

Since Chen Nan pleaded with him like that, Ye Fan finally agreed.

But just when he reached the entrance of the hotel, someone blocked Ye Fan's way.

"I'm sorry sir, but this is a private banquet, so you are not allowed to enter without an invitation card," said the staff at the door very confidently. His firm tone of voice did not leave any room for negotiation.

"He's my friend, so can't I bring a friend in?" grumbled Chen Nan rather unhappily.

But the staff still shook his head. "I'm sorry, Miss. Your invitation card is for only one person, and you are not allowed to bring any guests in."

"You..." Chen Nan was so angry that her face was all red.

"Nannan, forget it."

Ye Fan didn't want to attend this party in the first place. If the staff wasn't letting him in, then he wasn't going to try so hard to get in.

"No! Fan, leave this matter to me."

But Chen Nan was a stubborn one and immediately made a phone call.

A man and a woman walked over in no time.

The woman was the lady Ye Fan saw earlier. She was Chen Nan's senior from university, Kong Hui.

The man was in a black tuxedo with a tie as well as a Longines mechanical watch on his wrist. He was very meticulously dressed, and was clearly a rich young man from the upper echelons of society.

"Kong Hui, Hao-Nan, you guys are finally here. Fan wants to join the party too, but they're not letting us in," said Chen Nan when she spotted the two of them.

"Nannan, no problem, leave this to us," Kong Hui consoled her.

Liang Hao-Nan walked to the staff and said some things to him.

"Alright Nannan, it's all settled. You can bring your friend in." Liang Hao-Nan snapped his fingers to show that he had settled this matter.

The staff didn't stop Ye Fan anymore and Ye Fan went in together with them.

"Thank you, Hao-Nan," said Chen Nan as she walked in.

Liang Hao-Nan waved his hand. "It's just a simple matter."

Liang Hao-Nan glanced at Ye Fan and said in a friendly voice, "You must be Nannan's boyfriend, right?"

Liang Hao-Nan looked carefully at Ye Fan and noticed that Ye Fan's clothing was very ordinary looking, so he was certain that Ye Fan was from an ordinary family.

Even though he was fairly good looking, he was quite far off the mark from Chen Nan.

"Bro, you're really lucky. So many rich, talented and handsome young men in the school can't even get Nannan's attention, so I didn't expect you to actually manage to snag such a good catch. In a world that only cares about looks and money, it's really hard to get luck as good as yours," sighed Liang Hao-Nan as he shook his head.

Even though he hadn't specifically mentioned anything, the implied meaning of his words were quite apparent.

In short, Liang Hao-Nan felt that Ye Fan was just a toad who managed to get together with a swan.

Even though Ye Fan wasn't too bad looking,

he was nowhere near the standard of those handsome young men in the university. It wasn't wrong to call Ye Fan a toad in that sense.

"Why, are you very envious?" Before Ye Fan could say anything, Kong Hui glared at Liang Hao-Nan first and gave him a fierce look.

Liang Hao-Nan quickly defended himself, "Oh no, no, I'm not envious. I'm just feeling bad for Shao-Jie and the rest of the guys. I already have such a beautiful girlfriend like you, so I'm not envious of anybody."

Liang Hao-Nan was clearly someone who had gone out with many girls before, so he was really good at sweet-talking.

"Oh by the way, Ye Fan. Tonight's gathering is a private party, and the people we're meeting tonight are all very important and powerful people in Japan. You can go in with us, but remember, don't say too much, don't make any trouble and don't touch anything. Hilton Hotel's furnishings are all very expensive, so don't damage any of them," Liang Hao-Nan reminded Ye Fan beforehand.

He was clearly afraid that Ye Fan had very little exposure to such parties and might end up making trouble later.

He was the one who brought Ye Fan in, so if Ye Fan created any trouble, he would definitely be implicated.

“Hao-Nan, you don’t have to say such things. Fan has seen a lot of such things back in Jiangdong, so he knows all the rules of these high class parties,” Chen Nan cut in.

“Is that so? But Nannan, Jiangdong is just a small province and can’t be compared to Tokyo. Tokyo is one of the top ten developed cities in the world. We’ve got the rich and powerful from three countries coming today, so you’d better make sure your boyfriend is careful,” Kong Hui chimed in.

“Alright now, that’s quite enough. The professor is still waiting for us over there, so let’s quickly go over.”

All four of them soon entered the guest lounge.

An elderly man wearing spectacles was waiting for them there.

This old man looked very energetic and was clearly an academic.

This was Professor An, Chen Nan’s thesis supervisor.

After some simple introductions, Professor An found out who Ye Fan was.

“Alright, since you would like to get some exposure to the world out there as well, then you can come along on Nannan’s account. Hao-Nan, have you explained the rules to him already? This is a very high class party, so don’t talk too much and don’t simply touch anything,” Professor An instructed Ye Fan the same way.

Ye Fan frowned very slightly but didn’t say anything.

After that, five of them reached the front desk to get their room keys.

The party tonight was going to end very late, so accommodation was provided.

But the awkward part was that the hotel only provided a twin room and two single rooms.

The twin room was clearly for Kong Hui and Liang Hao-Nan, and it was on the third floor, which was the better floor.

The other two single rooms were on the second floor, and they were meant for Professor An and Chen Nan.

In other words, there was no room for Ye

Fan.

“Hello, could we add one more room? I still have one more friend who needs one,” Liang Hao-Nan spoke to the hotel receptionist.

“Young Master Liang, I’m so sorry but the rooms are fully booked. If your friend doesn’t mind, there is an empty room usually reserved for staff on the first floor. He can stay there for just one night.”

“Well, that...” Liang Hao-Nan didn’t reply and looked at Ye Fan while waiting for Ye Fan to decide.

“Let’s not waste any more time, he can take the staff room. The staff rooms in a five star hotel are usually nicer than some of those lower end hotel rooms anyway, so we’re not really ill-treating him,” Professor An answered on behalf of Ye Fan before Ye Fan could say anything. He seemed afraid that they might be late.

“Hello there, I’ve forgotten to make a reservation last night, please give me an additional room.” A couple came walking over and also made a similar request to add a room.

“I’m so sorry, but we are fully booked,” replied the receptionist.

The man didn't say anything and just passed his name card to the receptionist.

The receptionist immediately panicked. "Ah, Mr Gill...I'm so sorry, I'll get you a room right now."

In no time, the couple received keys to a room on the fifth floor and walked away satisfactorily.

"What's going on? Didn't they say they were fully booked?" Chen Nan was instantly displeased.

But Kong Hui consoled her, "My dear girl, you should be content that we got a staff room. If my boyfriend's company didn't have some dealings with the Abe family, we won't even get a staff room."

"You can forget about getting anything better than that. Don't tell me you're comparing him to Mr Gill? Mr Gill is a major shareholder of this hotel chain. He's rich and powerful, so he can go against the rules. Is your boyfriend rich and powerful?"

“I...”

But Chen Nan had no answer for Kong Hui’s question.

Chen Nan wanted to say that her Fan was very formidable and was the king of Jiangdong. Many rich and powerful men bowed and listened to him.

But she didn’t manage to say any of these words in the end.

Kong Hui was right. They were in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. It was one of the top ten cities of the world.

Even Kong Hui looked down on a place like Jiangdong, so it couldn’t be compared to Tokyo at all.

In fact, the people of Tokyo had probably never even heard of Jiangdong.

There was always something better and someone more powerful out there after all.

The King of Jiangdong was king within Jiangdong, but once he was in a place with way more rich and powerful people like Tokyo, then he was nothing.

Chen Nan didn’t say any more.

She looked at Ye Fan and whispered, “Fan, why don’t we switch? I’ll stay in the staff room.”

Ye Fan just smiled quietly. “It’s fine. It’s just a place to sleep for the night, so it doesn’t matter where I stay. Professor An is right. Hilton is a five star hotel, so even the staff rooms are better than the hotel rooms of some hotels out there, so I’m not really losing out or anything.”

Ye Fan continued to smile faintly and nobody knew if Ye Fan was saying these words sincerely or sarcastically.

But besides Chen Nan, nobody else in this group cared about what Ye Fan thought.

They just treated him as an insignificant person. If not for Chen Nan, someone dressed like Ye Fan would probably be barred from even entering the hotel.

After getting the room keys, Ye Fan followed the rest of them to where the party was held.

The luxurious hall was opulently decorated.

The crystal chandelier was shining radiantly.

Melodious tunes were being played in the hall.

There was delicious food placed on the tables around the hall.

Many handsome men and pretty women were dancing in the dance floor in the middle.

The atmosphere in the hall was relaxed and pleasant.

It was clear that the organizer of the party hadn't arrived yet, so all the guests were just chatting among themselves.

Chen Nan and the rest quickly found a table and sat down.

“Wow...that old man with a moustache is the deputy chairman of Yasuda Group, right? The last time he came to China, Yanjing treated him like royalty.”

“Oh my god! Isn't that our ambassador to Japan? He must be very high ranking in our government, right? I can't believe he's here too!”

“Professor An, it looks like this Abe family is really powerful in Japan!”

Ye Fan quietly drank his tea at the table.

He never drank alcohol because Qiu Mu-

Cheng didn't like him to drink, so he would always order a pot of tea at such parties.

Today was no exception.

The warm steam and the fragrance of the tea had a calming effect on him.

Kong Hui didn't just sit around and do nothing. After taking a seat, she started to observe the guests around them.

She intended to do her PhD in Japan, so she kept an eye on some of the happenings in Japan.

She could recognize all the people who were famous in the country at one glance.

Professor An nodded.

"Of course. The Abe family is one of the five conglomerates that control Japan, and they've had members in the government for many generations! The current leader of the country is also from this family. The number of resources and accumulated wealth that this century old aristocratic family has is more than you can even imagine. The head of the Abe family is the one who organized tonight's party, so it's only natural that the richest and most powerful people are in attendance," said Professor An in a deep

voice.

Kong Hui was more and more astonished as she heard what her professor said. She didn't know that the Abe family they wanted to work with this time was actually so powerful.

The main sponsor of the research project that Professor An wanted to undertake was the Abe family's business.

"Well, all this is really thanks to Hao-Nan. If Hao-Nan had not helped me to make this connection, it would be impossible for the Abe family to invest in our project. Hao-Nan, I would like to make a toast to you," said Professor An as he raised a glass towards Liang Hao-Nan.

"Oh my, Professor An, you're being too polite. I'm only doing what a student ought to," said Liang Hao-Nan as he laughed merrily. But he was really feeling terribly smug that his supervisor was giving him a toast.

"Hui, you've found a really good husband. After marrying Hao-Nan, you can sit back and enjoy life. Hao-Nan's family is in Yanjing, so they're really powerful, right? When are the two of you getting married? Remember to invite me to your wedding banquet!"

Professor An laughed brightly.

After that, Professor An turned to Chen Nan.

“Nannan, I’m most worried about you out of all my students. Kong Hui and the rest are from Yanjing, but you’re the only one from a small city. You’re very pretty, but you don’t have good connections and you’re very inexperienced, so you’re easily fooled by others.”

“I’ve always been worried that you might meet someone with ill intentions, and that’s why I keep wanting to introduce my nephew to you. My nephew looks very energetic, is from a good family and owns several houses in Yanjing, so I still think the two of you are very compatible.”

“In the past, I thought that you rejected my nephew because you had very high standards. But it seems like I’m wrong after all. It’s not that your standards are high, but you have unique standards.”

Professor An spoke jokingly, but it was obvious that he looked down on Ye Fan.

After all, he couldn’t see how this young man here was anywhere as good as his own nephew.

His nephew was 1.85 meters tall and good looking. He majored in film studies, which was an industry that valued good looks, so she couldn't turn him down based on his looks.

His family background was even more impressive. Yanjing was a place where the houses cost nearly \$10 million, but his nephew owned a few houses. He also drove a Mercedes-Benz that cost more than \$500,000 when he went to university.

Professor An really liked Chen Nan very much.

If his son weren't already married, he would have insisted on making her his daughter-in-law.

Thankfully, he had a nephew around her age, so he kept hoping that Chen Nan could marry his nephew and become part of the An family.

But someone of this standard suddenly appeared out of nowhere, so Professor An was very displeased.

"Professor, we shouldn't judge a book by its cover. For all you know, Ye Fan might actually be someone really powerful, right? Ye Fan?" asked Liang Hao-Nan with a laugh.

Judging from Ye Fan's dressing, he looked nothing like a man from a rich and powerful family.

But since he could win Chen Nan's heart, they were sure that there must be something extraordinary about him.

So Liang Hao-Nan thought that Ye Fan's family background was probably amazing, but Ye Fan dressed casually because he wanted to remain low profile.

But to their surprise, Ye Fan shook his head and replied, "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I come from a very ordinary family. My ancestors were farmers in a village, so I'm not from a rich and powerful family."

"Wait, what?! Farmers in a village? You're the son of a farmer? Are you serious? Nannan, are you nuts?" Kong Hui was so shocked that she started exclaiming.



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