

Little Sweet 171

Chapter 171: Dignity

At that moment, Ye Wanwan broke out in a cold sweat. This time, she had truly only hurt her enemy eight hundred times but hurt herself by a thousand!

There was nothing that could be done right now; she already pounced on him and could only keep going from there.

Ye Wanwan laid on his chest like a neglected concubine and whined, "I've been here for so long but you don't even care. What's so good about watching this? You've been looking at this the whole time; is it better looking than I am? Who's better-looking--me or this thing?"

These were truly the words of a trouble-making beauty.

The divider was able to block the visuals but not the sounds in the car. Liu Ying would probably be pissed to death when he heard that.

It was almost as if she could hear the gritting of teeth from the front.

In fact, Ye Wanwan was right.

Liu Ying had already unsheathed the sword that he usually brought with him, "This demonic woman!!!"

Even the words he bellowed were exactly the same as Ye Wanwan imagined.

Xu Yi quickly stopped him, lowered his voice and said nervously, "Keep it down! It's not your first day knowing about this--why are you still so rash?! What if master hears you?! Do you want to die?"

The teenager next to Xu Yi was so mad that his hair was almost on fire. How could he swallow this down? "This woman's been so weird lately; she obviously has bad intentions. Why is master so blind, not putting his guard up against her?"

Xu Yi hurriedly reassured him, "She's just a little silly girl, how much harm can she do? Don't worry!"

Liu Ying scoffed, "Tsk, what can she do? She did that on purpose just now! She did it on purpose for me to see! She's driving a wedge between 9th master and me!"

"What on earth do you mean by that? Don't make her sound like your love rival, alright? In any case, just stay calm. Even if she's a demon, do you think our master is a fool? What kind of person do you think he is?" Xu Yi said.

Hearing this, Liu Ying's anger slowly dissipated.

After all, Si Ye Han was a perfect god in his heart, how could he be a fool?!

However, the moment Xu Yi finished speaking, the two of them heard the master's hoarse and low voice coming from the back, "You're better looking."

Liu Ying: "..."

Xu Yi: "..."

Ye Wanwan didn't stop there, probably because she saw that Si Ye Han wasn't mad so she gathered her courage again.

Ye Wanwan shot a look towards the front of the car and continued questioning Si Ye Han, "Then what if one day... Liu Ying and I fell into a river, who would you save first?"

Liu Ying: "..."

Xu Yi: "..."

Uwaaagh! What kind of question was that? I've got to kowtow to Ye Wanwan for her courage!

I didn't think this woman would be scarier when she's submissive to the master than when she's disobedient and causing trouble!

The atmosphere was stagnant. After some silence, the man's voice finally travelled to the front, "Save you."

Liu Ying: "... Where's my knife!!!

Xu Yi: "..."

At this moment, Liu Ying's expression was akin to a whiny wife and Xu Yi could almost see the black cloud of resentment emanating from the top of his head.

Afraid that Liu Ying would lose control and butcher Ye Wanwan, Xu Yi persuaded him urgently, "Liu Ying! Put your knife down, please calm down! The master still loves you! Master said that purely because you can swim and don't need his help at all! Let's not stoop to the level of that little demon! We must have dignity! Have some dignity!"

Xu Yi was busy trying to talk him out of it but suddenly, he realised that his tone was a little weird... like he's persuading a jealous lover...

Chapter 172: I'm just pure and innocent

Hehehe...

Upon hearing Si Ye Han choosing her without any hesitation, Ye Wanwan felt appeased and satisfied.

Si Ye Han grabbed her waist to prevent her from falling and spoke softly into her ear, "Are you done messing around?"

Did I just get caught for making trouble...

Ye Wanwan whined meekly, "Who asked Liu Ying to look at me like I'm a trouble-making vixen? I'm so pure and innocent..."

Pure and innocent?

Si Ye Han's gaze swept over her... Did she just say she's pure and innocent?

Ye Wanwan coughed lightly, feeling slightly abashed. She then pouted, "He doesn't like me, I hate him!"

"Don't provoke him," a tinge of warning lingered in Si Ye Han's tone.

Ye Wanwan gave a pained expression, "You're being totally biased!"

Si Ye Han slowly looked at her with his cold eyes, "I am, in fact, biased."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Fine, fine, I'll admit that Si Ye Han already gave me face and has been very giving to me.

"Anyway, it's an eye for an eye--if he glares at me again, I'm going to hurt his master! To anger him to death!" Ye Wanwan said.

Si Ye Han: "..."

As Liu Ying's master, Si Ye Han never expected to get dragged into Liu Ying's troubles for just being an innocent bystander.

Hm, should I give Liu Ying a raise then?

Shortly, the car arrived at the old house.

When they got out, Ye Wanwan met Liu Ying's gaze. As expected, his eyes were filled with a cold, murderous intent.

Ye Wanwan knew that a feud had been forged today.

But so what? There's a perfect gem, Qin Ruo Xi, in front of him anyway so no matter what I do, that guy will never like me.

I'm a trouble-maker and a pampered princess, so what?

In her previous life, she was most afraid of Si Ye Han. But aside from him, she was also terrified of these two killing machines by his side.

Each time he looked at her with his icy glare, she felt as if her flesh was being sliced into. She was also warned and threatened every two to three days and was surrounded by guards like she was a thief.

Even after being in Jin garden for so many years, even when Si Ye Han gave her the best of everything, she never felt like she belonged.

All the wrongs she'd suffered quietly all those years--she had to get revenge for all of them in this life.

Since I can't go back to being an innocent teenager anymore, what's the harm in acting like a demon this time around?

After they entered, the old lady saw that both Ye Wanwan and Si Ye Han had arrived and a big smile spread across her face, "You're back!"

Si Ye Han: "Mhm."

The old lady looked at her precious grandson grumpily then pulled Ye Wanwan to her warmly, "Wanwan, come over quickly! Let grandma take a look at you!"

"Grandma!" Ye Wanwan called out to her sweetly.

It was no wonder that the old lady had a good impression of her; other than the fact that she didn't make any mistakes this time around, Ye Wanwan's look was very pleasing--both her appearance and temperament were very likeable.

She looked very gentle and obedient, simple and innocent--inciting people to let their guard down instinctively and dote on her.

"Not bad, thankfully you didn't become skinnier, it looks like you've gained some weight! You're still too skinny; you have to eat more!" The old madam pulled her in and scanned her up and down, nodding approvingly.

Ye Wanwan was really too skinny before, like she could be blown away by the wind. Recently, she managed to get some nourishment but as a whole, she was still a little skinny.

But with her appetite now, there was no doubt that she'd be fattened up in no time. Also, if she kept binging, she might even return to being as fat as before.

"Got it, grandma. I'll eat more."

"Good girl! Oh, right, grandma almost forgot. Wanwan, come, grandma wants you to meet someone!" The old madam brought her into the house with a wide smile on her face.

Chapter 173: Finally, they meet again

She wants me to meet someone?

Someone whom the old madam wants to introduce me to specifically, who could it be?

Ye Wanwan stayed by the old madam's side with a look of suspicion.

They walked past the living room and entered the lawn. Suddenly, a familiar figure appeared before her eyes without warning.

All she saw was in front of a few precious peony trees, stood a tall and slender silhouette.

The girl had curly chestnut-coloured hair. She wore a casual camel coat and didn't look very stunning yet was elegant and graceful. Every movement revealed grandeur and classiness that only a true aristocrat could exude. Even with the girl's elegance, the grimness between her brows matched up to a man's.

This was Imperial City's number 1 goddess—— Qin Ruo Xi!

She finally got to meet her again after such a long time following her rebirth.

The moment Ye Wanwan saw who it was, her pupils constricted and her instincts heightened her vigilance and guard as if she saw her arch enemy.

"Wanwan, this is my grandniece, Qin Ruo Xi. She's Little 9th's good friend as well!" The old madam introduced her with an incredible pride and arrogance.

Ye Wanwan's brain managed to cool down slightly as countless memories came flooding back.

Si Ye Han's late grandfather had a sworn brother called Qin Bing Song; Qin Ruo Xi was Qin Bing Song's granddaughter.

Qin Ruo Xi wasn't simply "Little 9th's friend" like how the old madam described.

She was Si Ye Han's right-hand person--someone at his side who was irreplaceable.

Whether in the company, family or secret service, Qin Ruo Xi was very highly regarded--almost everyone saw her as the future mistress of the household.

However, the person whom Si Ye Han wanted to marry previously was Ye Wanwan, not Qin Ruo Xi.

Although Si Ye Han was scary, women were still attracted to him since he was gentle at times. She was quite moved when he ignored all the objections to marry her and gave her the status of Mrs Si.

In her previous life, she'd thought about the marriage deeply. Since she couldn't change anything, she thought she should just compromise and live with the title.

But the reality of it made her heart grow bitterly cold, over and over again.

Judging by Qin Ruo Xi's abilities, she wouldn't hurt her directly because these lowly methods would only anger Si Ye Han. She only needed to speak a few words and there would be numerous people willing to get their hands dirty for her.

Liu Ying was one of those people.

Moreover, the mere presence of this woman was enough to force her into the corner and steal her thunder.

To Ye Wanwan, it wasn't the physical torture that was the scariest, but the psychological torture.

If Si Ye Han took away her freedom, this woman destroyed her personality and sense of self to the point that even if she occupied the glorified seat of Mrs Si, she lived like a canary, a puppet without any beliefs of her own.

Ye Wanwan quickly suppressed the surging current beneath her eyes and greeted her like normal, "Nice to meet you, Ms Qin."

The corners of Qin Ruo Xi's lips curled upwards like it was the perfect timing, "Call me Ruo Xi. So you're the Wanwan who grandma's been talking about! You're just as pretty as she described; Ye Han's really lucky! This is the first time we're meeting so here's a little gift."

Following that, a servant brought a delicate little box over.

It was a pair of jade bracelets. Crystal clear, full-coloured, glass jade. The current market price for this was about eight million and its appreciation would be quite considerable in the future.

She clearly knew that Ye Wanwan was Si Ye Han's girlfriend and Si Ye Han had even brought her to meet grandma already; there was no way Qin Ruo Xi didn't understand the meaning of all this.

However, her attitude from the beginning didn't show an ounce of jealousy at all.

This should be the kind of tolerance that a real wife must have!

Chapter 174: Embrace the golden thigh

"Thank you, Ruo Xi. The bangle is beautiful," Ye Wanwan closed the box and acted like she didn't understand the value of it.

"As long as you like it," After Qin Ruo Xi was done with her, she turned to Si Ye Han.

When she looked at Si Ye Han, her initial formal and cold attitude was suddenly much warmer and her gaze turned gentler as well, "Ye Han, I've settled the issue over at Shen City, I'll talk over the details with you tonight."

"Thanks," Si Ye Han said indifferently, as he retracted his gaze from Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan's expression was strange when she looked at Qin Ruo Xi just now.

"Are you just saying that or are you really grateful?" Qin Ruo Xi raised her brows.

Si Ye Han glanced at Xu Yi and he immediately brought out what he'd prepared beforehand--a bottle of exquisite wine.

Qin Ruo Xi's eyes lit up when she saw it, "The liquor that 7th brother fermented himself! I tried bargaining for it with an ancient medical scroll that was out of print and he refused! How'd you get it?"

"Xu Yi got it."

"You bullied Xu Yi again, always getting him to do these challenging tasks!"

Ye Wanwan stood silently next to Si Ye Han and watched as the two of them chatted away happily, closed off from all other people, including herself.

At this moment, Liu Ying's excited voice came from the door, " Ms Ruo Xi! When did you arrive?!"

Liu Ying's eyes brightened the moment he saw Qin Ruo Xi like his pillar of support had arrived.

Qin Ruo Xi smiled, "Not too long ago. I heard that you've recently learnt a boxing skill? Can you practice with me?"

"Sure!" Liu Ying nodded instantly.

"This mischievous monkey, finding someone to spar with the moment she's back; not womanly at all!" The old madam complained with an annoyed expression, but it was obvious that her loving tone held no blame at all.

The old madam must be disappointed with Si Ye Han's choice to choose me, a girl who appeared out of nowhere, instead of Qin Ruo Xi.

But it was better for Si Ye Han to be attached to someone, whoever it was, good or bad, over being single for years without being close to any woman at all.

The old madam headed back to the kitchen. Ye Wanwan followed Si Ye Han and sat down near the wooden table under the pergola.

Qin Ruo Xi had removed her coat and started sparring with Liu Ying.

Ye Wanwan slumped down on her chair and watched the reckless and confident figures of the two sparring.

During this first meeting, Qin Ruo Xi had given her a show of her strength.

From Si Ye Han to the old madam, to Xu Yi and Liu Ying; she was showing her sovereignty and letting Ye Wanwan know that there was no place for her by Si Ye Han's side.

It was like that in her previous life as well--Qin Ruo Xi didn't do any real harm to her but forced her to feel despair.

In Si Ye Han's world, she'd been all alone, isolated and without help.

However, it was also because she was too foolish in her previous life.

So what if Qin Ruo Xi bribed everyone around Si Ye Han? Ye Wanwan only needed to grab hold of one person and she'd be invincible.

Ye Wanwan propped her chin on her hand, looked at the golden thigh glistening next to her and murmured softly, "Si Ye Han, I want to eat some melon seeds~"

Si Ye Han felt something was amiss about Ye Wanwan just now, but before he could figure it out, it was gone.

He had started to size her up, but once he saw her acting coquettishly with her beautiful little face and a sweet smile, that nagging feeling seemed to just be his misperception.

Ye Wanwan shook his arm, "My arm hurts from all the homework I've done recently, could you peel them for me pleaseee~~~"

Chapter 175: Please feed me

People who practice martial arts have pretty good hearing and Liu Ying was no exception. Although he was sparring with Qin Ruo Xu, he heard Ye Wanwan's words loud and clear.

His moves suddenly messed up, and the anger that he'd suppressed previously finally boiled over, "How dare she?! She actually wants the master to do something like that?!"

Qin Ruo Xi stopped him without batting an eyelid, "Liu Ying, don't be rash!"

Liu Ying said angrily, "Ms Ruo Xi, even you are trying to stop me?! I've had enough today! How could you not be angry at all?"

Qin Ruo Qi looked distant and replied calmly, "With Ye Han's status, it's perfectly normal for him to have a few women by his side."

"Bu... But this woman is different!" Liu Ying rebutted anxiously.

Qin Ruo Xi's expression turned cold when she heard him, but she quickly regained her calmness, "How is she different? Liu Ying, remember this, she's not different at all; you don't have to take so much offence."

Liu Ying wanted to speak but kept silent in the end, though his heart wasn't entirely at peace.

How is she normal?!

The master actually peeled melon seeds for her; he peeled 78 of them!!!

How could his delicate hands be used to peel melon seeds?!

Most importantly, there has never been a woman by master's side but this good-for-nothing, amoral and trouble-causing woman was able to stay by his side for two whole years.

At first, he didn't care about this woman at all and only acted like the master found a playmate out of boredom.

Who knew that the master would actually bring her to meet the old madam?

The only person qualified enough for the master to introduce to the old madam was the future headmistress of the household.

Why did the master bring this kind of woman to meet the old madam?

Liu Ying was on the verge of exploding but on the other side, Ye Wanwan was watching as Si Ye Han peeled the melon seeds for her, one by one.

Those slender fingers forced open each melon seed swiftly and the kernels fell into an exquisite little white porcelain bowl; as he peeled more and more, he looked more and more... tempting.

It couldn't be helped; Heaven can be so unfair sometimes--some people can look so stunning just by peeling melon seeds.

Although she had no choice but to use him to survive, Ye Wanwan also felt that she was enjoying herself.

With this thought, everything seemed balanced.

Sensing her stare, Si Ye Han stopped what he was doing and lifted his head. He was met with the searing gaze of the girl.

Her pupils were glistening with "PLEASE FEED ME!" written all over them.

After seeing her fearful, indifferent, hateful expressions and considering the way she had shunned him for so long...

Her current expression was too moving and it tempted him...

Ye Wanwan was staring at the hands peeling the melon seeds at first, but when she noticed that they stopped moving, she looked up, unsatisfied.

Why did he stop? There's not enough yet...

Without waiting for Ye Wanwan to speak, a shadow was cast over her head and his thin lips slowly landed on hers with a tinge of warmth...

Ye Wanwan's eyes were wide open. She blinked and blinked, unsure what just happened.

At this moment, he said in a low voice with his lips close to hers, "Who allowed you... to look at me this way..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

What did I do...

What's wrong with my gaze...

I just wanted to have some melon seeds, that's all!

Chapter 176: Captivated by your sex appeal

In the next second, a "bang" resounded not far away.

Ye Wanwan saw the cracks in the wall next to Liu Ying clearly...

He clenched his fist tightly and glared in Ye Wanwan's direction. Then, without regard to Qin Ruo Xi's reaction, he turned on his heels and walked away.

Uh, he just left in a huff...

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Actually, all she really wanted was to eat some melon seeds.

Speaking of which, it was no wonder that Qin Ruo Xi was able to reach her lofty position in the family. Even after witnessing Si Ye Han getting intimate with her, she still maintained her composure and was consoling Liu Ying instead.

This kind of woman who was beautiful both inside and out, who was skilled in using both the pen and the rifle and wasn't easily jealous, was simply perfect.

Even she thought that Si Ye Han was blind, not to mention his henchmen and followers.

Then she felt a sharp pain on her lips and Ye Wanwan changed her line of thought, "Ouch..."

"What were you thinking about?" The man asked unhappily when he noticed that she was distracted.

Do you even need to ask? Your little Liu Ying was so mad that he nearly crushed a wall, didn't you see?

Ye Wanwan sighed silently in her heart and muttered, "I'm thinking whether there's something wrong with your taste in women..."

Si Ye Han narrowed his eyes and replied casually, "Tell me, what's wrong?"

Ye Wanwan thought about it, plucked up her courage and replied, "Why don't you pick a woman who's beautiful both inside and out, skilled in using both the pen and the rifle, graceful in the hall and skilled in the kitchen? Instead, you chose a trouble-maker who doesn't follow the rules and causes chaos!"

When Si Ye Han heard that, he looked deeply at her.

Just as Ye Wanwan's heart was getting petrified by his stare, she finally heard his casual reply with just five words: "Captivated by your sex appeal."

Ye Wanwan almost choked, "Uh... This doesn't seem characteristic of a ruler, right?"

"Who said I'm a ruler?"

"..." Ye Wanwan was speechless.

During dinner, Si Ye Han was silent as usual.

Qin Ruo Xi chatted away with the old madam about some funny incidents and made her laugh as if nothing had happened.

It was obvious that Qin Ruo Xi was aware of the old madam's importance.

Ye Wanwan knew very well that the fondness the old madam had for her was only on a surface level. The moment Qin Ruo Xi returned, the good impression that she had with the old madam previously had dissipated.

She was already prepared for this; Qin Ruo Xi's place in the Si family was deep-rooted--it wasn't something that she was able to shake in a short period of time.

After dinner, Ye Wanwan took out her homework and started working on the desk.

Si Ye Han had a document in his hands and flipped through it on the sofa nearby.

There was a knock on the door and Qin Ruo Xi walked in, probably to report about work.

"Ye Han, about Shen City..." Qin Ruo Xi was about to continue when she glanced at Ye Wanwan doing her homework.

It was obvious with such confidential matters that Ye Wanwan should leave.

Ye Wanwan was about to pack up and leave when Si Ye Han placed the document down and looked up. Then he turned to Qin Ruo Xi and said one word, "Sit."

He didn't intend for Ye Wanwan to leave at all.

Ye Wanwan slowly raised her head and looked towards the two people sitting opposite, her heart beating faster.

Actually, she wished that Si Ye Han would allow her to leave--she didn't want to know anything about these confidential matters!

Chapter 177: The way a fatuous ruler acts

However, just like before, Si Ye Han didn't hide anything from her.

Such confidential and even top secret things: his bedroom, his most important study and his darkroom, were all brazenly spread out in front of her.

But she could understand why.

Would anybody be guarded against their own pet cat, dog or bird? Obviously not.

Qin Ruo Xi glanced at Ye Wanwan, was silent for a moment and in the end, didn't say anything at all. Then she started reporting the details to Si Ye Han.

In the quiet study, there was only the clear voice of Qin Ruo Xi and a few words from Si Ye Han occasionally.

Ye Wanwan left those two alone and started doing her homework.

With her math homework piled up like a mountain, she didn't have time to think about anything else.

Suddenly, a loud "dong" interrupted the silence.

Qin Ruo Xi and Si Ye Han raised their heads and looked towards Ye Wanwan.

They saw that Ye Wanwan's head was on the table, with a worksheet sandwiched in between.

She stared at that math worksheet with red and teary eyes, looking as if the paper had murdered her dad.

After a moment of strange silence, Si Ye Han pinched his brows and indicated for Qin Ruo Xi to stop. He stood up and walked towards Ye Wanwan.

Si Ye Han walked to her side, "Which question?"

Ye Wanwan was stunned as she forced her head up, "Huh?"

"Which question do you need help with?" Si Ye Han repeated and at the same time, stretched his fingers out and stroked her forehead with a frown.

Ye Wanwan tilted her head and replied instinctively, "Uh, question one, question two, question three, question four, question five, question six..."

Si Ye Han: "..."

Si Ye Han took out the first-aid kit from the cupboard, applied some medicine on her red and swollen forehead, then started explaining the questions to her.

Upon seeing Si Ye Han helping her with her homework, Ye Wanwan was dazed and somewhat surprised, but was captivated by Si Ye Han's explanation very quickly.

After ten minutes, Ye Wanwan looked at Si Ye Han with dazzling eyes, as if he had grown a pair of little white wings on his back.

She never expected that after he explained those inexplicable formulas and questions that they'd become surprisingly easy.

Very soon, half an hour passed.

Qin Ruo Xi, who was sitting on the sofa waiting in silence, finally spoke up, "Ye Han..."

Si Ye Han lifted his gaze from the paper and looked at Qin Ruo Xi, "You can head back first."

Qin Ruo Xi, who'd kept her composure all this while, had an uneasiness that appeared beneath her eyes after she heard him, "But the issue with Shen City, we have to..."

"I know what to do."

Qin Ruo Xi's expression turned gloomy at being interrupted. After a few seconds, she finally stood up, "Got it."

Qin Ruo Xi left after she packed up her documents.

Watching Qin Ruo Xi leave, Ye Wanwan was quite surprised herself.

What Qin Ruo Xi said just now must've been very important. In fact, everything handled by Qin Ruo Xi was important. But Si Ye Han actually pushed this issue back just to help her with her homework?

This was truly... the way a fatuous ruler acts...

When he noticed that she was distracted, Si Ye Han rapped his fist on the table, "Do you understand?"

"Ah? No... No! Can you explain it again, please?" Ye Wanwan quickly focused all her attention.

Forget it, who cares what Si Ye Han thinks? I'm still stressed over math. With such a rare opportunity today, I have to grab hold of it.

Chapter 178: His master couldn't be horny, could he?!

Downstairs:

Liu Ying crossed his arms and leaned against the door to the courtyard. He was still mad but after he heard familiar footsteps behind him, he turned around, surprised, "Ms Ruo Xi? Weren't you speaking to the master? You're already done?"

Qin Ruo Xi's expression was hard to decipher and she shook her head, "Not yet. Ye Han's busy so he asked me to head back first."

"The master's busy? Did something happen?" Liu Ying probed anxiously. If it was more important than the issue at Shen City, then it must be something big.

Qin Ruo Xi hurriedly replied, "No, don't worry."

"Then what's the master busy with? We exterminated all the remaining forces in Shen City, everything's a mess and we're all awaiting his instructions..."

Seeing that Qin Ruo Xi was hesitant in replying, Liu Ying could guess what happened and he bellowed furiously, "Was it that vixen again?! Ms Ruo Xi! You understand now? The master pushed aside such an important thing just for her!"

Also, in the car today, while the master was having a video conference, this woman shamelessly seduced him right in front of Xu Yi and me. Most importantly, the master didn't scold her and even stopped the meeting for her..."

The image of Si Ye Han tutoring that woman appeared in her head and a darkness flashed across Qin Ruo Xi's eyes, "Ye Han's a guy and this Ms Ye's young and beautiful--it's normal for him to be captivated by her. Anyway, it doesn't matter now. Nobody's able to influence him when it comes to the big issues."

"Ms Ruo Xi, the master's already been influenced, alright? At a time like this, you're still speaking up for him?!" Liu Ying was furious.

Even if Qin Ruo Xi's words make sense, they only apply to normal men--how could master be as horny as those ordinary people?!

This is impossible!

Qin Ruo Xi looked at the teenager next to her helplessly, "You get aggravated too easily; you can't be like that from now on. You should be wary that she might come between you and Si Ye Han. For now, don't be so bothered by her."

Liu Ying was indignant, "I can't take it much longer. Other than a pretty face, that woman's useless, extremely stupid and doesn't even have the strength to handle a chicken. If this keeps up, even if she doesn't cause any trouble, she'll drag the master down sooner or later. She's not comparable to you at all, Ms Ruo Xi..."

Qin Ruo Xi furrowed her brows and warned him sternly, "Liu Ying, don't say these things in the future. She's one of Ye Han's people after all."

Liu Ying's face darkened, "She's not fit to be one of the master's people; this kind of person isn't even qualified to be on par with you!"

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Upstairs:

After Ye Wanwan finally grasped Si Ye Han's methods, it was as if she found a treasure cove. Unknowingly, she had listened to Si Ye Han's explanations for an entire night.

Then, Jiang Yan Ran called.

It's nearly midnight, Jiang Yan Ran should be asleep by now. Why would she call at this hour?

Ye Wanwan anxiously answered the call.

Jiang Yan Ran's cries came through the receiver.

Ye Wanwan's face changed, "Yan Ran? Are you crying? What happened?"

"Wanwan... What should I do... I suddenly realised... I'm so useless... why... why after seeing what kind of person he is... I'm still suffering... It's too hard to bear..." Jiang Yan Ran sobbed intermittently and she sounded drunk as well.

Ye Wanwan heaved a sigh of relief, "You've been drinking?"

She thought that Scumbag Song had caused trouble again.

Chapter 179: Become so strong that she could be his rival

"Yup, I'm already eighteen, I'm allowed to drink..." Jiang Yan Ran replied meekly like she was afraid that Ye Wanwan would scold her.

"Where are you right now?" Ye Wanwan asked, concerned.

"By the lake..."

"The little lake in school?"

"Yup..."

Ye Wanwan's head started to hurt. "You're so tipsy now, you might fall into the lake by accident! Hurry and head back to the dorms!"

What an honest kid; I just casually warned her to help her calm down but she's actually listening to me!

"But I'm... I'm lost..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Oh, big missy, how could you get lost in your own school?!

"Forget it, find somewhere and stay there; I'll get someone to fetch you."

Ye Wanwan warned Jiang Yan Ran repeatedly then gave Chu Feng a call, asking him to go to the little lake to look for Jiang Yan Ran before hanging up.

After the call, Ye Wanwan turned to Si Ye Han and said, "That was Yan Ran, the new roommate I told you about before. She got drunk in school and now can't find her way back to the dorms so I asked a boy from the neighbouring school to find her. That guy has a crush on Jiang Yan Ran, he seems quite nice..."

The Si Ye Han in her past life was extremely controlling, almost to the point where it was perverted. He investigated everybody around her.

Even if his intention was to keep her safe, his behaviour was still revolting to her.

In her past life, the only way she tried to resist was to try to escape but this time, she thought that if she became strong enough to protect herself, and even become Si Ye Han's rival, maybe she could regain her freedom that way?

Although the latter was still a fantasy for her at the moment.

Ye Wanwan continued, "It's so late already, I've got to go back. Though tomorrow's a weekend, our class has a rehearsal tomorrow morning so I have to rush back. I'm also worried about Yan Ran being alone in the dorm. You should hurry and talk business with Ms Ruo Xi!"

Even though Si Ye Han looked indifferent as usual and didn't say a word in response, Ye Wanwan could sense that he was unhappy.

She really felt that Si Ye Han's thoughts were harder to decipher than a woman's.

Before, when she was messing around and making a scene over and over to provoke Liu Ying on purpose, he wasn't mad at all. But now when she's being sensible and caring for her friend, he's upset?

Where's the logic?

Fortunately, Si Ye Han relented in the end and got Xu Yi to send her back.

As it was pretty late, the old madam was already asleep so Ye Wanwan didn't want to disturb her and only informed the old housekeeper of her departure.

In the living room, Qin Ruo Xi was up waiting and hadn't gone to bed. When she saw Ye Wanwan coming downstairs to say goodbye, she was surprised, "Ms Ye, you're leaving? It's so late, why don't you stay over and sleep here?"

Liu Ying, who was off to the side, scoffed, "How is she qualified to stay in the old house..."

Liu Ying hadn't finished his sentence but was forced to retreat by an icy glare shot at him. He shut his mouth in an instant.

That glare seemed like nothing but it was as if it brought an immense power like a huge, heavy mountain had suddenly pressed down on his chest.

Liu Ying hung his head low and his back broke out in a cold sweat. But after the scare, he became even more furious.

After Ye Wanwan and Xu Yi left, Si Ye Han turned to the teenager, "Liu Ying, come over."

Liu Ying clenched his fists, "Yes!"

Qin Ruo Xi turned to the both of them, worried, "Ye Han, don't blame Liu Ying, he didn't mean it, you know how he's like..."

"Ms Ruo Xi, you don't have to speak up for me!" Liu Ying followed Si Ye Han into the study without a word.

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The study was dead silent.

Si Ye Han sat on the wide and simple antique chair and looked at the teenager standing upright in the middle of the living room.

Liu Ying's face was filled with stubbornness and discontentment like a wild and unruly wolf cub. There was only one way to tame a person like him, and that was to be stronger than him.

Otherwise, he'd never submit to you to his death.

After some time, Si Ye Han finally spoke, "You have something to say about my taste in women?"

Liu Ying's eyes widened the moment he heard that question-- Of course I do!!!

"I wouldn't dare," he mumbled.

"You wouldn't dare?" Si Ye Han's low voice brought a great sense of oppression.

The teenager gritted his teeth. After holding back for so long, he couldn't take it any longer. "Actually, I do have an opinion! Master, I don't understand why you'd choose a woman like Ye Wan Wan?"

"Then in your mind, what kind of woman do you think I should choose?" Si Ye Han asked in reply.

Liu Ying answered without hesitation, "Of course someone who's beautiful both inside and out, and knowledgeable and skilled in martial arts! Only then would she be compatible with you! How could you be with a useless bum who needs your protection all the time and could bring you down anytime? I don't believe you're just one of those worldly men who only care about appearances!"

Being at his master's side for so long, he knew clearly how harsh his master's standards were. Everybody believed he didn't want to be close to women, but it was because ordinary women were unattractive to him and they were essentially from different planets. Furthermore, this person had to become his life partner.

"Beautiful both inside and out, knowledgeable and skilled in martial arts..." Si Ye Han paused and looked at the teenager, "You mean I should marry you and Xu Yi?"

Liu Ying: "..."

The moment Si Ye Han said that, Liu Ying's brain crashed instantly and he was dumbfounded. Following that, his ears and neck were red as he contested, "How... how's that possible?! What I meant was... was..."

Although Xu Yi was in charge of the internal matters while he was in charge of the external ones, and he was a good fighter whereas Xu Yi was very knowledgeable, and the two of them together did fit his criteria... he didn't mean it that way!

Master's obviously taking it out of context!

"Who told you that my partner needs to have just these two criteria?" Si Ye Han asked softly, his icy-cold gaze appeared as if he despised every living creature in the world.

Immediately, Liu Ying sought his opinion earnestly, "Then, master, what do you think she should be like?"

He had never heard his own master mention his criteria for a spouse, so naturally, he was very eager to find out.

Liu Ying held his breath and fixed his eyes on Si Ye Han, awaiting his reply.

After a long time, his low and hoarse voice filled the quiet air, "Unparalleled."

Liu Ying: "..."

He knew how high his master's standards were but never expected them to be that high.

What does "unparalleled" even mean?

Looks, brains and skills aren't enough? He needs someone to be extraordinary and omnipotent?

After the initial shock, he was still speechless.

Master, are you serious?

That dumb wretch, who can't even kill a chicken and hasn't graduated from high school, is considered 'unparalleled'?

Even MMsRuo Xi can't match the meaning of this one word.

The moment Xu Yi returned from sending Ye Wan Wan home, he saw a mushroom cloud forming on Liu Ying's head as he squatted by the foot of the wall. He sighed helplessly and walked over, "Got scolded, didn't you?"

"Xu Yi, do you know the master's criteria for his spouse?" Liu Ying asked Xu Yi.

Xu Yi paused, "I'm not sure, but it should be something quite perverted, right?!"

Liu Ying: "Master told me just now; he said one word."

"Which word was it?" Xu Yi was intrigued.

"Un.pa.ra.lleled!" Liu Ying mouthed each syllable in exaggeration.

Xu Yi: "Uh..."

"How could that stupid and weak girl bear the meaning of this word?!" Liu Ying exploded again.

Xu Yi wiped his sweat awkwardly, "Probably because... beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder!"