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Chapter 79 - To be the New President -

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"That's great. From now on, you will be our new president," Gu Xiao spoke with great excitement, unable to hide her emotion — especially since she found a good president like Wu Tian.

She pulled Wu Tian up onto the stage quickly and announced with a loud voice, "Let us welcome the new president."

Clap! Clap! Clap!

The club immediately burst into applause and cheers.

After the applause, Gu Xiaoman said again, "Next, let's invite the new president to speak for us."

"Yeah!"

Wu Tian cleared his throat and said clearly: "Thank you everyone for your trust and support, for uniting as one, and for making our Martial Arts Club stronger."

After a simple and straightforward opening speech, Wu Tian promised again: "I will invest another seven hundred thousand yuan and use it to decorate the Martial Arts Club Room and buy new equipment. At the same time, I will also work on improving the Martial Arts Club's living conditions."

"That's great!"

The audience once again burst into enthusiastic applause, waves after waves of cheers rising and falling.

"Furthermore..."

Wu Tian paused for a moment and continued, "We still need to hire a group of professional coaches to teach us more martial arts so that we can improve the standards of our members."

"From today onwards, our Martial Arts Club will conduct a harsh examination on the new members. Only if one meets certain conditions will they be able to join."

Wu Tian proceeded to announce his plans for the club in great detail.

Since he had agreed to take over Martial Arts Club, he naturally wanted to do a good, proper job as their president and implement some practical things for the Martial Arts Club.

"All hail our president!"

The members below all shouted in unison.

Under this new set of rules in place, all the members of the club appeared to be in high spirits and full of passion.

Everyone was already prepared for what's to come, and they all wanted to follow the new president to increase the influence of their Martial Arts Club.

"Alright, everyone, get back to work. Next up, I'll have Vice President Gu draw up some detailed rules and plans." With that, Wu Tian dismissed the crowd.

Gu Xiaoman stepped forward briskly and complimented him with a smile, "You were like the general of a mighty army just now, commanding your troops with your dignified yet domineering presence."

"Am I that cool?"

"Of course."

"Do you like it?"

"Cough, cough!" Gu Xiaoman coughed dryly and changed the topic at that instant, "President Wu, let me bring you to the office."

After saying that, she turned her body around and took the lead to walk towards the office.

"This girl!"

Wu Tian shook his head with a slightly bitter smile and followed her lead.

He suddenly realized that Gu Xiaoman was actually quite adorable — she had a gentle and amiable personality.

Although the office space was not very spacious, the decoration, on the other hand, was quite exquisite. There was a desk, a sofa, and some sort of large sculpture placed inside.

Wu Tian wandered around the office twice before walking to the office desk and taking a seat. "Just let me know if you need any more money in the future."

"President Wu is so rich and capable!" Gu Xiaoman pulled up her hair and licked her lips with a smile.

"Yep, I'm indeed not lacking any money."

Wu Tian leaned his body against the chair and looked at Gu Xiaoman lovingly. "If you happen to encounter any more difficulties in the future, make sure to tell me, and I will definitely think of a way to help you settle it."

"Thank you, President Wu."

"You're welcome."

"Oh right, why did you spend such a large sum of money to revive the Martial Arts Club?"

"For you."

"For me?" Gu Xiaoman's heart suddenly tightened when she heard his answer. She then whispered, "Why would you help me?"

"Because..."

Wu Tian — getting up from his seat — slowly approached Gu Xiaoman and said in an ambiguous tone, "I'm interested in you."

"What..."

Gu Xiaoman took a deep gulp — her heart beat rapidly as she slowly retreated and gasped for air.

Wu Tian kept moving closer and forced Gu Xiaoman to the corner of the wall. He put his hand on the wall and said, "Girl, do you want to go out with me?"

"No, no, I don't." Gu Xiaoman shook her head. Contrary to the unease in her eyes, a trace of expectation flashed past her eyes.

At this moment, her heart was filled with complex emotions, unsure whether to accept or reject Wu Tian.

"Is that so?"

Gathering up his courage, Wu Tian slowly moved his lips closer to that soft mouth of hers.

"You..."

Gu Xiaoman clenched her fists tightly, momentarily at a loss as to what to do.

Seeing that handsome face getting closer and closer, she felt extremely nervous. She closed her eyes slightly as her heart continued to beat out of control.

After waiting for a while, she realized that Wu Tian still has not kissed her. She then slowly opened her eyes and found that the man was looking at her with a sarcastic face. Wu Tian proceeded to say, "Hey, why aren't you resisting?"

"You're so annoying!"

Gu Xiaoman pushed Wu Tian away with all her might — a trace of anger appearing on her face.

Only now did she understand that Wu Tian was deliberately teasing her, which made her feel particularly embarrassed.

"Sorry, I was just playing around with you," Wu Tian hurriedly apologized when he realized that he had gone too far.

Seeing how Gu Xiaoman had a gentle personality, he planned to make her happy by teasing her. However, he did not expect her to take it so seriously.

"Not funny at all." Gu Xiaoman rolled her eyes in annoyance, unable to help but blame herself in her heart.

Why did she give in so easily just now?

Would her actions just now make Wu Tian think that she was an easy girl?

Why should she care about Wu Tian's opinion of her in the first place?

"Then, if there's nothing else, I'll be leaving first." Wu Tian, finding the atmosphere in the office to be extremely awkward, came up with a random excuse to run away.

When he thought about what had happened in the office, he felt a little excited.

Originally, he only wanted to tease Gu Xiaoman a little, but he did not expect that this girl would quietly cater to him. Could it be that she was actually interested in him?

Perhaps he was overthinking it!

It was six in the afternoon when he left the Martial Arts Club with Azure Dragon.

When they got home, Wu Tian poured two glasses of liquor and pushed one to Azure Dragon. "Come, let's have a drink."

"Thank you, boss." Azure Dragon grabbed the wine cup and drank it all in one gulp. The strong liquor spread through his mouth, making him feel inexplicably excited.

Wu Tian then poured another half cup of wine for Azure Dragon and smiled, "We are brothers, so there's no need to be polite at home."

"Boss Wu, being able to follow you is my greatest honor in this life." Azure Dragon raised his wine glass with both hands and respectfully said, "Here's a toast to you."

"Cheers!"

After toasting with their glasses of wine, Wu Tian raised his glass and drained it in a single gulp.

Azure Dragon then filled their glasses of wine to the brim again and said with a smile from ear to ear, "Boss Wu is indeed different from the others. He is rich and has power, yet he can still persevere in his studies and practice martial arts with all his might. Such a character is rarely found amongst the rich these days."

"Are you flattering me?"

"No, I never flatter."

"I didn't expect Azure Dragon, who doesn't flatter, to praise someone. Hahaha..."

Not only is Boss Wu diligent in his studies and is full of vanity, but he also has the courage to do things decisively. I sincerely admire you from the bottom of my heart." At this point, Azure Dragon raised his wine cup once again. "Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

Wu Tian took a big gulp of the white wine and could not help but ask: "You've already told me so many of my good points. On the contrary, tell me... what are my shortcomings?"

"Boss Wu's biggest weakness is that he doesn't understand a woman's heart."

"Then, do you?"

"I..." Azure Dragon scratched his head awkwardly and replied, "Neither do I."

"You don't understand a woman's heart, yet you still want to criticize me in that aspect? You should continue drinking your wine. Hahaha..."

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Chapter 80 - A Moment of Enchantment -

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Wu Tian and Azure Dragon continued to drink until late at night before eventually going to sleep.

The next morning, Wu Tian was sleeping soundly when he was awoken by the sudden ringing of his phone. Reaching for his phone, he saw that the caller ID was an unknown local number.

He hesitated for a few seconds before answering the phone. Then, he said into the phone, "Hello, who are you looking for?"

"Elder Brother Tian." The girl's soft and gentle voice — as beautiful as the melodious chirping of an oriole — sounded over the call.

"You are..."

Wu Tian could not recognize her voice for a moment.

A burst of hearty laughter came from the phone. After her series of chuckles, the girl continued, "Elder Brother Tian, you really don't recognize my voice?"

"Oh! You're Yang Lin." Only then did Wu Tian recognize the voice from the phone.

This voice was none other than the younger sister of his neighbor, Yang Lin, whom he grew up with. She was an adorable and quick-witted little girl.

Upon hearing this familiar and pleasant voice, his mood brightened up, and he instantly recalled the nostalgic memories of his childhood days.

Soon, Yang Lin's grumbling voice came over the phone, "I thought Elder Brother Tian forgot about me!"

"Even if I forgot the entire world, I would never forget our family's most beloved little sister, Yang Lin," Wu Tian teased. "But how did you know my cell phone number?"

Since his old number had been cut off, he had to replace it with another cell phone number.

"I've asked around for a long time, and I finally got your phone number from Auntie Wang."

"Is that so?"

"Elder Brother Tian, it's been a long time since you came back to see me."

"I'm sorry, I've been really busy recently." Wu Tian explained and then asked, "Lin'er, what do you need me for?"

"Oh, right, your old house is going to be demolished soon. Since I wasn't able to contact your family, I could only call you."

"Demolition?" Hearing that, Wu Tian was obviously a bit surprised.

He did not expect to hear that his old house in the suburbs would soon be demolished.

He had looked forward to and even dreamed of the demolition his own house — hoping to gather the large sum of money from it.

However, now that he heard that his house was going to get demolished, his heart was instead filled with nothingness.

His present self had changed a lot compared to his past self.

With his current status and identity, he did not lack money at all. Similarly, he did not even care about the money he would receive from the demolition.

"Right, Elder Brother Tian, you should come back quickly and deal with it," Yang Lin's cute voice — full of vitality — once again sounded from the other end of the phone.

"Alright, then I'll ask for a leave of absence to come back later."

"Elder Brother Tian, I'll be waiting for you at home." Yang Lin's voice carried a hint of excitement over the call.

"It's the right time to come back and see our family's cute little Yang Lin." Wu Tian hung up after saying that.

After that, he dialed Teacher Mu Ran's number and said in an endearing tone, "Teacher Mu, I would like to request a day off from school."

"What for?"

On the other end of the phone, Teacher Mu's voice was still as stern as ever.

In front of her students, she always carried herself as a teacher, aloof and solemn.

"I have something to take care of back home," Wu Tian responded vaguely, not wanting to explain in the details about the demolition of his house.

"Deal with what?"

"Family matters."

"As a student, you should focus on your studies. Just let your family take care of the family matters. Your job is to study well..."

Mu Ran lectured endlessly.

Annoyed by her sudden lecture, he could not help but interrupt, "Teacher Mu, remember when I actually touched your body in your office last time..."

"Shut up!"

Mu Ran's tone became agitated as she chided him softly, "Didn't I tell you not to mention that matter?"

At the mention of that incident, Teacher Mu Ran displayed a somewhat feminine attitude.

"I don't have a very firm mouth. If Teacher Mu wanted to force me to go to school today, I might accidentally say something wrong." Wu Tian swallowed his saliva and said boldly into the phone.

"Stinking brat, are you threatening me right now?"

"I don't dare."

"You..." After a moment of silence, Mu Ran angrily said, "Forget it. Since you have something to attend to today, I will approve of your absence."

"Thank you, Teacher Mu."

"Don't ever mention that topic ever again."

"Alright, I'll listen to you." Wu Tian hung up after saying that.

Although Teacher Mu was usually fierce, she was actually quite conservative — afraid that people would find out about the affairs with her student.

After Wu Tian made the call, he got up from his bed and prepared himself to go to the supermarket to buy some gifts. With that, he brought along Azure Dragon back to his hometown.

Originally, he wanted Uncle Fugui to send him back.

However, considering that Hao Hao had been on holiday for the past few days, Wu Tian arranged a vacation for Uncle Fugui to spend more time with his wife and son.

This way, he would need Azure Dragon to drive him back to his hometown.

His hometown — the biggest village in the eastern district of the city — was located on Green Mountain Street near the suburbs. With single-story buildings every, the environment was dirty and messy to the extreme.

His hometown had not changed much from before, except that fact that the environment had worsened: the stench of trash extremely pungent while the buildings had slowly deteriorated over time.

Despite these changes, the neighbors who he knew back in the day still lived there. Upon seeing Wu Tian, they all greeted him.

Seeing his old neighbors still there, Wu Tian's expression turned sour for some reason.

Having lived in this place for such a long time, he had long developed an irreconcilable feeling for this place.

After walking along a shabby alley for a distance, Wu Tian stopped in front of a low courtyard house.

This was indeed the old house of his family. Even after countless years of wind blowing and rain falling, it nevertheless stood up in its place.

Reaching out to the gate of the courtyard, he pushed it open as the rusty hinges creaked. In the area, a few big trees stood domineering as a few large stones had been ground to the earth.

When he was still a child, Wu Tian often played on and climbed around the big rock, resulting in its current state.

Looking at the familiar environment in the yard, Wu Tian raised his head and let out a long sigh as countless thoughts gushed through his mind.

All the beautiful memories of his childhood suddenly appeared in his mind. He felt a sense of nostalgia and even got a bit excited.

After going into and walking around the house, Wu Tian found a letter on the cabinet that was covered in a thick layer of dust.

Picking up the letter and opening it, he discovered that this was the letter his father — or to be more precise, his foster father — had left behind for him.

He had previously heard from his grandfather that the person who raised him was actually not his biological father, but rather, someone arranged by his grandfather to take of him here. After all, his biological parents had already passed away early in his infant years.

After opening the letter, he read out the following:

"Young Master, when you read this letter, I believe you already know the truth. That's right, I'm not your biological father, but your adoptive father. According to Old Master's instructions, I was requested to stay here to take care of you until you grew up into an independent young man..."

"The time I spent with Young Master had made me experience the value of kinship. This period of time is without a doubt the happiest period of my life."

"I couldn't bear to leave your side, but I had no choice but to do so. I hope that Young Master will continue to live well for the rest of his life and live up to the old master's expectations. You have a bright future ahead of you. I know it."

"When Young Master's achievements come to fruition, I look forward to have the chance to meet you once again..."