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“Well ...”

Wang Dongqing’s sharp question left Zhao Mo speechless.

He had not thought about this question before, so he did not know how to answer.

However, now that he thought about it, he definitely lacked the ability to do this.

Even though Huayin Group was huge in Huaxia, it did not have the ability to suppress Meiguon companies.

“I don’t think so.” Wang Dongqing turned around and shifted her gaze toward Zhao Mo.

“Then have you ever thought about why Lin Yi could do this?”

“There must be something fishy going on!”

“Son, if you think that way, you’re too immature. You won’t be able to support Huayin Group in the future.”

“I think that unless Lin Yi did something despicable, there is no way Muddy Waters would have changed sides.” Zhao Mo couldn’t control his emotions.

Losing to Lin Yi was still reasonable, but being rejected by his mother was something he couldn’t accept.

“I was on a business trip a few days ago, so I didn’t pay attention to these things. However, after I returned, I took a brief look at this and understood the ins and outs of the matter,” Wang Dongqing said.

“Think about it yourself. How many tricks did Lin Yi play on you throughout the entire process?”

“You can say that before the press conference, he was in a relatively passive position. Even so, it seems that he saw every one of your moves. You threw out 100 billion yuan, and he bought up more than 100 billion yuan. You went to Muddy Waters to deal him a

fatal blow, but in the end, he took drastic measures to counter this. This was a real fight. How could there be anything fishy going on? Tell me.”

Upon hearing Wang Dongqing’s words, Zhao Mo came to a sudden realization.

He had underestimated Lin Yi.

“I heard some news just now. Lin Yi has teamed up with the seven major pharmaceutical companies in the world to establish a world-class drug research and development center in Zhonghai. The price of the drugs developed here can’t exceed 50% of the cost in the Huaxian market,” Wang Dongqing said.

“Moreover, Lin Yi succeeded in making them drop their prices to two-thirds of the original price. If this news is leaked, Didi’s shares will rise again. You should understand how badly you lost now, right?”

Zhao Mo’s body trembled. After hearing this news, he realized how serious the consequences of his actions were.

“Moreover, Lin Yi still has a trump card that he hasn’t used yet. You probably still don’t know about it.”

“What trump card?”

“Shen Tianzhuo!”

“The leader of the Huaxian scientists?”

“That’s right. He returned to Huaxia a few months ago and is working under Lin Yi,” Wang Dongqing said.

“If he reveals this information, Didi might become the fourth largest company after BTA. Did you investigate all of this before making a move on him?”

Wang Dongqing looked at Zhao Mo. When she spoke, her tone was questioning.

“Do you think you can defeat Soros with the help of Muddy Waters? Don’t you think you were far too simple-minded?”

“Back then, international bandits led by Soros first destroyed the Bank of Ingguo and then washed Southeast Terra with blood. Everyone thought that his scalping tactics were invincible, but no one thought that he would be defeated in Shianggang, right?”

Zhao Mo took a deep breath and shook his head helplessly.

“Mom, what do we do now?”

“I’ll give you some money to buy Didi’s shares at a high price so that you can return all the stocks of the brokerage.”

“Return everything?” Zhao Mo widened his eyes and said.

“If we buy up all the stocks we owe, we’ll have to spend at least double the price!”

“I’ve spent so much effort nurturing you for so many years. Why do you still not understand yet?” Wang Dongqing asked.

“I’m really worried if you can support such a big company without the Zhao family’s background.”

“I admit that I lost to Lin Yi this time, but I don’t think that I’m weaker than him!” Zhao Mo said, “In the future, I’ll get back everything I lost from him!”

“From him?” Wang Dongqing looked at Zhao Mo and said, “Do you think a dead person will have a chance to take revenge?”

“You have to understand that you’re still standing here talking to me not because of your ability or Lin Yi’s mercy, but because of Huayin Group’s reputation!”

“If you represented an ordinary company, you would have ended up the same as Cisco.”

“Perhaps you feel that Didi’s stock value is inflated and will definitely fall back in the future, but have you ever thought about when their stock value will fall back to normal? Don’t you need to return the stocks you owe to the brokerages?”

“Secondly, Lin Yi has so many trump cards up his sleeve. If releases a piece of news every once in a while, it will be enough to maintain Didi’s high share price for a long time. During this period, the dispute between Huayin and the brokerages will also surface. It will definitely cause our share price to plummet. Have you ever thought of such an outcome?”

“There’s also the most important thing. Don’t forget,” Wang Dongqing said.

“Although we’re not a state-owned company, this is our true nature. This also ensures that we can’t have any negative news circulating about us.”

“The foundation of the Zhao family is our influence in the political world. The bloodshed here is even crueller than you think. Many people are waiting to replace the Zhao family, so let’s settle this matter as soon as possible to prevent it from turning into a full-blown storm.”

Zhao Mo clenched his fists. “I understand.”

“Go on.”

Wang Dongqing waved her hand. She looked exhausted and disappointed.

What upset her the most was not her son’s failure.

Instead, it was an article on the finance website that had been retracted after an hour.

If that article was seen by an ordinary boss, it would quickly affect Huayin Group and other families.

In the end, it disappeared for no reason and was replaced by a commentary article from the Citic Group.

Without a doubt, it was Shen Shuyi who did this.

Otherwise, no one would care about such things.

However, given their relationship, she had no reason to do so.

A smart woman like her would definitely not dirty her hands like this.

Therefore, there might be another deeper reason.

If Huayin Group’s shares fell drastically because of this, Wang Dongqing would definitely get personally involved. By then, the unlucky target of her anger would be Lin Yi’s Lingyun Group.

Breaking it down like this, the situation was clear.

Shen Shuyi seemed to be on Lin Yi’s side.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Just as Wang Dongqing was thinking about these things, someone knocked on the office door.

“Come in.”

The person who entered was a young woman, Wang Dongqing’s secretary.

“Chairwoman Wang, we’ve investigated the incident in Beiqiao Town. The company in charge of the construction is Chaoyang Group in Zhonghai. The president of Chaoyang Group is called Ji Qingyan, and she has a close relationship with Lin Yi. They should be boyfriend and girlfriend. During our investigation, we discovered some rumors. This

assistance plan seems to be led by Lingyun Group, but the credit was given to CITIC Group.”

“Alright, I understand. You can leave first.”

“Got it, Chairwoman Wang.”

The secretary turned around and left. Wang Dongqing closed her eyes and rested against her sofa.

“How did Shen Shuyi get involved with Lin Yi? It’ll be difficult to make her step back now.”

When she thought of this, Wang Dongqing picked up her phone and dialed Shen Shuyi’s number. With a beaming smile, she said,

“Sister Shen, are you free tonight? I just came back from a business trip in South Feizhou and brought you a necklace. Shall we make an appointment to meet up?”

After leaving the hospital, Lin Yi and Liang Ruoxu returned home.

“Aren’t you going to comfort your real girlfriend?” Liang Ruoxu asked.

“Now is not the time to comfort her. We’ll talk about it tomorrow.”

Liang Ruoxu did not say anything else. She felt that there must be other tricks up his sleeve.

Which woman would be able to tolerate such a man?

“You were the one who refused to go, not me. Don’t blame me if anything happens,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“I don’t want others to say that I seduced a married woman. I can’t afford to lose face.”

“Even if something happens, I have a way of resolving it. What are you afraid of?”

Liang Ruoxu harrumphed.

“I don’t care about anything else, but you said that you’d cook tonight earlier.”

“Because of the silk banner you gave me, I’ll reward you well tonight. I guarantee that you’ll feel satisfied.”

“I don’t expect it to be delicious, just don’t send me to the hospital.”

“I’m afraid you’ll lick the plate.”

“I’ve already eaten at state banquets plenty of times. How could I do such a detestable thing?”

“A state banquet is a state banquet. The taste is different. I’ll give you something exciting to try today.”

“What could be so exciting?”

“Stewed shrimp with winter melon. It’ll nourish your whole body.”

“Stewed shrimp with winter melon?” Liang Ruoxu rolled her eyes. “Way to blow things out of proportion.”

The two of them chatted all the way home.

Liang Ruozhen was puzzled. Even if he had thought of a solution, wasn’t he worried at all?

When they arrived at Liang Ruoxu’s house, they changed into slippers and entered the house.

Liang Ruoxu was very considerate. Before changing into her pajamas, she found Lin Yi a set.

“You bought this?”

“I don’t want you to always sleep naked and dirty the sheets in my house.”

“Hehehe... whatever you say.”

“Don’t try to take advantage of me. You’re cooking tonight.”

“Piece of cake.”

Lin Yi didn’t waste his breath. Liang Ruoxu had helped him complete the mission. No matter what, he should make a meal to reward her.

About an hour later, four dishes and a soup were served.

Squirrel mandarin fish, spicy beef, cold shredded chicken, pan-fried tofu, and a crucian tofu stew.

Liang Ruoxu was dumbfounded when he saw the five dishes.

“You... you really know how to cook?”

“What else did you think I was preparing?”

“Let me taste it first.” Liang Ruoxu picked up a piece of spicy beef. Although it was a little spicy, there was a faint sweetness to it. It covered the spicy taste very well and made the taste richer.

He was already at the level of a professional chef.

Liang Ruoxu held the chopsticks in her mouth and stared at him with her almond-shaped eyes. “This is delicious.”

“The other dishes are not bad either. Try them all.”

Liang Ruoxu tasted all four dishes and the soup, then looked at Lin Yi with an unbelieving expression.

“Why are you so good at cooking?”

“My mother said that if you want to capture a woman’s heart, you have to first capture her stomach.”

“You’ve come to my house so many times before, but you always asked me to do it.”

“That’s because I was lazy.”

Liang Ruoxu, “...”

Ring ring ring...

Lin Yi’s phone rang.

It was He Yuanyuan.

“Boss, Cisco called me and said that he wants to discuss the specific compensation plan. I’ve studied it with Brother Qi. Zhao Mo and the others might have given up resisting.”

“They’re smart enough to stop the bleeding in time. They’d have lost more if it had dragged on longer.”

“So how do we handle this? Do you have any new instructions?”

“You and Old Qi should just deal with it step by step. Return the funds as soon as possible. We still owe the bank a large sum of money.”

“Got it.”

After a simple exchange, Lin Yi hung up.

“Has Zhao Mo admitted defeat?” Liang Ruoxu asked while eating.

“More or less. This battle and the penalty fee from Cisco combined means we will earn about 150 billion. It’s a good amount.”

Hearing the figure of 150 billion, Liang Ruoxu was in awe.

150 billion was a figure that 99.9% of the people in Huaxia could only dream of.

On the other hand, Lin Yi had used a few months to earn this money.

Even those who graduated from famous schools might not have such business acumen.

After eating and drinking her fill, Liang Ruoxu went to the bathroom to take a shower.

Lin Yi lay on the sofa and opened the system page.

Ring ring ring...

At this moment, Liang Ruoxu’s phone rang. Lin Yi picked it up and saw that it was a call from Zhao Mo, so he picked it up.

“Little Mi, I want to talk to you about Lingyun Group. Do you have time now?” Zhao Mo said.

“Um, she’s in the shower. She might not have time. Call her tomorrow.”

“Shower?”

Hearing a man’s voice on the phone, Zhao Mo’s voice was cold.

“Who are you? Why are you holding Little Mi’s phone?!”

“Seriously? You forgot my voice so quickly? Your memory is terrible.”

“You’re Lin Yi!”

“You finally recognized my voice.” Lin Yi smiled.

“If you want to talk to her about our Lingyun Group, I’m afraid you can’t do it today. After she showers, we still have to do something else. Call her tomorrow... Beep, beep, beep...”

Halfway through his sentence, Zhao Mo hung up to prevent himself from being angered to death.

“Someone called me?” Liang Ruoxu’s voice came from the bathroom.

“It was Zhao Mo. I picked it up for you.”

“Are you trying to anger Zhao Mo to death?”

Liang Ruoxu was well aware that Zhao Mo was pursuing her.

Now that Lin Yi had picked up the call, even a fool could guess what was going on.

However, Liang Ruoxu did not say anything. She reckoned that Zhao Mo would not come looking for her anymore in the future. This was a good thing.

Liang Ruoxu didn’t say anything, and Lin Yi continued with his work.

He opened the system page and saw a bottle of Level E combat strength potion in his inventory.

Lin Yi had long been tempted by this thing and clicked on it without hesitation.

The icon of the potion gradually faded. At the same time, Lin Yi felt the changes within his body.

This change was very different from what he had experienced before. It was like a mix of a physical and chemical reaction.

This bottle of Level E combat strength potion seemed to have fundamentally changed his bodily functions. It was not a simple case of strengthening him physically.

The absorption process lasted a few minutes.

Lin Yi could clearly feel a faint airflow in his lower abdomen, just like a second heart.

The changes and feelings it brought were indescribable.

In terms of strength alone, the system was not lying. It had not been exaggerating.

At this level, he was already beyond the scope of ordinary people’s understanding.

In the world of ordinary people, no one should be his match.

Whoosh!

Lin Yi took a deep breath. The system's reward for him this time was the most special one.

To a certain extent, this reward had already exceeded his understanding of the world.

It turned out that there was a clear scaling for combat power on Earth. This could be considered as having opened the door to a whole new world for him.

However, at the same time, Lin Yi had a premonition.

There might be more unknown secrets in this world.

Just like his own system.

Where did this thing come from?

Soon, the bathroom door was pushed open and Liang Ruoxu walked out with a towel wrapped around her.

She was wet and smelled of vanilla.

"Go take a shower. I've filled the bathwater for you."

Liang Ruoxu said as she dried her hair.

"I'm not feeling well today. I don't want to shower anymore."

"Don't make excuses. Go wash up. You stink."

Lin Yi was dragged to the bathroom by Liang Ruoxu. He had no choice but to take a shower before returning to the bedroom.

In the dead of night, Lin Yi opened the system again and said,

"Start a new profession."

[Old Class Completion Rate: 100%. New Class can be activated.]

[New Class Activation (Yes/No)]

"Activate."

[Profession: Individual Shopkeeper.]

[Profession Completion: 0%]

[Host, please receive a professional gift bag. 10 million yuan, and a fashionable tricycle.]

“Receive.”

Soon, he received a message from the bank. There was no doubt that it was the 10 million yuan reward.

Meanwhile, the stylish tricycle might very well be parked in front of Liang Ruoxu's house. They would be able to see it when they went downstairs tomorrow.

However, when he thought of this fashionable tricycle, Lin Yi felt a faint sadness in his heart.

It's a f*cking tricycle. What's the point of being fashionable?

However, what made Lin Yi more concerned was that he already had four professional badges. He didn't know how many he had to gather before he could discover the use of this thing.

Furthermore, there was another question in front of Lin Yi.

Where should he set up shop? What kind of shop should he open?

“System, the new profession is that of an individual shopkeeper. Do you have any specific requirements? Will anything do?”

[The procedures surrounding the shop will be distributed now. Host, please check the this.]

“The tricycle should be downstairs, right?”

[Yes.]

“Damn, why didn't you say so earlier?”

Lin Yi got up and rushed out of bed. He didn't bother to change his clothes and went out in his pajamas.

Downstairs, Lin Yi couldn't stay calm anymore.

“System, is this what you call a fashionable tricycle?”

[Yes.]

“But its a sl*tty shade of pink, I wish you’d give me an explanation. Is that your understanding of fashion? It’s too pompous.”

[The coquettish color matches the host’s temperament.]

“F*ck! Did you watch too many sitcoms? Why are you starting to talk nonsense?”

The system stopped responding, and Lin Yi stopped bickering with it.

Since the item had already been delivered, he could only accept it.

However, this coquettish color was really over the top!

He jumped onto the tricycle and sat cross-legged inside.

There was a thick brown paper bag inside. He had come down in the middle of the night for this.

He opened the brown paper bag and saw a deed inside.

It was a market house at 89 Zhengyang Street, which was reasonable.

His new profession was to be an individual shopkeeper, so it was natural for him to have a shop. It was only reasonable for the system to prepare this.

In addition to the deed, there was also a laminated page inside.

At first, Lin Yi didn’t take it seriously, but after reading it properly, he was horrified.

“System, you’re f*cking playing with me. You want me to sell bowls of egg-fried rice for 189 yuan? Am I supposed to fry it with gold particles?”

[If people don’t have dreams, what’s the difference between them and salted fish?]

“Alright, alright, alright. You’re the system. You’re awesome.”

Seeing what was on the menu, Lin Yi felt his life turn dark.

Egg-fried rice 189.

Pearl milk tea 68.

Vegetable noodles 179.

The most shameless thing was that radishes and pickles were sold for 39 yuan a serving.

Seeing such an astronomical price, Lin Yi felt that the biggest test of his life had arrived.

Lin Yi was very familiar with 89 Zhengyang Street. It was a famous university city in Zhonghai.

There were many universities around him. He had been to the Zhonghai Drama Academy several times before.

His alma mater, Zhonghai University of Technology, was also there.

Lin Yi couldn't stay calm anymore. The businesses on Zhengyang Street were supported by the nearby university students.

They were all poor students. Who the hell could afford such expensive dishes?

He helplessly put away the deed and menu. Since things had come to this, he could only take it one step at a time.

"Lin Yi."

Suddenly, someone spoke behind him and Lin Yi realized that it was Liang Ruoxu.

However, she had already changed out of her pajamas and put on casual sportswear.

"Why aren't you sleeping in the middle of the night? Why are you standing behind me like a corpse?"

"I was going to ask you the same thing," Liang Ruoxu said.

"It's late at night. What are you doing on someone else's tricycle?"

"What do you mean by someone else's tricycle?" Lin Yi said.

"This is my new ride. Doesn't it look fashionable?"

"Did you buy this tricycle?" Liang Ruoxu asked in surprise.

"Why did you buy a tricycle? Have you gotten sick of driving sports cars? Are you looking for excitement by buying this?"

"Didn't I tell you that I wanted to open a small shop to experience life? That's why I bought it. I can use it to stock up and buy groceries."

"But isn't this pink color matching a little too sissy?" Liang Ruoxu could not help but laugh.

“I didn’t expect you to be a little princess in your heart.”

“Color isn’t important. It’s mainly about practicality. Do you want to come in and try? I’ll take you for a ride.”

“I’d rather be called vain than sit in that thing. It’s too embarrassing.”

“You’re a government official in the hearts of the people. You have to understand their daily lives. You can’t be too arrogant.”

Lin Yi jumped out of the car, picked Liang Ruoxu up by the waist, then threw her onto the tricycle.

“What are you doing? Put me down.”

“It’s the middle of the night and there’s no one in the neighborhood. What are you afraid of?” Lin Yi got on the tricycle. “I’ll take you for a ride.”

“How can you force people like this?”

“I’m letting you experience the life of a commoner. Don’t be high and mighty all day. You have to be down-to-earth.”

Sitting in Lin Yi’s tricycle, Liang Ruoxu felt a deep sense of shame.

Although the Shari was a little damaged, it was still a car. However, a tricycle did not look like that at all!

However, he had already forcefully pulled her into the tricycle. It was impossible for her to jump out.

Soon, Liang Ruoxu overcame the feeling of shame and even felt a trace of nostalgia.

She remembered that when she was young, her grandfather would often ride a tricycle and bring her out to buy popsicles.

Ah!

“Lin Yi, slow down.” Liang Ruoxu was sitting in the back of the car, grabbing Lin Yi’s clothes in shock.

“We aren’t even going 10 miles per hour. What are you afraid of?”

“But this is a tricycle, not a car.”

“Just sit tight. I won’t hurt you.”

Liang Ruoxu was also helpless. Putting aside her position and status, she was also the eldest daughter of the Liang family, yet she was sitting on a tricycle and “riding around” with another man.

There was really nothing more embarrassing than this.

“In the future, I’ll add a few colored lights and a stereo to the tricycle. By then, won’t I have the most beautiful ride in Zhonghai?”

“I don’t know if it’ll be pretty or not, but if you dare to give it such an outlandish appearance, I’ll get the city management to arrest you immediately. I can’t afford to lose face.”

“You’ve already closed down Huaqing Lake, and I haven’t even spoken to you about that yet. Now, you’re even asking the city enforcement officers to arrest me. What is your game plan?”

“It’s useless to try to defend myself. Just remember, the moment you make an extravagant appearance, I’ll definitely arrest you.”

“Alright, alright, alright. You’re just awesome.”

In the middle of the night, he brought Liang Ruoxu around the neighborhood before the two of them returned upstairs to sleep.

“Didn’t you say you wanted to open a shop? Have you chosen the address? Where is it? What exactly are you selling?”

“A small restaurant on 89 Zhengyang Street. I don’t want to earn much money, I just want to keep food on my table. I want to be alone in that place until I die.”

“Pfft, you’re trying to use internet stories to deceive me again.”

Liang Ruoxu ignored Lin Yi and changed into his pajamas to rest. He still had to go to work the next day.

The next morning, the two of them ate all the leftovers from the previous night.

Even though there were a lot of leftovers, Liang Ruoxu was still unsatisfied. She finished all the soup and drinks.

“I told you you’d lick your plate clean, but you didn’t believe me.”

“I wouldn’t do such a useless thing. I just ate everything on my plate. Don’t spout nonsense,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“I’ve never licked a plate when I ate the dishes made by the head chef of the state banquet, let alone yours.”

“At that time, you were still young. It didn’t matter if you knew how to lick it or not. But now that you’re older, you have to learn these core skills.”

“Get lost, get lost. You’re full of dirty thoughts. I’m going to work. I can’t be bothered with you.”

“I’ll drive you.”

“The Shari or the trike?”

“The trike.”

“See you later.”

When they got downstairs, Liang Ruoxu drove away. She put on her sunglasses and distanced herself from Lin Yi, pretending not to know him.

Lin Yi had no choice but to call Zhou Haitao.

He told him the address of the shop and asked him to get a car and send the tricycle to 89 Zhengyang Street.

If he rode it himself, he would break his legs trying to get there.

After giving instructions, Lin Yi drove to Lingyun Group.

Zhao Mo had already admitted defeat, so this matter had come to an end.

As for what happened next, he had to hear He Yuanyuan and Qi Xianzhao’s report.

“Boss, you’re here.”

Lin Yi arrived at He Yuanyuan’s office and saw a lot of plants and cute dolls.

This made Lin Yi wonder if he had come to the wrong place.

“Why did you decorate the office like this? This doesn’t match your style as a powerful woman.”

“This is my office. You have no right to point fingers,” He Yuanyuan said.

“Don’t forget that Didi is about to increase in value. I deserve this.”

“You don’t say. Although you’re fierce, you’re actually quite cute. The style of the office really suits you.”

He Yuanyuan nodded pretentiously, satisfied with Lin Yi’s answer.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

There was a knock on the office door and Tian Yan walked in with a report.

Tian Yan was dressed like a domineering woman as per usual.

She was wearing a white lady’s blouse, a knee-length black skirt, and flesh-colored stockings.

No matter how one looked at it, it was pleasing to the eyes.

“Boss Lin, you’re here too,” Tian Yan said in surprise.

“I just came here for a walk,” Lin Yi said, “What are you holding?”

“The law firm has completed the financial report for this quarter. I brought it over for Director He to take a look.”

“Was the financial report done by a third-party business?”

“Yes, this kind of business has always been outsourced. This can save us a lot of time and trouble. Now that it’s done, do you want to take a look?”

Lin Yi didn’t answer Tian Yan. Instead, he looked at He Yuanyuan. “Didn’t you say that you were the one who compiled the financial report?”

“Um... Boss, don’t mind those details. I’ll do it myself next year.”

“After all that, you’re still in the mood to decorate this office so fancily? Aren’t you ashamed of yourself?”

“What do you mean by fancy? Didn’t you say that it matches my style?”

“I’m only saying this because there is a problem.”

“What kind of problems?”

“Cuteness is nothing when compared to sexyness.”

He Yuanyuan looked at Tian Yan and then at herself.

Not a squeak.

Tian Yan, “???”

‘Did I do something wrong?’

“Alright.” Lin Yi waved his hand. “Call Qi Xianzhao and Cheng Shuang for a meeting.”

“Got it, President Lin.”

A few minutes later, everyone arrived at the meeting room. Lin Yi said, “How’s Zhao Mo’s situation?”

“It’s just as we expected. There’s no big commotion thus far. They must have given up on the short-selling plan,” Cheng Shuang said.

Lin Yi nodded and looked at He Yuanyuan. “Have you calculated how much money you can get back?”

“Including what’s in the bank, there’s still about 80 billion left.”

“That little?”

“Because this is only a portion of it. The rest is all tied up in stocks. We can’t take it out now, or our stock value will easily collapse.”

“Based on the current situation, the matter between Zhao Mo and Huayin Group has come to an end,” Lin Yi said.

“We don’t have to focus on them anymore.”

“Got it, Boss Lin,” everyone said in unison.

” Now, let’s talk about staffing in the company.

“Qi Xianzhao, Cheng Shuang, Tian Yan, all of you will be promoted to vice presidents of the corporation.”

“Old Qi, you’ll still be in charge of Lingyun Group’s business. Brother Cheng, you’re in charge of Didi’s business. Tian Yan, I’ll leave the investment business to you. Do you have any questions?”

“Hmm? What about me?” He Yuanyuan asked.

“You’re still be the CFO.”

“Why? Why am I not a vice president?”

“Because after Lingyun Group goes public, the vice president will have to take dividends from the shares. This way, I can give you less bonuses.”

“I won’t do it. If you don’t give it to me, I’ll report you for tax evasion.” He Yuanyuan said,

“Also, the official seal of the finance department is with me. If you don’t let me be the vice president, don’t even think about taking a single cent from me.”

“F*ck, then you’re going to die with me.”

“Yeah, we’re done.”

“Alright, alright, alright. Seeing how pitiful you are, I’ll give you the position of vice president.”

Cheng Shuang and Tian Yan looked at each other and smiled helplessly.

If it was an ordinary person, they would have left in anger after hearing the president’s words. Why would they still bother fighting for it?

However, ultimately, she was a subordinate that Lin Yi had brought along with him. Their relationship was not something others could compare to.

Moreover, there was also their constant interactions during this period of time.

On the other hand, although the four of them had all been promoted to vice president, Qi Xianzhao was still the one who held the most power. No one else could compare to him.

“Apart from that, I have something important to tell you guys,” Lin Yi said.

“During this period of time, consolidate Longxin and Sci-Tech. Then, prepare the materials and arrange for Longxin to go public as soon as possible. Tian Yan, you’ll be in charge of this. After Longxin goes public, absorb more companies in the technology field to invest in it. We can’t keep playing by ourselves.”

“Got it, President Lin,” Tian Yan said.

“President Lin, should I be in charge of Longxin and Sci-Tech after they are integrated?”

“I’ll make arrangements when the time comes. You’ll only be in charge of the early stages of this project.”

“Understood.”

After Longxin went onto the market, Lin Yi was prepared to let Wang Ran be in charge of it.

Compared to the others, Lin Yi had absolute trust in Wang Ran.

Although her ability was a little lacking, she could be slowly honed. In the future, she would be able to handle this role.

“Alright, if there’s nothing else, the meeting today can end here.”

“President Lin, there’s something I’ve been thinking about all day. I feel that something’s wrong and want to report it to you,” Qi Xianzhao said.

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“President Lin, please wait a moment.”

Qi Xianzhao returned to his office, took the computer, and connected it to the projector in the conference room.

“This was yesterday. I saw a report on a finance website that explained our short-selling war with Huayin Group in detail and was blocked not long after this article was posted. However, I had previously saved a screenshot of it.”

“Let me take a look at the contents first,” Lin Yi said seriously.

Lin Yi held his chin and read the article.

Just like Qi Xianzhao had said, he also smelled a hint of conspiracy.

The contents of the article pointed to the short-selling war between the Lingyun Group and Huayin Group.

The goal of this was nothing more than to start a war. He wanted to make use of the huge commotion on Didi’s side to snipe at Huayin Group’s stock value. This way, he could damage the relationship between the two families and turn them into mortal enemies.

This move was really brilliant. This also proved that Shen Shuyi’s worries were not unfounded.

“Did you find out who wrote this article?”

Qi Xianzhao shook his head. “I didn’t expect this article to be blocked so quickly, so I only caught the main content. When I wanted to check again, I couldn’t find it.”

“The financial site is one of the top websites in the country. It has always been known for its freedom of speech. For them to withdraw this article, it means that the person who contacted them is somebody significant,” He Yuanyuan said.

“That’s what I thought, but I don’t think this article was posted by an individual. The economic bloggers and low-level executives won’t know anything this deep yet, so it’s very likely that someone more powerful is behind this.”

“That’s for sure. Longxin developed the code for Chip 2.0. It’s already on par with Intel. At the same time, it has its hands in countless people’s cookie jars. It’s understandable that someone has come forward to mess things up for us,” Lin Yi said.

“Then, is it possible that Intel did this?” Tian Yan asked.

“That’s possible, but it’s unlikely,” Lin Yi said.

“Compared to the huge Intel, Longxin is still a rookie. Moreover, there’s a fundamental difference between the technology of Chip1.0 and 2.0. Our domestic research hasn’t been verified yet, so Intel doesn’t take us seriously. The person behind this might be a domestic company, but I’m not too sure who it is. You guys pay attention to this. If Cisco falls, higher-level capital will follow suit. Competition in the semiconductor industry is getting more and more intense.”

“Got it, President Lin. We’ll be careful.”

“Alright, that’s all for today’s meeting. I’ll get going first.”

Back in the car, Lin Yi rubbed his chin.

He was also extremely curious about the person who secretly posted this article.

The current Longxin was still far from achieving anything significant. Who was so far-sighted to start making plans so quickly?

Ring!

Just as Lin Yi was thinking about these things, his phone rang in his pocket. It was a call from Mother Wang.

“Mom, you wanted to see me?”

“Son, what are you busy with? Are you still in the hospital?”

“I quit. I’m getting ready for a new job.”

"This boy is too much. Why did you change jobs? Are you unhappy? Or did someone make things difficult for you?"

"Who can make things difficult for me?" Lin Yi smiled.

"Wasn't there previously a scandal? Although after the incident, the other party came forward and admitted that they were the ones who falsely spread rumors, I felt that it was better to avoid suspicion, so I simply resigned."

"So what kind of job did you change to?"

"I'm preparing to open a small shop. This lifestyle is easy and comfortable."

"That's fine. You don't lack money anyway. You can do whatever you want. Just don't tire yourself out."

"Mom, did you call me today for something?"

"I'm fine. I was just asking how you're doing. Have you called Qingyan in the past few days?"

"I've been so busy these past few days that I couldn't take care of her. It's strange. She hasn't sent me a message for a few days. I wonder what she's busy with."

From the beginning to the end, Lin Yi had been creating a self-illusion that Ji Qingyan was not angry.

The reason for this was very simple: Since she was so dignified and cultured, if she didn't believe him, it was her fault.

Moreover, her mother might have called to find out more about Ji Qingyan.

In short, everything was going according to plan and he could not expose anything yet.

"Son, where will your shop be? What will you mainly sell?"

"It'll be a little restaurant on 89 Zhengyang Street."

"Alright, take care of yourself. Don't tire yourself out."

"Got it. Don't worry about it."

"Yes, Mom will hang up now."

After hanging up, Lin Yi drove to Zhengyang Street.

Ever since he had graduated, he had never come to this place again.

However, the prosperity of Zhengyang Street did not diminish because of the departure of that batch of university students. Instead, it became more lively and lively.

Tens of thousands of university students supported the one-kilometer-wide economic circle.

As long as the taste of the food was not too bad, it would not be a problem to cover their needs a place like Zhonghai.

Lin Yi drove to 89 Zhengyang Street according to the address.

He also found the small shop that the system had given him.

The flashy pink tricycle was also locked to the door. Many people passed by it, and it attracted a lot of attention.

“System, aren’t you being too stingy? You gave me the shop, but couldn’t you be more generous and have given me a plaque to go with it?” Lin Yi said.

“Even though I’m a human, you can’t be that much of a dog.”

[A plaque can be added. The host can make your specific requests.]

“Since you said this, I’ll make a request.” Lin Yi said.

“We have to come up with a more explosive name. We need to have customers see the plaque and feel that the food in our shop is delicious. They cannot help but want to come in and spend. This request isn’t too much, right?”

[It’s not too much.]

“Alright, I’ll leave the plaque to you.”

Making a plaque was a very time-consuming project. According to normal standards, it would take at least three to five days to complete.

If he let the system handle it now, he could save a lot of time and open the shop as soon as possible.

After solving the plaque problem, Lin Yi unlocked the door and walked in.

The shop wasn’t very large. All in all, it was less than a hundred square meters in size. There were six small tables inside, but the quality wasn’t good, and it gave off a cheap feeling.

The other decorations were not bad, and no changes were necessary.

However, the overall feeling of the place was pretty low-class. He needed to spend some effort on the renovation, or else he would not be able to justify the higher price of the dishes.

Lin Yi went out to take a look at his surroundings, and the pressure he felt multiplied.

On both sides of the street were more than a hundred restaurants, and they were not even close to the street.

According to Zhonghai's standards of living, 30 yuan would be enough to buy a meal, and quite a good one at that.

On his side, a bowl of egg-fried rice cost 189 yuan. Even daylight robbery was not so bold.

Unless he sold his looks, this business would be tricky.

What a scam.

[Complete the upgrade and modification of the shop within 24 hours. Reward: 100,000 proficiency points.]

Hearing the system's voice, Lin Yi straightened his expression.

No matter what, this was good to have a mission to do.

"System, I cannot ask others for help during the upgrade and modification process, right?"

[You can find someone to help, but during this process, the host must be the supervisor. The others can assist.]

"In other words, I can get help, but I can't completely outsource it to the renovation company, right?"

[Yes.]

"Alright, that's called rolling up your sleeves and getting to work."

The time limit given by the system was 24 hours. The evaluation criteria were also with the system. If the system was not satisfied with the results of the renovation, the mission would not be considered to have been completed. Thus, he had to be more serious in tackling this.

Lin Yi looked around. The condition of the store was already pretty good.

There was no need for large-scale modifications, and since the system only gave him 24 hours, it was too late to modify it structurally anyway. He could only make some simple upgrades.

Therefore, it was time to use his imagination.

The furniture and furnishings inside needed to be changed, and it needed to be cleaned. This kind of thing required the help of a professional like Wang Tianlong.

Lin Yi called Wang Tianlong and briefly explained the situation.

Wang Tianlong quickly understood what Lin Yi needed and agreed. He immediately brought his men over.

Lin Yi was very satisfied with Wang Tianlong's performance.

It was not tiring to talk to smart people.

After arranging the specific mission, Lin Yi rode his tricycle to a relatively large supermarket nearby. He bought a lot of cleaning supplies and prepared to start the cleaning.

After about half an hour, Lin Yi bought a cart full of things and pulled them back with the tricycle.

He was about to open the door and bring the things inside when he heard someone call from behind.

"Lin Yi."

Lin Yi turned around and saw Ji Qingyan standing behind him.

She was wearing a V-neck woman's half-sleeve shirt, a pair of gray pants, and a pair of boots. She looked like a mature and refined woman.

After not seeing her for so many days, Ji Qingyan was still as beautiful as ever. Everywhere she stood turned into a beautiful scene.

"Huh? How did you know I was here?"

At this moment, Lin Yi was acting like an Oscar-winning actor.

Surprise, shock, disbelief, joy, and more than twenty other complicated expressions appeared on his face.

He could be said to be the top figure in the microexpression world.

“I was shopping here and happened to pass by. Then, I saw you.”

Ji Qingyan was also very calm, but her expression betrayed her.

This place was the commercial street of the university. Other than restaurants, there was only the night market here. What was she shopping for?

“I haven’t from you in so many days I thought you went missing.”

“Maybe I was giving you some time to deal with your complicated relationships.”

Ji Qingyan held her head high, her tsundere ponytail raised into a beautiful arc.

“What’s wrong? Are you on your period?” Lin Yi said speechlessly.

“I just travelled with my colleagues and was doing my own thing. What could happen between to us? Moreover, she’s already clarified this matter. How can you still suspect me?”

“In that case, don’t you know how to avoid arousing suspicion?” Ji Qingyan argued.

She already believed that Lin Yi wouldn’t fool around with other women.

She was just a little angry that he hadn’t looked for her for so many days.

“A righteous person isn’t afraid of a crooked shadow,” Lin Yi said, “Besides, didn’t I resign? I just didn’t want someone to be jealous.”

Ji Qingyan flicked her ponytail. “I’m not jealous.”

“That’s right.” Lin Yi said.

“Think about it. Even if I was fooling around with another woman, it’s probably because I got tired of you. We’ve been stuck at the kissing stage, and I’ve not even gotten to second base yet. What is there to even fool around with?”

“What nonsense are you spouting?”

Ji Qingyan skillfully grabbed the soft flesh on Lin Yi’s waist and pinched it. “There are so many people here. Can’t you be more serious?”

“I’m telling the truth.”

“Then why haven’t you been looking for me these past few days?” Ji Qingyan was displeased. “If I hadn’t looked for you, would you have abandoned me?”

“I’ve been dealing with Huayin Group for the past few days. I just finished work today and was thinking of picking you up from work tonight.”

“Even if you didn’t have time to see me, you could have called. You just didn’t want to look for me.”

“I can’t contact you at such a tense time. If they dig up my phone records, they’ll find out that we’re related. If they secretly attack Chaoyang Group, you won’t be able to withstand it, so I had to attract all the firepower to myself,” Lin Yi said.

“Sigh, the past few days have been too difficult. If you can help me deal with the company’s matters, Zhao Mo and the others definitely won’t be able to last long. It’s difficult for two fists to fight four hands. In the end, I’m the one who took on everything.”

There was a hint of guilt on Ji Qingyan’s face.

“I’m being petty.”

“It’s okay, it’s not your fault.” Lin Yi said, “You’re not happy about this, so it’s normal for you to be jealous.”

“Are you really not angry?”

“Who am I supposed to be angry at? I can’t be angry with you, right?”

Muah.

Ji Qingyan planted a kiss on Lin Yi’s cheek. “This is your reward.”

“Don’t kiss my face all the time. There’s still a mouth. You have to distribute it evenly.”

“That’s good enough. What if someone sees this?” Ji Qingyan looked around and changed the topic. “Is this the shop you’re opening?”

“Yes, I’ve bought everything. I’m preparing to clean up. After a simple cleaning, I’ll be able to open for business.”

“Let’s do it together.”

“No, I’ll do it. Otherwise, you’ll be covered in dust.”

“Isn’t that bound to happen when you’re working?” Ji Qingyan laughed heartily. “By the way, the way you rode your tricycle just now was so comical.”

“I’ll take you for a ride later. Do you want to try it?”

“Sure.”

“Won’t you be embarrassed?”

“It’s alright. I think it’s quite interesting. I’ve never sat on one before,” said Ji Qingyan.
“But I have to finish the work at hand first.”

The two of them carried out everything in the tricycle.

Ji Qingyan looked around. “The renovation work done here is pretty good.”

“I called Wang Tianlong and asked him to get someone to clean it up, but the tables and chairs have to be replaced.”

“That depends on what style you prefer.”

“The customer’s here aren’t high-income. You can treat this like a normal salaryman restaurant. Although you don’t lack money, you still have to control the cost. It won’t be good if you can’t make ends meet.”

Ji Qingyan was a typical businessman. No matter how much money she had in her pocket, she would always work hard to earn more.

“That’s true, but there’s no point in doing the same thing as everyone else.” Lin Yi took out the menu. “Look, I already set the price.”

“Huh? What are you thinking? A plate of egg-fried rice costs 189 yuan? Who can afford this? Even the egg-fried rice at the Peninsula Hotel is not that expensive.”

“Exactly.” Lin Yi looked at her. “You can eat my food for free, but others have to pay a price.”

“Let’s be serious,” Ji Qingyan replied sheepishly.

“I still think that the price of 189 is a little expensive. Other than that, the other items are also ridiculously expensive. The students around here don’t have much money.”

“What you’re saying makes sense.”

Lin Yi was helpless. He didn’t want to set such a high price.

‘It was the fucking system that forced me.’

“If that makes sense, why are you still doing this?” Ji Qingyan retorted.

“I think you just want to hide yourself and not entertain the guests.”

“If it really doesn’t work, I might have to sell my body.”

She slammed the table. “How dare you?!”

“Then what should I do? I don’t want to change the price,” Lin Yi said, “You’re the lady boss, you should think of a way to solve it.”

Ji Qingyan was in a great mood when she heard him address her as Lady Boss.

“Then, we can only take the high-end route.”

“Change all the tables and chairs to the luxurious kind and use the best ingredients available. For example, for this egg-fried rice, in addition to eggs and rice, sea cucumbers and abalones can be added. You can also launch a set meal and give a soup and drink along with it. In short, add all the goodies to it to make your guest feel that it’s worth it.”

Ji Qingyan’s words gave Lin Yi a new idea. This seemed feasible!

Lin Yi pinched Ji Qingyan’s face, which was as soft as dough. “This will work. Why didn’t I think of it?”

“Hmph, it’s because I’m beautiful and smart. Hurry up and praise me.”

“Yes, yes, yes. You’re so so beautiful and smart. Come, let me kiss you. I’ll give you a reward.”

“Eh…”

Ji Qingyan pushed away Lin Yi’s face in disdain. “Be gentle. You’re going to ruin my foundation.”

“It’s late at night. If it gets ruined, so be it. Kiss me.”

“You can kiss me, but you have to promise me one thing.”

“What is it?”

“In the future, even if you can’t are extremely busy after something unpleasant happens, you have to borrow a phone to call me.”

“Then why don’t you call me?”

“No, you have to call me first.” Ji Qingyan said, “I’ll call you after you finish calling me.”

“Fine.”

“Good. I’ll let you kiss me then.”

Muah!

Just as Lin Yi got up to kiss Ji Qingyan, Wang Tianlong led his men to the entrance of the store. To his surprise, the boss was flirting with a girl.

Instantly, he and his subordinates stopped in their tracks.

“Manager Wang, what should we do now? Are we still going in?” The lobby manager asked.

“What’s the point of going in? Let’s stay outside first. We’ll go in after President Lin is done flirting.”

“I agree with this plan.”

At this point, Wang Tianlong and the others quietly returned to the car, waiting for Lin Yi to finish picking up the girls.

The two people in the room were completely unaware of what was happening outside.

“Wuwuwu…”

Ji Qingyan pushed Lin Yi away. “It was only supposed to be a casual kiss. Why did you kiss me for so long?”

“I haven’t kissed you in a long time. I have to make sure I get enough.”

“You’re just greedy.” Ji Qingyan wiped her mouth. “Your saliva is all over me. It’s disgusting.”

“It’s on my lips too. I didn’t say anything about you being disgusting, but you start complaining for no reason.”

“That’s not true. Don’t spout nonsense.”

“Why isn’t Manager Wang here yet? Why don’t we clean up first?”

Although it was physical labor, Ji Qingyan did not tire of it.

She felt that this kind of life was quite good.

In the future, when she and Lin Yi were old, they would find a place to open a small shop. They would cook in it and collect small sums of money. When there were no customers, they would clean the shop together.

If possible, it would be even better if they could also raise a big golden retriever.

Lin Yi looked outside and saw that it was getting dark. What was Wang Tianlong doing?

“Leave the physical work to Wang Tianlong and the others. Let me bring you around places.”

“Mm.” Ji Qingyan nodded and turned on the wall lamp by the door.

Before turning on the lights, the atmosphere in the room was normal, but after turning on the lights, it became a little strange.

The pink light filled the store, causing the atmosphere in the room to become ambiguous.

Ji Qingyan was stunned. She could not accept this amorous color.

Was it because Lin Yi had seen too much suffering in the hospital, so he had lost his head? After resigning, did he completely let himself go?

There was a pink tricycle outside, and now there was this kind of stylish light.

It turned out that Lin Yi was a little pink princess in his heart.

In reality, Lin Yi was also confused.

‘I can tolerate you giving me a f*cking pink tricycle, but what’s with the lights?’

‘Is this a restaurant or a brothel?’

‘It is too f*cking confusing!’

“Well, actually, liking pink isn’t a big deal. As long as you still like women, it means that you are still normal ,” Ji Qingyan comforted.

“No, don’t jump to conclusions. Let me explain.”

“It’s not that big a deal. You don’t need to explain anything.” Ji Qingyan was afraid of provoking Lin Yi, so she acted as if nothing had happened. “You should’ve said earlier that you like pink. I’ll wear this color more in the future.”

Lin Yi was dumbfounded and felt like he was going to go into shock.

Damn it, system, you're really a dog.

"Alright, alright. It's not a big deal. Everyone has their own secrets."

"Just like me. I'm already an adult, but I still have a lot of cartoon underwear. It's the same thing."

Same thing my *ss!

I'm a man!

Men shouldn't like these things!

"Let's go take a look at the kitchen."

Ji Qingyan held Lin Yi's arm, but it was obvious that she was suppressing her laughter.

She had thought that he was an indomitable and fearless man.

He did not expect that he was just a soft-hearted boy inside. She could not be too willful with him in the future.

Boys had to be pampered sometimes.

The two of them went to the kitchen and found that the environment inside was not bad. There were all kinds of pots and pans prepared.

Even the bathroom was very clean. There was no unpleasant smell coming from inside it.

"I think all we need to do now is to clean up the place. After that, we'll have to take care of the decorations."

"The shop isn't big. Let's work smart and keep the workload to a minimum. In terms of decoration, other than creating a high-end feeling, we can also place some limited edition dolls and plushies. This will be perfect. Yuanyuan has lots of these things. You can ask her for them."

"Wait, why did you try to sneak in such a strange idea?" Lin Yi said.

"Why would we need dolls and plushies? This is a restaurant, not a kindergarten."

"Don't you like these things?"

"This is our own shop, so we have to decorate it according to our preferences."

“Back then, when you picked me up on your motorcycle, I thought boys liked action figures and stuff like that, but you surprised me.”

Piack!

Lin Yi slapped Ji Qingyan’s butt.

“Don’t bring it up again” Lin Yi said, “This is my shop, but the lights have nothing to do with me.”

“Yes, yes. It had nothing to do with you. I understand.”

Lin Yi, “...”

“Let me call Wang Tianlong again. Why isn’t he here yet?”

He took out his phone and dialed Wang Tianlong’s number.

“Where are you? Why aren’t you here yet?”

“President Lin, I arrived a long time ago. We saw you and President Ji kissing just now, so we didn’t dare to go in.”

She was speechless.

Someone actually saw it?

“Come in now, we’re both done.”

“Okay.”

A few minutes later, Wang Tianlong walked in with more than ten people.

“Hello, President Lin. Hello, President Ji.”

Ji Qingyan nodded awkwardly and stood beside Lin Yi.

“This is my new store. We’ve already thought of a specific design. Let me explain it to you now.”

“Alright, please go ahead, President Lin.”

Over the next half an hour, Lin Yi told Wang Tianlong his general idea.

The latter quickly understood Lin Yi’s intentions.

Although the shop was a little small, he wanted to spend a lot of money to renovate it. This was so that it would give off a high-end and classy feeling.

“President Lin, the purpose of our renovation must be to show off. We want to let the customers who come here to eat be able to brag about it after. Is that what you mean?”

“Yes, that’s exactly what I want,” Lin Yi said.

It was not difficult to communicate with someone like Wang Tianlong who also liked to show off.

“In that case, I understand.” Wang Tianlong said.

“Don’t worry, President Lin. I’ll definitely help you recreate that pretentious vibe.”

“Alright, it’s settled then.”

After explaining the details, Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan drove back to Jiuzhou Pavilion.

Even though she had not been back for many days, Ji Qingyan did not feel uncomfortable at all.

On the other hand, during the few days when she returned to Yunshui Villa, it was as if she was staying in a hotel. She was not used to it at all.

When she reached home, she threw off her high heels, unbuttoned her top, and let her hair down.

It was as if she had gone from a noble and cold woman to a full-time housewife.

As the old saying went, as long as a person was good-looking, they would be attractive in all circumstances.

“Do you want to bring some people over tomorrow and do a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening ceremony or something?”

“Forget it. I just want some peace and quiet. It isn’t good to live too frantically.”

“Your Buddhist mentality is really rare these days.” Ji Qingyan said enviously.

“If you sit at Lingyun Group every day to take charge of the overall management, I feel like the valuation of Lingyun Group can at least double.”

“People have to spend their limited time on other valuable things in their lives.”

“Such as?”

“For example, building a physical connection between two different people, turning a family of two into a family of countless people, contributing to the reproduction of the human race.”

“Hmph, I knew it. Once you enter the house, you won’t be able to say anything nice anymore.”

“This is called a reasonable allocation of time. We do certain things during the day and do other things at night. This is human instinct. It’s heaven’s will. We have to just go with this.”

Ji Qingyan smiled at Lin Yi. “But I like to see you defy the heavens.”

“Um...”

Lin Yi was helpless. Ji Qingyan’s skin had become thicker as well, and she wasn’t even shy anymore.

“I’m going to take a shower. Go do your own thing. I’ll call you when I’m done.”

“Are you sure you thought this through?”

“I’m just telling you to take a shower.”

That night, the two of them returned to their peaceful lives. Lin Yi was busy with the Chip 3.0 while Ji Qingyan looked through the company’s report. It was a simple and comfortable moment.

The previous storm seemed to have slowly disappeared.

Her memories were filled with good thoughts, and there was no distance between the two.

The next morning, after breakfast, they washed up and went out together.

“Yuanyuan and I have agreed to go to the store in the afternoon after we’re done at the company.” Ji Qingyan said.

“Behave yourself in the shop. If you have nothing to do, stay in the kitchen and don’t run to the front desk.”

“But I have to show my face to collect payment and pass them the food.”

“If you wear a mask, you can cover your face and it’ll also be clean and hygienic. You’ll be killing two birds with one stone.”

“It’s not comfortable to wear such things. I don’t like to wear masks. They’re too restrictive.”

“It’s not like I’m asking you to wear it all the time,” said Ji Qingyan. “You don’t have to wear with you when I am there. I’ll take care of collecting the payments and delivering the food.”

“What nonsense is that? If you are the one collecting the money and delivering the food, all the men in the commercial street will be lining up outside to admire the lady boss’s beauty.”

Ji Qingyan smiled happily. The term ‘lady boss’ was beginning to sound more and more pleasing to her ears.

She really wanted to hear him call her that a few more times.

“Hehe, then I’ll wear a mask too. They won’t be able to see anything.”

“I think that’ll work.”

After chatting for a while, Ji Qingyan drove to Chaoyang Group. Lin Yi went to the garage and drove out the Konigsegg RS, which he had not driven for a long time.

There was a faint smell of jasmine in the car. This should have been left behind by Li Ruohan.

In the rearview mirror of the car was a red Good Fortune charm that she had also left behind.

Lin Yi was used to driving the Shari, so he took a while to get used to this car.

Although this thing was very eye-catching, whoever drove it would know that it was actually very uncomfortable.

Fortunately, it was cool enough that it made for the best weapon to show off.

Life was short. If he didn’t show off at this point of his life, he would be no different from a salted fish.

Although that was the case, Lin Yi still drove the car to the back door of the shop since proper posturing required a certain level of skill.

He could not brazenly stop in the front and surprise everyone. This kind of pretentious approach would not match his noble image at all.

As he approached the back door, he could still hear the clanking sounds inside. It seemed that someone was busy at work.

“President Lin.”

Seeing Lin Yi enter, Wang Tianlong came over to greet him.

“Were you busy all night?”

“Didn’t you say you wanted to open today? We’ve been working here ever since.”

Lin Yi looked at his watch. “Hold on tight. We have to be done by one in the afternoon. Give everyone an extra thousand yuan after that. I’m sure you’re all tired from working all night.”

“Got it, President Lin.”

Although the decoration work had not been completed, the rough outline of the new design could already be seen.

The ordinary tables and chairs had been replaced with solid wood. Moreover, they were made of a very high-grade wood, which made them give off a quiet and elegant feeling. This was very similar to the Sunrise Land style.

In addition, the small shop now also displayed a lot of artwork. The style of these pieces was very postmodern.

However, Lin Yi didn’t know much about it, but it was still impressive.

The remaining workers were wallpapering the walls in the restaurant. It would not be difficult for them to finish before the 1 o’ clock deadline.

Although they had only added some simple decorations, the restaurant now gave off a very different feeling.

In short, there was a certain vibe to it.

“Is Mr. Lin Yi here?”

Just as Lin Yi and Wang Tianlong were discussing the details, a man in work clothes walked in.

“That’s me. Why are you looking for me?”

“I’m from Hongda Advertising and Renovation Company. You ordered a plaque at our place a few days ago so I’m here to deliver it to you today.”

Hearing this, Lin Yi understood what was going on.

The plaque that the system had gifted him had arrived.

Lin Yi rubbed his hands together.

Most of the time, the system was still very reliable.

However, he did not know what kind of plaque it would give him.

“Where’s the plaque? Bring me over to take a look.”

“It’s in the truck outside. You’ll see it when you go out.”

The two of them walked out. There was a truck parked outside with a plaque loaded on its back which was covered by a big red cloth. It was very ritualistic.

Lin Yi climbed onto the truck and lifted the red cloth. He was about to go berserk.

“System, what the f*ck do you mean by this? You must be trying to mess with me.”

[I followed the host’s request and prepared a plaque. If you’re not satisfied, please find look inwardly for an explanation.]

“I asked you to make a plaque, and if others see this, they’ll think that everything here is f*cking delicious.”

[I did as you requested.]

“The thing is, I didn’t ask you to engrave the words ‘F*cking Delicious’ right on the plaque. Do you want the Industry and Commerce Bureau to invite me out for tea? Can you have some integrity?”

582 We Can’t Show Our Faces

[It’s a gift. Host, don’t be picky.]

“Don’t gifts still have to respect human rights? Seriously.”

After hearing the complaints, the system stopped talking. On the other hand, Lin Yi was too lazy to talk to it any longer.

“Boss, to be honest, I’ve been making plaques for so many years, but this is the first time I’ve seen such a unique one. One look and I can tell that you’re a talented person,” the delivery driver said.

Wang Tianlong couldn’t help but laugh.

“Boss, I’ll give you an extra 500 yuan. Remove this word.”

After removing the word, it read ‘delicious’.

This way, it would look alright. It was also very unique and in line with the boss’s unique style. This was fortunate, as it would be too late to completely redesign it.

“Are you sure you don’t want to keep the word?”

Wang Tianlong, “...”

“No thanks.”

“Boss, I don’t think you need to remove that word.”

“No, we definitely do.”

“Didn’t you say earlier that you wanted to make it explosive?”

“What I meant is that I wanted the food to be explosive, not the plaque.”

“Alright, I understand.”

Lin Yi facepalmed. Was this a joke?

Because there were some spare tools in the car, in less than half an hour, the word was removed.

The overall feeling the plaque gave off also changed. Now, it actually complemented the interior of the house.

Soon, the morning passed and the decoration work in the store was completed.

Although there were still many things that could be improved, Lin Yi gave up because it was too time-consuming.

In truth, the renovation was not important. The most important thing was to complete the system mission.

[Mission completed. Reward: 100,000 proficiency points.]

[Class Completion: 10%. Reward: Master-level recipe mastery.]

“Recipe mastery?”

[All the dishes on the menu have been upgraded to master level.]

After experiencing the first four professions, Lin Yi had a thorough understanding of the words ‘master level’.

However, the system had also set a limit. It only raised the dishes on the menu to the master level.

The dishes not listed on the menu were only at the level of middle-class restaurants.

They could not even compare to what was prepared by the top chefs of the Peninsula Hotel.

However, this skill was enough to deal with daily customers.

Therefore, this reward was still very good.

When it came to the dishes on the menu, there was no one in the world who could cook better than him!

Lin Yi got up and stretched, preparing to get to work.

Although it was a little empty, the restaurant was officially open.

Lin Yi went to the kitchen to take a look around. Wang Tianlong had already prepared everything he needed.

The highest quality rice, sterile eggs from Sunrise Land, high-gluten flour from the northeast, and so on...

Almost every ingredient was considered top-notch.

In addition, Wang Tianlong had also prepared a lot of bird’s nests, abalones, and lobsters. They were all brought over from the Peninsula Hotel overnight.

Lin Yi felt that if he were to compare the stock in the kitchen, there was no one in the entire Zhengyang Street who could compete with his restaurant.

At the thought of this, Lin Yi started washing the rice. These things had to be prepared in advance, or the guests would be forced to wait.

If Lin Yi went to a restaurant to eat and the boss told him that he was about to cook the rice, he would definitely flip the table and leave.

“Boss!”

As soon as the rice was prepared, he heard He Yuanyuan’s voice.

Needless to say, Ji Qingyan must have brought her here.

“You’re here so early?”

“I initially didn’t want to come. It was Senior Sister who dragged me here.” He Yuanyuan said.

“Why do I have to come and serve the dishes when everyone else can fulfill their responsibilities as high and mighty vice presidents?”

“How can you say that? This is a good opportunity for you to curry favor with the higher-ups,” Ji Qingyan said.

“Senior Sister, why are you trying to fool me? You two are not even married yet, so why are you behaving like this? My life is really too sad.”

“It’s mainly because we can’t do without you,” Lin Yi said.

“You finally recognize my importance as a CFO. You know that you can’t do this without me helping you manage the money, right?”

“No,” Lin Yi said.

“With your senior sister and my looks, if we show our face, we’ll likely attract a lot of crazed customers. Therefore, we have to find an ugly person to handle the work at the front counter. The two of us can only suffer and stay in the kitchen to wash the vegetables and cook.”

“Boss, if you talk like that, you could easily lose your smart and cute CFO.”

“Look, even you call yourself smart and cute. Your sister and I only know how to call ourselves handsome and beautiful.”

He Yuanyuan, “...”

Where’s my gun?!

“Alright, alright. The two of you can quarrel later.” Ji Qingyan suppressed her laughter and said, “The store has already opened. Let’s get down to business.”

With that, she looked at He Yuanyuan. "When will the person I asked you to find arrive?"

He Yuanyuan looked at her watch. "The appointment is at two o'clock. It should be about time. They should be here soon."

Lin Yi was a little confused, not knowing what the two were talking about. Just as he was about to ask, the door of the shop was pushed open.

Creak...

A middle-aged man in his forties walked in.

However, when he entered, he couldn't help but frown and ask,

"May I ask who here is Ms. He Yuanyuan?"

"That's me."

Seeing the middle-aged man enter, He Yuanyuan extended her hand. "You must be Deng Wenlin, Master Deng."

"That's right," Deng Wenlin said.

"Is this the shop you were talking about?"

"Yes," He Yuanyuan said.

"Let me try the dishes later. If there's no problem with them, we can proceed."

Deng Wenlin hesitated for a moment. "Madam He, why didn't you mention this is a small shop earlier."

He Yuanyuan smiled awkwardly. "Although the shop is a little small, it emphasizes style. Moreover, the salary it's offering is 50% higher than where you previously used to work. We're all ordinary people. We can't turn down money, right?"

"You're right." Deng Wenlin smiled bitterly.

"But do you still need to taste my dishes? I've cooked for a state banquet for two years in the past. Moreover, I'm very good at Canton and Lu cuisine. Many leaders constantly praise my cooking. There's no need to go through so much trouble. I can handle such a small restaurant."

He Yuanyuan looked at Ji Qingyan. She was the lady boss, and now that she was here, it was up to her to decide what to do.

“Since Master Deng is so confident, there’s no need for us to try the dishes. Let’s start now.”

In a restaurant, the head chef was the core of the operation.

She could not make him unhappy. As long as his request was not too much, she had to try to satisfy him as much as possible.

“Then let’s begin,” Deng Wenlin said absent-mindedly.

“I’ll go to the back kitchen to look around. If your stock isn’t complete, you guys have to prepare it.”

“Okay, no problem.”

“Wait,” Lin Yi said.

“What are you doing? Who is he?”

“A chef.” He Yuanyuan said.

“Since the restaurant is open, there should be a chef.”

“Who said anything about hiring a chef? There’s no need to hire another chef in such a big shop. My own standards are enough to handle it.”

“Boss, I know that your cooking is good, but it’s only at the level of an ordinary chef. Your family members can eat well, but we have to find a top chef if you plan to open a restaurant.”

Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan were well aware of Lin Yi’s culinary skills.

If he was the chef, his dishes could definitely meet the customers’ expectations.

However, since he wanted to prioritize quality over quantity in this small restaurant, he had to find the best chef.

He was not comparable to this master yet.

“Forget it. My culinary skills are enough to handle this small shop.” Lin Yi looked at Deng Wenlin and said.

“Master Deng, there’s a bottle of wine in the kitchen. Bring it back home and have some later. I can’t let you have come here for nothing.”

583 A Man's Ceiling

"What does that mean?"

Deng Wenlin felt insulted. "Sir, if you didn't want to hire me, why didn't you tell me earlier? You wasted so much of my time."

"Master Deng, don't be angry." He Yuanyuan said, "Our boss has a bad temper."

Ji Qingyan stood next to Lin Yi. "Master Deng's standards are not bad. When we open, we can publish his resume. It'll attract a lot of people to eat here."

"I know that, but the most important thing is the taste. If it doesn't taste good, people won't come a second time."

'Huh?'

Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan had no idea what Lin Yi was talking about.

He was a chef who possessed both fame and skill.

Could the food prepared by someone who had cooked at the state banquet not be delicious?

"Mr. Lin, you can choose not to hire me, but you can't question my standards." Deng Wenlin said.

"I admit that there are a few state banquet masters who are better than me, but in the entire Huaxia, there are less than ten people whose culinary skills are better than mine. I find it hard to believe what you're saying."

He Yuanyuan stood in front of Lin Yi, "Boss, now's not the time to act cool. Besides, even if you want to act cool, you have to see the situation. Master Deng really has the skills to back up his talk. I wouldn't find someone incompetent to fool you."

"I know his level." Lin Yi said.

"I can't say I'm better than him at the other dishes, but I'm at least confident about the dishes listed on my menu."

"Dishes listed on the menu?"

Deng Wenlin opened the menu and took a look. The price written on it shocked him.

“Egg-fried rice costs 189 yuan? Pearl milk tea costs 68 yuan? Vegetable noodles cost 179 yuan? How did you set the price? You haven’t opened a restaurant before, right? There aren’t many Michelin star chefs who dare to set such a price.”

“You get what you pay for. Good things are naturally expensive. This concept is easy to understand, right?”

“The egg-fried rice is Huaiyang Cuisine, and I’m a master of Huaiyang Cuisine. But to be honest, I’m embarrassed to ask for such a high price for the egg-fried rice I make.”

It was difficult for Lin Yi to reply to this.

If he directly said that the egg-fried rice he made was better than this master’s, he would be showing off.

If he tried to offer another explanation, his price would look stupid.

From the looks of it, he seemed to have been forced into a dead end. This was a little difficult.

Therefore, he decided not to go through this process. He would just be straightforward and direct.

“If you don’t dare to set such a high price, perhaps it means your dish isn’t as delicious as my mine.”

They were all speechless.

He Yuanyuan, “...”

‘Boss, keep a low profile. This is not how you should act!’

Deng Wenlin was furious. “Mr. Lin, you don’t have to hire me, but you’re going too far. I entered the industry when I was 14. I’ve been in this industry for more than 30 years. Are you saying that I’m inferior to you?”

“Cooking requires both skill and talent, don’t you think?”

He Yuanyuan slapped her forehead. Was the boss putting on airs?

“Okay!” Deng Wenlin said.

“Mr. Lin, I don’t need to work here, but you can’t insult my cooking. Let’s compare our dishes. Don’t worry, regardless of if your food is delicious or not, I’ll pay the bill.”

“Be my guest.”

“Let’s go.”

Lin Yi and Deng Wenlin entered the kitchen. Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan exchanged glances and followed them in.

Deng Wenlin was slightly surprised when he saw the ingredients arranged in the kitchen.

Although this little boss was a little arrogant, the things he displayed were all good stuff.

It was almost at the level of a Michelin-star restaurant.

Even though he was a fledgling, it seemed he was not just empty talk.

If he could keep aside his arrogant attitude, Deng Wenlin was willing to give him some pointers.

“You can use whatever ingredients you want in the kitchen,” Lin Yi said.

“I don’t think so. I’ll use whatever ingredient you use to avoid being accused of bullying,” Deng Wenlin said.

“Here, I have to tell you in advance. Although many people say that egg-fried rice is a Cantonese dish, it has already been classified as Huaiyang cuisine in the official recipe list. This dish is also a prerequisite for every Huaiyang cuisine chef. If you can’t even cook egg-fried rice well, you’re not allowed to cook other dishes.”

“Do you mean your foundation in egg-fried rice is better than that of other dishes?”

“You can put it that way,” Deng Wenlin said. “This is a rule in the industry. We start from the simplest dishes.”

“This is all well and good. After all, it’s just egg fried rice.”

“Then, let’s begin,” Deng Wenlin said.

“Coincidentally, I also want to know what the egg-fried rice that can be sold for 189 yuan a serving tastes like.”

“Then let’s begin.”

In the past, Lin Yi felt that his egg fried rice was already very good.

However, now, the system had rewarded him with master-level culinary skills. He wondered what it would taste like now.

After making up his mind, Lin Yi didn't say anything else and started working.

He diced the steak, turned the abalone into a puree, and prepared the ready-made shrimp skin and scallions.

Then, he separated the egg yolk from the egg white and poured the egg yolk into the rice. He stirred it evenly until the early form of the egg fried rice was ready.

Deng Wenlin shook his head when he saw the ingredients Lin Yi had prepared.

Although egg-fried rice was a simple dish, it was also the most difficult to prepare.

Lin Yi wanted to make a bowl of delicious egg-fried rice, but he didn't recognize that although the ingredients were very important, it did not have to be expensive.

He blindly piled up expensive ingredients, but neglected the essence of the egg-fried rice.

The egg-fried rice made this way only looked expensive, but the taste would naturally be much worse.

This young man looked at cooking too naively.

At the thought of this, Deng Wenlin felt much more relaxed.

He already knew what ingredients to use. As long as he used the same ingredients and made a bowl of better egg-fried rice, there would be no problems.

Their stoves were not far apart, but neither of them had any intention of peeking at the other.

They were both chefs, so they naturally wouldn't do such a lowly thing.

"Senior Sister, the way the boss cooks is quite attractive."

Standing behind the two of them, He Yuanyuan whispered.

"Lin Yi is indeed quite charming when he's serious."

"But he's rarely serious." He Yuanyuan complained, "If he's not showing off, he's acting domineering."

"That's why this is such a rare opportunity. Let's watch closely," said Ji Qingyan with a smile.

"But I'm worried that our boss will lose." He Yuanyuan said.

“Actually, he’s very good at cooking. If he can surpass the chefs of the state banquet, then this world would really have given him too much. If that happens, in his eyes, women will only ever be considered tools for giving birth.”

“Um…”

Ji Qingyan paused for a moment, not knowing how to reply to this.

Was she useless to Lin Yi except than to give birth?

“Senior Sister, after hearing what I said, are you starting to doubt yourself?”

“That would never happen.” Ji Qingyan said, “Giving birth to a few will fill us with a greater sense of existence.”

“A few…” He Yuanyuan said.

“Are you trying to suffocate the boss?”

“Suffocate?”

“Of course.” He Yuanyuan said.

“Think about it. It will take at least a year from pregnancy to childbirth. If you want to give birth to a few children, the amount of private time he will have can be counted on two hands. I can’t even stand it as a woman, let alone a man like him.”

“Let’s change the subject. Let’s not talk about this anymore.”

“You’re already an adult. Why do you keep spouting such nonsense?”

“This is something we all have to go through. There’s nothing to be embarrassed about.”

“It’s still not something to be discussed.”

He Yuanyuan rolled her eyes. It was really hard for her boss to meet a woman like her senior sister.

“Miss He, you guys can go out and wait. Mr. Lin and I will bring the fried rice out later. We need you guys to test it,” Deng Wenlin said.

“Got it, Master Deng.”

Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan sat down at the table. Coincidentally, they had not eaten lunch yet, so they were looking forward to it.

He Yuanyuan even took out two bottles of mineral water as if she was at home.

“Senior Sister, I think we should play a trick,” He Yuanyuan whispered.

“What do you mean?”

“You should remember what the boss’s egg-fried rice looks like, right?”

“Yes, I always eat it.”

“That’s great. I remember what it looks like too.” He Yuanyuan said.

“When the egg fried rice is served later, no matter how delicious Master Deng’s cooking is, we’ll say that the boss’ is more delicious. No matter what, we have to protect the boss’s image.”

“That’s not a good idea.”

“What’s wrong with that?” He Yuanyuan said.

“Although the two of you haven’t registered your marriage yet, your relationship has already been confirmed. When you’re outside, no matter what, you have to protect his identity and give him enough face. This is what a woman should do.”

“That’s true, but you don’t know Lin Yi.”

“He’s actually a person who looks low-key on the outside, but is proud inside. If we cheat to help him defeat Master Deng, he won’t be happy either.”

“So, should we just be honest?”

Ji Qingyan ran her fingers through her hair. “That’s right. Let’s just tell the truth. There’s no need to overthink so much.”

“Alright, I’ll do as you say.”

Just as the two of them finished speaking, Deng Wenlin walked out with two plates of egg-fried rice.

One plate was golden yellow, while the other plate carried a light fragrance of the cooking sauce. They gave off completely different visual feelings.

As for Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan, they were immediately able to determine who had made which serving of egg-fried rice.

The golden egg fried rice must have been made by Lin Yi.

This was exactly the same as the egg-fried rice he had made in the past, except that there were a little more ingredients.

The other one was from Deng Wenlin.

“These dishes were made by the two of us. Try both of them and see which tastes better.”

Because they had eaten Lin Yi’s cooking before, the two of them knew what it tasted like, so they planned to try Deng Wenlin’s cooking first.

He Yuanyuan took a spoon and tasted it. Just as she put it in her mouth, her eyes could not help but widen.

“Oh my god, Senior Sister, quickly try it. This plate of egg-fried rice is super delicious. It’s much better than the boss’s.”

Because she still remembered the taste of Lin Yi’s cooking and the fact that Ji Qingyan had asked her to tell the truth, He Yuanyuan did not hide anything.

Her taste buds and intuition told her that Deng Wenlin’s egg-fried rice was much better than Lin Yi’s.

It could even be to be on a whole other level and could not even be compared.

This was the difference between the system rewards.

Lin Yi’s cooking skills were all obtained from the sage’s wisdom. His level was only comparable to that of chefs from ordinary restaurants.

Compared to ordinary housewives, their standards were naturally higher.

However, there a big difference when compared to a state banquet master like Deng Wenlin.

It was natural for He Yuanyuan to give such an evaluation.

“Are you exaggerating?”

Even though He Yuanyuan had told her the truth, Ji Qingyan felt that she had gone overboard.

It was just a plate of egg-fried rice. No matter how delicious it was, it was impossible for it to taste that good.

“Senior Sister, I’m not fooling you. You’ll know after you try it.”

Ji Qingyan refused to believe it, so she picked up the spoon and had a taste.

Just like He Yuanyuan, the moment she put it in her mouth, she could taste the difference in the dish.

The taste was richer and the texture was more unique.

Rather than egg-fried rice, it was more like a whole other dish. It's texture greatly exceeded what was conventionally possible for egg-fried rice.

Ji Qingyan frowned slightly. It did taste much better than Lin Yi's cooking.

Ji Qingyan gave Lin Yi a disheartened look.

"It really does taste a little better than yours."

Deng Wenlin looked at Lin Yi with a smile. This outcome was as he had expected.

The difference in skill between the two of them was not negligible. Thus, the dishes they made would naturally be very different.

He would not give them a chance to be biased.

"Mr. Lin, actually, you're good at cooking. At the very least, when I was your age, I hadn't reached this level yet. However, with my current level, my cooking is better than yours, so I advise you to change the price. The price of 189 yuan is indeed too high. Although there are many expensive ingredients inside, I think it's more appropriate to price it at 88 or 98 yuan. I hope you can accept my suggestion."

"The competition hasn't ended yet. Why are you jumping to conclusions?"

Lin Yi pursed his lips. 'As an antagonist, you really didn't miss a single chance to mock me.'

"Didn't your two friends already say that the egg-fried rice made is better than yours? Are you objecting to this result?"

"They have indeed eaten my cooking before, but that's from before. This plate of egg-fried rice is different from before, so the taste will naturally be different."

"Boss..."

He Yuanyuan said softly, "Your egg-fried rice might have some expensive ingredients in it, but this won't affect the taste. Let's not insist. With Master Deng's standard, there's no shame in losing to him."

He Yuanyuan's words made sense.

Generally speaking, shredded meat fried rice and egg-fried rice were basically no different in taste. If the shredded meat was picked out, it would be the same as a plate of egg fried rice.

As a foodie, He Yuanyuan had a lot of experience in this subject.

"Don't be in a rush to comment. Taste it first."

He Yuanyuan pursed her lips and thought to herself,

"You really won't turn back until you hit a concrete wall."

Still, at the end of the day, he was her boss. He Yuanyuan gave him face and put a spoonful of rice into her mouth.

It was at this moment that He Yuanyuan felt that the entire world had lit up.

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Seeing He Yuanyuan's expression, Deng Wenlin felt perplexed.

Even if Lin Yi's egg-fried rice was not as good as his, it was much better than an ordinary chef's.

Why would she show such an expression?

Could it be that she was too nervous during the tasting and did not cleanse her palate properly?

This seemed to be the only possibility.

He Yuanyuan grabbed Ji Qingyan's arm in excitement.

"Senior Sister, quickly try it. The egg-fried rice made by the boss is especially delicious. It's much better than the previous one. It's invincible."

Ji Qingyan did not know what to do with He Yuanyuan.

She couldn't tell if it was really delicious or just an act.

No matter what, Master Deng was a state banquet master. Logically speaking, his food should be better than Lin Yi's. Why was he like this?

Didn't they agree to give a fair evaluation of the two bowls of egg-fried rice? Why was she acting like this?

"Aiya, don't just stand there. Quickly try it. It's really amazing. I've never eaten such delicious egg-fried rice.

"It's even better than Master Tang's.

"Master Deng cooks very well, but I still think that the boss's cooking is better. Really, I wouldn't lie to you."

Ji Qingyan also picked up a spoon and took a taste. Although her expression was not as exaggerated as He Yuanyuan's, one could still see the surprise on her face.

It was indeed much better than Master Deng's.

"Do you believe me now?" He Yuanyuan asked.

"Boss, you're really amazing. This plate of egg-fried rice is worlds apart from the one you made in the past. It's so delicious that it's unbeatable."

"Wait..."

Deng Wenlin stopped him.

"Miss He, do you mean that Mr. Lin's egg-fried rice is better than mine?"

"Yes, although he's my boss, I can be very fair. The egg-fried rice he makes is indeed a little better than yours. If you don't believe me, ask my senior sister. She never lies."

"I agree." Ji Qingyan nodded.

"That's impossible. The two of you just said moments ago that my egg-fried rice is better than his. Why are you changing your mind now?" Deng Wenlin said.

"We said that just now because we were comparing it to his previous dish, but the egg-fried rice he made today is very different from before. If Master Deng doesn't believe us, you can try it yourself."

Deng Wenlin did not believe this. He was a grand master of Huaiyang cuisine at the state banquet.

He had spent more years working as a chef than Lin Yi had even lived.

How could the food Lin Yi made be better than his?

Picking up the spoon, Deng Wenlin took a bite.

However, it was also at this moment that his expression froze and became complicated.

Without a doubt, he instantly realized what the conclusion was.

That variety of texture and taste was really not something he could compete with.

However, they were all using the same ingredients. This was only a slight difference in the seasoning. How could the taste of the egg-fried rice be so different?

This was definitely at the level of the state banquet!

Deng Wenlin did not say anything else. Instead, he chewed it carefully.

That unique taste was simply irresistible.

Half a minute later, Deng Wenlin smiled bitterly and gave Lin Yi a thumbs-up.

“Mr. Lin, your egg-fried rice is really good. I admit defeat. Moreover, the fact that the price of this plate of egg-fried rice is 189 is a little low. To be honest, it’s really unfair for you to open a restaurant here. The students here can’t afford it at all.”

Lin Yi liked people like Deng Wenlin who were willing to admit defeat.

“I’m not short of money. I’m just playing around.”

“Since Mr. Lin has this spirit of entertainment, I won’t say anything else. I might come again in the future to ask you about your cooking. Little Brother, I hope you won’t find this troublesome.”

“Um...”

Lin Yi found this a little difficult to answer. He was only good at the dishes on the menu. He was really inferior to this master in terms of all other dishes.

However, he had already come this far. He had to continue pretending no matter what.

“No problem. Let’s talk more when we have the chance.”

Lin Yi pretended to be mysterious, stunning Deng Wenlin.

Deng Wenlin excitedly took out 200 yuan from his pocket.

“According to what I said just now, I’ll pay for your egg-fried rice regardless of who wins, so can I take this plate of rice away?”

“If you want, you can just have it. You don’t have to pay for it,” said Ji Qingyan.

“That won’t do. This is the industry’s rule. You have to pay for your meals. You can’t owe anyone a favor.” Deng Wenlin smiled at Ji Qingyan.

“You must be the lady boss. Take this money. I won’t take advantage of you, but you can’t take advantage of me either. You have to give me the 11 yuan change.”

Even though she had been addressed as such many times, every time she heard these three words, she would feel elated.

She took out 11 yuan from her bag and gave it to Deng Wenlin.

This feeling was very special to Ji Qingyan.

She felt that this 189 yuan was more meaningful than earning 18.9 million yuan.

“I’ll leave first. I won’t disturb your business.”

“Good. Take care, Mr. Deng.”

“Lin Yi, look, we earned 189 yuan. We made money as soon as we opened our doors. Our business will definitely be profitable in the future.”

“It’s just 189 yuan. Is there a need to be so excited? Putting aside the cost of ingredients and overhead, this is not even enough for you to buy a lipstick.”

“That’s different.”

“We know that we can earn a lot of money by moving our mouths and brains. However, this 189 yuan is money that we earned with our physical labour. It’s hard-earned money.”

“Um... when you put it that way, it does seem to be the case.”

“Okay, I have an immature idea.”

“What idea?”

“Let’s take this opportunity to experience the lifestyle of ordinary people. What do you think?”

“Isn’t life normal now?”

“You’re wearing a Richard Mille which is worth more than ten million dollars, driving a super sports car worth more than thirty million dollars, and wearing limited edition

sneakers worth more than six thousand dollars. Do you think this is the life that ordinary people live?"

"Eh... It really doesn't seem that ordinary," Lin Yi said, "How do you want to experience it?"

"We can use the money earned through this small shop to support our lifestyle. Let's see how much we can spend every month and how much we earn."

"If this shop keeps losing money, it means that there's something wrong with our ability. We might starve to death in the future."

"That's an interesting idea. Since I have nothing better to do, I'll give it a try."

"Good, it's decided. From now on, our daily expenses will be paid for through this small shop."

"No problem."

He Yuanyuan, "???"

Did all rich people have such strange thoughts?

If you think you have too much money, you can give it to me.

Let me tell you what it means to suffer among the people.

"Hey, hey, hey, are you two bored out of your minds?" He Yuanyuan said.

"Do you have money but nowhere to spend it?"

"Yuanyuan, there are some things you don't understand," Ji Qingyan said.

"It's not that I don't understand. I just don't have as much money as you guys."

"Cut the cr*p and get back to work." Lin Yi said.

"How inhumane. You actually want me, a dignified CFO, to be a waitress for you. What kind of family is this? Hiring a waitress for five million yuan a year."

"You can't say that. You're here to work part-time. According to the market price, an hourly wage is about 12 yuan, but I'll pay you 15 yuan," said Ji Qingyan.

"Thank you so much."

Ji Qingyan, on the other hand, was very serious and quickly got into character.

Even Lin Yi and He Yuanyuan had the illusion that they weren't rich, but poor.

Other than that, she also calculated the cost of making a bowl of egg-fried rice.

It was about 86 yuan.

Although the rice and eggs were top-notch, they did not cost much.

However, the beef and abalone inside were relatively expensive, which raised the total price.

However, these was only the price of one serving of egg-fried rice. Under normal circumstances, it would have to be accompanied by a bowl of sea cucumber soup.

In that case, the cost would increase by at least 40 yuan, reaching a total of 126 yuan.

The remaining profit was about 63 yuan.

In Zhengyang Street, the rent of this shop was about 40,000 yuan a month. The cost of rent was about 1,300 yuan a day. Coupled with water and electricity, it was about 1,400 yuan.

In this way, he had to sell about 23 servings of egg-fried rice every day to breakeven. The rest would be profit.

However, this price seemed a little difficult near the university city where spending habits were kept to a minimum.

He was not sure if he could sell 23 bowls a day.

Therefore, he still had to work hard on marketing.

"Senior Sister, you've been busy for half a day. What's the big deal?"

After Deng Wenlin left, no one came to visit anymore. He Yuanyuan was bored to death.

"I'm calculating the cost. The cost of a bowl of egg-fried rice is 126 yuan. As long as we sell 23 bowls a day, we can cover our cost. The rest is basically profit.

"Does this also include my salary? If I work five hours a day and you provide me with two meals, that's about 327 yuan. I have to sell five more bowls."

"I can't believe you're asking for so much." Ji Qingyan was dejected. She couldn't even guarantee 23 bowls. If she were to add another five bowls, the cost would be even higher.

This made things worse for the already poor family.

"I'll give you 15 yuan an hour. That's not a small amount. You can settle the food yourself." Lin Yi said.

"I came here to work, but you don't even provide food. I've never seen a boss and lady boss as black-hearted as you two."

"You only know how to take advantage of your boss every day. It's already pretty good that I can provide you with a job." Lin Yi said.

"Don't think about what we can do for you. Think about what you can do for us."

Ji Qingyan nodded. "That makes sense. By the way, turn off the lights at the door. This will save electricity."

He Yuanyuan pinched him.

Why did I meet such a boss and senior sister in this life?

Perhaps I was heartless in my previous life.

"Alright, you guys can take care of the rest. I'll go to the kitchen."

The new shop was open, and he needed to prepare some ingredients in advance, so Lin Yi went into the kitchen.

"Okay, go ahead. Leave the front desk to me."

At this moment, a young man and woman stood at the entrance of the store.

The boy was wearing shorts, a white T-shirt, and sneakers. The girl was wearing a dress and had long hair.

They looked to be in their early twenties and should be students of the university nearby.

"Big Bao, look at the name of this shop. It's really interesting," the girl said as she held the boy's arm.

The girl's name was Tong Fei, and the boy's name was Liu Jiyuan. They were a couple, and their pet names for each other were Big Bao and Little Bao.

"Delicious?"

Liu Jiyuan said, "It's really unique. It seems to be new. I've never seen it before. Do you want to try it?"

"Let's not. It's so well-decorated. The things inside must not be cheap. Let's go eat some Mala. It's both economical and affordable."

"How expensive can it be? The boss is not a fool. If it's expensive, who would buy it?" Liu Jiyuan said.

"Besides, my mother just gave me my allowance. It's not a problem for us to go and splurge a bit."

"Then let's go take a look?"

"Let's go."

After making up their minds, the two of them pushed open the door.

When they saw the decorations inside, they were shocked.

Although there were only six small tables, they looked extremely high-end.

Moreover, the renovation style and decorations in the shop also carried a strong sense of luxury.

Even ordinary high-end hotels were not as impressive.

Seeing such a luxurious shop style, Tong Fei gave up. This didn't seem like a place where students could afford to eat, right?

However, at this moment, Liu Jiyuan's gaze landed on He Yuanyuan.

This woman's temperament was really good. Her clothes were also very fashionable, especially her flesh-colored stockings and high heels.

F*ck, the waitress of this shop were simply invincible!

"Da Bao, why don't we go to another shop?"

Tong Fei felt a little pressured, mainly from two aspects.

On one hand, the renovation of the shop made him feel that she couldn't afford such a place.

Next was He Yuanyuan. This young lady's temperament was too good. She had such a strong aura.

With her looks, why did she have to be a waitress? Any random model would earn more money than this.

“Let’s go to another shop...”

Liu Jiyuan was also a little uncertain.

The renovation in the shop was so good, and the waiter was so beautiful and elegant. A casual dish would probably cost hundreds of yuan. It was enough for the two of them to go out and really splurge.

“Is someone here? Please sit down.”

Originally, He Yuanyuan was the one who received the guests.

However, she was obviously not used to her new identity and did not even know how to greet the guests.

Ji Qingyan would have to do it herself.

The moment Ji Qingyan stepped forward, Tong Fei and Liu Jiyuan were stunned.

Your first waitress was already good-looking enough. Why is there a better-looking one?

What kind of godly appearance was this?!

This appearance!

This figure!

This temperament!

It was more than enough to be a celebrity!

Even the school belle of Zhonghai Drama Academy couldn’t compare to her.

“What would you like to eat?”

Ji Qingyan had never done this kind of work before, so she could only try her luck.

When she went out to eat, others served her the same way.

“We entered the wrong shop. I’m sorry.” Tong Fei pulled Liu Jiyuan’s arm, wanting to leave together.

A shop like this would definitely cost a lot. It was better for them to leave.

"I'm not leaving. I'll eat here. I think this restaurant is pretty good," Liu Jiyuan pretended to be calm and said.

"No, this restaurant is obviously very expensive. We can't afford it."

Firstly, she felt that it was expensive. Secondly, Tong Fei felt that she did not have the confidence to eat in front of these two women.

Especially the young lady who approached them second.

Her legs were long, her waist was thin, and she was fierce and big. In front of her, Tong Fei was not even worthy of being called a woman.

"Since we're already here, let's eat here." Liu Jiyuan didn't want to give up.

"No, we have to leave," Tong Fei said firmly, not giving Liu Jiyuan any room to refute.

"All right, then."

At this moment, Lin Yi walked out of the kitchen. "What did you order?"

In an instant, Tong Fei was stunned again.

Wasn't this male chef a little too handsome?

"Da Bao, I'm a little tired. I don't want to leave. Let's eat here," Tong Fei said calmly.

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"Aren't you leaving?"

"I'm not leaving. I'm not leaving."

Tong Fei pulled Liu Jiyuan to a seat and looked at Lin Yi.

This little brother was really handsome!

'I'm sure he cooks very well.'

However, she felt that she was full even without eating. It was delicious.

Liu Jiyuan didn't notice his girlfriend's feelings.

Because he had the same thoughts.

These two young ladies were really beautiful.

At the same time, He Yuanyuan handed over the menu. Liu Jiyuan looked at the prices on it and Tong Fei gasped.

A plate of egg fried rice costs 189 yuan?

Two sets would cost nearly 400 yuan!

Although they could afford it, wasn't it a little too much to spend 400 yuan on egg-fried rice?

Just as the two of them were hesitating, Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan's faces appeared in their minds.

It was worth it!

"We want two servings of egg-fried rice," Tong Fei said.

"Wait a moment." He Yuanyuan also assumed her role.

About ten minutes later, two servings of egg-fried rice were served, along with additional sea cucumber soup.

However, in order to allow the nutrients to enter the soup better, Lin Yi had already chopped the sea cucumber into pieces, so they couldn't tell what it was.

Seeing the golden egg-fried rice, the two of them were stunned again.

The egg-fried rice in this small shop looked different from the ones they had eaten before, but they did not know how it tasted.

Liu Jiyuan tried it and his eyes lit up.

"Try it quickly. The egg-fried rice here is especially delicious. Moreover, the beef inside is especially delicious. I've never eaten it before."

"Are you exaggerating?"

From the beginning, the two of them did not have much expectations for a simple egg-fried rice.

Whether or not the money spent on a meal was worth it depended on the person, while the taste didn't really matter.

After all, it was just a plate of egg-fried rice with only a few ingredients. There was hardly going to be any fireworks.

However, the golden egg-fried rice in front of him completely overturned Liu Jiyuan's imagination.

He could not believe that this was the taste of a plate of egg-fried rice!

Not only could he eat such delicious egg-fried rice, but he also got to see such a beautiful young lady. This meal was worth it.

"Are you exaggerating?"

As a veteran foodie and a senior member of the Mala Food Association, Tong Fei was experienced in everything relating to food.

In her opinion, even if the egg-fried rice was made of gold, the taste would only be so-so.

"I'm really not exaggerating. Their egg-fried rice is indeed delicious. Compared to this egg-fried rice, other places serve pig food."

"You're just fooling me." Tong Fei did not mind and took a casual bite.

However, it was precisely this mouthful that made Tong Fei feel as if a lifetime had passed.

Could egg-fried rice really taste like this?

In reality, Tong Fei did not know how to describe it. This mouthful of egg-fried rice left a lingering fragrance in one's mouth.

"Remember what I said? I didn't lie to you, did I?"

"Yes, yes. It's really too delicious."

After tasting Lin Yi's egg-fried rice, the two of them were no longer in the mood to look at the beauties and handsome men.

In the end, they were only satisfied when there was not a single grain of rice left.

"Boss, your cooking is too good. Although it's a little expensive, it's worth it!"

"As long as you think it's delicious," Lin Yi said with a smile.

"Boss, where's your QR code? I'll pay," Liu Jiyuan said.

"Um..."

The three of them looked at each other and seemed to have forgotten about the QR code.

“I haven’t gotten a QR code yet. You can transfer the money first.”

“That works too.”

“No, no, no. This meal is on me,” Tong Fei said.

“We’ve been together for more than a year. It doesn’t matter who pays.”

Liu Jiyuan was a little puzzled. When they went out to eat previously, she did not say that she wanted to pay the bill.

He had to spend all his money before she would offer to pay the bill.

Why did she take the initiative today?

“Boss, what’s your WeChat number? I’ll add you first and transfer the money to you,” Tong Fei said as she held her phone.

“There’s no need to add me on WeChat. I have a bar code here. Just scan it,” said Ji Qingyan.

“Uh, okay.”

Although she wasn’t a master schemer like Lin Yi, Ji Qingyan could tell what Tong Fei was thinking at a glance.

You want to add Lin Yi on WeChat? No way!

He Yuanyuan pursed her lips. Her senior sister was too protective of her food.

After paying the bill, the two of them left reluctantly.

Moreover, they were both thinking in their hearts that when they had enough money, they would have to come and eat again.

The 378 yuan was transferred to her account, and she happily pocketed it.

Coupled with the previous bowl of egg-fried rice, she had earned a net profit of 189 yuan, but there was still a bit to cover before they broke even.

Seeing her senior sister jumping for joy after earning 189 yuan, He Yuanyuan sat at the side speechlessly. Were these two people crazy?

At the same time, the system notification sounded in Lin Yi's mind the moment Ji Qingyan received the money.

[Successfully served a customer. Reward: 100,000 proficiency points.]

[Proficiency: 20%, Bone Density Potion.]

“Hmm? Bone Density Potion?”

Seeing this reward, Lin Yi looked at his inventory and saw a virtual brown bottle.

It appeared quite refreshing.

“System, what is this?”

[It increases the host's bone density and arms it to the teeth.]

“Damn, this is good stuff!”

No matter what, Lin Yi was a professional doctor and understand bone density very well.

In layman's terms, his bones would harden.

If he were to exchange a punch with someone else, he would be fine, but the other party might fracture their bones.

What happened in the comics might just happen to him.

He could still stand up unscathed after crashing into a wall or being hit by a car because his bones were hard.

However, one downside is he would be unable to do any insurance scams if he chose to in the future.

Extremely high bone density, in addition to the E-class combat power that he had been rewarded with previously.

‘I'm almost invincible in this mortal world.’

He suddenly wanted to cultivate!

Looking at the system menu, Lin Yi didn't hesitate and used the Bone Density Potion.

When he asked for it, the icon of the Bone Density Potion began to fade.

Lin Yi suddenly felt an unbearable itch all over his body. He knew that this was caused by the change in bone density.

This process lasted for about half a minute before fading.

Although he didn't feel any specific changes, Lin Yi was sure that the Bone Density Potion had taken effect.

The system would only occasionally behave like a dog, but it wouldn't always mistreat him.

Lin Yi was willing to let bygones be bygones after receiving this reward.

"System, what's my current bone density?"

[Double that of a normal man.]

"Damn, it's doubled!"

Lin Yi was incoherent.

From a medical point of view, the peak bone density of normal men would remain at 1.228 (g/cm³).

According to the human body structure, even if it increased by 0.001, his bodily functions and mobility would far exceed that of ordinary people.

The system was generous. It had actually doubled!

Could he even still be considered a normal human now?

He really wanted to punch He Yuanyuan to test the effect.

[Successfully entertained 20 guests. Reward: 200,000 proficiency points (2/20).]

Seeing the new mission that had appeared, Lin Yi set aside the thought of beating He Yuanyuan up.

He was still counting on her to earn money for him. He could not kill her for the time being. He would wait until the new year.

After sending off the first wave of guests, the three of them began to do their own things.

Lin Yi returned to the kitchen while Ji Qingyan sat at the bar, waiting for the next batch of customers to arrive.

He Yuanyuan sat at the side, eating and waiting for death while watching an extremely brainless soap opera.

As the store had just opened in the afternoon, Ji Qingyan did not have high expectations for the store's business.

As long as he could earn back the cost of the shop this afternoon, it would be fine.

However, after sending off two groups of customers, there was not a single other customer for the next few hours.

Although there were other people who entered, they all turned around and left because the price was too high.

She did not sit down to eat because of Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan's looks.

"Senior Sister, I think we should get off work. It's already past seven in the evening. The peak dinnertime rush has already passed. I don't think there will be any customers," He Yuanyuan said.

Ji Qingyan was also a little dejected. She did not expect business to be so bad on her first day of business.

"Alright, let's stop here for today. I have to change my plan. If this continues, I'll definitely die from covering the overhead cost."

"Senior Sister, aren't you too immersed in your role?" He Yuanyuan complained.

"We're responsible for our own livelihoods. You don't understand."

"I'm not as rich as you."

"This has nothing to do with money. You don't understand," Lin Yi added.

He Yuanyuan did not say anything. Her Senior Sister had given up on the life of a rich person and insisted on coming out to experience life. She was simply sick, and seriously sick at that.

Creak...

Just as the three of them were about to close up shop, the door of the store was pushed open.

A middle-aged man walked in from outside. He had long rough hair, a cap, and a military green vest. He looked like an artistic middle-aged man.

After entering, the middle-aged man sized up the renovation of the store and nodded repeatedly, satisfied with the vibe in the room.

“Your taste is not bad, and the decoration is very stylish,” the middle-aged man commented.

“Thank you,” Ji Qingyan replied politely.

The middle-aged man sat on the chair, which piqued Ji Qingyan’s interest.

From the looks of it, he would probably stay here to eat and not leave.

There was more business to be done.

The middle-aged man drummed his fingers on the table as he sized up Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan.

He was satisfied with their figures and faces.

“What specialties do you have? Can you read it out for me?”

“Our boss can tell you all the specialties. Do you want to talk to him?” He Yuanyuan asked.

Lin Yi, “Why the f*ck did you divert him to me?”

“Um... I didn’t ask for your boss.”

The middle-aged man reacted for a while, not expecting such an answer.

“I was asking what special packages you guys have.”

“The specialty is egg-fried rice and vegetable noodles,” He Yuanyuan said coldly.

This old pervert kept staring at her legs. She really wanted to kick him in her high heels.

‘He’s not as handsome as my boss, yet he still dares to act like a hooligan. Who gave him the courage to behave like this?’

“Then I’ll have an egg-fried rice,” the middle-aged man said. “What do you have to drink?”

“Everything. There’s a menu on the table. You can read it and choose whatever you want to drink.”

“Hehe, I’ve been tired after working all day, so I won’t order it myself. Recommend something to me.”

“Alright, just wait.”

He Yuanyuan put away her phone and went to the bar counter to take out a bottle of red wine.

“1982 Latour Castle, 280,000 per bottle, do you want it?”

“What did you say? ’82 Latour Castle?”

“That’s right. Didn’t you ask me to recommend something? I think this is quite good. All the men who come to our shop order this.”

‘Um…’

Latour Castle was indeed a good wine, but it still had to be affordable.

The middle-aged man straightened his expression and said calmly,

“Young Lady, I can tell that you don’t know much about wine. This is something that can only be drunk in bars and Western restaurants. Eating egg-fried rice whilst drinking red wine isn’t appropriate. Just get me a bottle of water.”

“Fine.”

“Boss, one serving of egg-fried rice.”

After greeting him, He Yuanyuan handed over a bottle of water and ignored the middle-aged man.

Meanwhile, Ji Qingyan remained seated at the bar counter.

She usually disliked this kind of person the most.

Initially, she thought that there would be fewer customers after dark in this university town.

Unexpectedly, the second wave of guests turned out to be like this.

“Young lady, you must be from the countryside.”

The middle-aged man said while waiting for the meal.

“Huh? Look at how we’re dressed. Do we look like we’re from the countryside?” He Yuanyuan said.

“You’re so beautiful. Why are you still working here? What a pity. Your education level must not be too high.”

“Sir, this has nothing to do with you, right?” He Yuanyuan said indifferently.

“Well, let me introduce myself first. My name is Feng Yushu. I’m a teacher in the directing department of Zhonghai Drama Academy. In my early years, I filmed a series of works such as Red River and Call in the Mountain Gulch.”

“We don’t give discounts to directors either,” He Yuanyuan said without looking up or opening her eyes.

“You’ve misunderstood. With my income, I’ve long achieved economic freedom. There’s no need to give me a discount,” Feng Yushu said.

“I just feel that it’s a pity for the two of you to work here with your looks. Don’t think that you’re uncultured and let your looks be buried here. If you’re interested, you can take down my phone number. I can introduce you to the entertainment industry to develop.”

“Holy sh*t!”

Lin Yi didn’t say this. It was He Yuanyuan.

He actually said that someone with a PhD from Peking University was uneducated?

What kind of retarded remarks were these? Why would Zhonghai Drama Academy recruit such a retarded teacher?

“Why do you sound like you want to provide for me?”

Although Lin Yi had made her docile, He Yuanyuan was still a fierce person when facing others. It could be said that she could look both like a herbivore and a carnivore.

She could make you think that she was a virgin.

She could also be so debauched that you would think that she was a lady of the night.

In short, she had everything you wanted.

Feng Yushu’s tricks were nothing in front of He Yuanyuan.

“Young lady, how can you speak like that?”

Feng Yushu was also stunned.

This kind of thing had to be done step by step. There was a certain process to follow. You couldn't skip the process and just rush to the result.

"I just think that your looks and figure are quite good. It's a pity that you didn't enter the entertainment industry, so I want to be your benefactor now. If you are excited by these plans, we can talk more."

"There's no need for that. Let's just get straight to the point."

He Yuanyuan took out her car keys.

"This is my car. How much do you think it will cost to sleep with me for the night?"

Feng Yushu was stunned for a long time when he saw the Porsche's car keys.

"You... you're actually so rich?"

"It's alright if you want a girl with a beautiful figure, but the price will naturally be high. Don't you agree?"

Ji Qingyan held back her laughter and remained silent throughout.

He Yuanyuan's words were harsh enough.

Although she didn't like him, she just ignored him. After all, she still had to earn his money. She couldn't say anything just to anger him.

She couldn't embarrass her alma mater.

"Little girl, it's meaningless for you to say that. You're just teasing me," Feng Yushu said.

"You teased me first."

At this moment, Feng Yushu also understood what was going on.

He had misjudged her. She shouldn't be a waitress here. She seemed to be here to help.

Otherwise, which waiter would drive a Porsche?

At this moment, Lin Yi walked out of the kitchen.

He Yuanyuan stood up, took the egg-fried rice from him, and handed it to Feng Yushu.

After being scolded by He Yuanyuan, Feng Yushu did not say anything else and started eating.

However, the moment he ate it, Feng Yushu realized that this plate of egg-fried rice was surprisingly delicious.

He couldn't even find a word to describe the taste of this plate of egg-fried rice.

He had just entered a random restaurant that he had never eaten before. He did not expect it to taste so good.

Without realizing, he started eating even faster.

Ten minutes later, Feng Yushu took out 100 yuan from his bag and slapped it on the table. He looked at Yuanyuan and said,

“Let's settle the bill.”

“The total is 259 yuan. One hundred is not enough,” He Yuanyuan said.

“What did you say?! I only wanted egg-fried rice and mineral water, and you actually want me to pay 259 yuan? Are you crazy for money?”

The number 259 made Feng Yushu explode.

He originally thought that in Zhengyang Street, an egg-fried rice and a bottle of mineral water would only cost 30 yuan. He did not expect that he would have to pay 259 yuan!

This was no different from daylight robbery!

If he was that rich, he wouldn't have ordered egg-fried rice!

“Someone like you isn't worth fighting with.” He Yuanyuan was speechless.

“Besides, we already wrote down the price on our menu. Why would we snatch you?”

Feng Yushu picked up the menu and took a look. He realized that the egg-fried rice was really sold for 189 yuan!

From the looks of it, the bottle of water he drank was sold for 70 yuan!

“This is a dirty price. I hope you can charge me the normal price. Otherwise, I'll report you!”

At this moment, Lin Yi walked out of the kitchen and said,

“What is the normal price you’re talking about?”

“Shut your mouth. I’ll give you a number, and you just need to give me the change now!”

Feng Yushu extended a finger and said very seriously,

“9.90 yuan... And give me three more bottles of mineral water!”

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‘Um...’

Lin Yi and He Yuanyuan looked at Feng Yushu as if they were looking at a retard.

“Are you f*cking joking with me here?”

“Don’t change the topic.” Feng Yushu snorted.

“You black-hearted capitalists bully the weak and fear the strong. Hurry up and do as I say. Otherwise, with my influence, you’ll have to close down tomorrow.”

“If you don’t mind wasting time, you can report us.” He Yuanyuan said.

In the next few days, Longxin and Sci-Tech were preparing to jointly go public. They had just finished dinner with the leaders of the industry and commerce yesterday.

Even if they came, this guy wouldn’t dare to say anything.

Who in all of Zhonghai would dare to investigate the boss of Lingyun Group?

“Stop pretending to be calm.” Feng Yushu pointed at He Yuanyuan.

“This is an indecent shop. You want to use your beauty to seduce the nearby university students and trick them into coming here to spend...”

Whoosh!

Lin Yi kicked Feng Yushu. “If you want to die, just say it. I’ll send you on your way.”

“You... you guys are crossing the line and actually hit me!”

“I’ve already given you enough face by not f*cking killing you. Hurry up and pay up then get lost!”

An old pervert like Feng Yushu was the kind of person who had the heart of a thief but did not have the guts to back up his talk.

Seeing someone like Lin Yi, they immediately cowered.

“I-I didn’t expect your egg fried rice to be so expensive. I-I didn’t bring that much money.”

He Yuanyuan rolled her eyes. He didn’t even have 259 yuan and he still wanted to woo her?

Do I look so worthless?

“Then call your family and tell them to send the money over,” Lin Yi said, “You’re really brave to come here and eat without paying.”

“Lin Yi.”

Ji Qingyan stood up. “Let’s not blow this matter up. Just take as much as he has. It’ll be fine as long as it can cover the cost.”

No matter what, Ji Qingyan was always kind.

If Lin Yi and He Yuanyuan were here, they wouldn’t let him go if they were even a penny short.

“I have 210 yuan here. I’ve given it all to you. Let me go.”

“You’re lucky that my senior sister pleaded for you. Otherwise, don’t even think about leaving!”

“Yes, yes, yes. Thank you, Boss. Thank you, Lady Boss.”

Feng Yushu took out all the money from his pocket, threw it on the table, and left dejectedly.

“Senior Sister, you’re too kind. You can’t do business like this.” He Yuanyuan said.

“Look at my boss. He’s a man of few words, but both bold and lecherous. If he were not like this, Lingyun Group wouldn’t have reached its current scale.”

“I can do a lot of things, but I can’t do something that merciless.”

“Even if I could, Lin Yi probably wouldn’t agree.”

“It’s fine. We’ll close the door, then you can do whatever you want.”

“In your dreams.” Ji Qingyan said, “Hurry up and pack your things. Let’s close the shop today.”

“Close the door quickly,” He Yuanyuan said. “I still have to deal with the listing.”

After packing up, the three of them left the store.

As they were not going to the same place, He Yuanyuan drove her Cayenne away first.

“What kind of car did you drive here today?” she asked.

“Koenigsegg.”

“Then, let’s leave it at that for today. Tomorrow, we’ll take the Shari,” said Ji Qingyan.
“Otherwise, it’ll be too high-profile.”

“You don’t have to be so serious.”

“Aren’t you here to experience life? Since you’re doing this, you have to be thorough. You have to experience life in its entirety.”

Lin Yi looked at Ji Qingyan and probed,

“Are you sure you want to experience it thoroughly?”

“Of course. I’m the one who suggested it, so I naturally have to abide by it.”

“Then let’s go. Let’s not drive. We’ll take the bus back today.”

“Huh? Take the bus?” Ji Qingyan could no longer remain calm.

“What else? Be it your Maserati or my Koenigsegg RS, they’re both gas guzzlers. From here to the Jiuzhou Pavilion will cost at least 60 yuan in petrol. Count how much we’ve earned today.”

“Um…”

She realized that she had overlooked many details.

This kind of large-capacity car consumed a lot of gas.

If they drove here every day, the fuel money might not be a small expense.

“Hmph, it’s all your fault. You didn’t earn much.”

Ji Qingyan successfully recast the blame, only to realize that Lin Yi was looking at her strangely. She was not used to this.

“What’s wrong? Is there something on my face?”

“Nothing.” Lin Yi said.

“Did what I just said hurt your feelings?”

“Hurt my feelings?”

Ji Qingyan was a little innocent. She did not say anything overboard.

“You think it’s nothing because both of us are rich. We don’t have to worry about money in our lives, so it’s no big deal.” Lin Yi said.

“But think about it. If we had nothing and only had more than 200 yuan in our hands, what would the outcome be?”

Hearing Lin Yi’s words, Ji Qingyan realized something.

“Even if it were unintentional, as a man, it was still uncomfortable for me to hear this.”

“Is this the so-called poor couple’s sorrow?”

“Something like that.”

Ji Qingyan felt that what Lin Yi said made a lot of sense.

When men were poor, they were really sensitive. It was also when their relationship would be weakest.

If a woman could acutely sense the other party’s emotions and survive this difficult period, he would give her the moon and stars in the future.

If she could not endure it, there would be no future.

“Hehe...”

Ji Qingyan suddenly smiled and grabbed Lin Yi’s hand.

“Then let’s completely experience the life of an ordinary person.”

“How?”

“Your stamina should be very good.”

“Um...”

Lin Yi suddenly felt a ball of fire rising in his abdomen, and it was getting stronger.

“My stamina is very good. I can do it for a whole day and a night.”

“Then we won’t be driving or taking public transport today. Take a tricycle and bring me back.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Lin Yi pinched Ji Qingyan’s face. “Wake up, it’s at least twenty kilometers from here to Jiuzhou Pavilion. Are you trying to tire me out?”

“Why don’t you show me how strong you are.”

“Although my stamina is good, it’s definitely not enough to ride a three-wheeled motorcycle that far, right?”

“Then what good is it?”

“It’ll be good for your body.”

“Smelly hooligan. Other than bullying me every day, you don’t know how to do anything else,” said Ji Qingyan.

Lin Yi chuckled. “Because bullying is enjoyable.”

Ji Qingyan snorted arrogantly.

“We’ll drive back today. You’ll drive the Shari tomorrow. The fuel bill for the Koenigsegg RS is too high. You can drive it under normal circumstances, but don’t drive it when you come to the shop to experience life. This part of the money will be transferred to funds.”

“Alright, I’ll listen to you,” Lin Yi said, “But I’m not going to Jiuzhou Pavilion today. I’m going to Yunshui Villa.”

“To my place? Why?”

“Don’t ask so many questions. You’ll know when you get there.”

Ji Qingyan was suspicious. What did Lin Yi want to do at her place?

Even if he wanted to do something bad, there was no need to go to her house.

Logically speaking, Lin Yi did not care about the time, place, or occasion.

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Lin Yi went to the back door and got into his car.

Ji Qingyan drove her Maserati back to Yunshui Villa.

“Why did you come back here? Do you need to get something?” Ji Qingyan asked, “The clothes I bought for you have already been taken to Jiuzhou Pavilion.”

“I came to get some of your clothes.”

“My clothes? The clothes I usually wear are also in Jiuzhou Pavilion.”

“But don’t you think that your clothes are too eye-catching?” Lin Yi said.

“Those little boys can’t take their eyes off you when they see you, so you’ll have to change into something more ordinary to avoid glowing so brightly.”

Ji Qingyan looked at Lin Yi with a faint smile. “You’re not jealous, are you? But those girls are also looking at you. The couple who came to eat today were clearly initially leaving. They stayed because of you.”

“They can look at me, but not at you. If you won’t look for your clothes, I’ll do it for you.”

“No way!” Ji Qingyan stopped Lin Yi. “My underwear is inside, you can’t go in!”

“It’s not like I haven’t seen it before. You’re trying to cover up for no reason.”

“You only saw it under special circumstances.” Ji Qingyan stopped Lin Yi.

“However, I can give you a little reward. I can give you a chance to see me change my clothes.”

“I am satisfied with that deal.”

“Tsk, pervert.”

Ji Qingyan went into the walk-in wardrobe. “I usually buy a lot of white t-shirts when I run. This should be fine, right? It’s just ordinary clothes.”

“No problem.”

“Then I won’t wear dresses when I go to the shop in the future. I’ll bring a few pairs of jeans, hmm... That’s all I have for the more ordinary clothes. There’s not much to choose from.”

“Then when you have nothing to do, come to the kitchen and work with me. In short, show your face less.”

“Alright, alright, alright. I’ll do whatever you say.”

Although she was being controlled by Lin Yi, she enjoyed this feeling very much.

This was because he was thinking about her.

“Hehe, Lin Yi, what do you think of this dress?”

Ji Qingyan took out a midriff-revealing outfit from the wardrobe and began sizing herself up.

“It’s been more than half a year since I bought it. I’ve never worn it before. If I wear this to your shop, business will definitely improve.”

“I think you’re itching for a beating.”

Lin Yi rushed over. Seeing that she was in trouble, Ji Qingyan turned around and ran. Her bell-like laughter echoed throughout the villa.

Ji Qingyan returned to her room to avoid Lin Yi.

However, the moment she tried to lock the door, Lin Yi had already forced half his body in.

With lightning speed, he dashed into the bedroom and picked her up in his arms.

“Lin Yi, let go of me. Don’t tickle me.”

Lin Yi did not show any mercy and threw Ji Qingyan onto the bed.

The two of them looked at each other, and a charming crimson color crept onto Ji Qingyan’s cheeks.

She shyly avoided Lin Yi’s aggressive gaze.

Lin Yi lowered his head and kissed her. Ji Qingyan let out a whimper.

However, very quickly, Lin Yi realized that Ji Qingyan’s arms were wrapped around his back, seemingly responding positively.

Just as Lin Yi was about to take further action, Ji Qingyan suddenly grabbed his hand.

“Not today.”

“Don’t tell me you’re on your period?”

“It’s really that time of the month.”

“What the f*ck.”

Lin Yi instantly lost interest. It wasn't easy for him to build this kind of atmosphere, but her period had arrived.

This was a f*cking disaster!

Ji Qingyan also felt that she had let Lin Yi down.

“Don't go yet. Give me another hug,” she said in a barely audible voice.

The atmosphere in the room was like the coastline at low tide.

Although there were no surging waves, there were two very emotional people.

The two of them hugged each other gently. Ji Qingyan did not feel that Lin Yi was pressuring her. She rested her chin on his shoulder and said softly,

“Lin Yi, do you like me?”

“Do you even need to ask?”

“I like you too.”

Lin Yi was stunned. For Ji Qingyan, this was considered a serious confession.

“Will you marry me in the future?”

“If I don't marry you, who should I marry? Am I supposed to marry He Yuanyuan, that money-grubber?”

“Hehe, as long as you're willing to marry me, I'm willing to marry you.”

Just as Lin Yi was about to speak, he realized that Ji Qingyan was hugging him even tighter.

“Then promise me that you won't fool around in the future. I'm just like you. I get very jealous, and I don't want other women to look at you.”

“Then I'll wear a mask when I go out in the future. That way, you can rest assured.”

“Hehe, you don't have to do that. Just promise me.”

“Yes, I promise you.”

The atmosphere did not change. Lin Yi naturally wouldn't do anything to ruin the atmosphere either.

Ji Qingyan rolled over and pinned Lin Yi beneath her.

Her eyes were as bright as pools of water, appearing both serious and gentle.

"Then I'm your girlfriend now."

"Yes, Mrs. Lin."

"Hehe, I like that. Call me that again."

"Mrs. Lin, Lady Boss."

"Lady Boss, Mrs. Lin."

"Hehe, nice, nice."

Ji Qingyan's beautiful eyes narrowed into crescents. "But you can only call me that at home. Don't call me that outside."

"Why?"

"If I meet someone more outstanding one day, I may go back on my word."

Lin Yi's large hand grabbed Ji Qingyan's butt.

"If you dare, you'll lose your *ss."

"Aiya!" Ji Qingyan pouted coquettishly. "Be gentle, I'm just joking."

There was a blissful smile on her face. "Don't worry. I'll always be yours. No matter how good others are, I won't care. Besides, I think there's no one better than you in this world."

"In that case, let's begin."

"Don't be naughty!"

"Sleep well today. I won't run anywhere. What's the hurry?"

"I know you too well," Lin Yi said.

"Once today passes, I won't be able to get another opportunity to do this. Even if your period is gone, there won't be another opening like today."

Ji Qingyan blushed. Lin Yi had seen through her thoughts.

“Two people should be together because they have a harmonious relationship and their values align. It shouldn’t be because of these things.”

“But I’m very shallow. I can only think of these instinctive things.”

“You’re terrible.” Ji Qingyan stood up and said.

“Alright, get up quickly. I’ve already let you take advantage of me for so long.”

Ji Qingyan looked at Lin Yi with a displeased expression, just like a police officer looking at a thief.

“How do you know so much? Who told you this?”

“I used to be a doctor. Although I was not a gynecologist, this is common knowledge. Just because you’re uneducated, it doesn’t mean you can blame me for knowing too much, right?”

At this moment, Lin Yi would never reveal the truth even if he was beaten to death. This was what his university senior had told him.

“You’re the uncultured one. I’m going to take a shower.”

“I want to go too.”

“Even if I want to shower, I wouldn’t bring you along. I’ll let you salivate by yourself.”

“Then you can’t look while I’m in the shower either.”

“I don’t care.”

Ji Qingyan walked out of the room, and Lin Yi went to his study.

Although the equipment was not as professional as the Jiuzhou Pavilion, he could still do some basic work.

Regarding the Chip 3.0, there was still a long way to go before it was developed. Before he completed it, he could not slack off.

About an hour later, Ji Qingyan walked in from outside.

She was wearing pajamas and her hair was wet.

She smelled good from head to toe.

She was like a lily in the wind, light and elegant.

She was holding a laptop in her hand. There was a plate of cut mangoes and tea on it. She placed them on Lin Yi's table.

"Have some mangoes and some vitamin C."

Lin Yi had been busy recently, but Ji Qingyan had never advised him to rest early.

Work was like that. If you didn't work hard, you definitely wouldn't achieve good results.

Even someone as smart as Lin Yi wouldn't have achieved what he had today if he hadn't worked hard in private.

Lin Yi nodded and kept his eyes on the screen. He didn't say anything and focused on the work in front of him.

Ji Qingyan took her laptop and returned to the sofa at the side. She fiddled with her laptop while chatting on WeChat.

This lasted until past eleven o'clock.

It was not that Lin Yi was tired. If he did not sleep, Ji Qingyan would definitely accompany him. For it, it was better for her to rest early.

In any case, there was a computer in the bedroom, so it was no different from working in the room.

"What were you doing just now?" Lin Yi asked.

"I plan to set the store up on Meituan. If you incorporate a takeout business, business will be better."

"You've been busy doing this all night?"

"That's right."

"Wasn't Yuanyuan a CFO from Meituan in the past? She knows all about this. When I have nothing to do tomorrow, I can upload the photo so that customers can start ordering takeout."

"But I think the effect can't be too good," Lin Yi said.

"Ordering takeout is just for convenience and price. Ordinary people can't afford such expensive things. If they can afford it, they wouldn't order takeout."

“That’s true, but we still have to give it a try.”

“Even if we sell a few plates, won’t we still make a profit? However, we still have to think of other solutions. Otherwise, we won’t even be able to cover our food and shelter. Just like today, where we won’t even be able to cover rent.”

“Be careful.” Lin Yi didn’t know whether to laugh or cry.

“Since you’re opening a shop, you should experience life thoroughly. If you lose a watermelon, pick up a sesame seed. Chaoyang Group still has a lot of things waiting for you to handle.”

“Don’t worry, I know what I’m doing,” said Ji Qingyan. “If I can’t find a new project, I’ll ask you for one. I’m not worried.”

“What right does your company have to ask me for projects?”

“I’ll demand it from you. You’ll just have to give one to me.”

“Why are you so unreasonable?”

“You’re still trying to reason with a woman? Seriously.

“Your way of thinking is too dangerous. If I hadn’t taken you in, you would have been single for the rest of your life.”

“Alright, you’re a woman, so you’re always in the right. Forget beating me with words, you can always just beat me off physically.”

Ji Qingyan did not understand Lin Yi’s dirty jokes. “It’s getting late. Go to bed.”

“Yeah.”

“You’re leaving just like that?”

“Huh? Then how am I supposed to go? Am I supposed to walk upside down?”

“The goodnight kiss. This is part of the daily ritual.”

“Why didn’t you say so earlier? I’m good at this.”

With that, Lin Yi planted a deep kiss on the corner of her lips.

“I asked you to kiss my face. Why did you kiss me like that?”

“It’s more ritualistic.”

“Hmph, you just want to take advantage of me.”

The two of them returned to their respective rooms, and Ji Qingyan quickly fell asleep.

Lin Yi took the spare computer and continued working on the chip. He didn't rest until past three in the morning.

However, he did not sleep for long before he heard footsteps outside. It was Ji Qingyan who had woken up to make breakfast.

It was past eight in the morning. After eating, Ji Qingyan said,

“When you go to the store, take the computer with you. Perhaps someone will place an order today. Besides, you can still work when you have nothing better to do. This way you can avoid delaying your matters.”

“Sure,” Lin Yi said, “But can I drive another car?”

“Another car? Isn't the Shari comfortable? It's much better than your sports car.”

“It's comfortable, but I can't keep driving it.”

“Uh...” Ji Qingyan paused for a moment before continuing, “Just keep it for a few more days. Once we earn more, I won't bother about this anymore.”

“Fine.”

With that, the two of them got into their cars. One went to Chaoyang Group, while the other went to the store.

At around nine in the morning, there were not many people on Zhengyang Street. Many businesses were not even open yet.

There were only university couples who had just come out of the hotel on the street, but they usually did not choose to eat here.

When he arrived at the shop, Lin Yi placed the computer on the bar counter.

The shop was very quiet, and Lin Yi's emotions also quietened down.

In the future, when he was older, he would open a small shop with Ji Qingyan and lead a simple life. It would be pretty good.

He just didn't know if the system could be treated as a family heirloom and be passed on to the next generation.

If it was really possible, by the time his son's generation arrived, the entire Earth would probably belong to the Lin family.

After some simple tidying up, Lin Yi went to the kitchen to prepare the goods.

However, he only prepared a little bit of each item. There probably wouldn't be any customers today. It would be a waste to make too much.

At eleven in the morning, Lin Yi finished everything.

It was time for lunch. He had to prepare to entertain the guests.

During this time, Liang Ruoxu and Qiao Xin sent Lin Yi a message.

There was nothing substantial. They were just chatting and asking about the current situation.

Liang Ruoxu was fine, but Qiao Xin was obviously speaking to him on Li Chuhan's behalf. She even said that she would come over to support him when she was free.

No one visited the shop, but Lin Yi didn't stay idle. He took the computer and started working on the Chip 3.0.

As he worked, he waited for customers to enter.

At the same time, on Zhengyang Street, three girls dressed differently walked toward Lin Yi's shop.

One of them was Tong Fei, whom he had met yesterday.

"Let me tell you, I found a treasure store yesterday. Their egg-fried rice is simply invincible and delicious. Moreover, the boss is extremely handsome!" Tong Fei said as she danced with joy.

"Feifei, aren't you exaggerating?"

The girl's name was Li Chang. She had a shoulder-length hairstyle and was wearing denim shorts and a Nike half-sleeve top. She looked young and carefree.

Between the two of them was a long-haired girl.

She had exquisite facial features and long hair. She was wearing a dress and holding two books in her hands. Her pure and innocent appearance was especially moving.

The girl's name was Zhao Yuetong. She was a third-year student at Zhonghai Institute of Technology and the campus belle of Zhonghai Institute of Technology.

"I didn't exaggerate at all!" Tong Fei said.

"He's really handsome and good-looking. Moreover, he's so handsome that I can't even notice other guys when I'm around him. It's tragic."

"Really? Is he more handsome than Little Tong's boyfriend?"

Looking at Li Chang's expression, it was obvious that she did not believe this.

"Don't talk nonsense. I'm just giving him a chance. We're still in the trial phase. We haven't officially gotten into a relationship yet," Zhao Yuetong said.

"That's hypocritical." Li Chang said.

"Feng Shiyu is the most handsome guy in our school. Not only is he good at his studies, but he is also good at basketball. He does not pale in comparison to those handsome guys in the Zhonghai Drama Academy. It's too fake for you to say that you are testing the relationship."

"But it's really just early days," Zhao Yuetong said embarrassedly. "Good looks can't be eaten. I like boys who are good at their studies."

"That Feng Shiyu is not bad either," Li Chang said.

"Although he's not the top-notch kind, he's always in the top few in every exam. It's more than enough for him to get into a graduate school in the future. Moreover, his family background is not bad. Whether it's in politics or business, he has strong connections. He's simply the model of a perfect boyfriend."

"Alright, alright, don't say anymore," Zhao Yuetong said. "In any case, we're in the trial stage now."

"Third Sister, it's said that women who have long hair are short-sighted. Your hair is short, so why are you short-sighted too?" Tong Fei said.

"Can you really not stop praising Feng Shiyu? If you see the handsome boss, won't you be charmed to death?"

"Stop bragging about him. It's not like I haven't seen handsome men before." Li Chang said.

"Feng Shiyu is already very handsome, especially the way he plays basketball. It's simply mesmerizing."

"Inexperienced, shallow, and childish!" Tong Fei said disdainfully.

"I'm not exaggerating at all. In front of the handsome boss, Feng Shiyu has no room for competition. However, his only flaw is that their egg-fried rice is expensive. It costs 189 yuan a serving."

"No way. The average price of Zhengyang Street's egg fried rice is 18 yuan. Does he actually sell it for 189 yuan? He must have fried it with dinosaur eggs."

Not only Li Chang, but even Zhao Yuetong felt that the price was a little ridiculous.

"But their food is delicious, and it was cooked by a handsome man. It's only natural that it's so expensive."

"Oh my god, look, look, is this even still the human language? Don't tell me you've been brainwashed by him? You've even bragged about the astronomical price of 189 yuan per serving of egg-fried rice." Li Chang said.

"Remember, you have a boyfriend!"

"Having a boyfriend doesn't stop me from looking at handsome guys," Tong Fei said excitedly.

"Let me tell you, if I had such a handsome boyfriend, if we quarreled, I would have to kneel on the ground and slapped myself a few times."

"F*ck, you promiscuous woman, you abandoned your boyfriend so quickly," Li Chang asked.

"I can't help it. The boss is too handsome. I can't control myself at all."

"But you guys have lunch together every day. Now that you've secretly brought us out to see handsome men, aren't you afraid that he'll check up on you?"

"Not at all. I told him I was coming out to get my hair done and not to disturb me, and he agreed."

"Your excuse is really lame. When we go back later, if Liu Jiyuan sees that your hair hasn't changed, he might kill you."

"Life is precious, and love is even more so. However, if there's a handsome man around, you can throw both away."

"Let's go, let's go. Stop spouting nonsense." Li Chang said.

"Let me see what this extremely handsome man looks like. If his character is not good, I'll teach you a lesson when we return to the dormitory."

“If he’s not handsome, I’ll wash your underwear for a month.”

“You said it yourself.”

In high spirits, the three of them arrived at Lin Yi’s shop.

“Delicious?”

Seeing the shop’s signboard, Zhao Yuetong and Li Chang were both amused.

He felt that the boss of this shop was quite interesting. It actually had such a unique name.

It could be considered the most unique shop name in the entire Zhengyang Street.

“Don’t just look at the sign. I’ll take you to meet the handsome guy.”

Creak...

Tong Fei impatiently pushed open the door and the three of them walked in together.

Seeing someone enter, Lin Yi put down his work and stood up to entertain the guests.

The moment they saw Lin Yi, Zhao Yuetong and Li Chang were stunned.

Was he really that handsome?

He was simply inhumanly handsome!

Was there really such a handsome creature on Earth?

Not to mention eating the food he made, just looking at him was worth 189 yuan.

“What do you want to eat?”

Lin Yi recognized Tong Fei. It seemed like she was a repeat customer.

“I... what should we eat...”

Li Chang was already incoherent.

“How about you give him your eggs?” Tong Fei teased.

“Sure, I’ll die for this man.”

“Damn, you are so shameless even in a place like this,” Tong Fei said. “Boss, we want three servings of egg-fried rice.”

“Alright, find a place to sit.”

“Uh-uh.”

Lin Yi turned around and returned to the kitchen. The three of them found some seats and sat down. The most excited person was Li Chang.

“I can’t take it anymore. My blood pressure is rising. He’s too handsome.”

“Be careful. Don’t discharge your period,” Tong Fei said.

What the hell was this?

“It’s mainly because this handsome little brother is so handsome that I can’t close my legs.”

“Now you should believe me,” Tong Fei said. “Look at Little Tong. She’s lowered her head and stopped talking.”

“Little Tong, what do you think of the owner of this shop?” Li Chang asked.

“He’s indeed quite handsome,” Zhao Yuetong said embarrassedly.

“Huh? She’s the campus belle of Zhonghai University. It’s fine if we’re not calm, but you have to control yourself!”

“It’s not that I can’t control myself. I just think he’s very handsome.”

“Third Sister, don’t forget that Little Tong said that she likes boys who are good at their studies,” Tong Fei said.

“Maybe he’s good at studying too,” Zhao Yuetong said.

“Uh... It’s over, it’s over. I only took one look and I’ve fallen for him.”

Ring!

Just as the three of them were discussing Lin Yi’s looks, Zhao Yuetong’s phone rang.

“Feng Shiyu is calling you,” Li Chang said.

Zhao Yuetong nodded and picked up the phone.

Although they weren't boyfriend and girlfriend, she had already given him a chance, so she naturally had to answer the call.

"Little Tong, where are you?"

"I'm revising. I told you just now."

"You're revising so early? Have you eaten?"

"I've eaten. I'll talk to you later. I'll call you when I get back."

After a few simple words, Zhao Yuetong hung up.

"Is Feng Shiyu checking up on us?" Li Chang asked, "It's not good to lie to him like this."

"I'm just out for a meal. I don't want to cause so much trouble. Otherwise, I'll have to answer more questions."

"You're right," Li Chang said.

"We're here to see handsome men. If he finds out, it won't be good. It's better to keep a low profile. However, I think saying that you're revising is a little far-fetched. We should say that we're doing our hair like Little Fei."

"Why not say we're doing both?"

"Why not?" Li Chang said, "The boss's figure is so good. It's not a problem for us to spend enough time here that he'll believe we're doing both."

"What kind of dirty words are these? They're simply unbearable to hear. They're too dirty, haha..." Tong Fei said.

"It can't be helped. I can't control myself when I see such a handsome boss," Li Chang said boldly.

"Let me tell you, if the boss is willing to ask me out, even if I have to borrow money, I will take the initiative to book a suite in a five-star hotel for him. Even if I'm caught, I will say that I seduced him."

Tong Fei winked at Li Chang. "I would do the same."

"You two really have to control yourselves," Zhao Yuetong said.

"Tsk, you can't even control yourself, yet you're still talking about us."

At this moment, Lin Yi brought over the egg-fried rices and soups on a large tray.

Seeing Lin Yi so close to them, the three of their hearts couldn't help but beat faster.

What boyfriend? What prospective boyfriend? All of them had to step back. No one could stop them from looking at this handsome man.

"It's all here. Enjoy."

"Handsome, over here."

The moment Lin Yi turned around, Tong Fei boldly called out to him.

"What's wrong? Is something wrong?"

"It's fine, it's fine," Tong Fei said.

"I want to ask, why did you open a shop here when you're so good-looking? You could even make your acting debut here instead since there are many scouting activities near Zhengyang Street."

"I came out to experience life. I don't want to rely on my face to make a living."

"Experience life?"

The three girls were stunned.

Could it be that the young master of a rich family was tired of living the life of a rich person and had come out to pursue a new life?

This was too inspiring.

He was much better than the boys in school.

"I'm just experiencing life," Lin Yi replied simply and returned to the bar counter to continue working.

At the same time, he explained the situation in the shop to her.

"Did you see that? This is a good boy," Tong Fei said. "He doesn't spend his family's money. He comes out to do business himself."

"It doesn't matter if he spends the family's money or not, but the way he talks to me from a close distance is really charming."

"Lower your voices. Don't let anyone hear you," Zhao Yuetong whispered.

"Let's eat first. This egg-fried rice costs 189 yuan a serving. It's not cheap."

“Although it’s not cheap, you’ll definitely fall in love with their egg-fried rice once you take a bite. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have used the money meant for my new lipstick to come here to eat again.”

“Hehe, I wonder what the food cooked by a handsome man tastes like.”

Li Chang picked up the spoon and took a bite. Her eyes immediately lit up, and her expression was indescribable.

“What’s wrong? Why do you look like that?” Zhao Yuetong asked.

“I taste love in this egg-fried rice.”

“Changchang, you can’t lose yourself,” Zhao Yuetong said.

“But it’s really delicious. It’s so delicious that it makes you suspect that everything we used to eat was sh*t.”

“It’s just a plate of egg-fried rice. It’s not a delicacy.”

“It’s really delicious. Try it.”

Zhao Yuetong was still rational.

Although the boss was very handsome, she still had to judge the food he prepared separately. After all, it was just...

“Yes?”

After taking a small bite, Zhao Yuetong realized that this plate of egg-fried rice was much more delicious than she had imagined.

She was not exaggerating at all.

“Look what I said. Isn’t it delicious? Doesn’t it taste a little like love?”

Zhao Yuetong had nothing to say. To call it the taste of love was a little bit of an exaggeration, but it was indeed delicious.

Soon, the three of them focused their attention on the egg-fried rice in front of them.

It was so delicious that she didn’t even care about her image as a lady.

It was simply too delicious.

After the meal, the three of them still felt unsatisfied.

This shop was good in everything, but it was a little expensive.

Otherwise, they would be able to eat here every day.

Perhaps this was the price of looking at handsome men.

“Boss, do you have some tissues?” Li Chang asked.

“Yes, please wait a moment.”

Lin Yi took a packet of tissues and handed it to Li Chang.

“The packaging of the tissues is really nice. There’s also a fragrant smell to it.” Li Chang said.

“Boss, with your taste, you are a country mile ahead of the other shops.”

“Boss, do the tissues cost money?” Tong Fei asked softly.

Lin Yi was amused. “The tissues are free. I’ll give them to you.”

“Boss, you’re such a good person. We’ll try to come back for dinner. We’ll be happy if we use more of the tissues.”

“Every store has its own rules. It’s not easy to judge a book by its cover.”

“Yes, yes, you’re right.”

Lin Yi was speechless.

‘I was just stating a fact. How is that good?’

“Boss, when I go back, I’ll help you advertise more. In the future, can we get a discount when we eat here?” Li Chang asked.

“The things on the menu can’t be discounted, but I can give you some fruits or other drinks.”

Lin Yi didn’t lack money, but this was the price set by the system. He couldn’t change it, so he could only provide some value-added services as compensation.

“That’s great. When we get back, we’ll definitely help you advertise more. We’ll even come back to support you.”

“Do what you can. The food in the shop is quite expensive. Besides, you’re all still spending your family’s money. You don’t have to eat here all the time. If you think it’s delicious, just come over every once in a while.”

“Boss, I now realize that your values are as good as your facial features. You’re much better than those immature boys in our school.”

Lin Yi was speechless.

Wasn’t this the viewpoint of a normal person?

Could it be that a handsome man could really do whatever he wanted?

Creak...

The door was pushed open. Lin Yi looked up and saw three boys walking in.

Just as she was about to ask them what they wanted to eat, she saw the boy standing in the middle say,

“Little Tong, didn’t you say that you were revising? Why are you here?”

“Huh?”

Hearing the voices, the three female voices turned around.

“Feng Shiyu, why are you here?”

Besides Feng Shiyu, Zhao Yuetong also knew the other two boys.

They were his basketball teammates, Sun Lijun and Fu Yonghui.

“After I called you, someone told me that they saw you at Zhengyang Street,” Feng Shiyu said. “I didn’t believe it at first. I didn’t expect you to really be here.”

With that, Feng Shiyu glanced at Lin Yi coldly, stunning Lin Yi.

‘I didn’t try to steal your girlfriend. Why are you looking at me like that?’

“I’m revising here,” Zhao Yuetong explained. “I even brought my books.”

Tong Fei and Li Chang were speechless.

My dear young lady, your reason is too far-fetched.

Who would go to a restaurant to revise?

“Revise?” Feng Shiyu said unhappily.

“When I came in, I saw you guys chatting. Why did you start revising the moment I came in?”

Although Zhao Yuetong was still inspecting Feng Shiyu, in Feng Shiyu’s eyes, the two of them were already a couple.

She was lying to him!

Under normal circumstances, Feng Shiyu would not be angry even if something like this happened.

However, the current situation was not normal.

The boss of this shop was too handsome. It was really worrying.

The three girls stopped talking, feeling like they had been caught red-handed.

“I had a question that I didn’t know how to answer just now, so I asked the boss to explain it to me.”

“Do I look like I’m blind? Who are you trying to fool?” Feng Shiyu said angrily, “You’re a computer science student, not a chef. He’s just a chef. Does he have the right to teach you anything?!”

“You’re not allowed to talk about the boss like that,” Zhao Yuetong retorted.

Tong Fei, “???”

Li Chang was speechless.

Why did it feel like the School Belle Zhao was defending her lover after being caught?

593 I’m Going to Make My Move Now

“Am I wrong?!”

Feng Shiyu said, “He’s just a chef. How can he be qualified to explain anything to you?”

“It’s up to you whether you believe it or not. In any case, the boss was just explaining the questions to me,” Zhao Yuetong said angrily.

“Also, don’t make a fuss here. Don’t disturb the boss’s business.”

With that, Zhao Yuetong looked at Lin Yi.

“Boss, I’m sorry to have troubled you.”

“It’s okay.”

“Feng Shiyu, don’t misunderstand. We were really revising here,” Li Chang explained.

Tong Fei gave Lin Yi a look. “Boss, we understand the answer you just gave us. If there are any questions we don’t know, we’ll come and ask again.”

“Uh... as long as you understand.”

“Alright, we’re done eating. Let’s go. We still have class in the afternoon.”

Tong Fei felt guilty. If she hadn’t dragged them here, this wouldn’t have happened.

When she returned to the dormitory, she had to take a curling iron and do her hair. Otherwise, she would easily be exposed.

“Yes, yes, yes. Let’s go now. We still have class later,” Li Chang said.

“What lecture? Do you think you can fool me like this?” Feng Shiyu looked at Lin Yi.

“You’re quite good at acting. You’re just a chef, yet you want to explain the questions to my girlfriend? Who do you think you are? Do you think I’m a fool?”

“I don’t have to listen to you talk like that. Why can’t I explain the questions to them?”

“Hehe...”

Feng Shijie sneered. “You’re just a chef. Do you know what computer science is? Do you think knowledge of computers can be gained overnight?”

“Do you know what Java is? Do you know what C++ is? Do you know what Python is? I’m guessing you’ve never heard of these professional terms, right?”

“Brother Yu, let’s ignore him. The things we’ve learned are too profound. I don’t think he can understand,” Sun Lijun said.

“If he knew these things, he wouldn’t have been reduced to being a chef.”

“Don’t make things difficult for him, it’s beneath us.” Li Yonghui said.

“I don’t want to talk to him, but I have to make it clear to him. Don’t think that just because you’re good-looking, you can flirt with anyone. Be mindful of your status!” Feng Shiyu said.

“You still have the cheek to say you lectured my girlfriend?”

Lin Yi shook his head speechlessly. What was wrong with the world now?

He dared to show off just because he knew Java and Python?

This batch of university students’ standards were embarrassingly low!

“What you’re talking about are the most basic computer languages. It isn’t much, is it?”
Lin Yi said.

“Huh? Not bad. Have even people like you heard these professional terms before?”
Feng Shiyu said disdainfully.

“These common things can be learned by buying any textbook.” Lin Yi said.

“What do you know about FW, MIPS, and NAND gates?”

“Huh?”

Hearing Lin Yi’s professional vocabulary, Feng Shiyu and the others were stunned.

They had only heard these professional terms from their teacher.

He had never thought that a chef would utter such words.

“Why? Are you trying to act cool in front of us professionals just because you learned a few words?” Feng Shiyu said disdainfully.

Lin Yi casually took out the computer and placed it in front of them.

“Although my level isn’t high, what you guys learned doesn’t seem to be anything impressive.”

Seeing the lines of code on the screen, the six computer science students were petrified.

What the hell?

What kind of godly code was this?

They couldn’t understand it at all!

The three girls started imagining things again.

He was good-looking, a top student, and had the courage to fight against fate.

Could it be that the plot of the television drama was playing out right before their eyes?

Love!

“Big... Big Brother, you know computer science?”

“I don’t know much, but I think I know enough to deal with you.”

“It’s more than enough. It’s simply too much.” Li Chang looked at Feng Shiyu and the others and said.

“Now you should believe that we were revising here, right?”

“What’s there to believe?!” Feng Shiyu said, “He’s just lying to you!”

“Feng Shiyu, you’ve gone too far!” Zhao Yuetong said.

“I’m still testing you. We’re not in a relationship yet. I hope you can understand this. You have no right to control me!”

“But is our relationship any different from that of a boyfriend and girlfriend?”

“Of course there’s a difference. Ultimately, we’re not boyfriend and girlfriend,” Zhao Yuetong said.

“In any case, I don’t think there’s a need to do this anymore. We’re not compatible with each other.”

Tong Fei, “???”

Li Chang was speechless.

They separated just like that?

This was Feng Shiyu. Although he was not as handsome as the boss in front of him, wasn’t it a little rash to act like this after their first meeting?

“Little Tong, do you really have to do this? I’m just afraid that he’s lying to you.”

“I’m a grown-up. I am able to differentiate right and wrong. Besides, you have no right to criticize others.”

With that, Zhao Yuetong walked up to Lin Yi. “Boss, where’s the QR code? I’ll send you the money for the meal.”

“Just scan the receipt code.”

“Uh-uh.”

After paying the bill, the three of them left.

Feng Shiyu looked at Lin Yi and snorted, “You’d better not have any ill intentions towards Little Off, or I won’t let you off!”

“Your girlfriend has already run away, yet you still have the mood to act cool here. I’m impressed by you.”

“This is my matters. It has nothing to do with you!”

With that, Feng Shiyu and the other two turned around and left.

Lin Yi shook his head helplessly and started clearing the plates on the table.

Then, he continued to wait for customers to arrive.

In the afternoon, several waves of guests came.

However, when they saw the menu, they all turned around and left.

Even though their female companions were amazed by Lin Yi’s looks, they ended up not eating because they were short of money and their boyfriends were still by their side.

However, they had already made up their minds.

When their boyfriends were not around, they would definitely bring their best friends here for a meal.

Lin Yi was happy to be free. As the saying went, those who were willing would take the bait.

The store had only just opened for business. After a while, there would be repeat customers. Business should be much better.

He glanced at the system mission page. It was already at (5/20). At this rate, it would probably take a few days to complete.

Lin Yi was slightly relieved.

The system still had a conscience since Tong Fei counted for two out of five of the customers. If that was the case, the mission should not be calculated based on the number of unique customers.

Instead, it was calculated according to the number of times a meal was ordered.

From the looks of it, the difficulty of the mission was much lower than he had initially expected.

Ring!

Ji Qingyan's call came at this time.

"Mr. Lin, how's business today?"

"Mrs. Lin, I only sold three bowls of egg-fried rice."

"Hehe..."

Every time she heard herself being addressed as Mrs. Lin, Ji Qingyan felt elated.

"Keep up the good work. Today's goal is to entertain ten customers. Although we can't cover the cost, we can minimize our loss."

"Okay."

"I'll talk to you later. I still have work to do. I'll be done in half an hour. I'll look for you when I'm done."

"Okay."

After hanging up, Lin Yi continued typing.

After some time, the door was pushed open. Lin Yi thought that it was Ji Qingyan.

Unexpectedly, the person who came was an old acquaintance, Guo Rui.

Guo Rui was wearing a pair of blue jeans and a pair of small boots. Her hair was tied up, and she looked as elegant as ever.

Moreover, there was a slightly plump woman beside her.

In terms of dressing, she was slightly more noble than Guo Rui, but in terms of looks, temperament, and figure, she was miles apart.

Lin Yi wasn't surprised to see Guo Rui here.

She was a professor at Zhonghai Drama Academy. Zhengyang Street was not far from her school, so it was normal for her to come here for a meal.

However, Guo Rui was stunned for a while when she saw Lin Yi in the shop.

“Lin Yi, why are you here?”

“I had nothing to do, so I opened a small shop here to kill time.”

Guo Rui swept her hair and smiled. She seemed to be used to Lin Yi’s mysterious actions.

When she first met him, he was running errands. After not seeing him for a few months, he actually came here to open a shop.

He really couldn’t stay idle.

“Mr. Guo, do you know each other?” The woman beside Guo Rui asked.

At the same time, she sized Lin Yi up.

She immediately formed a good impression of this handsome boy.

“His name is Lin Yi. He’s my friend. We’ve known each other for a while.”

With that, Guo Rui introduced her to Lin Yi.

“This is Wang Meiyun from Donglai Media. We just finished discussing something and came over to eat.”

Wang Meiyun took the initiative to extend her hand. For Guo Rui’s sake, Lin Yi didn’t refuse. He shook her hand briefly as a form of greeting.

“Mr. Guo, this friend of yours looks pretty good. Does he have any plans to enter the entertainment industry?” Wang Meiyun said.

“If I manage him, he might become a top celebrity.”

“He doesn’t seem to be interested in this. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have come here to open a shop.”

Guo Rui knew Lin Yi’s personality.

With his looks and talent, as long as he stepped into the entertainment industry, he would definitely be able to beat out all the other fresh meat.

However, Lin Yi was from a rich family. He had his own company and drove a sports car worth more than 60 million yuan.

The money earned from entering the entertainment industry was not worth his time at all, so she simply helped him reject the offer.

“From your tone, why do I feel like there’s something going on between the two of you?” Wang Meiyun winked and said.

It was obvious that Wang Meiyun had a good relationship with Guo Rui. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have spoken in such a tone.

“What are you talking about?” Guo Rui asked.

“My child is already in Year One. What can happen between the two of us?”

“You’re already halfway into this industry. It’s not like you don’t know the situation in the entertainment industry,” Wang Meiyun said casually.

“Who doesn’t have a fling at home? Besides, your husband always goes on business trips. It’s normal for you to have a male companion on the side.”

“Don’t talk nonsense. Lin Yi and I are really just good friends. It’s not what you think. Otherwise, how could I be a teacher?”

“You really are a prude.” Wang Meiyun teased.

“When we were shopping a few days ago, the lingerie you bought was even bolder than mine.”

Guo Rui sighed helplessly. She wasn’t afraid of what Lin Yi would hear.

This was mainly because she could not explain herself clearly.

“Why don’t you believe me? I’m so many years older than him. Even if I have a special hobby, it’s impossible for me to fall for him, right?” Guo Rui said.

“The girls in our school can barely walk when they see him. I can’t even catch his interest.”

“You don’t understand. As long as your skills are good, any man will be unable to control himself.” Wang Meiyun smiled and said.

“Besides, you’re so charming. Boys like him usually can’t control themselves.”

“Stop, stop, stop.” Guo Rui said.

“Lin Yi and I are really just good friends. We’ve known each other for so many years. When have I ever done such a thing?”

“Fine, fine.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Was everyone in this circle so open-minded?

Why are you involving me in such a topic?

In reality, Lin Yi was still a little naive. The entertainment industry was more chaotic than he had imagined.

“Alright, let’s eat first. I’ve been busy since this morning and haven’t eaten yet.”

The two of them found a seat and sat down. Guo Rui smiled and said,

“I won’t order anything. Recommend a few dishes to us and let me try your cooking.”

“This is really not easy to do. The menu is on the table. If you order anything on it, so please feel free to try whatever you fancy.”

“Are you that confident?”

“I can’t help it. I’ve been blessed by God.”

Guo Rui picked up the menu. The price of the dishes on it shocked the two of them.

“The things on here aren’t cheap.” Guo Rui smiled. “A plate of pickled vegetables costs 38 yuan.”

“It’s worth it. You won’t be able to ever taste such delicious food outside.”

“Alright, I want a serving of vegetable noodles, two cups of milk tea, a serving of pickled vegetables, and this beauty nourishing soup. Is this for one or two people?”

“It’s for one.”

“Give me two soups, then.”

With that, Guo Rui pushed the menu over. Wang Meiyun glanced at it casually and felt that the menu was a little bland.

Instead of calling it a restaurant, it was more like a breakfast shop.

However, this little chef was so handsome. Spending some money here to support him and get closer to him was not a big deal.

“Alright let me finish the order. I’ll get an egg-fried rice.”

“Alright, wait a moment.”

Lin Yi turned around and returned to the kitchen. Wang Meiyun approached Guo Rui and asked softly,

“Is there really nothing going on?”

Guo Rui’s beautiful eyes rolled. “How could there be anything going on? We’ve known each other for so long. Why would I hide it from you?”

“Since the two have nothing going on, I’ll prepare to make a move. You shouldn’t have any objections to this, right?”

594 Please Don’t Tease an Old Lady Like Me!

“You’re interested in Lin Yi?”

“Who wouldn’t fancy such a handsome young man?” Wang Meiyun said.

“I’m not as strong as you. You have such a good man beside you, but you’re not doing anything. What a waste.”

“Doesn’t your company have any artists? Why are you targeting him?”

As a good friend of many years, Guo Rui really didn’t want to hurt Wang Meiyun’s confidence.

Although she didn’t know how much assets Lin Yi had, it was definitely enough to buy her media company.

Even so, she actually wanted to keep Lin Yi as a mistress. This was not realistic at all.

However, for the sake of her good friend’s dignity, Guo Rui did not say this out loud. She planned to try to hint at this.

“Those fresh meat celebrities are all too feminine. They’re all used to trick fans. They’re not my cup of tea.” Wang Meiyun said.

“Look at how good his figure is. One look and you can tell that he works out a lot. It suits my taste.”

Guo Rui was a little helpless. Lin Yi was really charming. He was lethal to women of all ages.

“But there’s a difference in your ages. Do you think he’ll agree?”

“In today’s society, do you think age is a problem?” Wang Meiyun said.

“Even if I’m not as good-looking as you and my figure isn’t as good as yours, I’m still confident that I can get him.”

“Is it because of your money?”

“Of course.” Wang Meiyun said.

“I’m in my forties. I might have taken good care of myself, but I’m not as good as those young ladies. I don’t have any other advantages except money.”

As she spoke, Wang Meiyun’s expression was extremely calm, as if victory was within her grasp.

“I can buy him a house and a car. He won’t have to run a shop here in the future. You know the property prices in Zhonghai. I can save him twenty years of hard work. I don’t think he has a reason to disagree.”

Guo Rui did not say anything.

What Wang Meiyun said was indeed a very real problem.

If it were any other boy, there was an 80% chance that they would agree to this.

However, the problem was that Lin Yi was not ordinary.

With his wealth, he could even buy a building, let alone a house.

This offer wouldn’t work!

Guo Rui was trying to think of a way to make Wang Meiyun give up on this unrealistic idea.

If it really didn’t work, she would have to sacrifice herself.

She could not make the situation too awkward.

At this moment, Lin Yi walked out with the food and placed it in front of Guo Rui and Wang Meiyun.

“How does it taste? Give me an evaluation.”

Guo Rui looked at Lin Yi with a smile. "We're old friends, but you can't take advantage of us. The food is so expensive. If it's not delicious, I won't pay."

"No problem."

The food was now in front of them. Just as Guo Rui was about to eat, Wang Meiyun said,

"Young man, let me introduce myself. I'm Wang Meiyun, the general manager of Donglai Film and Television Company. We've filmed several television dramas and movies in a row. The industry's response to us has been very good, and we are planning to get listed in the credits. You should have heard of us, right?"

"Um... I've never heard of you guys."

Guo Rui held her forehead helplessly. Lin Yi was still as straightforward as ever.

He was too lazy to even go through the formalities with strangers.

Wang Meiyun was not embarrassed. She still had a smile on her face.

"It doesn't matter if you haven't heard of us. I just want to tell you that our company isn't that small. If we go public, its market value will be at least 500 million."

"And? What are you getting at?"

Wang Meiyun smiled at Lin Yi. "Since I've said so much, I won't hide it from you anymore."

Wang Meiyun took out a business card from her bag and handed it to Lin Yi.

"Your shop isn't big, and the things you sell are so expensive. I'm guessing your business isn't very good. If you want to stop struggling anymore, call me. I don't dare to say anything else, but I can save you at least twenty years of struggling."

"Are you offering to provide for me?!"

Wang Meiyun was a little surprised. She didn't expect Lin Yi to be so direct.

However, this seemed to be a good thing. It saved her the trouble of beating around the bush.

"I was thinking of just that. And you know my situation. I have 70% of the company's shares. I'm worth at least 350 million. You have to consider this seriously."

Seeing that Wang Meiyun had laid her cards on the table, Guo Rui was prepared to intercede.

Not to mention 350 million, even if he had 3.5 billion, he might not be interested.

Creak...

Just as Guo Rui was about to speak, the door of the store was pushed open.

Lin Yi looked up and saw Ji Qingyan walking in with her handbag.

Ji Qingyan's outfit wasn't as glamorous as it was yesterday, and she'd followed Lin Yi's instructions to the letter.

She was wearing blue jeans, black and red Air Jordan sneakers, a simple white Nike T-shirt, and a pink mask.

If not for the limited edition Hermès handbag in her hand, her outfit would be no different from that of the female university students nearby.

Guo Rui and Wang Meiyun were surprised to see Ji Qingyan enter.

Her figure was too good.

Her legs were straighter than chopsticks, but she was not the skinny type.

Especially that perky butt. Even a woman like her would be jealous.

However, the moment Ji Qingyan removed her mask, the two of them were even more shocked.

This woman was really beautiful. Coupled with her figure, she was simply perfect.

If she entered the entertainment industry, she would be able to surpass the other female stars in a few years.

"I thought you were going to wait for a while," Lin Yi smiled.

"I specially picked this time to come over. There's no traffic right now, so it saved a lot of time. I could help out earlier."

Hearing their tone, Guo Rui and Wang Meiyun could tell that they knew each other.

Moreover, their relationship was pretty close. They might even be boyfriend and girlfriend.

“To be honest, I don’t have much to do today. However, I went to your Lingyun Group this morning and had a meeting with Yuanyuan and the others.”

“Zhao Mo’s matter finally come to an end. After everything is returned, you’d have recovered about 80 billion yuan. Also, the 30 billion yuan compensation from Cisco has been transferred to Lingyun Group’s account. In other words, the cash flow in your hands is about 120 billion yuan. You’re also one of the richest people in all of Huaxia.”

Hearing their conversation, Guo Rui and Wang Meiyuan’s expressions changed.

120 billion...

Although the two of them were not short of money, this number was an astronomical figure to them.

Guo Rui could not help but laugh. She knew that he was rich, but she did not know that he was that rich.

Wang Meiyun looked even more embarrassed, not daring to look at Lin Yi.

What nonsense was she spouting just now?

With her net worth of 350 million, she actually wanted to sponsor a billionaire?

If this matter got out, she would become the laughing stock of the industry.

“That’s not bad.” Lin Yi nodded.

“Have you asked about the investment department? I’m going to invest in some high-tech industries to prepare for the photolithography machine.”

“I’ll have a private chat with Director Tian about this. They’ve identified a few relatively good companies.” Ji Qingyan combed her bangs across her forehead and said.

“The investment plan this time is not as small as before. Many of them start at a billion yuan, so we have to be more careful with the next investment. Otherwise, this money might go down the drain.”

“Don’t be so nervous. That’s what investments are like. Even if Buffett steps in, he can’t guarantee that every investment will succeed. As long as you bet carefully, it won’t be a problem to make money.”

“You’re right, but the final draft of the investment plan hasn’t been prepared yet. When the time comes, you’ll have to make a call.”

“That’s easy. We’ll study it when the time comes.”

“Uh-uh.”

After discussing business with Lin Yi, Ji Qingyan put on her mask and returned to the bar counter, acting like a lady boss.

“Lin Yi, we’ve eaten. How much is it? I’ll pay you now.”

The two of them ordered a lot of food, but they did not eat much.

After such an awkward incident, Wang Meiyun couldn’t eat anymore and prepared to leave quickly.

“Finished so quickly? Doesn’t your friend still want to provide for me? Continue chatting. I’m quite interested in what happened just now.”

Wang Meiyun was so embarrassed that she couldn’t show her face.

‘You’re already worth hundreds of billions. Don’t tease an old woman like me.

‘My heart can’t take it.’

“Don’t talk nonsense. She was just joking. Aren’t you afraid that your girlfriend will make you sleep on the sofa tonight?” Guo Rui teased to ease the awkwardness for her friend.

“By the way, give me the final bill. I’ll QR pay you.”

“That’ll be 1180.”

“Okay.”

“You two know each other?” Ji Qingyan asked in surprise.

“His name is Guo Rui. She’s a friend I met when I ran errands. I bumped into her today.”

“Since you’re friends, I’ll give you a 20% discount,” said Ji Qingyan.

“There’s no need for a discount. This is your new shop. I’m here to support you. Just give me a discount when I come again in the future,” Guo Rui said with a smile.

Ji Qingyan didn’t think too much about Lin Yi and Guo Rui’s relationship because she wasn’t the right age.

After paying, Guo Rui said goodbye to Lin Yi and left the store.

Pfft!

She could not help but burst out laughing.

“Mr. Lin, you’re not bad. Your charm hasn’t decreased. Someone actually wanted to support you.”

“I can’t help it. A handsome young man like me is lethal to women of all ages.”

“Stop talking nonsense. Hurry up and give me the 1,180 yuan. Also, the three bowls of egg-fried rice that you sold in the morning comes to about 1,747 yuan. Hand it all over.”

“No way. I earned so little today, yet you actually want to take it away?”

Ji Qingyan put her hands on her hips and looked at Lin Yi sternly. “Of course, I’ll manage the family’s money from now on. Your monthly allowance will depend on your performance.”

“I seriously suspect that you’re just with me for my money.” Lin Yi reluctantly handed the money over.

“What else could it be? Do you think that I fancy your family estate in Yangcheng?”

“Is this something a top student of Yan University should say?” Lin Yi said.

“I’ve now discovered that your motive for being with me is not so simple.”

“If I’m not innocent, what about you?”

“Yeah, I’m quite innocent,” Lin Yi said, “I’m with you purely because I want your beauty.”

“Then I can only say that you’re a hooligan!”

“Hurry up and get to work. Our goal today is to earn enough to cover the rent.”

Lin Yi went to the kitchen to take a look around. Meanwhile, Ji Qingyan swept the floor with a broom. The two looked like a married couple returning home.

“Did you have any delivery orders today?”

After sweeping the floor, Ji Qingyan stood at the kitchen door and said.

“Not even a sniff of one.” Lin Yi said, “It’s so expensive, no one would order it.”

“So be it. We don’t have to spend any money anyway. Just treat it as something running in the background. If we sell a portion through it, we’ll both make a profit.”

“Looks like it’s not feasible for us to rely on this to increase sales. I have to think of another solution.”

“I’ll leave this glorious and difficult task to you.”

“Yes, yes. Just focus on cooking.”

With that, she took out a QR code from her bag and placed it on the bar counter with a serious expression.

“What is this?”

“It’s a collection code.”

“In the future, when the customers pay, let them scan this. It’ll let them directly bank in the money.”

Lin Yi couldn’t help but laugh. Ji Qingyan was already acting like a lady boss now.

She didn’t care about anything else, but the money had to enter her account.

“You probably haven’t eaten yet. What do you want to eat? I’ll make you something.”

“I’m not hungry yet. There’s no need to cook for me,” said Ji Qingyan.

“Alright, let me know when you’re hungry.”

Lin Yi did not think too much about it. With their current relationship, it would be strange if Ji Qingyan was still polite to him.

Unfortunately, the store’s business did not improve because of her arrival.

It wasn’t until past eight in the evening that they received four guests.

These four guests were all girls with no exception.

It was also because of Lin Yi’s looks that they decided to stay for dinner.

In this regard, the differences in consumption patterns between men and women were clearly showcased.

In reality, quite a number of people had entered the store after Ji Qingyan’s arrival. However, after seeing the menu, the boys sensibly left.

Although it was a little embarrassing and the lady boss was very beautiful, the money in their pocket had to be spent wisely.

They could not accept eating a bowl of egg-fried rice or noodles for nearly 200 yuan.

However, it was different for girls. Their concept of money was much vaguer than that of boys. In fact, they were not very rational most of the time.

In their opinion, it was worth it to eat a meal cooked by a handsome man for nearly 200 yuan.

This was also why the fresh meat celebrities in the media were more popular and made for money than those popular female celebrities.

Although there were not many customers, such results were already very good for the two of them.

Lin Yi didn't care how much money he earned since the mission progress was already at (11/20). If he was fast, he could complete it tomorrow.

"Lin Yi, let's call it a day. It's already past lunchtime, so I don't think anyone will come again."

"However, we've already broken our previous record today. After deducting the cost of the ingredients, we've earned about 1,086 yuan. Although we haven't earned enough to cover the cost of rent and utilities, I think it's already very good."

"I think so too," Lin Yi said cooperatively.

Lin Yi was in a daze.

She was acting like she was really poor.

"Are you hungry? You haven't eaten dinner yet."

"I'm not hungry. I ate a lot of fruits at the office in the afternoon. I feel like my stomach is still bloated."

"Alright then. If you're hungry, I can cook at home."

"Uh-uh."

"But still, our net income today has exceeded a thousand. This is a memorable day. We should celebrate."

"How?"

"Let's save the 1,000 yuan and use the remaining 86 yuan to go for a walk."

“You just want to ask me out.”

“I’m not. Even if you don’t go, I’ll go on my own. And I’m going to wear my little dress and look pretty.”

“Let me tell you, there are a lot of strange people in a place like a university town. They’re all either crazy or stupid. Be careful that they don’t pounce on you and ask you for money.”

“Eh...”

She frowned. “Don’t scare me. Just come with me.”

“Just wait. I’ll clean up.”

Lin Yi felt that even though Ji Qingyan kept saying that she wanted to experience the life of an ordinary person, she did not understand the true meaning behind this.

If she was really an ordinary person struggling at the bottom of society, even if she earned good money, she would not be willing to spend 89 yuan so freely.

For those who worked hard to put food on their table, it was a huge sum of money.

If he lived frugally, he would be able to survive on it for a few days.

After cleaning up the kitchen, the two of them prepared to leave. Ji Qingyan even reminded Lin Yi to check the utilities, doors, and windows. She was very dutiful.

“Where do you want to go?” Lin Yi said, “There’s a plaza nearby. It looks pretty good.”

“I don’t want to go to the plaza,” Ji Qingyan replied. “I’m hungry and want to eat.”

“Hmm? I asked you just now. Didn’t you say that you weren’t hungry? Why did you say that you were hungry the moment I locked the door?”

“I don’t know why, but I’m suddenly hungry.”

“Then I’ll open the door and make you something.”

“You can’t. You’ve had a busy day and you’re tired. Don’t do it.”

“What are you going to eat if I don’t cook? Are you going to slurp up the northwest breeze?”

“Hehe...” Ji Qingyan smiled mysteriously.

"I've already asked around. There's a night market near the university. It'll be very lively at night. Let's go take a look," said Ji Qingyan.

"I think you planned this."

"Hehe..."

Ji Qingyan's eyes narrowed like a warm crescent moon, looking as intoxicating as peach blossom wine.

"Actually, I wanted to go yesterday, but we only earned a little more than 200 yuan. I was too embarrassed to use it then, but we earned a little more today. I want to treat this as a reward for myself."

"Let's go."

Lin Yi took a few steps forward and realized that Ji Qingyan was still standing behind him.

"Aren't we going to the night market? Let's go. It's lively now."

"Don't you want to do something?"

"Do something?" Lin Yi was suspicious. "I do indeed want to do it, but now's not the time. I have to eat my fill before going home. Otherwise, I won't have the strength."

"Look at the other couples," said Ji Qingyan.

Lin Yi looked at the street. "What's wrong with the other couples? They all have one nose and two eyes. They all look normal."

"That's not what I meant." Ji Qingyan puffed up her cheeks and said.

"Look at the others. They're walking arm in arm."

"In that case, you can do the same. I never stopped you."

"No, I can't take the initiative. You have to offer first."

'Um...'

"Come, Mrs. Lin, let's hold hands and go to the night market together."

"Hehe..."

Ji Qingyan skipped over and held Lin Yi's arm as they walked towards the night market.

The snack street near the university city was at the end of Zhengyang Street.

It was roughly divided into two areas. The front part was filled with all kinds of street delicacies.

The latter half contained good and cheap daily necessities.

From earrings and accessories to pajamas and slippers, almost all the daily necessities required in college could be bought here.

However, the quality varied. Whether one could buy something sturdy or durable depended on their own discerning eye.

The food street was far busier than she had imagined. It could almost be described as a sea of people.

“So many people.” Ji Qingyan stood on her tiptoes and stared at the crowd in front of her with a hopeful look in her eyes.

“Do you have to act like this? It’s not like you haven’t been to a place like this before.”

“I’ve never been to the night market in Zhonghai. When I was in university, I went to Yanjing with Yuanyuan, but I didn’t go out often.”

“University life is so free, and no one bothers you there. How could you have never been to a night market?”

“It’s because I was too busy with my studies. I had to soak in the library every day. Moreover, my physical education is terrible. When I have free time, I still have to exercise and deal with physical education classes. After all that, I wouldn’t want to go anywhere after returning to the dormitory. I just wanted to sleep, so I never went much.”

“Let’s go. I’ll take you to have fun.”

“Did you come here often?”

“Zhonghai Institute of Technology is nearby. The animals in our dormitory eat here when they have nothing better to do,” Lin Yi said.

“But I haven’t been here for more than a year. It feels like there’s been quite a bit of change.”

“Are you sure you only used to walk around with your roommates? Have you never brought any other girls here?” Ji Qingyan asked.

This kind of question was almost fatal.

If he had, Ji Qingyan would definitely interrogate him thoroughly. There was a high chance that he would leak other information in the process.

However, saying no was obviously not convincing.

After all, he was handsome.

Therefore, one had to be skillful in answering such questions.

“Many girls from our class came here. They were all poor when they were in university, so they naturally had to choose such a cheap place to have dinner.” Lin Yi sighed and pretended to reminisce.

“Although we’re in a science and engineering school, the girls in our class were all pretty. However, ever since I joined Chaoyang Group and met our president, I realized that none of their looks and figures can compare.”

“Really?” Ji Qingyan looked at Lin Yi, her eyes filled with joy.

“Of course. If I didn’t think you were good-looking, I would have jumped ship when another girl poached me.”

“Not bad, not bad. This means that you have good taste,” she said smugly.

“That’s for sure.”

Seeing that Ji Qingyan was no longer harping on this question, Lin Yi felt that his answer was perfect.

Using non-negative and reverse psychology to deal with such a problem was simply unbeatable.

“Wait a minute.”

Ji Qingyan found a handful of change in her bag and finally found 89 yuan. She handed it to Lin Yi.

“Huh? Why do you have so much change in your bag?”

“Even though electronic payment has become commonplace, not everyone can use WeChat,” said Ji Qingyan.

“I specifically prepared the change at the office. That way, when someone pays in cash, you can offer them change.”

“Then why did you give me 89 yuan?”

“So you can pay for the food later.”

Although Ji Qingyan was from a wealthy family, she did not have an arrogant and domineering personality.

Instead, she was very considerate and knew how to protect a man’s ego.

Whenever they were outside, Ji Qingyan always looked strong and resolute.

However, she was still a little girl. She also hoped to have a boyfriend who doted on her and protected her from the elements.

“Let’s go.”

Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan’s arrival instantly became the most eye-catching scene on the food street.

Many men and women could not help but be anxious.

In their hearts, they felt that she should be a student of Zhonghai Drama Academy. Otherwise, it was impossible for her to be so good-looking.

“Lin Yi, there’s a juice shop over there. I want to have some.”

“If you want to drink it, buy it. Isn’t it that simple?”

The two of them arrived at the small stall. Lin Yi asked,

“What do you drink?”

“Mango.”

“Are you sure you want to drink mango? Just choose what you like to drink. Don’t worry about me.”

“No, it’s really quite delicious.”

Ji Qingyan looked at the stall owner and said happily, “I want a large glass of mango juice.”

“Alright, 18 yuan.”

‘Um...’

Ji Qingyan was stunned for a moment. She only had 89 yuan on hand. If she spent 18 yuan on a glass of fruit juice, she would only have 71 yuan left.

If she continued to spend like this, she would not have enough money to buy other things later.

“Wait, I don’t want a big one,” Ji Qingyan said. “How much is a small one?”

“Small is 12.”

“Even small cups are so expensive.”

Ji Qingyan pursed her lips and instantly did not feel like drinking anymore.

This felt more as if he was going to spend hundreds of millions of yuan.

Her heart ached.

“Boss, I’m sorry. We won’t be buying anymore.”

With that, Ji Qingyan lowered her head and pulled Lin Yi’s arm in embarrassment, quietly leaving the crowd.

A student who was standing by the side buying fruit juice noticed that Ji Qingyan had said that 12 yuan per glass of fruit juice was expensive.

He felt like this was his moment.

Such an attractive young lady with a good figure actually said that 12 yuan per glass of fruit juice was expensive.

When did this world become so straightforward?

Logically speaking, even Starbucks was not qualified to touch such a beautiful young lady’s lips. Why would she ever need to drink a 12 yuan glass of juice?

Hearing this, the boy had one thought.

This guy couldn’t even bear to buy her a 12-yuan glass of juice. He wasn’t worthy of being her boyfriend!

“Why didn’t you buy it?”

“It’s too expensive. A glass of fruit juice costs 12 yuan, but it’s not that nutritious. It’s just mixed with concentrated fruit juice. It’s such a scam,” Ji Qingyan complained. “Let’s go buy mineral water to drink.”

“Do you have to be so serious?”

“The situation is unique. We have to be calculative about every single detail.”

“I spent too much money in the past. I have to learn to be more careful.”

“Alright, I’ll do whatever you say.”

“Hehe, that’s more like it.”

“I’ve already thought it through. If we come out again in the future, we’ll bring our own fruits. It’s both economical and affordable. This way, we can save. We have to start with all the details.”

“Lower your voice. Can’t you see that everyone on the street is looking at me?” Lin Yi said.

“If you keep doing this, I’m going to drown in their spit.”

“Why? This is between the two of us. It’s not like we spent their money.”

“I brought such a beautiful little fairy to the night market. In the end, I couldn’t even afford a glass of juice. They have a right to be furious. Why would such a beautiful little fairy be with a poor person?”

Ji Qingyan could not help but laugh.

Lin Yi calling her “little fairy” made her happy.

“It’s fine, it’s fine. No matter how rich others are, I won’t care about them.”

“Hey, even though you say it’s just empty talk, I’m still worried.”

“Then what do I have to do to make you feel at ease?”

“Give birth to my child. When you come out in the future, carry the child out. No one will have any thoughts about you then.”

“It’s fine if you want to have children, but we’ll talk about it after we get married. Don’t think about it now.”

Lin Yi was helpless. It wasn’t a good thing for a woman to be too smart. He had already flirted with her to this extent, but she wasn’t falling for it.

This was too difficult.

“Let’s go. Don’t just stand there.”

“They sell takoyaki over there. Let’s buy one. I’ve wanted to eat it for a long time.”

“Buy it!”

“I want that squid rice cake too.”

“Buy it!”

“They sell scallion pancakes over there. I want to eat them too.”

“Buy it!”

“Just buy one. We’ll split it equally.”

“Will that really be enough to fill you up? Let’s buy one each.”

“Two costs 14 yuan. Just buy one.”

“Buy as many as you want.”

Lin Yi bought the scallion pancakes and shared half with Ji Qingyan as they walked.

“How much money do we have left?” she asked.

“Fifty-five yuan.”

“We seem to have eaten a lot. Let’s continue shopping.”

From the beginning to the end, the two of them ate a lot of food.

Gyoza, rice roll noodles, beef skewers, pancakes, and even cold noodles from the northeast. They tried snacks from almost every corner of the country.

The reason why she was so frugal was that she had to buy a portion of every item.

Moreover, if there was a small portion available, she would never buy a large portion. If he could buy a low-quality one, she would choose that over any premium options.

The way the two of them spent their money almost made the stall owner cry.

Couldn’t he be more generous with such a beautiful girl?

‘Even a forty-year-old man like me can’t stand it!

‘What a f*cking waste!’

“Lin Yi, let’s quickly go over. There’s an earring seller over there.”

After walking out of the snack street, the two of them arrived at the second half of the street.

This place sold daily necessities, but most of them were meant for girls.

This was because girls were the main customer base these days, while a man’s purchasing power was even lower than a dog’s.

“Lin Yi, look at this. Will it look good on me?”

She picked up a pair of silver earrings and posed with them.

There was a picture of a little fox on it with two imitation plastic diamonds that made up the little fox’s eyes. The design was very unique.

Questions like this were basically free marks.

Even if he answered that it was good, he would still get a good score.

However, if he answered in another way, he would get full marks.

“The design of the earrings is a little unique. I feel that it looks good on you, but it’d be difficult for ordinary people to wear them.”

In other words, no one else was worthy of this pair of earrings.

“Really?”

Ji Qingyan smiled again. If they were at home, she might have hugged Lin Yi and kissed him.

However, she was a little embarrassed to do so around so many people at the night market.

“Everyone can see that.” Lin Yi said.

“Didn’t you see that it’s still on display here and hasn’t been sold? It’s because someone else tried it and felt that they didn’t deserve this necklace, so they saved it and waited for you to buy it.”

“Hehe...”

Her smile blossomed like a flower, and her heart was filled with joy.

“Boss, how much are these earrings?”

“I usually sell it for 30 yuan. I’ll give you a 2 yuan discount and sell it to you for 28 yuan.”

“Thank you, Boss.”

Ji Qingyan approached Lin Yi. “How much money do we have left?”

Lin Yi took out all the change. “There’s still six yuan left.”

“Um...”

Ji Qingyan was a little embarrassed. No matter how hard she tried to convince him, he would never sell her earrings for 6 yuan.

The boss was also dumbfounded.

How could he not be able to afford earrings that cost 28 yuan?

Judging from their attire, they did not look like poor people.

A phone cost a few thousand.

“Boss, I’m sorry. We won’t be buying it anymore.”

Embarrassed, Ji Qingyan put the earrings back. She did not want to shop with Lin Yi anymore.

Although the things in the night market were very cheap, he only had six yuan in his pocket. They were no longer able to shop here. Instead, they should go home obediently.

The scene in front of them left the people shopping in the night market nearby in disbelief.

Even if your family background wasn’t good and you weren’t cultured, with your figure and face, it wouldn’t be a problem for you to find a rich boyfriend.

The boys were indignant. All the good cabbages had been stolen by pigs!

‘Why is it that good-looking pigs could steal cabbages but we can’t?!’

“Beauty, don’t you like this pair of earrings? I’ll give them to you. It doesn’t cost much.”

Just as the two of them turned to leave, a boy beside them said.

The boy who spoke was quite tall, almost comparable to Lin Yi.

He was wearing army green jeans and a pair of 4th generation Kobe pants. There was also a silver necklace around his neck. He was dressed like a hipster.

“No, thank you.”

The tall boy didn't say anything. He scanned the QR code and paid 28 yuan.

He then handed her the little fox earring that she had taken a fancy to.

“Beauty, your boyfriend can't afford it, so I'll give it to you. I hope you can accept it.”

Lin Yi was angry when he heard this. Were boys so bold these days?

Her boyfriend was still here, yet he dared to flirt so openly?

A large group of people surrounded them, watching the show.

“I saw them just now when I was buying pancakes. Although this boy is very handsome, he seems to be quite poor. He bought his girlfriend pancakes but can't even bear to add any ham sausages.”

“God is fair. He gave him such good looks but closed the door to wealth.”

“Sigh, if he had worked hard and found a job, he wouldn't have ended up like this!”

“I feel that most good-looking boys are not ambitious. They think that they're handsome and don't want to do anything. However, there are girls who fall for this. They would rather not eat or drink than have an unattractive boyfriend. I really don't know what they're thinking.”

“What a pity. If this little brother had worked harder and had a more stable job, he wouldn't be like this now.”

“I also think he's good-looking, but his economic foundation determines his future. He can't even afford earrings that cost 20 yuan. This won't do!”

“Sigh, what a pity. Such a handsome little brother, I really don't want to see him get embarrassed.”

The girls present were feeling regretful, but most of the boys were gloating.

“F*ck, it's one thing for rich people to pick up girls, but he only has six yuan in his pocket. His girlfriend will be snatched away sooner or later.”

“Someone is making a move now. I still have some impression of that boy. I think his name is Hu Haiyang. He’s from Zhonghai Tech. His family seems to be quite rich. When he was in university, his family bought him a BMW 5 Series. He often goes to Zhonghai Drama Academy to ask girls out for dinner.”

“Girls nowadays are very realistic. They like to get close to rich boys. Although this beauty looks quite innocent, I don’t think she can resist the temptation of money.”

“That’s too true. Even for them to eat at a night market requires careful planning. Which girl can endure such a life? In the future, if there’s a rich person who sends her some signals and hints, they probably won’t be far from breaking up.”

“I hate people who think that they can pick up girls just because they’re handsome. Now, someone is finally teaching them a lesson.”

She ran her fingers through her hair. “I’m sorry, but I can’t take your things.”

“It’s okay. It’s just an earring. It’s not even as valuable as my box of cigarettes.” Hu Haiyang said.

“Besides, I don’t have any other intentions. I just saw that you liked this pair of earrings very much, and your boyfriend can’t afford it. I just wanted to give it to you.”

“Even so, I can’t take it.”

“Actually, he can afford it. It’s just that our budget today is limited and we don’t want to spend so much.”

“Do you need a budget to buy a necklace that costs 20 yuan? It’s not like it’s worth thousands of yuan.” Hu Haiyang said.

“If he really has that kind of ability, why would he need to plan to visit a night market?”

“That’s our private business. Thanks for the offer.”

Ji Qingyan did not want to reply. She grabbed Lin Yi’s arm and prepared to leave.

“Are you sure you want to leave just like that? Don’t you want that pair of earrings anymore?”

“I wanted it, but someone else already bought it.” Ji Qingyan pursed her lips and said.

“And we only have 6 bucks left. We can’t buy any more.”

“Alright, I won’t buy it then.”

Lin Yi had made up his mind. When he returned, he would look for a jeweler and get them to make an identical pair for Ji Qingyan. No matter what, he had to embed real diamonds as well to make it fit for her.

“Hey, man.”

Hu Haiyang called out from behind.

“What do you want?” Lin Yi asked.

“If you want to buy it, I can sell this pair of earrings to you. The original price is 28 yuan. Can you afford it?”

“Haha...”

Hearing this, everyone laughed.

This person was too good at playing.

Forget 28 yuan, even if he sold it for 7 yuan, this guy still couldn't afford it!

If he could really afford it, he would have bought it for his girlfriend just now. This whole thing wouldn't have happened.

“Forget it. We were just playing around just now. These 20-yuan earrings are not fit for my girlfriend. When I go back, I'll get her a set of platinum diamond earrings, so I don't want yours.”

“Huh? Platinum diamond earrings?”

Hearing this, everyone present was stunned.

Did he start spouting nonsense because he was agitated?

He only had 6 yuan left in his pocket, and he still wanted to make platinum diamond earrings for his girlfriend?

Even if you're bragging, there had to be limits!

Hu Haiyang couldn't help but laugh.

“Brother, you don't have to pretend to be rich. I don't have any other intentions. I just don't want to embarrass you. Why did you have to do this? You're embarrassing your girlfriend.”

“How did I embarrass her? It’s just a set of platinum diamond earrings. It doesn’t cost much. I don’t have to brag.”

Hu Haiyang shrugged. “But the reality is that you can’t even afford a set of earrings that costs 28 yuan. You still have to calculate carefully when shopping in a street market. Wouldn’t buying platinum diamond earrings cost you everything you had?”

Lin Yi wanted to say something, but Ji Qingyan was unhappy.

“I hope you won’t say anything else. My boyfriend is richer than you. We just don’t want to buy it. It’s not that we can’t afford it!”

“Beauty, don’t be agitated. I didn’t mean to humiliate him,” Hu Haiyang said apologetically, acting normal.

As an expert at flirting, he knew very well that it was not easy to woo such a beautiful woman.

He had to take it step by step and slowly take her down.

Therefore, his priority now was to leave a good impression on her.

It would be perfect if he could gain the chance to give her his contact information.

Therefore, the most important thing now was to stabilize her emotions.

After all, there were so many people around. It was impossible that she would do anything out of line at this point.

He had to take it slow.

“Don’t say anything else. We’re leaving,” said Ji Qingyan.

“I won’t stop you from leaving, but I feel that as a girl, you should urge your boyfriend to work hard to earn money and not lie for his sake. After all, this isn’t right.”

“I just said that my boyfriend is rich. I hope you don’t misunderstand.”

The onlookers could not help but laugh. At the same time, they revealed envious expressions.

What a treasure-like girl.

Her boyfriend was already like this, yet she was still trying her best to protect his image.

She was simply too perfect.

'If I could have such a girlfriend, I would rather be single for ten lifetimes.'

"Beauty, it's understandable that you rejected my gift, but it's meaningless for you to act like this."

"Why won't you let it rest?" Ji Qingyan's expression changed slightly. She was already very unhappy.

Lin Yi was the person she treasured the most. He was the one person who held a place in her heart and no one could say anything to change that.

"I just don't understand. He can't even afford a pair of earrings that cost 20 yuan. Why do you still say that he's rich? No one present is a fool. They can tell what's going on. It's meaningless to say this."

Ji Qingyan turned to look at Lin Yi. "Is there money in your WeChat account?"

"Yes, yes, but not much..."

"How much is not much?"

"Just over four million."

More than four million...

When this number was announced, everyone present was stunned.

Their eyes were filled with disbelief.

A person who couldn't even afford 20 yuan worth of earrings actually said that he had more than 4 million yuan in his WeChat?

Although it was dark, you couldn't dream out loud in public.

As soon as these words were spoken, the girls who were charmed by Lin Yi's looks revealed disdainful gazes.

Why was this person like this?

It was not bad to not have money. He just had to work hard to earn in the future. This was not something to be embarrassed about. Why did he need to try to brag now?

He was not embarrassed, but the onlookers were.

"Bro, there's no point in saying that." Hu Haiyang said.

“Do you think four million is a small sum? Our family’s annual income is only more than a million. To be honest, even if I had the guts, I wouldn’t dare to brag like this. I feel embarrassed just thinking about it.”

“You’re embarrassed because you’re poor. I’m not embarrassed because I really do have four million.”

Lin Yi took out his phone and showed Hu Haiyang the balance of his wallet. Hu Haiyang’s legs went weak and he broke out in cold sweat.

“You, you really have 4 million...”

The surrounding students gasped.

They had never seen so much money in their lives.

Moreover, the four million yuan was probably pocket money for this man.

Was the difference between people really that great?

“Why would I lie to you?” Lin Yi said.

“We just came out to experience the life of an ordinary person. I didn’t expect you fools to take us seriously. What is your IQ? Seriously.”

With that, Lin Yi wrapped his arm around Ji Qingyan’s waist and left under everyone’s gaze.

Their eyes were filled with envy.

Indeed, beauties would not be with ordinary people. They had long been reserved by rich people.

She was just tired of living the life of a rich person and wanted to experience life, but they actually took her seriously.

What a sin!

The two of them slowly walked in the direction of the street entrance.

“Didn’t you say that you wanted to experience the life of an ordinary person? Why did you expose your identity?” Lin Yi asked with a smile.

“That person was too annoying. I already clarified the situation many times, but he was still relentlessly pursuing me. I was so annoyed,” Ji Qingyan said disdainfully.

“But this is the world of ordinary people,” Lin Yi said.

“On TikTok, it’s all visual diarrhea. Their life is quiet and good, and they earn anywhere from 985 yuan a month to a million a year. However, the world of ordinary people is also filled with trivialities and gossip.

“In truth, poverty is a terrible thing. It can break a man’s will, and it can break a woman’s last line of defense. It happens every day in this brightly lit world. It’s very common. You just don’t know about it.”

Ji Qingyan held Lin Yi’s arm, not knowing how to answer.

In terms of life experience, she was really inferior to Lin Yi.

He was someone who had fought his way up from the bottom of society. He knew the world better than she did.

While he fought hard, he was also filled with reverence for this world.

However, she would probably never be able to experience these things in her entire life.

Life was more complex than she had imagined.

“Then let’s continue working hard. We don’t want to change this world, but we don’t want to be changed by this world either.”

“That’s so good. I can’t help but want to kiss you.”

“You just want to be a hooligan. That’s why I won’t let you kiss me.”

Ji Qingyan ran up to Lin Yi with a smile on her face. Lin Yi followed behind her like a university couple about to rent a room.

After they reached the entrance of the street, the two of them drove back to Jiuzhou Pavilion.

Ji Qingyan immediately went to the bathroom to take a shower. At the same time, she pushed Lin Yi into the other bathroom to wash up.

Later that night, when Ji Qingyan came to the study after showering and drying her hair, she saw that Lin Yi was already working in front of the computer.

“There’s something I forgot to tell you. When we were in a meeting today, Yuanyuan said that she had something to report to you. Are you going to the office or should I get them to look for you?”

“What is it exactly?”

“It should be about the investment and Longxin’s launch.” Ji Qingyan placed the ginseng tea on Lin Yi’s table. “Director Tian might attend too.”

Lin Yi was silent for a few seconds.

“Ask them to go to the shop. Don’t delay my business.”

“Then I’ll tell Yuanyuan later.”

“Okay.”

The next morning, the two of them drove off to do their own things.

As Lin Yi was preparing the ingredients, he received a call from Ji Qingyan.

He told Lin Yi that Yuanyuan and the others would go over at noon.

After getting the news, Lin Yi called Lu Ying.

“Later, make some arrangements. I have something to discuss with you and Sun Fuyu. Oh right, call Wang Ran too.”

“Got it, Boss. Where are we going to talk? Are we going to Huaqing Lake again?”

“To hell with Huaqing Lake. They’ve already closed down,” Lin Yi said.

“Go to 89 Zhengyang Street. I have a shop here.”

“Got it, Boss. Do you have any requirements when it comes to my dressing? How about a short black silk dress?”

“Uh, just dress plainly this time.”

“Boss, you’ve changed. You’re not the same as before.”

“It’s mainly because there’s a situation today. But don’t worry, there will be plenty room for you to perform in the future.”

“We’ll be there on time.”

“Okay.”

After arranging the details, Lin Yi began to prepare the goods.

The morning was as quiet as ever.

Such was business near the university town.

Business mainly concentrated on lunch and dinner time.

Only couples who went to book a room at night would occasionally patronize the morning business.

Before noon, Lu Ying, Sun Fuyu and Wang Ran arrived at the shop.

Lu Ying was still as slim as ever. Because Lin Yi didn't have any special requirements, she simply wore her usual outfit.

After not seeing him for a long time, Sun Fuyu seemed to have gained a lot of weight. His face was red, and he looked like he was perpetually out of breath.

However, the one who changed the most was Wang Ran.

After experiencing her baptism in Sci-Tech and Longxin Research Institute, she was no longer as inexperienced as a university student.

He had the aura of a high-level white-collar worker. Every move she made carried a distinct aura.

This was also what Lin Yi wanted. After a while, she would probably be able to stand up and take charge herself.

"Director Lin, what's going on recently? Huaqing Lake has been under lockdown for more than a month. What happened? Did they offend someone?" Sun Fuyu asked.

"No matter what, we're still scientists. Why the f*ck are you bringing this up the second you arrived? Aren't you disgracing your alma matter?"

"Sigh, in truth, I used to be a hot-blooded youth with ambitions everywhere. But one day, after working hard to finish my doctoral thesis overnight, I was about to go out for breakfast. That's when I suddenly saw our principal walking out of the bathing house. From that moment on, the trajectory of my life changed."

'Um...'

"I guess even your principal doesn't know that his unintentional action changed a student's life."

"C'est la vie. Researchers are also humans."

“When I find the time, I’ll call Mayor Liang. She’s the one who sealed Huaqing Lake.”

“President Lin is awesome.” Sun Fuyu said.

“Now, those foreigners in our institute have fallen in love with the feeling of a Huaxian massage. Those who said that they would return to the country in the future now have plans to settle down here.”

“F*ck, awesome. I have to remember this. You’ve done a great job.”

Sun Fuyu smiled coyly. “Director Lin, if you really want to reward me, can you get me an imperial package? My wife investigates me closely. It’ll be easy for her to notice where my money is going.”

“The imperial package doesn’t cost much. Don’t fuss over such a small deal. When you have time, I’ll get Wang Ran to get you another salary card. When the time comes, your employee health fund budget will be transferred to this card. Don’t let your wife know.”

“I’m willing to work under President Lin even if I end up dying of exhaustion in the process.”

“Little Ran, look, this is your role model, Teacher Lin,” Lu Ying complained.

“It’s... it’s alright. Teacher is so powerful, and the pressure on him is also huge. It’s understandable for him to go to that kind of place to relax.”

“Look at what you’re saying. You’re really the teacher’s pet. By the end of the year, you’ll definitely be ranked amongst the company’s top ten outstanding employees.”

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“Thank you, Teacher Lin.”

“I’ll give you an imperial package when I have time. I’ll let you go to Huaqing Lake to enjoy it in the future.”

“Ah?” Wang Ran was stunned. “Can girls go to that kind of place?”

“You’re too narrow-minded. Your Sister Ying even went there in the past. Why can’t you go?”

“Boss, don’t talk nonsense. I just went to the hot spring to report to you. I didn’t do anything else.”

“Don’t worry about those details,” Lin Yi said, “I’ll get you a salary card when you have a boyfriend.”

Creak...

Just as the three of them were chatting, Ji Qingyan, He Yuanyuan, and Tian Yan walked in.

Among the three of them, Lu Ying and the others had only ever met He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan. They were not familiar with Ji Qingyan.

However, among the three of them, Lu Ying realized that although Ji Qingyan was dressed in plain clothes, her aura seemed to be the strongest.

“Oh, you guys are here too.” Seeing Lu Ying and the others, He Yuanyuan greeted them with a smile.

“The boss called us over. He said he has something to say,” Lu Ying said politely.

Other than Ji Qingyan, everyone else had met a few times during their business dealings, so there was no need for too many introductions.

However, Lin Yi still focused on Ji Qingyan.

Lu Ying and the others could guess what was going on from their tone and expressions.

This woman with a strong aura was very likely the boss’s girlfriend, the lady boss of Lingyun Group.

No wonder she was not allowed to wear a short black silk dress. It turned out that the lady boss was coming.

“You all know each other, so I won’t do any introductions.” Lin Yi said.

“We’re all on the same side. If you have anything to say, let’s talk openly.”

“Director Tian has drafted up a list of a few companies that require investment. I feel that the future prospects should be good. There’s a possibility of overtaking them. Everyone, take a look and study them,” He Yuanyuan said.

With that, Tian Yan handed the investment document to Lin Yi.

At the same time, he took out an iPad from his bag and handed it to Lu Ying.

“I didn’t know you were coming, so I prepared a hardcopy investment document. This is an electronic version. Take a look.”

Lu Ying took it with both hands. “Okay, thank you.”

Holding the investment document, Lin Yi flipped through it before throwing it aside.

“Go on, what did you mean by overtaking at the curve?”

Lin Yi’s actions caused Ji Qingyan’s heart to skip a beat.

Lin Yi’s expression was all too familiar to her.

He seemed a little unhappy.

Could it be that there was a problem with the investment document?

Logically speaking, with He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan’s abilities, there shouldn’t be any problems with their report.

Ifs he had known this would happen, she would have taken a look before coming here.

However, Lin Yi’s subtle actions were not noticed by the others.

They all knew that Lin Yi usually had a cynical personality.

He always did great things without revealing his true intentions, so they were not overly worried about this.

“The photolithography machine is more complicated than we thought. The important parts are banned from being exported to Huaxia. Boss, you should know the reason for this.”

“Yes, I understand.”

The rise of Huaxia would pose a huge threat to all the countries in the world.

The only country that could compete with Huaxia was Meigu. They must be the ones behind everything.

Lin Yi rubbed his chin. Even if he could rely on the Chip 3.0 technology to obtain Cymer’s light source, he wouldn’t be able to overcome the larger problem surrounding the creation of the photolithography machine.

This was because there were other parts that were also very important to the project.

Without them, it would be very difficult to build a photolithography machine.

He Yuanyuan and the others had a simple idea. They wanted to invest in a second-tier company.

This was because these companies were already infinitely close to the top of the world. If they were given a large amount of financial support, they might be able to surpass this gap in one leap and reach an industry-leading level.

“Continue,” Lin Yi said faintly.

“We compiled some statistics. There are a total of 17 core components of the lithography machine. Meiguo has nine suppliers of these core components, Jaewon has four, Sunrise Land has three, and Deguo has one. These are all problems that we should resolve as soon as possible. Therefore, our investment plan revolves around these 17 large components.”

“The situation is not as bad as we thought,” Lu Ying interrupted.

“There are four core components that Huaxian companies cannot produce, while our laboratory is tackling other problems. As long as we resolve these issues, we can meet the global standard and cooperate with ASML or other parts manufacturers.”

“Apart from that, we’re also developing another more sophisticated project. Once this project is successful, ASML’s technology will be left in our dust. At that time, we’ll be able to overtake him.”

“This plan was suggested by Director Shen, right?” Lin Yi said.

Lu Ying nodded. “This is a development plan that Director Shen came up with. However, he said that this plan is still immature and needs to be slowly conceived, so he didn’t report it to you.”

“There’s no doubt that a single country can’t conceive a photolithography machine on their own, so we have to reach global cooperation through various channels.”

“But now, the foreign countries have imposed a technology blockade on us. Even if we want to cooperate, they won’t give us a chance to do so. Therefore, we can only use capital blackmail to do this.”

After saying that, Lu Ying paused and looked at He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan with an unnatural expression.

However, the rigor and honesty fitting of a trained engineer still made her speak her mind.

“In private, Director Shen secretly talked to us about these things. He thought that if he wanted to invest in the technology field, it would be best to invest in domestic companies.” Lu Ying continued.

“He understands the behavior of the Meiguons very well. If one day, the overseas companies that we invested in make progress in their research and development, the Meiguons will definitely intervene. At that time, we will be far away in Huaxia. Even if we go to court, we will not be their match. We will only be able to suffer in silence. In other words, we will have benefited others.”

Ji Qingyan frowned. She finally understood why Lin Yi had worn such an expression.

At this tense moment, this was undoubtedly a major hurdle.

Even if domestic suppliers were not as skilled as foreign suppliers, as long as they were decent, they had strong investment value.

As for the other components that could not be developed domestically in a short period of time, it was only reasonable to use capital threats to force cooperation with foreign companies.

In this proposal, the companies they had to invest in were all from Meiguo and Sunrise Land.

Just as Lu Ying had said, this would undoubtedly end up benefitting others.

Lin Yi supported his head with one hand and raised his eyebrows as he looked at He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan.

“What do you two think about this?”

Tian Yan looked uneasy. After a long silence, she said,

“President Lin, I was negligent in this matter and didn’t consider this problem.”

“I’m also responsible. This investment plan was developed by myself and Director Tian.”

At this moment, He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan realized that they had underestimated the situation.

The boss no longer wanted to play in Huaxia.

Therefore, when considering problems, one should consider the international environment.

The world of science and technology still had borders.

“Take this investment plan back and redo it. If there are any major mistakes, both of you will be demoted by one level.”

“Got it, President Lin.”

He supported his head with one hand and looked at Sun Fuyu.

“How’s the phone operating system coming along? Any breakthroughs?”

Sun Fuyu straightened his expression and said,

“For a long time, many mobile phone manufacturers in Huaxia have been trying to develop this. However, the reason for their failure is that their products were not mature enough and the ecosystem was not perfect. The latter point is especially true as a well-fleshed out ecosystem is the most important thing for a mobile phone system.”

“Alright, go on.”

“Therefore, we’re now focusing on developing the ecosystem. We’ve made some breakthroughs, but other than that, there are some external problems that we haven’t found the solutions to in the short term.”

“Tell me, what’s the problem?”

“A phone app,” Sun Fuyu said.

“This is part of the ecosystem. Even if we create the perfect operating system, if no one is willing to develop software to populate the system, no matter how good the system is, it will be useless.”

At the mention of this, the atmosphere in the small shop suddenly fell silent.

Even though Ji Qingyan and the others were not experts in this field, they knew that this problem would be difficult to resolve.

Not to mention a newly developed system, even Apple and Android were nothing without the support of a large number of applications.

Therefore, this was the most fatal point.

“Leave these external problems to me.” Lin Yi looked at Sun Fuyu.

“Other than that, what other difficulties have you encountered?”

“In terms of research and development, we don’t foresee many difficulties because there are many predecessors whose experiences we can learn from.” Sun Fuyu hesitated for a moment. “But I have a request. I hope President Lin can agree to it.”

“Tell me.”

“Give me another three months before the new system is released. I hope to make a finished product that we will be able to sell.”

Lin Yi looked at He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan.

“Tell me what you think.”

The two of them shook their heads in unison and Yuanyuan said,

“Director Sun, I believe in your ability and standards, but the domestic mobile phone market has already been divided between IOS and Android. I am very supportive of Lingyun Group’s mobile phone business, but I feel that three months will be too rushed. I can sense that once this project is established, we will definitely lose money.”

Lin Yi looked at Tian Yan. “What do you think?”

“My thoughts are similar to Director He’s,” Tian Yan said.

“The second half of the year is when major manufacturers release new devices. In three months, it will be the Lunar New Year. Although the craze for the release of new products will have passed, this period will still be most dangerous to us.”

“That’s because the price of mobile phones will continue to peak after new products are released. The commoners might not buy them. After a few months of precipitation and after the Lunar New Year passes, there will definitely be a huge promotion for these new products. If we release mobile phones with new systems at this time, I think the losses will be greater than we expected.”

Lin Yi looked at Wang Ran. “Tell me what you think and give your opinion.”

“I-I don’t have any objections, but if the company produces a new phone, I will definitely buy it. I will also encourage my relatives and friends to buy it.”

Wang Ran was already dumbfounded. Even if she had any thoughts, she did not dare to say them.

On one side were the big shots of the research institute, and on the other side were the higher-ups of the umbrella group. They were clearly divided into two factions.

It was not good for her to side with either group, so she could only choose to remain mum.

Lin Yi smiled. Wang Ran’s answer was within his expectations.

Although she had matured, the extent of her growth was not enough. When in such a meeting, she naturally did not dare to say too much.

This was exactly what he wanted.

Lin Yi shifted his butt and changed his posture.

It was time to test the boss.

The people on both sides had different opinions. If he helped either one of them, the other would definitely feel uncomfortable.

This was indeed a little difficult.

“Old Sun, tell me what you think first.” Lin Yi said.

“Actually, we knew ever since this project’s inception that it would be very difficult for it to bring substantial benefits to the company,” Sun Fuyu said.

“However, for a new operating system, the user’s opinion is the most important thing. Even if we feel that the system is perfect, this opinion will be one-sided. The end-user has to be the one to say yes in order to obtain the market’s approval.”

“President Lin, we also support you,” He Yuanyuan said.

“However, I feel that going public in such a short period of time will definitely not be rewarded by the market. We can wait until the technology is more mature before doing this.”

“But if the system is not market-oriented, we will never get feedback, or even find a clear direction for the development of our system,” Sun Yu said.

“We’ve already been left far behind by the other mobile phone giants. The longer we delay, the greater the distance between us and them. It’ll be very difficult for us to catch up.”

He Yuanyuan and Sun Fuyu had a heated debate about when to launch the new system.

Only then did Lin Yi realize how articulate Sun Fuyu was.

It was not an easy task to challenge He Yuanyuan for such a long time.

As the saying goes, the feet decides the direction of the head. Their positions were different, and both of them held their own views. Despite this, neither of them had any intention of loosening up.

Even though Sun Fuyu was at a disadvantage in terms of articulation, he still upheld his own views and did not give up.

Seeing that neither side was willing to let go, Lin Yi felt that it was time for him to make a move.

However, just as she was about to speak, he heard Ji Qingyan say,

“I think Director Sun’s idea is quite good.”

He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan looked at Ji Qingyan.

There was a hint of surprise in their eyes.

This was clearly an unprofitable project. Why did Senior Sister still support it?

It was impossible for her not to have thought of these questions.

“There are indeed a lot of uncertainties regarding the development of the mobile phone system, and its future prospects are also unclear.”

“From the feedback of the market alone, there is a very high that we will end up losing money. However, with Lingyun Group’s business model, multisectoral development is our only way forward.”

“Director Tian came from Didi. He knows the situation of Didi best. In the previous quarterly and annual reports, he could actually conclude that Didi has already reached the stage of stable development. However, in a market as big as this country, this is already the first warning sign.

“The new system will be very difficult to promote for general mobile phone use, but it’ll still be very useful for things relating to smart travel, AI interaction, internet of things, and other directions.”

Ji Qingyan changed her posture. Her gaze did not land on anyone in particular as she calmly said,

“I don’t understand the Internet industry, but I think Longxin and Didi might be able to reach a partnership in this area to offset the risk of the former entering the mobile phone market. They can also set up a platform to easily increase adoption in the mobile phone market.”

After Ji Qingyan’s speech, the atmosphere in the store became strange again.

Wang Ran stole a glance at Ji Qingyan, her eyes filled with admiration.

President Ji had done everything that Teacher Lin should have done. She had even adopted the role of the bad guy.

He resolved the conflict between the two factions but was also mindful of both sides' egos.

Moreover, he made Teacher Lin out to be a good person. She was really amazing.

When could she be like this too?

Back then, when she found out that Lin Yi had transferred Tian Yan away from Didi, Ji Qingyan had suspected this.

There was no doubting Cheng Shuang and Tian Yan's abilities.

In order to weaken Didi, Lin Yi transferred Tian Yan to the investment department of Lingyun Group.

This was to prevent the conflict between Didi and Lingyun Group.

This had been going great as Didi and Lingyun Group were both doing well. Unexpectedly, it was Longxin that would be the first to have internal conflict.

There was nothing to wrong with He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan's character.

Sun Fuyu and Lu Ying were both simple-minded and honest people.

However, if they all thought from their own perspectives, there would definitely be conflicts and contradictions.

In the long run, these conflicts would only intensify. This would not be good for the future development of Lingyun Group.

"President Ji makes sense. Rather than saying that Didi's development is at a stable stage, it's more like it has reached a bottleneck. President Cheng is also actively thinking of a reformation plan. The development of the new operating system might just be a new opportunity for Didi," Tian Yan said.

"I was just briefly stating my thoughts, but we still have to focus on the actual situation. We still have to go back and discuss this further," said Ji Qingyan.

"Okay," Sun Fuyu said.

"Alright, let's proceed with what we discussed just now." Lin Yi said.

"Old Sun, continue to develop the phone system. Don't slow down. Go back and study smart travel systems as well."

"Got it, President Lin."

“I’ll leave Longxin and Sci-Tech’s procedures for the public merger to you.” Lin Yi looked at Wang Ran.

“To me?” Wang Ran was flattered and nervous.

She had just walked out of the school gate not long ago, and he was already asking her to take on such a difficult task?

“Teacher Lin, I’m afraid that I won’t be able to do it and will ruin the work.”

Lin Yi looked at Wang Ran. “Are you sure?”

“I…”

Lu Ying reached behind her and secretly pinched Wang Ran.

“I can do it!”

“As long as you’re confident, you can do this. Work with Director He and Director Tian to prepare for Longxin’s launch.”

“Got it, Teacher Lin.”

Lu Ying secretly heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, Wang Ran had reacted quickly.

Otherwise, with her boss’s personality, he would have kicked her off this job.

“Alright, today’s meeting will end here.” Lin Yi stood up.

“You guys probably haven’t eaten yet. I’ll let you try my cooking.”

At this moment, the tense atmosphere in the small shop relaxed and returned to its usual friendly state.

However, in He Yuanyuan’s heart, she still could not calm down.

There were some things that she could not figure out.

Creak…

The door of the store was pushed open and four girls walked in.

Lin Yi recognized two of them. They were Zhao Yuetong and Li Chang, who had come for lunch yesterday.

One of the remaining two girls was about the same age as them. She should be their classmate.

The remaining one was slightly older, about 30 years old. She didn't look like their classmates.

However, to Lin Yi, none of this mattered. He just had to come here to eat and earn money.

"Hello, Boss."

Although there were many people in the room, Li Chang wasn't afraid at all. She smiled and greeted Lin Yi.

"In order to support you, we even invited our professional instructor."

Lin Yi understood that the older woman was their instructor.

"I'll give each of you a bottle of juice later."

Juice was not on the menu and was usually sold separately.

After giving it to them, he would only earn less profit. However, this would not affect the progress of the mission.

"Hehe, thank you, Boss."

After saying that, Li Chang looked at the female teacher beside her.

"Teacher Sun, he's the computer god I told you about before. We can't understand the code he wrote. It's like a heavenly scroll."

"Alright, calm down. We're here to eat," Sun Jia said.

"Hehe, I understand, Teacher Sun."

"What do you want to eat?" Lin Yi asked.

"Egg-fried rice will do," Li Chang said.

"Boss, can you put more rice in for me? I can't eat enough."

"No problem."

To Lin Yi, as long as the customer paid according to the price on the menu, he would have completed a mission.

Therefore, it was not a big problem to make more for them.

There were guests, and Lin Yi was prepared to cook for them before entertaining He Yuanyuan and the others.

Business was more important.

“I-I’ll go to the kitchen to help,” Wang Ran said.

She couldn’t stand the tense atmosphere of sitting with these big shots. Thus, she needed to hide for a while.

She was still very comfortable being by Teacher Lin’s side.

“Look, I was right wasn’t I? Isn’t the boss handsome? Egg-fried rice that costs 189 yuan per serving is definitely worth it,” Li Chang said.

“It’s more than worth it. This trip is invaluable. I suddenly have the motivation to learn. In the future, when I make a lot of money, it’ll be easier for me to see such handsome men,” the other girl said.

“Not to mention 189 yuan per serving of egg-fried rice, even if it’s sold for 298 yuan, I’d still come and support him. The boss is too good-looking and speaks so gently. He’s a Treasure Boy.”

He Yuanyuan looked at Ji Qingyan maliciously and whispered,

“Senior Sister, these little girls don’t seem to care about you.”

“I don’t think much of them.” Ji Qingyan raised her head.

“They’re just infatuated college students. It’s not a big deal.”

“Don’t you have any sense of urgency? This is Zhonghai University Town, a place where beauties are everywhere.”

Ji Qingyan puffed out her chest. “If I don’t even have this little bit of confidence, I’ll be doomed in the future. I’ll be forced to watch Lin Yi every day.”

“You’re just taking advantage of the fact that the boss likes curvy women and are bullying them because they’re flat.”

“This is my advantage. It would be a waste not to use it.”

The two of them laughed and chatted for a while.

However, it was obvious that Ji Qingyan really did not care about what these people said about Lin Yi.

These girls' comments on Lin Yi made He Yuanyuan smile faintly.

These little girls were really too inexperienced.

Treasure Boy?

He should be called Big Sword Boy.

"Don't forget that you're students. Studies are more important. Don't focus your mind on these useless things," Sun Jia said.

"Teacher Sun, don't you think that the boss is very handsome?"

"This has nothing to do with your studies. Put your mind to the right place and don't neglect the essentials."

Sun Jia did not come here to see the handsome man or to eat. She just wanted to see the situation surrounding this small shop.

Society nowadays was too chaotic. There were all kinds of people around.

Zhao Yuetong, Li Chang, and the others were still inexperienced female university students. It was very easy for them to be deceived by men, so they had to be careful.

As for the title of computer god, Sun Jia did not care about this at all.

Computer science was a very complicated major. It was very difficult to self-study it without professional learning.

If he really had such superb computer skills, he would not have become a chef here.

Any random software developer would earn more than a shop owner.

This was Sun Jia's motive for coming here.

In less than twenty minutes, Wang Ran brought out four plates of egg-fried rice to Li Chang and the others.

"Enjoy."

"Thank you," Li Chang replied and called out to the others.

"Quickly try it. The boss's egg fried rice is invincible and delicious."

“It doesn’t matter if it’s delicious or not. To be able to meet such a handsome boss, even if it’s not delicious, I still think it’s worth it.”

Everyone’s gaze fell on Ji Qingyan.

The lady boss was still here, yet these people were spouting nonsense. Did they want the boss to sleep on the couch that night?

Ji Qingyan was also a little unhappy.

Just say a few words and be done with it. Why was there an endless flow of comments?

“Boss, are you the only one working in this shop?” Zhao Yuetong asked.

“Yeah.” Lin Yi nodded. “Sometimes my friends come to help.”

“Do you need a part-time waitress?” Zhao Yuetong asked.

“Yes, yes, yes. Do you have any plans to hire a waitress?” Li Chang said coquettishly.

“We don’t want money. We can work for free. Boss, please take us in.”

“Uh...” Lin Yi’s expression froze as he felt a faint killing intent spreading across the room.

“Do you guys want to work here?” Sun Jia asked.

“I want to try,” Zhao Yuetong said.

“Didn’t the school say that they encouraged university students to come out and get training? I think working here is also a form of training.”

“You’re all in your third year now. It’s time for you to get proper experience. You should focus on your studies.”

Sun Jia was afraid that they would be deceived, so she followed them over to take a look at the situation.

Now, it seemed that it was necessary for her to have tagged along.

This was because even a school belle like Zhao Yuetong seemed to be falling for him.

“The boss is a computer god. If I really get to work here, I can ask him if there’s anything I don’t understand. This will be beneficial to my studies,” Li Chang said.

“Computer science is a very advanced profession. It’s not easy to become good at it.”

“But the boss is different. He’s so handsome, so he must be very powerful,” Li Chang said infatuatedly, then looked at Lin Yi.

“Boss, hire us. We’ll work for free.”

“Uh... That’s a little difficult. Our recruitment requirements are very high. You guys should focus on your studies first,” Lin Yi rejected politely.

Sun Jia nodded in satisfaction. It seemed that her appearance had a certain deterrent effect.

Otherwise, it would have been really be easy for him to succeed.

Ji Qingyan was also very satisfied with Lin Yi’s answer. It was not bad.

“A very high requirement? Do you need an undergraduate degree to wash dishes?”

“Uh... I think that might still be a bit little lacking.” Lin Yi pointed at Lu Ying and the others.

“These people are all here to apply for the job. They don’t even know if they can get it.”

Li Chang, Zhao Yuetong, and the others were stunned. They felt that this small shop was very special. They had put on such a big show to hire a waiter.

Moreover, these ladies seemed to be very good-looking and had good figures.

“Sis, what is your degree?” Li Chang asked Lu Ying curiously.

“Tsinghua, Computer Technology and Science, PhD.”

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“PhD from Tsinghua University...”

Ding ding ding dang dang...

Lu Ying’s educational background scared Li Chang so much that she dropped the spoon in her hand.

Did she need to have a PhD from a top 2 school to come here?

“Sister, what is your educational background?” Li Chang looked at He Yuanyuan and asked tentatively.

“Yan University, International Economics and Trade, PhD.”

The atmosphere in the room seemed to become even more solemn.

“Sister, what about you?” Li Chang asked Tian Yan.

“Fudan, Marketing, PhD.”

“Um...”

Li Chang felt terrible.

Are you really here to apply for a waitress job?

Why did they all start at the PhD level?!

What kind of monsters were these?!

Sun Jia, who had been on guard, also felt her head buzzing.

‘You people would be professors in our university. Why are you applying to be waiters?’

“Little brother, little sister, are you also PhD students?” Li Chang probed.

“Yan University, International Economics and Trade, Ph.D.” Ji Qingyan said.

“Cough, cough, cough...”

Sun Fuyu cleared her throat. “I’m not that talented. I’m a postdoctoral student at the University of Penntania, specializing in Computer Vision.”

Lin Yi nodded in satisfaction. Sun Fuyu’s act was very well-rounded.

Although this woman was the weakest person in the room, she was also the showiest.

In front of him was Wang Tianlong, and behind him was Sun Fuyu. These were his powerful subordinates.

With the two generals here, why would he worry about the unease of the world?

Seeing the room full of big shots, Sun Jia and the others felt like they were invisible.

What was she doing? Even if she was bullying someone, he shouldn’t be like this.

He actually had a room full of PhD students and a postdoctoral student. Did they even have the right to be here?

“Actually, I want you guys to work here too, but the system won’t allow it. Sorry, sorry,” Lin Yi said. He guessed that they would give up now.

“I think we shouldn’t let our imaginations run wild. Let’s go back to study after dinner. We can apply for the job after getting a PhD,” Li Chang said.

“Uh-uh.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Everyone was speechless.

After eating in fear, the four of them paid and left.

Lin Yi looked at the mission progress. It was already (15/20). Perhaps he could really complete the mission today.

After the four left, Lin Yi made some food for Ji Qingyan and the others.

They ate happily. No one expected Lin Yi to cook so well.

After the meal, the few of them did not stay there for long because they had other things to do, so they left one after another.

However, Ji Qingyan and He Yuanyuan were the last to leave. They helped Lin Yi out for a while before leaving.

“Senior, didn’t you say before that you wouldn’t take the initiative to participate in the corporation’s matters? Why did you suddenly speak today?” After leaving, He Yuanyuan asked.

“I think that even if Longxin and Didi’s smart travel project succeeds, a lot of manpower and material resources will have to be invested in it. In any case, Tian agreed because of your identity as the lady boss. He didn’t dare to refute you.”

These words had been bottled up in He Yuanyuan’s stomach for a long time. Now, she finally had a chance to say it.

“Lin Yi spoils you too much,” Ji Qingyan said.

“How is he spoiling me? Every day, he says that I have small breasts and a flat butt. He basically humiliates me to death.”

“Then you should be content. If this were any other company, you would definitely be marginalized if you dared to say such words.”

“I’m speaking from the bottom of my heart. I’m also acting in the interests of the company. Why would you marginalize me? I didn’t do anything wrong.”

“Because you don’t know how to read your leader’s intentions and often go against them.”

“I know he wants to make a phone system. I didn’t reject it. I just feel that it’s not appropriate at this time.”

“You’re oversimplifying it. Lin Yi doesn’t lack money at all. Moreover, his goal from the beginning to the end was never to earn money to become the richest man in Huaxia. You and Tian Yan didn’t see this, so you couldn’t figure out his intentions.”

He Yuanyuan was stunned by Ji Qingyan’s words. She did not quite understand what she meant.

“Lin Yi wants to make a phone system, but he doesn’t have any intention of breaking into the phone market. This is simply a seed he’s planting now which he’ll use in the future. Although I haven’t figured out what he’ll use it for, I’m sure it’s not for his own benefit.”

“So you’re saying that even if you didn’t say anything back then, he would still support Director Sun’s idea?”

“That’s right. Longxin is a foundational piece, so the phone system must be made. However, I don’t think he would have rejected you so straightforwardly either.”

“Think about it carefully. Every time he insults you, it’s when there are no outsiders around. There were many outsiders in the meeting just now. He would definitely have thought of a way to not embarrass you and wouldn’t have been so direct. No matter what, he would have pursued the phone system project. Therefore, from the beginning, you and Tian Yan insisted on the wrong direction and didn’t understand his intentions.”

“He’s thinking about something new every day. Why is his brain working differently from a normal person’s?”

“That’s the difference between you guys. He’s an undergraduate from Zhonghai Institute of Technology and has become the boss of Lingyun Group. All of you have PhDs from famous schools but have become his subordinates, so we can’t even hold a candle to his strategic thinking.”

“In that case, I feel much better.”

“Focus on your work and don’t think about all that nonsense.”

“He separated Tian Yan as soon as Lingyun Group integrated Didi. However, you and Brother Qi have been asked to stay in the Lingyun Group all this time. This explains a lot. Otherwise, you would have been sent there to be the head of the company. Why would he have made you stay in the company?”

“Senior Sister, you can really see everything.” He Yuanyuan said.

“I’m guessing I’ll have to work for the rest of my life to achieve this.”

“Alright, let’s get back to work,” said Ji Qingyan. “Call me if you need anything.”

“Uh-huh.”

After a simple chat, the two of them got into their cars and drove to their respective companies.

After everyone left, the store quieted down.

Lin Yi sat at the bar and placed his feet on the chair.

He felt that he had more work to do.

In addition to the program to develop Chip 3.0, the mobile application for the new operating system was also a problem.

There were two solutions.

The first was to use Android’s underlying structure, remove its skin, and replace it with a Longxin remake.

This way, the problem with applications could be solved effortlessly.

Furthermore, he would face the risk of his operating system not being up to par.

If they were to grow and take over Apple and Android’s market share in the future, the latter would not just stand by and watch.

This was also in line with their usual tactic of attacking Huaxian companies.

To give a simple example.

When it came to the Windows operating system, pirated software was plentiful. The pirated software would even provide timely resource updates like the real thing.

On the other hand, Microsoft’s attacks on these pirates had always been loud but small in scale. In the end, they did not even make a fart.

It was not that they did not value market profits, but through this method, they could perfectly attack the domestic software manufacturing industry.

With a cheap and useful system, who would bother using a locally developed system?

For this reason, domestic software manufacturers had no chance of gaining a foothold in the market. Without a market share, they would have no hope of making any profits. In the end, they would all die.

This was also the fundamental reason why domestically-produced software could never develop.

Without money, it was all for naught.

If Huaxia ever developed a new computer system, powerful blows would come one after another, and it would be unbearable for the local company.

This was the exact problem he was facing now.

There was a natural drawback to using a new pot to store old wine. When the time came, he would die an ugly death.

Therefore, there was only one way to proceed. He had to develop a new mobile phone ecosystem.

New applications would then be developed independently.

However, this was not something that could be done with money. He still had to ask Liang Ruoxu for help after this.

Director Shen's trump card would probably have to be used too.

'Sigh, this path is a little difficult!'

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Just as Lin Yi was thinking about his future plans, he heard a knock on the door.

Why would someone knock on the door for a meal?

Wasn't that a little too polite?

Lin Yi stood up from the bench at the bar and saw two people with bags walking in.

The man and woman who came in looked to be in their thirties. They were smiling and didn't look like they were here to eat.

“You are?” Lin Yi asked.

“Hello, sir. Let me introduce myself first. My name is Li Lei, and this is my colleague, Wang Wei.”

The two of them were very polite and handed over their business cards.

Lin Yi took a look at the business card and saw their positions.

Shenhai Tengfei Distribution Company.

“A salesman?”

“Yes, yes, yes. Our company is mainly in the wholesale business of drinks and drinks. Moreover, we have all kinds of goods with low prices.” Li Lei said.

“In addition, our company also has a stake in a wholesale market. We can provide commonly used ingredients as well as fresh meat, with the quality being guaranteed.”

“You came at the right time,” Lin Yi said, “I wanted to buy some goods.”

The two of them looked at each other and were overjoyed. “Then let’s sit down and talk. I don’t dare to say anything else, but in terms of quality, if there are any quality issues with the goods provided to you, we will return them unconditionally.”

“This is a small matter, but our restaurant has higher requirements when it comes to ingredients. I’m just wondering if you supply these items.”

“Boss, don’t worry. The market we’re investing in is considered one of the most high-end markets in the city. Be it high-end ingredients or ordinary oil, salt, sauce, or vinegar tea, we supply it all. We’ve been supplying many shops on Zhengyang Street for many years.”

“Are there wild sea cucumbers?”

“Ah? Wild sea cucumbers?”

“Yes. I want to stock up on it.”

“I-I don’t think so.”

“Do you have black gold abalone?”

“Brother, this is a top-grade abalone. We don’t have it. Do you want to buy frozen abalone for five yuan each instead?”

“Of course not,” Lin Yi said, “Do you have imported tuna?”

“I don’t think so...”

“Why don’t you have anything?” Lin Yi said, “Do you have Latour Castle and Romanee Conti?”

“This, this is the world’s top red wine. Even if we have it, no one can afford it!”

“Brother, the shop is for university students. Their spending standards are not high. You don’t need these things, right?”

“Our restaurant is a little special. It’s a small but high-end restaurant, so we need high-end ingredients.”

“Brother, there’s no point in chatting like this.” Li Lei said.

“The things you want to buy can’t be bought in ordinary places, and they’re all extremely expensive. If you don’t want to buy our goods, you can just say it. It’s fine if you reject us. If the deal doesn’t work, we can still keep in touch on good terms. Please don’t mock us.”

Li Lei had a high degree of professionalism.

However, it was obvious that such high-end ingredients would not be used in such a small shop.

Why was this guy trying to be so sarcastic?

Besides, if you had that much money, why would you come to such a place to open a shop?

How pretentious.

“Huh? I’m not mocking you. Our shop really needs these things. Don’t doubt me,” Lin Yi said.

“There’s a thermostat and wine cabinet in the kitchen. You’ll believe me when you see it.”

The two of them did not believe it and took two steps forward. Suddenly, they saw the restaurant’s wine cabinet.

They immediately felt terrible.

“Are... are those real?”

The limited edition Sunrise Land Yamazaki Malt Whisky sells for more than 120,000 yuan.

1947 bottle of dry red.

1907 bottle of white wine.

A barrel of 1945...

When Li Lei and Wang Wei saw these wines, they immediately felt that it was fake.

Other than that bottle of Yamazaki, any other bottle of wine here was an antique. Each of them would be worth at least a million yuan. Why were they being stored here?

They often dealt with alcohol, and from the appearance and seals, these didn't look fake.

"Do you suspect that they're fake?" Lin Yi said, "Should I open a bottle for you to try?"

"No, no, no. We can't afford it." Li Lei waved his hand.

"There's more inside. Why don't you guys take a look too?"

"That won't be necessary," Li Lei said. "Our small company is not worthy of supplying you. Sorry to disturb you."

After saying that, the two of them left dejectedly. What kind of shop was this?!

Did the boss have too much money to spend?

Not long after the two of them left, some customers came to visit, and they were all girls.

"Oh my god, he's really handsome! Looks like the rumors are true!"

Lin Yi was helpless when he saw the two people looking at him like he was an alien.

Could it be that they had never seen a man before?

Perhaps she had never seen a man as handsome as him.

"Are you here to eat?"

"Can we stay here if we don't order food items?" A girl said.

"No problem. You guys can do whatever you want."

The two girls sat down and flipped through the menu. They didn't seem too surprised.

They had come because of the shop's reputation. They knew that the things in this shop were expensive, but it didn't matter because the boss was very handsome.

"We'll have two cups of milk tea."

"Alright, wait a moment."

Lin Yi could tell that these two weren't here to eat at all. They were more like just here to tease him.

However, it was not a big problem. Two more customers had entered the accounts, so the mission progress would reach (17/20) soon.

Since it wasn't a professional milk tea shop, there was only one type of milk tea. Lin Yi didn't ask too much and made two cups for them.

"Boss, this straw is too thin. Do you have a thicker straw?" A girl in a short skirt said.

"The straws of normal milk tea are like this, right?"

"But I want something thicker."

"How thick do you want it to be? Do you want it as thick as a cucumber?"

"Sure, that would be perfect."

The two female voices laughed. They drove even faster than Lin Yi.

"Boss, can we add you on WeChat?"

"Of course not."

"How much do I have to spend to add you on WeChat? Will 10,000 yuan be okay?"

"Ten thousand?"

Lin Yi was a little surprised. It was obvious that she was from a rich family.

"Don't even think about adding me on WeChat. Besides, I don't lack that 10,000 yuan. This is a proper restaurant, so such things are prohibited."

"Boss, don't be like this. We deliberately skipped class to come and see you," the girl in the short skirt said.

“But judging from your taste in clothes, you’re probably not poor either. Won’t you consider the two of us?”

Creak—

Just as the girl in the short skirt was speaking, the door of the store was pushed open and Ji Qingyan walked in.

She heard their conversation clearly.

Lin Yi shrugged. “The lady boss is here. You guys have no chance at all.”

“Lady boss?” The girl in the short skirt looked back. “You have a really good figure.”

Ji Qingyan pulled down her mask and the two girls were stunned when they saw her face.

Her figure was already invincible, but her face was actually even more beautiful.

In terms of looks and figure, even the school belle of the Drama Academy couldn’t compete, right?

“Is this the lady boss?”

“I wouldn’t give her the title so casually.”

“Uh... sorry to disturb you.”

In front of Ji Qingyan, the girls felt a little ashamed of their inferiority. After paying the bill, they turned around and left.

“How long has it been? Why are you back so soon?”

“Am I stopping you from picking up girls?”

“Don’t talk nonsense. I haven’t even gotten you yet. How would I have the time to get someone else?”

“Is what you have not enough?”

“This is nothing. Sleeping with you is the real fruit of success. Holding hands and kissing you is nothing.”

“Only you boys would have such dirty thoughts. Actually, I feel that this is quite good. Isn’t a life like this nice enough? True love is peaceful. Haven’t you heard of this saying before?”

“Then let me ask you something. Children are the bridge and bond between husband and wife. Have you heard that saying before?”

“Of course I’ve heard of it.”

“Do you agree with that statement?”

“Of course I agree. What you’re saying makes sense.”

“But the prerequisite is that we have to have a child, right?” Lin Yi said.

“Do you think we can give birth to children just by kissing and holding hands? Are we alien creatures?”

“Stop brainwashing me with those crooked theories. Your head is filled with those indecent things.”

“Ji Qingyan, if you say that, I’ll have to argue with you.”

“Alright, there are no customers now. Let’s argue.”

“According to what you said, if my parents-in-law are all decent people, then where did you come from?” Lin Yi said.

“You’re my opponent, so please answer my question directly.”

‘Um...’

She fell silent.

How could anyone answer such a question?

“Well, this kind of thing should only be considered after marriage, right? Your mission now is to date well and earn money. Don’t focus on anything else.”

“That’s true, but...”

“Okay, debate closed. Your argument is dismissed. Don’t say anything else.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Girls were so good at arguing.

“Are you hungry? Shall I make you something to eat?”

“I want a bowl of noodles and two poached eggs.”

“Wait, I’ll make it for you now.”

“Hehe, I’ll come too. Let’s go to the kitchen together.”

“Let’s go.”

When they reached the kitchen, Ji Qingyan rolled up her sleeves.

“I’ll make the dough. You prepare the rest.”

“Making noodles is a technical job. Are you sure it’ll work?”

“Why don’t I give it a try?” Ji Qingyan replied confidently. “The ratio should be a bowl of noodles to half a bowl of water.”

“Pretty much, but you have to try adding water. The ratio you just mentioned is just an approximate proportion.”

“Got it.”

“I’m still a little worried. I’ll just watch you do it.”

“Do you look down on me that much? I graduated from Yan University.”

“Does Yan University teach you how to knead noodles? Aren’t you being a bit too overzealous? Do you even want to steal our local noodle makers’ business?”

“That’s not true. What I’m trying to say is that I’m smart enough. If you know everything, why can’t the same be said for myself?”

“What are you talking about? Why are you making it a competition?”

“Hehe, I didn’t say that. You said it.” Ji Qingyan pushed Lin Yi aside. “Go do your thing. I’ll take care of myself.”

“Is there anyone in the store?”

Hearing the voice coming from outside, Ji Qingyan urged, “Hurry, hurry. There’s a customer.”

“Fine.”

Lin Yi walked out. It was a young good-looking couple.

“Darling, look, the boss is really handsome! As expected, what Senior said is true!”

“Well, your boyfriend is still here. Is acting like this really a good idea?”

“It doesn’t matter. Isn’t the appreciation of beauty a universal right? I’m just admiring handsome men. He won’t mind.”

With that, the girl looked at the boy. “Don’t you think so?”

“Then why didn’t you talk to me the entire night after I looked at your Senior Sister yesterday?”

“That was a scumbag move! How dare you mention it? Don’t you believe that I’ll kick your dog head?”

“Then why are you allowed to look at that handsome guy?”

“The nature of it is different,” the girl said. “I look at serious handsome men, and you look at indecent seniors. Your mindset is very dangerous.”

Lin Yi nodded and thought to himself, “Miss, I’ll have to thank your entire family.”

It could be seen that her boyfriend was an honest person. Although the girl was a little hot-tempered, she was also a good person.

Love in university was too beautiful.

In comparison, he was too pathetic.

When she was in university, none of the girls felt that they were worthy of him, so none of them dared to confess to him. He could only ever get to know them by asking them out.

Furthermore, none of them even gave him a chance to pay.

How sad. He was so envious of such love.

“Everything on the menu is available. Take a look and see if there’s anything you want to eat.” Lin Yi asked when the two of them sat down.

The girl held out two fingers and said with a smile, “Two servings of egg-friedRice. Just give me half of the portion. Put the remaining half portion on his plate.”

After saying that, the girl muttered, “Why can you eat like a pig every day and be so thin? What a sin.”

“Alright, wait.”

With that, Lin Yi turned around and entered the kitchen.

However, as soon as he entered, he was stunned.

There was a large bowl of noodles in the stainless steel basin, and Ji Qingyan was still pouring more noodles into it.

“What are you doing? Don’t you study international trade? Cement work should be done by civil engineering majors, right?”

Ji Qingyan turned around dejectedly. Her pretty face was stained with flour as she looked at Lin Yi pitifully.

“At first, I felt that there was too little noodles and that there wasn’t enough for me to eat, so I added some more noodles. Then, there wasn’t enough water, so I added more water. After that, there wasn’t enough noodles, so it turned into paste.”

“I feel like you’re not talking about this bowl of noodles, but your brain.”

“Are you saying my brain is mush?”

“Based on what you did, it would be an insult to mush.”

“Lin Yi, I can’t believe you’re saying this. You’re not normally like this.” Ji Qingyan widened her eyes and looked at Lin Yi seriously.

“It’s because you’ve been together for too long that the love has disappeared, right?”

Lin Yi pinched Ji Qingyan’s cute face. “Be normal and speak human language.”

“Then what should we do now? There is so much noodles. We definitely can’t eat it all.”

“Of course we’ll have to recycle it.”

“Alright then.” Ji Qingyan puffed up her cheeks.

“Don’t move.”

“Huh? What are you doing?”

“Just stay where you are.”

Lin Yi took the ketchup and drew three whiskers on Ji Qingyan’s face. Coupled with the flour on the tip of her nose, she looked like a kitten.

Ji Qingyan looked at herself in the mirror and smiled happily. It was quite interesting.

The two of them played for a while before Lin Yi pushed aside Ji Qingyan. There were still two guests outside, so he had to prepare their meals.

Ten minutes later, Lin Yi brought out two plates of egg-fried rice.

“Boss, do you normally prepare so much rice?” The girl said in surprise.

“A little extra for your boyfriend.”

“Hehe, thank you, Boss.” The girl pushed the fried rice over. “Pig, eat more.”

After bringing the food out, Lin Yi returned to the kitchen and realized that Ji Qingyan’s appearance had improved a lot. At the very least, she was no longer as unrecognizable as before.

“Lin Yi, I don’t think I can do it. You should do it.”

“Do you finally recognize that you can’t make it?”

“Yes, yes. You’re amazing.”

It was getting late, and Lin Yi was a little hungry. He took the dough from Ji Qingyan and began making the noodles.

Ji Qingyan followed Lin Yi’s instructions and began mixing the soup.

Not long after, two bowls of steaming hot noodles were brought to the table.

“Wow, boss, is this young lady your girlfriend?” The girl said in surprise.

Ji Qingyan was so happy that she did not say anything, waiting for Lin Yi to admit it.

“That’s right.”

Ji Qingyan was bursting with happiness. This feeling was really good.

“Miss, you’re really good-looking.”

“Thank you.”

Ah!

The girl pinched the boy. “Eat your food. Don’t peek at Miss.”

“Didn’t you say that everyone has the right to appreciate beauty?” said the boy.

“If you can look at a decent young man, can’t I look at a decent young lady?”

“You don’t deserve to admire such a beautiful lady.”

The boy, “...”

Feeling wronged and indignant, the boy finished his meal and the two of them left.

After the two of them finished eating, another person came to eat. After paying, the system notification sounded in Lin Yi’s mind.

[Mission completed. Reward: 200,000 proficiency points.]

[Profession Completion: 40%. Reward: Lucky Card x1. Time limit: 10 minutes.]

Lin Yi found the system reward familiar.

Previously, it had given him the same reward, but last time, there was a five-minute time limit. This time, it had doubled.

Lin Yi still liked rewards like the Lucky Cards.

If he used it well, it could become a life-saving item. He had to keep it well.

[System mission: The store’s total income has reached 100,000 yuan. Reward: 200,000 proficiency points.]

This mission made Lin Yi a little melancholic.

The daily income of the store was only two to three thousand yuan.

How long would it take to earn 100,000 yuan?

He had to think of a way to increase sales.

After the two of them finished eating, Ji Qingyan began to do the accounting. Lin Yi sat at the side and played with his phone, playing games with Sugar.

To Lin Yi, Sugar’s existence was scientifically the lower limit of primates.

When God created Ji Qingyan, he had filled her with competence. However, when he created Sugar, he seemed to have skipped this step.

He had just finished a game when another customer came in.

The two of them began to entertain the guests until eight o'clock in the evening. Eight guests came one after another. This kind of customer flow had already improved greatly compared to a few days ago.

Moreover, the items they ordered were not limited to things like egg-fried rice and noodles. Lin Yi felt that he should be able to earn back the cost of operations today.

"Mrs. Lin, how much did you earn today?" Lin Yi asked.

"3,438 yuan."

"The listed profit is about 1,400 yuan, but the actual profit is about 1,000 yuan. I still haven't earned back the cost."

"Huh? Why is there a loss of 400 yuan for no reason?"

"Didn't Yuanyuan and the others eat here? The cost for those dishes is about 400 yuan."

"I see."

Lin Yi opened WeChat and created a new group.

He pulled He Yuanyuan, Tian Yan, Lu Ying, Sun Fuyu, and Wang Ran into the group.

He Yuanyuan, "Boss, do you have any instructions? Do you need me to call Brother Qi over?"

Tian Yan, "President Cheng is also working overtime at the company."

Lin Yi said, "There's no need to call them. I have a secret to tell you guys alone."

Wang Ran, "Teacher Lin, I'm already working on the proposal for Longxin and Sci-Tech."

Sun Fuyu, "Director Lin, what are your instructions?"

Lu Ying sent an emoji with three question marks.

Lin Yi, "Because of you, the sales of the shop dropped by 28%, so now, it's time for you to perform."

Lin Yi said, "The five of you each had a serving of egg fried rice for lunch. Each of you will have to pay 189 yuan. Transfer it now."

He Yuanyuan has left the group.

Lu Ying has left the group.

Lin Yi, "..."

Although He Yuanyuan and Lu Ying had left the group, the others were still very cooperative and paid 189 yuan.

Lin Yi calculated and took back 567 yuan. He didn't earn much, but at least he recovered the costs.

Then, Lin Yi sent Qi Xianzhao a WeChat message.

Lin Yi, "Tell the finance department to deduct 189 yuan from He Yuanyuan and Lu Ying's salary this month."

Qi Xianzhao, "I-I understand, CEO Lin."

Now, the store's income was Lin Yi's life.

It was impossible to do this alone.

At that moment, Ji Qingyan's phone rang. It was He Yuanyuan.

"Senior Sister, your husband is too much. I only ate a bowl of egg-fried rice, but he actually asked me for money. Does he have any conscience?"

"Well, it's not easy for us to earn money either. As employees, we should take care of your boss."

He Yuanyuan, "..."

"You're really old-school capitalists."

He Yuanyuan hung up the phone, but the money was still not transferred.

Despite this, Lin Yi wasn't afraid. He would just deduct it from her salary.

"We've been open for three days. How much did we earn?" Lin Yi asked.

"Nearly 7,000 yuan."

"But the odds have moved in our favor today. We've already earned back the cost. I hope we can reach a new high tomorrow."

Lin Yi placed his hands behind his head.

He had only earned 7,000 yuan in three days. When would he earn 100,000 yuan?

The price of the menu was set by the system. It was impossible to change it willy-nilly, so he had to think of other ways to increase sales.

“Lin Yi, why don’t we close up today? Let’s go out for a walk.” Ji Qingyan smiled at Lin Yi as she rested her cheek on her hand.

“Are we going to the night market again?”

“You don’t want to? Then, how about we go to a nearby university to look around? Let’s experience the atmosphere there.”

“What’s there to experience? Didn’t you go to university too?”

“During that time, I was focused on my studies and was never in the mood to stroll around campus. That’s why I want to experience it now.”

Lin Yi looked at Ji Qingyan with a faint smile on his face. “You were single back then, so there was no point in strolling.”

“You’re the one who was single. When I was in school, there were many people wooing me, but I didn’t accept any of them,” she said proudly.

“Let’s go. Today, I’ll let you experience what it’s like to be led around campus by your boyfriend.”

“Hehe, let’s go.”

The two of them packed their things and locked the door before walking toward the university town.

“There are four schools nearby. Which one do you want to go to?”

“Whichever is nearest. Let’s take a simple stroll. You still have to work when you get home.”

“Then let’s go to Zhonghai University. We can just walk to the front and turn around.”

“Yes, yes. Let’s go.”

Although it was already past eight in the evening, it was quite lively.

The hustle and bustle of the food stall complemented the colorful neon lights of the city at night.

Just like Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan, some of the students walked into the school arm in arm.

Some people, on the other hand, walked toward the hotel on the next street.

When he was in school, Lin Yi had been to Zhonghai University a few times and was quite familiar with the area.

“Why is the school surrounded by woods?”

Seeing Zhonghai Institute of Technology’s surrounding, Ji Qingyan was surprised.

“Zhonghai University has an agricultural college. This area is their experimental field. It’s now a place for young couples to go crazy.”

She looked inside and realized that there were indeed many young men and women hugging each other inside.

“These people are too bold,” Ji Qingyan said sheepishly.

“It’s all about the excitement.”

Ji Qingyan held Lin Yi’s arm as they walked along the path filled with camphor trees.

The passersby couldn’t help but glance at Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan when they saw them.

However, neither of them took it to heart. To Ji Qingyan, this was the a rare moment in her life.

“Every time I look at them, I feel old,” she lamented.

“Sad?”

“Mm.”

“I feel like I never did anything that I should have done when I was young. I spent all my time on my studies. Now, I don’t even have the chance to do it anymore.

“If you hadn’t taken me to Disneyland, I would have forgotten what an amusement park was like.

“But now that I think about it, it’s better to work in life, then walk around romantically with you after.”

Every time he faced such a pretentious question, Lin Yi wondered why was there such a huge difference in the way boys and girls thought.

Wouldn't it be more romantic to go to a hotel and get a room?

Furthermore, it was not just romantic. His soul could also be satisfied.

Wasn't it much more interesting than wandering around here?

Sigh...

"Why aren't you saying anything? Don't you feel the same way?"

'Um...'

The interrogation had begun again.

"I'm the same as you. I have had too many regrets." Lin Yi organized his words and prepared to give a perfect answer.

"When I was in university, my monthly living expenses were only 500 yuan. I relied on my financial aid to survive. I didn't even go to nightclubs or travel. When I went to the shops to buy things, I basically bought the cheapest goods available. I had to perfectly budget my monthly allowance. If I spent too much this month, I had to make up for it from the next month's living expenses. In short, my life was very difficult."

"Were these your regrets?"

"Yeah."

Lin Yi nodded. "After graduation, I felt that this might be a regret that I would carry for the rest of my life. Like you said, even if I had the ability to forward into the future, I won't be able to regain the feelings I missed out on in the past. I can buy osmanthus and drink with you now, but it's different. I'm now a young man."

"But after meeting you, I realized that those so-called regrets were only the most insignificant gap in my life. And your appearance was the thing that completed my life."

Ji Qingyan stopped in her tracks. She had never thought that she would play such an important role in Lin Yi's heart.

Compared to words like "I love you", Lin Yi's words were more touching.

Seeing Ji Qingyan's expression, Lin Yi knew that this was a perfect answer.

The atmosphere had already reached this point, and she was obviously touched.

Lin Yi felt that the door of the hotel was already open to him.

“So, I hold such an important place in your heart.” She smiled happily.

“Then I’ll accompany you for a while longer. That way, your life will be more complete.”

“A little longer?”

Lin Yi felt that Ji Qingyan had misunderstood.

No matter how much they shopped, without going through the baptism of a hotel, they would never be complete!

“You still want to continue shopping?”

“Don’t you want to shop anymore? Do you want to go home?”

“I’m not in a hurry to go back, but I feel that there’s no point in staying here. Why don’t we take a walk outside the school?”

“There’s a snack street outside the school. Didn’t we shop there yesterday?”

“We’ve already seen enough of that. Look outside the school gate. There is ‘Seven Days’ hotel on the opposite side. 100 meters to the left is ‘Like Home’. 50 meters to the right is ‘Greenhotel’. 80 meters to the right is ‘Han Court’. These are all famous historical sites near the university city. If we don’t visit them now, won’t we be wasting this golden opportunity?”

“You just can’t tamper your lust, can you? You keep wanting to drag me to that kind of place.” Ji Qingyan walked forward without looking back. “Anyway, I’m not going. I think it’s pretty nice to be on campus.”

Lin Yi had no choice but to follow Ji Qingyan around the campus.

However, at this moment, a cry of surprise broke the silence.

“Boss?”

Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan turned around and saw five or six people standing behind them.

A few of them were repeat customers of the shop.

Zhao Yuetong, Tong Fei, and Li Chang.

However, there were a few boys following behind them. Lin Yi had some impression of them.

One of them was Tong Fei’s boyfriend, Liu Jiyuan.

The others were Feng Shiyu and the others who had gone to look for Zhao Yuetong yesterday.

This was how university life was like. When you didn't take down a girl, you would usually move out as a dormitory unit.

Seeing Lin Yi, the girls walked over.

"Boss, is this lady your girlfriend?"

"Yes, the shop is closed, so I came here to look around," Lin Yi smiled and replied.

"Hello, Miss."

The girls had seen Ji Qingyan before and had long guessed their identities.

They were a perfect match.

"Hello." Ji Qingyan greeted them with a smile.

"Boss, you guys haven't been to our school before, right? Do you want to come inside?" Zhao Yuetong invited.

"Little Tong, why did you invite them? Let's continue shopping," Feng Shiyu said.

"It's my business. If you don't like it, you can go somewhere else."

Feng Shiyu fell silent after being rebuked.

His resentment towards Lin Yi deepened.

If it weren't for him, he and Little Tong would have already gotten together.

"Then... then let's go together."

Ji Qingyan did not want to go with anyone else. It would disturb her and Lin Yi's private time.

However, since the other party had already taken the initiative to suggest this, it wouldn't be good to reject them so directly. Thus, they could only walk around together.

Li Chang chuckled. "Boss, you've been popular on our school's forum over the past few days. More and more people know about you now. Business should be good today, right?"

"It's indeed a little better. Thank you."

“Don’t worry about it, it was my pleasure. It’s mainly because your family’s food is too delicious. Although it’s a little expensive, it’s not bad to eat it once in a while.”

“Please come again next time.” Ji Qingyan smiled, grateful for their support.

She strolled all the way to the basketball court and saw many boys sweating profusely.

“If I remember correctly, you should know how to play basketball, right?”

“What do you mean ‘should’? I’ve already mastered such childish things.”

“Boss knows how to play basketball?” Li Chang was surprised.

“Who doesn’t know such a simple thing?”

“Boss, you’re too amazing. Not only are you good-looking, but you also know how to cook and play basketball. Can you be any more perfect?”

“Be careful, your sister is here.”

“Hehe...” The three girls laughed. “But he’s indeed very good. I like boys who play basketball the most.”

“Isn’t that great? Basketball is my forte,” Feng Shiyu said.

“I like boys who play basketball like the boss, no one else.”

Feng Shiyu was speechless. He was obviously bragging in front of his girlfriend. How could she believe that?

“Lin Yi, let’s go to the basketball court.” Ji Qingyan held Lin Yi’s hand and said with a smile.

“I like boys who play basketball, too.”

“Really? Why haven’t I heard you mention it before?”

“I’m afraid you wouldn’t know how to play and it’d hurt your pride.”

“Then let’s go and take a look.”

Ji Qingyan and Zhao Yuetong’s appearance made everyone on the court stop what they were doing.

Although basketball was fun, it was not as attractive as beautiful women.

Not to mention such a beautiful girl.

“Brother Feng is here to torture noobs again.”

Seeing Feng Shiyu and the others arrive, the people from the basketball court took the initiative to greet them.

In Zhonghai Institute of Technology, Feng Shiyu, a member of the school team, could be considered an influential figure. Almost everyone knew who he was.

Once he arrived on the basketball court, he would almost always torture the noobs, so he did not come here often. He felt that this was boring and so often went to other schools to find stronger opponents to play with.

“There’s someone here who says he knows how to play basketball and came to play a bit.”

Everyone’s gaze landed on Lin Yi.

This was because this person was a little unfamiliar. They had never seen him before.

“Perfect. Let’s play together.” As he spoke, the boy handed over the basketball.

“Forget it. I’m just here for a walk. I don’t have that much time.”

“Hey, don’t stress. We’re all Brother Feng’s friends. Don’t stand on ceremony.”

Lin Yi took the basketball with a smile and handed it to Ji Qingyan. “Do you want to try?”

“I really can’t play well. Sports isn’t my strong suit.”

“Just give it a try. We have nothing to do anyway.”

“Hehe, I’ll try.”

Ji Qingyan held the basketball in her hand and walked over to shoot the ball. Then, she used all her strength to push the ball. The ball barely flew over her head, and that was it...

“That’s it?”

“Err... that’s all I’m capable of...” she replied sheepishly.

“Aren’t you usually quite strong when you pinch me?”

"That's different. The way you exert force is different," Ji Qingyan whispered. "If there's a competition that focuses on pinching people, then I might rank first."

"Okay, let's change the subject."

Ji Qingyan grinned as she tugged at Lin Yi's arm. "Come on, try a three-pointer. Don't embarrass yourself."

"It's a piece of cake. I can close my eyes and score it."

Feng Shiyu and the others secretly despised him.

What was he bragging about?

That was a basket, not a goal. Do you think you can just throw it in so easily?

Swoosh!

A three-pointer was easily scored.

"Not bad." She gave him a thumbs up.

However, Feng Shijie and the others were a little surprised. Did his bluff pay off?

"One more, one more," Ji Qingyan said eagerly.

She enjoyed the feeling of Lin Yi being the center of attention. She felt proud.

"It's just a three-pointer. Don't you find it boring?"

"What's there to tire of? It's already very impressive to be able to score from this range," Ji Qingyan said contentedly.

Lin Yi's shooting posture was perfect, and his athletic ability was also very good.

When she had a child in the future, he could make up for her unathletic genes.

'Huh?'

Why did she think of such a shameful thing?

This time, Lin Yi stood further away, "I'll score another one for you."

"Yes, yes. Best of luck."

“Isn’t it a little pretentious to stand so far away?” Liu Jiyuan said, “You might not even be able to touch the basket.”

“I also feel that he is acting tough,” Feng Shiyu said.

“Are you guys jealous?” Tong Fei asked.

“It’s not jealousy. It’s impossible,” Feng Shiyu said.

“Look at where he’s standing. He’s almost in the middle of the court. Does he think he’s a professional athlete? Amateurs don’t have such strong arms. I don’t think he can even touch the basket.”

“That’s right, this is not human,” Liu Jiyuan said.

Feng Shiyu crossed his arms in front of his chest and gloated, “If it can go in, I’ll eat the basketball.”

Swoosh!

The basketball drew a perfect arc in the air and entered the net.

“F*ck!”

“So accurate!”

The basketball court was filled with exclamations.

He scored two consecutive shots with such perfect posture. It was obvious that he had practiced it before!

“Brother Yu, this is a little awkward,” Liu Jiyuan said.

“Didn’t the boss say that he eat basketball if this guy scored?” Li Chang said.

“Well…” Feng Shiyu looked embarrassed. “I was just blabbering. Besides, what’s the big deal about knowing how to shoot? Ordinary people can improve their accuracy with a little practice. The most important thing is how you play basketball.”

“The boss is so accurate. You might not even be a match for him in an actual match. Don’t slander him here,” Zhao Yuetong said.

Although Lin Yi had a girlfriend, it didn’t affect the mood of these fangirls.

“Little Tong, it’s a little embarrassing for you to say that. I’m not the best, but I am one of the ranked basketball players in Zhonghai. Won’t it be a breeze for me to beat him?”

“That’s not necessarily true. Don’t brag.”

“Little Tong, how about this? I’ll fight him one-on-one later. If I win, you’ll have to give me another chance, okay?”

“And if you lose?”

“I won’t lose.”

“Don’t be so confident,” Zhao Yuetong said. “If you lose, you can’t pester me anymore.”

“Haha, no problem. Don’t go back on your word.”

“Don’t worry, I won’t regret it even if I die.”

“Little Tong, do you really like Feng Shiyu?” Li Chang whispered.

“I used to have a good impression of him, but after what happened yesterday, I feel that he’s not a good person. He doesn’t even know basic respect. A boy like him is unreliable.”

“If you don’t like him, why did you give him a chance?”

“When did I give him a chance?” Zhao Yuetong said.

“Didn’t you say that if he beats the boss in a one-on-one battle, you’d give him a chance? Doesn’t that mean that you’ve tacitly agreed?”

“But the boss is very accurate. His skills are definitely not bad.”

“You’re really stupid. Even someone like me who fails every year knows that an actual match and a shooting competition are two different things. Why don’t you know this?”

“Is the difference between the two that great?”

“Of course.” Li Chang said.

“The boss might know how to play basketball, but Feng Shiyu is on the school team. It’s not a fair comparison at all.”

Hearing Li Chang’s words, Zhao Yuetong realized the seriousness of the problem and quietly pulled Tong Fei to the side.

“Feifei, who do you think will win between the boss and Feng Shiyu?”

“Needless to say, it’ll be Feng Shiyu. It’s obvious.”

Tong Fei smiled ambiguously and nudged Zhao Yuetong with his elbow. "Did you regret rejecting Feng Shiyu after seeing the boss's girlfriend? If you regret it, just say it. It's not a big deal. There's no need to use such a method to cover it up."

"Of course not," Zhao Yuetong said.

Only then did she realize that she had been a little naive earlier.

"Feng Shiyu, I regret it. What I said just now didn't count."

"Doesn't count?" Feng Shiyu said.

"You just said that you won't go back on your word even if you die. If you want to deny it, you're automatically saying that he lost. At that point, I'll feel no sense of accomplishment in beating him. Others will even say that I'm bullying him."

Zhao Yuetong stopped talking. She felt like she had sold herself out.

"Little Tong, I think you should take things as they come." Li Chang comforted her.

"Perhaps God wants the two of you to be together. If you can't resist, just enjoy it silently."

"But I don't want it to be like this," Zhao Yuetong said unhappily. "If I had known this would happen, I definitely wouldn't have made a bet with him."

"But now that things have come to this, it's useless for you to regret it." Li Chang shrugged and said.

"You can only hope the boss wins."

"Then do you think the boss has a chance of winning?"

"If you sleep now, he might have a chance in your dreams."

"Then it's over," Zhao Yuetong said dejectedly.

Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan did not hear their conversation as they continued to cuddle.

"Lin Yi, you're too good. I didn't know you were so good at basketball before this."

"I was a basketball teacher at Normal University. Have you forgotten about this?"

"At that time, I thought that you were just being glib-tongued. I didn't know that you were so amazing. Hehe..."

Ji Qingyan's expression was like that of a thief.

"Look at the men around you. They're all looking at you enviously. One look and you can tell that they're not as good as you."

"Stop praising me. If you continue praising me, I'll feel like I'm in heaven."

"You're amazing." Ji Qingyan nudged Lin Yi.

"Go and do something even more difficult. Let them be envious for a while longer."

"The ball I threw just now was already very difficult."

"Is there no better way to shoot?" Ji Qingyan asked. "I want to see the envy in their eyes."

"Then I'll show you a stunt that will shock the entire audience. I guarantee that you've never seen it in real life."

"Sure, sure."

"Wait here."

"Dude!"

Seeing Lin Yi walk away from the three-point line, Feng Shiyu stopped him.

"What's up?"

"Shooting is so boring. Why don't the two of us play for seven balls?"

"I just want to shoot a few baskets and leave. If I play basketball, I will definitely sweat."

"Your athletic ability can't be that bad, right? It's just seven balls. You can finish the battle in a few minutes."

"Alright, I haven't played in a long time. I'll play a match with you later." Lin Yi said indifferently.

"Later?"

"My girlfriend wants to see me perform. We'll fight after I'm done."

"Alright, you can go ahead first." Feng Shiyu was not in a hurry.

"Brother Yu, aren't you going to take this opportunity to warm up?" Liu Jiyuan said.

“Why would I need to warm up to beat him? I probably won’t even sweat after playing the seven balls.”

“You’re right. The gap between the two of you is indeed sizeable.”

Zhao Yuetong secretly sighed. She was already regretting her decision to death.

At the same time, everyone’s gaze landed on Lin Yi.

He took the basketball and retreated to the middle of the court. No one knew what he was going to do.

“What is he trying to do? Is he going to throw blindly?” Liu Jiyuan asked.

“Maybe. This is a little technical, but there’s a lot of luck involved. If you get it in, you can show off in front of your girlfriend. If you don’t, you can say that you didn’t perform well. In short, he only has one goal. It’s to show off in front of his girlfriend.”

However, at this moment, Lin Yi moved.

He rushed towards the basket with the ball.

“F*ck, what’s this? It’s not a blind throw!” Liu Jiyuan said in surprise.

“Is he going to perform a layup?” Feng Shiyu was dumbfounded.

A three-step layup didn’t have as high a skillcap as a three-pointer. What kind of performance was this?!

Even if your girlfriend doesn’t know basketball, there are so many basketball enthusiasts on the court.

He was really impressed.

This guy didn’t even know how to act cool!

“Wait, damn, he’s jumping from the free throw line. He’s not going for a layup, he’s going for a dunk!”

Under everyone’s gaze, Lin Yi jumped from the free-throw line while holding the basketball.

His body stretched to the extremes, arcing like a powerful battle axe as he flew past countless people’s eyes!

Whoosh!

Lin Yi slammed the basketball into the basket.

At this moment, time seemed to have stopped.

Only the shaking basketball hoop told them what had just happened.

“What the f*ck? He just slammed it into the net like a tomahawk. Is this something a normal human can do?”

Ji Qingyan’s beautiful eyes widened in shock.

Lin Yi jumped so high just now.

Improving the genepool shouldn’t be a big problem.

‘Uh... Why did I think of such a shameful thing again?’

“F*ck! Awesome! God!”

After a short silence, the basketball court was filled with exclamations.

Everyone’s eyes were filled with shock and admiration as they looked at Lin Yi.

This greatly satisfied her vanity.

This felt really good.

“How was that shot?”

“It was great.”

Ji Qingyan stomped her feet in agitation. If it weren’t for the fact that there were so many people here, she would definitely have gone up to kiss him.

Zhao Yuetong and the other girls were also starry-eyed.

Not only was he a computer god, but he was also good at basketball.

How could there be such a perfect person in this world?!

Lin Yi turned around and looked at Feng Shiyu. “Didn’t you say you wanted to play seven balls? Let’s start now. We have nothing to do anyway.”

“Um...”

Feng Shiyu was stunned speechless. The others also looked like they were watching a good show.

From the way he shot and dunked just now, it could be seen that he definitely had the skills, and he was not someone to underestimate.

The slam dunk seemed simple, but it required a high degree of skill.

It was not just that he performed a slam dunk by jumping high, but that he also did it in such an exaggerated fashion. It was clear his strength was definitely above Feng Shiyu's.

Although the battle had yet to begin, the outcome was obvious.

"What are you waiting for? Are we going to fight?"

"Well, I suddenly feel a little uncomfortable. I'm not going to play today. Let's play another day."

"Alright then, let's not fight then."

Lin Yi put his arm around Ji Qingyan's shoulders.

"It's getting late. Let's go back."

"Uh-uh."

Seeing Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan leave, Feng Shiyu walked up to Zhao Yuetong.

"Little Tong, didn't you feel regretful just now? I also feel that it's meaningless to compete like this. I'll just do as you say."

"You don't even have the guts to compete with him. What's the use of saying that you regret it now? In short, the two of us will never be together. You don't have a chance with me anymore. Don't send me WeChat messages in the future."

Lin Yi didn't know that he had unknowingly extinguished Feng Shiyu's last flame of hope.

'I'm sorry about that.'

The two of them slowly returned to the entrance of the store and drove back to Jiuzhou Pavilion.

Lin Yi sat on the sofa while Ji Qingyan cut the fruit and brought it to him.

She sat on his lap and held her face. “You were really awesome just now. The others were so envious of you.”

Lin Yi didn't know whether to laugh or cry. “It's just a few three-pointers and a slam dunk. Is there a need to be happy until now?”

“That's because you didn't see the envy in their eyes.”

“Alright, as long as you're happy.”

Ji Qingyan smiled and held Lin Yi's face as she spoke seriously.

“When we were strolling around campus, you said I'd completed your life. Is that true?”

“Of course it is.”

“On the way back, I thought about it for a while. I think you had the same effect on me.”

“So don't worry. When you're old and your legs aren't working well, or your lower limbs are paralyzed, I'll push you around in a wheelchair. I won't make you sit at the side and watch me dance with another old man.”

“Wait...” Lin Yi said.

“Can't I be healthier when I'm old? Why did I end up paralyzed? Can't I be the one to have to push you?”

“Aiya, I'm just making an analogy to prove that I'll definitely treat you well in the future.

“Even if you need equipment to sustain your life in the future, I will definitely get the doctor to do his best to save you.

“If one day, my life needs to be maintained with equipment, get the doctor to cut off my life support. I'd have been famous for my entire life. I can't leave in such a sorry state.”

“Are you sure?”

“Of course.”

Ji Qingyan got off Lin Yi and walked to the television cabinet.

“Oh sh*t, don't disconnect the router.”

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Perhaps it was because she was in a good mood, but the next morning, Ji Qingyan made several dishes that Lin Yi liked to eat as a reward.

After dinner, Ji Qingyan wore a blue shirt, a white suit, and transparent lace-up sandals as she left with Lin Yi.

“You’re going out in the Koenigsegg RS?”

“We’re going to discuss something. If we aren’t going to the shop first, I won’t drive the Shari.”

“You want to discuss the phone system.”

Lin Yi nodded. “Yeah.”

“That’s fine too. Since we’ve earned money, we can indulge ourselves for once.” Ji Qingyan nodded.

After a few simple words, the two of them drove out.

Ji Qingyan went to the Chaoyang Group while Lin Yi drove to Liang Ruoxu’s place.

“Are you in the office?”

On the way, Lin Yi called Liang Ruoxu.

“I’m at home. I haven’t left yet.”

“What time is this? I can’t believe you haven’t left the house yet. Do you still want your perfect attendance bonus this month?”

“Who would dare to deduct my salary?” Liang Ruoxu smiled and said.

“A few days ago, Uncle Chen called me and wanted to invite you out for a meal, but I knew you didn’t like socializing, so I helped you reject him.”

“Why is he treating me to a meal?”

“You did such an earth-shattering thing and benefited the public. He has to thank you. He even said that he wanted you to be the secretary-general of the Huaxia Medical Association and was prepared to let me give you the letter of appointment.”

“When you have time, come to my place.”

“I have time now. Wait for me at home.”

“Then buy me a box of yogurt as well on the way. I want to drink it.”

“You have so many demands.”

“Do you still want to keep your shop open? Do you believe that I’ll shut it down?”

“You’re too much.”

Lin Yi drove to Liang Ruoxu’s house and bought two boxes of yogurt for her.

Obviously, Liang Ruoxu had just woken up. She was still wearing her pajamas. Her hair was disheveled, and her fair legs were exposed. The front of his body was round and unusually full, giving off the aura of a housewife.

“You took the initiative to call me. Is there something wrong?”

“Look at what you’re saying. Am I that snobbish? Can’t I look for you without a good reason?”

“Are you sure you’re okay?”

“I myself am fine, but this has something to do with you, so I came to tell you about it.”

“Something to do with me?”

“I’m passing some political achievements on to you. Do you want it?”

“What did you drum up this time?”

“We’re secretly developing a mobile phone system. We’ll follow our usual process. We can add your name under the list of advisors.”

“Keep trying to fool me,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“The phone system isn’t anything brilliant. If you need my help, just say so. You like to trick me every day.”

Lin Yi chuckled. “Then I won’t hide it for you. Can you come up with some policies to help out?”

“What policies? Tell me.”

“The Spring Festival Gala’s exclusive title sponsorship rights and money don’t matter. As long as the higher-ups give a number, I can afford it. However, I don’t want to go through the bidding process. Can you do something about this?”

“Theoretically, no.”

Lin Yi smiled and instantly understood what she meant.

In a country like Huaxia, speech was an artform.

When she said it theoretically wasn’t possible, then it meant it was possible.

Theoretically, it was possible, but not possible.

“I’ll talk to the relevant people. It’s not a big problem, but we still have to go through the process. However, this will just be a formality and won’t influence the outcome. Don’t worry about that,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“According to last year’s price, the title sponsorship of the Spring Festival Gala will cost about 1 billion yuan. But with your good reputation, I don’t think you’ll need to offer that much money. You’ll only have to give a symbolic amount.”

“I’m relieved to hear that.”

Liang Ruoxu looked at Lin Yi seriously. “What are you advertising? A new phone?”

“It’s not a phone. It’s a phone system.”

“System?”

Liang Ruoxu was a little confused. “Who advertises the phone system on its own? That doesn’t make much sense, does it?”

“This is just something I want to try,” Lin Yi said.

“The current mobile phone market has already been established. It’s always between Apple’s iOS or Google’s Android. If we use traditional methods to promote it, the effect will definitely not be ideal. Therefore, I plan to package and sell the new mobile phone system as a commodity.”

“So, you want to use the political orientation of the Spring Festival Gala to do this?”

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“That’s right. Consider it a public signal. I’m wondering how many people will fall for it.”

“It’s unlikely that they’ll fall for it. The current crop of entrepreneurs will always go with the majority, even if it might sway their future decisions,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“Therefore, if you want to use this method to convince them to try the newly developed phone system, it’s not very likely to succeed.”

“That’s why I have decided to come in and mess things up.”

“I don’t think you want to come in and mess things up. You just want to throw money at people.”

“You know me best.”

“However, I feel that no one will be willing to do shift over,” Liang Ruoxu said.

“IOS and Android are too mature. There’s no need to talk about IOS here. Even Android is open-source. Who would waste their resources on something like your system?”

“I thought of the problem you mentioned, so I rejected this idea. Since I can’t work with others, I’ll do it myself.”

“You’ll have to sell the phones first.”

“No, the phone system is still a commodity. I’ll give it to whoever wants it. It’ll be free.”

Liang Ruoxu felt that something was wrong. “Why are you making this? This doesn’t seem like a way to earn money.”

“I’m not focusing on making money, so there’s no hurry.” Lin Yi said.

“As for this matter, I’ll need your help.”

“Naming rights is a small matter. My grandfather won’t even need to step in. Uncle Chen can handle it.” Liang Ruoxu said.

“But is this enough? Should I get you some additional approval?”

“Hmm? Approval for what?”

“For example, the national ‘Several Plans to Promote the Development of the Software Industry’ surrounds this field and might benefit you.”

“That’s fine. In any case, if you think it’ll help me, I’ll take as much as you can give. I don’t mind.”

“How greedy.”

After a brief chat, Liang Ruoxu changed her clothes and prepared to go to work.

She originally wanted to take Lin Yi's car, but when she saw that he was driving a Koenigsegg RS, she gave up.

When he returned to the shop, it was already past ten in the morning.

Lin Yi organized the thoughts in his mind again.

Liang Ruoxu was right. It was impossible to get someone else to use his system, so he had to do it himself.

However, Sci-Tech produced small chips. It was still a little difficult to pivot it into the mobile phone production line.

Still, what other option did he have?

After sorting out his thoughts, Lin Yi pulled Sun Fuyu and Qi Xianzhao into a group.

He was prepared to hold a video conference and assign them missions.

"Director Lin, do you have any instructions?" Sun Fuyu said in the video.

"The source code of the new system should be as similar to Android as possible. In other words, any app that is suitable for Android should be able to be used on our new system with only a few modifications. However, we also have to maintain some technical differences so that no one can replicate it. On a technical level, this should not be difficult."

Sun Fuyu smiled slyly. "Don't worry, President Lin. I've been doing this since the beginning."

"Are you serious?"

"I'm serious," Sun Fuyu said. "We're not the first to create a system, so the industry is very certain when it comes to this."

"Take your time."

"If you want absolute control, you have no choice but to research a brand new mobile phone system. If you try to innovate it from scratch, in this era where apps are everywhere, you're simply courting death. No one will waste their effort to develop an app for a new system. The only solution is to make a system similar to Android. By doing so, with a few modifications, you can tweak apps to adapt to the new system, greatly reducing the difficulty of development."

"What about risk aversion?"

"This is even simpler. Penguin has already shown us a clear path on how to do this," Sun Fuyu said.

"In the field of online information security, the definition of plagiarism is the same code, but to avoid this, we just need to rewrite the code. Even if they sue us, we don't have to be afraid. Our code is only similar, but not identical. Moreover, they are a foreign company. It's nonsense for them to want to win against a local company in Huaxia."

Hiss!

Lin Yi gasped.

"You're a f*cking genius!"

"Hehe, thank you for your praise, President Lin."

"Old Qi, I have a very important mission for you," Lin Yi said. "Find a few factories. We're preparing to enter the mobile phone industry."

"I've already tried to contact a few companies. I was just waiting for President Lin to give me instructions."

"You prepared in advance?"

"Yuanyuan told me about this when she came back. I pretty much guessed this would be the next step."

Lin Yi nodded. Old Qi was also a talent.

"Since you're already prepared, I'll make it short," Lin Yi said.

"The cost of the phone must be limited to less than 1,000 yuan, but the camera and screen resolutions cannot be lacking. These are the main features. In terms of software, we'll use our new system. The rest is up to you."

"Got it."

"I'll try to come up with a plan within the week."

"Alright, that's all for today. You guys go ahead and take care of it. If you encounter any difficulties or anything you can't handle, call me."

After explaining everything, Lin Yi got busy with the shop and started preparing the goods.

However, at this moment, someone pushed open the door and walked in.

There were three women and one man. They were dressed very trendy and seemed to be quite wealthy.

“Oh my god, look, the boss is really handsome!”

“I can’t take it anymore. I’m going to faint.”

At this moment, one of the girls in black silk walked up to Lin Yi.

“Handsome, can we take a photo with you?”

“Do I look like a panda? What photo do you want?” Lin Yi said.

“What a cold and handsome man. He’s really different from those bootlickers.”

“Hehe, I like this kind of cold and aloof type. The more he ignores me, the more I want to pester him.”

Lin Yi, “...”

What kind of weird fetish was this?

“Handsome, we want to eat,” the girl in black silk said.

“The menu is on the table. Order whatever you want.”

As if they knew that this shop was very expensive, the girls were not surprised when they saw the price.

They ordered two servings of egg fried rice, noodles, and three side dishes before sitting down at the table.

Lin Yi was about to return to the kitchen to cook when a few more girls walked in.

“Boss, three servings of egg-fried rice.”

“Sure.”

Lin Yi was a little flattered by all the business so early in the morning.

However, it was a good thing that many guests came, since this meant he was one step closer to completing his mission.

The only drawback was that he was a little too busy.

Lin Yi returned to the kitchen and started cooking.

In less than ten minutes, the egg fried rice was ready to be served. The remaining vegetable noodles were also made very quickly and did not take long.

About half an hour later, the two tables of guests left one after another, but the stream of guests did not end. There was a constant stream of people visiting.

There was even a queue forming outside in the afternoon.

Even Ji Qingyan, who was far away at Chaoyang Group, was stunned by this explosive scene.

She realized this because the payment code in the store was linked to her account.

Every ten minutes or so, she would receive a reminder to collect the money.

In just one morning, she had already received more than 4,000 yuan.

The reason why business suddenly improved was not without reason.

After a few days of fermentation, the store's reputation had spread.

The first reason was naturally the taste. Even if it was a little expensive, it did not matter if they only ate it once in a while.

Next was Lin Yi's looks.

It was definitely enjoyable to have such a handsome man cook for these customers.

In the end, the people who came to eat no longer ordered their own food.

They would eat whatever Lin Yi made for them.

As long as it was Lin Yi who did it.

They were here for Lin Yi, making the latter feel like a monkey.

Unfortunately, he was a busy monkey at that.

Helpless, Lin Yi called He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan and asked them to help in the shop.

He would definitely not be able to handle it alone.

About half an hour later, the two of them arrived at the store from Lingyun Group.

The customers soon saw two mature women in work uniforms appear in the shop.

The female customers in the restaurant were all amazed.

These two ladies were too good-looking.

Moreover, they seemed to be very rich because the bags they carried were Hermes bags.

“Boss, please have mercy. I still have a lot of work to do at my company. If you ask me to work here, I’ll have to work overtime at night.”

He Yuanyuan was the only one who dared to criticize Lin Yi like this.

“Let me tell you, whether a person can succeed or not doesn’t depend on how much she does at the company. It depends on how much effort she has put in after work. I’m doing this for your own good. Why don’t you understand my good intentions?”

“Look at Tian Yan. Why can she be called on without any complaints?” Lin Yi said.

“Even if I’m pooping, she can give me paper. Even if I’m in the middle of doing it, she will give me condoms. Why can’t you be the same? You’re both women. One of you is 36B, and the other is 37E. Why is the difference between you too so big?”

“You still wear condoms when doing it? How dissapointing.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Tian Yan, “???”

She now understood something.

There was a reason why some people could become President Lin’s trusted aides.

“Cut the crap and get to work. Go out and greet the guests.”

He Yuanyuan knew that she could not run away.

Even if the boss didn’t want her to do it, her senior sister would call her to help.

On the other hand, Tian Yan worked hard and did whatever the boss wanted. She was not as talkative as He Yuanyuan.

With He Yuanyuan and Tian Yan’s help, Lin Yi felt less pressured. He just had to focus on cooking.

Moreover, the dishes ordered by the customers were very simple, so it was not difficult to deal with them.

“Boss, one serving of egg fried rice and one serving of seaweed egg soup.”

“President Lin, one vegetable noodles and one bowl of pickle.”

“Boss, one vegetable noodles, one pan-fried bun, and two cups of milk tea.”

“President Lin, one serving of egg fried rice, one serving of scallion pancakes, and two servings of ginseng soup.”

“F*cking wait for a while.” Lin Yi said.

“Why is business getting better and better? And why are the orders so varied?”

“Because the girls aren’t the only ones eating now. A large number of boys are here.”

“Boys?” Lin Yi said, “Why would boys come here to eat?”

“They just came to look at the clothes Sister Yan is wearing.”

“Aren’t her clothes normal?”

“Are they normal?” He Yuanyuan said with a faint smile.

“She’s wearing a white shirt and a skirt. Her high heels are very charming, so these boys are all here to gawk at her.”