

“Miss Chen Nan, was it? What a pretty sounding name. As pretty as your dancing. Let me propose this toast to you,” said Abe Chuunan as he smiled faintly and looked at the beautiful lady in front of him.

He also instructed the waiter to give Chen Nan a glass of wine.

“I’m sorry, Mr Abe, but I don’t know how to drink.” Chen Nan kept shaking her head and said that she didn’t drink.

But Professor An and his team immediately stared at her in shock.

Professor An glared fiercely at her, then ran up to help Chen Nan to resolve this situation.

“She knows how to drink, don’t worry. Mr Abe is proposing this toast, so of course she knows how to drink! This child doesn’t know how to say the right things, Mr Abe, I hope you won’t take it to heart,” said Professor An to Abe Chuunan with an ingratiating smile.

Then he turned to look at Chen Nan and whispered, “Nannan, you’ve already performed a dance, so why can’t you just take this glass?”

“That’s right, Nannan. One glass wouldn’t kill

anybody. Mr Abe is such an important man and he's toasting you personally, so it really should be your honor to receive it. How could you refuse it? You're so silly," Kong Hui and Liang Hao-Nan helped to persuade her as well.

The hardest words to reject were always those from people you knew.

After Professor An and the other two egged her on, Chen Nan compromised.

"Alright then, I'll drink it." Chen Nan took the glass, grit her teeth, then drank the entire glass of wine down in one mouthful.

"Oh my, Miss Chen is a really decisive character," laughed Abe Chuunan as he clapped.

Now that the dance was over and Chen Nan had accepted the toast, Professor An was ready to walk away. "Mr Abe, please continue entertaining your other guests, we won't hold you up anymore."

Abe Chuunan nodded. "Indeed. The three of you can leave, just leave Miss Chen Nan here with me."

"What? Me?" Chen Nan was confused and didn't know why Abe Chuunan specifically

wanted her to stay.

Professor An was rather curious as well and asked, "Mr Abe, do you need to ask Nannan about something else? She doesn't know much about our partnership, so you can talk to me directly if you need to ask anything."

Abe Chuunan waved his hands. "Tonight's party is just for fun and I don't want to talk about work. I admire Miss Chen very much and I would like to get to know her and befriend her. Also, I'm missing a companion to drink with. Miss Chen is quite suitable for this role, so I'd like her to stay here and accompany my godbrother for a drink."

"Well, that..." Professor An's expression looked a little nasty at this.

"What's wrong? Not happy about this? Or you think we'll harm this student of yours?" asked Abe Chuunan with a frown on his face. His voice was colder than before too.

"I...I wouldn't dare to. But Nannan is young and immature, so I'm not sure if she would do a good job of accompanying you."

Professor An wasn't stupid and he could tell what Abe Chuunan was trying to do.

Abe Chuunan had clearly taken a liking to

Chen Nan.

If he really let Chen Nan stay behind, nobody knew what else would happen later that night.

So even though Professor An was wary of the influence that Abe Chuunan had, he still tried his best to keep his voice down and attempted to take Chen Nan away with him.

Abe Chuunan picked up a glass of red wine and took a sip before continuing, "That's a small matter. Accompanying others for some drinks doesn't require any special techniques anyway, so she'll get it in a minute."

"By the way, wasn't the budget for your project around \$100 million or so? If it's not enough, I could get my assistant to add on another \$100 million. How's that?"

Professor An was immediately overjoyed to hear this.

"Are you serious? Oh my! Mr Abe, thank you so much for your trust in this project. I will do my best to do a good job of this research and I won't let you down." Professor An was over the moon.

He had come here this time because he had

hoped that the Abe family could increase their investment, and he was hoping for an increase of just \$10 million.

But before he had even said anything, Abe Chuunan was going to increase it by \$100 million.

\$100 million!

This was a huge amount of money to a university professor.

With this amount of money, he would even have extra leftover even after the project was completed.

“Kong Hui, Hao-Nan, we must thank Mr Abe!”

The excited Professor An quickly gave a toast to Abe Chuunan again.

Once he was done with giving the toast, he looked at Chen Nan. “Nannan, Mr Abe really admires you and would like you to accompany him. Don’t go back with us later, and just stay here with him. Pour him wine and just chat with him. Mr Abe is one of the most powerful men in Japan, so it’s a really rare chance for anyone to find favor with him.”

The moment Professor An was able to get

what he wanted from Abe Chuunan, his attitude immediately changed and he started to persuade Chen Nan to stay here.

Perhaps Abe Chuunan had other ideas about Chen Nan.

But that was only normal after all. Which man didn't like pretty women?

Besides, if Chen Nan really gained the favor of Abe Chuunan and married him, then that would be a fantastic opportunity for her.

She would become the mistress of the Abe family, and that was definitely a thousand times better than marrying that country bumpkin, Ye Fan.

With that thought in mind, Professor An didn't feel bad doing this anymore.

"Professor An, Fan is still waiting for me, so I can't..." said Chen Nan as she shook her head.

"Gosh, Nannan! Are you really dumb or just pretending to be dumb? One is an extremely rich and powerful man while the other is just a poor farmer's son. Isn't it an obvious choice? Nannan, don't be foolish anymore. Tonight might just be the best chance for you to change your fate," said Kong Hui to

her. She couldn't believe Chen Nan's mind was still filled with that country bumpkin.

"That's right, Nannan. You're just going to accompany him for some drinks anyway. Why don't you take this chance and get to know Mr Abe better? This is a chance that so many others would die for. If Mr Abe took a liking to me, I would have taken this chance for sure," persuaded Liang Hao-Nan.

But he probably wasn't convinced by this argument himself.

They had just met and Abe Chuunan wanted Chen Nan to stay with him without the rest of her team. He obviously had ill intentions towards her.

But even though the other three knew this was definitely the case, there was nothing else they could do about it.

Abe Chuunan was extremely influential, and they were in his territory now. They didn't dare to oppose him and there was no way they could.

It was easier to just go along with what Abe Chuunan wanted, and he might end up owing them a favor instead.

But this time, Chen Nan didn't want to

compromise anymore even though everyone was persuading her to.

“If you guys want to accompany him, then all of you can stay here. I will only drink with Fan! Nobody else!”



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Chen Nan wasn't dumb. She couldn't say some things out loud, but she knew what was really happening.

She had tolerated their behavior till now because she didn't want to put the other three in a spot.

But now that it concerned her own principles of living, Chen Nan wasn't going to compromise anymore.

"Nannan, you...you're being foolish!" Professor An started getting angry and anxious when he saw her reaction.

He was angry that this Chen Nan didn't seem to know what was good for her.

He was anxious because he was afraid that Chen Nan was now in trouble.

They were at a party that Abe Chuunan was hosting after all.

If Chen Nan refused the host in front of so many people, the host wouldn't let her off for sure.

Just when Chen Nan turned around to leave, the bodyguards next to Abe Chuunan walked out and blocked Chen Nan's way.

“Miss Chen, Mr Abe has invited you over to sit.” Their cold and harsh tone of voice sounded more like a command to her, and it didn’t leave her any room to speak.

“Miss Chen, why don’t you take a seat?” said Abe Chuunan with a faint smile as he pointed to the chair next to him.

But Chen Nan wasn’t giving in.

“I said I don’t know how to drink, and I don’t want to accompany you. Move aside! I’m going back to look for fan,” said Chen Nan stubbornly even though her face was already pale.

She tried to walk back to her table again.

But Chen Nan was just a weak and young lady. There was no way she could get through the two bodyguards.

“Miss Chen, if you do not cooperate, don’t blame us for getting nasty,” came the low voice of one of the bodyguards.

They were clearly prepared to take Chen Nan over by force.

“Why put yourself through such suffering? Why don’t you just cooperate and accompany him for some drinks? Mr Abe is

the one who has personally invited you to his table but you've just refused him outright like this. Of course he's not going to just let you go like that," sighed Professor An as he shook his head.

All three of them were looking pitifully at Chen Nan.

This was how life was. Sometimes, one was just not strong enough to fight back.

So it was easier to just go with the flow and enjoy the process instead of struggling.

From the moment Abe Chuunan wanted Chen Nan to stay behind, the other three with her already knew that Chen Nan would have to stay no matter what.

Many people in the hall had started to notice the commotion over here.

But nobody stood up and nobody tried to plead for Chen Nan.

After all, everyone present was here to gain Abe Chuunan's favor.

They were only interested in things that would benefit them. They wouldn't fight with Abe Chuunan over a girl they didn't even know.

Some of them even felt that Chen Nan was stupid and just asking for trouble.

“It’s this young lady’s honor for Mr Abe to take a fancy to her.”

“This Chinese girl isn’t grateful, and now she’s even fighting back? Tsk.”

“She’s lucky that Mr Abe has a good temperament. If I were him, I would have smacked her by now.”

This large group of supposedly upper class elites were all just laughing at her heartlessly.

“Let go of me! Let go of me!” came Chen Nan’s terrified and angry voice from the front.

She continued to struggle as the two men held her down.

She was like a weak lamb crying out desperately when it realized it was going to be sacrificed.

Finally, after everyone else had merely looked on emotionlessly, a cold laughter could suddenly be heard.

“Mr Abe Chuunan, was it? You’re the head of

a rich and powerful family but you're bullying a fragile young lady in public. Don't you think you've gone a little too far?" His faint laughter sounded like the sound of a carving knife being sharpened.

The coldness in those words made many people shudder involuntarily.

The noisy hall immediately quietened down.

It felt like the hot summer had suddenly turned to winter.

All the noise from before had disappeared.

It was left with nothing but the echoes of that laughter.

Everyone in the room started to turn around.

Countless pairs of eyes looked towards where the voice came from at the same time.

They saw a striking young man seated quietly at his table.

His back was facing the others and he was holding a freshly brewed cup of tea.

The fragrant steam rising from the hot tea was swirling around his nostrils.

He didn't even turn around when he spoke.

He didn't even look at Abe Chuunan.

His arrogance was painfully apparent.

“Who is this guy? He's dressed so poorly. Did he sneak in or something?”

On such occasions, all the men were at least in suits while the women were in evening gowns. But this man was dressed casually, wore sports shoes, and seemed too poor to even afford a watch. He stuck out like a sore thumb in this place.

“What the heck? Bro, are you nuts? Do you know who you're talking to? Didn't we already tell you not to talk too much and not to make any trouble? Can't you tell that this is not your place to talk?” Liang Hao-Nan's body shook as he reprimanded the person seated at the table.

That's right – the young man who just spoke up earlier was Ye Fan.

After Liang Hao-Nan finished reprimanding Ye Fan, he quickly turned around to apologize to Abe Chuunan, “Mr Abe, I'm really very, very sorry. This friend of mine doesn't think very well and has always been the young and rash type. He definitely didn't

mean to offend you just now, so please don't take it to heart. I'll get him to come over and apologize to you now."

Liang Hao-Nan smiled ingratiatingly, but he was terrified inside because he was afraid that Abe Chuunan would be angry.

After that, Liang Hao-Nan looked back at Ye Fan and said angrily, "Bro, why are you still sitting there? Hurry up and come here to apologize to Mr Abe. Mr Abe is a kind and magnanimous person, so he won't stoop to your level."

"Apologize?" Ye Fan shook his head and laughed. "I'm afraid he won't be able to take an apology from me."

What?

These words shocked everyone present.

Ye Fan's words were like a rock landing in the ocean. It made everyone shudder.

They all just felt that this young man was a little too arrogant for his own good.

Liang Hao-Nan and his group nearly peed in their pants.

"What the hell? What did you just say?! Are

you crazy? What do you mean by he can't take an apology from you? You're nothing but a country bumpkin with no achievements! How dare you talk like that to the head of the Abe family?! Are you trying to get all of us killed?" shouted Liang Hao-Nan furiously as his expression darkened from his shock and rage.

"This idiot! We shouldn't have let him come in at all. He's going to get all of us into trouble now!" Kong Hui was pale from fright. She was both terrified and furious at the same time.

After all, they were the ones who came in with Ye Fan.

Now that Ye Fan was saying such outrageous things, Abe Chuunan might fly off the handle and implicate them.

But Ye Fan ignored all the nasty words directed at him and didn't seem to have heard them.

He held up his tea cup, took a sip, then continued, "Besides, this Mr Abe is the one bullying a weak girl like that. Shouldn't he be the one apologizing?"

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