

Chapter 161: A Supposedly Family Dinner

Shen Fanxing frowned and went silent for a few seconds before walking in.

“Fanxing is here...”

That voice sounded a little awkward.

Shen Fanxing grimaced slightly. Her upbringing made it impossible for her to ignore the two people opposite her.

It was Cai Jingyi, Su Heng’s mother.

She wore a purple lace dress and she had a well-maintained figure. She had beautiful, lovely features that hinted of her glorious beauty in her younger days.

Seated beside her was a middle-aged man in a suit, Su Bingyou.

Though his face appeared stern, it didn’t affect his good looks and charm. Su Heng resembled him indeed.

No matter what happened between her and Su Heng, it was nevertheless the problem between both of them.

She had never thought of venting her anger at Su Heng’s betrayal on the two elders.

But why did they have to meet on such an awkward occasion?

What Jiang Rongrong had implied was that it was the Shen family’s dinner tonight.

What did the presence of the two elders mean?

Shen Fanxing’s nonchalance resulted in Cai Jingyi looking awkwardly at her husband.

Su Bingyou sent her a comforting look, his face showing resignation.

“The elders have already taken the initiative to greet you. What kind of attitude is this?”

Shen Defan hissed in a low voice, upset with Shen Fanxing’s attitude that had strained the atmosphere the moment she stepped in.

“It’s fine, it’s fine...”

Cai Jingyi hurried to ease the tension. After all, she didn’t dislike Shen Fanxing and besides, it was their family who had let her down.

Shen Fanxing ignored Shen Defan. From the moment she stepped in, she didn’t deign to glance at Shen Defan or Yang Liwei at all.

Shen Fanxing poured herself a cup of water and took a sip. Just as she placed the cup on the table, soft laughter sounded from the door.

“Grandpa’s right. You’re beautiful to begin with, even if you wear a torn rag.”

“What? I’m not wearing a torn rag!”

Shen Fanxing tightened her grip on the cup. Her back was facing the door and she didn't turn around. Her figure was concealed by the tall chair.

Shen Shanghua's laughter got closer, and her heart turned cold.

She told herself that she shouldn't feel this way. Shen Qianrou was also his granddaughter, and there was nothing wrong with him treating her equally.

But if her grandfather were the one who had invited her to the gathering, did he pause to think about how ridiculous she would be?

Su Heng pushed Shen Shanghua, who was sitting in the wheelchair, while Shen Qianrou held Su Heng's arm. They walked in chatting happily.

"Uncle, Auntie, you're all here? Sorry, Su Heng and I went home to pick Grandpa."

Shen Qianrou must have noticed Su Heng's parents the moment she entered, so she explained shyly why she was late.

Cai Jingyi smiled at her and said, "It's fine. That's what the two of you should do."

Shen Defan grinned brightly and added, "Look, nothing has been confirmed yet. But she didn't even notice her biological parents anymore!"

"Dad, what are you saying?"

Shen Qianrou stomped her feet and pouted at Shen Defan with a red face.

Cai Jingyi smiled and teased, "Yes indeed. A married daughter is like water being poured away. Qianrou will be the water in the Su family from now on. Of course, she'll have to coax me. She has good foresight!"

"Haha! She isn't water. She's the beloved daughter of the Shen family..."

Chapter 162: Please Let Them Be

"Haha! She isn't water. She's the beloved daughter of the Shen family..."

"Yes yes certainly! Don't worry, we'll take good care of this treasure!"

"Dad, Auntie, both of you... That's enough..."

Shen Qianrou blushed at their teasing before she dived into Su Heng's arms.

"Alright, alright! You're noisy everywhere you go. Sit down first!"

Even though Jiang Rongrong sounded stern, her tone was full of affection.

Shen Fanxing sat there silently, as the laughter and chatter surrounded her in the room. She felt as though she was an outsider.

There were too many times where she had the urge to stand up and leave.

But she also knew that that would be too rude.

And it would only show how much she cared about them...

What she could do was to sit there quietly and watch how the happy family interacted...

As they reached the dining table, their faces changed drastically.

“Sister, you’re here too!” Shen Qianrou exclaimed with a mixture of surprise and awkwardness.

Su Heng’s smile froze instantly.

“Fanxing, you’re... here...”

Shen Fanxing pressed her lips and remained mum.

It was only then when everyone in the room seemed to notice Shen Fanxing’s presence. The atmosphere became tense visibly.

Shen Shanghua took a look at Shen Fanxing and sighed silently. He quipped, “Have a seat everyone!”

After they sat down, the atmosphere remained tense.

“Serve the dishes,” ordered Shen Shanghua in a low voice.

“Let’s wait.”

Shen Fanxing finally drawled, her face devoid of emotions.

Everyone looked at her.

“Let’s talk first. For example... Why are there outsiders attending our family dinner?”

She had long suspected that when Jiang Rongrong had appeared personally, nothing good could happen?

But this hadn’t occurred to her at all...

How disgusting!

Cai Jingyi and Su Bingyou exchanged awkward glances.

Jiang Rongrong’s face darkened and she took a deep breath before saying in a low voice, ”

“The main purpose of this dinner is to discuss Qianrou and Su Heng’s marriage. We will also decide on the date.”

“What has this got to do with me?” replied Shen Fanxing sarcastically.

“You were engaged to Su Heng previously. So we’ve gathered today to officially call off the engagement. Also, during the company’s anniversary, you can go on stage and explain the situation clearly. You can say that there are some problems in the relationship. And you have initiated to break off the engagement...”

Shen Fanxing sneered coldly, “Then in order to make up with the Su family, the Shen family will betroth Shen Qianrou to Su Heng as compensation. In this way, Shen Qianrou will not be criticized as the third

party who has driven a wedge in someone else's relationship. Then the two of them can get together without any public criticism?"

The moment Shen Fanxing finished speaking, the room fell dead silent.

After a long while, Jiang Rongrong spoke again with a grim expression.

"I know you've never liked Qianrou, but don't you know Su Heng's character? Su Heng and Qianrou can't be separated anymore. If not, he wouldn't have made this decision!"

Cai Jingyi nodded apologetically, looking as though she was on the verge of tears.

"Fanxing, I'm telling the truth. Before you left the country, I could already tell that Ah Heng likes Qianrou. But he has always felt conflicted. He told me that he couldn't let you down. All these years, he has been living in agony. If not for... if not for the fact that his feelings could no longer be concealed, he would have continued struggling... Fanxing, if you still have feelings for him, can you let him go? Let him be happy! Ah? Take it as I'm begging you. Can you let Ah Heng go? Let him and Qianrou be together!"

Chapter 163: Do You Like Her Because She is Innocent, Kind and Gentle?

Shen Fanxing gripped the teacup tightly. Her whole body had turned icy cold, as though she was inside an icehouse.

"You're saying... before I left the country, Su Heng has fallen for Shen Qianrou?"

Cai Jingyi's face was streaming with tears. Upon hearing Shen Fanxing's question, her face stiffened before she bit her lips and nodded.

Shen Fanxing slowly shifted her gaze to Su Heng's face, where she saw the guilt in his eyes.

She stared at him for a long time. Her heart trembled as she asked, "You fell in love with her before I went overseas? You struggled for six years during our relationship?"

Su Heng didn't speak, but the deepening guilt in his eyes had given her an answer.

Shen Fanxing sneered coldly and replied, "I thought it happened when I was overseas. I assumed you couldn't stand the loneliness and hooked up with her... I didn't expect... it was way before that..."

Shen Fanxing spoke softly, full of sarcasm.

Yet, every word was like a knife that stabbed into Su Heng's heart.

Shen Fanxing couldn't help but feel sorrowful and bitter.

It turned out that they were more shameless than she had imagined.

"Su Heng, can I ask you a question?"

Su Heng opened his mouth and nodded silently.

"What do you like about Shen Qianrou? Because she is beautiful, innocent, kind and gentle?"

Shen Fanxing stared at Su Heng intently without blinking.

Su Heng stiffened under her cold and pressurizing gaze.

He couldn't utter a single word, but Shen Fanxing seemed determined to hear his response.

After a long while—

“Yes...”

That word seemed to squeeze every ounce of energy out of him.

Something flashed across Shen Fanxing's eyes before she gave a cold laugh. She quipped, “I see... these are the qualities which I don't have...”

“Fanxing...” Su Heng's voice was hoarse.” Sorry...”

“I've said it before, I won't accept your apology... Not every apology can receive a corresponding forgiveness. The two of you will not be together with a clear conscience! The reason you like her... I finally understand. I won't stop the both of you from being together!”

Upon hearing Shen Fanxing's statement, everyone heaved a sigh of relief.

Jiang Rongrong pressed on,

“As long as you can put everything behind you! Don't worry, I have already found a suitable match for you. You've met him before. Ding Haoding is the young master from the Ding Corporation...”

Su Heng tensed and looked at Jiang Rongrong.

“Grandma!”

Shen Fanxing frowned and stood up abruptly.

“Save your effort, Nobody has the right to interfere in my life!”

“How dare you!” Shen Defan berated her suddenly.

“How dare you speak to your grandmother like that? What do you mean by no one has the right to interfere in your life? Aren't you aware of being part of the Shen family?”

“All these years... have you treated me as family?”

“You... ungrateful girl! Don't forget the stupid things you did back then. Who helped you handle everything and sent you overseas?”

Shen Fanxing massaged her temples and said, “It's the Shen family.”

“Hmph! You remembered too!”

“Yes, I remember everything. That year, because I didn't listen to all of you and signed up for the competition of my own accord. All the reporters found me in the resting room with the judge, in a disheveled state.. I said I was being forced but the judge said I seduced him. All of you believed the judge's words but not mine...”

Chapter 164: I Burned Till the End For All Of You

"I begged you all to believe me back then, but you chose to suppress the news. The cover-up makes the matter worse! Everyone thinks I seduced the judge at the piano competition!"

"As for the plagiarism incident at the fashion competition, I already told all of you that the design was mine. But Shen Qianrou cried and insisted that she has rushed it out overnight. In the end, all of you chose to believe Shen Qianrou and not me..."

"In the end, I was expelled from school and all of you were ashamed of me! I was thrown overseas for three years and no one cared about me at all..."

Shen Fanxing felt a lump in her throat, but she tried her best to suppress it. Her back was straight although her eyes couldn't conceal her sadness, they were calm.

"Is it because I didn't cry and fuss like other girls? That was why I didn't get your attention and pity? Did all of you think that you've done enough and your duty has been fulfilled?"

"But have you ever thought that it was you... Every single one of you who has pushed me into the abyss?"

"None of you lent me a helping hand when I needed it the most. No one gave me a share of the glory and fruits of labor. Yet, you want me to give you a hand when you're about to hit rock bottom. All of you merely want to squeeze and use up every last bit of my usefulness to you as a family member. In the end, I'm like a candle and my wick has been burned till the end, in order to give light to all of you?"

"How can there be such a selfless act in this world? Don't treat each other as idiots. Can't we preserve the last bit of dignity for ourselves?"

Just as Shen Fanxing finished speaking, her eyes swept past Shen Shanghua, who sat in the middle.

He was the person she would spare her last bit of dignity for the Shen family.

If they want this dignity, they should accept it!

Regardless of whether they would or not, she didn't want to have anything to do with her family any longer.

"I'll be there during the anniversary celebration... All of you may continue with the family dinner."

Finishing her sentence, Shen Fanxing pushed her chair away and left the private room.

"Fanxing!"

Shen Shanghua yelled at Shen Fanxing's back before he chased after her in his wheelchair.

"Grandpa, let me help you..."

Shen Qianrou always acted like a well-behaved and filial granddaughter.

She stood up immediately.

"There's no need to follow me!"

Shen Shanghua growled and it frightened Shen Qianrou so much that she didn't dare to move.

Shen Fanxing stomped out of the club hastily. She detested every inch of the club and was desperate to flee.

"Fanxing!"

Shen Shanghua managed to catch up with Shen Fanxing.

"What's the matter?"

Shen Fanxing glanced at the old man on the wheelchair coldly as she asked. "

"Are you blaming me?"

His old and feeble voice conveyed a sense of helplessness and weakness.

Shen Fanxing closed her eyes tightly.

"I wouldn't have attended the dinner tonight if she didn't use your name... I just want to know... if you wanted me to come tonight..."

Shen Shanghua gave a heavy sigh and went silent for a while. Then, he reached out to hold Shen Fanxing's hand, his wrinkled and calloused hand still warm.

"I did it for your own good. there are some things..."

Shen Fanxing's heart sank and turned cold. Her fingers trembled as she tried her best to stop the tears.

"Grandpa, I would rather I received a call, telling me that my engagement with Su Heng has been officially annulled. The Su and Shen family wanted me to announce that I was the one to break the engagement... They merely wanted to salvage the overall situation. Even though all of us will feel terrible, it's more merciful than me being here tonight!"

Chapter 165: The Shen Family Has a Daughter Who Was Born With a Phoenix's Fate

"What did I witness tonight? I've witnessed how Shen Qianrou is being cherished as the precious princess of the Shen family. She will also be marrying into the Su family and is destined to be the respected and loved young madam!"

"You obviously knew that I don't like her, but you still want me to witness her happiness and how smug she looks. More importantly, everything she has today was all stolen from me!"

This was the first time Shen Fanxing has lost her composure in front of Shen Shanghua.

After a long while, she took several deep breaths and tried her best to regain her composure. She then laughed sarcastically.

"I feel that I only have myself to blame by coming here tonight. I came here to be disgusted."

She pulled her hand back and retreated, and her face was wiped off of all emotions.

She acted so nonchalantly as though nothing had happened.

Shen Shanghua gave a heavy sigh and expounded, “Fanxing, I merely want you to come back home, back to our family! Although your Grandma’s words may not sound pleasant, she isn’t wrong. The outcome has been decided. If you don’t put the past behind you, will you never return to the Shen family?”

Shen Fanxing curled her lips into a contemptuous smile and quipped, “Return?”

After a long pause, she added, “It’s cold outside. Hurry back to the private room.”

In the end, she didn’t say anything unnecessary regarding her return to the Shen family.

It was impossible!

Even if she wanted to go back, it would be to seek revenge!

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They had no choice but to continue with the dinner as Su Heng and Shen Qianrou’s wedding was their priority.

When the dinner ended, Su Heng, as the future son-in-law of the Shen family, had to fulfill his duty.

Su Bingyou and Cai Jingyi returned home first.

Su Bingyou was clearly displeased and upset.

Cai Jingyi took a deep breath and glared at him. “Why are you still so angry? You’re the one who wants a daughter-in-law. What’s with your long face at the dinner just now?”

Su Bingyou replied in a heavy voice, “The dinner tonight has put Fanxing in a difficult position and left her feeling aggrieved. If not for Fanxing, the Su Corporation would have collapsed during the crisis that year... Aren’t we being too ungrateful and burning the bridge after crossing it?”

Cai Jingyi pressed her lips and said, “I’ve always known that our family owes that child. But we’re not the ones deciding their relationship!”

Su Bingyou frowned and snapped, “Don’t think I don’t know that you were the one who wanted to matchmake Su Heng and Qianrou back then!”

“I’m doing this for our family!”

Upset, Cai Jingyi trudged on, “Which of the incidents that Fanxing caused back then can be brought to light? How can the Su family accept such a woman with a terrible reputation? Moreover, Su Heng is my son. What’s wrong with me not wanting him to marry a woman whose image has been defiled?”

“Moreover, it’s not like you didn’t notice the Shens’ attitude towards Fanxing all these years. Even if Fanxing enters our family, what can she do or contribute?”

Seeing that Su Bingyou’s anger was slowly dissipating, Cai Jingyi heaved a sigh of relief before whispering mysteriously,

“Besides, do you know why the Shen family is so biased towards Qianrou?”

Su Bingyou turned to look at her, and the doubt in his eyes was obvious.

Previously, Fanxing was also doted on and treated like a princess in the Shen family.

It was just that for some unknown reason, the decisive Jiang Rongrong, who had always hated mistresses, suddenly suggested that Shen Defan should bring his mistress and daughter back. And she doted on them excessively.

The reason was—

Cai Jingyi said in a low voice,

“In the past, the abbot of Lingxi Monastery revealed that the Shen family has a daughter who was born with a phoenix’s fate. The phoenix hides in the forest and it’s hard to return to its nest. Evildoers will harm her and her life is destined to be plagued with misfortune... I forgot what happened after that, but there’s something important he said— She will outstrip and surpass others!”

Chapter 166: Miss Me?

Upon hearing Cai Jingyi’s words, Su Bingyou frowned unhappily.

“You believe in such things?”

“It’s safer to believe than not to! This prediction was from the abbot of Lingxi Monastery, and indeed he was right! A hidden phoenix in the forest has a nest that’s hard to return to... and her life is full of trouble. Evildoers try to harm her... everything is right about Qianrou. She’s obviously the daughter of the Shen family, but she grew up elsewhere. She has experienced so much and gone through ordeals over the years. And Fanxing, she’s obviously that evildoer... More importantly, wasn’t Qianrou brought back to the Shen family? Born with a phoenix’s fate and is blessed in life. Have you thought about how much glory Qianrou will bring to the Su family?”

Su Bingyou narrowed his eyes silently but didn’t say a word.

After he pondered, his wife made sense.

As a businessman, he would tend to believe in fate and destiny.

Just like how the Shen family had believed that!

And at that moment, no one ever mentioned again, or even thought of—

When the Su family nearly went bankrupt back then, who was the one who supported and helped them without asking for anything in return...

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Shen Fanxing returned to Palace of Luxury and collapsed on the sofa, completely exhausted.

She forced herself not to think of every face and word she had heard tonight. But that was how humans functioned.

The more she wanted to escape, the more disgusted she felt. And it would always influence your mood and emotions easily.

She sighed and pressed her palm on her forehead as silence crashed around her.

She didn't know what sins she had committed in her previous life, or what she had owed them!

They were all out to collect debts from her!

Some time later, she jerked abruptly and raised her head. Her eyes glinted with coldness.

She took out her phone from her bag and made a call.

The call went through within a few seconds and Shen Fanxing's cold voice sounded,

"How's the investigation going? Okay, send it to me now!"

Not long after Shen Fanxing ended the call, her phone rang again.

Looking at the screen, Shen Fanxing's tensed face softened.

She tapped lightly on the screen.

Bo Jinchuan's handsome face appeared and was clearly displayed on the screen.

"You haven't rested?"

Shen Fanxing managed a tiny smile as she huddled on the sofa and looked at him.

Bo Jinchuan stared at her face for a moment before his low and clear voice sounded.

"What happened?"

Shen Fanxing paused and asked, "Huh?"

Bo Jinchuan was also sitting on the sofa, his dark orbs fixated on her.

"You don't look happy."

Shen Fanxing smiled and shook her head, and her expression grew softer. Her voice was gentle and clear.

"Nothing much. I've been adjusting to my new job recently, and I'm still trying to get used to it."

Bo Jinchuan smiled before turning his head slightly. He bent to pick up the cup on the table and took a sip.

As he drank, the dark glint in his eyes was hidden.

He said casually,

"Don't be too demanding on yourself at work."

Shen Fanxing nodded and replied, "Okay." She paused to look at him before asking,

"How about you? How's work?"

"It's fine."

“When are you coming back?”

Bo Jinchuan held onto the cup as a warm smile spread across his good-looking face and even his eyes which was the color of ink.

“Miss me?”

Shen Fanxing stared at his face in a trance.

His eyebrows were thick and dark, and he looked scholarly and beautiful.

Chapter 167: Do You Know How Seductive You Are Right Now?

“Hmmm?” asked Bo Jinchuan as he raised an eyebrow. The smile in his eyes twinkled.

Watching how Shen Fanxing had entered a trance as she stared at him silently made him proud.

Was this woman bewitched by his face?

It was just a word, but it was lethal enough to seduce and make her uneasy.

Shen Fanxing snapped back to her senses as she stared at Bo Jinchuan’s smirk. Her ears had turned red.

Bo Jinchuan grinned at her. Just when he thought that she wouldn’t respond, Shen Fanxing replied with a soft grunt.

Bo Jinchuan’s eyebrows twitched before he stared at the woman again.

Her beautiful face looked as though two rosy pink clouds had covered her cheeks. She was biting her lips tightly and her eyelashes lowered as she avoided looking at his face.

Bo Jinchuan narrowed his eyes at her lips for some time before his husky voice rang.

“Don’t bite your lips.”

Shen Fanxing looked up, confusion swirling in her eyes.

Bo Jinchuan’s voice turned deeper as he said, “Do you know how seductive you are now? How do you expect me to kiss you when we’re so far apart?”

Shen Fanxing released her lips as blood rushed to her lips. As a result, her lips turned rosy and red...

Shen Fanxing was rendered speechless but Bo Jinchuan smiled in contentment. Even though he liked seeing her embarrassed, he said, ”

“Alright, it’s getting late. You’re tired, and you need to get some rest.”

Surprised, Shen Fanxing nodded and replied, “You should get some rest too.”

“Okay.”

said Bo Jinchuan as he nodded gently.

After ending the call, the smile on Bo Jinchuan’s face faded and his eyes darkened.

He pressed the phone to his ear.

“Master.”

It was Yu Song’s voice.

“Find out who she met tonight.”

Thinking of the forced smile on the woman’s face tonight, Bo Jinchuan’s eyes dimmed dangerously.

How could she be that mentally and physically exhausted from work?

His voice was so cold that it seeped into his bones. Even through the phone, Yu Song could imagine Master’s scary expression. His scalp turned numb and he tried his best to stay alert.

“Okay, I’ll find out right away!”

Needless to say, Yu Song responded instantly!

Who else could the “she” be, that Master was referring to?

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Two days later, Lan Yun Entertainment’s anniversary celebration was held at Harmony Hotel.

Shen Qianrou wore an elegant beige dress and put on light makeup. She attended and entertained the guests along with Yang Liwei and Shen Defan at the reception.

The guests tonight were mostly Lan Yun Entertainment’s shareholders and senior management, as well as the investors who had collaborations with the company. Several artistes who were doing well at Lan Yun Entertainment were also present.

Jiang Rongrong even invited a few media agencies.

She had pinned Lan Yun Entertainment’s future entirely on Qianrou!

She had promised the shareholders previously that there was no need to worry about Lan Yun Entertainment’s future development. The lack of funds would be solved soon as well!

As long as Fanxing was willing to appear tonight and announced that she had broken off the engagement, everything would be solved.

Shen Fanxing was undoubtedly the most important guest tonight!

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At 8:00 p.m., the room was filled with guests, including Su Bingyou, Cai Jingyi and Su Heng.

When the anniversary celebration was about to start, Shen Fanxing was still nowhere to be seen.

Jiang Rongrong’s face darkened visibly and the few who were aware of her intentions didn’t look too good either.

If Shen Fanxing didn’t turn up today, what was the point of this celebration?

All of the plans were about to be ruined!

Chapter 168: The Anniversary Celebration (Part 1)

The anniversary celebration officially started.

Because of Shen Shanghua's ailing health, Jiang Rongrong held complete authority over Lan Yun Entertainment while Shen Defan had absolute power to run the company.

Regarding Lan Yun Entertainment's future prospects and the official speech to encourage and motivate the employees, it was naturally more convincing if Jiang Rongrong spoke.

The hotel banquet hall was decorated luxuriously and tastefully.

The contrast between the colors of black, white and metallic yellow highlighted the luxurious theme.

The fragrance of champagne and fresh flowers filled the banquet hall.

In the middle of the banquet hall, there was a stage with a massive high-tech touchscreen that covered almost half of the wall.

Jiang Rongrong stood on the stage while the screen behind her began to play Lan Yun Entertainment's history of development. It depicted how she started from a nobody to what she had achieved today.

Thereafter, it was time for the company's celebrities who had starred in influential and representative productions to come on stage. In recent years, Shen Qianrou had participated in almost every notable production the company was involved in.

This made everyone feel that Shen Qianrou was undoubtedly Lan Yun Entertainment's pillar of support. Given Shen Qianrou's capabilities, investing in her was a wise decision.

"Qianrou is Lan Yun Entertainment's lucky star."

"Not only is she pretty, but she's also kind and sensible. She is so capable at such a young age."

"The Shen family is indeed blessed to have such an outstanding granddaughter."

There were plenty of hushed conversations in the banquet hall. Everyone was praising Shen Qianrou and envying the Shen family.

Being recognized by everyone was undoubtedly something to be proud of.

The faces of the Shen family members lit up with smiles and they were all increasingly satisfied with Shen Qianrou.

Even Jiang Rongrong could hardly hide the pride on her face.

Qianrou was indeed the Shen family's pride and joy. She was destined to be a phoenix who would soar to great heights and be blessed with happiness!

With Qianrou around, she would never be worried about anything happening to the Shen family.

Even though Lan Yun Entertainment was in a financial crisis now, she had always believed they could pull through!

In contrast, the other granddaughter made Jiang Rongrong's face darkened.

Even after Jiang Rongrong had finished her speech, Shen Fanxing was nowhere to be seen in the banquet hall.

Walking to Shen Qianrou and Shen Defan who stood at the reception area, Jiang Rongrong asked coldly, "Is Fanxing here?"

Shen Qianrou replied worriedly, "Not yet..."

Jiang Rongrong frowned with a disapproving look on her face.

"Let's greet the guests first."

Turning her body slightly, she saw a tall and lean man raising a glass of wine to her from afar.

Jiang Rongrong's face darkened again.

At that moment, a black Volkswagen CC came to a steady stop outside the hotel.

Before the bellboy could walk over, the engine was turned off and someone exited the car.

She was wearing a stylish and elegant outfit.

She was clad in a pair of dark blue pants and a yellow striped shirt. Her neckline was the same color with a big knot hanging on her chest, showing her elegance and wisdom. A bow hung loosely in front of her chest and she looked intelligent and elegant.

The young bellboy was taken aback when he saw the elegant woman. Shen Fanxing's eyes darted to him as she handed him the key. "Thank you."

Then, she strode briskly into the hotel.

In the banquet hall, everyone looked relaxed and comfortable.

The guests enjoyed the appetizers, delicious food, wine along with endless idle chatter.

When Shen Fanxing pushed the slightly ajar door and walked in, many pairs of eyes trailed to her...

Chapter 169: The Anniversary Celebration (Part 2)

Shen Fanxing wore an expensive-looking, stylish outfit. It enhanced her image of a career woman who was dressed smartly and elegantly.

Her tall and slender figure complemented the elegant and capable vibe she had.

Her stunningly beautiful face contained icy coldness that deterred anyone from getting close to her. Her bright eyes surveyed the surroundings calmly and her expression was aloof and cold.

She wore a pair of white heels and her strides were confident and steady. Her long locks tumbled loosely behind her shoulders and swayed along with her footsteps.

Before anyone could react, Jiang Rongrong had already marched briskly to her. She appeared cold and reproachful.

“Why are you so late?”

Shen Fanxing shot her a stare coldly, and her voice was distant.

“It’s good enough that I turned up today, Director Jiang.”

Jiang Rongrong’s eyes glinted sharply and her tone became harsher.

“What kind of attitude is that?!”

Shen Fanxing blinked lightly and quipped slowly, “What kind of attitude do you think... I should have towards you?”

Jiang Rongrong narrowed her eyes angrily and hissed, “Don’t forget that I’m still your grandmother!”

Shen Fanxing gave a quiet snort with a condescending smile.

“If you didn’t remind me, I would have forgotten.”

Hearing this, Jiang Rongrong’s expression turned ugly.

Given her intelligence, she could detect the sarcasm in Shen Fanxing’s words right away.

“Are you blaming me for not showing you enough care all these years?”

Not enough?

Shen Fanxing sneered coldly to herself. How was Jiang Rongrong even worthy of thinking about that?

A bottle of water that was not filled to the brim was not enough.

A bowl of rice that didn’t fill one’s stomach was not enough.

If a person only paid half the amount for the food, that was not enough.

Not enough implied that something had been given before.

Throughout these years, what kind of concern did Jiang Rongrong give her?

Shen Fanxing didn’t utter a retort.

She didn’t intend to waste her breath on such a pointless topic.

The faint smile she wore on her face was full of sarcasm. Even though she remained mum, Jiang Rongrong still felt a stinging pain on her face.

“Since you’re here, you should know what you need to do tonight!”

Shen Fanxing snorted coldly. “Yes, of course I know.”

She glanced towards the stage.

With all the spotlight shining on the stage, it was definitely a spot where everyone would focus their attention on

Moreover, after she surveyed the hall, she saw a few familiar faces.

If she didn't remember wrongly, they were well-known media reporters.

It seemed that she, Shen Fanxing, would be the main lead tonight.

It wasn't easy. Who would have expected that one day, she could "shine" on the Shen family's territory.

Shen Fanxing inhaled a deep breath. The combination of bitterness and sharp irony in her heart formed an indestructible block of ice.

She strode forward and her face was stoic. Every step she took brought an air of coldness.

Everyone gazed at her curiously. But due to her strong presence, they made way for her.

"Sister..." Shen Qianrou hurried forward to greet her, her face full of apology and fragility. Yet, the smugness in her eyes couldn't escape Shen Fanxing's eyes.

Shen Fanxing cast her a cold stare before she swept past her as if nobody was there.

"Fanxing..." Su Heng appeared suddenly in front of her. His expression was conflicted as he said, "You don't have to do this, I'll explain everything clearly."

Shen Fanxing halted her footsteps and turned her head slightly to look at Su Heng.. She then let out a soft sneer.

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Su Heng was familiar with that look of sarcasm lately.

He strained to lower his voice, as he obviously had no intention of letting others overhear.

But Shen Qianrou and Jiang Rongrong heard everything.

Shen Qianrou turned around and hurried to Su Heng.

"Brother Heng, I'll say it. I'll go on stage and say it's all my fault. I can't control my heart..."

The atmosphere between the few of them was different, and it attracted the attention of many people. In particular the reporters, who had already detected something amiss.

"What nonsense!"

Jiang Rongrong growled, causing Shen Fanxing to let out a contemptuous sneer.

"Grandma... I can't let Brother Heng bear all the responsibility..."

"Alright, stop creating trouble! Do you want to smear your reputation?!"

Jiang Rongrong chided harshly again as her gaze landed on Shen Fanxing, "Aren't you going up?"

Shen Fanxing's eyelashes shuddered and her grip on her bag left her hands white.

Reputation?

What about her?

She was still here, but she couldn't even be bothered with her pretense.

At least she was calm.

"Grandma, please let me discuss this with Fanxing..."

"Enough."

Su Heng wanted to interrupt, but a cold and firm voice sounded suddenly.

He turned his head and saw a tinge of disdain in Shen Fanxing's sarcastic gaze.

"I'm nearly an hour late tonight. Su Heng, you can do so much in an hour. If you wanted to, you wouldn't have waited until now... Now that things have reached this stage, why are you putting on an act? You betrayed me and still hope that I wouldn't bear a grudge against you. Aren't you afraid that I'll pester you? Or do you actually want me to pester you?"

Su Heng froze, and his heart felt like it had been punched. His face turned pale as though the words had struck something.

Shen Fanxing took a deep breath and averted her gaze. Turning her head she said curtly, "Make way."

"Fanxing..."

Shen Fanxing frowned, as impatience finally showed on her face. She pushed Su Heng aside.

He was caught off guard and staggered backward. Shen Qianrou darted forward and hugged his waist tightly, while he naturally held onto Shen Qianrou's slender waist.

Even though it was a reflex, their posture was simply well-practiced.

There was bound to be a difference between a man and a woman. Besides, Su Heng would only suffer a fall. It had nothing to do with life and death. Just an outstretched hand would prevent him from falling. Yet, Shen Qianrou and Su Heng ended up cuddling together.

Shen Fanxing shot them a cold stare before she walked towards the stage, ignoring the noises around her.

Jiang Rongrong coughed to remind the two of them who were hugging. With a stern glare, Shen Qianrou promptly released Su Heng hastily.

Jiang Rongrong trailed closely behind Shen Fanxing.

Shen Fanxing walked up to the stage and stood before the podium, as her gaze swept across the sight before her.

It was indeed a five-star luxurious hotel. Even the tables had their own individual LCD screen.

She looked up slowly, her delicate features unreadable under the bright lighting. There wasn't a trace of emotion on her face.

Her aloof look carried an air of arrogance, and she looked like a white flower blooming on the peak of the snowy mountains. Elegant, noble and unattainable.

Ding Chengyu stood below the stage and watched the arrogant woman. His eyes glittered with interest behind his gold-rimmed glasses.

Shen Fanxing's gaze scanned the sea of guests, as her lips lifted into a smirk.

Seeing her smile, Jiang Rongrong frowned, and her heart was unsettled.

"Sorry to disrupt everyone..."

Her clear and crisp voice sounded throughout the banquet hall, attracting everyone's attention...