



Chapter 401 Key

Wang Yun did not look happy too. With her brows furrowed, she shot a glare at Qin Jun. If Zhuang Danian and his family were not around, she would have burst out in anger already.

What is Qin Jun trying to do? There were no other buildings here, apart from Qingmei Manor.

Could it be that Qin Jun bought a place that was so remote that it was outside of Donghai?

As everyone speculated, the bus stopped at the entrance of Qingmei Manor.

When the bus drove past earlier, everyone instinctively stretched their necks to catch a glimpse of the interior. Even Zhu Linlin wanted to see how the famous and well-known Qingmei Manor looked like.

However, when the bus came to a stop, everyone was stunned.

“Let’s leave quickly! Why did we stop here? It would be bad if someone discovered us!”

The person who stayed at Qingmei Manor was definitely wealthy and respectable. They were now in others’ territory and it would be truly embarrassing if they were chased out.

However, the bus driver ignored all their words and opened the bus door.

Qin Jun said, “Come on, let’s get off.”

He took the lead and stepped down onto the path.

Zhuang Danian laughed, “Wang Yun, you must be kidding me. Don’t tell me that the new property you guys bought is Qingmei Manor?”

Wang Yun’s face turned pale. *Qin Jun is really horsing around too much!*

A few got off the bus in a huff and stood in front of Qingmei Manor. Meanwhile, others were uneasy about the whole situation. Wang Yun walked

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towards Qin Jun and tugged on his shirt, saying, “Qin Jun! Are you crazy? Why did you bring us here? Are you trying to turned yourself into a laughing stock?”

Wang Yun would be able to explain it away if Qin Jun got a normal second-hand property. At least, Zhuang Danian would not be mocking her.

However, Qin Jun brought them to such a famous manor instead. Everyone knew that it belonged to a wealthy boss in Donghai. How could it belong to an insignificant family such as theirs? They would not even be able to lay a finger on such a place!

Zhu Linlin looked rather uncomfortable as she muttered, “Alright, Mom. That’s enough. Jun, let’s leave quickly.”

Qin Jun smiled as he fished out a key from his pocket.

Handing it to Zhu Linlin, he said, “Since we are here, why should we leave?”

Zhu Linlin took the key and was stunned momentarily.

“Huh?”

What is he saying?

This key looked like...Is this the key to Qingmei Manor?

Amidst her surprise, she noticed Qin Jun’s confident and assertive demeanor. Walking forward, she placed the key into the keyhole on the lock.

Surprisingly, the key fitted into the lock perfectly!

Zhu Linlin turned the key upon this revelation.

A click could be heard as the lock unlocked.

Creak...

As the key turned in the lock, the large metal gates at the entrance opened up gradually. They were powered with electricity and unlocked automatically.

The gates opened to reveal a scenery that looked like paradise.

Birds chirped and flowers bloomed beautifully.

Even the most beautiful park in Donghai City could not compare to this.

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Wang Yun's eyes widened and her mouth went agape in disbelief.

How did Qin Jun have the key to Qingmei Manor?

Did he rent Qingmei Manor?

Or did Linlin rent it?

At this point, Wang Yun could not be bothered by these thoughts. No matter who rented it, she could still walk with her head held high today!

“Zhuang, how does our new house look? Pretty good, aye?”

Zhuang Danian's face went pale as his eyes widened and his jaws dropped.

Since when was the Zhu family this wealthy to buy over the Qingmei Manor?

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Chapter 402 Did You Really Buy It

Purchasing this place was not just a matter of wealth, but also a matter of identity and reputation.

Qingmei Manor was worth four to five hundred million. There were many wealthy people and in Donghai, there were indeed a few prominent families who had the money to buy this place. However, this does not mean that they had the right to do so.

Surely it would not be the Zhu family's turn when it came to this property?

Zhuang Danian's family was still in doubt. "Did you guys ganged up and lie to us? Could it be that you actually rented the place?" they speculated.

Qin Jun smiled faintly and invited, "Let's go in and take a look."

A few of them approached the interior as he said this.

There was a group of staff in the manor – some were gardeners attending to the plants in the gardens while some were in charge of maintaining the manor's facilities. When Qin Jun entered, they all paused the work at hand and greeted him politely with a smile.

Along the way, the guests were treated like royalty.

Wang Yun finally understood why Ouyang Yanyan was so fixated on this place. It would be amazing if one could really live here. Even Wang Yun would look forward to it too!

As they walked in, they could see a three-story building on the grounds of the manor.

Turning to Zhu Linlin, Qin Jun said, "This is for you. Do you want to take a look?"

Zhu Linlin had not recovered her senses. Taking a few deep breaths, she pushed open the door and stepped in.

If this building was located elsewhere, it would be a villa on its own. However, such a building was considered one of the many rooms in Qingmei Manor.

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There were more than a hundred such rooms in the manor itself. The servants' quarters aside, this meant that there were about a dozen of such villas. The place was so huge that it could house about four to five prominent families with no problems at all!

The room that Zhu Linlin stepped in was decorated with solid wood furniture. One could discern the woody scent that filled the room which was refreshing and made one at ease.

Zhu Linlin loved the style of solid wood and hence, this room was decorated according to her liking.

Everyone else went ahead and took a tour around the place. All of the rooms were decorated in an upscale, luxurious, and lavish manner and there was no room for nitpicking. After all, this was Qingmei Manor!

In the living room, a picture was hung on the wall behind the sofa.

It was a picture of Zhu Linlin and Qin Jun when they were about eight to nine years old.

In the picture, Zhu Linlin held onto Qin Jun's arms and smiled widely, while Qin Jun acted cool by stuffing his hands into his pockets.

Zhu Linlin was pleasantly surprised as she stood in front of the picture.

She had a copy of this picture too and would admire it from time to time.

However, what was special was that this picture was not printed and framed in the living room.

It was printed on wood and embedded into the wall!

Surely this would be too much cost if Qingmei Manor was rented?

Such a feature wall would cost a bomb.

Furthermore, why would the owner of Qingmei Manor allow others to fix their pictures in the living room?

It would be too troublesome when the time come to take it down!

Most importantly, the owner of this place would not rent out such a luxurious place just for profits!

An individual who could own this place was not short of money.

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Zhu Linlin widened her eyes. As she looked at Qin Jun, her expression was full of shock and disbelief.

“Jun, did you really buy Qingmei Manor?”

Qin Jun smiled and replied, “Didn’t I say so earlier?”

“This...”

He was right. Qin Jun indeed told Zhu Linlin about buying Qingmei Manor about half a month ago. The latter thought that it was a joke and did not take his words seriously.

Who knew that he spoke the truth!

Wang Yun was beyond happy. She did not expect Qin Jun to really have bought Qingmei Manor. Furthermore, she never stayed in such a lavish place before!

“So? Zhuang, what do you think? Our place is nice, right? Do you want to take a look at the other rooms?”

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Chapter 403 How Thick Skinned

Zhuang Danian's face went pale and he felt ashamed and embarrassed.

When he bought his twenty-million property, he tried to brag to Wang Yun about it. He did not know that she already moved into Qingmei Manor!

The two properties were night and day and Qingmei Manor was beyond comparison!

As they stared at this top-notch mansion in awe, Zhuang Danian and his family could no longer look at Qin Jun in the eye.

“Haha, Wang Yun, why don't you go ahead with your day? We have some other matters to attend to, so we will take our leave.”

The whole family scurried out of the manor in shame. How could they be so thick-skinned to stay if they were already defeated in this manner?

After the Zhuang family left, Wang Yun took a closer look at the mansion and asked, “Qin Jun, how did you get hold of this place?”

Zhu Linlin was curious too.

Qin Jun said, “Well, my old place was demolished. I got a sum of money from there.”

He spoke the truth. He Nianying introduced him to this location to build a manor because the old Qin residence was demolished.

Of course, it was impossible to build such a big place just from the compensation.

Wang Yun frowned, “Compensation for the demolition? Do you take me for a three-year-old kid?”

She thought about it. It was impossible that Qin Jun bought this place since it was so expensive. Furthermore, with the Qin family's status, no one would gift them such valuable property.

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There was only one explanation.

“Is this an inheritance of the Qin family?”

Qin Jun paused for a moment before replying, “Sure, if you want to think of it that way.”

Wang Yun was satisfied with this explanation.

The Qin Family was an almighty, powerful and prominent family many years ago. At least in Donghai, they were one of the top families and were considered an authoritative and omnipotent presence.

Even the other three big families could not compare to them when they joined forces with other families.

Hence, if this was a decade ago, Qingmei Manor must belong to the Qin family.

As such, Qin Jun’s ownership over Qingmei Manor was definitely related to the Qin family.

It was possible that they invested in real estate and started building this manor then. Now that ten years passed, the manor was completed and the only remaining family member was Qin Jun and thus, he naturally became the owner of this place.

This young man was really lucky! Even if the Qin family was no more, he was left with such a luxurious place.

No, this manor must belong to the Zhu family!

“Qin Jun, I’m sure you know we treat you well. When you were in despair, we took care of you and fed you. Surely there would be no problem if you were to give a portion of this place to us?”

Zhu Linlin frowned and chided, “Mom! What are you saying! Why should we be getting any part of Jun’s house!”

Wang Jun shot her a glare and responded, “Why not? If the Zhu family did not protect him, he would have already been beaten up by the three big families this time. Furthermore, what happened to the Qin family back then affected us too! Shouldn’t we at least be compensated?”

“Mom! How can you speak like this!”

Zhu Linlin was truly frustrated. *How could my mom be so thick-skinned!*

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When Qin Jun was poor, she wanted nothing to do with him and even wanted to kick him out of their house!

Now that he had this manor, she started to pull strings and even wanted a piece of his pie! What right did she have?

Qin Jun replied, “This is for Linlin. It all depends if she wants you to live with her or not.”

Wang Yun breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing this. Zhu Linlin was her biological daughter. She would never go against her will, especially if she wanted to stay here.

“Oh right, Mom likes Qingmei Manor a lot and always said that she wanted to live here so that she could die without regret. Why don’t we fetch Mom over too?”

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Chapter 404 Ouyang Yanyan Arrives

Zhu Yong nodded in agreement. *If Mom saw this place, she would be extremely happy.*

Fishing out his phone, he phoned her.

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Meanwhile, at the Zhu family's residence, after getting the call, Ouyang Yanyan was stunned and stood up in shock.

"Quickly, get me a change of clothes!"

Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu were perplexed at her reaction as they asked, "Mom, what's going on? Why are you in such a hurry?"

"Zhu Yong has moved! Let's go take a look!"

Zhu Ming sneered, "What's there to see even if they've moved? They are just moving from one bird nest to another. Is there a need for you to go personally?"

Ouyang Yanyan huffed, "They are moving to Qingmei Manor!"

"What!"

Zhu Ming was shocked. How could they be moving to Qingmei Manor in such a sudden manner!

Qingmei Manor took everyone by storm when its construction was completed. The whole of Donghai knew about this top-notch mansion and it became an icon. It was just a pity that strangers could not enter the grounds easily.

Such a famous manor belonged to Zhu Linlin's family?

"Mom, could it be that Zhu Linlin embezzled the company's money to buy the place?"

Ouyang Yanyan shook her head, "That is impossible. The company's cash flow is at most one to two hundred million and is definitely not enough to buy

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Qingmei Manor. If Zhu Linlin took cash flow from elsewhere, it would affect the supply chain of the company but there have been no problems with the operations thus far. I don't think she did that."

Furthermore, Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming knew very clearly that Zhu Linlin had neither status nor power in the company. While she did most of the work, she had the least authority. Hence, there would be no opportunity for her to embezzle, especially under the strict supervision of Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming themselves.

"Then what is going on? Where did they get the money to buy the place?"

"I don't know either. Let's go and take a look first!"

As Ouyang Yanyan stepped out of the house, her eyes landed on a mid-sized bus parked outside. Without a moment's hesitation, she boarded the bus.

Upon seeing that there was only the driver on board, she remarked with scorn, "Zhu Linlin is really rebellious now. How dare she not come and pick me up personally? Hmph."

The whole family boarded the bus in displeasure and took off in the direction of Qingmei Manor.

Very quickly, they arrived at their destination and entered the grounds of the manor.

Ouyang Yanyan was extremely excited. This was the legendary Qingmei Manor! The top-notch mansion of Donghai! The trademark of one's status!

"Grandma, you're here."

Zhu Linlin and the rest welcomed them at the entrance.

Ouyang Yanyan replied with disdain, "Zhu Linlin, are you still my granddaughter, huh?"

Zhu Linlin was slightly shocked as she quickly responded, "Of course. Grandma, why would you think otherwise?"

Ouyang Yanyan scoffed, "Tell me the truth. Are you hiding a stash of your own? How much did you make from Sugar Deity 2.0?"

Zhu Linlin explained helplessly, "Grandma, I already handed over all of the profits from Sugar Deity 2.0. Also, our three companies merged shortly after it became famous and you are able to see all the financial records. I didn't take any money from there!"

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Zhu Ming sneered, “You didn’t? Who would believe that? If you didn’t hide a stash, where did you get the money to buy such a big manor?”

“Zhu Linlin, you are indeed capable now. We are family, but yet you try to play tricks on us?”

“I...” Zhu Linlin felt wronged and was desperate to defend herself.

However, Ouyang Yanyan stamped her walking stick on the ground repeatedly and said, “Forget it, I will let you off this time, as long as you hand over this manor to the family and let me divide it.”

“Don’t worry. There are many rooms here and there will definitely be space for your family.”

“Zhu Ming, daughter, go and pick your rooms. Tell me which rooms you want after you are done.”

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Chapter 405 You Have No Right

“Alright, Mom!”

Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu were ecstatic. They never knew that they could stay in such a cool mansion and already had their eyes on some of the rooms the moment they entered. They could not wait to make their selections!

“Mom, I will take this room. But the decor is not modern enough. Get someone to move the coffee table and sofa away and I want to hang my wedding pictures on the feature wall too. The fridge is too old-fashioned too, I will get someone to move all of it away.”

“Mom, I made my choice too. I want the room with the Northern European-styled decor. I’m going to remove some of the structures here and do some renovations. I want to plant some new plants at the entrance too.”

Apart from Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu, a few other family members also went to choose their rooms happily. After making their choices, they even wanted to renovate their respective rooms.

He Nianying found the best interior designer in the country to design the manor in a classy and luxurious fashion. If the few of them made their respective changes according to their wishes, the manor would turn into a battleground lookalike!

Ouyang Yanyan had no qualms about this. Pointing to the center building, which was the prime location in the manor, she said, “I will stay in this one with your grandfather.”

She was ready to walk in as she said this.

Zhu Linlin cringed slightly as this was the room left to her by Qin Jun. However, she could not reject her grandmother if she wanted to stay here.

Suddenly, Qin Jun let out a laugh and said, “Hang on.”

Ouyang Yanyan paused in her tracks, stunned. Turning around, she frowned and checked out Qin Jun.

“Why? Do you have a problem?”

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Qin Jun scoffed, “You just entered, and you are starting to assign rooms already?”

Ouyang Yanyan’s frowned deepened and a look of discontentment flashed across her face.

“Rubbish! I make the decisions in the Zhu family. Of course, I will be the one to assign the rooms. Otherwise, do you think it would be up to you? You are just an outsider. What makes you think that you can meddle in our family affairs?”

Qin Jun responded, “I didn’t want to meddle in your family affairs. I just wanted to tell you that you have no right to live here.”

Upon his words, everyone was stunned.

Zhu Ming widened his eyes and glared at Qin Jun as he raised his voice, “Qin Jun! How dare you! How can you speak to my mother like that! Who are you to stick your nose into our family business?”

Aunt Zhu’s face also darkened as she remarked in a cold voice, “This house belongs to Linlin and it’s going to become a part of the Zhu family. Why won’t we have the right to live here? Do you think you would then?”

Ouyang Yanyan stamped her walking stick on the ground and scoffed.

“Qin Jun, don’t think that you can live here just because Linlin promised you! As long as I’m still alive, I call the shots in the family!” she exclaimed in exasperation.

Qin Jun smiled faintly, “I have no time to care about the Zhu family, but this is my house. It’s not your call.”

Everyone was stupefied upon his words.

“Your house? What are you saying? Linlin bought this place! It belongs to the Zhu family!”

Zhu Linlin gritted her teeth and jumped in, “Grandma, it’s not like that. This manor does belong to Jun.”

Ouyang Yanyan’s expression changed drastically.

Frowning, she asked, “It’s his? What is going on?”

Wang Yun quickly interjected and explained, “Mom, this belongs to the Qin family. It’s part of their inheritance property since ten years ago and the

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construction was finally completed recently.”

Even though her words were not exactly accurate, Qin Jun did not bother clarifying. After all, this house did belong to him and he was willing to let the Zhu family live here on the account of Zhu

Linlin. However, they would not be able to do as they wish!

Ouyang Yanyan turned to Qin Jun with her brows furrowed and clarified, “Really?”

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Chapter 406 Do Not Interact With Qin Jun

“Yes.”

Ouyang Yanyan pondered for a moment before stating, “Even if it belongs to the Qin family, I’m sure that I can get a piece of it, especially since we interacted much in the past. Furthermore, when the Qin family was in despair, we took you in and fed you. Otherwise, you would have starved to death by now.”

Qin Jun let out a laugh as he heard her words.

Thick-skinned people had something in common – they would never be embarrassed when speaking.

“Old Mrs. Ouyang, when my family was harmed by others back then, Grandpa Zhu wanted to seek justice for my family but you tried to stop him and didn’t allow him to interact with us, didn’t you?”

“I disappeared for ten years and the Zhu family knew that I was never injured then. However, even when Uncle Zhu wanted to find out where I was, you ordered him not to, didn’t you?”

“After I returned, you wanted nothing to do with me and even wanted to kick me out of your house.”

“So, may I ask, how am I indebted to you? Do you really think you can stay at my house?”

Qin Jun’s words were harsh and hit the nail on the head. It was as though he was slashing at Ouyang Yanyan’s dignity and reputation.

The latter could not tolerate such an attack no matter how thick-skinned she was.

“How dare you!”

Ouyang Yanyan’s face was clouded over as she reprimanded, “Qin Jun, you better remember what you said today! What’s the big deal about this house anyway! Let’s go!”

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After a few steps, she turned back and glared at Zhu Linlin as she warned, “Zhu Linlin! If you are still a part of the Zhu family, you better not speak to Qin Jun again! Do you hear me!”

Zhu Linlin bowed her head and frowned.

Qin Jun’s words hit her hard.

When they were successful, the Zhu family pandered up to them and curried favor. However, when they were in despair, they quickly drew their boundaries clearly. How was the Zhu family different from an opportunist?

When Zhu Linlin bit her lips and stayed silent, Ouyang Yanyan widened her eyes and yelled, “Zhu Linlin! Did you hear what I said!”

She raised her head and said firmly, “Grandma, please forgive me for going against your wishes.”

“You...” The old woman started to tremble uncontrollably in anger. “Fine! Zhu Linlin, you are really becoming rebellious! Have it your way then!” she spat.

The rest could see her walking stick quiver under her pressure. Seething with anger, Ouyang Yanyan stomped out of Qingmei Manor.

Zhu Ming and the rest were slightly dismayed at the end result. It was a pity that such a beautiful manor was not in their hands.

They also looked at Zhu Linlin and gritted their teeth in anger.

“Zhu Linlin, this is too much! How can you offend Grandma over a house!”

Zhu Linlin clenched her fists and did not respond.

Of course, this was not a matter of the house or money to her.

She would never give up her relationship with Qin Jun over profits and benefits no matter when it was. This was her bottom line.

Wang Yun wanted to say something but Ouyang Yanyan and the rest already exited the manor.

Turning around, she glared at Qin Jun.

“Are you happy? Now that Mom is offended, Linlin will surely be stripped of her powers in the office! Maybe she might even be taken off all the projects she was in charge of. What do we do now?”

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Zhu Linlin sighed, “It’s alright. I’m tired anyway and just want to take a break.”

She returned to her room after saying her piece.

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When Ouyang Yanyan arrived home, she banged her fists on the table angrily. Needless to say, the journey was not long enough for her anger to dissipate.

“Zhu Linlin is really too ridiculous! It’s just a house! How can she offend you, Mom? Will she be so daring as to throw a coup next time?”

Ouyang Yanyan’s face darkened. She was already angry but Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu added fuel to the fire.

“Zhu Linlin! What a degenerate! Remove her position as a shareholder!”

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Chapter 407 Removing Rights

Zhu Ming was elated as Ouyang Yanyan gave her instructions.

Finally, she acted upon her anger! He knew that Zhu Linlin would not live in peace for the long-term. Indeed, she thoroughly made Ouyang Yanyan upset.

Zhu Ming put on an act and said, “Mom, Zhu Linlin invented Sugar Deity 2.0 after all. Would she agree if we remove her shareholder rights just like this?”

Ouyang Yanyan scoffed, “So what if she doesn’t agree? Can she sue me?”

This was the disadvantage of a family corporation. Since they were family, even if Ouyang Yanyan removed Zhu Linlin’s rights as a shareholder, there was nothing the latter could do. Could she bring her grandmother to court?

Would she bear to fight her entire family in court?

No matter how shameless Ouyang Yanyan was, Zhu Linlin would never be this unfilial.

Zhu Ming was ecstatic, “Alright. I will proceed as you say.”

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Very quickly, the news that Zhu Linlin was no longer a shareholder spread quickly around the office.

Wang Yun’s face was pale when she got wind of this.

“Oh no, oh no. Mom is really angry now! What’s going to happen? We don’t even have shareholdings anymore! You won’t be getting dividends and bonuses anymore! Our family is going to ruins now!”

Zhu Linlin looked uneasy too. She knew that Ouyang Yanyan would punish her, but this was unexpected.

The company’s main product was Sugar Deity 2.0 which was invented by herself. It was really shameless of them to remove her shareholdings in the company.

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If Zhu Linlin brought the case to court, it was a sure-win.

However, they knew that she would not do this. After all, in a family business, the rules of the family took precedence before the law.

Wang Yun shot a glare at Qin Jun and lamented, “Are you satisfied now? You got what you wanted yesterday and even scolded the matriarch of the family. Now, Linlin lost all her shares!”

Qin Jun remarked calmly, “Don’t worry. Zhu Pharmaceutical won’t be able to survive a week without you.”

Wang Yun scoffed, “Don’t be sarcastic. How much do you know about business anyway?”

Zhu Linlin shook her head, “Mom, please stop. I wanted to take a break anyway.”

She walked out of the room after and took a stroll on the grounds of the manor.

The scenery was like a painting here and it was rare for her to get time to relax.

She felt relieved and relaxed as she sat by a pond and observed the fish swim in it.

Qin Jun sat by her side and asked, “Linlin, do you trust me?”

She replied, “Of course I trust you, Jun.”

“Don’t worry. They will beg for your mercy within three days.”

She was astonished. Qin Jun did not look like he was joking. Recalling how Qin Jun always spoke in an exaggerated manner last time, she always thought that he was kidding with her.

Including the matter about this manor.

However, reality proved that Qin Jun always spoke the truth and he never bragged about things he could not do.

This would not be an exception.

Looking at him in the eyes, she asserted, “I believe you.”

After which, she tipped her head to the side and lay it gently on Qin Jun’s shoulders.

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Her scent diffused slowly around Qin Jun as though it was going to eat him up eventually.

The duo's heart raced equally. Even though it was just a slightly intimate pose, Zhu Linlin's cheeks were already extremely red.

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Chapter 408 Five Hundred Million For Breaching The Contract

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After the Zhu family denounced Zhu Linlin as a shareholder, she was demoted to deputy manager.

Some of the staff became anxious since they were groomed by Zhu Linlin. Now that she was no longer of significance, they were worried about getting implicated.

Today, all of the matters on Xuanyuan Group's collaboration were handed over to Zhu Ming and he officially became the right-hand man of the company.

Zhu Ming was in a very good mood and quickly made an appointment with the deputy director of Xuanyuan Group, Wang Rui, to talk about future business opportunities.

All this while, the relationship between Zhu Pharmaceutical and Xuanyuan Group was cordial and everything went well. The latter was indeed a large conglomerate and was efficient and generous when it came to money. As such, Zhu Ming thought that nothing would go wrong.

However, Ouyang Yanyan was still worried. After all, Sugar Deity 2.0 was Zhu Linlin's product. It was possible that they would not accept the change in the personnel in-charge. Hence, she decided to attend the discussions personally.

Zhu Ming and her were seated in the conference room at the office of Zhu Pharmaceutical as they awaited their guest.

Very quickly, Wang Rui walked in together with her secretary.

The duo immediately stood up and welcomed her, "Deputy Director Wang, nice to meet you. I am the deputy director at Zhu Pharmaceutical, Zhu Ming. This is our Chairman, Ouyang Yanyan. She's also my mother."

Wang Rui paused for moment and nodded in greeting.

"Where is Miss Zhu? Zhu Linlin?"

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Ouyang Yanyan explained, “Deputy Director Wang, Linlin is still young and we think that she is too inexperienced to become the deputy director of our company. Hence, we removed her shareholdings. Zhu Ming will be taking over the discussions and collaboration with your company.”

Zhu Ming smiled and nodded, “Yes. I hope we could work well together.”

“You removed her shareholdings? Are you kidding me?” Wang Rui frowned and asked.

Ouyang Yanyan kept her smile and replied, “Of course we are not. This is our family’s business and you need not worry too much.”

“Yes, Zhu Linlin is not able to represent the Zhu family. She is not competent enough and does not have high powers in the family. We have to show our sincerity when working with you!”

“Hmph!”

Suddenly, Wang Rui stood up and slapped her hands on the table, looking displeased.

“I have been working with Miss Zhu all this while, including matters related to Sugar Deity 2.0. When I signed the contract, it was with her too.”

“Now that you’ve changed your person-in-charge, you are breaching the contract. We are going to sue you for damages of about five hundred million.”

“We will also retract all of our funds this month. I hope that you are prepared.”

After saying her piece, Wang Rui pushed open the door and stomped out of the office.

Everyone recovered their senses only after a few seconds.

“Deputy Director Wang! Please!”

She already left when Zhu Ming and Ouyang Yanyan ran out after her.

The latter turned pale and asked, “What happened? What did she say? They are going to sue us for breach of contract?”

Zhu Ming cringed too.

“Yes, mom! She said that she’s going to sue us for damages! Five hundred million!”

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Her world collapsed and her legs went numb. Ouyang Yanyan crumbled and almost fainted.

“Mom!”

Zhu Ming quickly went to help her up.

“Mom, are you alright?”

Ouyang Yanyan frowned and gasped, “How is this possible? What is going on? I thought we were working well? Why did it turn out like this?”

She was extremely confused by the situation. Zhu Linlin was just an insignificant person, and she herself even sat in the meeting as the Chairman! Was she not as important as Zhu Linlin in their eyes?

“No, Zhu Ming! Quick! Find out what happened. Find out why Wang Rui’s attitude took a drastic turn. What is going on!”

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Chapter 409 Not Knowing How To Appreciate

Ouyang Yanyan only met Wang Rui a few times and was not familiar with the way young people worked. However, she knew that Wang Rui was extremely influential and important in Xuanyuan Group. Even the rest of the deputy directors were not as powerful as her.

Her words were definitely not out of jest since she held so much authority in the company.

Zhu Ming did not expect Wang Rui's attitude to change this suddenly as well. Quickly taking out his phone, he dialed a few of his friends.

“Hello? I am Zhu Ming. I want to ask if you know anyone from Xuanyuan Group's management? Can you help me find out...”

He contacted a few of his friends just to make sure he got as many sources as possible.

Meanwhile, at Xuanyuan Group.

In the afternoon, Wang Rui was eating in the cafeteria.

She did not have many friends in the office. When she was working in quality control, her colleagues all entered the department by connections and no one could become her good friend, except for Qin Jun.

As such, she always ate alone.

In the middle of her meal, a female colleague walked over and remarked, “Miss Wang, today's food looks good. How does it taste?”

Wang Rui smiled and replied, “It's alright. Our chefs are pretty good.”

The female colleague sat next to her and chatted casually. Even though Wang Rui was a deputy director, she did not put on an air of importance and was a humble worker.

Suddenly, the female colleague brought up Sugar Deity 2.0.

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“I heard that the product we are distributing, Sugar Deity 2.0, is very popular. The Zhu family is indeed very capable!”

Wang Rui pursed her lips, “The Zhu family? There’s nothing capable about them. They have bad judgment and do not know how to appreciate when others help them.”

The female colleague raised her brows and took the opportunity to continue, “Oh? What do you mean?”

Wang Rui explained, “They still don’t know that we are working with the Zhu family because of Zhu Linlin. They even removed her as a shareholder. What a bunch of dimwits.”

The female colleague laughed and merely echoed her sentiments.

After lunch, the colleague proceeded to inform Zhu Ming about this.

As Zhu Ming got the phone call, his face turned as pale as a sheet and his jaws dropped in disbelief.

Ouyang Yanyan frowned and spoke impatiently, “What is going on! Tell me!”

Sighing, he repeated Wang Rui’s words to her.

Ouyang Yanyan’s eyes went wide as she cringed. *Was Zhu Linlin this important?*

“Mom, should we reinstate her as a shareholder?”

She shook her head vehemently, “No. This girl is getting arrogant now and does not even have any respect for me. If we let her off, no one would be able to control her anymore!”

“Let’s try to drag it out with Xuanyuan Group first. We must let Zhu Linlin learn her lesson this time.”

“Remove her as deputy manager and demote her to an ordinary staff!”

Previously, at Qingmei Manor, Zhu Linlin went against her word and she bore a grudge against her for that. It was essential for Zhu Linlin to be punished this time! Otherwise, she would think that she was indispensable to the family!

The news spread with the speed of light.

Zhu Linlin was astounded when she heard this.

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From shareholder to deputy manager, from deputy manager to an ordinary staff.

Grandma was really angry this time.

Zhu Linlin felt extremely wronged. The most popular product of Zhu Pharmaceutical was Sugar Deity 2.0 and it was invented by herself. She worked on it personally on the entire process, from manufacturing to sales, even breaking into the market. It was a feat that the product became a hit amongst its other competitors.

Alas, the family member who contributed most to the company's success was demoted to a staff.

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Chapter 410 Maintenance Fees

Even if Zhu Linlin had a good temper, she was still annoyed by her predicament.

Qin Jun's expression also turned cold upon hearing this.

“Seems like we didn't do enough.”

He thought that Ouyang Yanyan would quit while she was ahead. However, not only did she not give up, she became even more ruthless and worsened the situation on her own. Since this was the case, there was no need for Qin Jun to be nice anymore.

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Ouyang Yanyan went to the office these few days to take charge of the company's affairs personally. Xuanyuan Group would not sue them for the time being since Zhu Linlin was not fired but merely demoted to a staff.

However, Zhu Linlin did not care for this and took many days of leave after getting demoted. This was going according to Ouyang Yanyan's plan.

She better reflect on herself at home!

One day, a few men barged into the office while Ouyang Yanyan was in a meeting. They were dressed in suits and red ties with a badge pinned on their chest which said “He Real Estate”.

“You guys are...”

She was already dissatisfied that her meeting was interrupted. However, she dared not offend this group of people seeing that they were from He Real Estate.

“Hello, we are the facilities manager from He Real Estate. We are here to collect maintenance fees.”

Ouyang Yanyan was taken aback. *He Real Estate never came to collect these fees. Why did they do so today?*

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However, this was normal practice and she could only go along with it.

“Alright, how much is it?”

“We are collecting ten years of fees in advance. The total sum is 35 million.”

“What!”

Ouyang Yanyan’s expression changed drastically.

“35 million? The whole building is worth 30 million! How can the maintenance fees be so expensive!”

The facilities manager took out a copy of the contract from his bag and placed it in front of her, explaining, “Please look carefully. It is all in black and white. Ten years of fees in advance. I’m not asking for a single cent more.”

“I’m sure you know how you got this building and how much you paid for it.”

This commercial building was bought at a cheap price because of Zhu Linlin. Otherwise, they would not even be able to purchase it for a hundred million!

Since this old woman was so ungrateful, they would do things according to how it was done in business.

Ouyang Yanyan froze slightly. She was backed into a corner given that so many staff from the management team was looking on.

“35 million, right? Give me a few days to prepare it for you.”

The manager replied curtly, “I’m sorry but the contract says that today is the date of payment. We are going to have to collect it immediately. If not, we will have to evict you from this building.”

Ouyang Yanyan’s legs turned jelly and she fell back into her chair.

We will be evicted...

Such a serious consequence!

Where am I going to get 35 million at such a short notice? The cash flow of the company was about ten million and the reserves were all invested into manufacturing.

The contract did say that the fees were higher compared to others. However, it was already cheap as compared to the rest of He Real Estate’s property.

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After all, this was the best commercial building and it was not surprising that the maintenance fees were this high.

However, He Real Estate never collected this sum and Ouyang Yanyan thought that the fees were waived. It was not expected that they would personally come this time. What should she do now?

Of course, when Zhu Linlin was around, the fees would be waived. However, times were different now.

“Ma’am, please pay up. Otherwise, we would have to ask you to leave the building.”

Ouyang Yanyan gritted her teeth and insisted, “No. I’m going to stay put. What are you doing to do?”

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Chapter 411 Kicked Out

The manager sneered, “Well, then I’m sorry. Go ahead!”

As he said this, a few large figures from behind him dashed into the room. They held Ouyang Yanyan by her weak limbs and carried her out.

Zhu Ming’s expression changed drastically as he exclaimed in shock, “What are you doing? Let go of my mother!”

He rushed forward and became entangled with the group. However, he was no match for those youngsters and was quickly defeated and carried out too.

Nobody dared to protest upon seeing this. They had no choice but to leave the building since their boss was kicked out.

The few young men tossed them onto the pavement the moment they were out of the building.

Zhu Ming and Ouyang Yanyan fell on the curb and hissed in pain.

The former was still young and he was not affected much.

However, Ouyang Yanyan was already old and hence, the whole ordeal made her cringe in pain. It was as though her whole body came apart and she groaned and moaned for a long time, not being able to get up.

A few staff came over and helped her up.

The situation looked extremely awkward now. As the CEO of Zhu Pharmaceutical, she was kicked out of her own office and tossed on the streets!

Furthermore, there were many bystanders crowding around since this was the busiest street in the central business district. Many whipped out their phones and started to record the incident. Zhu Pharmaceutical would become the headlines of tomorrow’s news by this speed!

“Ridiculous! Ridiculous!!”

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This was Ouyang Yanyan's second time being humiliated. The first time was when she was pinned on the ground by He Real Estate's bodyguards when she bought the property.

This time, it was once again He Real Estate that tossed her out from the building.

However, she dared not offend He Real Estate and could only suffer in silence.

The staff walked out of the office and stood in front of her, waiting for further instructions. What would they do now?

She gritted her teeth and instructed, "Let's head back to the old office first!"

The old building of Zhu Pharmaceutical was still unsold. Luckily, it could be put to use during such a situation.

After they arrived, everyone found a place to work at. However, now that the three companies merged into one, this old building was too tight a squeeze for so many people. Many could not even find a seat and could only stand around.

Furthermore, the whole place was covered in a layer of dust and all the furniture had been moved away. There were also no desktops and even the desk in the conference room was in a bad state.

Ouyang Yanyan originally thought that this building was good for business. However, after getting used to the new building, this place was now trash in her eyes.

"Don't worry, people. I will definitely resolve this. Let's think long-term," she assured and acted calmly.

Nobody could work properly since they were in the old office. They could only complete their work using their phones.

Even though it was slightly inconvenient, at least the situation was stabilized.

Ouyang Yanyan could not take another twist to this predicament. Otherwise, her health would not be able to take it. They could only cross their fingers and pray for the best.

Just as she sat down and thought she could breathe a sigh of relief, a few people in uniform walked in.

Once bitten, twice shy. She was now extremely afraid of those who wore uniforms.

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“You guys are...”

“We are from the Bank of Donghai. You are now being investigated for going against our rules and we are going to ask you to repay all your loans now. If you can't repay us 50 million within three days, we are going to foreclose your building along Hongqi Street. This is the notice in black and white.”

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Chapter 412 Let Her Come

After passing her the note, the bank staff walked out.

Since they were kicked out of the building, it was natural that the bank would similarly state that they breached the contract.

50 million to be paid in three days. Ouyang Yanyan's eyes rolled backward and she fainted on the spot.

“Mom! Mom! Call an ambulance!”

Within a day, Zhu Pharmaceutical descended into utter chaos. There was panic everywhere as staff members were sent on leave and manufacturing operations came to a halt.

If this continued, all of their suppliers and business partners would abandon them and might even sue them for breaching their respective contracts.

Zhu Pharmaceutical could face potential bankruptcy at this stage.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Yanyan lay in the hospital. Her eyes fluttered open and she stared blankly at the ceiling above her.

“Mom, are you feeling better?”

Shaking her head, she mustered all her strength and instructed, “Ask Linlin to come back.”

She knew that all these would not happen if Zhu Linlin was still around.

The chain reaction started the moment they removed her shareholdings from the company.

Zhu Ming sighed, “Alright, Mom. Just rest well. I will get her to resolve this.”

Stepping out of the ward, Zhu Ming phoned Zhu Linlin using his mobile.

“Hello? Zhu Linlin! What is going on! Are you pretending to ignore what happened to the company?” he yelled into the phone in an accusatory manner.

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Zhu Linlin replied, “What? I don’t know what is going on.”

For these few days, Zhu Linlin took leave and was enjoying her time at Qingmei Manor. Naturally, she was oblivious to what happened outside of the place.

Zhu Ming scoffed, “Stop pretending! This is all because of you! How could you not know? Hurry up and come back to help with the company’s problems. Otherwise, I will make sure you suffer!”

He hung up decisively after saying his piece.

On the other end, Zhu Linlin was also annoyed by Zhu Ming’s attitude and felt that his chiding came out of nowhere.

Qin Jun let out a snort and took the phone from her as he said, “You don’t have to bother with such people. Switch it off.”

Before she could say anything, Qin Jun had already switched off her mobile and the two continued to fish from one of the ponds in Qingmei Manor.

Returning to the ward, Ouyang Yanyan looked at Zhu Ming worriedly and asked, “So?”

“Mom, don’t worry. I have chided her and asked her to come back and help,” Zhu Ming informed her.

She wanted to say something but her words got stuck at the tip of her tongue.

She had hoped that Zhu Ming treated Zhu Linlin with more respect since the latter’s powers and status were already beyond their imagination.

When night fell and things did not progress, suppliers started to call and requested to terminate their contract. As of then, there were five partners who wanted their partnership to end.

Naturally, these businesses would want to play it safe after what happened to Zhu Pharmaceutical.

Ouyang Yanyan had to switch off her phone so that her frustrations would not get the better of her.

All she could do was switch on the TV and look at the news.

“Live report from Channel Eight. This morning, the famous Zhu Pharmaceutical descended into chaos as the CEO of the company, Ouyang Yanyan, was tossed from the building by members of the facilities management

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team. Apart from her, all of the management and staff were also kicked out of the building. It is rumored that Zhu Pharmaceutical failed to pay their maintenance fees according to the contract. We will follow up with more details.”

Upon seeing the footage of her landing on the pavement in an embarrassing manner, Ouyang Yanyan’s blood boiled once more and she fainted again.

Zhu Ming was utterly enraged upon this. Fishing out his phone, he attempted to call Zhu Linlin again but to no avail.

After which, he dialed Zhu Yong.

“Zhu Yong! What is going on with your family! Why is it so difficult to get Zhu Linlin to do something? Will she only be happy when Mom dies out of frustration!”

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Chapter 413 Frozen Account

Zhu Yong placed the call on speaker so that everybody could hear. He also saw the footage of Ouyang Yanyan getting tossed out from the news. Nobody expected such a major incident to happen within a day.

After getting wind of all these, Zhu Linlin's instinctively turned to Qin Jun.

Qin Jun said to trust him and believe him. Could it be that these were all his doing?

However, she quickly shook her head. *How could Jun ask He Real Estate to help him? This must be a coincidence.*

“Uncle, what is going on? How should I help?”

Zhu Ming instructed arrogantly on the phone, “Hurry up and ask He Real Estate for help! If you still can't get anything done within two days, you don't have to be a part of this family any longer!”

As Zhu Linlin was about to speak, Qin Jun took the phone and replied coldly, “You better speak to Linlin more respectfully next time. Don't throw your problem to her. Solve it yourself.”

He hung up after saying this.

“Uncle Zhu, don't pick up their calls for the time being.”

Meanwhile, Zhu Linlin was worried. “Jun, is this going to work? Grandma is already hospitalized and if I don't help...” she muttered and her voice trailed off towards the end.

Wang Yun walked out and glared at the group.

“Qin Jun! What are you doing! Linlin was just demoted and now is her chance to prove herself! Why shouldn't she help them out? Why are you telling her what to do when you don't even know what you are doing?”

Qin Jun ignored Wang Yun and kept his eyes on Zhu Linlin as he explained, “If you help this easily, they will never treat you with respect in the future. So, they will have to learn their lesson this time.”

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Zhu Linlin bit her lips and felt that his words made sense.

She nodded, "Alright, I will listen to you."

"Zhu Linlin, are you crazy! How can you listen to this man? What does he know? If you don't go to work now, what's going to happen to the company's losses?" Wang Yun raised her voice as her eyes widened.

Frowning, Qin Jun spoke up, "If you don't want to stay here, you can always head out. Don't be a nuisance!"

"You..." Wang Yun panted heavily as she glared at Qin Jun before heading back into her room.

"Look at him! Just look! How dare he speak to me like that! Just because he has a stupid house! How dare he not show me any respect!"

Zhu Yong shook his head helplessly as he suggested, "You should just keep quiet."

"Me? Keep quiet? If we didn't help him, he would have starved to death on the streets! How would he inherit this property then? I should have a portion of this place! Nobody can chase me out!"

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The next day, after Ouyang Yanyan awoke, the nurse walked in and said, "Ma'am, it's time to pay for the hospital bills."

Zhu Ming passed her a credit card. A short moment later, the nurse returned and informed him, "Sir, your credit card transaction was not approved."

"Huh? Let me take a look."

Zhu Ming thought that this was weird. How could his credit card not work?

After arriving at the cashier, he swiped his card a few more times but to no avail. As a queue slowly formed up behind him, he was pressured to try his other cards quickly.

However, none of those cards worked.

Turning flustered, he quickly phoned the bank.

"Hello, can I know why my credit cards don't work?"

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“Hello, Mister Zhu. We decided to freeze your bank accounts because of your company’s recent business activities. As such, you won’t be able to use your credit cards and cash at the moment.”

“What! How can you freeze my account? I am your banks’ VIP! How can you treat me like this! Aren’t you afraid that I will...Hello? Hello!”

The bank staff had hung up on him. Zhu Ming was utterly lost as he stood in the corridor.

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Chapter 414 Apologizing In Person

Returning to the ward, Zhu Ming quickly asked, “Mom? Where’s your card? There’s something wrong with mine. Let me use yours first.”

However, even Ouyang Yanyan’s cards could not be used, just like his.

Zhu Ming turned pale upon this. *We are done for, really done for this time!*

The nurse got impatient too. *Why was this man so troublesome?*

“Sir, if you are not going to pay, I would have to ask you to sign the discharge papers.”

Zhu Ming’s eyes widened in disbelief, “What discharge papers! Can’t you see that my mom is still unwell? What is wrong with this hospital? How can you kick patients out? Do you know who I am? Trust me, I will find someone to destroy you!”

His face was flushed red with anger as panic arose.

The nurse’s face changed upon hearing his words and quickly went to the back.

Shortly after, she returned with a few of the hospital’s guards with an ominous expression on her face.

“Did you say that you were going to make us suffer?”

As his eyes landed on the tasers which the guards carried, Zhu Ming quickly caved in.

“I...It was just a slip of the tongue.”

“Hmm? Slip of the tongue? Did you pay? If you don’t pay, please get out of the hospital. Otherwise, we would have to force you out.”

“I...”

Zhu Ming hastily returned to the ward and called Aunt Zhu.

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“Sis, transfer some money to me. I have to pay for Mom’s hospital bills.”

“Brother! My savings account and credit lines have been frozen. All of them! I don’t have a single cent now!”

“F***!”

Zhu Ming threw the phone onto the ground in a fit of rage. *How could this happen!*

Ouyang Yanyan opened her eyes and asked weakly, “What’s going on?”

“Mom, all of our accounts have been frozen and we have no money now. We...We might have to get you discharged earlier.”

Ouyang Yanyan shut her eyes and took a deep breath as though she was already defeated by her situation.

“Get me discharged. We are going to Qingmei Manor after this.”

“Mom, why are we going there?” Zhu Ming asked in a stunned manner.

“We are going to beg her.”

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Ouyang Yanyan was originally rather healthy. It was just the recent forceful events that made her angry and dizzy. After she got discharged, she was able to walk on her own.

The family sped towards Qingmei Manor in their car.

However, they were stopped by the guards guarding the manor grounds.

“This is private property. Admittance is prohibited.”

Zhu Ming informed them, “We are here to visit our relatives. My niece lives here!”

The guard responded coldly, “I’m sorry but we did not receive any visitation notice. As such, we can’t let you in.”

“This...”

Zhu Linlin and the rest could not be contacted and they were stuck outside. What could they do?

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The security added, “You can’t drive your car in, but I’m not going to stop you from walking in and knocking on the door.”

Ouyang Yanyan sighed, “Let’s get off and walk over!”

No wonder Qin Jun had to bring us in a bus the previous time we visited. No private cars were allowed to enter!

Ouyang Yanyan, Zhu Ming, and Aunt Zhu got off the car. It was at least five kilometers from their spot to Qingmei Manor and the foot journey was a bumpy one with gravel and hills along the way.

However, nobody dared to complain as they made their way to the manor on foot. Both Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu held onto their mother as they maneuvered the bumpy path.

They finally made it to the end of the five kilometers after half an hour.

All of them sweated profusely as they arrived at the gates of Qingmei Manor, especially Ouyang Yanyan, whose lips already turned pale.

“Mom, are you alright?”

Her facial expressions remained dark as she pointed to the gates and said, “Ring the doorbell!”

Zhu Ming walked up and pressed on the doorbell. Shortly after, a security’s voice could be heard.

“Who are you and who are you looking for?”

“I’m looking for Zhu Linlin!”

“Do you have an appointment? You can’t come in without an appointment.”

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Chapter 415 Kneel

Zhu Ming was shocked as he replied, “No, I do not have an appointment. Do I need one? My niece, Zhu Linlin, lives here!”

The guard scoffed, “Anyone can claim that they are a relative. You can’t come in without an appointment.”

The security hung up on the intercom after his words.

“You...”

Zhu Ming stared at the dark gates as his blood boiled in fury.

“What the f***, man! So what if he inherited a stupid house! How could he just let us stay outside like this! This is ridiculous!”

“Alright, stop it now!”

Ouyang Yanyan’s face was as pale as a sheet as she did not expect it to be so difficult to see Zhu Linlin now.

Sighing after a long while, she remarked, “He’s trying to show us who is boss.”

“Zhu Ming, kneel down.”

“What! Mom! How can you ask me to kneel to her!” Zhu Ming exclaimed in disbelief.

“Hmph. Did you not remember that when I returned previously, they asked you to kneel to her for three days?”

He clearly remembered that incident. At that time, he owed the bank 500 million on loans. He would probably be in prison now if Zhu Linlin did not help him.

Initially, the latter would only help if Zhu Ming knelt in front of her for three days. However, because Ouyang Yanyan returned, she compromised and allowed him to kneel in front of their ancestors’ tablet instead.

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At the end of the day, Zhu Ming avoided utter embarrassment from the incident.

However, this time, even Ouyang Yanyan could not resolve the situation which the Zhu family was in.

They had no choice but to beg for her mercy since this was the second time they humiliated her. She would never let it go this easily!

Even though they knew that Zhu Linlin was important to the company, they did not expect her to be this significant.

A simple demotion had started a domino series of events!

They lost their business with Xuanyuan Group, were chased out of the building by maintenance staff, got their credit lines cut off by the bank, and even their bank accounts were frozen now.

The Zhu family was backed into a corner.

Ouyang Yanyan stood there with a cold expression on her face. No matter how arrogant she was previously and how much pride she had in her, she was left with no choice now but to kowtow to her granddaughter.

Zhu Ming cringed as he asked again, “Mom, are you really asking me to kneel to her? Does she even deserve it?”

“Shut up and just kneel!”

Zhu Ming pursed his lips. Muttering under his breath, he walked up to the gates and went down on his knees.

Qin Jun stood beside the security and the duo observed the footage from the CCTV. Upon seeing this scene, the former let out a scoff.

The security asked, “Mr. Qin, do we open the gates?”

He shook his head, “Wait for a while more. Let them kneel for a bit.”

After which, he turned and continued fishing with Zhu Linlin.

As he returned, Zhu Linlin asked, “What’s going on, Jun?”

He smiled faintly and informed her, “There’s someone begging at the door.”

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“Huh?” Zhu Linlin frowned. After being stunned momentarily, she continued, “Is it Zhu Ming?”

“It’s not just him. There’s also Aunt Zhu and your grandmother.”

Zhu Linlin stood up instantly as she did not expect her grandmother to come personally. It seemed like the whole situation was rather grave.

“I should go take a look, just in case Grandma becomes angry.”

“Don’t worry. Let them kneel for a while,” Qin Jun grabbed onto her wrists and stopped her.

“What!”

Zhu Linlin’s jaws dropped, “Who kneeled?”

“Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu.”

“This...” Zhu Linlin was put in a spot. After all, they were her elders and it would not look good if they continued to kneel outside.

On the other hand, Qin Jun remained calm and said, “Don’t panic. Your grandma hasn’t even kneeled yet.”

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Chapter 416 Apologize

Zhu Linlin stared at Qin Jun in shock and exclaimed, “How could you expect her to kneel! I don’t deserve that!”

He calmly replied, “Well, it’s not that she must kneel. But at least, she must understand your importance to the Zhu family.”

Zhu Linlin parted her lips to say something but kept silent alas.

She knew that Qin Jun did this for her own good.

She suffered much while she was with the Zhu family. Despite working the hardest, she received the least and even had to be subordinate to others.

Furthermore, they even demoted her to a staff. How was this different from being fired?

Needless to say, she was upset with them too, and hence, she decided to follow Qin Jun’s advice this time.

Outside, Zhu Ming and Aunt Zhu knelt on the ground. However, no one appeared even half an hour later. Ouyang Yanyan gritted her teeth and rang the doorbell again.

“Zhu Linlin, do you want me to kneel too?!”

Wang Yun stepped out of her room and opened the door after hearing the bell. As her gaze landed on the two who were knelt down and Ouyang Yanyan who was standing beside them, she instantly recoiled in shock.

“Mom, you guys...”

Zhu Ming rolled his eyes. *Why are you asking when you know everything? Do you think I would kneel down if I didn’t have something to ask of you?*

Nonetheless, as they were in a dangerous predicament, they dared not act in a conceited manner anymore.

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Zhu Ming said courteously, “Wang Yun, it’s all our fault. Can you ask Linlin to come out? We have something to ask of her.”

“Uhh...” Wang Yun hesitated. She felt extremely elated seeing them like this. Who knew that they would land in such a state! Previously, they still acted so high and almighty! Now, they could only kneel in front of her!

Wang Yun concealed her thoughts and flashed a cringe on her face, as though she was put in a difficult spot. “Linlin? I didn’t see Linlin. This is a big place and it will take a long time to find her. Why don’t you try calling her instead?” she suggested.

Ouyang Yanyan responded with a cold tone, “She switched off her phone.”

“Oh? Well, let me get the guards to look for her then. It will take a while!”

“Hang on!” Ouyang Yanyan stopped her quickly. “Tell Linlin that if she wants me to kneel, I will do so,” she added.

Wang Yun exclaimed hurriedly, “Mom! How can you say that! Let me get Linlin now!”

Wang Yun found Zhu Linlin’s location via the guard. As she approached her, she remarked with a laugh, “Linlin, your grandma is here to beg you. She said that she will kneel if you want her to!”

Zhu Linlin stood up and said, “I better go and take a look.”

Qin Jun nodded since it was about time. Even though he wanted the ignorant Ouyang Yanyan to kneel badly, she would definitely bear a grudge if that happened and might even find trouble with Zhu Linlin later on.

“Go ahead then.”

Zhu Linlin and Qin Jun placed down their fishing rods and headed for the entrance.

The two still knelt on the floor while Ouyang Yanyan stood at the side with her face pale and her weight supported by her walking stick.

Instantly, Zhu Linlin felt her anger vanish and frustrations waned away.

“Grandma.”

Ouyang Yanyan dared not complain and spoke respectfully, “Ah, Linlin, you are here. Your uncle and Aunt Zhu are here to apologize to you. Grandma is

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here to apologize too. We were too harsh on you last time. Please forgive us? We are family after all.”

Ouyang Yanyan’s tone remained gentle and even her cynical attitude was nowhere to be seen. This time, she dared not look down on Zhu Linlin anymore.

After saying her piece, she nudged Zhu Ming’s back with a walking stick.

He quickly lifted his head and added with an awkward smile, “Linlin, it’s all my fault. I’m sorry for what I did to you previously. Please, could you forgive me?”

Upon witnessing this, Wang Yun was beyond satisfied and a smile flashed across her face.

“It’s alright! We are family after all. Just let Linlin know whatever it is you need help with. I think you guys should move in too. It’s more convenient if we all stay together!”

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Chapter 417 Change In Attitude

“Mom...” Zhu Linlin frowned in an attempt to remind her mother.

It was not that she did not want them to live here. This was Qin Jun’s house and did not belong to the Zhu family. What was going to happen if Ouyang Yanyan lived here too?

Just as Wang Yun finished her sentence, Ouyang Yanyan perked up and widened her smile.

“I think that is a great suggestion. Linlin, I’m sure you won’t object to us moving in?” Ouyang Yanyan was infatuated with Qingmei Manor and it was her lifelong dream to live here.

The last time, she was kicked out by Qin Jun and there was no way about it. However, this time she grabbed the opportunity immediately since it was Wang Yun who raised the suggestion.

“Well...” Zhu Linlin turned to Qin Jun with a cringe. This was his place and not hers after all.

Qin Jun told her, “You can make the decisions.”

Zhu Linlin was appreciative of this and nodded, “Well, since Grandma likes this place, I will let you guys move in then.”

“Alright! That’s good, really good!”

Ouyang Yanyan was instantly rejuvenated by this news. With the speed of light, she walked into the manor and started to pick her room. It was as though she had never been sick.

Nonetheless, she dared not act so arrogantly this time and chose two rooms that were remote. Needless to say, she did not want to be chased out again.

“Linlin, there are still many issues at the company that we need your help with. We don’t have much time, especially with Xuanyuan Group...”

The whole series of events was kickstarted by the termination of the contract by Xuanyuan Group and He Real Estate.

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After listening to all that happened, Zhu Linlin was rather astonished too as she did not expect her family to be in such dire states now.

“Grandma, I don’t have much confidence in this. I can only try my best.”

Xuanyuan Group might help me, but what about He Real Estate? What about the banks? Zhu Linlin did not feel optimistic about dealing with the latter two.

After Ouyang Yanyan settled in, she assured her, “It’s alright as long as you try your best. I will go with you.”

This was the utmost priority for the Zhu family and no one dared to neglect it. All the core family members rushed towards Xuanyuan Group.

On the way, Zhu Linlin fished out her phone and attempted to call Wang Rui amidst her anxiety.

The phone line rang...

After a few beeps, Wang Rui picked up the call with a friendly tone, “Miss Zhu?”

“It’s me, Deputy Director Wang. Are you at the office? I would like to speak to you about our company.”

“Ah, sure! By the way, have they reinstated you as a shareholder yet?”

Zhu Linlin looked towards Ouyang Yanyan, who nodded without hesitation.

“Yes, they did.”

“That’s good then. I will wait for you at the office.”

Wang Rui spoke in an extremely friendly and gentle manner. There was no air of importance and the conversation lasted as though the two were old friends.

This shocked Ouyang Yanyan to her core. What kind of magic did Zhu Linlin have that Xuanyuan Group treated her with so much respect?

They arrived at the office to see Wang Rui standing at the entrance waiting. As Zhu Linlin got off the car, many hands appeared to help them with their bags.

“Miss Zhu, this way please.”

Wang Rui held onto her hands in an enthusiastic fashion as she welcomed her. In contrast, she merely threw a quick glance at Ouyang Yanyan and the rest and

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headed into the conference room without greeting them.

The discussions were quick and simple. An agreement was reached to continue the partnership within a short span of time.

The entire conversation lasted less than half an hour and most of the time was spent chit-chatting over tea. In fact, not many substantial business matters were discussed.

The moment Zhu Linlin showed her hand, the most difficult issues were resolved with immediate effect.

Zhu Ming, who stood outside the room, turned cold as he witnessed what happened inside.

“This lass! It seems like she got to know someone important. Her relationship with the boss of Xuanyuan Group is so murky. Isn’t she shaming the entire Zhu family?”

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Chapter 418 Solved Neatly

“Shut up!” Ouyang Yanyan glared at him and warned. “What nonsense are you spouting! Remember to keep your mouth shut in the future!” she added.

She finally realized that they only got the contract with Xuanyuan Group purely because of Zhu Linlin. Without her, the whole project would not last.

Therefore, Zhu Linlin must be placed in a position of importance, at least, while they were still working with Xuanyuan Group.

After leaving the office, Zhu Linlin contacted the facilities manager of He Real Estate.

“Hello, I am Zhu Linlin. I wish to talk to you about the maintenance fees. Are you at the office?”

She felt hesitant when making this call. After all, He Real Estate and Xuanyuan Group were two different and unrelated entities. The former was a global phenomenon and He Nianying was the richest person in China. Zhu Linlin never interacted with such important figures in her life.

To her surprise, the manager replied her in a courteous and gentle tone, “Ms. Zhu, hello. There’s no need to speak to us about it. As long as you are back, we will continue to waive the fees. The building has been cleaned and you can return anytime.”

“Ah? Oh well, then, thank you...”

Zhu Linlin hung up to see the astounded faces of Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming. “That was quick. Did they hang up on you?” they asked almost in unison.

She shook her head and told them, “It’s all done. We can go back now.”

“What about the maintenance fees?”

“They waived it.”

Ouyang Yanyan was stupefied. Zhu Linlin was so capable that it was beyond her imagination. Everyone knew that she had good relations with Xuanyuan

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Group and the company helped her more than once.

But when did she ever interact with He Real Estate?

It was to the extent that they could waive thirty million just like that. Ten years' worth of fees!

Not only that, the banks stopped calling and their accounts were unfrozen. All of the staff continued work as per normal as though nothing happened.

A company that was on the verge of bankruptcy turned around with the help of Zhu Linlin and a few phone calls.

The staff members might not express it, but they definitely gossip behind the bosses' backs.

"I heard that it is all because of Miss Zhu that the company's issues are resolved."

"Of course. Miss Zhu is still the best. Zhu Ming is nothing compared to Miss Zhu. Who does he think he is to become the deputy director?"

"They even dare to remove Miss Zhu's shareholdings. I don't even know what Madam Ouyang Yanyan is thinking. If they fire her, I will leave too!"

"This company would have perished if not for Miss Zhu!"

Very quickly, these words spread to Ouyang Yanyan. In the office, Zhu Ming stood beside her and frowned as he said, "Mom, Zhu Linlin is too arrogant! Did you hear what the staff are saying about us? They all want her to lead the company!"

Ouyang Yanyan's face darkened. Of course, she had heard the same words and some of them were extremely harsh on her.

Indeed, Zhu Linlin contributed a lot to the company and she was happy with that.

However, her merits were so high that it surpassed Ouyang Yanyan herself. Needless to say, the latter started to be wary of her granddaughter.

This was a family business and the main powers had to stay with her. Nobody could change this.

"Forget it, it is just gossip and you can't treat them seriously. I believe that Linlin knows her place and will not do anything overly ambitious."

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Nonetheless, Ouyang Yanyan still felt uneasy.

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Chapter 419 Lotus Flower Village

Even though Zhu Linlin saved the company this time and garnered the support of many staff, Ouyang Yanyan became wary of her because of the rumors spread around the office. As such, she did not reward Zhu Linlin and merely reinstated her as a shareholder, nor did she increase her shares. Hence, Zhu Linlin remained as the third-in-command at the company.

However, Zhu Linlin did not express any discontentment since she was not an overly ambitious person. If she was, she would never have agreed to merge their companies.

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The dust finally settled at the Zhu family. Qin Jun managed to teach Ouyang Yanyan a lesson and shed light on how important Zhu Linlin was to the business.

If something similar happened again, it would not be as easy to resolve.

Ding dong!

The screen flashed with Wang Dongxue's message on WeChat.

"Jun, are you free the next few days?"

"Yes, I am free. What's up?"

"I...I would like you to send me home. Are you alright with that?"

"Sure, no problem."

Even though he never visited her home, he met with Wang Dongxue's mother. She was a grounded and kind-hearted person and even gave Qin Jun a jade Guanyin, which he wore on a daily basis.

Wang Dongxue stared at the message on her screen as her heart raced.

Qin Jun and her became closer recently. It was as though a layer of ice broke between them and Wang Dongxue felt that it was time for him to visit her

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home.

He should see how she lived since she was young.

Wang Dongxue came from a poor family and when she was a child, she had to help her mother on the farm while going to school at the same time. Her parents were farmers and they lived within the four walls of their small home.

Wang Dongxue wanted to go on to the next stage with Qin Jun, and hence, she wanted him to take a look at her living conditions so that she would not be disliked later on.

Of course, she believed that Qin Jun would not dislike her just because she was poor.

Since he was sending Wang Dongxue home and they were headed to the villages, there was no way he could drive his sports car. As such, Qin Jun phoned Chen Shu to borrow her Mercedes-Benz G Class SUV.

Chen Shu agreed immediately since this car was gifted to her by Qin Jun in the first place.

As he arrived at the school in the car, he realized that Wang Dongxue had luggage of various sizes with her. There were her clothes, and then the gifts for her parents.

“Jun, we are celebrating my uncle’s birthday this time. Why don’t I get two bottles of wine and say that it’s from you?”

This was Qin Jun’s first time visiting and it was natural that he should bring some welcome gifts. However, Wang Dongxue did not want him to spend too much, and so, she thought that it would be better if she bought it in his name instead.

Qin Jun laughed and remarked, “Well, it’s no trouble. Since it’s your uncle’s birthday and he likes alcohol, I will get someone to send a few bottles over.”

After which, Qin Jun dialed Meng Wengang and asked him to deliver a couple of bottles of alcohol.

Very quickly, Meng Wengang’s secretary arrived with a box of Maotai. It was different from the ones sold aside and the packaging specified that it was made in Guizhou.

After all, whatever Meng Wengang drank was definitely authentic and different from others.

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After packing the box into the boot, the duo set off. The journey was not a long one but the roads were bumpy. Fortunately, the SUV lived up to its name and they arrived after just a few hours.

As the car approached the entrance of the village, they spotted a couple standing there waiting to welcome them.

“Jun, that’s our village.”

It was a normal village and there was a big sign in tatters at the entrance stating “Lotus Flower Village”.

The couple that stood at the entrance were Wang Dongxue’s parents, Xu Juan and Wang Aimin. Her uncle, Wang Yongsheng, was also there.

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Chapter 420 The Car Is Not Good

Wang Aimin looked at the car approaching from afar and asked, “Is it that one?”

Xu Juan shook her head and said, “I don’t know. When I visited, he didn’t drive.”

Wang Yongsheng frowned and asked, “Didn’t drive? Does he not have a car? Or he has one, but chose not to drive?”

Xu Juan paused for a moment before replying with an awkward laugh, “I don’t know. Since he didn’t mention, I didn’t ask either.”

Wang Yongsheng replied in a stern manner, “Xu Juan, you have to make sure he has a car! In the city, there is a difference between having one and not having one. It’s a lot more convenient to travel around in a car. Just look at my son. He recently bought a BMW X5 and can even bring me back goods from the city. It’s so convenient!”

Xu Juan smiled faintly and ignored him.

Everyone knew that in the whole of Lotus Flower Village, Wang Yongsheng’s family was the wealthiest. They reared cows and had the most land, and even their son was prospering in the city. As such, they were considered the richest in the village.

Wang Yongsheng added, “Xu Juan, don’t tell me you gifted the man the jade Guanyin from your family?”

Xu Juan replied, “I already gave it to him.”

Wang Yongsheng rolled his eyes and chided her, “Xu Juan, you are too rash! How can you give him the family heirloom the first time you meet him? What if he is a poor man? Or a conman?”

She merely smiled and said, “I don’t think so. I think Jun is a nice guy. I don’t need him to be the wealthiest, as long as he treats Dongxue well.”

Xu Juan spoke from the bottom of her heart. Even though she did not know much about Qin Jun, she sincerely hoped that he was not from a rich family.

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It was better if they were well-matched socially and economically when it came to marriage. If he did come from a rich family and Wang Dongxue married him, she would definitely suffer under her mother-in-law and live unhappily.

Wang Yongsheng huffed, “That’s not right. We might not have achieved much in our lifetime, but our future generations must be ambitious. Look at Tiecheng! At least he managed to create something of his own just based on his abilities.”

“Dongxue is a girl after all and her future is limited. As such, finding a good man to marry is a must! You cannot underestimate the importance of it!”

As they spoke, the car arrived. Wang Dongxue got off the car excitedly and greeted her elder.

“Dad! Mom! Uncle.”

Wang Yongsheng glanced at the car and pursed his lips. Kicking the tires a few times, he remarked, “Mercedes-Benz? Well, that’s about the same as my son’s, but this car is not as good.”

Wang Yongsheng spoke as though he knew the world but he was just putting on act. The Mercedes-Benz G Class and BMW X5 were two different cars altogether, and the price difference was close to two million. The former was worth a few million, while the latter was worth at most a few hundred thousand.

However, to Wang Yongsheng, these two cars looked the same and since one was a Mercedes-Benz and the other was a BMW, the price and standards should be the same.

After Qin Jun got off the car, Wang Dongxue quickly introduced him to the rest.

Wang Aimin was extremely satisfied with this chap. Just like Xu Juan described, he was dashing, capable, and well-mannered. Even though he was raised in the city, he was not arrogant at all.

“Come on, let’s head home and eat!”

Wang Yongsheng checked Qin Jun out and thought he was just another man off the streets. He felt that Qin Jun was far from his own son and instantly lost interest in him.

“Alright, don’t forget to come earlier tomorrow. Our village head and Liu from the neighboring village are coming too.”

Wang Yongsheng returned to his own home after that.

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He was regarded as a rather significant person in this village, especially since his son was capable and could support the village financially. As such, his birthday dinner was attended by village heads and this showed his importance in the area.

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Chapter 421 The Original Maotai

While Wang Yongsheng was not satisfied with Qin Jun, the same could not be said for Wang Aimin.

After they reached home and settled in, Xu Juan cooked up a storm as she wanted to make him feel at home.

“Jun, please bear with how we live. Just find a seat anywhere.”

Qin Jun flashed a smile and offered, “Aunt Xu, don’t worry about it. Let me help you with chopping the wood.”

As he said this, Qin Jun went into the yard, picked up an ax, and started to chop the wood up.

Even though he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he left his family for more than a decade. As he wandered all over the world, he naturally suffered a lot.

Before meeting his master, Qin Jun often starved. He had no choice but to work for others as a laborer and went through a lot despite a young age.

After moving into the mountains, he learned to survive independently and even had to take care of his master. As such, these farming activities were easy tasks for Qin Jun.

When Xu Juan noticed Qin Jun’s adeptness at chopping wood, she flashed a smile and her eyes darted to Wang Aimin. As the husband and wife made eye contact, they gave each other a knowing look.

Wang Aimin raised a thumbs-up, expressing his satisfaction with his future son-in-law.

Naturally, Wang Dongxue saw all of this and her cheeks flushed pink as she started to fantasize.

After the wood was chopped, it was added to the fire used to cook dinner. With Qin Jun’s help, the dishes were finally served and the four of them sat around the table in the courtyard.

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The scenery in the village was rather unique. It was extremely windy and comfortable to sit in the courtyard.

“Jun, can you drink? Shall we have a bit of alcohol together?”

“Sure. I happen to bring some alcohol. Let me go and get it.”

Qin Jun went to the boot of the car and fetched two bottles of Maotai.

Wang Aimin looked at the bottles and was shocked.

“Guizhou Maotai? Jun, this is too expensive. It would be a waste if we were to drink it! Since Yongsheng is having his birthday tomorrow, why don't you give this to him as a gift instead?”

“A waste? Don't worry, Uncle Wang. I have a box in my car. I will get another two for him tomorrow.”

“Well...Alright, then.”

With his eyes fixed on the bottle, Wang Aimin licked his lips and opened it up.

As soon as the cover came off, the aroma of the alcohol diffused quickly around the courtyard.

It was indeed appetizing when paired with the dishes served.

Even Wang Dongxue and Xu Juan felt that this alcohol smelled good.

“Wang, what alcohol is this? Why does it smell so good?”

Xu Juan did not drink normally and always felt disgusted whenever she got a whiff of alcohol. However, today, she discerned the distinct fragrance of the Maotai.

Wang Aimin inspected the bottle. Blinking a few times, his eyes suddenly lit up as he recalled something.

“Jun, is this the original Maotai from Guizhou?”

Qin Jun paused for a moment before replying, “Uh, I don't know. Someone else gave this to me.”

Indeed, he was not familiar with alcohol since he was not a connoisseur. When he was in the mountains, he only drank what his master prepared.

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His master was a legendary doctor and hence, nobody ever gave him inferior alcohol. As such, Qin Jun also became a picky person when it came to drinking.

Wang Aimin thought it looked like the original Guizhou Maotai. Picking up the glass, he took a sip and the aroma of the alcohol overwhelmed him. It was refreshing and the warmth of the alcohol spread slowly around his body.

“Wow! Good Maotai! This is definitely the original Guizhou Maotai!”

Such Maotai was made by fermenting golden grains then mixed with sorghum in the factories.

As there was a high demand for the original Maotai, it would be too difficult for the factory to meet this demand if they were to use the high-quality sorghum for every batch sold. As such, they normally sold blended versions of the Maotai and those which were mixed with sorghum were marketed as special-made instead.

Only those with high status and power could buy such alcohol, and the price was of course sky-high.

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Chapter 422 Accommodation

Xu Juan saw this and picked up a glass, “Pour some for me too.”

“Me too!” Wang Dongxue exclaimed.

The four of them drank and ate to their heart’s contents. As they chatted, Xu Juan and Wang Aimin got to know more about Qin Jun.

They sympathized with him after learning about his past. At the same time, they found out that he did not have family and their previous worries vanished into thin air as the night continued on.

After Wang Aimin was done with dinner, he asked Xu Juan in a low voice, “How are we going to sleep tonight?”

Wang Dongxue’s house was a one-story place. There were only two rooms on each side of the yard.

Xu Juan glared at him and said, “Of course Dongxue and Qin Jun will be in the same room.”

Originally, it should be Xu Juan and Wang Dongxue rooming together, while Wang Aimin and Qin Jun would share a room.

However, as dinner progressed, they became more and more satisfied with Qin Jun. Adding to the dizziness from the alcohol, they decided to let the two share a room.

Wang Aimin could only go along with it since his wife already told him so.

The two went into one of the rooms and closed the door.

After Wang Dongxue cleaned up and did the dishes, she realized that her parents had locked themselves in one of the rooms. She instantly understood their intentions and blushed all the way up to her ears.

At the same time, she was flustered. Qin Jun and her were not real boyfriend and girlfriend. Even if they liked each other, there was still a barrier between them.

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Furthermore, the two of them had never been intimate and hence, she was a little lost on what to do.

“Jun...Why don't you rest first?”

Wang Dongxue bowed her head and spoke softly.

“Sure.”

Qin Jun walked into the room and lay on the heatable brick bed. It felt rather different from the beds at home, but he enjoyed it nonetheless.

Wang Dongxue filled a basin with warm water and entered the room.

She wet a towel with the water and started to wipe Qin Jun's cheeks.

“Jun, let me help you wash up.”

He felt slightly embarrassed and said, “Let me do it myself...”

“It's alright. When my dad gets drunk, my mom does this too.”

As she said this, Wang Dongxue bowed her head with her cheeks blushed.

Qin Jun sat up and allowed her to wipe him down.

After a round of careful wiping, Wang Dongxue bent down and removed his socks.

“Jun, let me wash your legs.”

Without giving an opportunity for Qin Jun to reject her, Wang Dongxue pressed his feet into the water and washed his foot with the warm water.

Even though Wang Dongxue was born into poverty, she was still spoiled by her parents and never had to work hard. As such, her hands were slender and smooth.

She was a meticulous, beautiful, and caring woman. Whoever married her would live blissfully for the rest of his life.

Suddenly, Qin Jun grabbed onto her hand, dragged her up, and pulled her into his arms.

With his arm around her small waist, the two of them looked into each other's eyes. The tip of their noses brushed against each other and their faces almost

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touched.

Wang Dongxue let out a small moan and quickly stood up with a deep breath.

“J... Jun...”

Qin Jun said, “Why don’t I help you clean up.”

Very quickly, he flipped over and placed her on the bed. After which, he reached down and removed her socks.

Wang Dongxue struggled for a bit, but it was all for show.

Her feet were extremely pretty and her skin was fair and smooth. It was as though Qin Jun was holding a piece of high-quality jade.

The two of them sat on the bed as he washed her feet. The atmosphere turned rather seductive and flirtatious.

She held onto a bolster, sat up against a wall, and said to Qin Jun, “Jun, why don’t you rest first? I’m not that tired.”

However, her fatigue was all displayed through the yawn she did not manage to stifle while speaking.

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Chapter 423 Let Us Use Your Lousy Car

Qin Jun let out a smile but did not say anything. He lay on the bed and shut his eyes.

After a short while, he felt something leaning against him. Turning his head, his eyes landed on Wang Dongxue's head which was rest on his shoulders. She was sleeping soundly.

The next morning, Wang Dongxue opened her eyes to discover a figure underneath her.

She almost screamed in shock!

However, she recovered her senses quickly upon recollecting that it was Qin Jun.

Her whole body was laid on his like an octopus, with her two hands hugging his arms and her legs on his.

Needless to say, this posture was extremely arousing and her heart palpitated quickly.

As the beating of her heart rang in her ears, she looked down and blushed pink.

Last night, Wang Dongxue wore loose-fitting pajamas as she went to bed. Her top ended up rolling all the way to her armpits. She was half-naked and her skin was in contact with Qin Jun.

When she saw that he was still asleep, Wang Dongxue quickly got up and tidied her clothes as she let out a long breath of relief. *Luckily, Qin Jun is not awake yet, or else, it would be so embarrassing!*

However, what she did not know was that Qin Jun already woke up a long time ago but chose not to expose her. Instead, he hugged Wang Dongxue and continued to lay there.

After waking up, everyone washed up and had a simple breakfast before heading to Wang Yongsheng's home.

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Even though they lived in the same village, Wang Yongsheng's place was still quite a distance from their house. As such, Qin Jun drove all of them to the beautiful tiled house which Wang Yongsheng lived in.

It was uncommon to see a house in this fashion in Lotus Flower Village as many of them were laid with bricks instead. Wang Yongsheng's family was indeed well-off.

Qin Jun parked the car at the entrance and the family got off. Just as they alighted, Wang Yongsheng walked out with a frown on his face.

"Hey, don't park your car here, or my son would have no space to park his car. Just park it at the side, since it's not worth much anyway," he told Qin Jun as he pointed to a spot full of potholes.

Xu Juan frowned, "Yongsheng, your son is not back yet and there is still space for him to park. Why are you asking Jun to park somewhere else?"

Wang Yongsheng pouted and continued, "My son drives a BMW X5. If it gets scratched or knocked into, it's going to cost a bomb to fix! Just find a place and park it somewhere else!"

Qin Jun was nonchalant and agreed, "Fine, I will park somewhere else."

This was unlike the city and there were plenty of places to park. Qin Jun made a turn and found a spot underneath a tree.

He got down the car and brought the Maotai with him into the house.

Wang Yongsheng's house was rather large and the ground was cemented. It was well-kept and the courtyard was filled with a dozen of banquet tables. A few chefs worked hard at the side and it was indeed a festive occasion.

Wang Dongxue's family sat at the host's table since they were related to the host. Just as they settled down, a BMW X5 drove in and stopped at the entrance as it raked up a pile of dust.

"My son is home!"

A young man got down from the car and he was none other than Wang Yongsheng's son, Wang Tiecheng.

He wore a white shirt with pants and looked extremely sharp. It was a stark contrast from the others in the village.

"Dad! I'm home!"

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Wang Yongsheng was extremely elated at his son's arrival that even his wrinkles disappeared from smiling.

“Good. Is it alright if your car is parked here?”

This was the first BMW in the village and he treated it with significance.

Wang Tiecheng said, “It's alright. Just tell the kids not to go near it.”

“Look after your own children! Don't let them scratch my son's car! You can't afford to pay for it!”

As Wang Yongsheng raised his voice and said this, the villagers quickly grabbed onto the younger ones out of fear that they would scratch Wang Tiecheng's car. There was no way they could afford to pay them back if the car was indeed damaged!

Wang Tiecheng was about to get to his seat when an elderly man walked in.

“Yongsheng! Is your son back? There are some things at my farm that I want to bring over. Can I borrow your son's car?”

Wang Yongsheng frowned. He cared the most about his son's car and it would pain him if the car was dirtied or damaged. If it was anyone else, he would never agree to let his son drive the car into farmland.

However, the elderly man was the village head and he had no choice but to agree.

“Sir, my son's car is too expensive. It will cost a lot if the car gets damaged. How about this? My brother's son-in-law drove here and it's an off-road vehicle. It's not worth much and it would be alright even if it was damaged. Why don't you use his car instead?”

Xu Juan immediately rejected this idea, “Yongsheng, how can you say that? We both have a car, and it would pain us too if the car was scratched.”

Wang Yongsheng furrowed his brows and remarked, “How can you say that, Xu Juan? We are family after all. Since everyone would be hurt if their cars were scratched, then let's use the cheaper car. Surely we must help the village head? What do you say?”

Xu Juan was an honest woman. Since Wang Yongsheng made it to be so, and the village head was present, she could not reject him.

“Jun, would you like to help?”

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Qin Jun nodded, “Sure, it’s no problem at all.”

Wang Tiecheng nodded with satisfaction. *This fella knows what he should do!*

“Don’t worry. If it really gets scratched, I will give you the money to go to the mechanic and get it sorted. I’m sure it can be done within three to five hundred. Go ahead.”

Wang Tiecheng folded his arms and spoke proudly as though he was superior even to the village head.

Qin Jun took his car keys and walked to the spot where he parked his car. Staring at the engine, he followed the directions of the village head and drove in slowly.

As the car approached, Wang Tiecheng instinctively frowned.

Mercedes-Benz?

All the villagers stared at the car too.

“This car looks cool too. It’s a Mercedes-Benz. Is it on the same level as a BMW?”

“Yeah, I think this one is even bigger than Tiecheng’s. Yongsheng, How much is this car worth?”

“I think it must be a few hundred thousand at least right?”

Wang Yongsheng scoffed, “How much could an SUV cost? At most it’ll only be two to three hundred thousand. My son’s BMW X5 is much more expensive!”

“Well, Tiecheng is still the best. He owns the first BMW in our village!”

“The village down the street wanted to borrow Tiecheng’s car for their wedding. Surely we can’t lend it to every person that asks.”

“Of course. Only the village head can use the BMW for his wedding!”

“Hahaha...”

While everyone else was laughing and gossiping, Wang Tiecheng narrowed his eyes and stared at the back of the car.

Mercedes-Benz G Class?

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Others might not be familiar with cars, but he was.

Since when was such a car cheap?

It was not a matter of two to three hundred thousand, but rather two to three million!

A young girl who looked eighteen or nineteen quickly snapped a picture of Qin Jun's car and did a search on the web.

She exclaimed loudly, "Wow! That car is a luxury car! The best SUV, Mercedes-Benz G Class. It costs almost three million!"

"How much?" Everyone was in shock.

"Three million upwards! Look! Isn't this his car?"

The photo on her screen was indeed Qin Jun's car.

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Chapter 424 A Luxury Car That Costs Three Million

“What? Really? Three million?”

“Let me see! Are you sure you are not mistaken?”

“The picture is so clear! Have a look yourself!”

No matter how they looked at it, it was indeed Qin Jun’s car – the same brand, the same model.

Everyone was astonished. *Three million!* Nobody knew that the car was this expensive.

It seemed like Qin Jun was a very rich man even though he acted low profile.

A car was just a means of transport and he could already afford one that was worth three million. Who could imagine how rich the man actually was?

Furthermore, he was easygoing and did not mind when Wang Tiecheng and Wang Yongsheng asked to use his car instead, nor was he afraid of his car being scratched by driving it into farmland.

Qin Jun was truly a gentleman with a big heart. He did not say a single word while being jeered at earlier.

In contrast, Wang Tiecheng acted like a vulgar, typical, nouveau riche. It was as though he had never seen the world and it was a stark contrast from Qin Jun.

Wang Yongsheng’s face was pale too. He thought that the car was just another SUV. It might have been a Mercedes-Benz, but he felt that it would not compare to his son’s BMW X5. In the end, it turned out to be a luxury car.

This chap was wealthy?

How could Wang Dongxue be this lucky to find such a wealthy boyfriend?

“Dongxue, why didn’t you tell us that your boyfriend is this rich?” Wang Yongsheng’s words were dripping in jealousy.

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“Huh?” Wang Dongxue scratched her head. “I don’t really know about this,” she added.

Wang Dongxue spoke the truth. She never thought that Qin Jun was a rich man and always had the impression that he was just a normal doctor who could afford a property and a car. However, there was a difference between that and being wealthy.

Wang Tiecheng’s face clouded over as he clenched his fists. In fact, he felt a little embarrassed, as though he was just slapped in the face by the crowd.

The man who owned the three-million car did not mind helping the village head, but here he was, a man with a car worth a few hundred thousand but was afraid of getting it scratched.

The most ironic thing was he even offered to pay Qin Jun if his car got scratched.

Well, would he be able to afford it if the car really got damaged?

Wang Tiecheng could only bow in shame as he attempted to hide from the rest and avoided eye contact with the rest of his relatives.

Very quickly, Qin Jun returned and parked his car in the same spot as he got off with the village head.

The latter was smiling heartily as he thanked Qin Jun profusely.

“Yongsheng, this car is good! It may not be as good as the BMW, but still, it takes a beating in the farmland!”

Wang Yongsheng let out a few awkward laughs as the conversation died.

Wang Tiecheng’s eyes were affixed on the G-Class as they became green with envy.

He suddenly asked, “Bro, I never drove this car before. Can I drive a few rounds in it?”

“Sure,” Qin Jun agreed as he tossed the car keys to him in a nonchalant manner.

Wang Tiecheng took the keys, got into the car, and settled into the driver’s seat. It was an addictive feeling. Needless to say, this three-million car was much better than his BMW. There was no comparison about it!

After driving around for a short moment, he was instantly convinced that this car was not only cool on the outside, but also extremely good in performance.

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There were no problems driving it into the farmlands at all.

As he lay against the seat, Wang Tiecheng became indignant. *We are both in our twenties and I worked hard. It was through luck that I managed to get my hands on the BMW X5, but Qin Jun could drive a car worth three million! Why?!*

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Chapter 425 You Borrowed It

Wang Tiecheng raised his head and saw a small booklet clipped in the sun visor of the car. It was an ownership certificate.

He took it out, glanced at the name, and a smile slowly crept onto his face.

The name on the certificate was not Qin Jun, but a woman named Chen Shu!

This meant that this car belonged to her and not Qin Jun!

Wang Tiecheng felt his pride return as he placed the booklet back into the visor, he got down from the car, and locked the doors.

He walked back into the courtyard with a theatrical smile on his face. Seeing Qin Jun and the rest seated at the host's table, he walked over and said, "There seems to be no space. It's a rather tight squeeze."

The host table already had eleven people and it was indeed a squeeze. There was no space for a twelfth person.

Wang Tiecheng pointed to Qin Jun and instructed, "Bro, why don't you go to another table?"

Just as he said this, Xu Juan frowned and asked, "Tiecheng, what do you mean by that?"

Wang Tiecheng laughed, "Nothing. Since my dad is celebrating his birthday, the host table should be seated with relatives or people of high stature. The village head should sit here of course, but outsiders should sit elsewhere."

As the atmosphere turned tense, the village head quickly stepped in and said, "Tiecheng, don't say that. The chap helped me out earlier."

"Exactly. Jun drives a luxury car. How can he just be anyone else?"

"He is so rich and must be an important man. Tiecheng, you shouldn't treat him as an outsider."

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To these villagers, Qin Jun was a rich man who drove a car worth millions. Surely, he must be a distinguished man in society and there was nothing wrong with him sitting at the host's table.

However, Wang Tiecheng let out a sneer, "You guys have been fooled by him."

Even though many sided with Qin Jun, Wang Tiecheng remained calm as he had firm evidence of him lying!

The rest were stunned as they asked, "Tiecheng, what do you mean by we were fooled?"

"Haha, Qin Jun. Why don't you tell us whether you borrowed or rented the car?"

Everyone paused momentarily and looked at each other. *Borrowed or rented?*

Did he not own such an expensive car?

As everyone turned to Wang Tiecheng, he stood there with confidence as though he had firm evidence in hand. His facial expression told everyone that he was just waiting for the drama to unfold.

On the other hand, Qin Jun replied calmly, "I borrowed it."

"Hahaha!" Wang Tiecheng laughed. "You are honest man," he added.

"When I sat in his car earlier, I found the car identification booklet and the owner was a woman called Chen Shu, not Qin Jun. That's when I realized that he borrowed the car!"

Suddenly, everyone started to whisper among themselves. They all thought that he was a rich man, but it turned out that he borrowed the car.

Why did he do that?

Wasn't he just trying to show off and look cool in the village?

At last, he shot himself in the foot and even got exposed by Wang Tiecheng.

While Wang Tiecheng's car was not a top-notch luxury car, it was definitely bought by him on a loan. There was no borrowing or renting of that BMW!

Wang Tiecheng sneered, "Well, do tell. Why would the car owner lend you such an expensive car?"

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Even though it was borrowed, but one could tell that Qin Jun had connections. Wang Tiecheng was still in disbelief. Why would a person who could own this car be friends with a useless youth like Qin Jun?

Qin Jun smiled and replied, "Because I gifted this car to her in the first place."

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Chapter 426 Guizhou Maotai

Qin Jun became a show stopper once more. “You gave her this?” Wang Tiecheng’s face contorted with sarcasm. “Hahahaha! Now that’s funny! You’re one hell of a braggart, ain’t you?”

This guy doesn’t mess around when it comes to bragging, huh? Bragging about buying the car is one thing, but buying it for someone else? You have to be kidding me. Buying a car that was worth three million for himself was different from buying it for someone else. The former meant that he was rich, but the latter meant that he was uber-rich. Only people like He Nianying could do it.

The other villagers started laughing too, for they didn’t believe a word Qin Jun had just said. Wang Dongxue frowned unhappily at their reaction. “Forget it. If we’re not welcomed here, then we’ll be going home now.”

“Hey, don’t go. Stay. Come here, Tiecheng.” They were here to celebrate Wang Yongsheng’s birthday, so tensing things up weren’t on their list of agendas today. They got one more chair, and everyone sat down.

Wang Dongxue then put the two bottles of Maotai Qin Jun brought on the table. “This is from Jun, uncle. Happy birthday.”

“Oh, this is good.” Wang Yongsheng took them from her and had a glance, then his eyes shone. “Hmm? Guizhou Maotai? Where did you get this?”

Qin Jun said, “From a friend.”

Wang Tiecheng frowned. “Guizhou Maotai? Let me take a look.”

He took one bottle and looked at it closely, then he frowned. “Don’t drink this, dad. It’s fake.”

A hush fell over them, and the air turned awkward. *This wine is from Qin Jun, and you say it’s fake.*

Wang Dongxue frowned. “Nonsense! What makes you think that this is fake?”

Wang Tiecheng sneered. “A ‘99 Guizhou Maotai? Do you think there are a lot of them in this world?”

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“From what I know, ‘99 Guizhou Maotai is the best one to have ever been made, and this batch is made from the best ingredients, so it’s incredibly rare. About a hundred bottles were manufactured, and less than half of that is in the market now. Anyone who can buy this is either rich, powerful, or both.”

“Also, they will never resell this if they manage to buy it. So Mr. Qin, who are you really?”

Wang Tiecheng was making it clear. Only the rich and powerful could buy this, and they would never give it away. Qin Jun was not a rich or powerful man, so he couldn’t have managed to buy this. In other words, this was a fake.

Wang Yongsheng looked disappointed when he heard that this was fake. He was planning on getting a taste of how authentic Guizhou Maotai tasted. “The bottle looks nice, son. Even though it’s fake, it should taste decent, right?”

Wang Tiecheng shook his head. “Fake is fake, dad. There is no such thing as imitation wine. All fake wines are made out of industrial alcohol, and it can kill. You can get hospitalized if you drink it, so don’t do it. It’s just Maotai. I bought it for you too.”

Wang Tiecheng went back to his car and took out two beautiful boxes from the trunk, and the word ‘Maotai’ was printed on them. “This is my gift for you, dad.”

Wang Tiecheng’s eyes shone, and he quickly took the Maotai. “My son is still the best.”

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Chapter 427 Fake Wine

He quickly opened the box of Maotai. “Oh? This is Feitian Moutai, isn’t it? Isn’t one of these priced around two thousand a bottle? It’s an extravagant gift alright.”

“Really? I’ve only heard of Feitian Moutai, but I’ve never drunk it before. Two thousand a bottle? That’s expensive? How much does that make a cup? A few hundred? Oh my.”

“Only Tiecheng is capable of doing this. Everyone else is going to have a hard time buying these.”

Wang Yongsheng opened the bottle excitedly followed by the smell of alcohol wafted through the air.

“This smells like the hospital...” A child said.

“You’re just a kid, so what do you know? That’s Maotai, not the disinfectant smell in hospitals.”

Wang Yongsheng poured himself a glass of the wine, but the lack of wine legs as he swished it struck him as odd. He then took a whiff of it and frowned, as he took a sip, his frown got deeper.

“How does it taste, Yongsheng? It’s marvelous, isn’t it?”

Instead of the sweet fragrance he expected, what filled his mouth was a sharp, spicy taste that upset him. “It’s okay, I guess. This Maotai is a bit different from the other wines.”

He didn’t particularly liked it, but since it was an expensive Maotai, it must be special somehow. “Here, have a cup of it.”

He couldn’t drink all of the wine himself, so Wang Yongsheng poured a cup for the village chief and Wang Dongxue’s father. Both of them took a sip and looked at each other in doubt. *It doesn’t taste as good as I think it would.*

The village chief was a government staff, so he had drunk Maotai before, though it wasn’t Feitian Moutai. It was a normal one, but it tasted much better

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than what they were having. However, he only put it down to their lack of experience in wine.

On the other hand, Wang Aimin was flummoxed. He had Guizhou Maotai yesterday, and the one Qin Jun was holding tasted differently than what he had.

They put down their cups after taking one sip. Wang Tiecheng said, "Have some more, chief. I'll get two more bottles for you next time if you love it."

"Great. I can give my guests a treat then."

"No problem. I'll get more for you. You should have some yourself too. Wine is good for you, but stay away from the fake ones. You don't want to get sick." Wang Tiecheng looked at Qin Jun mockingly.

After having Qin Jun's wine yesterday, Wang Aimin found this Feitian Moutai hard to swallow, so he couldn't even take two sips.

Wang Dongxue knew what was happening once she saw this, so she handed the bottle of Guizhou Maotai to him. "Have a taste of this, dad."

Wang Tiecheng frowned. "I told you this is fake. It's bad for the body, so why are you having your father to drink it? I'll take it."

Wang Tiecheng snatched the bottle of wine and let it slip on purpose. The bottle was smashed into pieces, and the wine flowed across the floor. At the same time, a delectable fragrance spread through the whole yard. Everyone took a whiff of it and felt refreshed. Even the women who didn't consume alcohol thought that it was tantalizing.

It smells great, though. Do fake wines smell this great nowadays?

"Oops, sorry. I broke your wine."

Qin Jun said calmly, "It's okay. I have a carton of it in my car."

Wang Tiecheng sneered. "A carton? So fake wines go wholesale now, huh?" *I just said the whole nation doesn't even have 50 bottles of this, and this guy says he has a carton. What a joke.*

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Chapter 428 Authentic And Fake

Wang Tiecheng almost believed that it was authentic when he took a whiff of the fragrance, but he thought it was preposterous when Qin Jun said he had a carton. *Getting two is almost impossible, but a carton? That has got to be the joke of the century.*

Qin Jun ignored him and went to take a bottle of wine from the trunk. He opened it and poured a cup for Wang Aimin and the village chief. The village chief was already raring to go when he took a whiff of that smell just now, and now he could finally taste it.

One sip was all it took for the great taste to explode in his mouth. "Great wine!" The village chief praised, but then he regretted it. He thought it was inappropriate, for Wang Tiecheng had said this was fake, so him praising the wine made it look like he was an ignorant fool.

The village chief looked at Wang Tiecheng. "Tiecheng, Maybe you are mistaken? This wine can't be fake."

Wang Tiecheng took the bottle and pointed at the logo. "Chief, authentic Maotai wine bottles would have a sticker here to indicate that it's authentic, but this one doesn't, so it must be a fake."

Wang Aimin felt confused. *They don't make good fake wines though.* "Is that really the case, Jun?"

Qin Jun smiled. "Of course not."

Wang Tiecheng was annoyed to hear Qin Jun refute his point. "What do you know? I've been in the wine purchasing business for years. Do you think you know more than I do?"

Qin Jun sneered. "The stickers will be there, of course. But only for normal wines. You know why? Because that's for the civilians. Guizhou Maotai, however, need no such stickers."

"Wines like these are sold to the rich and powerful. Think about it. Do they really have to prove the wines are authentic to those people?"

Everyone thought Qin Jun's reasoning was sound. Guizhou Maotai was sold to bigshots, and the distillery would love nothing more than to be friends with

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them. They wouldn't dare to risk that with a fake product. If there were no fake products, then that meant there was no need for an authenticity stamp.

Wang Tiecheng's error this time stemmed not from his lack of knowledge in wine, but from his myopic view. He couldn't come into contact with the upper-class society, so he wouldn't know how those bigshots were truly living.

Everyone thought Qin Jun made a good point, though the thing that confirmed it was how great the Maotai had tasted.

The village chief held the wine gingerly, like it was liquid gold. He didn't want to waste it here, so he handled it carefully.

"You seem to know a lot about wines, Jun. How do you differentiate between a fake Feitian Moutai and an authentic one then?" The village chief asked casually and took it as a little lesson.

Qin Jun said, "There are red ribbons on Maotai bottles with an almost negligible mark on them. That mark tells the year the wine was made."

"The ribbon that fake Maotai wines uses are recycled, so the year on the ribbon and the year the wine was made would be different."

"For example, if the Maotai was made in 2005, but the ribbon says 2008, then the wine is fake."

The village chief then took the bottle of Feitian Moutai Wang Tiecheng bought to glance at the year it was made. It was 2019.

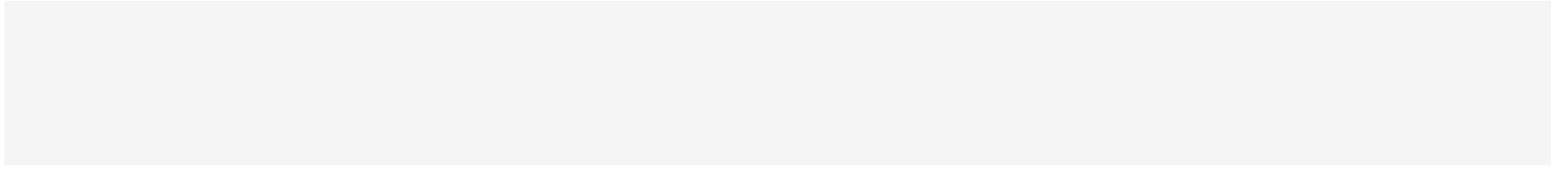
Then he looked at the ribbon. "201...6?"

A deafening silence surrounded everyone, and the villagers' expressions changed. They looked at one another with a pensive look. They pretended nothing had happened, but all their eyes were on Wang Tiecheng.

This is hilarious. He came over, shouted about how Qin Jun's wine was fake, but in the end, his wine is the fake one. This is one big joke.

Putting aside the price of the wine, the old village chief had drunk wine for decades, so he could taste if the wine was good. He could taste nothing but alcohol in Wang Tiecheng's wine. If it wasn't because of him saying that it was Feitian Moutai, the chief wouldn't have even taken one sip.

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Chapter 429 Job

Wang Tiecheng's expression darkened. *This guy knows how to appraise wine too?* His fake Maotai was an imitation wine. It was much better than those bad fake wine. Most people wouldn't be able to see through it, for the bottle was authentic. The only thing that was fake was the wine in there.

He knew none of the villagers could see through it, but he didn't expect a variable to appear—Qin Jun. *This guy can even see through the details on the ribbon!*

Wang Tiecheng could feel his face burning up in embarrassment, and he wanted to find a place to hide. Wang Yongsheng was also embarrassed, for he was his father. They could have done all the gifting privately, but they just had to do it publicly, going to great lengths just to stroke their ego. However, his son just had to get a fake wine.

“Well, Tiecheng is inexperienced in this, so it's normal that he got scammed. It's fine. I know you're a good boy.”

Wang Yongsheng tried to shift this away by saying that his son was scammed instead of buying it on purpose. Even though it was a fake, at least he spent the money on gifts.

However, everyone didn't believe his forced explanation. *He's scammed? Nobody's that stupid. Even villagers like us know that we have to go to supermarkets or liquor stores to get Maotai, If you really wanted to get authentic ones, you wouldn't have been scammed.*

Even though they knew what the case was, everyone went along with it so it didn't get any more awkward. After their dinner, the air of awkwardness dissipated, thanks to someone diverting the topic.

Wang Yongsheng looked at Qin Jun. “Young man, are you in the liquor business?” Wang Yongsheng thought that he was in this line of work, given his gusto about wine earlier.

Qin Jun replied, “No, I'm a Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioner.”

“Oh.” Everyone looked disappointed. Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners weren't rare. Their village alone had two of them. Both learned

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from their masters and went around different villages to treat the villagers. None made any good money though.

Wang Tiecheng pursed his lips and gave him a look of disdain. “And I thought you’re a somebody. So you’re just a doctor. That’s worth nothing in this society. What a joke.”

That piqued the curiosity of everyone. “What are you working as now, Tiecheng. You’re driving a BMW, so you must be a business owner now, huh?”

Wang Tiecheng smiled. “Not really. I’m just a supervisor for logistics. Ever heard of Eurus Delivery?”

Everyone looked surprised. “Eurus Delivery? Really? That’s a super famous company. You’re working in that awesome company?”

Wang Yongsheng felt proud too. “Working? He’s a leader now! The person in charge for Eurus!” It was an exaggerated claim, but these villagers knew nothing, so they buttered him up.

“I’m not exactly a bigshot though. Just an employee. Our boss is Feng Group’s boss. You know, the one in Donghai. I’m just working for them.

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Chapter 430 Rapid Progression

The villagers looked at him enviously. “Feng Group? Does that mean it’s run by the Feng Family? The famous one in Donghai? I heard of them.”

“Yeah, me too. They have a lot of properties under them.”

“You’ve made it in life, Tiecheng. To think you’re one of the leaders of such an awesome company. Cool.”

Qin Jun smiled. *Feng Group, huh? The company run by Feng Shuqiang.*

Wang Yongsheng felt proud, for his son was the most successful young man in the village. Even the village chief couldn’t compare to him. “Tiecheng, your uncle’s son-in-law also works at Donghai. Why don’t you hire him? Being a doctor’s no fun. It’s better working in a big company.” Everyone else started looking envious.

“Yeah, becoming a big company’s employee is a big step up from being a doctor.”

“Jun. Come here and talk to your future leader, quick. At least give him a toast.”

“Ah, they’re relatives after all. It’s really enviable.”

Wang Yongsheng and Wang Aimin were brothers, so asking his son to get Qin Jun a job wasn’t out of line. On the other hand, everyone else could only watch.

Wang Tiecheng finally felt that he could hold his head up high now. All the comparisons earlier were nothing. Only by comparing jobs could a man show his skills and status.

Qin Jun was just a doctor, so he thought the most Qin Jun could become was an expert in the field. Besides, it was uncertain when Qin Jun would be an expert. *It’s useless if he becomes an expert at eighty.*

Wang Tiecheng thought that he had a bright future, for he was already the leader of a big company at this age. “What’s your qualification? Where did you graduate from?” Wang Tiecheng crossed his leg and asked Qin Jun like he was the actual boss here.

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“Me? I’ve never gone to any university.”

“Huh?” Wang Tiecheng pretended to look shocked. He then frowned, looking like he was in a dilemma. “It’s going to be hard entering our company without a degree.”

Instead of ‘impossible,’ he said it was ‘difficult.’ In other words, he could do it, but Qin Jun had to beg him for it.

Xu Juan immediately got what he was saying. Qin Jun was her future son-in-law after all, so she had to ask Wang Tiecheng for help if a chance presented itself.

“Here, Tiecheng. A toast to you. You’re a successful young man now, and we’re your family, so do please help if you can.”

Wang Tiecheng smiled in satisfaction and said arrogantly, “Well, now that you’ve asked for my help, aunt, I can’t refuse, can I? Well, all I can do is recommend him for a job, but everything else after that depends on him.”

Xu Juan didn’t quite get what he was saying, but she felt that Wang Tiecheng had a point, so she flattered him.

Qin Jun smiled. “Thank you for your help, Mrs. Wang, but I don’t plan on changing jobs at the moment.”

“Huh? Oh, okay then.” Xu Juan put her glass down upon hearing what Qin Jun said.

Before anyone could say a thing, Wang Tiecheng was irked. *What the hell? Is he trying to embarrass me?* ”Hmph. Young men like us should strive higher. If you don’t even grab the chance when it’s right in front of you, you won’t amount to much.”

Wang Tiecheng sneered at Qin Jun. “If you don’t want to grab the chance to skyrocket into success, nobody can help you.”

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Chapter 431 Knowing Is Just The Most Basic Part

Wang Tiecheng made it sound like he was lecturing his employees. That arrogant and snobbish attitude made everyone uneasy, though they flattered him still.

“Tiecheng is right. Young men should always work hard. It’s a waste to let such a good resource go.”

“I’d feel blessed if I have someone like Tiecheng in my family. My son won’t have to worry about work anymore if that was the case.”

“Jun, Tiecheng is willing to help you soar in your career, so you shouldn’t refuse him. It’s ignorance on your part.”

Everyone was standing on Wang Tiecheng’s side, and that was what they were thinking too. Qin Jun sneered. “Soar? You call working for a logistics company being successful?”

Wang Tiecheng frowned. “What? Are you looking down on our company? Haven’t you heard of Eurus Delivery? Job security is guaranteed here. With your qualification, the most you can make per month is five thousand, but if you work hard here, ten thousand a month isn’t impossible! That’s success, isn’t it?”

Qin Jun was amused. *Ten thousand a month is success? Such ignorance.* Qin Jun shook his head. “Forget it. I already own one of Feng Family’s properties, so I can’t keep taking from them.”

Everyone was shocked by what Qin Jun said, and they were confused. Wang Tiecheng frowned. “What nonsense are you talking about? What do you mean Feng Family’s property? Do you know our boss?”

Qin Jun said. “Yeah. Feng Shuqiang, isn’t it?”

Wang Tiecheng was taken aback to hear Qin Jun saying his boss’ name, but then he sneered. “Just knowing his name isn’t enough to bluff me. Everyone knows our boss’ name. And you’re saying you know him personally? You, a mere doctor?”

Qin Jun nodded. “That’s not all. He even gave me Feng Jewelry.”

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Wang Tiecheng was stunned for a few moments, then he guffawed. He laughed and laughed, as if he had heard the world's funniest joke. "Hahaha! You're a real jokester, man. That's one hell of a bluff! Feng Jewelry? Do you even know what their business is?"

"That's the most profitable business the Feng Family has. Do you have any idea the net worth of a single jewelry shop? And you said he gave it to you? Who the hell do you think you are? Hahahaha!"

Qin Jun shook his head in resignation. "Suit yourself."

Everyone else didn't believe it either. They didn't know the power of these companies, but they did know that jewelry shops were expensive. Precious stones and gems cost a lot, and if Qin Jun did have a jewelry shop, he wouldn't have come in another person's car.

When Wang Tiecheng was about to mock Qin Jun again, his phone rang. He took a look and sobered up before taking the call. "Hey, Mr. Feng." He then put his index finger on his lips. "Shh!"

Everyone quieted down and heard the person on the other end of the phone call delegating work to him. On the other hand, Qin Jun ignored him and put some meat in Wang Dongxue's plate. "Here, have this. It's nice." Wang Tiecheng glared at Qin Jun when he started speaking. He pointed at him with a look of warning on his face.

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Chapter 432 Mr Qin

This was an important phone call. Whenever his president called him, it usually involved important work, so nobody was allowed to interrupt. However, Feng Shuqiang suddenly stopped talking after Qin Jun spoke.

A few moments later, he said, “I think I just heard Mr. Qin’s voice. Do you know Mr. Qin, Wang?”

Wang Tiecheng was taken aback. “Huh? What Mr. Qin?”

Feng Shuqiang said again. “Qin Jun. He’s the one I’m talking about. Was it him in the background just now?” Qin Jun wasn’t loud, but he was very sensitive to Qin Jun’s voice, so Feng Shuqiang recognized it easily.”

Wang Tiecheng was flabbergasted. “I guess...” He didn’t expect Qin Jun to actually know his boss.

“Pass the phone to him right now!”

“But, Mr. Feng. About the work...”

“We can talk about that later! Stop yammering and pass it to him.” Wang Tiecheng didn’t want to make his boss angry, so he handed the phone to Qin Jun right away.

Qin Jun turned on the speakerphone and placed the phone on the table. “Yeah, it’s me.”

“It’s really you, Mr. Qin! How did you and Tiecheng meet?”

“We’re kind of related, and he was about to get me a job in your logistics company.”

“Huh? Hahaha!” Feng Shuqiang laughed loudly. “Tiecheng really needs to get his eyes checked. It’s just a logistics company. If you want it, you can have it, Mr. Qin.”

Everyone’s expressions changed. *What is going on? He’s giving his company away just like that?*

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A logistics company wasn't much for Feng Group, but it was a great asset for the layperson. *He can give it away just like that?*

Wang Tiecheng was bewildered. He was one of the people in charge of the company, so he knew how much it was worth and the bright future it had. *Mr. Feng is just going to give it away like it's some minor gift? Wait, does that mean what he said about the jewelry shop is real, too?*

He didn't hear what Qin Jun and Feng Shuqiang were talking about, for he was thunderstruck by the news. Suddenly, his father yanked him. "Don't just stand there, Tiecheng! Your boss is calling you!"

Wang Tiecheng snapped out of it. "What do you need, Mr. Feng?"

Feng Shuqiang said, "Since you're Mr. Qin's relative, you shouldn't be Donghai's person in charge. The whole Handong is yours to manage now. You're a provincial manager now."

Wang Tiecheng was petrified, then he broke out in ecstasy. Being in charge of Donghai and the whole province were two different things. The former made hundreds of thousands a year, while the latter made millions. Well, someone did soar in his career, and the person was Wang Tiecheng.

"Thank you, Mr. Feng! I'll do my best!"

"Alright, that is all." He had nothing to say to Wang Tiecheng. If it wasn't because of Qin Jun, he wouldn't have bothered with this guy.

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After the call was ended, everyone looked at Qin Jun differently. *So he wasn't bluffing at all. Everything's true.*

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Chapter 433 Delayed

The boss of the company was just going to give his logistics company away in the snap of a finger, but Qin Jun didn't even take it. That's one hell of a huge asset, and he didn't take it? He must be rich beyond our imaginations!

Well, someone who drove a car that was worth three million and drank extremely limited edition liquor was on a whole other level. *Wang Dongxue got herself a good husband!*

Wang Yongsheng looked at his son. "Tiecheng, say thank you to your brother-in-law."

Wang Dongxue was supposed to be Wang Tiecheng's cousin, but now Wang Yongsheng wanted to get close to Qin Jun, he has even started addressing him as his son-in-law.

Wang Tiecheng snapped out of it and stood up with a glass of wine in his hand. Then he gave Qin Jun a toast. "I apologize for my rude behavior just now, Jun. I hope you won't take it to heart. Here's to a good future." Wang Tiecheng didn't make a ruckus after that, and he treated Qin Jun like he was his boss.

Wang Yongsheng stopped putting on airs and kept chatting with Wang Aimin and Xu Juan. Wang Yongsheng already consider Qin Jun as his family, but still, keeping the ties tight was necessary.

Wang Aimin and his wife felt proud, so they beamed at everyone and drank until not a drop of wine was seen in the vicinity.

Qin Jun and everyone else didn't drink much, so they retired early. Qin Jun and Wang Dongxue strolled through the farms that looked almost magical under the sunset.

Wang Dongxue's face was scarlet, and she was contemplating about something. "Jun."

"Hmm?"

"Close your eyes. I have something to give you."

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Qin Jun was surprised, but he closed his eyes anyway. A few moments later, a cool sensation came from his cheek as Wang Dongxue kissed him. *Oh, this feels... soft.*

When he opened his eyes, the young lady had run away in embarrassment. “Hey, where are you going?” Qin Jun started chasing after her.

Wang Dongxue had an embarrassed look on her face as she ran with a smile. “Oh, save me...”

Qin Jun didn't waste too much time in catching up with her. He hugged her from behind, and both of them stumbled into the fields. Qin Jun was on top of her as they hugged tightly. They were face to face and were nearly kissing. All Qin Jun had to do was lower his head, and he'd be kissing her.

Wang Dongxue's heart was pounding. This was the first time they were so close to each other. Even though they also shared an intimate moment last night, but it was reflexive. And now, both of them were awake this time, and the smell of pheromones quickly filled the air.

Wang Dongxue's breathing started becoming shallow, and her eyes became unfocused. Qin Jun was about to kiss her half-opened mouth when Xu Juan called out to her. “Sweetheart? Sweetheart, where are you?”

That shocked Wang Dongxue, so she quickly pushed Qin Jun away before standing up in a hurry to straighten herself up.

“Here.” Wang Dongxue came out from the field with her face blushing. “What's wrong, mom?”

“Oh, it's nothing. I made some pickles, so you can take it for...” When she noticed her daughter's scarlet face and Qin Jun coming out from the fields, Xu Juan realized what she had done.

“Were you guys in the middle of something, sweetheart?”

“Mom!” Wang Dongxue stomped her foot, her expression was a mixture of shyness and anger.

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Qin Jun stayed at Wang Dongxue's home for another night before leaving the next day. Before they left, Wang Aimin and Xu Juan gave Qin Jun a lot of the local products as gifts. They were delighted about their future son-in-law.

On their way back, Wang Dongxue sat quietly in the car, not having the courage to look at him. She asked him to pretend to be her boyfriend, but now it seemed to have gone over a bit.

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Chapter 434 Richest

“Do you really know Tiecheng’s boss, Jun?”

Qin Jun nodded. “Yeah. I treated his father before.”

“I see.” Wang Dongxue only saw Qin Jun as a doctor who had nothing much to do with business. *They say a doctor will never be successful. I beg to differ. Jun treated a lot of bigshots.* No matter what, Qin Jun was perfect in Wang Dongxue’s mind.

Qin Jun’s phone rang halfway through. “Take it for me.”

“Oh, okay.” Wang Dongxue picked up the phone, but then her eyes widened at the sight of the caller’s name. “He Nianying?”

Everyone knew who He Nianying was. She was the boss of He Real Estate and the richest person in the nation. *H-He Nianying is calling Jun? Maybe it’s someone with the same name?*

Qin Jun said, “Take the call and ask her what she needs.”

Wang Dongxue took the call gingerly and asked, “Hi, I’m Jun’s friend. He’s driving now, so what can I do for you?”

He Nianying kept quiet for a moment. “Nothing, really. I want to ask Mr. Qin out for a meal. Is he available?”

Qin Jun heard that, so he said, “Yeah. You reserve the spot. I’ll go over with my friend.”

“Okay. I’ll send the location to you.”

Wang Dongxue was still perplexed after hanging up. She couldn’t recognize who it was through the voice, since she didn’t know He Nianying personally. Even though Wang Dongxue had seen her on TV many times, she wasn’t familiar with her voice.

Wang Dongxue wanted to ask if this caller was the same person she had in mind, but she gave up on it after a while. He Nianying sent the location not

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long after. It was a niche restaurant and was situated in an almost hidden location, though it was classy.

This must be her property again. They came to the restaurant and went into a room. There was already a man and a woman inside. The woman, of course, was He Nianying.

Wang Dongxue was shocked when she saw He Nianying herself. *Oh my god, it's really her! This is amazing! The richest person in the country is treating Jun to a meal? Did Jun treat her before too?* Wang Dongxue had never underestimated Qin Jun, but this time, she thought she had to reevaluate him.

“You must be Mr. Qin’s girlfriend. Oh, you’re gorgeous.” He Nianying shook Wang Dongxue’s hand passionately, and that took her by surprise.

Wang Dongxue saw He Nianying as an iron lady and a powerful boss who could do anything, but she didn’t expect her to be so gentle in real life. Though, of course, He Nianying was only gentle to Qin Jun’s friend.

A young man who looked at few years younger than Qin Jun sat beside He Nianying. He was wearing a baseball cap, a pair of sunglasses, and hip-hop attire. There was also a nonchalant, arrogant look on his face.

“Mr. Qin, this is my son, Xue Dalin.”

“Hi.” Qin Jun nodded at him as a greeting, while Xue Dalin gestured at him and said nothing more.

He Nianying glared at him. “What are you doing, Dalin? Where are your manners?”

Xue Dalin sat up in resignation. “Mom, I don’t want to have a meal with your friends. I’d rather go boxing, so just let me go.”

“No! You can go after you’re done with this meal, so stop jabbering!”

He Nianying wanted to have her son to get to know Qin Jun. Women would always think for their son. Even though she had enough wealth for her son to spend for a few lifetimes, she wanted him to know someone like her senior. If her son could manage to learn something from him, it would be for the best.

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Chapter 435 The Son Of He Nianying

Xue Dalin resigned to his position. He might be a thug out there, but he could do nothing against his mother. In the end, he sat back down to have a meal with Qin Jun and everyone else.

He Nianying smiled awkwardly. “Sorry, Mr. Qin. My son isn’t good at anything. The only thing he likes is sports. I hope you don’t mind.”

Qin Jun didn’t mind. “That’s great. Exercising is good for your health.”

Xue Dalin pursed his lips. “Bro, you aren’t that much older than me, but why are you sounding like my mom?”

He Nianying glared. “Who are you calling bro? You’re such a rude boy! Call him Mr. Qin!”

Qin Jun smiled. “It’s fine.” He thought someone straightforward like Xue Dalin was interesting.

Xue Dalin felt disappointed to see Qin Jun looking so frail and nerdy. “I am not just exercising. It’s Chinese Kungfu. Forget it. You won’t understand it even if I explain it.”

Qin Jun smiled. “Is that so? I do know a bit of Kungfu though.”

He Nianying’s eyes lit up, and she quieted down. Of course she knew Qin Jun practiced Kungfu. Their master’s Kungfu was almost invincible. Her other senior, Wang Jinhai, managed to beat everyone in the military even though he only learned a fraction of it. Qin Jun had trained under their master for ten years, so he was vastly superior to Wang Jinhai.

Xue Dalin’s interest was piqued. “Really? Alright, then let me show you some of my skills.”

He proceeded to pick up a chopstick and held its base before he clenched his fist. Then he punched, and the sound of a crack was heard. The lone chopstick then broke into pieces without hitting anything.

Breaking a chopstick he holds in his hand with nothing but a punch, huh? This skill depended on the user’s speed and energy to break the chopstick with an

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explosive strength at the end of the punch. Qin Jun knew Xue Dalin had some skills, and he must have trained a bit. *Though it's child's play to me.*

“Not bad.” Xue Dalin was dejected to see Qin Jun looking so uninterested. *He's a layman, huh?* He then leaned back languidly and said nothing.

“You little...” He Nianying was disappointed that her son didn't take this chance. “It wasn't much, so I hope you don't mind, Mr. Qin.”

Qin Jun didn't mind. “It's fine. Strengthening the body is a decent goal to work towards to.”

Xue Dalin pursed his lips. *He's not that much older than me, but he speaks like an old fogey.*

Halfway through the meal, He Nianying suddenly said, “Ms. Wang, this is our first time meeting each other, so here's a gift. It's a necklace I got when I was overseas. I think it matches you.”

Wang Dongxue fidgeted. “Oh, I can't take that.”

Qin Jun smiled. “It's fine. Just give her the box of pickles your mom made.”

Huh? Do you really think pickles are suitable as gifts? She just gave me a necklace! Why are you asking me to give her pickles?

He Nianying smiled. “Sure. I like homemade pickles.” She then snapped her fingers, and a woman dressed in black came in.

“Li. Open my safe box upstairs and bring the red box to me.”

“Yes, Ms. He.”

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Chapter 436 Tearing The Safe Box With Bare Hands

This woman seemed to be He Nianying's secretary. She went to take the box He Nianying mentioned after a moment.

Ten minutes had passed since then, and He Nianying had looked at the time two times. She frowned. "What's taking Li so long?"

Speaking of the devil, Li came back right at that moment. She looked worried and bowed at He Nianying at the doorstep. "Ms. He. The safe box seems to be faulty. I can't open it."

He Nianying frowned. It was a small restaurant, but she was a frequent patron, so there were a few possessions she had put in the safe box here.

"I'll go take a look." There were a few important items in that box aside from jewelry, and He Nianying didn't want to throw them away.

Qin Jun said, "I'll go too."

They then went upstairs into a small office. It was He Nianying's temporary office, and there was a sturdy safe box in the office's corner that was melded into the wall.

If the safe box's lock was faulty, then brute force was the only way to open it. He Nianying tried to open it a few times. The passcode was correct, but it wouldn't open no matter what. Evidently, the lock was faulty.

"Forget it. Let's use a chainsaw or something to open this." He Nianying decided to use violence, for she was out of options.

Qin Jun raised his hands. "No need for that." He then crouched down and held the safe box's handle while pushing the upper rim with the other.

Xue Dalin sneered at the sight of this. "Are you mad? What are you trying to do? You can't be..."

Before he could finish, Qin Jun yanked the handle back, and a crack was heard. The safe box's lock was broken apart, and the whole cover was pulled back, while the handle was left disfigured.

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Qin Jun tore that sturdy, locked safe box with his bare hands, and that scene shocked He Nianying and her son.

As expected of senior. His strength is remarkable.

Xue Dalin couldn't believe his eyes, so he went to touch the box's steel cover. He didn't even touch it for a moment before pulling his hand back. The cover was scalding. Qin Jun's speed and strength increased the temperature drastically, and most people couldn't comprehend what that amount of strength could do to steel.

Xue Dalin was shocked. *Is he even human? Even with a cutter, it'll take a few minutes to open that box. But all he did was pull it?*

He then thought about how he showed off earlier. *Sh*t! That's nothing compared to this! What was I doing? No wonder he didn't comment.*

This was the same thing as asking an expert to comment on an amateur who showed off because he knew how to do the basic stuff. Qin Jun wasn't the layman here; Xue Dalin was.

“You're my big bro from now on, Mr. Qin. I'm following you from now on.” Xue Dalin looked at him with worship and hoped Qin Jun would take him in as his brother.

He Nianying glared at him. “Nonsense! You are unworthy to call him your brother!” If they went by rank, He Nianying was Qin Jun's junior, so Xue Dalin wasn't on the same rank as him. In other words, he couldn't call Qin Jun his brother.

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However, Xue Dalin didn't care. “Don't get in my business, mom. We'll do our own stuff. I'm going to call him bro! Mr. Qin, take me as your brother! You don't have to do anything. Just teach me a few things when you have time.”

“M-Mrs. Qin, your clothes are out of fashion. I'll give you a whole car of new clothes when I get back. Please throw in a good word for me...”



Chapter 437 Jackpot

Xue Dalin was a forward man who spoke his mind. His honesty made Wang Dongxue awkward too, so she chuckled drily.

Qin Jun smiled. “Sure. I’ll teach you a few things when I have time.”

“Awesome!”

He Nianying opened her mouth but said nothing. It was going to be confusing, but as long as her son could get to know her senior, she was all for it.

After they opened the safe box, He Nianying took out a red box. The moment she opened it, a red beam shot out.

Wang Dongxue’s eyes shone. *It’s beautiful.* Sitting in the box was a ruby necklace. The jewel was the size of a thumb and in the shape of a square. It was covered in platinum on the sides. Judging by the elegant design alone, this necklace was made by a famous designer. The jewel itself was clear and free of impurities.

Even though it wasn’t the most expensive one, a ruby with this kind of hue was rare. “Ms. Wang, this necklace is called the Blooming Lotus. I think it suits you, so take it.”

He Nianying went behind her and put it on for Wang Dongxue. Jewelry could only show it’s worth when worn by a beautiful woman. Wang Dongxue was fair to begin with, so this ruby necklace only made her look better. Just like a blooming lotus.

“Oh, nice.” Qin Jun praised

Wang Dongxue blushed shyly, while Xue Dalin said honestly, “Mrs. Qin, your clothes need to be upgraded. I’ll pick two dresses for you in a jiffy.”

Wang Dongxue thanked them before going back to school. She loved the necklace even though it was currently hidden under her clothes, she thought it was ostentatious if she wore it outside. Wang Dongxue thought it would better to keep a low-profile. She wasn’t like the other girls, so showing off wasn’t for her.

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She saw a few men's boutique on the way back, so Wang Dongxue went inside to buy some clothes for Qin Jun. Even though she knew Qin Jun had enough clothes, buying some for him was fun for her. She picked two formal ones and packed them up. It cost her three thousand or so.

If she was buying it for herself, Wang Dongxue could buy more than ten clothes with three thousand, but if it was for Qin Jun, she thought fifteen hundred for a suit wasn't much.

After she was done purchasing, the shopkeeper gave her a lucky draw voucher. "Miss, you can use this to draw a prize online. The top prize is a one-day vacation on a luxurious yacht."

"Oh, thank you." Wang Dongxue took it and went back to class. She took her phone out and scanned the voucher while she was in class.

The girls around her saw what she was doing, so they asked, "What are you doing, Dongxue?"

Wang Dongxue whispered, "I'm drawing a prize."

"Oh, these are just scams. You won't get it easily."

Wang Dongxue smiled. "I'm just giving it a try." She thought she had been lucky as of late, especially after meeting Qin Jun.

Someone sponsored her studies, and someone tipped her when she was streaming. Her life was getting better, so she thought she might get the prize.

Wang Dongxue scanned it, and after a few minutes, a wheel with different prizes on it appeared on her phone.

She pressed the draw button, and the wheel started spinning. A moment later, it slowly stopped at the smallest space. *First prize!* Wang Dongxue was shocked. *I got first prize!*

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Chapter 438 Ms Kong

Wang Dongxue didn't really care about getting prizes from lucky draws, for she had never bought the lottery anyway. However, hitting the first prize still surprised her pleasantly.

The girls were stunned. "Did you really get a prize, Dongxue? What did you get?"

Wang Dongxue scanned the QR code, and the prize popped up. "Two tickets for a trip on a luxurious yacht."

"Oh my gosh, you're so lucky, Dongxue. I've heard of this yacht. I think it only opens here annually, and those who are admitted are both rich and powerful. Civilians like us can't even get in even if we're rich."

"Yeah, this yacht is called the Golden Titan. Only rich kids can go there. If I can go there even once, I would die without regrets."

"You have two tickets, Dongxue. Why don't you sell me one?"

"What are you thinking? Dongxue is going to go with her boyfriend."

Wang Dongxue blushed happily. She had two tickets, so of course she would go with Qin Jun. Her classmates looked at her with envy, then someone said, "I think someone in our class can go for a trip in Golden Titan too."

"Who?"

"Ms. Kong, of course."

Everyone had an 'oh' moment when Ms. Kong was mentioned. If anyone in their class could go, then this woman could. Ms. Kong was the famous rich kid in Wang Dongxue's class. She came from a decent family and took part in a lot of the blue blood's banquets, so that girl was on a whole other level compared to them.

After class, a few of them went up to Ms. Kong in excitement. "Ms. Kong!"

Kong Lingling looked back and frowned. "What do you want?"

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“Ms. Kong, Dongxue is also going to take part in Golden Titan’s banquet.”

Kong Lingling snorted. “Impossible. She isn’t worthy.” There was disdain and mockery in her voice. Out of everyone in this class, she looked down on Wang Dongxue the most. Kong Lingling thought that she was just faking her innocent look when her family was dirt poor. In her eyes, Wang Dongxue should have sold her body to help her family.

“It’s true. Wang Dongxue got two tickets from a lucky draw.”

Kong Lingling frowned. She came over to take the phone and snorted after seeing the message. “You must be stupid for believing this. Don’t take my word for it. Try asking them for the tickets.”

Everyone looked disappointed after what Kong Lingling had said. *So it’s a fake. I knew something this good won’t happen that easily.*

Wang Dongxue frowned and thought something was off. This was the voucher she got when she purchased the clothes for Qin Jun. Even though they weren’t exactly top of the line, they were still haute couture. It was impossible for them to give her anything fake.

After class was over, Wang Dongxue took her phone and went back to that place to claim her prize. She found the staff and asked, “Hi, I got the first prize, so can I claim it here?”

“Of course, miss. Please register with us, and I’ll scan your QR code.” The uniformed staff replied politely. The prize-claiming counter looked elegantly built, so she didn’t think that it was a scam.

A moment later, the staff came back with two tickets and handed them to Wang Dongxue. After her details were registered, the claiming process was done.

Wang Dongxue felt delighted holding these tickets. She didn’t expect luck to smile on her today. *I got first prize! Great, I can go with Jun.* She hadn’t been on a yacht before, so Wang Dongxue thought it must be romantic.

Excited, she texted Qin Jun. ‘Jun. I got two tickets for Golden Titan in a lucky draw. Shall we go for a spin tomorrow?’

Qin Jun replied in moments, ‘Sure.’

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Chapter 439 Fake Tickets

Wang Dongxue happily carried the cruise ship tickets with her and returned to her class.

When everyone saw her happy face, they asked, “Dongxue, have you claimed your prize? Is the prize with you?”

Kong Lingling snorted coldly, “How is that possible? The Golden Titan is an extravagant cruise ship and only people of certain status is allowed to board it.”

Wang Dongxue chuckled and took out two tickets from her pocket.

“It’s true. I’ve claimed my prize.”

“Wow, it’s true! Dongxue, you’re really lucky.”

“Please remember to snap more photographs and let us see them later.”

“How I wish I could tag along. I have never seen a cruise ship in my life.”

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When she saw Wang Dongxue showing her cruise ship tickets, Kong Lingling’s face turned gloomy and she frowned.

How could a savage girl like her be given the opportunity to board such an extravagant cruise ship?

“Let me have a look at your cruise ship tickets to determine whether they are authentic.”

Wang Dongxue hesitated for a while before passing the tickets to Kong Lingling. She was actually worried that the tickets could be fake after hearing what Kong Lingling had said. Dongxue would not want to be embarrassed when boarding the cruise ship.

Kong Lingling frowned instantly when she held the tickets.

These ship tickets look genuine indeed.

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I can't believe that the Golden Titan would distribute its ship tickets in such a manner.

I guess some clothing brand would have gotten an invitation letter from the cruise ship and said clothing company had use it as a prize to spur its sales. I couldn't believe that Lady Luck shone on Wang Dongxue.

I can't let her board the cruise ship as this will tarnish the reputation and status of the Golden Titan.

Kong Lingling then tore the cruise ship tickets into two.

“These tickets are fake.”

Wang Dongxue's expression completely changed when she saw her tickets being torn.

“You...”

Kong Lingling snorted, “What do you mean by you? These cruise ship tickets are fake. I'm only doing this for your own good. Do you know what will be the consequences if you bring a fake ticket to board the ship?”

Wang Dongxue did not refute as she had not seen much in her life. She just accepted what Kong Lingling said.

Other classmates quickly consoled her, “It's alright, Dongxue. Just let it be if the tickets are fake. After all, you did not spend a penny in getting them. Just treat it as if that you had never received it.”

“These merchants are just too cunning these days. I can't believe they'd use fake prizes as a gimmick to lure customers to buy their goods.”

“Dongxue, please don't be too upset. The cruise ship is only a place for the rich to mingle. You won't enjoy the experience as you'll stick out like a sore thumb standing among them.”

Wang Dongxue knew that whatever she say would not change the situation. She pursed her lips, picked up the torn tickets and went back to her seat.

She was heartbroken not because of the fact that her tickets were fake but because of Jun. It took him quite a while before he agreed to this and if he knew that she could not make it, he would be disappointed.

Wang Dongxue held the torn tickets and looked at the QR code printed on them. She scanned the code with her cellphone and it brought her to the official website of the Golden Titan.

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The cruise ship tickets were obviously genuine!

Wang Dongxue felt wronged and upset as Kong Lingling had overstepped her boundaries this time.

Whipping her phone out, she sent a text to Qin Jun.

“I’m sorry, Jun. I have lost the cruise ship tickets. Looks like we won’t be able to board the ship...”

Not long after, Qin Jun replied.

“You mean the Golden Titan tickets? Don’t worry. I will get you two if you still wish to go.”

Wang Dongxue was dumbfounded and she replied, “Really? Could you really get me new tickets?”

“I should be able to.”

Since Jun knew the richest man in town, it should not be a problem for him to get two Golden Titan cruise ship tickets.

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Chapter 440 Evening Dress

After a while, Qin Jun replied her text messages, “I’ve secured the tickets. See you tomorrow.”

Wang Dongxue looked at her cellphone screen and beamed.

When her classmate next to her saw her happy face, she curiously asked, “Dongxue, what’s the matter?”

Wang Dongxue hesitated for a moment and whispered, “I’m telling you a secret. Jun had managed to get another two cruise ship tickets.”

Her classmate was dumbfounded and commented, “Your boyfriend is absolutely incredible!”

Wang Dongxue has learnt her lesson this time. She did not tell everyone about the matter so as to avoid any trouble with Kong Lingling and her friends.

Fortunately, her classmate next to her was cooperative. She did not tell anyone about the good news too.

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“Oh, Dongxue, since you’ll be attending a cocktail party, you have to get yourself an evening dress.”

“Ah, is that so?”

“Of course! Otherwise your boyfriend will be donning his tuxedo while you will be in your sportswear. Don’t you think that it’s incompatible?”

Wang Dongxue agreed as she recalled that those who attended cocktail parties on television were also in their formal wear. Furthermore she had recently bought Jun a suit and nothing for herself yet.

“Come, let me offer you some suggestions.”

Her classmate unlocked her cellphone and started browsing through Macy’s online website.

Wang Dongxue frowned, “Isn’t this a bit too expensive?”

“I guess we don’t have a choice. It’s expensive because Macy’s offers one of the best evening dress collections. However you don’t have to look at the first page as they are all the dresses worn by celebrities on the red carpet. You can go straight to the second page.”

The evening dress prices listed on the second page was in the acceptable range of Wang Dongxue but they were still pricey as most of them were close to ten thousand.

Wang Dongxue pursed her lips and commented, “They are so expensive.”

Her classmate replied, “Well, we’re talking about the Golden Titan cruise ship. You better dress yourself up beautifully as this could be the only chance for you to board it. Furthermore, you may still be able to wear this evening dress for other occasions, such as your wedding event.”

Wang Dongxue gave it a thought and agreed with her classmate that this could be her only chance in life.

Since she had earned tens of thousands through her live-streaming channel recently and together with some personal savings, it should not be a problem for her to go on a splurge.

“Sure, could you accompany me to Macy’s department store later?”

After class, both of them arrived at Macy’s and they saw two evening dresses on display. One was white while the other was pink.

Wang Dongxue commented on the pink dress, “This looks pretty good. Should I buy this? It’s also a few thousand cheaper.”

Her classmate rolled her eyes and replied, “No way. You should buy the white one as the white dress will make you look like a princess. If you wore the pink dress, you would look like a maid and be seen as an accessory to others.”

“Fine then.”

Wang Dongxue gritted her teeth and paid the exorbitant price of the white evening dress.

When Kong Lingling turned up at Macy’s department store after her class in the afternoon, she told the owner, “I want the white princess-looking evening dress in size S.”

“I’m sorry, Ms. The size S white evening dress is out of stock and the next batch will only arrive next week the earliest.”

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“What?” Kong Lingling frowned and responded, “I saw it on display yesterday. How come it is no longer available today?”

“Ms., the white evening dress had been purchased by another person two hours ago. We only have the pink one now.”

Kong Lingling was furious as she could not buy the dress in time.

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Chapter 441 How Dare You Still Turn Up

In the absence of choice, Kong Lingling bought the pink evening dress.

On the following night, the Golden Titan was opened for boarding.

Wang Dongxue and Qin Jun first gathered at her house.

She carried her evening dress and Qin Jun's suit and got in the car. Qin Jun then drove her to the entrance of the Golden Titan cruise ship.

"Jun, this is the suit that I've prepared for you."

Qin Jun took it from her and decided to only get dressed in the changing room of the cruise ship as doing so in the public would draw unnecessary attention.

When they arrived at the base of the Golden Titan, a few crew members were screening the boarding tickets of the guests. Qin Jun took out two tickets which looked exactly the same as the prize that Wang Dongxue claimed yesterday. This further proves that the two tickets that she got were genuine.

Kong Lingling had deliberately torn my tickets.

She told her ordeal of losing her ticket to Qin Jun and he frowned disapprovingly.

Since the beating of the three girls in college a while ago, Wang Dongxue had not encountered any bullying incident. Unfortunately, those people were causing trouble again. Qin Jun then thought to himself. *Perhaps it is time to get Dongxue a bodyguard.*

But Wang Dongxue is only a university undergraduate and not a celebrity. It may be a little over the top to have a bodyguard. I guess I have to rethink a solution.

At the ticket counter, Qin Jun passed his tickets to the crew member.

As Wang Dongxue came along with him, Qin Jun only requested for two ordinary tickets instead of VIP tickets in order to stay low profile.

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Just when the crew member was examining the tickets, Kong Lingling's voice was heard from the back.

“Wang Dongxue! How dare you still turn up?”

When Wang Dongxue turned her head around and saw Kong Lingling, she frowned.

With so many people around, wasn't this too much of a coincidence?

Kong Lingling quickened her footsteps and said to the crew member upon seeing Wang Dongxue's ticket, “Her ticket is fake!”

The crew member knitted his brows and replied, “Ms., I don't understand what you are saying.”

Kong Lingling snorted, “I saw her ticket being torn into two with my own eyes. Isn't damaged tickets invalid?”

The crew member frowned again when looking at the damage-free ticket.

“Ms., perhaps you got the wrong person. Please queue at the back for ticket screening.”

When she noticed the two damage-free tickets, Kong Lingling was stunned.

What's going on?

Didn't I tear up the tickets?

Kong Lingling thought that Wang Dongxue merely taped the tickets back together but never would she expected that her tickets were damage-free.

I've never heard that the Golden Titan tickets could be replaced.

Feeling defeated, Kong Lingling did not dare to cause a scene and walked to the end of the line to queue.

The atmosphere inside the cruise ship was like being in a majestic and grand hotel. One would not feel that he or she was onboard a ship.

“Dongxue, why don't you get yourself dressed up first? I'll meet you at the ballroom later.”

“Sure, Jun.”

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The two then parted to the changing rooms of their respective genders.

In the cruise, everyone was putting on their best evening dresses and the ladies were transforming into queens and princesses one after another.

Wang Dongxue happily took out her white evening dress as she really liked her purchase which she had tried on several times on the previous night.

After changing into her dress, she looked at her reflection in the mirror satisfyingly. She looked even more beautiful when she matched her dress with the red ruby necklace given to her by He Nianying.

At that moment, Kong Lingling also stepped out of her changing room and stood before the mirror.

Her face turned gloomy when they both stood side-by-side.

One looked like a princess while the other looked like a maid.

Wang Dongxue was taller, fairer, and prettier than Kong Lingling.

Kong Lingling instantly looked like an accessory to Wang Dongxue when standing beside her.

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Chapter 442 This Woman Is For You To Play With

The scene was really awkward.

Just like what Dongxue's classmate had pointed out earlier, the two evening dresses were complementary to each other, in a similar fashion to what a bride and her bridesmaid would wear.

But at a cocktail party, no one would want to be seen as an accessory. If Kong Lingling was to attend this party by herself, the situation would still be acceptable. However, with the presence of Wang Dongxue, she instantly became an accessory, just like a maid. This made Kong Lingling extremely unhappy.

She would never have expected that this evening dress was purchased by Wang Dongxue!

The atmosphere in front of the mirror with both of them standing side by side was extremely awkward.

Kong Lingling's expression got gloomier and she walked towards Wang Dongxue slowly. She grabbed hold of Dongxue's evening dress and said in an imposing manner, "Give me the dress!"

Wang Dongxue struggled for a while and replied, "This is my dress..."

Kong Lingling snorted, "So what if it's your dress? You only paid twenty thousand for it anyway. I will give you the same sum and you better take it off now!"

"I... I'm not selling..."

Wang Dongxue really liked her dress and it was a gift to herself. Furthermore, who wouldn't want to be dressed up in their best form for such occasion. Of course she would refuse to sell it.

Kong Lingling gripped Wang Dongxue's dress tightly and said further, "If you don't sell it to me, I will rip your dress apart and you will have nothing to wear!"

"You..."

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Kong Lingling looked at Wang Dongxue ferociously and insisted on getting the latter to remove her dress. If Wang Dongxue refused, her dress would most likely get rip apart.

Kong Lingling actually did not mind wearing her pink evening dress as long as Wang Dongxue was not wearing the white one.

By threatening Wang Dongxue, Kong Lingling was able to snatch the evening dress by force.

After putting on the white princess-liked evening dress, Kong Lingling was fully satisfied. When she saw the red ruby necklace on Wang Dongxue's neck, she became greedy and snatched it from Wang Dongxue.

“You are lending me this necklace tonight.”

Kong Lingling then ran out of the changing room after taking the necklace with her.

“No way!”

Wang Dongxue wanted to chase after her but she was still in a mess and was not ready to step out.

Under such circumstance, she had no choice but to put on the pink evening dress and ran after Kong Lingling.

When she stepped out of the changing room, Wang Dongxue saw Qin Jun waiting for her at the corner of the ballroom. But she did not approach him as she wanted Qin Jun to see her in her best form.

She tilted her head and covered her forehead with her hand and walked quickly across the ballroom to the second floor.

“Kong Lingling! Give me back my things!”

Kong Lingling, who was wearing Wang Dongxue's dress and necklace, only looked at her arrogantly and said with a smirk, “I don't understand what you are talking about.”

Wang Dongxue approached her and wanted to snatch back her necklace but she was pushed away by Kong Lingling and fell to the ground.

After that, Kong Lingling summoned a man over.

“Young Master Ding.”

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Ding Hang heard his name being called and walked towards Lingling. He said, “You looked really gorgeous tonight, Lingling. What’s the matter?”

Kong Lingling pointed at Wang Dongxue and said, “I’ll let you play with this girl tonight. What do you think?”

Ding Hang took a glance at Dongxue and was amazed by her beauty.

What a gorgeous girl!

Her fair skin tone, curvaceous figure and long legs are really incomparable.

And couple with the sweetness of her face and her cherry lips...

But Ding Hang still managed to calm down and replied reasonably, “Lingling, don’t joke with me. Those who boarded the Golden Titan are either the wife or daughter of the rich. How would I dare to play with anyone here?”

Kong Lingling smirked and replied, “This girl is not the wife or daughter of any rich person. She won her cruise ticket from a lucky draw. She’s actually my classmate who had to rely on the university’s student grant to foot her bills in the last semester.”

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Chapter 443 Use Of Force

When he heard her words, Ding Hang was stunned and replied, “Really? Lingling, don’t you joke with me.”

“Of course I’m telling the truth. She even had to conduct online streaming sessions to make some money. If you don’t believe me, you can google her live-streaming channel, Dongxue.”

To be on the safe side, Ding Hang took out his cellphone and started googling. Just as expected, he found Dongxue.

After confirming that the girl on the cooking live-streaming channel was indeed her, Ding Hang was elated.

He was sure that Dongxue was not the wife or daughter of any rich man.

If she was rich, there was no need for her to work as a live-streamer to earn money.

He could not believe that he would find such a gem at a place like the Golden Titan. And most importantly, she was a nobody.

Ding Hang was not deprived of any young models in his social life. But when comparing them with Wang Dongxue, she was way more outstanding.

“Lingling, I will remember your kind deed today.”

Ding Hang then turned to Wang Dongxue.

Wang Dongxue’s facial expression changed immediately and she took a few steps back.

“Who are you? I’ll shout if you dare to come near me.”

Wang Dongxue subconsciously touched her wrist but realized that she did not wear her watch today and would not be able to activate her GPS alert system.

Ding Hang said with a smile, “Don’t you worry. I’m sure you will get to shout later. Hahaha.”

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Once he finished his sentence, Ding Hang snapped his fingers to gesture a female service crew to come over.

When the female service crew came, he whispered something to her ear.

The female crew's expression darkened upon hearing what Ding Hang had said. After that, he gestured a number to the female crew.

She hesitated for a while before calling a few assistants over to help Wang Dongxue up and escort her to a guest room.

She said, "Ms., I think you have drunk too much. Let us bring you to the guest room to have some rest."

Wang Dongxue struggled and yelled, "I'm not drunk. I'm not drunk. Don't you dare touch me."

Although they were all female crew members, Wang Dongxue was unable to overpower the few of them.

There were a few people who saw them but none of them were suspicious as they thought the crew members were only trying to avoid a drunkard from making a scene.

Following that, Wang Dongxue was forcefully brought to the guest room area against her will.

At that juncture, Wang Dongxue felt dead inside as she did not expect such a thing would happen in a reputable cruise ship.

"Jun, Jun!"

Wang Dongxue cried for help but as Qin Jun was too far away, he could not hear her.

Ding Hang was excited and could not wait any longer. He said, "My darling, we will take our time when we play. You don't have to rush."

Wang Dongxue noticed that she was about to be brought into a guest room when all of a sudden a young man came out of the room next door.

The young man was hugging two pretty girls who were blushing. It seemed like they just had fun in the guest room.

The young man was holding a girl on each of his arms and he frowned when he saw Ding Hang.

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“What is this commotion about? It’s so irritating!”

Ding Hang’s expression changed when he saw the young man and greeted him politely, “Young Master Xue, sorry that we have spoiled your fun.”

Xue Dalin gave Ding Hang a kick and responded, “Get lost if you knew that you are spoiling my fun!”

When Xue Dalin saw the group of people before him, he frowned and looked at them in disdain.

He then commented, “Can’t you just pay to have fun with woman? Why do you need to resort to force? What an embarrassment for us young masters!”

Ding Hang did not dare to utter a word even after being kicked. He got up quickly and bowed immediately.

He replied, “Yes, yes, yes. What Young Master Xue said is right. However, I couldn’t resist myself as this girl is just too gorgeous.”

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Chapter 444 Young Master Xue

Xue Dalin snorted, “Gorgeous? How gorgeous is she? Let me have a look.”

Xue Dalin tilted his head and found the face of Wang Dongxue very familiar.

“Hey, release her now.”

The few service crew members knew Xue Dalin was the son of the richest woman in town. In order to avoid offending him, they let go of Wang Dongxue immediately.

“Sister-in-law!” Xue Dalin was shocked as the girl, who was held up, was the girlfriend of Qin Jun. They just had a meal together a few days ago.

During said meal, Qin Jun had impressed Xue Dalin by breaking the safe box with his bare hands and it made Xue Dalin wanted to treat him as his older brother. It was not a joke as such respect came genuinely from his heart.

When Wang Dongxue raised her head and saw Xue Dalin, her expression changed completely and said, “Please help me!”

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Xue Dalin quickly signaled Wang Dongxue to stand behind him and he became instantly furious when he noticed her disheveled state.

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“Are you all asking for death? How dare you place your hands on my sister-in-law?”

Xue Dalin then gave Ding Hang a punch to his face.

Ding Hang was terrified when he knew that the girl was backed by Young Master Xue. *Sister-in-law?*

What kind of joke is this? Since when did Young Master Xue find an older brother?

As Ding Hang recollected his senses, his body was quick to react. He instantly knelt down and begged for forgiveness.

“Young Master Xue, I really didn’t know. I didn’t know that she’s associated with you. It was Kong Lingling who told me that she was a nobody and I could simply play with her...”

“Screw this shit!”

Xue Dalin then gave Ding Hang a kick to his face.

Xue Dalin was a trained martial art fighter and his body was generally stronger than others. His kick on Ding Hang almost caused him to pass out.

After that, Xue Dalin looked at Kong Lingling with a furious expression.

“Come here, you stinking b****!”

Kong Lingling paled, after all, she had heard of Xue Dalin’s reputation as a big bully who could fight well. She knew that if she were to fall in the hands of Xue Dalin, she would be finished. With a ghastly expression on her face, she said, “Young Master Xue... My, my father is Kong Xiaogang...”

Without any hesitation, Xue Dalin gave her one tight slap across her face and said, “Do you think I would care if your father is Kong Xiaogang? I will slap both you and him if he was around.”

Who was Xue Dalin? He was none other than the son of the richest woman in town. Naturally, he would not bother himself with the small potatoes around him, so people like Kong Lingling, daughter of the rich, would also receive the same treatment from him.

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After slapping her face continuously, Kong Lingling’s face was swollen.

Xue Dalin gave them a good beating but still felt that it was not enough.

He approached Kong Lingling and ripped her dress.

When he saw the red ruby hanging around her neck, Xue Dalin pulled her hair and said with a cold voice, “I see that you have a lot of nerve. This necklace is a gift from my mother to sister-in-law. How dare you snatch it from her?”

Kong Lingling was terrified and responded quickly, “I didn’t know about this. I really didn’t know about this!”

How could it be possible that He Nianying gave Wang Dongxue a necklace?

What did Wang Dongxue do to have the opportunity to get to know people like He Nianying?

Upon seeing the two being beaten so badly, Wang Dongxue pulled Xue Dalin back and said, "Let's forget about this..."

Only then did Xue Dalin stopped and said, "My brother will teach you all a lesson later."

"Sister-in-law, your evening dress is not good enough. Let me get you a new and better one."

After that, Xue Dalin ordered the few service crew members to attend to Dongxue, "Go, help my sister-in-law to get dressed up. If she gets harmed by anyone of you, I'll throw your body into the sea!"

"Yes, yes!"

The few service crew members were frightened as they knew Young Master Xue was not joking and he might really throw them into the sea out of anger.

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Chapter 445 Princess

Along the way, the few service crew members begged Wang Dongxue for forgiveness.

“Ms., it’s all our fault. But we were threatened by Young Master Ding. We truly apologize and hope that you will forgive us.”

“Ms., we are truly sorry. Please feel free to scold us and we will never make the same mistake again.”

“We have wronged you. I will slap myself as a punishment!”

Once they reached the changing room, the few service crew members knelt before Wang Dongxue and started to slap themselves forcefully. Not long after, their faces were swollen.

Although Wang Dongxue was angry, she could not bear to see them suffer further. After all, they were only following instructions and if they refused, Ding Hang would have got other service crew members to do the same.

Wang Dongxue still felt the fear and uneasiness about the incident. Fortunately she met Xue Dalin and was rescued. Otherwise, she could have been taken into the room by Ding Hang and the consequences would be unthinkable. If that happened, she might even commit suicide.

After Xue Dalin gave the order to the service crew members to dress Wang Dongxue up. They took out a few evening dresses that left Wang Dongxue dumbfounded. They were the most exclusive evening dresses at Macy’s, which were usually worn by celebrities for red carpet events.

Each of the dresses would easily cost twenty to thirty thousand and some of the more extravagant ones would even reach a hundred thousand.

Wang Dongxue chose one evening dress out of the few and put it on before she sashayed down the stairs gracefully.

Qin Jun had waited for Wang Dongxue at the ballroom for a long time and was about to get someone to look for her in the changing room when he heard surprised shouts in the air suddenly.

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“Wow, who is this gorgeous lady?”

Qin Jun turned his head around and saw Wang Dongxue walking down the stairs elegantly. She was wearing a black evening dress and a pair of red high heels which brought out the fair skin tone of hers.

Wang Dongxue was comparable to a stellar black swan with a slender and alluring figure and a pair of fair and long legs. She was definitely in the lime light!

The red ruby hanging on her neck also matched perfectly with her red crystal high heels.

Wang Dongxue only put on very light makeup as she wanted to stay low profile when showing herself to Jun.

But it ended up with everyone looking at her in full admiration.

“Jun.”

Qin Jun approached her, held her hand and said, “Dongxue, you look stunning tonight.”

Wang Dongxue had been thinking of this moment in the past two days. She was eager to hear the compliments from Qin Jun. Although the evening dress she bought was snatched away from her, she managed to get a better one.

Qin Jun’s expression turned gloomy when he saw the bruises on her arm.

“What happened?”

Wang Dongxue’s eyes flickered for a moment and she said, “Nothing much Jun. Let’s not talk about that.”

Just then, Xue Dalin dragged two individuals down the stairs.

“Brother, these two lowlifes wanted to harm sister-in-law just now.”

Xue Dalin then gave each of them a kick. Ding Hang and Kong Lingling was then kneeling before Qin Jun. Both of them did not dare to utter a word.

Who could this person be? Even Xue Dalin had so much respect for him.

Xue Dalin then relayed the entire incident to Qin Jun. Under persistent questioning from Qin Jun, Wang Dongxue also told him her ordeal in the changing room.

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Qin Jun looked grim and his body started to exude traces of murderous aura.

“Are you two tired of living?”

With that said, Qin Jun reached out his hand and grabbed onto Ding Hang’s neck.

Ding Hang’s face turned purple and he could not say a word.

“My dad is... “

As his neck was in a chokehold, Ding Hang did not manage to finish his sentence.

Crack! Qin Jun exerted force on his fingers and Ding Hang died on the spot.

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Chapter 446 Letting You Off The Hook

The sound of the crack shocked everyone on the spot, including Wang Dongxue. She did not expect Jun to kill someone for her!

“Jun!”

She screamed but it was too late. Young Master Ding was no longer breathing and his neck was fractured. There was no chance of him surviving.

All the guests present started looking at each other expressing their shock but none of them dare to utter a word.

After all, Xue Dalin, the notorious bully, was standing beside Qin Jun. No one dared to offend him.

If Xue Dalin did not voice out any disagreement, the opinion of the rest of the people would not matter.

Although Young Master Ding was not the richest young master in the country, his family background was not ordinary either. He was at least from a middle and upper wealthy family. Never would they expected that Jun would kill him without even blinking an eye.

Xue Dalin, on the other hand, did not find the murder surprising. He snorted, “This lowlife deserved to die. Someone, please come and clean up this mess.”

Xue Dalin ordered a few people to take away the lifeless body of Ding Hang. The rest of the guests regained their composure quickly and pretended as if nothing had happened.

Kong Lingling, who was already kneeling on the floor, trembled in fear. Her face was deathly pale.

She knew that what she did was worse than Ding Hang, who had just died. Furthermore, the idea of bullying Dongxue was originally from her. She could be punished even more severely.

Kong Lingling raised her head with an absolutely frantic look on her face.

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“I’ve learned my lesson. Please don’t kill me. I will do anything and I’ll even offer myself to you or to anyone you decide!”

Kong Lingling did not have much to offer other than her body.

Xue Dalin snorted, “Offering your body? You?”

Kong Lingling started to feel hopeless. Undeniably, these rich young masters would have slept with many girls and she knew that she was not outstanding in terms of her looks. People may not even have interest in her.

Qin Jun coldly responded, “I can let you off the hook under one condition. If you agree to it, I will not kill you.”

“I agree. I’ll definitely agree to anything!”

Kong Lingling was scared out of her wits. After witnessing the murder of Ding Hang, she knew that Qin Jun could easily kill her like squashing an ant.

Even if Qin Jun wanted her to remove all her clothes on the spot, she would not hesitate to do so.

Qin Jun said, “Starting tomorrow, I want you to kneel outside your university entrance for a week.”

Kong Lingling quickly nodded and said, “Sure, sure, sure. I will kneel there starting tomorrow!”

Although kneeling for a week was not an easy task, it was better than losing her life.

The reason Qin Jun did not kill her was because he wanted to help Wang Dongxue to establish her presence. By getting the college bully that was Kong Lingling to kneel at the entrance, it would deter others from finding fault against Wang Dongxue.

Xue Dalin replied with a smirk, “Jun is now letting you off the hook. Get lost now!”

Kong Lingling quickly scurried out of the ballroom and went into the changing room. She did not dare to stay in the Golden Titan for long.

After the departure of Kong Lingling, everything went back to normal. The guests continued to enjoy the cocktail party.

Wang Dongxue still felt uneasy and had some worries. But after talking to Qin Jun and Xue Dalin for a while, she managed to put her unhappy memories

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aside.

“Sister-in-law, why don’t you both go and dance on the third floor?”

“It would be a pity not to go dancing in such a beautiful outfit.”

Wang Dongxue blushed and looked at Qin Jun. She said, “I don’t really know how...”

Qin Jun smiled and said, “That’s fine, I’ll teach you.”

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Chapter 447 Meeting Little Miss Fox Once Again

Qin Jun held Wang Dongxue's hand and walked to the third floor.

The second floor was for resting while the third floor was the actual cocktail party ballroom. There was a pianist playing the piano live and young couples can be seen dancing gracefully on the dance floor.

Qin Jun used his left hand to hold Wang Dongxue's hand while his right hand wrapped around her waist.

Even though they had intimate contact experience in the past, Wang Dongxue still got nervous with sweat forming at her palms when Qin Jun held her closely.

The two of them danced very slowly without following the rhythm as Wang Dongxue did not know how to dance.

“Jun, am I too clumsy...”

Qin Jun smiled and replied, “Not at all. You're doing very well. Look around you, there's so many people admiring you.”

Wang Dongxue looked around her from the corner of her eye and noticed that many of the youngsters were staring at her.

A few ladies even got upset and left when their male partners were busy staring at Wang Dongxue. The scene made Dongxue felt awkward.

“You're just too beautiful.”

Wang Dongxue blushed and did not dare to look at Qin Jun directly.

Wang Dongxue was born beautiful, but she just didn't know how to dress up in school and couldn't afford it. Even so, the lack of dressing up did not hide her beauty nor her charm.

Now that she could afford to dress up, Wang Dongxue looked like a princess and stood out among the crowd.

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While they were dancing, a woman nearby was also moving gracefully. The only difference was that she had placed a cellphone tripod on the floor. Apparently, she was doing a live-stream session.

“Hi everyone! I’m Little Miss Fox and I’m fortunate enough to be conducting a live-stream today onboard the Golden Titan cruise ship. Do you want to see my dance moves here?”

Seeing the luxurious ambient surrounding her, Little Miss Fox received many likes from her online viewers.

“Show us your dance moves!”

“You’re putting on too much clothes today!”

“She had no choice as she’s outside. Little Miss Fox is not live-streaming from home.”

“Be patient everyone. Little Miss Fox is wearing an evening dress tonight. It’s not cheap, you know?”

“Exactly, I heard that the Golden Titan only serves the rich!”

Everyone was gossiping at the chat box as they were interested with her cruise ship adventure.

Little Miss Fox placed her cellphone tripod on the floor and started dancing gracefully. After all, she learned how to dance before and her live-streaming channel often showed her dancing for her viewers.

The only difference was that her dance today was not the seductive type. Her viewers might not be used to that.

Suddenly, someone in the live-streaming room texted, “Hey, isn’t the girl at the back Dongxue?”

“Huh? Are you referring to the girl who challenged Little Miss Fox on a one-on-one battle? Really?”

“Of course! I’m a fan of Dongxue and she did mention that she’ll be attending a cocktail party on a cruise today. I just didn’t expect it to be the Golden Titan!”

“Dongxue is just too beautiful! She’s like a black swan, looking extremely gorgeous.”

“Elegant and outstanding, she stood out among the crowd.”

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The viewers on the live-streaming chat were busy discussing about Wang Dongxue and no one was focusing on the dance moves by Little Miss Fox.

Wang Dongxue was now a famous online live-streamer. Her popularity and number of fans were both greater than Little Miss Fox.

After all, she had collaborated with Su Wenqi and her capabilities spoke for herself. The dishes taught by her were also delicious and made easy for her viewers. Soon, she developed a strong fan base.

As Wang Dongxue's online streaming channel was not in session, many of her fans did not have much to do and tuned in to the livestream of Little Miss Fox.

When Little Miss Fox noticed the shift of attention in the chat box of her live-streaming channel, she turned her head around and saw Wang Dongxue. At that moment, her face turned gloomy.

*How is it possible that this b**** could enter the Golden Titan?*

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Chapter 448 Livestream

It took Little Miss Fox a great effort to get access to the Golden Titan. She had to sleep with a few big shots before getting a ticket. *How did Dongxue get to be here? I'm sure she must have hooked up with some sugar daddies. What a shameless girl!*

Little Miss Fox adjusted the position of her cellphone to exclude the view of Wang Dongxue from the screen.

However, the bullet text immediately flooded the entire screen.

“What’re you doing? Don’t move your cellphone. We want to see Dongxue!”

“Damn! Why did you move your cellphone? Do you want to be scolded? Quickly move it back to its previous position!”

“Miss Fox, you must be jealous. Now you don’t even dare to show Dongxue to us. You’re worried that you are not on par with her, aren’t you?”

“If it wasn’t for the fact that Dongxue’s channel was not in session, I won’t even be tuning in.”

The bullet text made Little Miss Fox’s face turned gloomier. Some even scolded her directly using profanity. The entire mood of the live-streaming channel instantly changed.

Little Miss Fox continued her live-streaming with a tough smile and said, “The next song is starting, let me show you another dance.”

She placed her cellphone down and decided not to look at the bullet text. It was after all out of sight, out of mind and she just needed to pretend that everything was alright and focus mainly on her dance.

Pretty soon, her viewers were starting to lose hope.

“I’m switching off. Compared to Dongxue, Miss Fox is just too ordinary.”

“Dongxue is still better. She is beautiful and talented. Miss Fox only knows how to shake her body and nothing else.”

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“Come, let’s leave. This live-streamer will lose her popularity eventually. Let’s wait at the live-streaming channel of Dongxue.”

“But Dongxue said she’ll not be doing any live-steaming today.”

“So what if that’s the case? I’ll wait there patiently.”

“Yes, I’ll do the same.”

“Come, there is strength in numbers. Let’s flood Dongxue’s live-streaming channel. Who knows, she might start a live-streaming session!”

“I’ll join!”

“+1!”

As the viewer count went from more than twenty thousand people to half of that amount, Little Miss Fox became upset and fume with rage.

At the same time, Wang Dongxue and Qin Jun were dancing happily and they both got the hang of it. Wang Dongxue would also smile occasionally and her smile was irresistible to the gentlemen around her. Gazes filled with envy and jealousy fell on Qin Jun.

Finally, when the song ended, everyone moved to the resting area to get some rest before the next song was played.

Wang Dongxue was smiling all the way as she was very happy at the cocktail party. While she was chatting with Qin Jun, her cellphone rang.

Wang Dongxue answered the call and it was from her classmate.

“What’s the matter?”

“Dongxue, your live-streaming channel is filled with viewers. Did you notice that?”

Wang Dongxue was shocked, “What’re you talking about? I’m not even in session now.”

“Exactly! Your viewers have tuned in to your channel even without having you in session. Why don’t you take a look at it?”

Wang Dongxue became a little puzzled, she turned on her cellphone and visited her live-streaming channel.

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Suddenly, the Bullet Text became lively.

“Everyone was hoping Dongxue to conduct a live broadcast!”

“Dongxue, we saw you on the Golden Titan. Please do a live-stream!”

“If Dongxue does a live-stream, I’ll reward her with ten Super Rockets.”

“That’s nothing! I’ll give a reward of a hundred Super Rockets!”

“...”

Wang Dongxue was astounded and did not know what was going on as her usual popularity was not as great as today. She did not understand why the viewers were chatting so happily in a live-streaming channel which was not even in session.

After giving it some thought and considering the overwhelming request from her fans, Dongxue decided to do a live-streaming session.

“Jun... “

She told Qin Jun about the matter and he nodded his head in agreement.

“Sure. Let me be your cameraman.”

“Sure!”

Following that, Wang Dongxue began her live-streaming with Qin Jun holding the cellphone for her.

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Chapter 449 PK

“Hi everyone, I’m Dongxue. I heard that you all missed me. So I’ve decided to come and see you.”

All her viewers became excited and the live-streaming channel became busy and lively all of a sudden.

As Wang Dongxue did not have other talent, she could not just perform a dance, especially not the dance moves that she had just learned.

When she saw an open teppanyaki kitchen table at the food corner, Wang Dongxue walked towards that direction.

“Please wait for a moment.”

Wang Dongxue then switched off her live-streaming and asked, “Jun, do you think I can use the kitchen there?”

Qin Jun nodded his head and snapped his fingers to get Xue Dalin’s attention. He said, “Go and make the necessary arrangements.”

“Sure!” Xue Dalin answered without any hesitation. He would go to great lengths to satisfy his Qin Jun’s request. It does not even matter to him even if Qin Jun were to ask him to buy the entire Golden Titan, let alone this small kitchen.

Xue Dalin sought the help of a few crew members and the teppanyaki table was instantly transformed into a studio with lightings and cellphone tripod being set up. Qin Jun also joined Xue Dalin in playing the role of an in-person audience seated before the teppanyaki table.

After that, the live-streaming channel was back in session and a princess-like chef can be seen on the screen.

In actual fact, many of Wang Dongxue’s fans were following her only because of her look. Learning how to cook was secondary to them.

Some had not even attempted cooking in their lives and they treated Wang Dongxue’s channel as a cooking show.

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Everyone was pleased with what they saw especially when she was about to cook in her evening dress.

“Today is rather special as I’m currently onboard the Golden Titan. We will not be making any home-cooked food but instead We’ll be making teppanyaki using this available kitchen.”

When it comes to cooking, Wang Dongxue was never afraid. She could easily start at any place using any available utensils.

After Wang Dongxue began her live-streaming session, her popularity shot up and her link was pinned to the homepage of the website.

The channel of Little Miss Fox, which was initially on the homepage, had been moved down.

Little Miss Fox became upset upon seeing this. *How did this b**** become so popular? She must have bought her way through!*

Although she was upset, she was not able to do anything about it. Many viewers were asking for Wang Dongxue to do a live-streaming and the online traffic all went to her after she tuned in.

Only the die-heart fans were left in Little Miss Fox’s channel. Although the number was not great, they all gave some suggestions and ideas to Little Miss Fox.

“Miss Fox, why don’t you go with the flow and do a one-on-one challenge with her?”

“Don’t be silly. It will be embarrassing if I lose another round of one-on-one challenge.”

“Who said that you will lose? Qin Family’s Aunt Feng hasn’t turned up even after half an hour of live-streaming from Dongxue.

“Is that so?”

In the previous two live-streamer challenge, Wang Dongxue won because she was supported by Qin Family’s Aunt Feng who turned the tides and overcame her fans. Even when Little Miss Fox sought the help of a big boss, the end result was still the same.

But when Qin Family’s Aunt Feng was not around, Wang Dongxue would only receive a small amount of rewards from her viewers. After all, she was not the kind of live-streamers who survived through rewards but instead she depended on her own popularity and online traffic flow.

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As for Little Miss Fox, she was different. She survived on the support and rewards given to her by her fans. If it wasn't for the disturbance of Qin Family's Aunt Feng, there was no chance Wang Dongxue could win in those challenges.

After reading their analysis, Little Miss Fox became excited. She had been humiliated twice and lost to Wang Dongxue in their previous live-streamer challenges. If she could win this round, she would be able to make a comeback.

Little Miss Fox spoke to her fans via the screen, "If I were to launch a live-streamer challenge with her, would all of you reward me?"

"Definitely! Just challenge her! Take your revenge!"

"Sure. I'll give you everything that I have to support you!"

"I'll borrow money to reward you. Just launch a live-streamer challenge, Miss Fox!"

After Little Miss Fox pretentiously thanked all her fans, she invited Dongxue to a one-on-one live-streamer challenge.

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Chapter 450 Overwhelming Defeat

While Wong Dongxue was still doing her live-streaming, she received an invitation for a one-on-one challenge.

As she was a seasoned liver-streamer, she would receive challenge invitations from time to time with most of them being a friendly one.

Such challenges were not meant to be competitive and basically it was a way for a live-streamer to gain some popularity from another live-streamer that was more famous.

The previous one-on-one challenge between Dongxue and Little Miss Fox was only tense because of the high reward amount offered.

After receiving the notification, Wang Dongxue simply accepted the challenge without noting who the challenger was. After all, it was most likely another live-streamer trying to leverage on her online traffic flow and popularity.

“She has accepted it! The challenge of the century is starting.”

“Haha. This Dongxue is not afraid of challenges. The old rivals are meeting again.”

“It will be interesting this round to see both the live-streamers located at the same place. This is so dramatic!”

“Little Miss Fox does have some nerve. Looks like she is still not fully defeated after losing two previous challenges.”

Initially, Wang Dongxue did not bother about the one-on-one challenge. But when she saw the commentaries of her viewers, she realized that the challenger was Little Miss Fox!

No wonder everyone was in such a heated discussion. Both Dongxue and Little Fox were old rivals and their previous challenges had attracted tremendous attention.

In their first challenge, both sides had offered tens of thousands as reward while in the second challenge, prominent figure like Su Wenqi was invited to live stream together.

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No one expected that there would be another round of one-on-one live-streamer challenge between the two rivals. If one did not know about the past two challenges, they would think that this challenge was staged.

“Is Aunt Feng online? We need to summon Aunt Feng!”

“I’ve already texted Aunt Feng privately but she did not reply my message.”

“Did you really texted Aunt Feng for this matter? Are you sure you’re not trying to ask her to be your sugar mommy?”

“What kind of nonsense is that? It’s just that I don’t want to work hard anymore.”

However, no matter what was said, Aunt Feng did not show herself. Even the private messages sent to her were not responded to.

Of course, this was to be expected because in actual fact, the online account of Qin Family’s Aunt Feng was linked to the cellphone of Aunt Feng and naturally, she would not read the messages. And even though Qin Jun was present at the scene in-person, because he did not log in to the account of Aunt Feng. He also did not notice about the challenge.

Since he was already at the cooking venue, there was no point for him to tune in to the live-streaming channel.

Little Miss Fox indeed received more rewards than Wang Dongxue in great amount. Although Wang Dongxue had many die-heart fans, most of them were either students or those who did not have the habit of giving out rewards. Even if they liked her, they would not spend on her.

After an hour, Little Miss Fox overtook Wang Dongxue’s reward amount overwhelmingly.

When she saw herself overtaking Wang Dongxue in great difference, Little Miss Fox smiled.

This Dongxue is no different from the others. She only had the support of that Qin Family’s Aunt Feng. When Aunt Feng is not around, she’s doomed.”

The rivalry between Little Miss Fox and Wang Dongxue was not a secret, so there was no need for Little Miss Fox to be pretentious. When the opportunity arose, Little Miss Fox would mock Dongxue and tried to show everyone her true colors.

“Thank you to all my fans who had rewarded me. If I won, I would return you with some favors tonight.”

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Little Miss Fox blinked her eyes while trying to look seductive.

The fans of Wang Dongxue was unhappy about the mockery. They commented that Little Miss Fox was a lowlife person as she did not show the other challenger any respect. *Didn't she notice that Dongxue was ignoring her all the time?*

Quite a large crowd went to Little Miss Fox's channel to scold her and they were frank and direct with their comments.

When she saw the profanities on her page, Little Miss Fox became even happier.

She then said, "This Dongxue merely looked pure from the outside. Did you all notice that she had directed her online trolls to scold me on my page when she is about to lose the challenge? Her pretentious behavior is just sickening!"

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Chapter 451 Young Master Xue Makes His Move

Little Miss Fox's words were quickly re-shared in the live stream. This immediately whipped all the viewers in a frenzy.

“How dare she say that Dongxue is acting sexy to attract men! Does she have a death wish?”

“Looks like we need Aunt Feng to teach her a lesson. Does anybody know how to get in touch with Aunt Feng? We need her to keep Little Miss Fox in line!”

“What's happened to Aunt Feng? She doesn't seem to have done anything today.”

“If she doesn't intervene, I'm afraid the rest of us won't be able to stop that little wench.”

Just as everybody was at a loss for what to do, something flooded the screen.

“Xue has sent a super rocket.”

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“Xue has sent a super rocket.”

“...”

Fifty super rockets zipped past the screen and immediately caused a commotion to erupt in the comments section.

“Holy Hell, it's Young Master Xue!”

Xue Dalin was certainly no stranger when it came to livestreams. This was a media outlet frequently consumed by people like him. As children of the rich, they were used to tipping any streamer they liked. And their tips were usually tens of thousands.

Thus, Xue Dalin's account was quite famous throughout various live streaming platforms. Everybody knew who was the person behind this Xue account.

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His onslaught of rockets quickly helped Wang Dongxue's earnings overtake Little Miss Fox's. What he did was very similar to what 'Qin Family's Aunt Feng' had done back then.

Seeing all the gifts that she had been presented with, Wang Dongxue was about to say her thanks when she realized that they were from Xue.

She naturally knew who he was. Looking at Xue Dalin who was sitting in front of her, she smiled and fried a piece of foie gras as a token of gratitude.

Everybody in her stream quickly started teasing her.

"Oh, Dongxue, you've changed! You don't even say a simple thank you when you got tipped a million."

"Haha, Xue's going to be so heartbroken! One million! And she didn't even thank him."

"Hey, our Dongxue isn't some country bumpkin, alright? A million is peanuts to her. My only regret is that Aunt Feng is not around. With Xue and her combined, I can barely imagine what would happen."

"That's going to be too cruel. Little Miss Fox is going to be so stunned. Haha..."

Wang Dongxue's live streams were always creating such miracles.

And that was exactly what the viewers liked.

As expected, the expression on Little Miss Fox's face hardened. She had originally assumed that without 'Qin Family's Aunt Feng', Wang Dongxue would certainly pose no threat to her. Never would she have expected 'Xue' to come along and turn the tides!

How on earth did Wang Dongxue even managed to get in touch with a person as rich as Xue Dalin?

Little Miss Fox was green with envy. Xue Dalin was literally made of money. If she ever got into the good books of someone like him, Forget live streaming! She could do nothing and still get millions a year.

Little Miss Fox discreetly fished out a phone and sent him a text message.

"Mr. Xue, I've just recently made my debut. Please have a look at some of my content as well. Muah!"

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This little trick of hers had never failed. Although children of the rich like them were in no shortage of women, what they were really after was the thrill of someone new. With the text message that she just sent out, she had portrayed herself as a pure and innocent little girl. It was the perfect bait for people like him.

However, she waited in vain for his response. After a while, she sent out another message.

“Mr. Xue?”

What she got in return was a little message that popped up informing her that the other party had blocked her.

Little Miss Fox gnashed her teeth in anger. *You think you're so great just because you've got some filthy money?*

Pretty soon, her viewers were starting to lose hope.

“Oh, it's over now. With Young Master Xue on the other team, we've definitely lost.”

“I really thought that we'll be able to win this time. Never did I expect us to lose even more badly.”

“What's the point? Dongxue is too powerful.”

Little Miss Fox's expression hardened as she snorted, “Hmm, what's so great about him? He's just a loser who squanders his mother's money on live streamers! Hmph!”

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Chapter 452 The True Colors Of Little Miss Fox

Since they were all live streaming, Little Miss Fox couldn't be bothered anymore.

However, right after the words left her mouth, the customer who had been sitting in front of the hotplate in Wang Dongxue's live stream suddenly jumped to his feet. The young man then proceeded to walk to a side.

Although it was all in a flash, many of the viewers quickly recognized him.

“Holy f***! Was that guy Young Master Xue?”

“Yeah, I think it is! I will definitely never mistake anyone else for him!”

“Oh, so Young Master Xue knows Wang Dongxue. And he's on the yacht too?”

“Well, it certainly isn't odd that Young Master Xue is on the Golden Titan as well.”

After all, this was literally the playgrounds of the rich. It was perfectly normal that Young Master Xue was here.

The moment everyone saw Young Master Xue disappear from Wang Dongxue's stream, they suddenly had the urge to go see what would happen to Little Miss Fox.

“Quick! Let's have a look at Little Miss Fox's stream!”

The moment that comment appeared, several people withdrew from Wang Dongxue's stream and entered Little Miss Fox's.

Seeing the influx of people, Little Miss Fox was elated.

“Thank you so much for entering Miss Fox's stream! Please subscribe...”

However, what she didn't realize was that these viewers who had suddenly entered weren't here to look at her. They were here to see Young Master Xue!

Only when Xue Dalin walked up to her did Little Miss Fox finally notice him.

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“Young... Young Master Xue!”

Smack!

Xue Dalin gave her one tight slap across the face.

“How dare you f***ing scold me?”

Little Miss Fox almost burst into tears. She had thought that she would be able to get away with venting her frustrations and scolding him on her stream. Never would she have expected him to be nearby and even overhear her snide remarks.

Many of her die-hard fans in the stream immediately started voicing their displeasure.

“Hey, you can’t slap people out of nowhere just because you’re rich!”

“Exactly, you’re only who you are today because of your mother’s money. Little Miss Fox worked hard to get to where she is now. Who are you to hit her?”

“So what if she did scold you? Miss Fox despises rich people like you!”

“Boycott Xue Dalin!”

Seeing all these bullet texts, Xue Dalin sneered, “You guys really believe that she’s some sweet innocent girl?”

After he finished, he whipped out his phone and opened up the several messages Little Miss Fox had sent him. He then placed his phone in front of the camera so everyone could see the messages clearly.

Have a look at how much of a hypocrite she is! She’s portrayed herself as an innocent hardworking girl before the camera. Yet, in reality, she’s a snob who desperately tries to claw her way into the beds of the rich.

And after she got on that bed, she even accused other people of doing so. She’s just a loathsome woman.

The moment he revealed those messages, a commotion erupted among the viewers.

“So Little Miss Fox has been such a woman all this while? I thought she was just a sweet and innocent girl! Unsubscribe!”

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“Haha, I finally understand now. There are no innocent girls among streamers. Little Miss Fox, I hope you rot in hell!”

“You have always accused others of marrying into money. In the end, it was just because you didn’t manage to do it. You’re just a salty little vixen.”

“Scram! Get off Huyu!”

“Scram!”

In almost no time at all, Little Miss Fox’s stream was bursting at the seams with accusations and criticisms.

Many of her die-hard fans had unsubscribed. Some had even turned into haters.

After all, she had been exposed for who she really was. She was just a woman who groveled at the rich’s feet; failed to get into their good books; rant about others in her streams; and got slapped as a result. This was basically a scene out of the movies.

By now, a huge scowl had crept over Little Miss Fox’s face. If someone else had slapped her, she would have retaliated without the slightest hesitation. After all, she had her entire audience watching on. And she certainly couldn’t falter and appear weak or scared.

But the person who had slapped her was Young Master Xue. He was someone she definitely couldn’t afford to offend.

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Chapter 453 Lin Yueyao's Support

As she buried her face in her hands, she stood rooted to the spot and dared not even breathe a word.

Chuckling coldly, Xue Dalin then proceeded to leave.

By now, Little Miss Fox was too ashamed to even carry on with her stream and hastily ended it. This was the first time she had been slapped during a stream!

Even after she had turned off her phone, news of what had just happened continued to spread like wildfire. Although she wasn't streaming anymore, her live room was still bustling with viewers and bullet texts. It was so popular that it even made it to the homepage.

Just like Wang Dongxue from before, she was now the only thing viewers would talk about.

However, Wang Dongxue got to the homepage because everybody liked her and her content.

On the contrary, Little Miss Fox reached the homepage because everybody was just ranting about her in the live room.

As she had wished, she was now famous. But for the wrong reasons.

After several higher ups in Huyu were alerted of this situation, they immediately terminated her live room. Thus, Little Miss Fox now faced the hefty price of breaching their contract...

Wang Dongxue, on the other hand, paid no attention to what was happening. Instead, she was focusing on teaching people how to cook. And she was certainly getting more popular as the viewers liked her more and more.

After more than an hour, she finally ended her live stream. Although her fans' wishes mattered a lot to her, she had boarded this yacht to have a date with Qin Jun after all. She couldn't possibly spent the whole time live streaming.

After turning off her phone, the both of them subsequently had a whale of a time on the yacht. But as all good things came to an end, they finally reached the end of their journey.

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After disembarking, Qin Jun was about to send Wang Dongxue home when he saw a notification on his phone.

“Malpractice in People’s Hospital has led to the death of one patient. Family members have cornered the doctors that were responsible!”

Firstly, Qin Jun was a doctor. Thus, he paid more attention to news like that.

Secondly, the People’s Hospital was where Lin Yueyao worked.

After tapping on the notification, he was greeted with a picture of a female doctor getting swarmed by a mob. It seemed as though there were many people grabbing on to her.

Although she had a mask and white coat on, Qin Jun could still tell that it was Lin Yueyao.

With a frown etched onto his face, he said, “Dongxue, why don’t you go home by yourself first? Something seems to have cropped up with my cousin. I think I need to make a trip down to the hospital.”

“Of course. Be careful, Jun.”

After instructing Xue Dalin to arrange for her transport home, he drove straight to the People’s Hospital.

By now, the People’s Hospital had been swarmed by an army of reporters. The police had even been activated and were on the scene now. Several luxurious cars were parked in front of the hospital’s doors to prevent anyone from going in or out.

Those BMWs had been driven all the way up the steps to block the entrance. It certainly looked like the work of the family members of the patient.

“Tell that doctor to get her sorry ass out here! If she’s got the guts to let her patient die on her watch, why doesn’t she have the guts to admit what she had done?”

“My brother is now dead because of you! I’m not going to let anybody in this hospital off the hook!”

“Reporters, please take a long hard look. This is a hospital filled with mediocre doctors. How dare they admit patients with their shitty standards?”

“Get out!”

“Get out!”

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It certainly looked like no one who going to enter or exit through those doors anytime soon. All the police could do was maintain the law and order on the outside. After all, the patient's family members were now very unstable emotionally. They dared not act too rashly.

This immediately etched a frown into Qin Jun's forehead. However, this certainly wasn't about to stop him. He walked around a corner and came to the side wall of the hospital. Subsequently, he scaled the wall up to the second story and entered via the window in one of the toilets.

Meanwhile, Lin Yueyao was extremely busy in the operating theatre. Several specialists crowded around the sick bed with glum looks on their faces.

“Yueyao, stop wasting your energy. There isn't any hope left for the patient.”

A middle aged man laid on the sick bed on the brink of death.

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Chapter 454 Stomatology Hospital

With her face ghastly pale, Lin Yueyao refused to stop her CPR on the patient. Alas, it didn't seem to be working.

As her eyes began to redden, she could feel the anxiety start to swell within her chest.

This wasn't just about the consequences she would face if he didn't make it. It was also because as a doctor, she refused to let a life slip through her fingers like that.

A director by the side snorted derisively, "Dr. Lin, where were you when he needed you? You should have sent him here to the dental hospital long ago. And look what's happened now. I'm telling you, we haven't even touched this patient. All the responsibilities lie with you guys."

In the world of medicine, dentistry was an independent entity like Western medicine and TCM. Thus, the dental hospital existed solely for the purpose of attending to dental needs.

Back when the patient was with Lin Yueyao, he had complained of an aching neck and chest pains. But for some reason, the nurse who diagnosed him sent him to internal medicine for a check-up first.

After a thorough examination carried out by Lin Yueyao, she realized that the root cause was the necrosis of a certain nerve in his oral cavity. It was the cause of his aching neck and chest pains.

Now that she had found the root cause, all that was left to do was to administer the medical assistance.

However, this was a job for the dental department. She had already explained clearly to the patient that all he needed to do was to go to the dental hospital next door for a diagnosis.

However, the moment she completed her check-up, the patient immediately began convulsing and crying out in pain. Thus, Lin Yueyao immediately got to work.

The patient then took out some medication from his pocket and told Lin Yueyao that was what he always took when he was in pain.

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Seeing how badly he was convulsing and afraid that he would bite his own tongue, Lin Yueyao hastily fed him one of the pills. After all, judging from the look of it, it should have been just a simple painkiller without any side effects.

However, right after she administered the medication, the patient fell unconscious and briefly went into shock.

Only then did Lin Yueyao realize that he was in trouble. She then hastily contacted the dentists from the next door hospital and sent him over.

But alas, they were too late. Although the dental hospital was able to fix the nerve beneath his teeth, they were certainly not capable of helping the patient recover from his shock.

And the internal medicine doctors like Lin Yueyao were unable to resuscitate him through the standard procedures.

This was all due to the fact that the root cause in his oral cavity hadn't been addressed. Thus, he was unable to come around.

Afterwards, when the family members arrived and learned that the doctors were at a loss for what to do, they immediately started making a scene. Lin Yueyao even got slapped across the face during the commotion.

There was even a bright red handprint that was still on her face. However, this didn't really bother her. After all, there were mistakes on her part throughout this entire incident. The most important thing to do now was to resuscitate the patient.

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“Director Zhong, you can't pin all the blame on me. The patient went unconscious whilst in my consultation room. I was naturally obligated to rescue him.”

Director Zhong sneered, “Yes, you did nothing wrong by trying to rescue him. But do you have any idea what medication you fed him?”

“He was the one who insisted on eating it!” Lin Yueyao protested.

Director Zhong was unfazed. “Dr. Lin, you are the doctor. He is the patient. Are you supposed to be the one listening to him when it comes to what medication should be taken?”

Lin Yueyao gnashed her teeth together as she didn't have a response for that. In that situation, any doctor with the slightest conscience would have done what she did. Who would have been thinking about the responsibility to be shouldered at a time like that?

“Director Zhong, I sent the patient here in time. Why didn’t you guys do anything?”

Director Zhong shook his head. “I’m afraid that’s where you’re wrong, Dr. Lin. You sent the patient to us after he went into shock. We are a dental clinic after all. I can solve any problems residing in that oral cavity of his. But now as you can see, the patient can’t even open his mouth. We have our hands tied.”

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Chapter 455 You Are In So Much Trouble

Most dental procedure required the patient's cooperation. This was because there were many veins and nerves underlying the oral cavity. These veins and nerves involved vital organs like the head and tongue.

When a patient had went into shock, it would be extremely difficult for them to conduct a surgery.

If the patient were to twitch ever so slightly while the scalpel was in his mouth, his tongue or even artery could be sliced open. And needless to say, that would be fatal. Thus, under such circumstances, Director Zhong dared not conduct the surgery.

As long as he didn't touch the patient, the responsibility wouldn't lie with him.

At that moment, perspiration was streaming down Lin Yueyao's anxious face. However, there was nothing left for her to do. She hadn't a clue about the oral cavity's anatomy. Thus, more than ten specialists surrounded the patient without a single one of them knowing what to do.

After Qin Jun infiltrated the hospital, it took him a while before he located Lin Yueyao's operating theatre. Just as he was about to enter, the doors opened and Lin Yueyao appeared. She was about to get some anesthetic to inject the patient with so that he would stop convulsing. Only then could they continue with the treatment of the nerve in his oral cavity.

"What are you doing here?"

Lin Yueyao was completely taken aback that Qin Jun had come.

"I heard that you've ran into some trouble. So I'm here to help."

Lin Yueyao sighed, "What help could you possibly give. I don't even know the matters involving the oral cavity. How would you know anything about them?"

Just as she was about to fetch the anesthesiologist, several of the patient's family members suddenly rushed over.

"Hold it right there, you quack!"

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Several of the patient's family members rushed over and surrounded Lin Yueyao as they glowered at her.

A bespectacled middle-aged man threatened, "I am telling you, I'm the Chief Editor of China News! If you don't give us a reasonable explanation today, I can assure you that your hospital will make tomorrow's headlines!"

The expression on Lin Yueyao's face instantly changed. She harbored suspicions that the patient's family members weren't normal people. This was because they had managed to amass so many reporters outside the hospital at such short notice.

But never did she expect one of them to be the Chief Editor of China News!

"Sir, I implore you to calm down. We're still trying to save his life. I'm on my way now to fetch the anesthesiologist. And I'll really appreciate it if you could let me pass and stop holding up the process."

Chief Editor Chu snorted derisively, "Do you think I'm still going to believe you after all that has happened? That man lying in there is my older brother. You better get the specialists in the hospital on the job, pronto! Otherwise, I'm going to make you guys very sorry!"

Qin Jun forced his way into the crowd and stood in front of Lin Yueyao.

"You can rest assured. No harm shall befall the patient. We're on our way to rescue him now."

Chief Editor Chu replied, "Alright! Remember what you said! If anything happens to my brother, there's no way I'm going to let any of you off the hook!"

The moment he finished, the people around him immediately raised their cameras and began filming. He had brought along several reporters with him so that he could film down anything that happened on the spot.

Subsequently, Qin Jun grabbed Lin Yueyao's hand and dragged her into the operating theatre.

Lin Yueyao's brows knitted into a frown as she struggled and broke free from his grasp.

"Cousin! Now you've gone and done it! How could you have made such a promise? The writing's already on the wall! He's beyond treatment now. How are we going to explain to them later after the patient passes on?"

That Chief Editor Chu was certainly a powerful man. Even before the patient passed on, he had already spread the news that a patient had succumbed to the

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People's Hospital's medical malpractice. Which was the very news that alerted Qin Jun of this situation.

If the patient were to really pass on, there would be no doubt that an onslaught and tirade of bad press would happen. And that would certainly besmear the hospital's reputation.

Qin Jun replied, "It's fine. I'll go in and take a look too."

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Chapter 456 Let Me Do It

Lin Yueyao rolled her eyes. “What’s the point of you even looking? You’re a TCM practitioner!”

Qin Jun smiled, “Exactly. That’s why you need my help.”

Western medicine had a very clear and precise framework. Doctors specialized in their own fields and had their own scope of work. Thus, dentists could only address problems in the oral cavity. They weren’t really equipped with the skills and knowledge of dealing with problems in other parts of the body.

However, this was certainly not the case with TCM. TCM required a complete understanding of the entire body.

In fact, Qin Jun was extremely adept in all the subjects of Western medicine, even gynecology.

This amalgamation of skills was certainly not something Lin Yueyao could even dream of matching.

After they entered the operating theatre, Director Zhong and the other doctors were still standing around the patient at a loss for what to do.

Qin Jun announced, “Can anyone not involved please make room?”

Director Zhong’s brows contorted into a frown. “Who are you?”

Fresh out of ideas, Lin Yueyao could only bite the bullet.

“He’s my cousin. He works in a TCM medical center.”

Director Zhong snorted derisively, “How dare you let someone operating a clinic into our hospital? Dr. Lin, are you not going to take this seriously? You’re going to get some TCM practitioner from outside just because you don’t know what else to do? If anything happens, do you even know what the repercussions are?”

Lin Yueyao’s expression hardened. “If anything happens, it’s on me. You have nothing to worry about, Director Zhong!”

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Lin Yueyao rolled her eyes into the back of her head. *How is such a coward even fit to be a doctor? What a joke!*

Director Zhong sneered, “If that’s the case, then we’ll leave him to you. We certainly don’t want to be implicated by you two! Let’s go!”

Dr. Zhong rounded up his doctors and left the operating theatre. Now that they weren’t present, they naturally could not be held accountable for anything that happened.

Soon, the entire room cleared out, leaving only Lin Yueyao and Qin Jun behind with the patient.

Looking at the dying patient, Lin Yueyao could feel the tears starting to roll down her cheeks uncontrollably.

She was really upset that she couldn’t save the patient. And it definitely had nothing to do with the backlash that she would have to face.

Qin Jun comforted her, “There, there, don’t cry. Help me prepare the surgery equipment.”

Wiping the tears off her face, Lin Yueyao replied, “Are you out of your mind? At this point, nobody can save him. I’ll just take the blame for this one.”

At that moment, Lin Yueyao suddenly thought of Master Qin. *If only Master Qin could turn up now. He might be able to actually save this patient.*

But she was certainly unable to contact Master Qin in such a short span of time. Furthermore, the patient didn’t look like he had much time left.

Qin Jun assured her, “Trust me. I know a rather obscure remedy. I can save him.”

Qin Jun’s words gave Lin Yueyao a glimmer of hope. After all, TCM had long and deep roots. There were many obscure remedies throughout the land that could be very effective to incurable ailments. This was something Western medicine couldn’t even dream of matching.

For all she knew, Qin Jun might really know of an obscure remedy. She decided to give him a go since they were completely stumped.

Thus, Lin Yueyao became the assistant to his surgery.

Since there was no one else around other than Lin Yueyao, Qin Jun didn’t hold back.

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After giving the patient a pulse diagnosis, Qin Jun proceeded to pull back his eyelids and open his mouth to see his tongue. After a thorough examination, Qin Jun had now ascertained the root cause.

This was how TCM worked. A practitioner had to be proficient in dealing with all kinds of ailments throughout the body. Thus, the oral cavity was no exception.

Although others might not have had the confidence in conducting a surgery, Qin Jun certainly harbored no such reservations.

Since the root cause was in the oral cavity, Qin Jun naturally had to conduct the surgery in the patient's mouth.

Qin Jun then proceeded to lift the patient up forty five degrees. He then inserted two needles on the corners of his mouth.

The patients mouth was instantly locked in an open position and unable to move at all.

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Chapter 457 Obscure Remedy

Lin Yueyao was rather startled. “Is this okay? What if the patient starts convulsing again?”

“Don’t worry, that won’t happen.”

Qin Jun then proceeded to insert two more needles in two of the patient’s major acupuncture points. Now, the patient couldn’t move any part of his body above his neck.

After that, Lin Yueyao prepared the various tools required and they commenced the surgery.

In truth, the surgical procedure was actually quite simple. All they had to do was extract the decaying tooth and permanently kill the dying nerve. Only then will the pains in the patients neck and chest subside.

The main obstacle to the surgery before was that the patient was uncooperative. They were thus unable to carry out the normal procedure for the surgery. That was why so many specialists were left at a loss for what to do.

However, this obstacle was unexpectedly overcome by Qin Jun with such ease. All he had to do was use two needles and he could ensure that the patient wouldn’t move throughout the surgery. This certainly wasn’t something the average TCM practitioner could do.

All those movies showing characters immobilized by acupuncture were merely exaggerations.

Real life acupuncture in Wushu could only render an opponent temporarily weak after hitting his vital points. It certainly wasn’t able to replicate those exaggerated effects on television.

However, Qin Jun had managed to do it all with the help of two more needles. Lin Yueyao was quite impressed.

“Is this part of the obscure remedy?”

Qin Jun smiled. “Hmm.”

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“Is it...easy to learn?” Lin Yueyao was quite interested in picking up this skill. After all, the main problem dentists faced was ensuring that patients kept their mouths open. Sometimes, even if patients were willing to cooperate, they involuntarily closed their mouths or become nauseous when the scalpel enters their mouth.

If she could master this skill, she would be able to ensure that patients kept their mouths open. This would greatly aid whatever procedures needed to be carried out within the mouth.

However, Qin Jun shook his head apologetically. “If you don’t have the foundation, it’s quite hard to learn...”

After all, Lin Yueyao practiced Western medicine. If she were to learn acupuncture, she would have to start from scratch.

“Oh...” Although she was quite disappointed, she suddenly had a newfound faith in Qin Jun’s medical skills.

That old TCM practitioner that Qin Jun studied under must have been proficient in many obscure remedies. And Qin Jun just happened to have learnt the one which was needed for this patient.

After they completed the surgery, Qin Jun inserted a few more needles. Now that the problem inside the oral cavity had been resolved, the other complications were easier to cure.

As Qin Jun pulled out the two needles on the corners of the patient’s mouth, the patient stirred awake and stared bleary-eyed at Qin Jun and Lin Yueyao.

Lin Yueyao hastily rushed forward and started lifting the patient’s eyelids to check his eyes. Realizing that the patient looked much better now, she subsequently raised up three fingers and asked, “What number is this?”

The patient gulped and replied weakly, “Three...”

His could now see clearly and think coherently! He was cured!

“Lie down and rest first. I’ll put you on an IV drip at once.”

As the patient was still extremely weak and in desperate need of nutrition, Lin Yueyao hastily attached the IV drip to him.

Outside, Director Zhong and the other doctors had gotten rather impatient after waiting for so long. Thus, he rounded a few people and entered the operating theatre.

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The moment they saw the patient on the IV drip, they were immediately flabbergasted.

They then rushed over to examine the patient with dumbfounded looks on their faces.

“He’s cured?”

Lin Yueyao snorted, “Of course.”

After the words left her mouth, she even rolled her eyes at him. *Doctors as incapable and morally corrupt as you should be fired!*

After conducting multiple examinations, Director Zhong finally concluded that the patient had indeed recovered. However, a little plot suddenly hatched inside his mind.

He then proceeded to announce to the few people he brought in, “All of you remember this! I was the one who brought this patient back to life!”

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Chapter 458 The Fight For Credit

The moment those words left Director Zhong's mouth, realization immediately dawned on his subordinates and they nodded profusely.

Taking advantage of the fact that Qin Jun and Lin Yueyao were still attending to the patient, Director Zhong rounded up his men and hastily left the operating theatre.

The moment they exited, Chief Editor Chu and many other family members quickly swarmed them. Amidst the crowd were the reporters holding cameras from just now.

“Doctor! How is my older brother? You guys promised me that he would be alright!”

Although Qin Jun was the one who had made the promise, all of the doctors were one and the same to Chief Editor Chu.

A serious look crept across Director Zhong's face as he declared, “You can be rest assured. The patient's condition has now stabilized. We're just putting him on the drip to give him some glucose now. He'll be able to come out soon.”

Only then did the expression on Chief Editor's soften slightly. It was as though a huge weight had been lifted from his shoulders upon learning the news.

With the cameras still recording, Chief Editor Chu asked, “Although all was well in the end, it was still a very harrowing incident. Could you spare us some details?”

Director Zhong nodded his head and turned to face the camera.

“The main reason this incident was an incredibly harrowing one was that there was a delay time between the diagnosis and sending the patient here.”

“The patient fell unconscious after he was placed under the care of People's Hospital's Dr. Lin Yueyao. When that happened, she rescued him based on Internal Medicine procedures. As a result, the patient ingested some painkillers by mistake. This eventually led to his convulsions and shock.”

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“By the time the patient was sent to us, he could barely open his mouth. If it had been any other ordinary dentist, he would have definitely been stumped. But luckily for the patient, I was on duty. I managed to keep his mouth open and conducted the surgery safely.”

After Director Zhong finished, Chief Editor Chu broke into smiles. *So it was Dr. Lin's fault!*

If it hadn't been for Director Zhong, brother would have been done for!

He hastily rushed forward and grabbed Director Zhong's hand. “Director Zhong, thank you so much for saving my older brother! You can be rest assured. I'll make sure your story hits the papers!”

A brief smile played on Director Zhong's lips. “Fame isn't really that important to me. My goal has always been to save the patient. And that certainly hasn't changed.”

A look of awe and admiration flashed across Chief Editor Chu's face as he started clapping wildly. Turning to the reporters, he barked, “Jot it down! Write down everything he just said!”

Director Zhong smiled. “Alright, please excuse me. I still have other patients to attend to.”

With that, Director Zhong turned and left.

In truth, there wasn't any other patient that he had to go attend to. He was really just fleeing the scene as he had no idea how to go into detail about the surgical procedure. After all, he hadn't been the one who saved the patient.

If they were to continue to dig deeper, his lie might have been exposed. Although the reporters certainly wouldn't have noticed the loopholes, other colleagues in the field might when they read the story.

How was a surgery in the oral cavity supposed to be carried out with the patient in shock and keeping his mouth shut? This had always been a great hurdle stumping many dentists. If he were to go into detail, he was bound to be questioned by many other people in the field. His lies would have then been very easily exposed.

Chief Editor Chu marveled, “This is what a true doctor is supposed to be like! I want you guys to immediately get to work on this story when we get back! This goes on the headlines tomorrow!”

When Qin Jun and Lin Yueyao brought the patient out, Chief Editor Chu and the other family members quickly pushed the patient to the inpatient

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department. They didn't even bother to acknowledge or even thank Lin Yueyao or Qin Jun.

However, Lin Yueyao wasn't bothered at all. After all, it was normal for family members to have their attention completely fixed on the patient. And this was what doctors were supposed to do. They didn't need the family members' gratitude.

Furthermore, Qin Jun had been the one who saved the day in the end. *I never expected him to be quite a good doctor.*

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Chapter 459 Relapse

After having a bit of supper, both of them went back to rest. It just happened that it had been a while since Qin Jun had seen Aunt. Thus, Qin Jun went back with Lin Yueyao to pay Aunt a visit.

The next day, news of what had happened yesterday spread like wildfire.

Sitting in the living room watching television, Tang Min suddenly yelled, “Yueyao! Come here and look at this!”

Lin Yueyao walked over and looked at the television. The news happened to be broadcasting what had happened yesterday.

Because of Chief Editor Chu’s occupation, the patient had been filmed throughout the entire ordeal. The footage lasted all the way from when Lin Yueyao was trying to rescue him to when he was sent to the dental hospital. What was shown was what had really happened the previous day.

The only part that differed was what Director Zhong said after he came out!

“...”

“By the time the patient was sent to us, he could barely open his mouth. If it had been any other ordinary dentist, he would have definitely been stumped. But luckily for the patient, I was on duty. I managed to keep his mouth open and conducted the surgery safely.”

Watching Director Zhong steal the credit on television, Lin Yueyao was beside herself with rage.

“How can he be so shameless? He was the one who cured the patient? He was the one who came up with a method to keep the patient’s mouth open? That’s all just hot air!”

Lin Yueyao hadn’t originally planned on claiming any of the credit. After all, Qin Jun was the one who had brought the patient back from the brink of death. And since he wasn’t a doctor from the hospital, he certainly wasn’t going to get a reward for saving the patient.

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However, she wasn't about to let someone else steal the credit! *Qin Jun had clearly been the one who saved the patient! How dare Director Zhong steal the credit!*

He has utterly no shame. Yesterday, he fled the operating theatre halfway in fear of shouldering any responsibility. And not only did he provide absolutely no assistance at all, he even kept insulting us with all kinds of snark comments. He's truly a loathsome person.

Qin Jun, on the other hand, was expressionless.

“Cousin, how can you be so calm? Aren't you even mad in the slightest?”

Qin Jun smiled. “What's there to get mad about? People like that always end up getting exposed very quickly.”

Lin Yueyao shook her head. “I don't think that's going to happen this time. The only reason the reports are so exaggerated is that one of the patient's family members is the Chief Editor of China News.”

“Even if Director Zhong is a fraud, no one would probably learn about it in the future. Unless he suddenly gets bombarded with bad press by the media. But the chances of that happening is extremely slim.”

Qin Jun continued, “That patient from yesterday certainly isn't going to recover fully just from one surgery. Just wait and see. Soon, someone's going to come looking for our help.”

Lin Yueyao's brows contorted into a frown. “Are you sure? You're not pulling my leg, are you?”

He can predict when the patient is going to have a relapse? This certainly isn't a claim the average doctor would dare to make. Is he really skilled enough to do so?

Smiling, Qin Jun didn't bother to explain. He proceeded to lean back into the couch and start reading the papers.

Somewhere else, the patient had just woken up. As he was eating some porridge, he suddenly began throwing up. The porridge he had just eaten was quickly vomited out. And there were traces of blood in his vomit.

“Brother? What's wrong?”

The patient started convulsing again and passed out once more. This time, it seemed to be even more serious. Even with a spoon in his mouth, the patient had sealed his mouth shut.

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“Brother!”

Chief Editor Chu immediately tugged at the spoon but to no avail. Shocked, he cried, “Someone go get Director Zhong! My older brother’s had a relapse!”

Soon, Director Zhong came in accompanied by several other doctors with serious looks on their faces. Seeing the patient in this state, he was extremely startled.

“Quick! Prepare the operating theatre!”

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Chapter 460 Do You Really Know

Now that the spoon was unable to be removed from the patient's mouth, it was obvious that the patient was undergoing convulsions. If they were to delay the treatment any further, it might have resulted in the patient breaking the spoon with his teeth.

When that happened, it would all be over once the broken piece of porcelain went down his windpipe.

Director Zhong and his subordinates hastily rushed into the operating theatre followed closely by Chief Editor Chu and his reporters. Although the reporters didn't bring along their cameras, they instinctively whipped out their phones and began recording.

They didn't want to miss even a single second of Director Zhong snatching the patient's life back from the jaws of death.

The moment they entered the operating theatre, two doctors held the patient down while Director Zhong tried to pry open his mouth.

But after two minutes, the patient's mouth showed absolutely no signs of opening. After all, the human jaw was astonishingly strong. Under such circumstances where the patient was convulsing, it would be a Herculean task to even open his mouth.

And if they were to pry open his mouth forcefully, they might hurt the patient's tongue or mouth in the process. Thus, this wasn't a very feasible idea.

"Director Zhong, what are we going to do? Didn't you cure him the last time? There shouldn't be any problem this round, right?"

By now, cold sweat had already started breaking out across Director Zhong's forehead.

"There's no problem at all. We'll just give him some anesthesia first."

He then proceeded to inject anesthesia into the patient's face. After two minutes, Director Zhong picked up the tools and prepared once more to pry open the patient's mouth.

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Due to the anesthesia, he was able to part the patient's mouth slightly. But as there was a spoon sticking out of the patient's mouth, Director Zhong was unable to use the tools the normal way. Furthermore, he didn't really manage to open the patient's mouth by a very large margin. The patient's mouth was opened ever so slightly that it might as well not have been open at all.

By now, Chief Editor Chu was getting a little anxious. "Director Zhong, what on earth is happening? Didn't you handle this the last time? What's wrong now?"

Director Zhong's brows knitted into a frown as he snapped, "Keep quiet!"

After that, Chief Editor Chu stood at the side and dared not even make a sound. He certainly didn't want to disturb the doctor during such a precarious operation.

Director Zhong started to use more strength to pry open the patient's mouth. But not long after that, the anesthesia seemed to have worn off and the patient's mouth snapped shut.

With a loud crack, the spoon shattered under the patient's teeth. A few smithereens got trapped inside the patient's mouth.

"Oh no!" a doctor beside Director Zhong exclaimed.

Although Director Zhong's face turned ghastly white as well, he didn't forget to shoot a furious glare at that doctor. *What are you shouting for? The patient's family members are here!*

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The doctor also now realized that his exclamation would result in unnecessary panic and quickly hung his head in shame.

A displeased frown etched itself into Chief Editor Chu's forehead. "Do you know how to do this or not, Director Zhong?"

Now that things had reached this stage, Director Zhong had no choice but to come clean. After all, if he were to continue like this, the patient would very likely face mortal danger. By then, it would be all over for him if he were to be held accountable.

Director Zhong admitted, "I...I don't know. I wasn't the one who cured your elder brother the last time... It was Dr. Lin from the next-door hospital. I think it's best if you guys go there instead."

Chief Editor Chu's jaw hit the ground as he stared at Director Zhong in disbelief. After a few moments, he snapped his jaw shut and gnashed his teeth in rage.

“You bastard! Then what are you waiting for! Move him to the other hospital at once!”

Chief Editor Chu was beside himself with fury. *A mediocre doctor like you is going to literally be the death of my brother!*

Left with no other choice, Director Zhong could only start preparing for the move. The other doctors and nurses also began getting busy. Someone injected a sedative into the patient to prevent him from swallowing the fragments in his mouth. After that, they sent the patient to the People’s Hospital.

Meanwhile, Director Zhong’s face was woeful and dejected. Judging by the expression on Chief Editor Chu’s face, he knew that it was over for him.

Once the papers report about this tomorrow, Director Zhong’s career would be in tatters.

All he had wanted to do was steal some credit and become a more renowned doctor. He would then have a bigger advantage when the time came and they started judging professors.

Even if someone else had come with the exact same condition, it would have been perfectly alright if he couldn’t save the patient. After all, not everyone’s family members was like Chief Editor Chu who had such a huge influence over the headlines of tomorrow’s newspapers.

However, he had never expected the patient to actually have a relapse! And it seemed to be even more serious than the last time!

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Chapter 461 Rescue

When Chief Editor Chu arrived at People's Hospital, there was a grim look on his face.

Just yesterday, he had wrongfully accused Dr. Lin of medical malpractice in the news report. Thinking back on it now, he felt the urge to slap himself for his rash and foolish actions.

He specifically asked for Dr. Lin, only to be told today was Lin Yueyao's off day. Not deterred, he immediately used his connection with the director of the hospital to call her back for the procedure.

At home watching TV, Lin Yueyao was understandably confused when she received a phone call from her director. Several seconds later, she hung up.

Tang Min asked, "What's wrong, Sweetie?"

"The hospital wants me to go back and perform surgery. The patient that was just on the news is having a relapse."

Her mother was shocked at her reply. "Seems like your cousin was right. You two better hurry then!"

Lin Yueyao stared at Qin Jun, surprised that he knew so much about this ailment.

Qin Jun quickly got dressed as well and went with her to the hospital. Although she knew the steps involved in the procedure, she did not know how to actually do it.

The two of them arrived at the hospital, only to see Chief Editor Chu waiting for them at the entrance. A few reporters were already there, cameras aimed at Lin Yueyao in anticipation.

Chief Editor Chu jogged towards them, reaching out to shake Lin Yueyao's hand and apologize.

"Dr. Lin, I'm the chief editor of China News. I'm so sorry about what happened yesterday. It was all my fault and I hope you can forgive me!"

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Lin Yueyao waved her hand as she replied, "It's fine. What's more important now is to save the patient."

"Okay, alright!"

Lin Yueyao hurried into the hospital, putting on her white lab coat before striding towards the operating theater. Her footsteps never faltered once.

Chief Editor Chu followed along behind her with admiration shining on his face. He muttered to himself, "This is a true doctor! Not holding a grudge despite being wrongfully blamed for something she did not do. In her mind, her patient's health is more important than anything else. I must report this as the truth tomorrow!"

Changing into medical scrubs, Lin Yueyao and Qin Jun went inside the operating room while everyone else was barred from entering. This time, the reporters and Chief Editor Chu did not barge inside but waited outside patiently.

Stepping towards the patient, Lin Yueyao frowned when she saw the broken spoon inside his mouth.

"Won't we hurt his tongue if we extract the pieces now?"

Qin Jun took a quick glance before saying, "It's fine. Just be ready with the tweezers."

Using the same technique as before, he stuck a needle on each side of the patient's mouth, causing his mouth to open wide. Next, he jabbed the pressure point on the patient's neck, preventing him from being able to swallow anything. After that, it was a simple matter of pulling out the broken pieces with the tweezers.

Although there were some cuts in the patient's mouth, none of them were life-threatening.

Lin Yueyao was shocked when Qin Jun began stabbing needles into the patient's gums. This was the first time she had seen someone using acupuncture in the mouth.

"There are pressure points in the mouth?"

Qin Jun nodded in reply. "Even the tongue has some."

TCM really was profound and wondrous, especially the acupuncture techniques passed on from their ancestors long ago.

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As Qin Jun continued his ministrations, the patient's convulsions eventually stopped.

Impressed by the effectiveness of his treatments, Lin Yueyao asked him, "Cousin, if you're so amazing, why don't you open a dental clinic?"

It seemed logical to her. Qin Jun was knowledgeable about the oral cavity of humans and dental clinics earned way more than normal clinics nowadays. It was practically the perfect match!

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Chapter 462 Miracle Doctor

Qin Jun chuckled. “I’m an all-rounder.”

Lin Yueyao rolled her eyes at him and scoffed. “Just because you know some obscure remedies does not mean you know everything.”

Obscure remedies were obscure precisely because they were not well-known. Normally, they were only useful for diseases that were rarely seen anyway. Solely relying on them for a living was just not effective in the long run.

Then again, Qin Jun did seem to have a solid understanding of acupuncture. Maybe she really had underestimated him previously and his medical center was not as bad as she thought.

“Cousin, would you like me to introduce you to a TCM doctor? The person I know is the student of a respected TCM Master, Kong Fanlin. He’s really good and could probably teach you a thing or two.”

Previously, Lin Yueyao would not have bothered mentioning this to Qin Jun. She had always thought he was a village doctor without much formal training and had worried he might have conflicts with a true TCM doctor. However, his actions today had shown he did have a little basic knowledge of TCM. With the right tutelage, he might even make a name for himself.

Qin Jun laughed and replied, “Kong Fanlin’s disciple? No thanks.”

Why should he learn from the disciple when the master himself was already working at his clinic? Plus, Kong Fanlin was hoping to learn from him, not the other way around.

Lin Yueyao glared at him and huffed. *This guy manages to save one patient and he gets so arrogant.*

Soon, the patient’s condition stabilized and Qin Jun wrote a prescription for Lin Yueyao. He wanted her to pass it on to the patient’s family in his stead. Since she was a Western Medicine doctor, he chose to prescribe Western Medicine instead of TCM.

In truth, most Western Medicine ingredients were roughly the same as TCM, the only difference being the dosage.

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Lin Yueyao furrowed her brows as she questioned, “You’re the one that saved the patient; why are you giving me the credit?”

She did not want to be like Director Zhong, stealing other people’s credit.

Qin Jun replied with a smile, “You’re the one that said my treatment was an obscure remedy. I only know how to cure this one disease; what if I become famous and everybody comes to me with their ailments?”

“True.” What he said made sense. The only reason why he was able to cure this patient was because this was a disease he was familiar with. If news got out about his success, all sorts of patients would flock to him for a cure. His poor medical skills would be exposed then. She would have to be his cover.

The two of them exited the operating theater and Chief Editor Chu leaped towards them, his face filled with anticipation and hope.

Lin Yueyao spoke up, “Don’t worry, the patient is stable now. I’ve prescribed you some medicine; all you need to do is ensure he takes them on time. He still needs to stay a few more days for observation though, just in case.”

Chief Editor Chu was immensely relieved as he cried out, “It’s a miracle! You’re a miracle healer!”

In an instant, the corridor was filled with noise as the reporters scrambled to interview her, shouting their questions as camera lights flashed non-stop.

Qin Jun took this opportunity to sneak away undetected.

At that moment, several important heads of departments and the director arrived on the scene. As Qin Jun walked further away, one of them suddenly spoke up, “I think I just saw Master Qin?”

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The next morning, news of what happened was being reported across all channels.

“Director Zhong, Head of Stomatology Department in People’s Hospital, takes credit for other people’s success. Has he no medical ethics?”

“Lin Yueyao, another doctor at People’s Hospital, steps up to take the mantle of curing the patient even after being accused of medical malpractice earlier on. This accusation has been proven to be false. In her mind, there is nothing more important than her patients’ well-being.”

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Chapter 463 Associate Professor

Similar news were popping up everywhere, including Weibo. In fact, more people were searching for related news on this subject than they were interested in those celebrity gossips.

In a flash, the news of the Beautiful Miracle Doctor spread like wildfire. Anything happening in the medical world had always held everyone's attention. Once Lin Yueyao's actual photos had been leaked, social media practically exploded with heated discussions about the woman.

When in the hospital and dressed in a white lab coat and mask, it was hard to tell her facial features. However, one look at her normal everyday photos had everyone falling in love with the beautiful woman who also had amazing medical skills.

This incident had brought great honor upon Lin Yueyao. Taking this into consideration, the director decided to promote her from deputy head of department to head of department. Her title was also to be upgraded to Associate Professor.

Being an associate professor at the young age of 25 was truly a rare occurrence in the country.

Sitting at home watching the news, guilt rose in Lin Yueyao for taking credit for what should have rightfully been Qin Jun's work. She had not expected this incident to blow up like this and bring her so many benefits.

Since Cousin helped me so much this time, I owe him a huge favor. I should probably introduce him to a TCM master in return for his help. He has some of the necessary basics skills so things should work out.

If Qin Jun's skills were just that little bit more polished, it would be easy for him to open up a clinic.

As it were, he was still a little underqualified.

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Several days later, news of Lin Yueyao's success still had not died down. Even the staff at Xuanyuan Clinic were discussing her.

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Watching the news, Kong Fanlin smiled and teased Ye Wan'er, "Wan'er, if you work a little harder, you might just be the next 'Beautiful Miracle Doctor'."

Ye Wan'er blushed before replying in an annoyed tone, "Stop making fun of me like that. I'm not that good."

She was not as good as Lin Yueyao only because she had not had the same formal training as the woman. Although, having been learning from Qin Jun and Kong Fanlin for months now, she was slowly but surely gaining quite a bit of skill. Common diseases and ailments were no problem for her anymore.

Turning towards Qin Jun, she said, "Jun, are you playing favorites now? Giving your cousin some special training, are you?"

The man in question shook his head. "I never taught her anything. Everything she knows, she learned from studying at a medical university."

Ye Wan'er pouted and grumbled, "Hmph! It's not my fault I didn't get to go to medical university..."

Standing near the doors at the clinic, Zheng Pinglong sighed upon hearing the jealousy in her voice. He chided her, "Silly woman. You have two masters teaching you everything they know; isn't that enough?"

Kong Fanlin was a Master of TCM. If he had gone to teach at a medical university, he would most likely be teaching Ph.D. classes instead of normal degree classes. There was no way she would have been able to attend his classes even if she had gone to university.

As for Qin Jun, he was so brilliant that even Kong Fanlin was impressed and wanted to learn from him.

Ye Wan'er giggled. "True, true."

When they finally opened the clinic doors, a woman was already standing outside, waiting.

Ye Wan'er paused as she took in the woman before turning her head to look at Qin Jun.

"Jun...I think you should come take a look."

Qin Jun wondered just what kind of patient would have Ye Wan'er so shocked. Heading towards the doors, he saw a woman in a long dress standing there. She was wearing a straw hat, sunglasses and face mask. In fact, nearly all of her body was covered in some way or another.

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As he took a closer look, he understood why. From what little he could see of her skin, her body was littered with scars. It was actually quite terrible to look at, especially since she had a good figure, slender and curvaceous.

When she spotted Qin Jun coming out, she spoke up.

“Do you treat skin diseases?”

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Chapter 464 Tricky Patient

The woman's voice was soft and sweet.

Qin Jun nodded. "Yes, we do. Please come in."

As the woman came inside the clinic, a horrible stench followed her inside. Clearly, the smell was coming from her. Ye Wan'er furrowed her brows slightly.

The woman pulled off her sunglasses, revealing a pair of apologetic eyes. "I'm sorry. I might smell a little."

Ye Wan'er quickly shook her head and reassured her. "It's okay!"

Qin Jun took several sniffs and frowned as well. The smell truly was quite bad, but he was certain it was not because the woman was unhygienic. It was coming from her skin itself.

"Please have a seat."

When the woman took off her mask and hat, Qin Jun realized he was probably looking at a rare disease.

The woman's face was littered with acne and acne scars. She also had another kind of scarring, looking like scales across her face.

Standing off to the side, even Kong Fanlin was shocked. He had been a doctor for so many years, yet he had never, ever seen such a disease before. The level of scarring here was so serious he wondered if she had been badly burned.

The woman gave them a deeply apologetic look. "Sorry. I must have frightened you, didn't I?"

Kong Fanlin shook his head. "You're the patient and we're the doctors. We don't scare so easily. Master Qin, I'll take her pulse."

Taking an interest in the patient as well, he took the pulse of one of her wrists while Qin Jun took the other.

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Several seconds later, Kong Fanlin released her hand and shook his head. “Your disease is congenital, isn’t it?”

The woman nodded. “Yes.”

A sympathetic look flashed through his eyes. Women were always conscious of their looks and beauty. For her to be born like this, she must have been teased and bullied relentlessly when she was younger.

The woman seemed unfazed by any of their reactions. She had likely been to plenty of doctors and had seen all kinds of reactions.

But Qin Jun was different.

Previously, whenever she went to see any doctors, their first reactions would always be shock or disgust. After that, they would adopt a friendly expression, pretending to be concerned for her.

She was long used to such false reactions. On the surface, the polite smile on her face never wavered. In reality, her heart had gone numb from all this disdain and fake platitudes.

Yet, for some reason, the man before her seemed different.

From the moment she came in, he had frowned, not in disgust but in a thoughtful way.

Others had been afraid of hurting her pride and had deliberately avoided the elephant in the room, but he had taken deep breaths of the terrible smell coming off of her.

Even now, when he was taking her pulse, he still had that deeply thoughtful look on his face as he knitted his brows heavily.

It had been a long time since she had been treated like a normal patient.

Five minutes passed and Qin Jun was still taking her pulse. Shifting slightly in impatience, Kong Fanlin resisted the urge to shout at the man. *Just what other information could he get from her pulse?*

This was obviously a case of a congenital skin disease that could not be cured. The only solution would be to get plastic surgery.

Finally, Qin Jun released her hand. He did not speak though, merely continued to mull over his thoughts.

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Unable to hold back any longer, Kong Fanlin asked the woman, “Ma’am, have you ever considered plastic surgery?”

Although it may sound a little harsh, the truth of the matter was curing this disease would be immensely difficult. Not only that, even if they managed to cure her, she might still not end up looking much better. It would be easier to get plastic surgery done instead.

The woman smiled wryly as she replied, “I have. Unfortunately, my body’s constitution is special in that I can’t be anesthetized. Thus, I can’t go under the knife. Besides, I can’t undergo a skin graft.”

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Chapter 465 Mysterious Woman

Plastic surgeons would normally choose skin from the patient themselves for a skin graft operation. As the woman spoke, she rolled up the sleeve of her dress, showing off her arm.

The skin on her arm was just as bad as her face.

As a matter of fact, her entire body was the same, even her buttocks and the skin of her hands and feet. There was no spare patch of normal skin for her to use at all.

Kong Fanlin sighed in helplessness. There was nothing they could do then.

The woman gave a wry laugh. From his sigh alone, she could tell that this medical center could not help her either. Pulling out five hundred from her purse, she placed it on the table and prepared to leave.

Suddenly, Qin Jun spoke up, “Five hundred won’t be enough to cure this disease.”

The woman, who had been in the process of getting up, froze for a brief second before she sat back down with a *thump*. She stared at the man curiously. “You mean I can be cured?”

Qin Jun smiled as he answered, “Of course. There has never been a patient I could not cure before.”

His words were incredibly arrogant. Where in the world would a doctor dare say he could cure everyone?

Not really believing him but feeling like he might be different from the rest, she decided to take a chance.

“Please, tell me how you would cure me.”

“There’s no need to be in such a hurry. I have some questions to ask first.”

Just then, another person arrived at the clinic.

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A man dressed in expensive casual wear walked inside. He was clearly someone very wealthy as the shiny leather shoes he wore was probably worth sixty thousand alone.

“Doctor, I’m having gastric pain. Give me some medicine!”

As the man came closer, everyone present could smell the faint smell of alcohol on him. Obviously, he was still a bit drunk.

Plonking himself down beside the woman, he demanded, “Hurry up! I’m in a rush.”

Just as he said that, he smelled the strange smell coming from the woman beside him. Turning his head to look at the source, he was visibly shocked. “Holy crap!”

A disdainful sneer crossed his face as he continued, “Why didn’t you wear a mask to cover up how ugly you look? Are you trying to scare people to death?”

Rolling his eyes, he turned to look at Kong Fanlin.

“Doctor, treat me.”

Qin Jun’s voice was cold as he spoke up, “You need to get in line first.”

The man frowned. “I already know what I need. Just give me some gastric medication.”

Tone still as cold as before, Qin Jun responded, “I already told you. Get in line.”

“F**k! What’s wrong with you? Acting all high and mighty!”

With that said, the man got up and left.

From the moment the man walked in till he left, the woman had not said a single word.

After exiting the clinic, the man had not gone far when several well-built men in black clothing walked towards him.

Taken aback and feeling wary, the man stuttered out, “W-what do you guys want?”

The men’s faces were hard as one of them responded, “You looking to die? How dare you be so disrespectful to President Liu!”

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After that, the men pinned him to the ground and broke all four of his limbs.

Naturally, Qin Jun and the rest were unaware of all this happening. They only knew if the man had insisted on staying there, they would have thrown him out on his ass.

Focusing his attention back on the woman, he questioned, “Were you born with the markings on your body or did they appear over time, patch by patch?”

The woman was startled at how the doctor seemed to get right to the root of the problem.

“They appeared over time.”

When she was young, there were only a few patches on her and everyone just thought they were birthmarks. However, as she grew older, more and more markings appeared along with the acne. It was not until she was twenty that the markings covered her whole body.

Qin Jun’s fingers drummed against the table as he pondered what to do next.

At last, he said, “Curing this won’t be easy.”

The woman’s eyebrows rose. Does this mean curing her was actually possible?

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Chapter 466 Two Options

When she had been with the other doctors, this was usually the time where they shook their heads and told her there was nothing they could do.

However, with those words from Qin Jun, she felt hope rising in her.

“Doctor, are you sure I can be cured?”

Qin Jun replied, “It’s hard to say; I need to take a closer look to be sure. If it’s alright with you, could you step inside and let me have a look?”

She thought over it for several moments before agreeing.

Leading her to the back, Qin Jun pulled the curtains shut and gestured for her to lie down on the bed.

“You’ll need to take off your clothes for me to better examine you.”

Seeing as they were of different genders, he had to ask for her permission before he could proceed any further.

The woman was very hesitant as she was normally quite reserved. However, she tried to change her way of thinking. With her looking like this, what man would desire her?

She slowly took off her dress, leaving her underwear on to cover her private parts.

Even though she knew it was for medical reasons, baring herself like this before a man had her uncomfortable and embarrassed. Her hands moved around uncertainly before finally resting on her chest. Her cheeks were bright red as she blushed heavily.

Qin Jun did not allow his eyes to wander or linger for too long as he quickly swept a professional gaze across her body. The scars on her body were many and varied in thickness, which confirmed her earlier words that they had appeared over time. It was also glaringly obvious that there was no inch of skin left unmarred. Even with her underwear in the way, he knew those areas would be similarly marked.

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“Okay. You may put on your clothes now.”

Quickly dressing herself, the woman let out a soft sigh of relief.

The two of them returned to the front area and Qin Jun waited for her to sit down before he spoke.

“How should I address you, Ma’am?”

“My name is Liu Qingqing.”

“Ms. Liu, you have two options before you to cure your disease.”

Liu Qingqing was absolutely floored at the man’s words.

Can I really be cured?

She had been to doctors all over the country and never had any of them told her she could be cured. Now, Qin Jun was actually saying she had two options? Having a cure would have been a miracle for her, but now she could actually choose?

“Please, tell me.”

“The first option is to change your body’s constitution slowly, over time. Mainly, you will need to ingest herbal soups while I use acupuncture as a supplement. The scarring on your body will gradually fade and disappear. If I increase the dosage, you might recover fully in five years or so. Your skin will then become like anybody else’s - smooth and normal.”

Liu Qingqing’s hands started to shake in excitement. Resisting the urge to leap to her feet in joy, she forced calm into her voice.

“The second option?”

“The second option...” Qin Jun hesitated for a few seconds before he continued, “I really shouldn’t mention this option, but I know five years is not a short amount of time for a woman. I don’t really suggest this but you may take it into consideration.

“The second option is to use a surgical knife to carve away all the scar tissue on your body. I will also be using fire-needle acupuncture. With this method, I’ll be able to get rid of most of the acne and scars across your body.

“However, this method will also be incredibly painful, especially since you can’t be anesthetized. I hope you think things over carefully.”

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When the man finished, Liu Qingqing remained quiet for several long seconds. At last, she looked at him with a determined expression on her face.

“I want the second option!”

Technically, she had already been like this for twenty years, so five years more should not have mattered much. Yet, with a cure practically in her grasp, she could not wait a moment longer.

If she had to go through torturous agony to be cured immediately, so be it.

Qin Jun nodded. “I’ll respect your decision. The first time, I should be able to get rid of eighty percent of the scars. I’ll do my best to clean up your face first. There might still be some hard to reach places that I can’t cut out though.”

“Okay!” Liu Qingqing had her hands clasped before her in anticipation.

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Chapter 467 Carving

“Come on then.”

Knowing the woman was eager to get rid of the ugly scars that had plagued her for years, Qin Jun did not waste any more time. He would begin the operation immediately.

“Kong, close the clinic for the day.”

“Okay.”

Kong Fanlin immediately went to work pulling the shutters close. He knew this woman was a rare case indeed and Master Qin would most likely need to spend at least most of the day working on her. He wanted to see the man at work, so he quickly changed into his lab coat and followed after the man to be his assistant.

Not skilled enough to truly help, Ye Wan'er could only be on standby for simple chores to do. Although Zheng Pinglong was very curious, there was nothing he could do but wait outside. After all, the woman had to be naked to do the surgery.

As Liu Qingqing laid down on the bed again, she asked anxiously, “Do I have to be fully naked this time?”

Qin Jun nodded. “Yes, but you don't need to do so now as I'm going to start from your face. Stay strong.”

In order to distract her from the operation, he turned on the TV and selected a variety show for her.

This was the first time he had personally operated on someone since he came back to Donghai. Taking his knife and needles out, he placed them on a tray beside him.

Picking up several needles, he stabbed them into different spots on Liu Qingqing's head.

“Ms. Liu, after I put in this last needle, you won't be able to talk anymore. Your head will also be unable to move at all.”

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Liu Qingqing blinked at him, a determined look in her eyes.

After that, Qin Jun stuck the last needle in her, immobilizing her entire head.

Like peeling an apple, the knife slowly carved away at her face.

“Kong, hand me the medicine.”

Kong Fanlin had been instructed to grind some medicine powder before placing them in a steamer to heat up. Thanks to his expertise as a Master of TCM, he was able to adjust the fire to just the right temperature. If it had been Ye Wan'er doing it, she would not have been able to control the flame so well.

As Qin Jun sliced away a piece of Liu Qingqing's skin, red instantly blossomed on her face. She was not actually bleeding though. What he had sliced was actually the place where the dead skin and real skin beneath connected. The skill required for such delicate work was immensely high. Even he had to be incredibly careful so that he did not leave any new scars on her face.

When he was done slicing away that patch, he applied the medicinal powder to her face. The moment he did, her hand shot out to grab his pants leg, clenching it tightly.

At that moment, she was in unbearable agony yet she could not make a sound. As such, this was the only way she could vent.

Qin Jun gazed down at her, a comforting look in his eyes.

“It's fine. You can grab as hard as you like if it makes you feel better.”

Liu Qingqing practically had a death grip on Qin Jun's leg as her entire body tensed. This was only the first slice. There would be plenty more to come, each as painful as the last.

At this point, there was no way back, only forward, so he continued his operation.

Standing off to the side, Ye Wan'er watched with bated breath as Qin Jun sliced away at the woman's face. Worry that his hands might shake gnawed at her incessantly.

However, like a machine, Qin Jun's hands did not shake. His movements were steady and precise as he focused all his attention on the operation.

An hour later, Liu Qingqing's face was completely covered in the medicinal powder. Qin Jun removed the needles from her head before speaking gently, “We're moving on to your body now. Are you ready?”

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Liu Qingqing's voice was quivering when she replied, "Dr. Qin, you'll have to help me take off my clothes. I don't think I can move."

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Chapter 468 More Than A Million

Right at that moment, even the slightest bit of movement from her would have agony flaring from her face. Liu Qingqing did not care that Qin Jun was a man anymore, after all, he was a doctor. She would have to bare herself sooner or later anyway.

Since she was unable to even move, Qin Jun and Ye Wan'er had no choice but to cut her clothes off of her with a pair of scissors.

Once her clothes were removed and they caught a glimpse of her full body, Ye Wan'er could not help but sympathize with the woman. *No wonder she would choose the faster way to be cured even though it was so painful.*

Qin Jun continued with his work, painstakingly carving away the dead skin. He made liberal use of the powder and acupuncture, hoping to alleviate some of Liu Qingqing's pain. In the end though, there was still a huge difference between being anesthetized and not, so she still had to suffer the agony of having her skin sliced off.

The entire procedure lasted nearly eight hours because Qin Jun had been wary of working too fast. This was technically plastic surgery, so he had to do it as perfectly as possible.

It was a good thing he had extraordinary stamina. If it had been anyone else, they would have been exhausted within the hour, especially since this was such a high-intensity situation.

As it were, Kong Fanlin, who had been grinding the powder non-stop, was close to exhaustion. Respect for Qin Jun swelled in him. *No wonder the man was a master; no one else could beat that stamina!*

Throughout the procedure, Liu Qingqing had fainted twice from the pain and the excessive stress before waking up from the pain again.

Finally, the surgery was complete. Nearly all of the scar tissue and acne had been cleared off. What remained were some dark spots and acne scars that did not need to be removed by cutting them out. They would gradually disappear in a few months as long as she took some medicine for it.

Liu Qingqing's breathing was erratic as she asked weakly, "Doctor, are we done?"

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Qin Jun shook his head and replied, “You can rest for a while first. Don’t worry though, what comes next won’t hurt a single bit. Ms. Liu, I would like to be the first to congratulate you on a successful surgery.”

While it had been a difficult few hours for him, it had also been a draining experience for Liu Qingqing. She had had to endure such intense agony; not just anybody could have done the same thing.

“Are the herbs ready?”

Kong Fanlin nodded as he answered, “I’ve prepared them all.”

“Good.”

Turning to his patient, he said, “Ms. Liu, I have to move you into a tub now. Please bear with me.”

Walking towards her, he carefully slid his arms underneath her before lifting her up.

The instant their skins touched, Liu Qingqing felt like needles were being stabbed into the raw nerve endings all over her body. Sucking in a deep breath, she stubbornly held back her cries of pain.

The tub he was referring to was filled with ice cubes and cold water. Carrying her over, he gingerly placed her into it.

Once she settled in and the icy water covered her neck, she felt a lot better.

Kong Fanlin was shaking his head as he spoke mournfully, “Such a waste. Master Qin, the contents of this tub are probably worth more than a million in total.”

Other than ice, the tub was also filled with expensive herbs like ginseng, snow lotus and cordyceps. Everything that was beneficial for the body was dumped inside in massive amounts.

This would not have mattered much if it were not for one important factor.

Qin Jun had insisted on using cold water. Placing such expensive ingredients in ice water was basically a waste as they were unable to release their beneficial compounds much.

Qin Jun shrugged and stated, “If she can absorb even one percent of that, it would be better than nothing.

“Oh yeah, once she wakes up later, tell her the price.”

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From a quick glance earlier, he could tell the woman's clothing was simple but expensive. Money was probably not an issue for her.

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Chapter 469 You Are So Pretty

For the next six hours, Liu Qingqing dozed in the tub. When she opened her eyes again, the pain had disappeared from her body.

Realizing she was awake, Ye Wan'er hurried over. "Ms. Liu, you can wash off the powder on your body now."

Using a soft cloth, she helped the woman wipe away the powder as she spoke, "Dr. Qin says the fee for this tub of herbs is 1.5 million."

Liu Qingqing did not hesitate as she nodded her head. "No problem."

She would not have batted an eyelash even if it was ten million or even one billion.

Ye Wan'er gently cleaned off the sticky powder from the woman's body, revealing smooth, fair skin.

"Oh my god!" Ye Wan'er exclaimed loudly in surprise, "You're so pretty!"

Liu Qingqing heart leaped in her chest when she heard the other woman's words. Up till now, she had not dared to touch her face.

"Really...? Can I have a look?"

Ye Wan'er hurried off before coming back with a mirror, placing it in front of her.

Staring back at her in the mirror was a gorgeous woman.

Deep-set eyes and a sharp nose sat on a perfectly shaped face. Her skin was smooth and delicate-looking, much like a baby's would be. This was due to the dead skin having been sliced off by her surgery, revealing the tender skin beneath.

Liu Qingqing could hardly believe her own eyes. Like a miracle, she had become a beautiful woman in just a day's time!

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Even Ye Wan'er was envious of the other woman's skin. Then again, just the thought of how much agony she had to go through sent shivers racing down her spine.

The exhaustion Liu Qingqing felt was forgotten as she used the cloth to wipe herself clean. Flawless skin met her disbelieving gaze and she could only stare in wonder at herself. Unable to contain the feelings in her anymore, tears welled in her eyes before streaming down her face.

Half an hour later, she exited the room dressed in Ye Wan'er's clothing. Immediately, the three men's gazes snapped towards her.

The looks on their faces proved one universal truth: no matter what the age, men would always admire beautiful women.

The transformation of Liu Qingqing was really quite shocking.

Who would have thought this beauty would be the same person as the heavily scarred and smelly woman who had walked into their clinic earlier today.

Liu Qingqing had an elegant air around her and, much like Helen of Troy, was the sort of beauty who would have caused empires to fall.

She blushed when the three men's gazes remained glued to her. Walking towards Qin Jun, she gave him a small bow.

"Thank you for this miracle, Mr. Qin."

Qin Jun was quick to reply, "It's nothing. You should be careful of what you eat for now. No raw, cold, hard or spicy foods. You shouldn't use any cosmetics or skincare products either. I'll prescribe you some medicine which should get rid of the other blemishes on your body too."

The woman nodded her head, her eyes shining with gratitude.

Just then, the roar of a chainsaw came from outside. Right before the astonished gazes of the people inside, the shutters to the clinic were sawed open.

From the hole left in the shutters, they could see eight SUVs parked outside, along with a Rolls-Royce Phantom. They could also see roughly thirty bodyguards, standing around as they waited for the ones in the front to pry open the shutters.

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Chapter 470 President Liu

Zheng Pinglong's expression tightened as he prepared to rush out to meet them.

Despite there being so many opponents, he was not the slightest bit afraid. He was sure he could take out a few of them before he was beaten.

“Stop!”

At Liu Qingqing's shout, everyone froze.

Several of the bodyguards eyed the woman in front of them curiously, frowns on their faces. The voice was familiar, but they didn't recognize the face.

“Who are you?”

Liu Qingqing walked forward till she was right in front of the man in the lead.
“Sha Qiang, it's me.”

Sha Qiang's eyes widened as he stared at her. As Liu Qingqing's personal bodyguard, he was more than familiar with her voice. The way this woman talked and her expression...*This was President Liu!*

“President Liu, you...”

Sha Qiang had seen many things in his many years of life, but this was the first time he had seen such a major transformation in a human. To say he was shocked would be an understatement.

Fifteen hours ago, President Liu had entered the clinic looking as terrifying as ever. One look at her would give anyone nightmares. But as she stepped out of the clinic now, she had become a beauty like no other. There was no longer a strange stench coming from her body. Instead, there was a faintly clean and sweet smell wafting around her now.

Sha Qiang ducked his head as his cheeks flamed. Trying hard not to appear embarrassed, he turned to look at his men and ordered, “This is President Liu! Everyone stand down!”

When he turned back to face her, his face was as stern as usual.

“Congratulations, President Liu!”

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“Congratulations, President Liu!” The rest of the men chorused.

All of them were Liu Qingqing’s bodyguards and were constantly by her side no matter where she went. They had come to the clinic with her today but allowed her to go in alone. When she still had not come out after several hours and calling her phone received no answer, they panicked. Worried she had run into some trouble, they had tried to rip the shutters to the clinic off.

As their eyes took in the beauty that was their charge, they were dumbfounded at the metamorphosis she had undergone.

“My apologies, Mr. Qin. I’ll compensate you for the door.”

Qin Jun waved his hand in reply, showing he did not much care.

Taking out a name card from her purse, Liu Qingqing handed it to him, saying, “Mr. Qin, I’ll be leaving now. I’ll be sure to come over again tomorrow to express my gratitude. I really admire you, you know.”

When she spoke, her gaze never left Qin Jun, the respect and admiration in her eyes shining brightly.

“Okay. Remember what I said just now and come back tomorrow for a follow-up.”

Expressing her thanks again, she finally left the clinic and was ushered into the Rolls-Royce under the protective gazes of her men.

Staring at her retreating back, Zheng Pinglong sighed wistfully. “If this was ancient times, a beauty like her would lead to another foolish leader being born and the country would have to suffer for his fatuousness.”

Ye Wan’er glanced at the name card in Qin Jun’s hand curiously.

CEO of Stratus Beauty, Liu Qingqing.

Her jaw dropped open as her eyes widened in shock.

“So she’s the president of Stratus Beauty!”

The three men stared at her blankly with clueless looks on their faces.

“Is that very famous?”

“Of course!” Ye Wan’er explained, “As men, you wouldn’t know, but Stratus Beauty is famous in the country. Wait no, it’s famous internationally!”

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“Gucci and Armani are well-known worldwide, right? So in the entire country of China, only Stratus Beauty can be considered on the same level as them.

“However, the president of Stratus Beauty has never actually made an appearance. Whenever there was the launching of a new product, it was always the vice president that presented it. Now I finally know why.”

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Chapter 471 Stratus Beauty

Who would have known the president of the most popular cosmetic brand in China would be a heavily scarred and ugly woman? No wonder she had not dared to appear in front of the audiences.

This was why Ye Wan'er had not recognized the woman when she first walked in.

Qin Jun chuckled as he replied, "Wan'er, maybe next time you might get a discount when you buy your cosmetics."

"Oooh, that would be great!"

It had been an exhausting day for everyone, so Qin Jun sent them home to rest and gave them the day off tomorrow. He would handle the patients himself.

That night, all social media and news channels exploded with the exact same news.

The president of Stratus Beauty had finally shown her face!

A short two minutes video had been recorded, showing Liu Qingqing wearing a long dress as she held a press conference about developing some new products.

Normally, press conferences like these would not garner much attention. However, the moment news of this press conference got out, the whole world was in a furor about it as everyone scrambled to report and comment on the news.

And the reason for all the excitement was because of Liu Qingqing. The president of Stratus Beauty had always been an elusive figure; for her to suddenly appear in the news after all these years was truly shocking. The extent of her beauty did not help matters.

The internet was ablaze with comments about how unfair it was that she was rich and beautiful.

Other celebrity gossips, even ones orchestrated by the managers of those celebrities, were all thrown aside in favor of this huge piece of news as everyone talked about the woman that was Liu Qingqing.

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The image of the founder of a company was truly very important to that company. Immediately after Liu Qingqing had her press conference, Stratus Beauty's share prices skyrocketed.

Naturally, the net worth of the woman herself shot up as well. In fact, if several overseas companies decided to invest in Stratus Beauty, she would be China's richest person by next year!

The next morning, the news channels were still reporting on Liu Qingqing. Experts began to guess this was all a ploy on her part, as she waited till her company was in a tight situation before revealing herself, allowing the company shares to increase.

Qin Jun shook his head in exasperation at these so-called 'experts'.

Just then, the woman in question appeared. Other than her bodyguard Sha Qiang, Liu Qingqing had also brought a female secretary with her.

Taking off her sunglasses, she walked inside the clinic and sat beside Qin Jun. There was a smile on her face as she greeted him, "Mr. Qin."

"You look well, Ms. Billionaire."

The woman shot him a sweet smile. "Thank you. I'm here for my follow-up."

"Alright. Let me take your pulse."

She placed her hand on the wrist pillow and Qin Jun reached out to take her wrist.

The moment his hand touched hers, a shudder went through her body as her cheeks flushed lightly.

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Chapter 472 Prescription

Although Liu Qingqing knew Qin Jun's touch was purely professional, her heart still skipped a beat as her sensitive skin tingled where he touched her.

She stared at him with an almost worshipful look on her face, admiration obvious in her eyes.

Qin Jun nodded. "You've recovered pretty well. What's left on your body does not need to be surgically removed. All you need to do is continue taking the prescription I've given you and everything should be fine."

She nodded at him in thanks but remained sitting there. Reluctant to leave so fast, she asked, "Mr. Qin, with your amazing medical skills, are you by chance knowledgeable about the beautifying of a woman's face and body?"

Qin Jun answered, "So-so. I know a little about how to cure some beauty ailments."

Technically, curing ailments like acne was different than beautifying someone. Some women already had really good skin but wanted it to be better. This would then fall under the category of beautifying, not curing an ailment.

"Oh? Then do you have any prescriptions that might help women look radiant and young?"

Standing behind her, the secretary and bodyguard looked at each other in bewilderment. *Since when was President Liu so talkative?*

Normally when President Liu was in a meeting, she would rarely speak up unless it was necessary or it was to make a decision. Hardly would she be the one to pitch a sale. On the contrary, other businesses would usually need to work hard to convince her to work with them.

Yet, here she was initiating a conversation about cooperating with this tiny clinic.

Why did it feel like she was just looking for something to talk about?

Qin Jun mulled it over before replying, "I think I might have one."

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There were so many different kinds of remedies in his brain that he probably would not have remembered it if Liu Qingqing had not mentioned it.

“I have one that can help with stretch marks pretty well.”

Liu Qingqing was stunned. She had asked that question on a whim as she struggled to find a topic to talk about. She had not expected the man to actually have a remedy that fit her needs.

“That’s great! I’ll try it when I get back. If it really works, you should consider working with my company. I’ll give you some shares.”

Even though her treatment fee yesterday had cost her two million including the tub full of herbs that cost one million, she still felt like she owed him more. However, she knew that outright offering to give him more money was not going to be accepted well. Offering to give him some shares of her company, on the other hand, was a good opportunity for the both of them.

Qin Jun nodded. He had gone online and done his research on Liu Qingqing. She was a philanthropist and was often donating to some charity or another. In fact, the amount she had donated so far was probably a lot more than big entrepreneurs like Meng Wengang or He Nianying.

It could be she wanted to do more good deeds because of her unfortunate disease. Whatever the case, Qin Jun did not much care. As long as she was a kind person, he was more than happy to make a new friend.

Taking a pen and paper, he wrote down the remedy he had in mind. He also thoughtfully wrote down the dosage and precautions, detailing everything he could think of. When he was done, he handed the paper to her.

Accepting the paper, Liu Qingqing glanced through it quickly before keeping it in her purse.

“I don’t really understand it so I’ll hand it over to our technicians.”

In a way, she was brushing him off. Getting rid of stretch marks was a problem the cosmetic industry had faced for years now; she was sure some obscure remedy would not be able to solve it when teams of professionals had failed to do so.

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Chapter 473 Marriage

Even if this TCM remedy of Qin Jun's could work, Liu Qingqing believed it would at most alleviate the severity of the stretch marks, not get rid of it completely. There would not be a big market for such a product, especially since there were already similar products out there.

Obviously, just because the man was a skilled doctor did not mean he had a good business mindset.

Despite this, she still wanted to talk to him for a while longer.

For the next twenty minutes, they chatted amiably about random things until a patient arrived. Left with no choice, Liu Qingqing had to bid him goodbye and return home.

When she arrived back home, she mixed the herbs according to the prescription, intending to try it out. After all, what could it hurt? If it worked, even just a little, she could still market it as a new product.

“Qingqing, you're back! So, did you find a boyfriend today?” her mother, Huang Yan, asked.

For the past few years, Huang Yan had not dared ask her daughter that question. With scars all over her body, what man would want her? Even though she was incredibly rich and some men were more than willing to sacrifice looks for money, that was still not true love.

Though, things were different now that her daughter had regained her beauty. As a mother, naturally she would be concerned about her child's future, namely marriage.

With Liu Qingqing soon to be the richest person in the country, it would be nearly impossible to find a man that could match her in wealth and status.

Huang Yan was not asking for much, only that the man be somewhat handsome, had good character, and had some sort of talent. Most importantly, he had to love her daughter for who she was, not her money.

Liu Qingqing's cheeks flushed as she studiously avoided her mother's gaze. “I only just got better. Isn't it a little too fast to get a boyfriend now?”

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Her mother laughed as she replied, “You really should hurry though. What’s the point of having so much money? It’s more important you give me a grandchild to spoil!”

“Okay okay, I got it, Mum!”

Liu Qingqing may have been a bigshot entrepreneur outside of the house, but when she was in the house, she had to listen to her mother just like any other unmarried woman.

“Qingqing, what’s this?”

The younger woman, who had been on her way to the shower, called back to her mother, “It’s our company’s newest product. It’s supposed to get rid of stretch marks.”

With that, she shut the door to the bathroom.

When Huang Yan heard that it was for stretch marks, she frowned. She had tried so many different products over the years, but none of them had helped at all.

Lifting her shirt, she stared down at the myriad of lines that spanned across her abdomen like little worms.

No matter the age, women would always be vain about their appearance. In her eyes, the stretch marks across her body were loathsome and ugly. Since there was a new product, she might as well try it.

As the mother to a daughter who worked in the cosmetics industry, Huang Yan had used more than her fair share of high-end cosmetics. She was also often the guinea pig for any new product the company was looking to launch.

Reading the words on the paper, she nodded her head as she muttered to herself, “This handwriting is not bad.”

When she got to the instructions on how to take the medicine, her heart plummeted. *I have to ingest it?*

Cosmetic products, especially for removing scars or stretch marks, usually worked best when they were applied externally. How could something that was supposed to be ingested be able to get rid of stretch marks?

Since the medicine was already prepared anyway, Huang Yan decided she might as well try it. A little bit of effect would be better than nothing at all. Drinking down one dose, she pushed the matter to the back of her mind.

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That night, Huang Yan whole body started to itch uncomfortably but she was too tired to think much of it.

The next morning, she was woken up by the itchy feeling again. It felt like ants were crawling all over her abdomen. Unable to stop herself, she scratched at her skin furiously, only for giant patches of dead skin to slough off.

Shocked, she bolted upright and looked down at her abdomen.

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Chapter 474 Miracle Medicine

What greeted her sight gave Huang Yan the shock of her life when she looked upon her abdomen.

Yesterday, her abdomen was densely lined with stretch marks, both thick and thin.

Right now, nearly half of her stretch marks were gone and the remaining ones were also a lot lighter than before.

She stared down in shock, for a moment, she was unable to process what had happened. She had used plenty of products before but never had there been one that worked as well as this. And in such a short amount of time too!

She had not felt much different when she took it yesterday, other than the itchiness. After that, the dead skin seemed to slough off easily, the new skin underneath was as smooth and fair as a newborn baby.

Seeing how the remaining marks had lightened considerably, she was sure another two doses or so would get rid of them completely.

Elation swept through her and she charged towards Liu Qingqing's room, eager to share the good news.

“Qingqing! Get up and have a look!”

Liu Qingqing opened her eyes blearily and stared at her mother. Her tone was annoyed as she mumbled, “Mum, what are you doing?”

Lifting up her shirt, the older woman pointed at her abdomen. “Look!”

Liu Qingqing furrowed her brows and focused her attention on her mother's body. In a flash, she was wide awake.

“Huh?”

Reaching out to touch the skin, it felt nothing like how a fifty-year-old woman's was supposed to be. Instead, it felt more like an eighteen-year-old's.

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Ever since Huang Yan had given birth to her child, her stretch marks had only gotten bigger and darker as she aged. This transformation truly was a wonder.

“You ate that medicine I prepared?”

“Yeah! This new product of yours is so amazing!”

Hurriedly changing into her work clothes, Liu Qingqing had a quick breakfast before she headed towards her company with the new product.

Once she arrived, she went straight toward the R&D department and called for a meeting.

As she finished talking about the new product, the people in the room looked at each other uncertainly.

“President Liu, you must be joking. How can it be possible for something to remove stretch marks in one day?”

The women sitting in the meeting room currently were experts in the cosmetics field. Their main area of research was the human skin and they had once created a subdivision in charge of developing a product for stretch marks. Alas, no matter how hard they tried, the effects were always very minimal.

The process of pregnancy stretched out a woman’s skin so much that she was usually left with permanent scar tissue in the form of stretch marks. Even the most effective product they had come up with could only help a little bit. Usually, it was more of a psychological effect than anything.

There was a confident smile on Liu Qingqing’s face as she replied, “If this drug is really so miraculous, the market demand for it would be immense.”

The experts laughed. “Naturally. Women are the biggest consumers of cosmetics, especially married women. After marriage, they’re usually more willing and able to spend more money on skincare products. If this drug works, we’ll definitely break our own sales record.”

Liu Qingqing nodded. “Great. I’ve already gotten the formula for this drug and tested it in a preliminary clinical trial. We can move on to the next phase of the trials.”

Her staff knitted their brows and asked in disbelief, “President Liu, are you serious?”

Pointing at her own face, Liu Qingqing answered calmly, “Do I look like I’m joking?”

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Her face was the best piece of evidence they needed that showed there could indeed be wonder drugs out there.

After all, these members of her staff all knew how she looked like before. For her to change from an ugly freak into a world-class beauty overnight was nothing less than a miracle.

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Chapter 475 Doubled Net Worth

A disease that had experts all over the world scratching their heads must be something incredibly rare. For Liu Qingqing to find someone who could actually cure her, what is to say that person could not come up with something else equally as miraculous?

With her transformation literally happening overnight, some of her staff even wondered if it was actually her or some other woman she had hired to act in her stead. Their refusal to believe that it could be her was in part due to their lack of knowledge about advances in the medical field. They had asked her who this expert was, but she refused to say so they did not pry any further.

“If you put it that way, I guess we should continue with the clinical trials then.”

Taking the paper with the formula written on it, the experts bent their heads as they looked through it quickly. After that, they each shook their heads.

“A drug that’s taken orally should not have such obvious effects in one day alone.”

“Let me try it! My stretch marks are quite terrible.” A woman in her forties stood up and lifted her blouse. Her stretch marks were a lot worse than Huang Yan’s as her entire abdomen was nearly black with them. Clearly, melanin had deposited in them over the years.

Bringing the drug home with her, she followed the dosage instructions on the paper.

The next day, during their daily staff meetings, the woman suddenly barged into the meeting room. Locking the door, she turned around with a look of joy on her face.

“President Liu! It’s incredible! All of you, look!” She lifted her blouse to reveal her stomach. Where yesterday it had been an ugly black patch, today the marks were a lot lighter. Some of the smaller marks had even disappeared, leaving barely noticeable scars behind. The effect of the drug was unbelievable!

Everyone leaped to their feet and crowded the woman, wanting to take a closer look and feel it for themselves.

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As women, they all knew how hard it was to get rid of any kind of scar. As businesswomen, they knew this drug was an excellent opportunity for Stratus Beauty to increase their market value immensely.

Originally already close to being the richest person in the country, with the release of this product, Liu Qingqing's net worth would shoot up and land her firmly in first place. Even He Nianying, who would be left as the second richest person, might not be able to catch up to her.

Liu Qingqing was as excited as everyone else as her fingers clenched into fists. All she could think about was that calm and indifferent look on Qin Jun's face.

That man was just too amazing.

A simple remedy off the top of his head could easily double her net worth. Not only was it going to change her life, her company was going to benefit hugely from this as well. He truly was a treasure to behold.

From here on out, it was Liu Qingqing's time to shine. With the confirmation of the effectiveness of this product, there was no need to worry about losing money.

Calling her secretary over, she had the woman bring a contract over to Qin Jun. She would be transferring fifteen percent of Stratus Beauty's shares over to him.

In truth, fifteen percent of the shares was a huge amount of money. Shares from a company like theirs was normally very difficult to come by as everyone wanted a cut of the several billion yearly dividends. With the launching of a new product, the share price would only go higher.

Now that she was giving him fifteen percent, he would be the biggest shareholder behind her.

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Chapter 476 A Gift of Shares

After Qin Jun received the contract, he didn't give it much thought. He was familiar with the way these bosses did things, and he knew they just wanted a way to give him some money.

Liu Qingqing was rather sincere, so he didn't decline her offer.

Not to mention that the rare recipe from Qin Jun have brought great value to the company.

"Hi Mr. Qin, I'm the general manager of Huadong District and also President Liu's secretary. My name is Bi Ran. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you need anything" Bi Ran introduced herself.

She then passed his name card to Qin Jun. She treated him with great respect for several reasons.

Firstly, Qin Jun had been President Liu's doctor all this while, and Bi Ran felt great gratitude for him.

Secondly, Qin Jun was now a major shareholder of Stratus Beauty with a 15% stake in the company. That made him the second boss in the company and also Bi Ran's superior.

Lastly, Bi Ran felt that the way President Liu behaved towards Qin Jun was a bit weird. What if he became her "lady boss" in the future?

Liu Qingqing has passed her prime days, but the influence of this female entrepreneur was comparable to that of a superstar's. Even Su Wenqi didn't even reach her level of publicity when her scandal had been exposed in the past.

Qin Jun then went home to rest. When he reached home, Aunt Feng was still watching Wang Dongxue's live stream. He briefly took a look at her stream and found that she had achieved a high level of popularity. Her other fans would regularly sent her gifts regardless of whether he supported her online.

Many companies also approached her to be their brand ambassador, so she was able to earn additional money from advertising. Wang Dongxue was only a college student, but her income had exceeded that of an ordinary white-collar worker, and she wasn't even streaming full-time.

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Wang Dongxue's stream was about to end soon. Just as Qin Jun was about to text her, she called him.

"Jun, what are you up to?" she asked.

Qin Jun answered, "I just finished watching your stream."

"Oh really? Haha. One of my close friends just invited me to go shopping for cosmetics with her. Would you like to come along?" she said in response.

"Sure," he uttered and hung up the phone.

Qin Jun took a taxi to pick Wang Dongxue up. He thought about buying another car since the expensive sports car he owned was only a two-seater. It wasn't conducive if he had more than one passenger.

He considered investing in an SUV or a seven-seater to make things easier in the future.

Upon reaching the university, he waited at the main gate for a while before Wang Dongxue and her friend came out.

"Jun, this is Lingling. You've met before," Wang Dongxue introduced her friend.

Qin Jun nodded in acknowledgement. Lingling was one of the few friends that Wang Dongxue had in university, and he was certain that they had met a couple of times before.

"Jun, right? Dongxue is obsessed with you. She can't stop talking about you in class and she even calls your name when she sleeps during class," Lingling said to Qin Jun.

Wang Dongxue blushed and countered her, "Lingling, what are you talking about? Who's sleeping in class!"

Lingling giggled in response.

Qin Jun shook his head and said, "Come on, let's go. Do you two still want to shop for cosmetics?"

"Yes, our skincare products are almost finished. We need to go to the mall to grab some new ones," said Wang Dongxue.

Qin Jun didn't care much about the products that they were going to buy since there were so many brands in the market. Even though he just got to know Liu

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Qingqing, he didn't offer any suggestions and just went along with the two ladies.

The three of them took a taxi to the mall downtown. They just got off the taxi when a BMW skidded in their direction.

It had just rained heavily, and there were puddles on the road. With a splash, Lingling was drenched all over.

“What the hell!” she shouted.

The two ladies were infuriated. It was obvious that the road was full of puddles, and the driver shouldn't have driven so quickly.

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Chapter 477 The Mistress

The BMW signaled and drove into the parking lot next to the mall. A man and a woman alighted from the car, dressed to the nines with sunglasses on.

“What’s the matter? It’s only a little splash of water. That’s what you get for standing by the roadside,” the woman said arrogantly.

She was dressed with style, but she sounded obnoxious as soon as she opened her mouth. She acted like she was more superior just because she had a car.

The man walked over, and just as he was about to speak, he saw Wang Dongxue and was stunned. “Dongxue? Is that you?” he asked.

Wang Dongxue was equally stunned. With an awkward expression, she looked at him and said, “President Yan?”

Lingling furrowed her brows and put up her guard. She also knew who the man was. He was Yan Peng, the owner of the cosmetics shop that Lingling and Wang Dongxue used to work at.

He was basically their ex-boss.

Yan Peng was a married man who thought highly of himself just because he had money. He liked fooling around with college girls, and he often harassed Wang Dongxue.

When Yan Peng’s wife found out about his infidelity, she created a scene in the store. Wang Dongxue couldn’t tolerate such people, so she quit her job. Naturally, Lingling followed suit.

The woman next to Yan Peng scowled and lowered her sunglasses, revealing her face. Although her face was covered with a thick layer of face powder, it was obvious that she wasn’t that young.

“You again? What a coincidence! Are you here to seduce my husband again?!” she yelled.

The woman looked at Lingling condescendingly, her face flushed with anger.

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Lingling quickly pulled Wang Dongxue towards her and shouted back, “What the hell are you talking about? Who would want to seduce your husband?”

The woman snorted and said, “Oh, so the girl doesn’t want to take responsibility for her actions. How dare you defend her? I’ve seen the flirty messages that they’ve exchanged.”

Lingling knew exactly what was going on, so she stood up for Wang Dongxue and said, “You better get your facts right. It was your husband who made the first move on Dongxue, but she rejected him. You can’t even keep your man in check, so you’d better watch what you say!”

The woman scoffed, “Well, it takes two to tango. My husband wouldn’t be led astray if it weren’t for her skimpy dressing.”

What the woman said was despicable. She basically accused Wang Dongxue of acting innocent and playing hard to get to intentionally seduce her husband.

Wang Dongxue was humiliated, she never thought that she would bump into Yan Peng’s wife downtown. She turned and said to Lingling, “Lingling, let’s just go.”

She didn’t want to continue being involved with such people, so it was best to leave.

The woman unexpectedly grabbed onto Wang Dongxue and shouted at her, “Feeling guilty? Who said you can go before I finish talking?”

“Everyone, come and take a look at this homewrecker!” she continued shouting.

Her remark attracted the attention of countless people in public. They were in the main promenade in the busiest part of town, and there were shops all around. People started crowding around Wang Dongxue, embarrassing her even more.

Qin Jun furrowed his brows and made the woman let go of Wang Dongxue.

He said to her grimly, “If you want to speak, go ahead. But don’t get physical.”

The woman was immediately enraged when her arm was pulled away by Qin Jun.

“You little piece of shit, how dare you touch me? I’ll give you a taste of your own medicine!” she shouted at him and raised her arm towards Qin Jun.

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The woman had always been insolent and arrogant. To her, Wang Dongxue was just an ordinary commoner who used to work in her husband's store, so she didn't give two hoots about Qin Jun.

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Chapter 478 You Dare To Hit Me

Qin Jun acted before the woman could lay her hand on him, slapping her across the face.

When Qin Jun struck her, the layer of powder on her face was shaken loose and his handprint appeared on her face. It was like hitting a blackboard that was full of chalk dust.

With a tight slap from Qin Jun, the woman's true appearance was revealed. Half her face was covered in acne, freckles and wrinkles, making her look like an ugly monster.

"You...hit me! How dare you hit me, you little piece of shit! Darling! He hit me!" she shouted hysterically.

Yan Peng didn't expect that the young man would get physical. "You hit my wife! Are you looking for trouble?!" he threatened Qin Jun.

Although he was furious, he was stuffed from his meal and wasn't in the right state to fight back. Moreover, Qin Jun was physically bigger than him, so he chose to hold his horses.

"Just you wait and see!" he shouted.

Right after that, Yan Peng took out his phone to make a call.

Qin Jun couldn't be bothered to deal with a moron like him. The fact that Yan Peng needed to call for backup annoyed him.

"Let's go," he said to the two ladies.

The three of them walked into the mall and left Yan Peng and his wife outside.

At the entrance, Yan Peng's wife, Bai Ya, turned pale and exclaimed, "Darling, they're getting away! Why didn't you do anything just now? You couldn't stand hitting that little bitch?!"

Yan Peng shook his head and tried to calm her down, "Darling, don't misunderstand the situation. Don't worry, if we ever meet them again, I assure you that they will get a piece of me!"

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Bai Ya grunted, "I'll hold you to your word. If we ever bump into that little bitch again, you better not hold back!"

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The trio shopped around the mall and took a look at every skincare brand. The mall was rather high end, so the cosmetics products there weren't cheap.

Wang Dongxue shook her head repeatedly and commented, "Everything here is so expensive. We're better off buying Stratus Beauty's products."

Lingling felt the same way and responded, "Let's go to Stratus Beauty then. Oh, have you seen the news lately? Their owner, Liu Qingqing, is absolutely gorgeous and has flawless skin. Her videos aren't even filtered, and her natural skin is better than any filter out there."

Wang Dongxue nodded and said, "Yeah, I've seen her pictures. Their products must be quite good. Alright, let's go and take a look."

Wang Dongxue's income was twenty to thirty thousand per month; she could easily afford higher end products. She didn't wear makeup on a daily basis, so her products could stretch a long way.

Qin Jun laughed and said, "Stratus Beauty? I happen to know the owner. I can help you get a discount."

"For real?" Wang Dongxue answered with surprise. She wondered how Jun knew so many people. He knew the owner of the clothing store they went to previously. Now it turned out that he knew the owner of Stratus Beauty too?

Qin Jun replied, "Of course. You could even try out their prototypes."

Wang Dongxue felt like she just got her hands on tickets that would allowed her to visit behind the scenes, just like watching a movie premiere or access to beta versions of games, she would now be able to have the privilege to test out beauty products.

When companies launch new products, they typically won't launch on a large scale in order to safeguard themselves in case of any unforeseen problems arose.

What they would usually do was launch new products for a selected group of premium members first. These members would be long-term loyal customers of the brand, so dealing with any potential problems would be easier.

Although Qin Jun had never shopped at Stratus Beauty before, he was already a shareholder of the company, making him a premium member automatically.

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Chapter 479 Platinum Member

“Prototypes? That would be great. I heard that such products were cheap yet effective. We have many friends who bought prototypes through agents, but they are difficult to come cross. It would be better if we can get the products first-hand,” said Lingling. She was thrilled as soon as she heard of this opportunity.

The two ladies followed Qin Jun to the second floor of the mall.

Beauty products were usually housed on the first floor of malls. But in Donghai, beauty products were also on the second floor.

The entire second floor of the mall belonged to Stratus Beauty. The store was huge. As soon as a customer walked in, a store assistant would immediately serve him or her, providing excellent customer service.

The headquarters of Stratus Beauty was in Donghai, so naturally, their stores were more developed in the region.

When Qin Jun and the two ladies walked into the store, a store assistant approached them apathetically.

“Hello, what are you looking for today?” she asked.

Qin Jun scanned the counter and said, “Is that all that you have?”

When the store assistant heard what he said, she looked at him from head to toe, then sneered, “That’s right. Why? Are they not enough? Or are they too expensive?”

They didn’t seem rich based on their appearance, so the store assistant didn’t feel like attending to them.

Qin Jun looked at her and said, “We’re here to check out your prototypes.”

The store assistant immediately sneered and said sarcastically, “You’re kidding right? Only platinum members are eligible to purchase those products. To become a platinum member, you first need to meet a minimum spending of ten thousand. It’s not free, you know.”

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When the store assistant spoke, her eyes moved up and down, examining them condescendingly. It was as if being a store assistant at Stratus Beauty made her superior to them.

Qin Jun furrowed his brows and said bluntly, “We wouldn’t ask to see your prototypes if we weren’t already members. Get your manager over.”

The store assistant rolled her eyes, thinking they were just being cocky. *There’s no way this bunch of people can be our store’s member.*

“Calling for the manager!” she shouted.

A tall woman dressed in uniform and high heels walked over.

“What is it?” she asked.

The store assistant replied ambiguously, “This man over here says he’s one of our members and would like to take a look at our prototypes.”

The manager put on a suspicious look, trying to figure out who this man really was. Only platinum members were eligible for such products. She knew every single platinum member in Donghai, yet she didn’t have any impression of Qin Jun. Moreover, platinum members usually made an appointment before visiting the store, but Qin Jun showed up without any prior notice.

Out of courtesy, the manager didn’t say anything excessive, though she looked impatient. Perhaps it was another customer who came to jump on the bandwagon.

“Sir, please have a seat inside. I’ll pull up your membership details,” she said to Qin Jun.

The three of them followed her into the office while the store assistant rolled her eyes at the entrance of the elevator. “What a fake,” she mumbled to herself.

With her computer in front of her, the manager asked, “Sir, may I have your phone number please?”

Qin Jun uttered a series of digits, and the manager started searching for his details.

When Qin Jun’s details appeared on her screen, her jaw dropped.

“Administrator?” she said to herself.

There were many different tiers of membership, regular, platinum and so on.

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But those with administrator status were rare, and they were usually shareholders or top executives of the company.

The manager quickly stood up straight and said with a smile, “Mr. Qin, I’m so sorry for holding you up. Please come with me. I’ll let you take a look at our prototypes.”

She couldn’t believe that this young man was a shareholder of the company. He was basically her superior!

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Chapter 480 Stealing

The manager was still in a bewildered state. *Since when did the company have such a shareholder?*

She could remember the thousands of platinum members in Donghai, not to mention the few shareholders and top executives of the company.

The manager of Stratus Beauty was a shrewd and bright lady. If she had known that the top management consisted of such a young and rich man, she would have mingled her way up earlier. *Perhaps the young man was new to the company?*

What a shame that he had two ladies with him though. If not for them, I would have seized the opportunity to get my claws on him.

When the manager took Qin Jun around to browse their products, she threw provocative glances at him from time to time, hoping to catch his eye.

Qin Jun paid the bill after they had chosen what they wanted. He enjoyed a huge discount as a top-tier member, so the bill came down to a relatively small sum.

“Dongxue, why don’t you pick a couple more items?” he offered.

Wang Dongxue gave it a quick thought and said, “Let’s take a look outside then.”

Since Stratus Beauty’s products were considerably good and Jun could get a discount with his membership, Wang Dongxue accepted his offer to buy a few more items.

The three of them walked outside to the standard section, just as they headed towards the elevator, they bumped into the store assistant again.

When the store assistant saw the bundle of items that Qin Jun was carrying, she furrowed her brows and exclaimed, “I’ve told you earlier, non-platinum members are not allowed to buy prototypes. So you’ve decided to steal those products instead?”

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Wang Dongxue frowned and answered, “What do you mean steal? We bought these!”

The store assistant sniggered and said, “You must be kidding! This is the first time the three of you have stepped into our store. If you were really platinum members, how come not a single one of our staff can recognize you? Return those items now, or I’ll call the police!”

Wang Dongxue and Lingling were infuriated. *How could Stratus Beauty have such an ignorant and stupid employee?!*

“We didn’t steal these, and we don’t need your service anymore. Get another staff to assist us!” they told the store assistant off.

She then answered with a snort, “Service? I only service customers, not thieves. Security! Come over right now!”

As soon as she called for security, a few security guards with tasers quickly rushed over to the scene, and people around the mall started looking at them. The guard surrounded Qin Jun and the two ladies vigilantly.

“They stole our prototypes which are worth thousands. Detain them and send them to the police station!” the store assistant declared.

Just as the guards were about to cuff them up, the manager burst out from behind, “What are you all doing?!”

The manager scuffled her way through the security guards and saw that Qin Jun and the two others were being detained.

Upset and shocked, she quickly walked towards Qin Jun and held his arm. She patted his body a several times out of concern and said, “Mr. Qin, are you alright?”

The manager’s actions left everyone stunned. Their manager was like a goddess. She was beautiful, rich, and now she was standing up for a thief?

The store assistant was beyond shock. “Manager, what are you doing? They are thieves who just stole from our store!” she alerted her manager.

The manager turned around and gave her a death stare.

“You idiot! Mr. Qin is one of our shareholders. How could he possibly steal from us! You’re an absolutely contemptuous person. You’re fired! Now get lost!” she shouted at the store assistant.

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Chapter 481 Platinum Card Member

The manager's words confounded the store assistant.

“Share...holder?” she mumbled to herself in shock.

No wonder the manager was so nice to him and these people seemed like they have never been to the store before. They even have platinum cards!

Not to mention he wasn't even an ordinary member; he had an administrator status!

Dumbfounded, the store assistant quickly walked towards Qin Jun with an aggrieved look on her face.

“Sir, I'm so sorry. I didn't know just now...” she said timidly.

Qin Jun sneered, “It doesn't matter. You won't be coming back here to work anyway.”

Qin Jun, Wang Dongxue and Lingling then continued looking around the store.

The store assistant's face was pale white. Even though she only held a customer service position, it was still a job at Stratus Beauty.

She had worked there for two years. In another few years, she would have been promoted to store manager and her salary would have exceeded ten thousand a month. Moreover, Stratus Beauty offered excellent benefits to employees. Where would she be able to find such a good job elsewhere?

Her termination from Stratus Beauty would also be on her records forever. No employer would want to hire a staff who was previously fired.

The manager stared at her coldly and snapped, “Serves you right. Now get out of here!”

This kind of employee didn't deserve any sympathy.

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Wang Dongxue didn't wear a lot of makeup usually, so she didn't find the need to buy much makeup. She did, however, buy a lot of skincare products, especially those that had hydrating properties.

When the three of them were browsing around in the store, a man and a woman walked in.

The woman looked extremely unhappy. "Darling, look at my face!" she said.

The man sounded helpless when he answered, "Okay, okay, just buy whatever cosmetics you want."

It was Yan Peng and Bai Ya, the couple that they met earlier at the entrance of the mall.

Bai Ya grunted, "You are from the same trade too. How come I don't get any discounts for the products that I buy? Every product that I choose are more expensive than the previous one."

Yan Peng was feeling really helpless at this point. Although he also had his own cosmetics shop, it was nothing compared to Stratus Beauty. His was only a small business.

"Darling, it's not like this store doesn't offer any discounts at all. Why don't you pick what you want, and I'll see if I can find any platinum members around so we can check out at a discounted rate," he said to his wife.

"Seriously? Do you know of any platinum members from this store?" she asked skeptically.

She stopped to think for a while, and then continued saying, "Darling, if you really know any platinum members, we can buy the prototypes here. I heard that Stratus Beauty just released a new anti-aging product. I really want to try it."

"Hmm...I'll try my best," he replied.

Yan Peng spent half an hour making several phone calls. Finally, he managed to contact a friend who was a platinum member and was willing to lend Yan Peng his membership.

After the phone call, Yan Peng brought Bai Ya into the store, and she started choosing what she wanted.

The price of Stratus Beauty prototypes were considerably more expensive than their regular products, and the discount rate for platinum members wasn't that high. They paid a lot more even though they bought the same products as Qin Jun.

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Bai Ya's bill came down to more than ten thousand, and she walked out the inner section of the store feeling satisfied. After choosing a few more face masks, she walked towards the counter and saw Qin Jun.

Bai Ya stared at him angrily and said, "It's you three again!"

Qin Jun's brows knitted into a frown. Bumping into these two nut-heads again was like meeting an enemy on a narrow road.

When Bai Ya saw Wang Dongxue carrying a full bag of beauty products, she shrieked angrily, "You slut, why would you buy so much cosmetics if not to continue seducing my husband!"

Lingling was displeased and immediately stepped forward to scold her, "Why don't you look in the mirror first before spouting such nonsense! You're the real slut here!"

The word slut enraged Bai Ya. Jealousy, hatred and grudges overcame her entire being, and she trembled with rage.

"Darling! Get security to beat them up!" she screamed.

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Chapter 482 Chased Out

Yan Peng let out a cold snort. Since things had escalated to this extent, he couldn't sit aside and do nothing.

After all, he was also from the beauty industry, so being in Stratus Beauty's store was like standing on home ground.

When Bai Ya was hit earlier, Yan Peng didn't dare to fight back. But things were different now with security around. He wanted to intimidate Qin Jun and scare him away.

"Guards! Over here!" Yan Peng cried out.

A few security guards immediately showed up in bewilderment.

"What is it?" they asked.

Yan Peng pointed to Qin Jun and the two ladies, and instructed the guards, "These three people are rude and they behave terribly. Throw them out of the mall!"

The guards looked at each other in confusion. *Does this man know what he was saying?*

When the guards detained Qin Jun earlier, the store assistant ended up getting fired. They now knew that Qin Jun was a shareholder of Stratus Beauty, so none of them dared to take any action. It would be thoughtless of them to take action against Qin Jun.

Not a single one of the guards moved. Yan Peng's brow scrunched together as he yelled, "What are all of you doing? Standing there like idiots doing nothing! Quick, throw them out now, or I'll report you to your superior!"

The guards didn't move a muscle. Instead, they looked towards Qin Jun as though they were waiting for his orders.

Qin Jun sneered, "Since he said to throw them out, then throw them out it is.

The guards understood what he was implying. "Okay!" they answered spiritedly.

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One of the guards then took his baton and smacked it across Yan Peng.

“Scram!” he shouted.

Yan Peng was startled when he was hit, and his expression changed drastically.

“What the hell are you doing! I’m Yan Peng. I know who your superiors are. I’ll commanding you to throw them out!” he roared angrily.

“Go screw yourself!” the guard yelled back at him.

The other guards took out their batons and started hitting Yan Peng and Bai Ya. They suffered bruises all over their bodies, and they fled shortly after.

Seeing the mess they were in, Lingling frowned and said, “Dongxue, you have to be more careful these days.”

Wang Dongxue was startled for a moment. “There’s no need for that. Even though Yan Peng is not a good person, he wouldn’t actually dare to lay a finger on me, right?” she answered.

The two of them kind of understood what kind of man Yan Peng was. No doubt he was a pervert, but he was also wrapped around his wife’s finger, and he didn’t actually have the guts to do anything bad.

Lingling then said, “He doesn’t have much guts, but his wife is something else. Bai Ya is not a good person at all. It’s best to take some precautions.”

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Wang Dongxue nodded and couldn’t help touching the watch that Qin Jun gave her. The watch was a symbol of protection for her, and she felt a lot more at ease with it.

Qin Jun didn’t take the incident seriously. Yan Peng and Bai Ya were just ordinary folk after all. They wouldn’t be too big of a problem.

If they really dared to take any bigger actions, Qin Jun would make sure they regret it for the rest of their lives.

“Alright then, it’s time for us to head back the university. Thank you so much for today, Jun!” Lingling thanked Qin Jun.

Lingling was extremely happy today as all the beauty products she bought were paid for by Qin Jun. Naturally, she was grateful for him.

Qin Jun smiled courteously and hailed a taxi for them to go back.

When Wang Dongxue and Lingling reached their university, Qin Jun received a call from Zhu Linlin.

“Jun? Are you free right now? My grandmother has fallen ill,” she said.

Qin Jun frowned and answered, “Alright, I’ll go over and have a look.”

Although he had some conflict with the old woman before, she was Zhu Linlin’s grandmother after all. When he was a young boy, she more or less favored him, and though she was snob, he chose to repay her “evil” with kindness.

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Chapter 483 Ouyang Yanyan Is Sick

The family now lived in Qingmei Manor, and it was convenient for Qin Jun to go there.

After Zhu Linlin hung up the phone, Zhu Ming, who was beside her, frowned and said, “What’s the use in calling him? I’ve already summoned a doctor who is well-known nationwide. Do you think he can be compared to this doctor?”

Zhu Linlin replied, “Jun’s medical skills are superb. When grandpa was sick, Jun was the one who treated him.”

Zhu Ming pursed his lips and said, “Whatever, he doesn’t even have a professional medical qualification. I don’t know how he did it last time, but it was probably just sheer luck. Perhaps he had encountered the same illness before, that’s why he knew how to treat grandpa. How can you trust him?”

Zhu Linlin was stumped for words. “Uncle, how could you say such things? Don’t forget, the house that you’re living in right now belongs to Jun!” she said to him.

Zhu Ming snorted, “He only inherited this house from his forefathers. Do you think he would be capable of managing such a big property if it weren’t for us living here? Quit joking!”

“You...” she stuttered.

Zhu Linlin was at a loss for words. She had never met someone so shameless. He was living in Jun’s house, yet he talked so mightily from his high horse.

Aunt Zhu rolled her eyes and said, “That’s enough arguing. Right now, mum’s health is the most important. Having more than one doctor isn’t an issue. What do you think, mum?”

The old lady, Ouyang Yanyan, was leaning against a rattan chair. She was a bit weak, but her overall condition wasn’t too bad.

“I still don’t have much appetite. I feel hungry, but I just don’t feel like eating,” she said.

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Old people were capable of getting all sorts of illnesses. A few days ago, the Old Madam had suddenly lost her appetite and kept throwing up everything she ate. She couldn't even keep her favorite food down. The next day, she became very weak to the point that she trembled from the hunger.

Her family had no other choice but to give her a few intravenous glucose injections. Ouyang Yanyan's condition improved but she still felt weak from head to toe as though she was dying.

She let out a big sigh and said, "I'm really growing old. I have been overworked lately."

After the merger of Zhu Pharmaceutical, the company grew to a very large scale. Since Ouyang Yanyan was the president, she had to put in extra hours to manage the company, and she felt sick after working so hard.

The family consulted a number of doctors but it was to no avail.

Western medicine wasn't of much use since the symptoms weren't severe. The doctors' only advice was to rest and recuperate.

Many suggested for them to consult a TCM practitioner and let the Old Madam take traditional Chinese medication. Western medicine was too harsh for someone her age, and there were risks of her developing other ailments or side effects.

Ouyang Yanyan looked at her younger generation and said, "Whoever who can find a doctor to treat me well will inherit my position as president of the company."

Everyone was startled when they heard that Ouyang Yanyan was going to abdicate her position.

This was big news indeed. They never thought that the old lady would give up her position just because of her illness. After all, she was the matriarch of the family, and she had always been the one to determine the family's direction. If she were to vacate her position as president, it would mean retirement for her.

The choice would only be between Zhu Linlin and Zhu Ming.

The only promising ones in the Zhu family who were capable of taking over the family business were Zhu Linlin and Zhu Ming.

Ouyang Yanyan wasn't entirely sure who the right person was, so she used this opportunity to make the decision.

Zhu Ming perked up as soon as he heard what Ouyang Yanyan said. He felt good about this. The doctor he summoned was the most famous doctor in the

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capital. He would definitely be able to cure the Old Madam.

Once she has recovered, he would become the patriarch of the Zhu family and also the new president of Zhu Pharmaceutical!

The first thing he planned to do was fire Zhu Linlin!

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Chapter 484 The Famous Doctor From Beijing

“Mum, are you serious?”

Ouyang Yanyan nodded her head and said, “I’m getting old and I don’t want to worry about such things anymore. I’ve decided to leave these matters to your generation.”

“Mum, don’t you worry. I promise I won’t let you down!” Zhu Ming exclaimed.

Seeing how ecstatic he was, Wang Yun frowned.

“Brother, it’s too early to discuss these things. Mum said she will hand her position to whoever who cures her. But right now, she isn’t cured yet, right?” Wang Yun said to him.

Zhu Ming snorted, “There’s nothing suspenseful about this. I’ve invited the capital’s best doctor to treat mum. Since her illness isn’t that complicated, it should be easy to treat.”

He added, “Who did you look for? That Qin guy? Hahaha, what else does that kid have besides an inherited house? Zhu Linlin only treats him as a friend, Haha!”

What Zhu Ming said was absolutely awful, but Wang Yun couldn’t refute his words. Indeed, he had invited the best doctor from the capital. They couldn’t possibly find anyone better.

As for Qin Jun, what could he do? He was just a bumpkin who didn’t even have a medical qualification. If it weren’t for this house, Wang Yun wouldn’t even bother paying him any attention.

It was too late to look for another doctor anyway. Qingmei Manor was situated far away from the city center, and it was difficult to get a doctor at this point.

It seemed like Ouyang Yanyan was playing favorites. She could have just abdicated her position to Zhu Ming directly instead of going through all this trouble.

Shortly after, Qin Jun and the famous doctor arrived one after the other.

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The legendary doctor from Beijing wore a long-sleeve shirt and glasses. He had short hair and looked to be around forty years old. With a medicine kit slung over his arm, he looked like a genius doctor from a local TV series. His overall appearance was very professional, and it was clear that he was a TCM practitioner.

“Dr. Lu!” Zhu Ming called out to him with delight when he finally arrived. After Ouyang Yanyan’s promise, Zhu Ming now held Dr. Lu with higher regard.

“Mum, this is Dr. Lu, the famous doctor I was talking about. With him around, you will definitely be cured. Let him take a look at you first!” he said to the Old Madam.

Wang Yun was displeased and quickly interjected, “No! Qin Jun arrived first. He should be the first one to attend to mum!”

Even though Wang Yun didn’t hold much hope, there was still a chance that Qin Jun might cure Ouyang Yanyan by luck. Zhu Linlin would then be the next matriarch!

Dr. Lu scrunched his brows when he heard this.

“Huh? There’s another doctor in the house? You don’t trust me?” he said with an unpleasant look.

Zhu Ming rushed in to explain, “Dr. Lu, it’s just a misunderstanding. I didn’t invite him. He is actually... one of our relatives who happens to have some medical skills too.”

Dr. Lu then nodded and said, “Oh, I see. Must be some amateur skills then.”

He looked at Qin Jun with disdain and added, “Young man, you’d better not reveal that you are a medical student before you graduate. If someone asks you for treatment and you did a bad job, it will tarnish the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine.”

Zhu Ming laughed and said flatteringly, “You’re right, Dr. Lu. Young people should focus on studying properly and let the experts do the work. I hope he understand that. What if mum’s condition worsens after he treats her? Dr. Lu, you go ahead first.”

Zhu Ming just wanted Dr. Lu to cut the line so he could win the competition. The Old Madam’s condition was certainly mild, and it was likely just a common cold or headache. If Qin Jun managed to cure her, it would be a great loss for Zhu Ming.

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Chapter 485 Bullseye

Zhu Linlin furrowed her brows and felt that this was unfair. “Why don’t both of them take a look together?” she said.

However, Qin Jun smiled and said, “It’s okay. Let him go first.”

He already noticed some symptoms before even checking her pulse.

On the surface, it looked like Ouyang Yanyan had a common cold, but she was actually suffering from body heatiness.

In Traditional Chinese Medicine, there were many types of body heatiness. The most common was rapid heatiness, and people with bad tempers would usually experience this.

When “heat” overwhelmed the body rapidly, the individual would experience many serious symptoms.

However, Ouyang Yanyan wasn’t experiencing this. Her “heat” was slow. Overworking everyday and worrying over the company’s matters has built up her stress levels gradually. An accumulation of “heat” over time caused her to fall sick the way she was.

Both conditions were caused by body heatiness, but the treatment for each was different. Since Dr. Lu has full confidence with his skills, Qin Jun doesn’t mind letting him see to the Old Madam first.

Dr. Lu sat himself down, and the whole family gathered around to watch him check her pulse.

A moment later, Dr. Lu stroked his beard and shook his head.

“Nothing major, just some body heatiness and a cold. I’ll do some scrape therapy on your neck, and you should be fine after that,” he told the Old Madam.

Dr. Lu then took out a scrape therapy board and started scraping behind Ouyang Yanyan’s neck.

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Qin Jun shook his head as he stood aside and watched. This “famous” doctor was clearly an amateur. In Qin Jun’s eyes, he was only at the level of an apprentice. Even Ye Wan’er’s skills were way better than his. How could he possibly treat patients with such skills and be called Beijing’s best doctor? What a joke. He was clearly a fraud from the countryside.

After ten minutes of scrape therapy, Dr. Lu’s hand grew tired.

He looked at Ouyang Yanyan and asked, “How do you feel? Better?”

Not only did the Old Madam didn’t feel any better, she felt severe pain on her neck instead. Dr. Lu’s scrape therapy technique was jerky and painful. She had clenched her teeth and tolerated the extreme pain throughout the process.

Dr. Lu only let out a suppressed laugh, saying, “It’s not too bad, right? It should get better after a while.”

Ouyang Yanyan was at a loss for words. She couldn’t feel much and didn’t have any appetite to eat. She just felt weak all over.

Zhu Ming quickly stepped in and said, “Right, it takes a longer time for traditional Chinese treatment to take effect. We definitely have to give it some time before we can see any results.”

Wang Yun scoffed, “I don’t think the scrape therapy did much for her. Why don’t we let Qin Jun take a look?”

Dr. Lu commented scornfully, “If that’s the case, then you check on her too.”

Qin Jun walked towards Ouyang Yanyan and checked her pulse. After almost a minute, he took down her reading.

Right after that, he took out a silver needle and pricked between her thumb and index finger. He then flicked her fingers up and down repeatedly.

A moment later, he removed the needle and said, “We’re done.”

Everyone was stunned. *That’s all?*

Even Dr. Lu, the “renowned” doctor couldn’t seem to understand. *What was that? the acupuncture ended too quickly, and what kind of acupuncture treatment only used a single needle?*

One needle can do the job? This is absurd!

“Do you know what you’re doing?”

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Just as everyone was questioning Qin Jun, Ouyang Yanyan suddenly felt a warm current in her stomach. She took a few sniffs and asked, “What smells so good?”

They were all startled by her question. They then turned around and looked, it was Zhu Ming’s child eating some snacks and the snacks had emitted the fragrance.

Ouyang Yanyan gulped and said, “Bao, what are you eating? Let your grandma try some.”

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Chapter 486 Who Cured Her

Everyone was astonished as Ouyang Yanyan did not have much appetite lately. Even if they put the most delicious food in front of her, she wouldn't even look at it. Today, all of a sudden, she wanted to have Bao's snacks?

Bao handed her the cookies and said, "Here you go, grandma."

The Old Madam had only relied on glucose infusion for the past few days, and her body was in a very weak state. However, after eating a few pieces of the cookies, she instantly regained her energy and her complexion improved.

"Get me something else to eat, will you?" she said.

Bao was only a child after all, so his snacks weren't a proper meal.

The whole family rejoiced after hearing what she said. It seemed like she had recovered.

"Mum, what would you like eat? I'll get it for you!"

"Some buns and porridge."

"Ok, sure!"

Zhu Ming ordered a family member to go out and buy her food. The whole family spared no effort to accommodate her needs.

Shortly after, the person returned with a box of buns with all sorts of fillings. There was also porridge with pickled vegetables that was bought from a famous breakfast store.

Ouyang Yanyan devoured the buns instantly. At her age, it was rare for her to eat in such a manner. Qin Jun's acupuncture treatment seemed to have removed whatever blockage there was in her stomach. Her appetite was stimulated to the point that she could even eat a horse.

She ate six buns that were as big as a fist continuously. When she finally stopped, she leaned against her chair and released a long, deep breath of relief.

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With food in her stomach, her overall condition improved greatly.

Zhu Linlin was delighted. “Grandma, you’re okay now!” she exclaimed.

Looking at how elated Zhu Linlin was, Zhu Ming’s face sank a little.

Everyone in the family could see that it was Qin Jun’s acupuncture that cured Ouyang Yanyan. *Were Qin Jun’s medical skills really better than the renowned doctor’s?*

After this fiasco, Zhu Linlin would become the new matriarch of the family, and Zhu Ming was certain that his life would not be pleasant under her reign.

Zhu Ming quickly stepped forward and asked, “Mum, how are you feeling? Do you want to eat anything else?”

Ouyang Yanyan looked at Zhu Ming, her mind clouded with deep thoughts.

Wang Yun and the rest of the family waited in anticipation for her response. It was clear that the Old Madam didn’t show any improvement after Dr. Lu’s scrape therapy treatment. In fact, she became worse than before.

However, after Qin Jun performed acupuncture on her, she displayed immediate improvement and regained her appetite. It was as though she recovered completely.

Ouyang Yanyan had mentioned earlier that whoever cured her would become the next head of the family. Naturally, the entire family awaited her decision anxiously.

Her face was solemn as deep thoughts flowed through her mind. After a moment, she finally said, “Indeed, Traditional Chinese Medicine takes effect at a slower pace. The scrape therapy from earlier is only showing results now.”

When she said this, the entire family’s expression fell.

Dr. Lu quickly used this opportunity and said, “That’s right, Traditional Chinese Medicine uses a slow and gentle approach. Since you’re not young anymore, this type of approach is more appropriate. When I was performing scrape therapy on you just now, I knew that it would only show results after a period of time. This kid took advantage of the situation and started doing acupuncture to prove as if he were the one who cured you. Haha!”

Zhu Ming was thrilled and immediately corroborated what Dr. Lu said, “Yeah, Dr. Lu deserves his title as Beijing’s most renowned doctor. Mum was cured as soon he performed his magic on her.”

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Chapter 487 The Next Custodian Of The Zhu Family

Wang Yun wasn't happy when she heard the two of them singing along to each other's tunes.

"Brother, How could you lie through your teeth? It's obvious that mum was cured by Qin Jun's acupuncture. How could you say that her recovery was due to Dr. Lu's efforts?" Wang Yun said angrily.

Zhu Ming snorted and said, "Do you think mum is not aware of whose effort it was? Clearly, it was Dr. Lu's scrape therapy that did the magic. Qin Jun just happened to take advantage of that opportune moment after the scrape therapy. The results are a mere coincidence."

"Tell me, which traditional Chinese treatments have immediate effects? All treatments only produce results after a period of time, isn't it?" he added with contempt.

Wang Yun scrunched her brows and said, "Brother, your reasoning is flawed. Everyone in this house witnessed what happened just now. You are simply talking nonsense!"

"Me? Talking nonsense? That Qin kid is fairly young. Do you think his medical skills are anywhere close to Dr. Lu's level? You didn't even ask around about his skills before inviting him over. Dr. Lu, on the other hand, is the most renowned doctor in Beijing and his position is highly regarded. These two could never be compared to each other!" Zhu Ming retorted.

Suddenly, Ouyang Yanyan banged the table and shouted, "That's enough! Stop bickering!"

She then spoke up, "I really felt a big difference after this genius doctor did scrape therapy on me, and the effects were long lasting. On the other hand, I didn't feel a thing when I received acupuncture treatment from Qin Jun here."

With those words, the results were finalized.

Wang Yun's face turned white and she wanted to argue back, but since Ouyang Yanyan had made the final decision, she could only admit defeat.

Qin Jun sneered. *The Old Madam will know who her real healer is soon*, he thought to himself.

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Scrape therapy was not only ineffective but would also aggravate such illnesses. So, to say that scrape therapy made her feel better was absolutely ridiculous.

On the flip side, Qin Jun's acupuncture techniques were able to produce instantaneous results. As soon as he pierced her finger with the needle, the Old Madam would feel a significant difference.

Ouyang Yanyan made her decision based on bias as she favored Zhu Ming.

She wanted to use this opportunity to hand over Zhu Pharmaceutical to Zhu Ming.

Zhu Linlin frowned in displeasure. Even though she was dissatisfied, she didn't say anything further.

Ouyang Yanyan then said, "From next month onwards, I will hand over all company matters to Zhu Ming, and he will become the patriarch of the Zhu family."

As soon as she said this, everyone felt great relief. Only Wang Yun and her family looked unhappy.

Ouyang Yanyan was way too biased. Zhu Pharmaceutical depended solely on the sales of Zhu Linlin's products, but the company was being handed over to Zhu Ming instead! *This was unfair!*

When Ouyang Yanyan finished speaking, someone informed them, "The people from He Real Estate are here."

He Real Estate? Everyone was stunned for a second. Why did He Real Estate come to pay them a sudden visit? Both parties did not have any business dealings with each other before.

Although the family didn't know He Real Estate, they didn't want to miss any potential opportunities. Ouyang Yanyan quickly stood up and said, "I'll go out and welcome them personally!"

At the entrance of the manor were a man and a woman dressed in formal wear.

"Hello, we are the managers from He Real Estate. My surname is Sun," one of them said.

Ouyang Yanyan quickly reached out to shake her hand. Manager Sun held high status as a manager in He Real Estate, so the Old Madam treated her with great respect.

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Manager Sun then said, “He Real Estate is hosting a product launch next month, and we would like to invite the management of Zhu Group to attend the event. Here is your invitation card. We sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation.”

Ouyang Yanyan was flattered. “Of course! We’ll definitely be there!” she declared.

The Zhu family had never been invited to such a grand event before, and the invitation from He Real Estate came unexpectedly. She was indeed overjoyed.

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Chapter 488 An Invitation From He Real Estate

He Real Estate's events were always extremely lavish, and the guests were not ordinary folk. Those who received invitations were industry giants. Meanwhile, Zhu Pharmaceutical was a small company that was just getting started, and it certainly did not qualify for such events.

In the past, the company had a brief contact with He Real Estate only because of a commercial building.

Ouyang Yanyan was elated. Being able to attend such an event meant that Zhu Pharmaceutical had joined the ranks of other industry giants. Her family company was no longer considered a small business.

Manager Sun presented a total of three invitation cards and said, "Madam, the invitations cards are here. We'll take our leave then."

"Okay, take care!" Ouyang Yanyan was on cloud nine and she glowed with happiness.

The three invitation cards were like precious treasures to her.

Wang Yun walked up to her and saw the cards.

"Mum, there are three cards in total?" she asked.

The three invitations were meant for Zhu Linlin's family of three. However, Manager Sun did not know the structure of the Zhu family, so she left it to the family to discuss which members would attend.

Based on what she knew, Zhu Linlin's branch of the family held the highest status in the Zhu family.

She heard that President He personally said that she wanted to give special care to the Zhu family, mainly because of Zhu Linlin.

But in actual fact, this was far from the truth.

Ouyang Yanyan held on tightly to the three invitation cards and gave Wang Yun a hawk-eyed glance, saying, "There are only three cards. Let's discuss how we should move forward."

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“Mum would definitely have to go. A grand occasion like that would require someone with mum’s position,” said Zhu Ming.

Ouyang Yanyan nodded in agreement. Although she was prepared to retire, that day hadn’t come yet, thus she still had the final say in the Zhu family.

Moreover, she wasn’t going to miss out on such a grand event. She still wanted one last moment of glory before she retired.

By hook or by crook, she was going to attend this event.

“Yes, I definitely have to go. Ming will take over as the next head of the family, so he would have to go too. It will be good for him to broaden his horizon and expand his network,” she stressed her point.

“As for the last one...” Ouyang Yanyan hesitated before finishing her sentence.

She looked at Zhu Linlin, then shifted her sight to Zhu Wentao.

Finally, she said, “Even though Linlin is young and capable, but since she is a female, the last invitation will go to Wentao.”

Zhu Wentao was shocked beyond words upon hearing that.

Ever since the rise of Zhu Linlin, Zhu Wentao was of little importance within the Zhu family and he relied heavily on his father Zhu Ming.

But even Zhu Ming himself didn’t perform as well as Zhu Linlin.

Zhu Linlin and Zhu Wentao were of the same generation, and Zhu Wentao was older in terms of seniority. So when Zhu Linlin overshadowed him, he was greatly displeased.

Now that his grandmother’s intentions were clear, he felt a sense of superiority. No matter how amazing Zhu Linlin was, she was still a woman after all, and she would be married off to someone else’s family in the future.

Who knows, she might even marry to Qin Jun. It wouldn’t be good for the Zhu family business to fall into the hands of an outsider.

Wang Yun was disgruntled. “Mum, you are clearly playing favorites. Wouldn’t it be better for each branch of the family to send one representative? Zhu Ming and Zhu Wentao are father and son from the same family. It’s unfair that both of them get to attend,” she grumbled.

The Old Madam answered plainly, “I’m not being biased. I’m only doing this for the sake of the entire family. For the Zhu family to improve, we cannot keep

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relying on Linlin alone. We must focus on nurturing Wentao too.”

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Chapter 489 Gifting

Just as Ouyang Yanyan finished her words, an SUV pulled up in the next moment, with 'He Real Estate' emblazoned on it.

Their gates were still open, and the group of people felt surprised about this guest's arrival.

Ouyang Yanyan quickly went up to welcome them with her crutch in hand, while the rest of the Zhu family stared at the SUV that was at the manor's doorstep.

The car stopped after a while, and a few sturdy guys came down to ask, "Hi, sorry for disturbing you guys, but may I know who's Ms. Zhu Linlin?"

"That will be me." Zhu Linlin stepped up.

"Hello, Ms. Zhu. Ms. He sent this to you, please accept it." The young men went to move the gifts down, and they were no ordinary gifts. Boxes and boxes of precious stones, gems, dresses, jewelry, and heels were presented to her.

The gifts galore stumped everyone. *This is huge!* Zhu Linlin was equally stunned. "I-It's a bit too much, I don't think I can accept them."

The young men smiled wryly. "That might be trouble for us then. We're just couriers here, so we'd get punished if you don't accept these."

Ignoring Zhu Linlin's protests, the young men placed all the gifts in the yard. There weren't any huge items, so they didn't move it inside.

Everyone went to take a look at the gifts after the SUV had departed. *Whoa, these are authentic stuff. Even a little bracelet costs tens of thousands.*

Ouyang Yanyan was perplexed. "What's going on? Why did they send these to us?"

"I have to correct you there, mom. These gifts aren't for us per se. They're for Linlin." Wang Yun quickly said.

Everyone heard the young men specifically stating Zhu Linlin as the receiver. Wang Yun had lost her stand earlier, so she wanted to set a clear boundary with

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Ouyang Yanyan this time. The Old Madam rolled her eyes in disgruntlement, but she couldn't retort, since Wang Yun was speaking the truth.

These precious stones, jewelry, dresses, and heels could cost a villa easily. "Why are they doing this? Do you know the reason for this, Linlin?"

Linlin shook her head, since she was also in the dark about this. Wang Yun piped up in the next moment, "Oh right, do you guys know that Ms. He has a son?"

Everyone could guess what she was getting at, the son of He Nianying was none other than Xue Dalin. He was famous, so Wang Yun was suggesting that these gifts were dowry.

Ouyang Yanyan arched her eyebrow. "Are you saying that these are dowry?"

That was a shocking conjecture, and everyone looked at Qin Jun. He spent a lot of time together with Zhu Linlin, so they were almost a couple now. The Zhu's never agreed to it, but since Zhu Linlin was fine with it, there was nothing they could do.

However, the situation now had changed, for they thought a marriage of convenience was at hand now that He Nianying's son wanted to take Zhu Linlin's hand in marriage.

If they could have a marriage of convenience with the He Family, they would rise to be top of the line, or even one of the top families in Donghai.

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Chapter 490 Dowry

Ouyang Yanyan was ecstatic about this idea. *We're going to rise through the ranks!*

Her family tried to ally with the Qin family a decade ago by marrying Zhu Linlin to Qin Jun in hopes that her family could rise to greater heights. However, the Qins were eradicated in a night, and that dashed her hopes of rising through the ranks.

Thanks to Zhu Linlin, their family had been growing, but it was slow. They needed a miracle to become one of the top families, since hard work alone was impossible, at least not in the short term. It would take generations to reach that point, by which Ouyang Yanyan would be long dead.

Now that she had gotten the commercial building in the city center and Qingmei Manor, all that was left was for their family to become a bona-fide wealthy family.

And that chance was right in front of them, so of course she was thrilled, but Wang Yun topped her excitement. If her daughter were to marry Xue Dalin, then she would be He Nianying's in-laws.

Oh my god. I'm going to be the richest person's in-law and Xue Dalin's mother-in-law. I wonder what everyone's faces will be like when they find out about this?

Everyone quieted down as they thought about the implications these gifts brought. Ouyang Yanyan thought about it and suggested, "We'll put the matter about the heir aside for now."

Zhu Ming seemed unhappy with that decision, and Ouyang Yanyan knew a quick decision change was unfair, but she didn't care about that now. She was the Zhu family's lynchpin, so everything she said was law.

She wanted to hand the Zhu family to Zhu Ming because he was a man, and she was conservative, but the situation had changed. Now that Xue Dalin wanted to marry Zhu Linlin, she would become a part of the He family. They wouldn't care about small fry like them, so the Old Madam wanted to postpone the selection of the heir.

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Zhu Ming was disgruntled, but he knew Ouyang Yanyan was doing this for the family, since the marriage with Xue Dalin was more important than him.

This twist delighted Wang Yun, who thought her family would decline after this, but with the He family here, Zhu Linlin would be the Zhu family's future lynchpin.

Everyone was happy, but they knew someone wasn't—Qin Jun. He still looked calm as if nothing had happened, but everyone knew he must be sad.

Wang Yun snorted. "See this, Qin Jun? Only someone like Mr. Xue is worthy of my daughter, so give up."

Ouyang Yanyan nodded. "You've been leeching off of us for a long time now, so it's time for you to stop contacting Linlin. She's Mr. Xue's fiancée, so I don't want any scandals happening."

Zhu Linlin was upset about their attitude, so she retorted, "What are you talking about, mom, grandma? You guys want me to marry this Mr. Xue? No!"

The old lady scoffed. "This is not up to you, Linlin. He's not from some small time family, so you can't just reject him. Nobody can stop him from doing what he wants."

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Chapter 491 Breaking Up

“You know how infamous Mr. Xue is, Linlin, so don’t cross any lines you shouldn’t. He likes you, so even if you don’t want to marry him, at least do it for our family’s sake.” Everyone knew Xue Dalin would pick a fight with anyone, so they thought he was a grumpy man, and they weren’t wrong.

If Zhu Linlin were to roll in the hay with Qin Jun in the heat of the moment and was found out by Xue Dalin, he would take it out on them, and that would spell doom for the Zhu family.

Zhu Linlin frowned in annoyance. “That’s nonsense. I have never even met this guy, so there’s no way he likes me. Stop with all these wild guesses.”

Wang Yun pointed at the boxes of jewelry. “The dowry’s here, so this is no wild guess.” *I mean, it’s not formal, but there’s a boatload of these things, so they must be the dowry.* “We can’t take this lightly. I don’t care why they sent these, but from now on, you have to stay away from any other men, got it?”

Ouyang Yanyan nodded. “That’s right. I don’t care if this is an accident, but if we go along with it, maybe we can marry Linlin off to Mr. Xue. Linlin’s our little princess, so I’m not going to let any Tom, Dick, or Harry to date her. Especially you, Qin Jun, you should know your place, and leave now if there’s nothing else.”

Qin Jun sneered at Ouyang Yanyan. “I think you got one thing wrong. This is my house, but you’re welcome to leave if staying with me bothers you.”

Oh, right! This is Qin Jun’s manor, not ours! He’s useless, but that doesn’t change the fact that he owns this place! The Zhu family got to move into Qingmei Manor through their thick-skinned attitude back then, but now they were ludicrously trying to chase the owner away.

Ouyang Yanyan’s face fell, but she resolved herself in the end. “Fine! We’ll move out then! Nobody is allowed to contact this brat ever again!”

Even though leaving the manor of her dreams was a difficult choice to make, having a marriage of convenience with the He Family was more important, so she must cut off all ties Zhu Linlin had with Qin Jun even if the cost was Qingmei Manor.

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Ouyang Yanyan was about to leave, but seeing Zhu Linlin didn't budge, she frowned. "Don't just stand there, Linlin! Move!"

Zhu Linlin looked at her in determination. "I won't do this to Jun. I won't leave him."

They brought up the old times when they wanted Qin Jun to let them stay, but now they leave him once they don't need him. It was only moments ago that Qin Jun healed Ouyang Yanyan, but she deserted him in return, and this disappointed Zhu Linlin, so she chose to stay.

Ouyang Yanyan glared at her angrily. "You dare rebel against me, Zhu Linlin?"

Zhu Linlin bit her lip and said nothing, while the Old Madam trembled. "How dare you?!"

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Chapter 492 See You Tomorrow

Wang Yun was equally furious, for she didn't want Zhu Linlin to stay at Qin Jun's place. *She just got proposed by the richest family around, so I can't have her stay here, or else everyone is going to gossip.* "Linlin! Your grandmother just recovered, so I don't want anything to happen to her because of you!"

Ouyang Yanyan used this excuse to clutch her chest and pretended to cough. "Do you really want to kill your grandmother, Linlin?! Look at her!"

The whole family glared at her, as if she had sinned because she dated Qin Jun. This wasn't something she wanted to see, so she looked back at Qin Jun tearfully, but he smiled. "It's fine, just go home. Take care, and I'll see you tomorrow."

Zhu Linlin nodded. *I'm not going to desert Jun.* They became close friends not because of what Qin Jun had, so Zhu Linlin left his place, but she was upset about it.

Before they left, Ouyang Yanyan looked back. "Once we step out of these gates, then that's it between us, brat. Don't even think of posing as one of us!"

Ouyang Yanyan was irked by that 'see you tomorrow.' *What's that supposed to mean? We're going to attend He Real Estate's product release tomorrow, and they've sent us an invitation. Is this brat implying that he's going too?*

Because of that, she had to make it clear that he had nothing to do with them, and he couldn't use their name to do anything, since that would bring unwanted problems to them. This would break all ties with him, but she didn't care, since Qin Jun had nothing aside from a manor. *We helped him more than he helped us,* Ouyang Yanyan thought.

Qin Jun smiled at them, and they left without turning back. *It's not going to be easy to come back after this.*

Nobody said a word on the way back, including Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Linlin. Even though she had left with them, Zhu Linlin was furious about how they treated Qin Jun. *This is disappointing.*

Ouyang Yanyan knew what she was thinking, so she sighed. "You can't blame us for this, Linlin. Qin Jun is just a disgraced young master now, and we can't do anything about it. I don't mind you dating him if not because of Xue Dalin

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proposing to you, but now that you'll be his wife, we have to keep the family safe, you understand?"

"So in other words, you sold me out because you want all the riches, huh?"
Sneered Zhu Linlin.

"Why you little... That's too strong a statement!"

Zhu Linlin closed her eyes and ignored everyone in the car.

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The He family were busy setting up the venue seriously, and even the arrogant Xue Dalin came to help, much to everyone's surprise. *I thought his deal is play around with girls and his phone. This is the first time I've seen him work.*

"Why don't you take a rest and let me do it, Young Master Xue?" A young man tried to butter him up.

"Get out of here." Xue Dalin frowned. "I have to do this myself. You guys are klutz, and I don't want my brother to feel offended."

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Chapter 493 Why Are You Here

His brother? The young man frowned. *Someone became his brother? Is that even possible?*

Curiosity tickled them, and they wanted to know why the He family were taking this seriously.

They would stick the guests' names on the back of all the first row seats, so they knew they invited heavyweights like Meng Wengang, Sun Jianming, and even a general like Wang Jinhai here.

All the chairs had names on their backs, but the center and most prominent seat had no name on it. *Mr. Sun is on the left, while General Wang is on the right. What kind of bigshot is going to appear?*

Soon, He Nianying came to the venue herself and took the helm. Everyone took it seriously, since even Ms. He had made her appearance. *This is going to be big.*

This wasn't the first time they made a new product release, so the flow went like this: the company bought a new land and developed a new project, then they'll introduce it. This was nothing for the company, so everyone was confused at how solemn everyone was.

"Do you want to take a look at the guest list, Ms. He?"

He Nianying glanced at it and paid attention to who the Zhu family were sending out. *Ouyang Yanyan, Zhu Ming, and Zhu Linlin.* She thought Zhu Linlin would come with her parents, but now she knew she was wrong.

"Give Ms. Zhu a place further up in front, but put these two in normal spots."

"Of course."

Xue Dalin came over early next morning to pick Qin Jun up. "Where's sister-in-law, brother?"

Qin Jun shook his head and said, "I'm going by myself. Let's go."

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Even though he came early, there were already people waiting for him. This was a reunion for them, save for the absent Fatty Ma, so they went upstairs to have a bit of fun. Qin Jun then went to the restroom after having a bit of wine.

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The other guests gradually arrived as the bigshots held their little gathering upstairs.

Zhu Linlin reluctantly wore the dress and jewelry sent by the He family and stood at the doorstep. She didn't want to wear this, but her mother and grandmother kept pestering her, so Zhu Linlin caved in.

That made Ouyang Yanyan a happy old lady, since she could show off the gifts sent by the He family.

They had to go through a security check after arriving, and the sheer number of security guards there shocked Ouyang Yanyan. *They even take a release this seriously? That's a giant for you.* Of course, what they didn't know was that It wasn't usually this strict, it was all because of Qin Jun's presence this time.

After coming out of the bathroom on the second floor, Qin Jun went down to greet Zhu Linlin. "Hi, Linlin."

That surprised her, but it quickly turned into delight after seeing Qin Jun when she looked up. "Jun? What brings you here?"

Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming's expressions changed, then they went up to him angrily and probed, "Why are you here? Who let you in?"

Ouyang Yanyan had a hunch that something bad was going to happen when Qin Jun said 'see you tomorrow' last night, and as expected, she bumped into him here today. *How dare he come here? Does he even know where he is right now?*

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Chapter 494 Unrelated

Ouyang Yanyan wasn't loud, but it still attracted some attention, a young man in black came over to ask, "Hi. Are you guys coming in together?" He looked at Qin Jun with worship.

Mr. Xue had told him yesterday that this was his brother, so the young man knew Qin Jun was special, but his shock only deepened when he saw all the bigshots escorting him upstairs. Having Xue Dalin's respect was nothing, but when people like He Nianying respected him, that was no small feat.

The main reason for the solemnity of the product release today was because of Qin Jun's appearance, so he was the main show of the day. *If this old lady is related to him, then I have to treat her as a VIP.*

However, Ouyang Yanyan's expression changed again. "No! We are unrelated, so don't take this the wrong way!"

She was worried everyone would think Qin Jun was with them, so if he was chased out, it would embarrass her family. *What if Ms. He sees it? That'll leave a bad impression on her.*

The young man was stunned. *Doesn't her denial come out a bit too strong? Shouldn't you feel proud knowing Mr. Qin?* The young man was flabbergasted.

Ouyang Yanyan thought Qin Jun only managed to come in because he impersonated one of them, but they only had three invitations here. If Qin Jun was included, then there would be four of them. *What will they think if they double check and finds out we have one extra person?*

They're going to think of us as bumpkins. It'll be embarrassing. Ouyang Yanyan would not allow that to happen, so she pointed at Qin Jun. "He's not with us. He's just an impostor who has no invitation card. You can check him and chase him out if you want. This man is unrelated to us!"

The young man felt incredulous. *Him? An impostor? This old lady must be gaga. Mr. Qin's an impostor? All the bigshots treat him like a god! Invitation card? He doesn't even need that kind of stuff. That's for those second-rate families. Bigshots like him don't need it.*

Zhu Linlin frowned. "How can you say that, grandma?"

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Ouyang Yanyan quickly dragged her away once she started defending Qin Jun. “Alright, we need to find our seats now. The release is going to start soon.”

Zhu Linlin couldn't do anything about it, so she apologized hastily and went in, leaving the young man looking awkward with Qin Jun. “Mr. Qin, do you—”

“It's fine, you can go back to work.”

After leaving Qin Jun, the trio went to find their seats, but only Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming managed to find theirs, singling Zhu Linlin out.

Ouyang Yanyan frowned. “What is this? Why didn't they give Linlin a seat? Did something go wrong?”

Zhu Linlin couldn't do anything about it. “It's fine. I'll just go back there and stand.”

Ouyang Yanyan objected, “No. Don't forget that they've sent you these clothes, so I'm sure they kept a seat for you.”



Chapter 495 Why Is It You

“Go and check it out. They might have reserved a spot for you.”

Zhu Linlin nodded and walked to the front to look for a seat with her name. Indeed, there was one that had her name on in the second row.

Zhu Linlin turned around, gave the Old Madam a signal, and sat down.

Ouyang Yanyan was relieved even though she was not able to sit with her. *Well, at least someone from the Zhu family had the privilege of sitting in front. This was huge for the family!*

Everyone made their way to the seat when it was about time to commence. The lights in the hall went dim, and a spotlight suddenly hit the rostrum.

Members of the audience could only see the silhouettes of a few persons who came down from the stairs, and they knew these must be the important guests who would occupy the seats in the first row.

Zhu Ming could not contain his excitement, “Look, mom! Isn't that Director He?”

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The matriarch nodded. This was their first time being so up close with a billionaire, and they were thrilled.

Besides the billionaire, they also recognized Sun Jianmin and Meng Wengang.

“Who is that guy though?”

A man walked to the front, with He Nianying and the rest standing right behind. Even Sun Jianmin had to perform a bow of respect when he walked past.

No one could tell who the person was since it was just a silhouette moving in the dark.

The Old Madam shook her head, “He must be quite young. A capable young man from Donghai? Hmm, this is unheard of.”

He was definitely not Xue Dalin as he had not earned the status to be up there with the other big shots.

Donghai was indeed a city with many hidden talents, and the achievements of a young man like the one on stage were something Ouyang Yanyan and Zhu Ming could only hope and admire from afar.

Qin Jun took the seat in the center of the first row and was flanked by Sun Jianmin and Wang Jinhai.

He Nianying was about to walk up to the rostrum and commence the session.

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Sitting among entrepreneurs whom she was not familiar with, and heads of the family in the second row, Zhu Linlin felt awkward. She thought she was not worthy to sit with them.

Suddenly, a woman in front of her was shocked when she turned around and saw her, “Zhu Linlin! How come you’re here?”

A line appeared between Zhu Linlin’s brows, “Cao Jingjing?”

Cao Jingjing was Zhu Linlin’s university course mate. She was also a young mistress from a wealthy family, but she was from the capital city.

After completing her studies, Cao Jingjing returned to the capital city, and they lost touch with each other. It was a surprise for the two of them to meet on this occasion.

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Cao Jingjing sneered, “Zhu Linlin, after all these years, you’re still stuck in the second row, huh?”

The first row was not too far from the second row, but the seating positions did indicate a vast difference in their status. Those seated in front were the true elites that enjoyed the highest prestige.

Zhu Linlin responded with an awkward smile. Though she hated her sarcastic remark, she had to admit the fact that Cao Jingjing did come from a more prominent family.

Even Zhu Linlin herself knew that it was by the grace of the He family that she got a seat in the second row. It was best for her to keep quiet, she thought.

The meeting was about to start. Qin Jun turned around and saw Zhu Linlin by chance.

“Linlin!”

Zhu Linlin looked up and was dumbfounded, “Jun...”

She was not surprised to meet Qin Jun again in the hall, but...

Qin Jun got to sit in the first row?

He even got to sit in the center seat of the first row?

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Chapter 496 They Are All My Friends

Only big shots deserved to sit in the first row. Otherwise, Cao Jingjing would not have flaunted in front of Zhu Linlin.

Those seated in front were either billionaires or renowned celebrities and leaders of the country.

But Qin Jun...

Qin Jun turned around and said, "Linlin, come, sit here."

"What?" Zhu Linlin did not know how to react. So many pairs of eyes were watching her, and she got a little nervous.

Sit with him?

How she wished she could do so, but who was Qin Jun to make this arrangement on the spot...

As soon as he finished his sentence, Mr. Sun stood up and talked to a few persons in the first row, "You, scoot over."

No one had the guts to say no to him. A few of the important guests immediately stood up and vacated a seat.

The last person sitting at the end was Cao Jingjing. Once she stood up, someone else had taken her seat. Everyone ignored her, and she was utterly embarrassed.

Zhu Linlin walked up and stood next to Qin Jun. The shock was still written all over her face.

Around her were all influential figures, and she thought she was dreaming.

Cao Jingjing bit her teeth and in frustration, took Zhu Linlin's original seat in the second row.

Just moments ago, Cao Jingjing made fun of Zhu Linlin for sitting behind her, but all of a sudden, the latter got upgraded to the first row.

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And because of Zhu Linlin, Cao Jingjing got pushed to the second row! *How dare she embarrassed me like this!*

Zhu Linlin, just you wait!

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Zhu Linlin sat next to Qin Jun and could watch He Nianying from the rostrum up close. She was still very much stupefied.

“Jun, you...”

Zhu Linlin wanted to ask Qin Jun how he got to sit with these billionaires and entrepreneurs. All these people were the backbone of Donghai’s economy, but he was just a young master from a family that had lost its influence in the city. By right, he did not deserve to be seated in the first row.

Qin Jun smiled, “They’re my friends.”

“Oh.”

But deep down in Zhu Linlin’s heart, she did not buy the explanation.

What kind of friendship? There were many types of friendship. She could also regard President Meng as her friend since they were business partners. Even so, President Meng would not have given her this kind of special treatment.

Unless Qin Jun had treated their illnesses before?

There could only be this possibility, she thought. Qin Jun must have gotten to know these elites through Meng Wengang since he was known for his medical skills.

Zhu Linlin could not think of any other possible reasons anymore.

There was nothing special from the briefing. It was just an announcement of a few commercial and high-end residential projects that the He Real Estate would be undertaking.

In Handong Province, He Real Estate was in a league of its own. The buildings that the company owned were all in prime areas and school districts. The prices of their properties were high, but they still sold like hotcakes.

While He Nianying was giving a speech on the rostrum, suddenly a car from the capital city arrived. A young man, clad in a white suit and with a pair of sunglasses on, walked into the hall flanked by two bodyguards.

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They were halted by the security guards stationed by the entrance.

“I’m sorry, the meeting has started. No guests are allowed to enter now.”

The young man knitted his brows, and his expression hardened.

One of his bodyguards went up and gave the security a tight slap.

“Are you blind, dumb ass? How dare you stop Young Master Yu from entering?”

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Chapter 497 Young Master Yu

The security guard was stunned, and he did not dare to stop them from entering the hall.

Looking at his luxury car and the way he was dressed, it was not difficult to tell that he was not any ordinary person. Nevertheless, the guards really have no idea who this Young Master Yu was...

Young Master Yu let out a cold snort and walked into the hall. He stood right behind and lit a cigarette while watching He Nianying giving her speech.

The few security guards on duty wanted to stop them, but they were afraid of being bashed by his men.

They started discussing among themselves, "Who is he?"

None of them had heard of the Yu family in Donghai.

All of a sudden, someone exclaimed, "I know! He must be from the Yu family from the capital city!"

Everyone was taken aback, "The Yu family from the capital city?"

"That's right. I heard of the Yu family when I was staying in the capital city. They are one of the few prominent and powerful families there."

The guards took a deep breath. A prominent family from the province might be influential here, but it could never be on par with another family from the capital city. Donghai was just a second-tier city, after all.

Hence, it was not difficult to know how powerful the Yu family was.

Just when Young Master Yu was about to finish his cigarette, Cao Jingjing trotted towards him. Her bosoms were exceptionally eye-catching.

"Young Master Yu, you're late!"

Like a little spoiled girl, Cao Jingjing slid into his embrace, "Someone bullied me when you were not around..."

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He smiled, “Oh? Who dares to bully my little girl?”

Cao Jingjing took a glance at Zhu Linlin and said, “It’s her, my university course mate. A pretentious woman whom I despised the most.”

“She might be pretty and have a nice figure, but during her time at the university, she did not even have a boyfriend! And now, she has the guts to step all over me.”

Somehow, Young Master Yu managed to pick up the hidden message in her words that aroused his interest, “So you’re saying she’s a bombshell? She’s even hotter and prettier than you then?”

Cao Jingjing pouted, “As much as I hate to admit, yes, she’s more good-looking than me.”

“If that’s the case, how is it possible that she didn’t have a boyfriend? Are you sure?” Young Master Yu squinted.

“Of course. Throughout the four years in university, she knew nothing about physical intimacy.”

Feeling thrilled, Young Master Yu licked his lips, “I guess I’ll have to go and say hello later.”

Though Cao Jingjing came from a prominent family, she had always known that in the eyes of Young Master Yu, she was nothing more than just a toy.

He would not have bothered to help her take revenge against Zhu Linlin if Cao Jingjing had just told him she was bullied.

By emphasizing Zhu Linlin’s looks and suggesting that she was probably still a virgin, Young Master Yu immediately got interested in this particular woman.

Once Young Master Yu laid his eyes on Zhu Linlin, she would never be able to escape his clutches!

Bitch, you want to steal my seat? Be prepared to taste my vengeance!

The briefing had ended, and now was the time for the guests to socialize with one another. While waiting for Qin Jun to mingle around with the other guests, Zhu Linlin sat on her seat and waited patiently.

Young Master Yu took a glance at her from the side and was astonished by her beauty. He gave Cao Jingjing a signal with his eyes.

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Cao Jingjing understood his instruction. She immediately got up to Zhu Linlin and stuck her hand into her arm as if she was her close friend.

“Linlin, I didn’t know you have so many friends! Why don’t you introduce me to them?”

Zhu Linlin felt awkward. Just moments ago, Cao Jingjing was all cocky and sarcastic, but all of a sudden, she started acting as if they were besties.

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Chapter 498 In Danger

Zhu Linlin did not like Cao Jingjing, but out of respect, she still patiently introduced her to the people in the front seats.

Cao Jingjing smiled, “Wow, they’re all successful entrepreneurs. I’m impressed! Linlin, why don’t you accompany me to the washroom? I want to fix my makeup.”

“Erm... okay.”

Zhu Linlin did not turn her request down because she was her course mate.

Cao Jingjing continued clinging onto Zhu Linlin’s arm as they made their way to the washroom, “Linlin, don’t you want to use the washroom?”

“Alright then.” She might as well use the washroom since she was already there.

Cao Jingjing put on a vicious smile and said, “Okay, I’ll put on lipstick and wait here then.”

Cao Jingjing then turned around to leave and when she reached the entrance, she whispered, “Young Master Yu! She’s all yours!”

Young Master Yu walked into the ladies washroom with a smile.

Cao Jingjing took out a condom and subtly passed it to him, “Do you need it?” As a sexually active person, she would always carry one with her.

Young Master Yu let out a cold snort, “Keep it for yourself.”

Cao Jingjing smiled. She knew a man like Young Master Yu would never use this kind of thing on those innocent women.

With a wicked grin, Cao Jingjing placed the ‘cleaning in progress’ sign in front of the washroom and stood by the entrance.

Young Master Yu got into the washroom and heard someone just flushed the toilet.

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Zhu Linlin tidied her dress and walked out of the cubicle. Just when she was about to touch up her makeup, she saw Young Master Yu.

A line appeared between her brows, “What are you doing in the ladies room?”

Young Master Yu was stunned by her beauty when he finally saw her face from the front for the first time.

Her beauty was breathtaking!

As an experienced womanizer, Young Master Yu had seen and played with all kinds of women, including celebrities. It was his first time encountering with Zhu Linlin, whose beauty was out of this world.

The fact that Zhu Linlin had never had a boyfriend in her life made her even more appetizing!

“You’re Zhu Linlin, right? What a gorgeous woman.”

Young Master Yu then removed his coat and placed it on the basin. He slowly removed his tie and walked closer to Zhu Linlin.

Zhu Linlin face fell, “What are you doing? Who are you? Help!”

Young Master Yu gave her a faint smile, “I’ll tell you who I am once we get closer to each other later. Feel free to scream and yell, but know that I’ll enjoy it very much.”

Zhu Linlin shouted for help a few times but to no avail. This was a high-end hotel, so even the washroom was soundproofed. With Cao Jingjing guarding by the door, no one could hear her voice at all.

The color drained out of Zhu Linlin’s face. She flipped her hand over and pressed a button on her watch three times.

This was a watch given by Qin Jun, and fortunately, she had it with her today. Hopefully, this could be her lifeline!

“Who are you? Come clean! We can talk and work things out.”

Zhu Linlin tried to buy time while waiting for Qin Jun.

Young Master Yu snorted dismissively, “You don’t need to know. Go ahead and scream. I like it when girls go wild.”

Zhu Linlin’s tactic did not work on him at all.

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Young Master Yu had already unbuttoned his pants. Since he would still need to attend a dinner later, he must not damage it.

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Chapter 499 Time To Strike

In small steps, Young Master Yu gradually approached her. Zhu Linlin panicked, but as an independent woman, she would not allow him to take advantage of her.

She raised her leg and tried to kick him.

Yet, Young Master Yu had had experience dealing with this kind of situation. He took a step back and avoided her kick.

Zhu Linlin lost her balance and fell onto the floor.

Young Master Yu let out a haughty smile, “You’re one brave girl. I like you. Your body seems to be very flexible too. Perhaps I can teach you some difficult poses later!”

He then went up and immediately grabbed her evening gown and gave it a hard tug.

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While Qin Jun was talking to He Nianying and her guests, his watch suddenly vibrated and gave out a red signal.

He frowned. Different colors represented different persons in danger, and the red signal belonged to Zhu Linlin.

Since she was also at the event, how was it possible that she was in danger?

Without further delay, Qin Jun took out his phone to check on her location.

She’s in the washroom?

Qin Jun lifted his head, looked in the direction, and ran towards the washroom.

Some of them noticed his reaction and went with him, “Senior, what’s wrong?”

Qin Jun did not respond to their question as he made a beeline towards the washroom. He heard noises coming from the cubicle and knew it must be Zhu

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Linlin!

At that moment, Cao Jingjing, who was guarding by the door, frowned when she saw Qin Jun and the other guests.

“What do you want? You cannot enter here. Go away!”

Cao Jingjing extended her arms and tried to block them.

Without hesitation, Qin Jun gave Cao Jingjing a kick to her stomach.

“Get lost!”

That kick sent Cao Jingjing flying, and her body hit against the wall. A few of the tiles were shattered into pieces.

The powerful impact convulsed her entire body, and blood was dripping from the corner of her mouth. As someone born with a silver spoon in her mouth, she had never felt such pain in her life.

Just when she wanted to say something, Cao Jingjing experienced shortness of breath, which prevented her from doing so.

Qin Jun wasted no time and barged into the washroom.

At that time, Zhu Linlin was still struggling to push Young Master Yu away. Her evening gown was torn into pieces, leaving her inner-wear exposed. Her hair was in a mess, and there was a red mark on her face. He must have slapped her during the process.

“Asshole!”

Qin Jun gave Young Master Yu a flying kick, causing him to knock down the cubicle door and subsequently land on the toilet bowl.

That powerful kick almost broke his bones.

“Jun!”

Zhu Linlin heaved a sigh of relief the minute she saw Qin Jun. Though she suffered some minor injuries and was slapped during the brawl, she was relieved to see Qin Jun.

Young Master Yu took some time to regain his composure and stood up. He shot out a cold stare, “Son of a bitch, you hit me? Do you know who the hell am I?”

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He Nianying and the other guests were shocked when they saw him walking out of the cubicle.

“Yu Fanning?!”

He Nianying could not help but frown after seeing this man.

The Yu family from the capital city was one of the most prominent families in China. Even He Nianying had to be careful not to step on their toes.

Yu Fanning patted the dust off his body and stood up from the toilet bowl. He said in a cold voice, “So now you know who I am. Now crawl to me and lick the floor clean!”

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Chapter 500 I Do Not Believe You

Everyone's expression changed upon hearing what Yu Fanning said. Senior was an extraordinary person, but this Yu Fanning was someone they dared to fool with either.

Qin Jun engaging in an argument with Yu Fanning was the last thing they would want to see.

They could not afford to offend the Yu family from the capital city.

Wang Jinhai and the others walked up and said, "Young Master Yu, I believe this is a misunderstanding. Shall we just forget about it?"

Yu Fanning, "Forget about it? He attacked me! How can I forget about it?"

"No one has the guts to hit me, Yu Fanning before, even when I was still a child! I demand an explanation!"

"I don't care about all of you. So stop spouting nonsense and get him to kneel before me, right now!"

The atmosphere in the bathroom suddenly turned awkward. Indeed, no one should ever mess with any member of the Yu family!

No one dared to defend anyone at this point of time, not even Wang Jinhai and He Nianying.

Yet, Yu Fanning refused to let him off. *Does this mean Senior will have to kneel and beg for his forgiveness?*

Zhu Linlin grabbed Qin Jun's arm and felt anxious, "Jun, I'm sorry..."

It was all because of her. She never could have expected that she would offend someone as influential as Yu Fanning.

Qin Jun snorted coldly, "Of course, we're going to solve this matter properly. You come over, kneel before Linlin, and apologize to her first. Then I'll consider if I should forgive you."

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Upon hearing what Qin Jun said, Yu Fanning let out a pompous laugh, “Are you kidding me? Someone from Donghai tries to threaten me? Well, well, well. Very well! So this is how all of you want to play with me, huh?”

“Trying to protect your woman, huh?”

“Let’s see what I’ll do to her when you’re not by her side!”

Yu Fanning was not joking when he said so. His family was wealthy and powerful, and he had all the time in the world to do what he wanted. Above all, he would not simply forgive and forget.

He would remember Qin Jun’s kick for the rest of his life. The moment he stepped out of the door, Yu Fanning would surely think of ways to take revenge against him.

Qin Jun’s brows furrowed, “You’re right. It would be too troublesome to deal with you once you step out of this door.”

The watch could send out emergency signal to Qin Jun but what if he was not around her? It would be disastrous if similar incident would happen to Zhu Linlin again.

“In that case, you stay right here.”

Qin Jun then walked up to Yu Fanning.

Yu Fanning paused for a moment and then burst out laughing, “What? Do you want to keep me here? Who do you think you are? Do you know what will the Yu family do if I go missing for 12 hours? They have the power to deal with the entire Donghai, let alone you!”

Qin Jun responded with a mild grin, “I don’t believe you.”

He then went up and strangled Yu Fanning. With a twist of his wrist, Qin Jun broke his neck and killed him right away.

Everyone present got the shock of their life!

Qin Jun’s move was totally unexpected. Even a five-star general like Wang Jinhai would not have done this in the blink of an eye!

That was Young Master Yu from the Yu family, and he just killed him without hesitation!

He’s too ruthless!

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Wang Jinhai immediately gave an order, “Lock down the building, send all the guests out of the hotel, and prevent people from coming here. Quick!”

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