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Chapter 151 Truly Capable?

Trying hard to calm herself down, Jiang Yue kept a smile on her face.

Because of Qiao Nian, Jiang Yue's spot as the first speaker had been snatched from her. Hence, many people were extremely displeased with Qiao Nian.

"Senior Jiang is such a good-tempered person. How is she keeping her calm? I wonder who exactly Qiao Nian is. How dare she snatch the role of first speaker from Senior Jiang? How shameless is she?"

"I wonder what the organizers of the event are thinking. They found an idiot to open the ceremony. Isn't this looking down on the Second Academy?" "This is so infuriating."

Liu Yu had been following Jiang Yue around. Listening to the words of those people, she felt a wave of indignation for Jiang Yue.

Qiao Nian was truly disgusting. She was everywhere.

Before she arrived, Liu Yu had been thinking that if Jiang Yu were to make an appearance at this ceremony, she would definitely benefit greatly, being Jiang Yue's good friend. However, she hadn't expected Qiao Nian to interfere once again.

Jiang Yue didn't seem to be able to hear the complaints of the surrounding onlookers. She smiled and walked up to Qiao Nian. Holding onto Qiao Nian's hand happily, she said with affection in her voice, "Sister Nian Nian, you've arrived early. Previously, Grandma asked us to come here together, didn't she?"

As Jiang Yue spoke, her gaze swept around the crowd.

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Qiao Nian retracted her hand without batting an eyelid. Raising her hand, she tucked her hair behind her ear, her expression cold.

Gu Zhou's eyes darkened as he looked at Jiang Yue. His expression was complicated.

Lin Tao, who was standing beside Qiao Nian, frowned.

Jiang Yue had spoken very loudly just now, attracting the attention of many people nearby.

“Sister Nian Nian.” Jiang Yue’s words were like a bomb. Initially, everyone had been curious about who Qiao Nian was. When they heard Jiang Yue’s words, they instantly understood that the person Jiang Yue had addressed as Sister Nian Nian was Qiao Nian herself.

Everyone’s gazes fell on Qiao Nian’s face. All of them were stunned by Qiao Nian’s beauty. However, when they remembered that the person in front of them was the first speaker of tonight, they could only feel jealousy and displeasure.

One of Jiang Yue’s suitors questioned unhappily, “Are you Qiao Nian? Are you the one who stole Senior Jiang’s position as the first lecturer?”

Lin Tao glared at the suitor and rolled her eyes, displeasure written all over her face.

She finally understood why Gu Zhou didn’t like Jiang Yue. A calculating and petty woman like this was truly detestable.

When Jiang Yue heard the boy’s words, she turned to glare at him, looking extremely displeased. She smiled at Qiao Nian. In a considerate, understanding manner, she said, “Sister Nian Nian is someone who’s truly capable. This student here, please don’t spout nonsense. You’re embarrassing our school.”

Lin Tao frowned.

Listen.

“Truly capable.”

What did this mean?

Was she implying something else, and attempting to smear Qiao Nian’s reputation? “So she’s only the first lecturer because of her family! I bet they funneled a lot of money into the school to get this chance!”

“Don’t be so sure yet. She might have gotten the chance using her body!”

“That’s true. With her face and figure, I’m sure she has what it takes!”

Everyone seemed to have discovered the truth. They looked at Qiao Nian with malice.

Jiang Yue frowned slightly. Her red lips parted slightly in disapproval. “Don’t say that. Qiao Nian is a guest of our family.”

Because the marriage between Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian was still a secret, she could only announce to the public that Qiao Nian was a guest of the Gu family.

When Gu Zhou heard the word “guest”, a trace of displeasure sparked in his heart.

“Haha.” Lin Tao was angered to the point of laughing

Jiang Yue turned around when she heard the voice. When she saw Lin Tao, a trace of surprise flashed in her eyes. She hadn’t expected Director Lin’s precious daughter to come as well. Jiang Yue had always wanted to get to know Director Lin. She knew that Director Lin was extremely prominent in the medical field, so she greeted Lin Tao with a smile. “Miss Lin, you’re here. Has Director Lin come as well?”

Lin Tao walked over to Qiao Nian and took her arm with a smile. She looked up at Jiang Yue with contempt, her expression clearly indicating what she thought of Jiang Yue. To Lin Tao, Jiang Yue was worth nothing. “Why do you care if my father is here? You spoke of true capability, but you didn’t even make clear what sort of capability you’re referring to. Are you trying to inspire gossip? To encourage others to let their imaginations run wild? Your acting skills are not bad. Why would you want to study medicine? You might as well study how to write movie scripts.”

Chapter 152 Stealing the Gown

Lin Tao’s words were unpleasant, but Jiang Yue didn’t seem to be angered by them. Smiling, she said, “Miss Lin, you’ve really misunderstood.”

Lin Tao couldn’t be bothered with Jiang Yue. Why would she bother arguing with a beast?

At this moment, Zhao Qian walked in with two servants and said with a smile, “Sister Jiang, Sister Qiao, Grandma asked me to send the gown over.”

A trace of light flashed in Jiang Yue’s eyes. The gown Grandma had made for her had been sent over. As long as she put on the gown, she would be able to stun everyone with her beauty.

At this moment, someone took Gu Zhou away, saying that they wanted to discuss a collaboration.

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Zhao Qian glanced at the boxes the two servants were holding. She pointed to the left and said respectfully, “Grandma made this gown herself.”

When everyone heard Zhao Qian’s words, they craned their necks to look at the box on the left. However, the box was opaque, preventing them from seeing the gown inside.

Matriarch Gu was a world-renowned fashion designer. If they could see a gown Matriarch Gu had designed with their own eyes, they would be able to brag about it in the future.

When Qiao Nian heard Zhao Qian's words, she instinctively reached for the box on the left. However, to her surprise, Jiang Yue had already walked over to pick it up.

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Jiang Yue looked at the box happily. With a smile on her face, she stared intently at Zhao Qian. "Qian Qian, you have to help me thank Grandma when we get back."

A trace of hesitation flashed in Zhao Qian's eyes. Only then did she say, "Sister Yueyue, Grandma prepared this gown for Sister Qiao."

Jiang Yue didn't take Zhao Qian's words seriously at all. Smiling, she said, "Qian Qian, don't joke around on such an occasion." With that, her gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. Pointing at the remaining box, she said, "Sister Nian Nian, this is the gown Grandma prepared for you. Judging by the wrapping on the box, I think it's a limited edition gown designed by Mr. S. I heard it's worth tens of millions. Take it and wear it."

Qiao Nian could hear the tinge of charity in Jiang Yue's words. Her gaze fell on the box in Jiang Yue's hand, and she raised her eyebrow. "Are you sure this is your gown?"

"Of course." Jiang Yue had a gentle smile on her face as she looked at Qiao Nian triumphantly. "Sister Nian Nian, you have no idea. For every event I attend, I wear a gown that Grandma makes for me. All the evening gowns Grandma has made for me herself must fill a room."

When everyone heard Jiang Yue's words, they all gasped. Not everyone was qualified to wear a gown designed by Matriarch Gu. At this moment, Lin Tao, who was standing at the side, was also looking at Jiang Yue with envy. In the past, she had always wanted to wear a gown designed by Matriarch Gu, but Matriarch Gu had already retired and rarely made gowns anymore. Jiang Yue could feel the envious gazes on her, and her vanity went off the charts. She looked at Qiao Nian, who was staring at the box in her hand, and asked half-jokingly, "Sister Nian Nian, do you think Grandma made this gown for you?"

As soon as Jiang Yue's words fell, the people around them burst into gossip. They all looked at Qiao Nian with disdain.

Liu Yu had always disliked Qiao Nian. Her expression instantly turned cold as she scolded, "Qiao Nian, you're too brazen. You've been freeloading off the Gu family, and now you want to snatch their things too. How can you be so shameless? Do you not know your place at all?"

“Exactly. Matriarch Gu has already given her face by letting her stay in the Gu residence. Yet she actually wants to wear a gown made by Matriarch Gu.”

“Young ladies these days all have thicker skin than city walls. She’s stolen the spot of the first speaker, and now she even wants to steal the gown made by someone else’s grandmother!”

Seeing that everyone was on Jiang Yue’s side, Liu Yu felt much more at ease.

With a gentle smile on her face, Jiang Yue said, “Everyone, don’t misunderstand. Sister Nian Nian and I were just joking. Don’t take it seriously.”

Chapter 153 Skilled Methods

Lin Tao, who had been standing at the side, frowned.

Jiang Yue was clearly a master of appearances. Right from the beginning, she had the upper hand. She pretended to be gentle and considerate, but in reality, there was malice behind that smile.

Qiao Nian’s gaze was fixed on the box Jiang Yue was holding.

Jiang Yue was getting impatient, but she still put on a gentle and magnanimous facade. She handed the other box to Qiao Nian. Seeing that Qiao Nian didn’t take the box, Jiang Yue spoke in a persuasive voice. “A gown designed by Mr. S can’t be bought with money, either. Most young ladies would long to get their hands on such a gown. This is also a gift from Grandma. I hope you can accept it.”

Qiao Nian remained impassive.

Jiang Yue continued to persuade her. “You’re the first speaker tonight. If you go onstage in this casual outfit, it might be a little impolite. You’d better change into this gown quickly.”

Jiang Yue spoke very well, her manner extremely proper. Her words were filled with consideration for Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue calmly and said with disdain, “It’s not my gown. Why would I want it?”

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The smile on Jiang Yue’s face froze. She hadn’t expected Qiao Nian to refuse outright, and in public no less.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on the box Jiang Yue was holding. She said with certainty, "The gown in here is mine."

Zhao Qian, who was standing at the side, walked over to Qiao Nian and said, "Sister Yue, why don't you..."

Before Zhao Qian could finish her sentence, she sensed Jiang Yue glaring at her. Frightened, she took a step back.

Jiang Yue smiled at Qiao Nian.

Of course, she didn't believe for one second that Grandma had made this gown for Qiao Nian. After all, this gown was made with her favorite diamond.

Jiang Yue thought that Qiao Nian was just jealous.

In the past, she had always thought that Qiao Nian was a completely emotionless person. Yet, it seemed that Qiao Nian was now beginning to learn to steal from her. Jiang Yue hadn't expected this at all.

Liu Yu wanted to scold Qiao Nian, but was stopped by Jiang Yue.

With a troubled expression on her face, Jiang Yue looked up at Qiao Nian and said, "Sister Nian Nian, I know that you're fond of the gowns made by Grandma, but every gown Grandma makes for me is tailored to my size. If not for that, I'd have given you the gown."

Jiang Yue spoke persuasively and patiently. "If you like Grandma's gowns, I'll tell Grandma later and ask her to make one for you next time."

Jiang Yue continued, "I'll have to trouble Sister Nian Nian to wear the gown made by Mr. S!"

"I'll only wear my own gown," Qiao Nian said coldly.

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Liu Yu turned red with anger. In an affected manner, she said, "Qiao Nian, don't you have some shame? Jiang Yue is Matriarch Gu's granddaughter. If Matriarch Gu makes a gown, it's definitely meant for Jiang Yue. What status do you have? What right do you have to compare yourself to Jiang Yue?"

"That's right. Qiao Nian is too shameless. She'll try to snatch anything that's of good quality, even when those things don't belong to her."

"I really don't understand. Shouldn't she be grateful to the Gu family? Why is she making things difficult for Jiang Yue?"

“This is what it means to be an ingrate!”

As Lin Tao listened to everyone’s comments about Qiao Nian, her beautiful fox-like eyes filled with coldness. She pursed her lips in dissatisfaction.

She had known Qiao Nian for a long time. She knew Qiao Nian’s character well. Qiao Nian wouldn’t make a scene with Jiang Yue for no reason. Something was definitely wrong.

At this moment, someone nearby said, “Let us see the gown Matriarch Gu designed!”

“That’s right, that’s right. Qiao Nian’s trying so brazenly to get her hands on this gown. It must be stunning!”

“That’s right, that’s right. Qiao Nian doesn’t even want the gown Mr. S designed!”

Jiang Yue smiled and nodded. She said gently, “Since everyone wants to see it, I’ll take it out!”

She bent down and opened the box containing the gown Matriarch Gu designed.

Chapter 154 Unreasonable

“Senior Jiang, you’re really too kind!”

“Senior Jiang, you’re the best!”

“In comparison, Qiao Nian is truly an ingrate!”

Amidst everyone’s compliments, Jiang Yue opened the box and took out the gown inside.

Seeing the gown, the corner of Qiao Nian’s mouth curved up a little. There was a hint of a smile in her gaze.

Just like that, the black evening gown, encrusted all over with sparkling diamonds, made its first public appearance. Everyone was blinded by the gown. When Jiang Yue looked at the evening gown, a trace of surprise flashed in her eyes.

This evening gown was very beautiful, and she had immediately taken a liking to it. Indeed, only she could wear such a beautiful gown.

Yet, a trace of confusion flashed in Jiang Yue’s eyes. Why did she feel that this gown was a little too small?

Could Grandma have remembered her measurements incorrectly?

Jiang Yue touched the glittering diamonds on her gown, which were reflecting all colors of the rainbow. She could no longer look away. This gown had stolen the hearts of all the girls present. They looked at the gown enviously. However, Jiang Yue had a bad feeling about this, but she couldn't put her finger on it.

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Jiang Yue turned the gown over in her hands. Could it be that dark colors tended to appear smaller? Did she think that this gown looked too small?

Something was wrong. This was not her size.

It was impossible for Grandma to have remembered her size incorrectly.

Jiang Yue looked up at Zhao Qian, who was frowning

Pursing her lips, Jiang Yue's gaze fell on Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian's figure was considered unrivaled among women. She was tall and had a slender waist. She was naturally graceful, and charming beyond words.

The ominous feeling in Jiang Yue's heart intensified. Her grip on the gown tightened involuntarily.

Liu Yu naturally didn't know what Jiang Yue was thinking. She said excitedly, "Yue Yue, quickly change into this gown. You'll definitely look beautiful in it!"

"That's right, that's right. This gown suits your temperament very well!"

"You'll look beautiful in it! As for some people who don't have a tailor-made gown, they can go cry in a corner!"

"Matriarch Gu likes you so much. If she sees you in this gown, she will definitely be very happy."

The unease in Jiang Yue's heart gradually dissipated with those words. Her heart settled back down a little.

Even outsiders knew that Grandma would prepare a gown for her. What was there to be confused about?

Moreover, Grandma must know in her heart that Jiang Yue was the one who treated Grandma the best.

There was no way Grandma would prepare a gown for Qiao Nian. A sweet smile bloomed on Jiang Yue's face. "I'll go change now!"

“Wait a minute.” Qiao Nian’s gaze fell on the box containing Mr. S’s gown. “This isn’t my gown.”

Jiang Yue looked at Qiao Nian in confusion.

Qiao Nian stepped closer to Jiang Yue and said, “Don’t you think that the gown you’re holding is my size?”

Hearing Qiao Nian’s words, Jiang Yue’s heart, which had just settled down, leaped to her throat again. She looked at Qiao Nian uneasily.

But now, no matter what, she was going to wear this gown. She had to.

Liu Yu was standing beside Jiang Yue, and heard Qiao Nian’s words clearly. With disdain written all over her face, she said, “Are you crazy? This is clearly a gift Matriarch Gu prepared for Yue Yue. Are you trying to say that Matriarch Gu didn’t prepare a gift for her granddaughter and instead prepared a gift for an outsider like you?”

Qiao Nian glared at Liu Yu, her expression cold. The aura she was exuding was frigid. Liu Yu was startled, but she calmed down very quickly. She had valuable dirt on Qiao Nian. As long as she spread the scandals Qiao Nian had been involved in, she would be able to avenge Jiang Yue!

The others were also displeased with Qiao Nian for trying to snatch the gown.

“Does this woman have no idea of her own status? She just has to snatch Senior Jiang’s things!”

“What kind of behavior is this? I wonder how her parents raised her!”

“She’s so irritating!”

Seeing that everyone was standing on her side, Jiang Yue’s mood lifted. “This isn’t my gown either. Sister Nian Nian, you’ve let down Grandma’s good intentions just like that. It’ll be your turn to give a speech soon. If you’re not wearing an evening gown, that will be very rude!”

Chapter 155 I Won’t Use Things That Don’t Belong to Me

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes dangerously. She had always kept a low profile in the past, but Jiang Yue had already crossed the line today.

A formal gown could not be worn by someone else after being worn once. It would be impolite for another person to wear it again.

She had already worn the gown her grandmother had made. Since Jiang Yue did not seem to mind being humiliated, she would let Jiang Yue wear it. It would be too late for Jiang Yue to regret her actions in the future.

Qiao Nian took out her phone and made a call. "The lecture hall of the Second Academy of Medicine. Help me select a gown."

With that, Qiao Nian hung up.

Jiang Yue, who was standing at the side, was slightly stunned. A trace of anger flashed in her eyes, and her tone turned cold. "This gown was Grandma's gift to you. How dare you not want it? You're crossing a line!"

"I'm sorry, I'm not like you. I'll never use things that don't belong to me." Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue coldly.

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A trace of panic flashed in Jiang Yue's heart, but she calmed down very quickly. Holding the gown, she walked towards the changing room.

There was no way Grandma would make a gown for Qiao Nian. Grandma liked her the most. Grandma would only make gowns for her!

Qiao Nian was indeed from the countryside. She didn't know any etiquette at all. She was kind enough to help Qiao Nian, but Qiao Nian didn't appreciate it.

Since that was the case, she would let Qiao Nian make a fool of herself in front of everyone. How could the gowns Qiao Nian owned be any good? She would definitely be wearing cheap and unpresentable clothes. Jiang Yue pursed her lips. When that happened, even if Grandma asked, she could say that she had tried to persuade Qiao Nian.

Everyone watched as Jiang Yue left. Then, their gazes all fell on Qiao Nian.

They had thought that Qiao Nian would fly into a rage out of humiliation. They hadn't expected Qiao Nian to be leaning against the wall and chatting with a young girl, looking relaxed and happy.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was pretending to be calm, everyone couldn't help but laugh.

"She didn't manage to get her hands on the gown made by Matriarch Gu. Is that why she's gone crazy? Do you think she's planning to wear this outfit onstage?" "Who knows? She doesn't even want to wear the gown made by Mr. S. Her standards must be very high. Even so, I bet she'll be wearing a cheap, hideous gown when she goes on stage to give her speech later."

“That’s right. Later on, we’ll be able to see what kind of gown Qiao Nian will be wearing. Perhaps she’ll be giving a lecture on how to snatch other people’s clothes!”

Qiao Nian’s brow furrowed slightly. It wasn’t because she was unhappy with what the onlookers were saying, but because she could feel Qiao Yu staring at her. That gaze made her uncomfortable.

Qiao Nian was now completely certain that Qiao Yu and Qiao Xin had long known that she wasn’t Qiao Shan and Su Xue’s biological daughter. That was why Qiao Yu had done those beastly things. About ten minutes later, Jiang Yue appeared in front of everyone in the diamond-encrusted gown, instantly attracting everyone’s attention.

Everyone looked enviously at the beautiful, eye-catching gown Jiang Yue was wearing.

The unique patterns were inlaid with luxurious diamonds, complementing the overall design of the gown. Everyone was stunned.

“Oh my god, it’s beautiful!”

“This gown truly lives up to the status of being Matriarch Gu’s handiwork. It’s simply gorgeous!”

“Qiao Nian must be dreaming to think that she’d ever be able to wear this gown. Does she think she’s worthy of such a beautiful gown?”

“Didn’t she ask someone to send a gown over? The gown she’s bringing must have cost only a few hundred dollars. It won’t be comparable to a gown handmade by Matriarch Gu at all!”

After admiring the gown, everyone’s gaze fell on Jiang Yue’s face. All of them realized that the effect was rather strange. Jiang Yue was very good-looking, but this gown did not match Jiang Yue’s aura at all. There was an indescribable incongruity.

This gown was flawlessly beautiful, but with Jiang Yue’s face and figure, it looked much more ordinary.

She looked like an innocent student who had insisted on wearing heavy makeup to hide her original temperament. The gown looked out of place on her.

At this moment, five young girls walked in, each carrying two gowns covered by black cloth.

Chapter 156 Cheap Goods

Everyone’s interest was piqued. One by one, they looked over curiously. They wanted to know which family’s daughter had arranged such a grand procession. Jiang Yue was

slightly stunned. She had a bad feeling. Could it be that these people were here to pass Qiao Nian a gown?

The five girls walked up to Qiao Nian, holding the gowns.

“Miss Qiao, we really didn’t know what style you liked, so we brought you ten different pieces. Take a look and see if you like them. If not, I’ll return to the studio to get more!”

The respect in the young girl’s voice made one feel that Qiao Nian was some big shot who was undercover.

A smile lingered at the corner of Qiao Nian’s lips. She said gratefully, “It’s been hard on you this time. I can wear anything. Just pick one for me.”

The onlookers’ gazes fell on the ten gowns. They pursed their lips. These were indeed cheap goods. Otherwise, how could ten gowns be sent over all at once?

“Perhaps she bought them on the Internet for cheap. That’s why they brought so many over!”

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“Exactly. Didn’t you realize that it’s only been half an hour since the call? Yet, these young ladies have already brought the gowns here.”

“That’s right. What sort of family can produce so many formal gowns at once?”

“Qiao Nian is so pretentious. She’s deliberately putting on such a grand show. No matter how her speech goes today, Qiao Nian will definitely leave a lasting impression on everyone!”

However, there were still some who spoke truthfully.

“Why do I feel that the whole set-up looks quite classy?”

“Classy? How can these clothes compare to Matriarch Gu’s handmade gown?”

“Actually, I think these gowns shouldn’t be too bad either. Think about it. Director Lin invited Qiao Nian here specially. Someone whom Director Lin invites personally must be someone quite extraordinary!”

Seeing that some people were speaking up for Qiao Nian, Liu Yu’s expression instantly darkened. She glared fiercely at that girl and said angrily, “What nonsense are you

spouting? Has a donkey kicked you in the head? What can she do? Big shot? You're thinking too much."

When the surrounding people heard Liu Yu's words, they all frowned in disapproval, unwilling to pay her any attention.

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Jiang Yue stood at the side. She felt that her waist area was slightly uncomfortable, and it was only getting worse and worse. It must be because of the gown she was wearing. She no longer dared to breathe, worried that the zipper would suddenly fly open. Jiang Yue only hoped that this gown would last until her speech ended. Hearing the words of the onlookers, the five girls removed the black cloths.

In an instant, everyone present was stunned.

Goodness.

These ten gowns were too beautiful. They were not in any way inferior to the gown designed by Matriarch Gu. Moreover, they spanned a wide range of styles.

Every gown was elegant, luxurious, and yet not flashy. They were very suitable for the current theme.

Qiao Nian glanced at Jiang Yue and finally chose a black gown.

When Lin Tao saw this, she couldn't help but laugh. She was now looking forward to seeing Qiao Nian in a gown. How breathtaking would that be!

When everyone saw Qiao Nian pick the black gown, they began whispering among themselves. They felt that Qiao Nian was challenging Jiang Yue.

At first glance, Liu Yu was also stunned by these gowns, but she couldn't believe that a country bumpkin would have the money to buy such expensive gowns. She asked uncertainly, "These... these gowns are all high-end replicas, aren't they..."

"Is that even a question? They must be fake!" A girl who was close to Liu Yu chimed in.

When one of the girls who had brought the dresses heard Liu Yu's words, she frowned. These people had gone too far. What a bunch of idiots! They didn't know priceless when it was staring them in the face. She said coldly, "These dresses are designed by the world-famous Elena. If you don't know anything, shut up. You're embarrassing yourself!"

Elena.

That was a top designer from another country. She was rumored to be on par with Matriarch Gu in terms of fame. Moreover, it was rumored that her main focus was on making gowns for the royal family.

Chapter 157 Quibbling

Mr. S was far inferior to Elena!

Jiang Yue breathed in carefully. She did not dare to make any big movements now. Her face was livid as she looked at the alluring gowns.

She really hadn't expected Qiao Nian to have the ability to get Elena to design a gown for her.

Liu Yu's face turned pale, but she still wouldn't believe that these dresses were designed by Elena. She said relentlessly, "Words are useless. Perhaps you're lying?"

"Yes, I heard that Elena only makes clothes for the royal family. I've never heard of her designing clothes for socialites in this country."

"That's right, that's right. Although we've never interacted with Elena, we all know her preferences."

At this moment, a young lady walked out of the crowd. Her gaze fell on the onlookers and she said, "This lady is right. Stop talking. None of you know anything, and you're just spouting nonsense! This is really very embarrassing!" This girl looked especially young. She seemed to be a freshman.

She hadn't wanted to step forward initially, but seeing how those people began to slander Qiao Nian without distinguishing between right and wrong, she couldn't hold back any longer. Taking out her phone, she walked to a gown and scanned the QR code there before saying, "All the dresses designed by Elena are marked. Just scan it and you'll know if it's real. Look, this is an authentic product, and an original design by Elena!"

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The girl showed the page on her phone to everyone. The dress code and certificate were displayed.

Those who had mocked Qiao Nian for getting people to send over fake gowns were all so embarrassed that they yearned to find a hole to hide in.

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Liu Yu stepped forward, unwilling to go down without a fight. She scanned the codes on the remaining nine dresses. All of them were authentic. Her breathing quickened, and her face turned red with embarrassment. Tears welled up in her eyes.

She was so angry that she began to cry!

How was this possible? Qiao Nian was clearly a lunatic. How could she be wearing a gown designed by Elena?

Apart from designing clothes for the royal family, Elena only designed clothes for people she liked. Moreover, she would investigate that person's character. If her character was not up to standard, she would not design clothes for that person either.

Jiang Yue's expression was the darkest. She bit her lip. She had always wanted to own a gown designed by Elena, but she had never expected Qiao Nian to be one step ahead of her.

At this moment, Jiang Yue seemed to hear the sound of fabric tearing.

Jiang Yue was so anxious that her entire body was flushed red. She hurriedly held her breath, trying hard to suck in her stomach. This was the first time she had been in such a sorry state.

At this moment, Jiang Yue's mind was still very clear.

Although Grandma was getting on in years, every time Grandma made a gown for her, she would never make a mistake in her size.

Yet this gown did not seem to be her size.

Could it be that this gown was really made for Qiao Nian?

No. It couldn't be true!

Grandma knew that she liked diamonds the most. Why would she give her favorite diamond to an outsider?

Liu Yu wiped her tears away and glared at Qiao Nian angrily, still unconvinced. "There's something wrong with Qiao Nian's character. Girls, you should tell designer Elena that she..." From the corner of her eye, Jiang Yue saw Gu Zhou walking over. Carefully, she walked to Liu Yu's side and said in a low voice, "Alright, stop."

"Yueyue, you..."

Sucking in her stomach, Jiang Yue tried hard to maintain a smile on her face. She said reasonably, "Sister Nian Nian is a guest of our family. Although Sister Nian Nian and I

had a misunderstanding previously, the lecture will begin in a while. Let's not make a scene over such a small matter."

Jiang Yue's voice was as gentle as ever. Her words were logical and made perfect sense.

The onlookers felt that Jiang Yue was right. Hence, they didn't say anything else. Although Qiao Nian could wear a gown made by Elena this time, that didn't mean that Qiao Nian would have a chance to continue doing so in the future.

Liu Yu glared daggers at Qiao Nian. If looks could kill, Qiao Nian would have died a thousand times over.

Chapter 158 Little Angel

Qiao Nian gave Jiang Yue a meaningful look. This woman could indeed cause trouble for Gu Zhou. She knew when to advance and when to retreat, and was extremely cunning.

After Qiao Nian retracted her gaze, she walked towards the resting room, preparing to change into her gown. She did not notice Gu Zhou and Lu Zhu walking over at all.

When Qiao Nian walked out of the resting room, she saw three young girls walking towards her, arm in arm. They were clearly looking for her. "Miss Qiao," the girl standing in the middle greeted softly. Qiao Nian stopped in her tracks. She remembered this young girl. She was the one who had spoken up for her just now. The girl looked at Qiao Nian with a guilty expression and said, "I'm really sorry for disturbing you just now. I must have ruined your good mood. I'm very sorry." There were too many people around them previously, and Qiao Nian's attention was entirely on Jiang Yue and Liu Yu, so she hadn't taken note of the girl's features.

When she took a good look at the young girl in front of her, she was momentarily stunned. The girl's facial features were exquisite and delicate, and her skin seemed to be as fine and thin as gossamer. She looked extremely sweet. Just by taking a glance, one would immediately sense that she was an obedient and adorable little girl.

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What Qiao Nian liked about her the most was that this young girl had the same fox-like eyes as she did. However, her eyes looked charming and sultry, while this young girl's eyes were sweet and innocent.

Qiao Nian smiled at the girl. "It's their fault. This has nothing to do with you. You don't have to apologize for them."

"It's not like that." The girl looked at Qiao Nian earnestly as she shook her head. The pearl earring on her ear swayed, setting off the charm of her small face.

The two girls standing next to her nodded in agreement, their expressions apologetic. The girl pursed her lips and said gently, "The seniors shouldn't have said those outrageous things, much less attempt to defile your name. They don't even know you well, yet they insisted that you were of bad character. That was clearly wrong."

When the girl said this, her lips pursed slightly. She continued, "More importantly, for you to be invited by Director Lin to be the first lecturer, I believe that you're someone outstanding. You came to our school to give a speech to enlighten us students. If we still choose to misconstrue your intentions, then the story of the snake and the farmer will repeat itself. Furthermore, your indifferent gaze just now seemed to be filled with disappointment towards the entire world..."

The girl looked at Qiao Nian seriously and continued, "There's not only darkness in this world, but also much beauty."

The other two little girls said, "Teacher Qiao, I hope you won't remember the unhappy events that happened today." Qiao Nian looked at the three girls in front of her, pursing her lips. Just for a moment, she felt a little choked up. She had seen too much injustice in this world, and had received too much unfair treatment. She was already numb to such things.

But today, someone was telling her that there was still beauty in this world. Not just darkness. Qiao Nian's eyes stung a little. She looked at the young girl in front of her for a long time before she spoke. "You..." "Qi Qi."

A gentle voice rang out from the side, interrupting Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian froze. She found the voice familiar. She looked up and saw Lu Zhu walking over, holding a book.

Lu Zhu looked exactly like how she had seen him in the past. He looked like an elegant gentleman.

The young girl's eyes were filled with laughter. She lifted her skirt slightly and jogged closer to the man, her eyes curving up beautifully. "Brother, you're here!"

"You're already in your first year of university. You have to be more mature." When Lu Zhu said this, his voice softened significantly. He looked at the girl with a doting expression on his face.

Only then did Qiao Nian realize that this young girl was Lu Zhu's biological sister, the precious daughter of the Lu family, Lu Qi.

When Lu Qi heard Lu Zhu's words, she immediately let go of Lu Zhu's arm and stood up straight. "I'm already very mature. Where's the book?"

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Seeing the young girl like this, Lu Zhu could not help but laugh. She had only greeted him with such enthusiasm to get her hands on the book.

Lu Zhu ruffled Lu Qi's hair and handed the book to her. Just as he was about to speak, he saw Lu Qi handing the book to Qiao Nian.

"Teacher Qiao, this is my greeting gift to you. Although it's very old, it's my most beloved book. This book has allowed me to become who I am today. Though it may be a poor gift, I hope you'll accept it."

This book wasn't expensive. It could be bought easily in a bookstore, but Lu Qi had a nagging feeling that Qiao Nian would indeed accept it.

Lu Zhu looked at Lu Qi in surprise. He had never expected Lu Qi to call him just now just to get him to send a book over.

He had thought that Lu Qi was going to give the book to Mrs. Gu. Because this book was treasured so much by Lu Qi, she had never been willing to give it away.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze slightly and saw the words "The Kite Runner" on the cover.

Qiao Nian didn't hesitate to take the book from Lu Qi. She felt extremely emotional. "Thank you for your gift. I'll definitely treasure it well in the future."

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Actually, what Qiao Nian didn't say was that this book was also her favorite book.

Seeing that Qiao Nian had accepted the gift, Lu Qi smiled happily. Then, she left with her friends and Lu Zhu.

Qiao Nian gazed at Lu Qi's retreating back. She was such an innocent and adorable young lady. She must have grown up in a loving family. That must be why she grew up to be such a little angel.

Moreover, the two young ladies next to Lu Qi were also obedient and adorable.

Birds of a feather indeed flock together.

Qiao Nian's lips curved up slightly. She looked away. There were five minutes left until the ceremony began. She had to get ready. Many people began entering the lecture hall. When they saw Qiao Nian standing outside the door, they were all astonished.

"Goodness, this girl is so beautiful!"

"She's today's first lecturer!"

"I'm so looking forward to it. I really want to know what kind of speech such a beautiful person will give."

Not far away, as Jiang Yue listened to everyone praise Qiao Nian, she felt as if a huge rock was pressing down on her chest, suffocating her.

What made Jiang Yue speechless was that Qiao Nian was wearing an evening gown of the same color as hers. She was clearly trying to steal her thunder.

Qiao Nian's waist was very small, and she had beautiful straight shoulders and butterfly bones. Her skin was very fair, and in contrast to the black gown, it looked even fairer.

"She looks like a fairy!"

"Qiao Nian is so pretty. Her figure is amazing. That black gown suits her very well, making her look like an angel."

"By the way, don't you think Senior Jiang Yue's gown is a little too small? Don't tell me that gown really belongs to Qiao Nian!" "Who knows? Just now, I thought Senior Jiang Yue looked good in that gown, but when I saw Qiao Nian, I felt that Qiao Nian looked better in comparison." "Indeed. When they're both wearing the same color, the one who looks worse will be humiliated!"

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When Liu Yu heard those words, she frowned in dissatisfaction and said, "What a bunch of blind fools! Weaklings! Fence sitters!"

When Jiang Yue heard Liu Yu's words, she consoled her softly, "Do stop talking. Let's ignore them."

"Yes, I'm waiting to see Qiao Nian make a fool of herself!"

Jiang Yue didn't speak, her eyes glittering strangely. Lin Tao stood beside Qiao Nian. Hearing everyone's words, and seeing the jealous looks on Jiang Yue and Liu Yu's faces, she said smugly, "Those who scolded you just now are all won over by your beauty." Qiao Nian smiled lightly and didn't speak. She looked down at the book in her

hand, her heart warming. She looked up, gazing around the lecture hall. Finally, she spotted Lu Qi in a corner.

Lu Qi was talking to Lu Zhu. Her starry eyes were filled with laughter, and the dimples at the corners of her lips were barely discernible. She was extremely adorable.

Similarly, Qiao Nian also spotted Gu Zhou, who was beside Lu Zhu. Gu Zhou looked up, and for a moment, their eyes met. Qiao Nian's breathing quickened. Following Gu Zhou's gaze, she looked down to see her fair and slender legs peeking out from under her gown.

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The gown reached her ankles, but there was a slit about ten centimeters above her knees. Such a design was quite proper and formal, and she wouldn't embarrass herself by accident. However, for some reason, when Gu Zhou looked at her like that, Qiao Nian felt as if she was naked.

At this moment, the ceremony began. The emcee was the president of the student union of the Second Academy of Medicine. He walked to the center of the stage and spoke into the microphone, giving a long string of polite opening remarks. Then, his gaze fell on Qiao Nian, who was standing not far away. He said, "Next, let's invite Professor Qiao Nian to give a speech for us!"

At this moment, the people around them began to whisper.

"This is the person who stole Senior Jiang Yue's spot as the first lecturer. I want to see what she's capable of."

"Not only did she steal Senior Jiang Yue's spot, but she also tried to steal Senior Jiang Yue's gown. She's simply too shameless."

"In a while, during the Q & A session, we'll ask more complicated questions, so that she won't be able to answer them. Then, she'll embarrass herself in public."

Amidst all kinds of criticism, Qiao Nian walked on stage. She walked to the microphone and said, "Let me start off with a riddle. Everyone, do try and guess the answer." When the people below heard Qiao Nian's words, their eyes widened.

"Is she retarded?"

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"This is such a serious occasion. Does she think that riddles are suitable?"

"Does... does she not know what to say at all?"

Qiao Nian completely ignored their words and continued, "One night, a man was driving through the countryside when he suddenly had a stomachache. He took a few pieces of paper from a stack of paper on the passenger seat. Taking them to a field in the middle of nowhere, he suddenly laughed, then cried. The next day, he died. May I know how the man died?"

At this moment, the entire hall fell silent. Some people were contemplating the answer, while others were looking at her with ridicule.

A faint smile appeared on Qiao Nian's face. She raised her eyebrows slightly. With just one sentence, she had heightened the atmosphere of the ceremony considerably.

"If anyone can answer correctly, I'll give them a pot of Suranne Grass worth tens of millions, no matter who it is."

At this moment, the entire hall was in an uproar.

"How is this possible? How can she have Suranne Grass?"

"She must be spouting nonsense."

"Hurry up, go and investigate her background."

When Liu Yu heard Qiao Nian's words, she looked at Jiang Yue with some uncertainty and asked, "Yue Yue, did Qiao Nian take the precious medicinal ingredients in your house, and bring them here as gifts?"

Jiang Yue didn't speak. She clenched her fists involuntarily, her nails digging into her palms.

Jiang Yue knew that Qiao Nian wasn't boasting without basis. Moreover, she knew that Qiao Nian did own such expensive medicinal plants.

Jiang Yue had never expected that the Suranne Grass given to Qiao Nian by either Grandma or Brother Gu Zhou would be taken out of the house by Qiao Nian, just to get in the crowd's good books.

This was simply too much.

If Grandma knew about this, she would definitely be very upset.

With this thought in mind, Jiang Yue turned to look at Gu Zhou, who was sitting not far away.

Gu Zhou was sitting at the back with the Lu siblings. At this moment, Gu Zhou was leaning lazily against his chair, his beautiful eyes slightly narrowed. He was staring unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, his eyes filled with an emotion she couldn't read.

However, what surprised Jiang Yue even more was that Lu Zhu was also looking at Qiao Nian. He seemed to be very interested in this riddle. Jiang Yue's breathing quickened. How was this possible?

Lu Zhu was actually interested in a riddle!

Lu Zhu was like an otherworldly immortal. How could he be interested in a riddle given by Qiao Nian?

Jiang Yue narrowed her eyes, and the smile on her face froze. She lowered her head in silence.

Qiao Xin, who was sitting not far away, heard Qiao Nian announcing the giving away of Suranne Grass. She grabbed Qiao Yu's hand and squeezed it involuntarily.