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Chapter 1061: A Bunch Of Weird People

Yan Jun did not understand why Fang Shiyun asked this, but he still replied truthfully, "No, the best private room is upstairs. It's usually not open to the public, but what does this have to do with the apprenticeship banquet?"

Hearing this, Fang Shiyun instantly realized that he had entered the wrong room.

Yingyun Hall was the Yin family's territory, so they must be in the private room upstairs. His senior was also upstairs, but he entered the wrong private room and encountered a group of strange people. There was also a woman who wanted to acknowledge him as her master.

Fang Shiyun did not explain. He stood up and was about to leave. Everyone in the room gasped.

Xia Mengyan looked embarrassed and said with a trembling voice, "Mr. Fang, you..."

Old Madam Xia could not suppress the anger in her heart and questioned loudly, "Mr. Fang! You've already agreed to take our Mengyan as your apprentice. How can you go back on your word? You're a master in the calligraphy world. How can you go back on your word?"

Xia Yunlou and Xia Ji also panicked. "Why are you leaving, Mr. Fang? What did we do wrong to make you angry? It must be a misunderstanding. Let's sit down and talk!"

Fang Shiyun stopped in her tracks and frowned. "I never said that I wanted to take her as my apprentice."

Was this group of people delusional? He had just walked into the wrong place. Was there something wrong with this group of people? Why were they forcing him to take on an apprentice?!

Fang Shiyun's words were very clear. He was not going back on his word. After all, he had never agreed to it.

In an instant, Old Madam Xia felt her legs go weak and she felt dizzy.

Who said he did not agree? There had long been news that he was taking on an apprentice. Moreover, he had only contacted the Xia family before this and even prepared many gifts that young girls liked. Could it be that he had taken a liking to Mengyan?

How could he go back on his word? If he was unwilling to take Mengyan as his apprentice, then Mengyan would completely become the laughing stock of Li City!

Xia Mengyan's expression was extremely ugly. Her body could not help but tremble slightly. Seeing her like this, Yan Jun could not stand it anymore and hurriedly asked, "Mr. Fang, didn't you say that you wanted to take on an apprentice? And if you're not here to attend the apprenticeship banquet, why did you come to Yingyun Hall?"

The moment that was said, the Xia family could not help but look up at Fang Shiyun.

That was right! If he did not accept apprentices, why was he here?

Fang Shiyun's eyes were filled with impatience as he said angrily, "What's wrong? Do I need to tell you my plans?"

His impatient tone and his previous denial had already explained everything. Fang Shiyun did not want to take Xia Mengyan as his apprentice at all. At this moment, the guests looked at Xia Mengyan with a trace of doubt in their eyes. The daughters who did not like Xia Mengyan just now were full of mockery as though they were watching a show.

In that case, Fang Shiyun was not familiar with the Xia family at all. The rumors of him taking on an apprentice were just spread by the Xia family themselves. Mr. Fang himself did not know anything at all. This apprenticeship banquet was just a cover.

Xia Mengyan clenched her fists tightly, her nails almost digging into her palms. She did not understand what was wrong. The apprenticeship banquet that was originally prepared had actually become like this.

Why did Fang Shiyun suddenly go back on his word? The news that the Xia family had gathered previously and Yan Jun's words proved that Fang Shiyun wanted to take on an apprentice. Could it be that the gifts were for another lady?

Humiliation and unwillingness filled her heart. Her eyes were red, and her tearful appearance made Yan Jun's heart ache.

Fang Shiyun did not want to waste time on this group of people. It was his fault for walking into the wrong private room. He originally thought that the matter would be over after he apologized, but this group of people insisted that he take this lady as his apprentice. He was unwilling, so the old lady started to push him into a corner. She said that as a calligraphy master, he had gone back on his word.

But when had he ever agreed?

There were countless people who wanted to acknowledge him as their master. If everyone cried and forced him to accept them, he would probably have hundreds of apprentices.

He was here to look for his senior, but before he could see her, he bumped into a group of strange people. This made Fang Shiyun angry.

Just as he was about to leave, a familiar figure suddenly appeared in front of him. His eyes widened with joy. Just as he was about to call out, a sharp roar suddenly came from behind.

"Qiao Xi! You must have deliberately ruined Mengyan's apprenticeship banquet!" Old Madam Xia suddenly roared angrily, scaring everyone until their bodies trembled.

Fang Shiyun suddenly turned around and looked at Old Madam Xia in shock and anger.

Chapter 1062: It Must Be Her!

Originally, Old Madam Xia was still puzzled in her heart. How did this apprenticeship banquet end up like this? The moment she saw Qiao Xi, she suddenly understood that this little b*tch must be behind this.

She must have run in front of Fang Shiyun and said something to make him suddenly go back on his word.

Old Madam Xia glared fiercely at Qiao Xi, wishing for nothing more than to rush over and tear her vixen face apart.

This little b*tch! How could she do this? She was jealous of Mengyan, so she spouted nonsense in front of Fang Shiyun. She cheated and even wanted to slander Mengyan's reputation. She was really too detestable!

Xia Yunlou's expression was extremely ugly and ferocious. Why was her daughter so unbearable? Not only did she cheat, but she also ruined Mengyan's apprenticeship banquet because of jealousy and hatred.

She suddenly rushed in front of Qiao Xi and forcefully resisted the urge to roar. She gritted her teeth and said, "Qiao Xi, what exactly are you doing? I know you're jealous of Mengyan, but you can't ruin her future! Today's apprenticeship banquet is so important to Mengyan. How can you be so heartless?"

Qiao Xi had an innocent expression. She had just come out to take a breather. How could she have known that the Xia family was in this private room? It was fine if she bumped into them, but she had not even done anything when Xia Yunlou rushed over and scolded her. Was there something wrong with this person?

She swept her gaze across the crowd and finally landed on Fang Shiyun. Then, she looked at the Xia family who looked like they wanted to kill her. She immediately understood.

Previously, Xia Mengyan had sent someone to send her an invitation to attend her apprenticeship banquet. She ignored the Xia family and prepared to attend Yin Jinglin's birthday banquet. When she came to Yingyun Hall, she found out that the Xia family's apprenticeship banquet was also held here.

It turned out that Xia Mengyan really wanted to acknowledge Fang Shiyun as her master! She was really brave!

Qiao Xi had actually heard of the rumors spread by the Xia family, but she did not believe that Fang Shiyun would take Xia Mengyan as his apprentice. Fang Shiyun did not like taking on apprentices. Moreover, Xia Mengyan was not talented in calligraphy and did not have a love for calligraphy. Fang Shiyun had no reason to take her as his apprentice!

The Xia family was actually so confident in holding an apprenticeship banquet? Did they think that Fang Shiyun would agree?

When Fang Shiyun arrived, he rejected them in front of so many guests. They could not accept this fact, so they wanted to push the blame on her.

Seeing that Old Madam Xia's and Xia Cheng's faces were livid, Xia Yunlou hurriedly berated, "Qiao Xi! Hurry up and explain it to Mr. Fang. You were the one who cheated. What does it have to do with Mengyan? You're shameless, but Mengyan isn't!"

Qiao Xi took a few steps back to distance herself from Xia Yunlou.

Fang Shiyun, who was at the side, was instantly angry when he saw Xia Yunlou treating his senior like this. He had also heard about the cheating incident at Li City University. It was obvious that Yi Cang had snatched his senior's work and accused her of cheating. Now, the Xia family was exclaiming that his senior cheated before they even understood the situation. Did they have any brains?

Before Qiao Xi could speak, Fang Shiyun said sternly, "Nonsense!"

Everyone from the Xia family was stunned. Xia Yunlou was also shocked and hurriedly explained, "Mr. Fang, our Xia family didn't educate Qiao Xi well, so she cheated in the competition. Not only did she ruin Li City University's hundred years of reputation, but she also implicated Mengyan's reputation. You can't misunderstand our Mengyan just because Qiao Xi cheated. She absolutely won't cheat!"

It was all Qiao Xi's fault. She was tainted with bad habits, causing her, as a mother, to lose face. The entire Xia family was ashamed of her!

At the thought of the noblewomen of high society mocking her, Xia Yunlou could not suppress the anger in her heart.

Qiao Xi was a jinx. She could only bring trouble to the Xia family, while Mengyan was the Xia family's lucky star. She was born to be the Xia family's glory and would lead the Xia family to rise step by step in the future.

Xia Yunlou was afraid that Fang Shiyun would misunderstand, so she said anxiously, "Mr. Fang, you must have heard the lies told by my daughter, Qiao Xi. That's why you suddenly went back on your word. She's such a selfish child. She's jealous of Mengyan's excellence. When she heard that Mengyan was going to acknowledge you as her master, Qiao Xi must have caused trouble. Mengyan has always been very outstanding. Don't believe Qiao Xi's words!"

When Fang Shiyun heard Xia Yunlou call Qiao Xi 'daughter', her eyes were filled with shock. This person who was criticizing her senior word by word was actually her mother?

Qiao Xi watched all of this coldly. If Xia Yunlou had not admitted her identity, who would believe that she was her mother?

When everyone heard Xia Yunlou's words, their faces could not help but be filled with disdain. Xia Yunlou was Qiao Xi's mother. She must know Qiao Xi very well. She had already said that Qiao Xi cheated and even framed Miss Xia because of jealousy. It must be true!

Chapter 1063: Senior's Family

Only then did everyone react. No wonder the master suddenly went back on his word even though he had released news that he was taking on an apprentice. It turned out that it was Qiao Xi who was trying to drive a wedge between them.

Fortunately, Xia Yunlou was not biased toward her daughter and explained the truth. Otherwise, they would really think that Miss Xia had offended Mr. Fang and that was why he was unwilling to take her as his apprentice.

Qiao Xi was too much. Even if she was jealous of Miss Xia, she could not ruin her future! After all, Miss Xia was her cousin!

Everyone's eyes were filled with mockery and disdain.

Xia Yunlou felt even angrier and ashamed. She had never given birth to this daughter of hers, but there was no use for regrets. She could only grit her teeth and admit that this embarrassing person was her daughter.

When she thought of this, she roared even more angrily. "Qiao Xi! Why are you still standing there like a fool?! Quickly explain things to Mr. Fang! Then apologize to Mengyan!"

The private room fell silent as everyone's gazes landed on Qiao Xi, waiting for her answer. She raised her eyebrows and chuckled. "What's there to say?"

"You bastard! What do you mean? If it weren't for you, Mengyan's apprenticeship banquet wouldn't have become like this!" Sumei could not suppress the anger in her heart and shouted at the top of her voice, "Immediately apologize to Mengyan!"

At this moment, Fang Shiyun was not only angry but also heartbroken.

So these were Senior's relatives!

Previously, when he heard that his senior had found her long-lost relatives, he was very happy for her. However, it seemed that it was better if she hadn't found such relatives. He was sad to see this.

Xia Yunlou pointed at Qiao Xi and shouted, "Qiao Xi, let me tell you. If you don't explain yourself, I'll cut off all ties with you. You'll never be my daughter again!"

"Will such a great thing really happen?" Qiao Xi crossed her arms, and there was a trace of ridicule in her eyes. Then, she said helplessly, "Fang Shiyun doesn't want to take Xia Mengyan as his apprentice because Xia Mengyan doesn't have the ability. What does it have to do with me?"

The private room instantly fell silent.

Everyone looked at her in disbelief. She actually said that Xia Mengyan did not have the ability?

Xia Mengyan's eyes instantly turned red when she heard that. She looked at her with an aggrieved expression, but a trace of viciousness flashed past her eyes.

Old Madam Xia slammed the table, her eyes bulging. "Nonsense! You're the one who doesn't have the ability, yet you're talking about our Mengyan! You're just jealous that Mengyan can acknowledge Mr. Fang as her master, you b*tch! You've ruined her future. I won't let you off!"

"Shut up!" A man's angry roar echoed throughout the private room. Everyone was stunned.

After listening for so long, Fang Shiyun finally understood. The usually gentle person could not help but stop Old Madam Xia loudly. Then, he said with a serious expression, "Let me tell everyone now that I came to Yingyun Hall today to see my senior, not to take on an apprentice. I've never promised the Xia family that I would take on an apprentice. Miss Xia, if you don't have the ability, don't even think about

becoming my apprentice. You're even blaming all of this on others. If you have the time, why don't you think about how to improve yourself?!"

As soon as she finished speaking, the entire venue fell silent. Everyone stopped breathing.

Could it be that all of this was really unrelated to Qiao Xi?

Fang Shiyun's expression darkened. "There are so many people who want to acknowledge me as their master, and I roughly have an impression of all of them. However, I've never seen Miss Xia before, much less heard her name. For your laughable vanity, you held an apprenticeship banquet and invited me over. You stood on the moral high ground to force me to submit. Do you think I'll agree just like that?

"If I gave in to you, I wouldn't be worthy of being in this industry. Now that the matter has been exposed, you're blaming others. In short, you won't admit your mistake and it's all someone else's fault, right?"

Fang Shiyun's words were a slap to the face of everyone in the Xia family. From the beginning to the end, it was the Xia family's one-sided wish to hold an apprenticeship banquet. They even wanted to force him to take Xia Mengyan as his apprentice. However, he was not someone to be trifled with. He would never yield, nor would he let the Xia family's plan succeed.

Everyone suddenly remembered that Fang Shiyun had come to Yingyun Hall to see his senior. She was the last apprentice Liang Pingchuan had mentioned. She was extremely talented and kept a low profile. She loved calligraphy. Even though everyone praised her, she was still humble and chose to focus on improving her standard.

Such people had no interest in benefits. They were true artists.

Chapter 1064: Ugly Person With Beautiful Thoughts!

"By the way, the gifts I prepared are all for Senior, not Miss Xia. I hope you won't think too much!" Fang Shiyun said angrily.

Everyone was enlightened. Everything was just Xia Mengyan's imagination. Those gifts were clearly prepared by Fang Shiyun for his senior. Although they all seemed to be for young women, which woman did not want to be young? Perhaps it was just because his senior liked these clothes and jewelry that made her look young.

Previously, when Fang Shiyun was traveling around, he had already started preparing gifts for his senior. However, Xia Mengyan spread the news that these gifts were for her. How shameless was this person? She had never seen Fang Shiyun before but was already dreaming!

It was already embarrassing enough for Fang Shiyun to know about this. If his senior found out about this too, with her current status, Xia Mengyan would probably not be able to stay in the art industry anymore.

Fang Shiyun looked at the faces of the Xia family and felt annoyed. He said angrily, "I remember now. You gave me an invitation before this. I didn't expect the main character of the apprenticeship banquet to be me. You guys really know how to pull tricks!"

At this moment, the faces of everyone from the Xia family were ashen. They clenched their fists tightly and felt ashamed.

This was especially true for Xia Mengyan. She was reprimanded by a calligraphy master in public. No matter how much she could endure it, she could not control herself anymore. Tears welled up in her eyes as she sobbed.

Xia Yunlou did not expect things to turn out like this. She wanted to speak but swallowed her words. After a long time, she squeezed out a sentence. "Then... Then we misunderstood Xi Xi."

It was Qiao Xi's fault. She was not the one who did it, so she should have made herself clear!

However, what should they do in the current situation? They had spent so much effort to hold a apprenticeship banquet and even invited many guests. In the end, it was just a misunderstanding. Mengyan was even reprimanded in public. These people must be laughing at them for overestimating themselves!

Xia Cheng felt that he had lost all his dignity.

Old Madam Xia was stunned on the spot, her eyes filled with unwillingness. This was Yingyun Hall, Yin Lianxin's restaurant. Yin Lianxin would definitely laugh at her for embarrassing herself here!

No! No! It was not easy for her to have a chance to surpass Yin Lianxin. She could not ruin it just like that. There should be a way to salvage the situation!

So what if Mengyan misunderstood? She did not do it on purpose. Her reputation was better than Qiao Xi's!

Sumei thought for a long time. Suddenly, an idea appeared in her mind. It did not matter if Fang Shiyun was unwilling to take Mengyan as his apprentice. His senior was here too, right? If his senior was willing to take Mengyan as her apprentice, all the problems would be resolved.

This thought filled Ai Sumei's mind. She did not think too much about it and asked anxiously, "Mr. Fang, where's your senior? Can she take Mengyan as her apprentice?"

Everyone present: "???"

This old lady was really delusional! She was quite ugly, but she dreamt of beautiful things!

Even Fang Shiyun was unwilling to accept Xia Mengyan. Would his senior be willing? That senior was Liang Pingchuan's proudest apprentice. She must have higher expectations.

Everyone thought so. Fang Shiyun also looked at Old Madam Xia as if she was looking at a fool.

Ever since his senior appeared, everyone in the Xia family had been criticizing her. Now, this old woman actually wanted his senior to take Xia Mengyan as her apprentice? If she was crazy, she should quickly go and get herself treated. She should not come out and annoy others!

Old Madam Xia did not think that her words were ridiculous. She even thought that it was Fang Shiyun's senior's honor to have an apprentice like Mengyan. Mengyan was a lucky star. Perhaps Fang Shiyun's senior would have greater achievements after accepting her.

She did not notice everyone's disdainful gazes. Old Madam Xia continued shamelessly, "Mr. Fang, your senior is also a woman. It's more convenient for her to teach Mengyan. In the future, Mengyan will inherit her mantle and definitely not disappoint her. Can you invite her over so that we can talk in person?"

Fang Shiyun was instantly speechless. With Xia Mengyan's aptitude, she still wanted to be Senior's apprentice? If even he found it embarrassing, Senior would definitely not accept her!

Even if Senior did not have any grudges with the Xia family, she would not have taken a liking to Xia Mengyan anyway. Would she take her as her apprentice as charity work for the mentally retarded?

Xia Mengyan wiped the tears on her cheeks and looked at Fang Shiyun with anticipation, hoping to get a satisfactory answer from him.

This was her last chance. If today's apprenticeship banquet did not end well, then she would completely become the laughing stock of Li City. Moreover, Qiao Xi had also seen this scene. Perhaps she was laughing at her in her heart!

If she could become the apprentice of Fang Shiyun's senior, then she and Qiao Xi would be worlds apart!

Chapter 1065: He's Actually Going To The Yin Family's Birthday Party

Fang Shiyun probably did not expect Old Madam Xia to say such shameless things. He rejected her with a cold face. "My senior won't accept Miss Xia. Old Madam Xia, give up!"

Xia Mengyan's body trembled and swayed. She looked weak.

She looked at Fang Shiyun in disbelief. She did not expect that not only did Fang Shiyun refuse, but he also did not show the Xia family any respect.

At this moment, the guests all laughed out loud. The Xia family was really shameless. Not only did they hold a apprenticeship banquet and force Fang Shiyun to submit, but they also wronged the innocent Qiao Xi. Now, they wanted Fang Shiyun's senior to accept Xia Mengyan, but they were mercilessly rejected by Fang Shiyun once more.

Old Madam Xia was really hopelessly stupid!

Fang Shiyun had already made his stand clear. If the Xia family had sincerely apologized to him, perhaps Fang Shiyun would not have minded. However, they refused to let Fang Shiyun leave and even targeted his senior. Fang Shiyun naturally would not be kind to them.

Xia Cheng was really blind. Back then, he actually abandoned the noble and smart Yin Lianxin to choose the stupid Sumei.

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Be it looks, character, knowledge, or IQ, Ai Sumei was far inferior to Yin Lianxin. They were from two different worlds.

Xia Cheng lowered his eyes and clenched his fists.

Seeing this, Yan Jun, who had not said anything for a long time, hurriedly tried to mediate the situation. "Mr. Fang, Old Madam Xia just said something wrong in a moment of confusion. Don't be angry."

Then, he said to the Xia family, "Everyone in the calligraphy world knows that Mr. Fang's senior doesn't accept apprentices, so Old Madam Xia, you..."

Xia Mengyan bit her lip tightly, her face pale.

What apprenticeship banquet? It was clearly a joke! Not only was she rejected, but she was even reprimanded in public, making her lose all her dignity. All of this was seen by Qiao Xi!

No! She could not let this go. Otherwise, she would be mocked by Qiao Xi forever!

Xia Mengyan suppressed the agitated emotions in her heart and wiped her tears. She tidied her hair and squeezed out a smile. She walked toward Fang Shiyun and said in a gentle voice, "Mr. Fang, this is all my fault. My misunderstanding caused all of this to happen and it has affected your mood. I'm really sorry. My grandmother said something wrong because of me. I hope you can forgive us.

"I'm sorry..." As she spoke, the tears in Xia Mengyan's eyes fell. Her eyes were red, and they were filled with guilt. "Mr. Fang, this is all my fault. I hope you won't blame my family..."

Fang Shiyun raised his eyes to look at Qiao Xi. She was expressionless, but there was a trace of impatience in her clear eyes. Hence, he lost his patience as well. "Stop crying. Whether I forgive you or not is my business. Don't think that I'll pity you just because you shed a few tears. I still remember what you did just now! Don't provoke my senior in the future!"

He knew that the Xia family did not know that his senior was Qiao Xi. Seeing that his senior did not reveal her identity, he did not dare to rashly expose her identity either. Then, he raised his eyes to look at Qiao Xi and said respectfully, "Um... Miss Qiao, is the Yin family holding a birthday party here? Can you bring me there?"

Everyone in the Xia family widened their eyes in disbelief. Old Madam Xia and Xia Mengyan were almost drowning in anger and unwillingness.

The Yin family?

Fang Shiyun was actually here to attend the Yin family's birthday party?

He was unwilling to take Xia Mengyan as his apprentice, but now, he respectfully asked Qiao Xi to bring him to the Yin family's birthday banquet. This was a huge blow to the Xia family!

Ai Sumei had always treated Yin Lianxin as her arch-enemy and could not accept this fact at all. It turned out that Fang Shiyun had specially rushed to Yingyun Hall to go to the Yin family. Their Xia family would really become a joke!

She could already imagine how the guests would talk about them behind their backs after they left. They would say that the Xia family was indeed inferior to the Yin family. Fang Shiyun came here for the Yin family. He did not like the Xia family at all!

Fang Shiyun could come for anyone, but not for the Yin family. This was a great humiliation to them!

Sumei was so angry that her body was trembling. Her eyes were about to pop out of their sockets.

Xia Mengyan's body swayed as she leaned against the back of the chair. She finally stabilized herself. However, wasn't Fang Shiyun here to look for his senior? Why was he going to the Yin family? Could it be that his senior was in the Yin family now?

If Fang Shiyun's senior was in the Yin family, then Qiao Xi would definitely be able to see her. Coupled with the Yin family's power, perhaps that senior would take Qiao Xi as her apprentice.

In this way, she would be completely trampled under Qiao Xi's feet!

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She could not lose just like that. No matter what, she had to see Fang Shiyun's senior and get her to take her as her apprentice!

Chapter 1066: Take Her As A Role Model

Xia Mengyan hurriedly adjusted her expression and put on a gentle smile as if nothing had happened. She pretended to be surprised and said, "Mr. Fang, so your senior is in the Yin family's private room! Is she there to celebrate Jinglin's birthday? Can I go see her?"

"Although she's unwilling to take in an apprentice, I've heard a lot about her, and I really like her work. I've always treated her as my role model and want to be as outstanding as her in the future. Mr. Fang, can you bring me to see her? It's just a brief meeting. It won't take up too much of your time."

Fang Shiyun widened his eyes and looked at Xia Mengyan with a strange gaze. He wanted to say something but stopped himself. "Miss Xia, you... Are you sure you want to see my senior and that you regard her as your role model?"

Hearing Fang Shiyun's words, a trace of hope lit up in Xia Mengyan's eyes. Could it be that Mr. Fang was willing to bring her to see his senior?

She nodded hurriedly. "Yes! Mr. Fang, as long as you bring me there, I'll definitely..."

"You've been looking forward to meeting my senior for a long time and you like her work?" Fang Shiyun interrupted her and continued to ask.

Xia Mengyan was slightly stunned. She simply thought that Fang Shiyun just wanted to see if she really wanted to see his senior, so he kept repeating her words.

That senior was Liang Pingchuan's last apprentice. Not just anyone could meet her. Of course, Fang Shiyun would not casually bring her there. He had to confirm if she really admired that senior.

At this moment, Xia Mengyan was anxious to see Fang Shiyun's senior and become her apprentice. Although Fang Shiyun was famous, Liang Pingchuan had not officially accepted him as his apprentice. That senior was Liang Pingchuan's only apprentice. Being able to become that senior's apprentice was even more glorious than being Fang Shiyun's apprentice.

Hence, Xia Mengyan said excitedly, "Yes, I also heard that that senior is Mr. Liang Pingchuan's only apprentice. She must be very powerful. I really want to see her. Even if it's just from afar, I'll be satisfied. I hope Mr. Fang can understand my desire to see my idol.

"I'm also Jinglin's cousin. I should attend his birthday party, but I was delayed by the apprenticeship banquet, so I didn't go to congratulate him. I can visit him now, but your senior is present. I'm afraid it'll be a little presumptuous for me to suddenly appear, so please bring me there personally."

What she meant was that with her relationship with Yin Jinglin, she could have gone as she pleased, but she just wanted to inform him that she would be going with him as a form of respect to him and his senior.

Fang Shiyun finally understood. Xia Mengyan was really stubborn! She felt that her apprenticeship banquet was ruined, but she did not want to lose her reputation. Hence, she urgently wanted to acknowledge his senior as her master and elevate her status.

Old Madam Xia, who was at the side, also echoed, "Mr. Fang, our Mengyan really admires your senior. She just wants to take a look at her. She definitely won't offend her. Moreover, Mengyan has always treated her as her role model. If they meet, it can be considered as giving Mengyan some motivation. As a senior, you shouldn't refuse a junior's request, right?"

"Heh!" As soon as she finished speaking, a sudden laugh sounded. It was especially clear in the huge private room.

Qiao Xi was truly unable to restrain herself, and her eyes were filled with ridicule.

Old Madam Xia raised her eyes to look. It was actually Qiao Xi who was laughing. Instantly, flames of anger surged in her heart. She glared fiercely at that face and roared in an almost crazy manner. "What are you laughing about?!"

Qiao Xi glanced at her indifferently as if Old Madam Xia was just a speck of dust in her eyes.

Old Madam Xia looked at those eyes that were exactly the same as Yin Lianxin's, and the anger in her heart burned even more fiercely. The expression on her face became more and more ferocious as she glared at Qiao Xi with resentment.

"Y-You little b*tch! Why are you laughing? Tell me!"

The smile on Qiao Xi's face had yet to disappear, but she was not angry when faced with Old Madam Xia's roar. She said casually, "Of course, I only laughed because I thought it was funny!"

She stood at the door of the private room and gently leaned against it. Her simple and elegant dress outlined her slender waist. Everyone realized that Miss Qiao's charm was definitely not inferior to Yin Lianxin's back then.

"How is it funny? Is there a problem with what I said?" Old Madam Xia flew into a rage, and her sharp voice resounded throughout the private room. "Qiao Xi, do you have the cheek to laugh at others? You cheated in Li City University's competition! Mengyan did make a mistake, but this is just a misunderstanding. She just wants to see the senior she admires!"

Chapter 1067: She's Standing In Front Of You

Qiao Xi lazily raised her eyes and was not in a rush to retort. Instead, she glanced at Fang Shiyun and asked with a cold voice, "Don't you think it's funny?"

Everyone looked at Qiao Xi in horror. Was this woman crazy? It was fine that she was mocking Xia Mengyan, but why was she asking Mr. Fang? How could he answer?

Actually, Xia Mengyan just wanted to see Mr. Fang's senior. This was not wrong. It was just a matter of whether Mr. Fang was willing to bring her along or not. Why was Qiao Xi laughing?

Xia Yunlou glared at Qiao Xi, afraid that she would anger Fang Shiyun and affect Mengyan's future. She hurriedly rushed over and pointed at Qiao Xi's nose as she cursed, "Qiao Xi! What are you doing here?! Who are you to say anything about Mengyan? I'm really unlucky to have a daughter like you! Get lost immediately. I don't want to see you!"

His roar echoed in the private room. Many guests looked at Qiao Xi and waited for her answer.

Xia Yunlou was angered to the point of breathing heavily, and her expression was ferocious. She wished for nothing more than to rush over and slap Qiao Xi twice. It was obvious from her eyes that she hated her daughter. It was even to the extent that if killing someone was not against the law, she would immediately kill Qiao Xi.

Seeing Qiao Xi standing at the door, she shouted at the top of her voice, "Get lost! If you don't leave now, I'll get someone to chase you out! Guards! Chase her out! Go!"

"Funny."

Suddenly, a cold male voice came from behind. The private room fell silent again.

Fang Shiyun looked at Qiao Xi with smiling eyes and repeated his words. "It's indeed very funny."

Everyone looked at Fang Shiyun in disbelief. Xia Yunlou suddenly turned around as if she had seen a ghost. She was terrified and shocked.

What was Fang Shiyun talking about? Qiao Xi asked such an arrogant question, yet Fang Shiyun actually replied to her?

Xia Yunlou widened her eyes in disbelief. The muscles on her face twitched slightly.

Just as the Xia family did not know what to say, Fang Shiyun suddenly looked up at Xia Mengyan. "Do you really want to see my senior?"

Xia Mengyan was stunned for a moment. She thought that Fang Shiyun had agreed, so she suppressed the anger in her heart and nodded with a smile. "Yes! Mr. Fang, I really admire your senior. If I can see her, I won't have any regrets in my life."

"Alright, not bad." Fang Zhiyun smiled thoughtfully, but his eyes were filled with coldness and mockery. He looked up coldly at Xia Mengyan and sneered. "Since you're so sincere, I'll satisfy you. I just hope you won't regret it!"

Xia Mengyan was already overwhelmed by excitement. She did not have time to think about Fang Shiyun's words. She only knew that she would see that senior soon. Perhaps she could even acknowledge her as her master. Then, everything that happened today would not be important.

However, before Xia Mengyan could be happy for a few seconds, Fang Shiyun said casually, "I don't have to bring you there because she's already in front of you."

What?

Xia Mengyan suddenly looked up. The Xia family was also stunned as they looked around.

Xia Cheng swept his gaze over to Qiao Xi who was standing leisurely at the side. Suddenly, a thought spread in his heart. He abruptly widened his eyes and could not help but tremble.

Impossible!

Seeing that the Xia family was confused, Fang Shiyun cleared his throat and said word by word, "Miss Xia, you keep saying that you admire my senior, but the moment she entered, your Xia family started scolding her. First, you accused her of ruining the apprenticeship banquet. Then, you said that she cheated. Do you still have the cheek to see her now?"

These casual words caused the entire venue to fall silent. The guests did not react for a moment and were still carefully thinking about Fang Shiyun's words.

At this moment, Xia Mengyan's ears were buzzing. Her empty eyes were gradually filled with horror and unwillingness. She even felt that she was about to die.

What did Fang Shiyun say? She had never seen his senior before! It was impossible for his senior to be Qiao Xi! There must be a mistake! It was Qiao Xi's doing!

Qiao Xi was just a wild girl who had led a wandering life since she was young. The Xia family was utterly unwilling to accept her. What right did she have to be Liang Pingchuan's apprentice? What right did she have to be Fang Shiyun's senior?

What right did a little b*tch who grew up in the countryside have to trample on her? She was the socialite who should be the center of attention, not Qiao Xi!

Fang Shiyun ignored Xia Mengyan's gaze and walked straight to Qiao Xi. He bowed respectfully. "Senior, I'm sorry I'm late."

Qiao Xi nodded. "Mmhm."

Xia Mengyan instantly felt as if she had fallen into an ice cave. The blood in her body seemed to have frozen instantly, and the coldness around her made her tremble.

Chapter 1068: Who Can Be Worse Than You?

Fang Shiyun snorted. "Senior, it's better if you don't interact with the Xia family in the future. I think they're crazy. With your talent, do you need to cheat when participating in competitions? Moreover, the results of that matter were out a long time ago. Yi Cang, who snatched your work and maligned you,

was banned a long time ago. He ran back to his hometown dejectedly. I didn't expect the Xia family to be so ignorant. They actually thought that you cheated. Do you really not know, or are they just pretending?

"Senior, where's the private room for Young Master Yin's birthday party? Let's go. I feel disgusted staying here for another second."

Fang Shiyun did not show the Xia family any respect at all. Xia Mengyan's face was pale. When she thought of what she had just said to praise Fang Shiyun's senior, she instantly felt so ashamed that she wanted to die.

She was once again stepped on by Qiao Xi in such a dramatic manner. At this moment, she even found it difficult to breathe, and every inch of her skin seemed to have lost all feeling.

This was definitely a nightmare. It was impossible for Qiao Xi to be Fang Shiyun's senior. She was so young, even younger than Fang Shiyun. How was this possible?

At this moment, the guests also reacted. After a long silence, someone said tentatively, "So, Qiao Xi is Liang Pingchuan's final apprentice! It's just that she keeps a low profile and doesn't make a fuss, so the Xia family didn't know."

"Before this, the Xia family had always thought that Qiao Xi cheated! I just sent a message to ask my friend in Li City University. She said that the truth of that matter had long been revealed. It was secretly done by Yi Cang, who has been banned by the art industry. However, this matter was not publicized. It's just that some students of Li City University clarified this matter online. The Xia family has so many connections, but they actually didn't know about this?"

"Is there a possibility that Xia Mengyan already knew that it was a misunderstanding, but she deliberately pretended not to know and let her family spread the news that Qiao Xi cheated to ruin Qiao Xi's reputation? In reality, she's afraid that Qiao Xi will surpass her. Wasn't this apprenticeship banquet staged by her?"

"The Xia family has really lost all their dignity today. It's really bad luck to attend such such people's banquet!"

Xia Mengyan's body stiffened. Everyone's mockery and accusations stabbed into her chest like knives. She was in so much pain that she was about to faint. She clenched her fists tightly. The pain in her palms made her stay awake.

Qiao Xi! It was all because of her! She made everyone in the Xia family become the laughing stock of Li City!

Xia Mengyan's body swayed violently, but the other members of the Xia family could not care less about her. Their faces were ashen. Xia Cheng forcefully controlled his emotions, but Old Madam Xia's eyes were filled with malevolence. She was unable to accept this fact and directly roared angrily at Qiao Xi and Fang Shiyun's backs. "Impossible! How can that little b*tch be your senior?"

The guests could not help but frown. No matter what, Old Madam Xia was the mistress of the Xia family. It was really inappropriate for her to address a junior like this. Was she any different from a shrew in the market?

Fang Shiyun stopped in his tracks, and a trace of coldness flashed past his eyes. At this moment, he no longer cared about his identity as a calligraphy master. He turned around and pointed at Old Madam Xia's nose as he cursed, "Who are you calling a b*tch, old shrew?! You're a mistress who destroyed someone else's family, yet you have the cheek to say that others are b*tches. Who else here is as b*tchy as you? My senior is born beautiful and talented. If she's a b*tch, you're trash. You're a piece of trash who stinks in the gutter and will never see the light of day!"

Old Madam Xia probably did not expect a calligraphy master to curse her without caring about his status. She was so angry that she panted and pointed at him with trembling fingers.

How could Mengyan, whom she and Ah Cheng had raised since she was young, not compare to a wild girl who had led a wandering life since young? How could she accept this?

Xia Yunlou's face was pale. Other than shock, she was also a little excited. It turned out that Xi Xi was Fang Shiyun's senior. She was also a famous designer overseas. Xi Xi did not embarrass her but brought her honor!

She should be happy to have such an outstanding daughter!

At this moment, Xia Yunlou felt as if there were two voices arguing in her mind. One was telling her that her daughter was very outstanding and she should reconcile with Qiao Xi. The other was telling her that since she had already offended Qiao Xi, she might as well give up!

The emotions in her heart were a mess, and she was at a loss. As Qiao Xi's mother, she did not know how to face her for a moment.

Everyone in the Xia family had tried their best to make Xia Mengyan become Fang Shiyun's apprentice for the sake of benefiting from Liang Pingchuan's identity. From then on, Mengyan would be able to enter the art industry without any obstructions. However, who would have thought that Qiao Xi would actually be Liang Pingchuan's most cherished last apprentice?!

Chapter 1069: Who's Your Daughter?

If they had known Qiao Xi's identity earlier, why would they spend so much effort to look for Fang Shiyun? Qiao Xi's identity was much higher than Fang Shiyun's. Her identity was the best connection.

At the thought of this, Xia Yunlou could not help but be excited. She then realized that she had lost such an outstanding daughter who could bring her glory. She suddenly regretted it.

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However, from the first time she saw Qiao Xi, the two of them were like enemies. Qiao Xi only had her adoptive mother in her heart and was utterly unwilling to listen to her, her biological mother. Xia Yunlou was very clearly aware in her heart that no matter how formidable Qiao Xi was now, it had nothing to do with her because Qiao Xi would utterly not bring any benefits to the Xia family or her.

Xia Yunlou suppressed her anger and tried her best to make her tone gentle. "Xi Xi, since you're Mr. Fang's senior, why didn't you tell us earlier? Did you deliberately make Mengyan look bad? I know there

are some conflicts between the two of you, but you're cousins, after all. How could you ruin Mengyan's future? Quickly tell Mr. Fang that all of this is a joke between you and the Xia family. Let him—"

Before she could finish, she was interrupted by Fang Shiyun. He glared at her and pointed at Xia Yunlou as he berated, "I heard that you're Senior's biological mother, but the moment Senior appeared, you started accusing her indiscriminately. Xia Mengyan said that Senior cheated and you believed her!"

Hearing Fang Shiyun's reprimand, Xia Yunlou's face was ashen. She had never been reprimanded in public before. Moreover, this person was a young man. Her face was filled with shame. Earlier, she had felt slightly guilty toward Qiao Xi for a moment, but now, she was completely occupied by anger.

Xia Yunlou straightened her neck and said, "It's all because Xi Xi deliberately hid it. If it weren't for her..."

"Who said that my senior was hiding it?" Fang Shiyun did not give her a chance to explain herself and shouted, "My senior has never deliberately hidden anything. She does know calligraphy. The competition in Li City University was also broadcasted live online. After that, the university clarified this matter. It's obvious that as her mother, you never paid attention to her and even blamed her!"

"Xia Mengyan is just your niece, and her father is only your half-sibling. You're doing your best for this niece, but you're so mean to your daughter! You've been separated from my senior for 20 years. You should be doing your best to make up for her lack of maternal love all these years, but what have you been doing? How do you treat her? You actually have the cheek to criticize her now?"

Xia Yunlou lowered her head and bit her lip. The intense anger and humiliation made her entire body tremble. Was Qiao Xi just going to watch her be reprimanded by an outsider?

Seeing that Qiao Xi was silent, Xia Yunlou gritted her teeth and said, "I watched Mengyan grow up since she was young. What's strange about me treating her well? I originally wanted to treat Xi Xi well too! But after she came back, she went against me and even did something wrong. My impression of her is naturally bad, so the first thing I think of when something bad happens is her. She could have explained it clearly! I didn't want to wrong her either!"

"What did she do wrong?" Fang Shiyun asked coldly. "She's your daughter. Even if she did something wrong, you should patiently guide her to correct herself and not just criticize her. Moreover, my senior isn't wrong. It's all your fault! I really don't understand who's your daughter, Xia Mengyan or my senior!"

Cold sweat broke out on Xia Yunlou's forehead. Xia Ji's expression suddenly changed.

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Qiao Xi raised her eyes slightly, her gaze wandering between Xia Ji and Xia Cheng as she sized them up.

After a long silence, Qiao Xi suddenly sneered. Her sudden laugh caused the nerves of everyone in the Xia family to tense up again. They raised their eyes in succession and glared fiercely at Qiao Xi.

Xia Yunlou was at a loss. Then, as if to prove something, she deliberately raised her voice. "Xi Xi is my daughter! I'm biased toward Mengyan because she grew up by my side. I treat her as my biological daughter, but Xi Xi has only just reunited with me. I don't know her well enough, so..."

Fang Shiyun interrupted coldly, "Senior, Madam Xia said that she's your biological mother! Do you acknowledge her?"

Qiao Xi imperceptibly withdrew her sizing gaze, then chuckled. "I'm very sorry, but Madam Xia Yunqiu is my mother."

Fang Shiyun turned to look at the pale Xia Yunlou and said with a hint of disdain, "Madam Xia, did you hear that? My senior's mother is called Xia Yunqiu. Don't use this title to show off in the future because you're not worthy!"

Chapter 1070: Do You Think I'm A Three-Year-Old Child?

"Let's go, Senior." After he finished speaking, Fang Shiyun pulled Qiao Xi away and didn't even bother to look at the Xia family.

At this moment, the private room was silent. The guests were all stunned for a long time. Yan Jun's expression was ugly as he gritted his teeth.

As a member of the Painting and Calligraphy Association, he knew that Liang Pingchuan and his senior doted on this young apprentice very much. The two of them had given everything they had learned in their lives to this smart apprentice. Now, for the sake of Fang Shiyun's fake apprentice, he had offended Qiao Xi.

Just Qiao Xi's identity alone was enough to make him suffer, let alone Liang Pingchuan and his senior. If the two seniors found out about this, they would definitely expel him from the association.

Yan Jun's lips were pale, and his back was drenched in sweat. He looked as if he had been fished out of the water. Old Madam Xia was chattering at the side, but he was not in the mood to listen anymore. He felt that he was too stupid. If Fang Shiyun really wanted to take in an apprentice, the people from the Painting and Calligraphy Association would have long received the notice. They would not have been so vague.

Xia Mengyan did not have any talent in calligraphy at all. Those works were probably copied from somewhere. She was not worthy to be Fang Shiyun's apprentice at all.

He was careless and was actually deceived by the Xia family. If he offended a figure like Qiao Xi, his future might end here.

After a long silence, Xia Yunlou suddenly reacted. She took a deep breath and shouted, "She doesn't acknowledge me anymore? I'm her biological mother! She dares to not acknowledge me? Bastard! Unfilial daughter! She has always treated Xia Yunqiu as her mother, but I'm the mother who gave birth to her!"

Xia Yunlou sounded like she was about to cry. Her eyes were red, and she looked very crazy. Everyone took a few steps back in fear, their eyes filled with disdain.

There were tears in her eyes as she ran out crazily. A trace of coldness flashed past Xia Ji's and Old Madam Xia's eyes, while Xia Mengyan fell heavily into a chair.

At this moment, a portion of the guests had already left. The Xia family could not even take care of themselves. No one cared about Xia Mengyan at all. Her pale lips trembled as she gritted her teeth.

Today's matter would spread to the public sooner or later. She did not have the ability to make everyone shut up. After the guests left, they would definitely talk about this matter to their relatives and friends. Hence, it would not be long before this matter spread throughout Li City. At that time, how could she continue to stay here?

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The apprenticeship banquet was not held successfully and her reputation was ruined. Was she going to watch her future be ruined?

On the other hand, Xia Yunlou ran out without caring about her image and shouted, "Xi Xi! Xi Xi!"

Qiao Xi continued walking forward and paid no attention to her at all.

Xia Yunlou broke down and shouted agitatedly, "Qiao Xi! I'm your biological mother! What right do you have to not acknowledge me?"

Qiao Xi stopped in her tracks, and Xia Yunlou hurriedly rushed forward. Even now, she still did not realize her mistake. She warned angrily, "Let me tell you, today's matter can't be spread. Otherwise, the Xia family's reputation will be ruined!"

Fang Shiyun was furious. For the first time in his life, he had the urge to hit someone.

Xia Yunlou's tone softened. "It was my fault in the past. When you get home, I'll make it up to you and treat you and Mengyan equally. Previously, you were jealous that Anran and I had a good relationship. Now that she's gone, no one will ruin our relationship as mother and daughter. You're my only daughter. I'll take care of you wholeheartedly to make up for all the regrets I've had all these years. Come back with me, okay?"

Looking at the almost crazy Xia Yunlou, Qiao Xi raised her eyes coldly. "Madam Xia."

Hearing Qiao Xi's distant voice, Xia Yunlou's entire body could not help but tremble as a wave of sorrow surged in her heart. Then, she roared furiously. "Come back with me! You're my daughter, so you should come home with me! Qiao Xi, you—"

"Do you think I'm a three-year-old child?" Qiao Xi looked at her with a serious expression as if she was sincerely asking Xia Yunlou this question.

"If I were a three-year-old child, I might have been deceived by your lies, but I'm already an adult. Don't use your excuses to coax me! Only a fool will believe you!"

Xia Yunlou's body suddenly stiffened. Her hand that was about to pull Qiao Xi froze in midair, and the muscles on her face twitched slightly.

Qiao Xi distanced herself from her, and a trace of disgust appeared in her eyes. She paid no further attention to Xia Yunlou and left mercilessly.

Xia Yunlou stood on the spot and was stunned for a long time before she suddenly broke down and cried. She and Qiao Xi must have been enemies in her previous life. Otherwise, why had she and Qiao Xi been incompatible since they met?