Hao and the others were waiting for Ye Fan while the crowd outside wanted to find out



who he was.

Time passed slowly.

Before long, the sun set in the background and the twilight left the sky dusky.

Chen Nan and the others were a little tired of waiting and wanted to leave.

The rest of the crowd were shaking their heads in disappointment.

“Sigh! It seems we won't get to see this big shot today.”

“I wonder when he will come back. It is already the third day, and we have waited until the flowers have wilted.”

“Why the impatience? Do you see those people kneeling there losing their patience like you?”

The crowd outside started to gripe.

Chen Nan and the others wanted to leave.

“Sigh! That was such a disappointment. I thought I would get to see a real big shot this time. From the looks of it now, we are not destined to meet. Let's head back.” They had already been out all day, and they had classes the next day, so Wang Ying-Ying suggested that they leave.

The instant the girls turned to leave, the sound of an engine could be heard.

The deep rumble of an engine howled like a wild beast.

“Is he back?”

“Quickly now!”

“Let's go over and welcome him.”

Xue Ren-Yang and the others spotted Ye Fan's car first while everyone exclaimed in shock.

Everyone headed over excitedly to welcome him.

Meanwhile, the Wei and Xu clans that were kneeling outside the residence turned to kneel in his direction.

Tang Hao, Lu He, and Xur Hai-Sheng also strode briskly out of the estate when they heard he was back.

From the looks of it, the man everyone had been waiting for was finally back.

Countless eyes turned to look in the other direction of the car in unison.

In the distance, a black off-road vehicle rumbled like a beast as it drove right over.



“Get out of the way!”

“Don’t block the way!”

Xue Ren-Yang led over a hundred men to clear the path quickly.

The car finally stopped.

Xue Ren-Yang led the men to stand on both sides and bowed reverently, “Welcome back, Dragon Master!”

“Welcome back, Dragon Master!”

A young man and a stunning young woman got off the car slowly as people paid respects to them as the crowd watched on.

The instant the young man appeared, the Wei family kowtowed to him.

The heads of the Lu and Xur families also welcomed him.

The world fell silent.

The bright sun couldn't compare to how dazzling the young man was.

The crowd surged outside the Xu estate as they watched a young man and a young woman get off the car and walk over.

Wei Chen kowtowed. "The Wei family deserves to die a thousand times. Please forgive us, Mr Chu!"

The Xu family also bowed and said, "Please forgive us, Mr Chu!"

Lu He and Xur Hai-Sheng, who were waiting in the hall, also paid obeisance apologetically, "Mr Chu, we are here to ask for forgiveness!"

Everyone bowed to Ye Fan reverently as they looked at him in admiration.

However, Ye Fan was unmoved by their waves of apology.

His face was completely expressionless.

All these rich and powerful people were nothing in Ye Fan's eyes.

"Heavens! Is this the man whom all these elite families are bowing to?"

"Isn't he a little too young? He must be 20 at best. Shouldn't he be in college?"

The crowd outside went crazy when they saw Ye Fan.



They thought that the man who could make all these elite families submit must be some man in his 40s at least. But he turned out to be shockingly young.

“Wow! Nannan, Yingying, look! He is so young that it feels as though he is around our age. There is certainly talent among the young. Oh no! I think I have a crush on him. I have no immunity against outstanding men like him.”

Just as everyone reeled in shock at Ye Fan’s young age, Chen Nan’s friend, Su Mu-Mu, had fallen for the young man completely and her eyes were filled with admiration.

What kind of men was the most charming?

He didn’t need to be good-looking or rich. He just needed to be truly outstanding.

Their powerful aura was capable of sweeping any woman off her feet.

Su Mu-Mu and even the typically independent Wang Ming-Ming, couldn’t help being smitten by him.

Their faces blushed crimson as they spoke with exhilaration.

“Talented men are always the most attractive!”

“Nannan, see what I mean by there are better

fish out there?”

“No matter how good your Fan is, can he compare to this guy?”

“He might have power in a tiny place like Jiangdong, but this Mr Chu is the most powerful man in the country.”

“The Wei clan and all the Yanjing elite have come to bow to him!”

“If any one of us can win his heart, we can die without regrets.”

Wang Ying-Ying and Su Mu-Mu kept speaking in excitement as they praised the young man before them and belittled the man Chen Nan loved.

“Hmm? Why aren’t you talking, Nannan? Seriously, that Fan can’t compare to this man, so you should give up already. There are plenty of fish in the sea. Considering how pretty and smart you are, you deserve better.” Wang Ying-Ying suddenly noticed Chen Nan’s silence the moment this man appeared.

She turned to look at Chen Nan curiously.

The moment she turned, she saw Chen Nan crying.

“Nannan, what happened?”



“Why are you suddenly crying?”

“Did you get startled by Mr Chu’s presence?”

Su Mu-Mu and Wang Ying-Ying were alarmed to see Chen Nan cry and didn’t know what had gotten into her.

However, Chen Nan said nothing as she looked at the familiar silhouette from behind with tears in her eyes.

She couldn't help sobbing sadly.

“You are scaring me. What has gotten into you?” Wang Ying-Ying was even more worried.

Chen Nan was finally incapable of staying quiet and wailed out loud.

“That’s him! That’s Fan! That’s my Fan!”

What?

“You mean...you mean...that’s the young man from Jiangdong that you have a secret crush on?”

Chen Nan's words were a bolt from the blue.

Su Mu-Mu and Wang Ying-Ying were stunned as they opened their eyes wide and stared at Chen Nan in disbelief.

They would never have thought Chen Nan's crush would be someone this extraordinary.

He was the leader of Jiangdong and the entire country.

In that instant, Wang Ying-Ying and Su Mu-Mu finally realized why Chen Nan had such a hard time getting over him.

She had seen the oceans, and so the rivers no longer drew her attention. She had seen the heavenly clouds surrounding the peaks of mountains, so the ordinary cloud no longer drew her gaze.

After witnessing the vast ocean, no one cared about a tiny river.

After witnessing the glorious mountain, no one cared about a small hill.

Wang Ying-Ying knew that unless Chen Nan met someone better than Ye Fan, she might never get over him in her lifetime.

"Ying-Ying, why? Tell me why? I have already decided to let him go. But why did he have to reappear in my life? Why did I have to see how dazzling he was again?"

Chen Nan bawled as though she had caught sight of her ex-boyfriend in his glory after breaking up with him.



In reality, Chen Nan merely had a secret crush for Ye Fan.

Even though he was never her man, it felt equally agonizing to lose him now.

Wang Ying-Ying and Su Mu-Mu didn't know how to console Chen Nan.

They could say that Chen Nan deserved better earlier, but they didn't dare to say this anymore.

After all, Ye Fan was simply too impressive.

Was there anyone better than him?

Ye Fan was probably the most successful young man they knew among their peers.

The young man walked down the corridor and could only be seen from behind as he entered the Xu estate while everyone looked on in admiration.

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“Ye Fan, it’s really you. Is this what you mean by not causing trouble? I was an idiot to believe what you said!”

The moment Ye Fan entered the hall, he spotted Tang Hao, who had been waiting for a long time.

But Ye Fan smiled calmly. "I didn't cause trouble. They were the ones who provoked me first."

"You..." Ye Fan's words left Tang Hao speechless. "Why would they suddenly provoke you of all people?"

"I don't know. If a dog bites me, should I ask why it did it?" Ye Fan shrugged. He made Tang Hao so angry that he didn't know what to say.

"You... You sure are a smart mouth. Fine. I can't outtalk you, but I suggest that you stop this now. I'm the one who got sent over this time. If this keeps up, Sword Saint and the King of Fighters will come, and they won't be as nice as me."

Tang Hao knew he couldn't outtalk Ye Fan, so he stopped trying.

Instead, he softened his tone and wanted Ye Fan to let things slide.

Ye Fan stopped making things difficult for the Wei family on account of Tang Hao.

"Considering how sincere you are, I won't punish you for now. You may rise. I have only one thing to tell you before you leave. From now on, if you ever insult Lei or touch my business in Yanjing, I will raze the Wei family to the ground!"



Ye Fan stood outside the estate with his hands behind his back with a resounding voice echoing through the air.

Wei Chen shuddered as he asked in a trembling voice, "What if someone else bullies Miss Xu?"

"I will raze the Wei family to the ground as well," replied Ye Fan decisively. He left the Wei family trembling and their faces ghastly pale.



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Ye Fan had clearly tied Xu Lei's fate with the Wei family's.

From now on, if the Wei family wanted to live, they had to guarantee Xu Lei's safety.

The Wei family didn't dare to argue with Ye Fan's demands and acquiesced right away before they left.

RUMBLE!

After the choppers left, the crisis came to an end.

Ye Fan left the Xu family elders who put Xu Lei in a spot previously to her to handle.

Since they were relatives, Xu Lei didn't punish them too severely.

"Don't worry. Since you are my elders, I won't make things difficult for you. I'm tired, so I don't want to see or argue with you from now on. Tomorrow, I will buy a place somewhere in Yanjing, so you can move over. I will continue to send your family's share of the bonuses. If you use it wisely, there should be enough for you to live lavishly for the rest of your lives." Xu Lei spoke expressionlessly to her elders.

She wasn't the heartless sort. Instead, she was utterly disappointed.



She once thought that she would gain her family's understanding after all the hard work she had put in. But reality proved that that was just wishful thinking on her part.

In that case, why should Xu Lei make her life hard in order to gain their acceptance?

"You can't do this to us."

"Your uncle is only in his 40s and still young."

"You have to give us jobs."

"We don't want to spend our lives having no accomplishments."

The older family members had no complaints about Xu Lei's arrangement, but the slightly younger ones were reluctant to take her offer.

Xu Lei was clearly making them hand over all power and forcing them into early retirement.

The people with great power in the family businesses certainly found it unacceptable.

However, Xu Lei didn't want to listen to their explanations and turned to leave.

Some people wanted to go after her, but Xu Wen-Qing sighed, "Be happy with what you have. After what we did to her, she was still kind enough to let us retire comfortably."

“But Old Master Xu, she is forcing us to retire and do nothing. That’s as good as taking all power from us. From now on, our legacy will belong to her alone. The family business can only go to a boy, so how could we let a girl like her hold full power?”

Many people felt resentful in their hearts.

Xu Wen-Qing shook his head and smiled sadly. “So what if you don’t want to? We can’t outdo her. We will never be a match against her as long as Ye Fan is alive. We couldn’t beat her in the past, and we won’t be able to do it in the future,” Xu Wen-Qing’s deep voice rang in the air.

He was keenly aware that no one in China would dare to touch Xu Lei or provoke Mr Chu from now on.

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Everyone outside the estate had left.

Now that the exciting part was over, the onlookers all left as well.

However, three young women continued to stay there even after the crowd had gone.

The prettiest woman of the lot was crying while her friends comforted her softly.



Ye Yu-Yan happened to see this strange scene when she came out for a walk.

“Why does she look so familiar?”

Ye Yu-Yan frowned as she looked in their direction before she finally walked over out of curiosity.

After coming closer to her, Ye Yu-Yan suddenly recalled and said, “Are you Miss Chen Nan? Are you here to see my cousin? Why don't you come in since you are here? Also, what happened to you? Why are you crying?”

Although Ye Yu-Yan had only encountered Chen Nan a few times, she had a deep impression of her.

After all, the first time Ye Yu-Yan encountered Chen Nan, she thought Chen Nan was Ye Fan's girlfriend.

Also, things didn't turn out well for them.

That was probably why Ye Yu-Yan remembered how Chen Nan looked.

However, Ye Yu-Yan was caught by surprise when Chen Nan started to cry and run off the moment she spoke.

“That's odd. Is Miss Chen in trouble and embarrassed to tell my cousin?” Ye Yu-Yan

couldn't help feeling puzzled when she saw the young woman run off with tears welling in her eyes.

After some thought, she went back to the Xu residence.

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“Nannan, if you can't forget him, then go after him. In the past, he was far away in Jiangdong. Now, he is right here in Yanjing, so you can see him.”

Su Mu-Mu and Wang Ying-Ying kept persuading Chen Nan on their way back.

Chen Nan wiped the tears from her face and shook her head. “He probably doesn't want to see me. My family is indebted to him but we betrayed him, so I don't have the cheek to see him.”

“How would you know if you don't try?” encouraged Wang Ying-Ying.

Chen Nan's eyes dimmed, and she shook her head. “Forget it. He won't want to see me.”

Ever since that incident, Ye Fan stopped calling her.

It was clear that Ye Fan was utterly disappointed with the Chen family.



Despite how sad Chen Nan was, she did not have the cheek to see him again.

“My my, our Nannan is such a pretty girl. Tell me, which horrible fellow won’t want to see you?”

Calm laughter quietly came from a distance while Chen Nan wallowed in despair.

Chen Nan froze as though she were electrified the moment she heard that voice.

Sure enough, she turned her head to see a face that was both familiar and foreign to her.

“Y-Ye Fan?”

Chen Nan was stunned. She didn't think that she would end up reuniting with Ye Fan this way.

Su Mu-Mu and Wang Ying-Ying were dumbstruck as well. They opened their eyes wide in shock with their mouths open. They were so startled that they went speechless.

After all, this young man had made countless elite families bow to him.

People like him were like gods to them. They could only admire them from a distance. Now that they could see him at such proximity, they were naturally scared.

“Have you forgotten me after not seeing me in years?” Ye Fan smiled as he walked up to Chen Nan.

He sounded warm and friendly, just like he did in the past.

Chen Nan could no longer suppress the tears in her eyes and sobbed bitterly.

Ye Fan was at a loss. He walked up to Chen Nan and wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes. “What happened? Did someone bully you?”

Chen Nan shook her head and choked, “Fan, I thought you didn’t want to see me anymore.”

Ye Fan finally realized why Chen Nan was behaving this way. He shook his head and laughed. “Silly lass. What were you thinking? Why would I not want to see you? It’s true that your family did me wrong back then, but it was your father who did it. What has it got to do with you? I was too busy last year. Otherwise, I would have visited you in Yanjing sooner. How’s life? How are your studies?”