

Secret Love 1761

Chapter 1761: Won't grant you your wish

At an abandoned factory in the capital's suburbs:

When Ye Wanwan arrived, First Elder and Third Elder were knee-deep in their argument with a person—20 years old or so—lying on the ground next to them. The unconscious young man had a large wound on his forehead, and it was unclear whether he was dead or alive.

Ye Wanwan swept her eyes over the stylishly and luxuriously dressed young man. "What happened?"

Big Dipper also looked at the man. "Eh, who's this?"

Seven Star frowned. "Liao Haicheng's son, Liao Jiaqi."

He had researched everything there was to know about Hongxing Gang, so he recognized the man on the ground at one glance.

Liao Haicheng was the boss of Hongxing Gang and had three daughters and one son; Liao Jiaqi was his favored child.

"Um..." Ye Wanwan was surprised. She didn't expect First Elder to abduct Liao Haicheng's son in the blink of an eye.

Third Elder impatiently tattled, "President! First Elder adamantly claims China is a place with laws and that I acted inappropriately, but he abducted someone in broad daylight!"

First Elder shot Third Elder a look of contempt and coldly retorted, "Third Elder, you shouldn't compare your clumsy plans with my tactics!"

"You wasted so much time to handle two small fries; what was the point of that? But me—I captured the ringleader to gain control over his lackeys! That thug steward and his lover act so arrogantly because they have Hongxing Gang backing them up, no? As long as we take care of Hongxing Gang, everything else will be a piece of cake!"

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin. "Hm, that's true..."

Third Elder became anxious upon hearing the President siding with First Elder. "Don't be fooled by him, President! I abducted Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun because they're meat on a chopping board. They wouldn't dare to babble if they were abducted, let alone cause trouble.

"However, this boy is Liao Haicheng's pampered son! Liao Haicheng will definitely be thunderously enraged by First Elder's rash abduction!"

First Elder's expression darkened. "You don't know sh*t..."

Third Elder sneered. "Heh, that's right, I don't know anything. Then you should tell me how you plan to handle this current situation, First Elder. Even if Liao Haicheng was initially successfully threatened by you, what happens after? Can you guarantee he won't retaliate?"

“So what if he retaliates? Our Fearless Alliance isn’t scared of the mere Hongxing Gang!”

“First Elder, our Fearless Alliance naturally has nothing to fear when the situation blows up, but it’ll infringe on China’s laws! It’ll be troublesome then!

“This isn’t the Independent State, First Elder! You said it yourself? What? Aren’t you slapping your own face?”

First Elder exclaimed, “Li Si! You...”

Ye Wanwan impatiently waved her hand at the intense quarreling. “Enough. Stop shouting and be quiet. Let me think about it...”

Everything would be easy to resolve if they were in the Independent State. But this situation... was indeed a bit tricky in China...

First Elder and Third Elder became silent simultaneously but kept contemptuously murdering each other with their looks.

Ye Wanwan was mulling over a solution when a wave of groans was heard from the ground. Liao Jiaqi had woken up.

Liao Jiaqi furiously glared at First Elder. “Just who are you... Don’t you know who I am? Who gave you the guts to abduct me?!”

“I’m telling you, keep dreaming if you want to use me and threaten my dad! I won’t grant you your wish even if I have to die!!!”

Chapter 1762: Warning of Deliciousness

Third Elder stood on the side with his arms crossed and replied, rejoicing in First Elder’s misfortune, “This punk was neither enticed by a carrot nor brow-beaten by a stick. He wanted to break the poison secretly hidden in his mouth as soon as he was captured and wanted to slam his head against something to kill himself but was thankfully stopped by me.”

Big Dipper curiously looped around Liao Jiaqi. “Eh? So unyielding?”

Seven Star said, “He’s Liao Haicheng’s son, after all, so he’s definitely a harder nut to crack compared to normal people.”

Ye Wanwan raised her eyebrows in surprise, developing a whole new level of respect for Liao Jiaqi. “Oh? He does have some grit indeed...”

Upon abruptly hearing a female voice in the factory, Liao Jiaqi reflexively looked up in confusion.

Why was there a woman amidst these bandits? And her voice sounded so nice...

When Liao Jiaqi saw the girl clearly, he was startled, and his vicious and bloodthirsty expression also became dumbfounded.

“Who... who... who are you...?” Liao Jiaqi stared at the girl encircled by everyone in a daze.

The girl was wearing an extremely simple black and red striped sports suit. Her hair was black as ink, her skin was fair as snow, and her looks were as dazzling as the shining moon.

She had her forehead propped on her hand while casually sitting on a dingy metal chair in a lazy position, and her stunning and brilliant eyes were currently focused on him. She looked like she belonged to a world completely different from this bloody, dilapidated factory and the savage, vicious bandits around them...

So beautiful... that she seemed out of this world...

Was this girl also abducted here by them?

Liao Jiaqi directly asked the question on his mind. "Were... were you also abducted by them?"

Liao Jiaqi's male protective instincts erupted instantly. "You guys are simply lunatics—not even sparing a defenseless and weak girl!"

The members of the Fearless Alliance were all stunned by the insult, their faces darkening promptly.

They were all bandits and villains, but they apparently looked like obvious villains who were evil.

As for their esteemed president... She was actually mistaken as an abducted innocent flower by their hostage...

Big Dipper put his hands on his hips and felt like his president had been humiliated, so he shouted angrily, "Are you f*cking blind? How dare you insult our president?! She's our boss!"

"W-what? She... she's your boss?" Liao Jiaqi was incredulous. "How's that possible..."

How could this fairy-like girl be the boss of this savage bunch?

First Elder nervously comforted Ye Wanwan, sweat drenching his forehead. "Don't be angry, President, this d*mn punk mostly likely has vision issues!"

Third Elder also hastily pacified her. "That's right, that's right. Not only does he have vision issues, but he also has issues in the head! You mustn't lower yourself to his level, President!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Alright, to these people, the fact that I was mistaken as a "good person" is indeed a type of humiliation.

"You're really... really their boss...?"

Only then did Liao Jiaqi notice that this girl was the only person sitting in a chair, and these people held a very reverent attitude toward her.

Even so, he still couldn't believe it.

Ye Wanwan didn't deny it and calmly glanced at Liao Jiaqi. "That's right. What about it?"

Liao Jiaqi's eyes sparkled, and an unnatural blush crept over his face as though he was intoxicated. He blurted, "Can I... can I join?"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Big Dipper: "..."

Seven Star: "..."

First Elder: "...".

Third Elder: "...".

Chapter 1763: It's perfect!

An abducted hostage, Liao Haicheng's own son, the heir of Hongxing Gang—he actually requested to join the people who abducted him...

First Elder exclaimed, "The President is clever as expected!"

Third Elder also praised, "The President has profound foresight! This subordinate is ashamedly inferior!"

Big Dipper couldn't help but start clapping. "Sis Feng, you're awesome!"

Even the Fearless Alliance members on the side reverently whispered, "Third Elder only knows to abduct small fries while First Elder thinks himself clever for capturing the ringleader to seize the whole gang, but the President directly instigates a revolt and wipes out the whole gang in one go!"

Ye Wanwan, who was ineffably smothered by all sorts of praises suddenly, was speechless. "..."

Thank you for regarding me so highly...

She was exasperated by the Fearless Alliance members' blind admiration.

Ye Wanwan mockingly glanced at Liao Jiaqi. "Young Master Liao surely knows how to joke!"

Liao Jiaqi's expression became a little more dazed from the faint smile on the girl's face. He immediately retorted, "I wasn't joking! I'm serious!"

Seven Star coldly interjected, "Who do you think we are? Do you think you can join us whenever you want?"

He turned to Ye Wanwan and said, "Sis Feng, this guy harbors evil intentions. Don't trust him easily."

Big Dipper blinked and clapped. "Isn't that perfect? We need exactly this type of talent!"

Seven Star snapped, "... You shut up."

Big Dipper turned to Seven Star, baffled. "Shut up... Why do I need to shut up? Talented people with evil intentions perfectly suit our Fearless Alliance! Should we find a sunny youth filled with righteous intentions to join us instead?"

Ye Wanwan and First Elder wanted to say something in response but couldn't gather anything...

Carefully thinking over it, it was as Big Dipper said. When had the Fearless Alliance started looking for righteous people to join...?

Seven Star: "..."

Seven Star's lips twitched. He wanted to say something but also couldn't come up with anything.

Ye Wanwan turned to Liao Jiaqi and gently pacified him. "Young Master Liao, we don't harbor any malicious intentions toward you. As long as cooperate with us, we'll absolutely guarantee your safety."

Liao Jiaqi hastily stood up and responded, "I'll cooperate with you however you want me to, Goddess... Also, I don't want safety, I want to join..."

Ye Wanwan was at a loss for words. "About you joining... we'll discuss it later... Let's get down to business first..."

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On the other side:

Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun finally endured the most miserable and inhumane four hours of their lives.

When they were finally released, they were barely grasping onto their last breaths.

This kind of pain was on par with dying hundreds and thousands of times.

Just what kind of people could think of this kind of tormenting method that wasn't tainted with a tinge of blood?! They were utterly demons!

Liang Meixuan's hair was a complete mess, and she had dark circles under her eyes that resembled a ghost's. She angrily shouted, on the brink of madness, "Ye Wanwan, you little b*tch! How dare you treat me like this?! I won't spare you! I absolutely won't spare you!"

"What kind of dregs did that little b*tch befriend outside? We must hurry and contact Mr. Liao. Her gutsy move of harming us is equivalent to publicly slapping Mr. Liao's face! I'll bring misery upon her!"

"That's right!"

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Chapter 1764 Dad, save meee!!!

At a certain high-class clubhouse:

Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun didn't even go home and directly sought out Liao Haicheng.

They underwent several days of torment, so they currently resembled refugees and reeked horribly with pallid complexions. Without any surprise, they were stopped by two bodyguards in black as soon as they reached the entrance.

"Who are you?!"

"Its me! Fm Liang Meixuan! We have something very important to tell Mr. Liao!"

Liang Meixuan hastily said.

"Liang Meixuan? How did you end up like this?" The bodyguard now recognized the duo, revealing a contemptuous expression.

“We were abducted! It was very difficult for us to escape!”

“Abducted?” “Who’s outside?”

A deep and low voice was emitted from the room.

“Mr. Liao, its Miss Liang and Mr. Huang!” “Let them enter.”

“Yes!”

Upon hearing Liao Haicheng, the bodyguard led Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun inside.

A man around fifty to sixty years old was leisurely sitting on the sofa with a cigar hanging between his lips.

“What’s the matter?” Liao Haicheng examined the ragged duo.

Liang Meixuan immediately told the story with a string of embellishments.

The assistant standing next to Liao Haicheng frowned upon hearing her story. “Heh, that girl crashed the set of Yao Jiawen’s film a few days ago. Mr. Liao already ordered someone to call and warn her. I didn’t expect that girl to be gutsier

than we expected and directly abduct you two:’

“What? That little b*tch also crashed the set?”

Huang Mingkun hastily added, “Not only that, but that little b*tch also sent people to extort a confession from us! You absolutely cant let that little b*tch off with a mere warning! Now that she has a confession from us, if we wait for the trial to be held and they win the case, the company will end up in their hands...”

Liao Haicheng’s assistant glanced at Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun sharply. “Does Mr. Liao need a lesson from you on how to do things?”

The color drained from Huang Mingkun’s face, and he said ingratiatingly, Of course not, of course not. Who are you, Mr. Liao? That little b*tch is but a mere ant, and you can squeeze her to death with a flick of your fingers!”

At that point, Liao Haicheng’s phone started ringing. The caller was a strange number.

“Speak,” Liao Haicheng expressionless said as he took the call.

“Liao Haicheng, may I ask... where’s your son, Liao Jiaqi?” A woman’s languid and smug voice came from the phone.

Liao Haicheng frowned and seemed to have sensed something, so he covered the speaker and turned to his assistant. “Where’s Jiaqi?”

The assistant replied, “I don’t know where Young Master Jiaqi went. We contacted him earlier, but his phone is turned off...”

“What...?”

Liao Haicheng's expression instantly shifted. As the boss of Hongxing Gang, he instantly understood the caller's intention. Liao Jiaqi was most likely in someone else's hands now...

"What do you want?"

A trace of fury was evident in Liao Haicheng's voice as he picked up the phone again.

"Heh... Liao Haicheng... I currently have your son, Liao Jiaqi... I hope..."

Before Ye Wanwan could finish speaking, a tragic shout was heard from behind her, startling even Ye Wanwan.

"Ah... stop hitting me... AH... Save me... Dad, hurry and save me! Fm about to die... Ahhh..."

Chapter 1765: You'll lose me!

Currently, Liao Jiaqi was staring at Ye Wanwan with infatuation, but wave after wave of blood-curdling screeches kept escaping his mouth.

"Jiaqi...!"

Liao Haicheng recognized Liao Jiaqi's voice instantly.

Liao Haicheng understood Liao Jiaqi very well since he was Liao Jiaqi's father after all, and like father, like son. Liao Jiaqi possessed a stalwart personality and could be considered a staunch man with an iron backbone. However, his precious son was producing such heart-wrenching screams at the moment, making it evident that his son was going through substantial torture.

Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun stood in their spots with surprised expressions, ignorant to the situation.

"If anything happens to my son, I'll make you pay for it!" Liao Haicheng coldly shouted with fury.

Ye Wanwan chuckled. "Liao Haicheng, you should know who I am without me having to tell you. My conflict with Emperor Sky Entertainment has nothing to do with Hongxing Gang, so I hope you won't ask for trouble on your own and meddle in other people's business... You understand me, right?"

"Dad... hurry and save me... Agree to her demands quickly... I can't bear it anymore... Dad, agree to anything this woman says! Or else... you'll lose me... Dad..." Liao Jiaqi's yells turned more miserable on the other end of the phone. His acting skills were rather contagious indeed.

Big Dipper, Seven Star, First Elder, and Third Elder all looked at Liao Jiaqi with indescribable expressions, speechless.

Not too long ago, Liao Jiaqi viewed death as a method of returning home and even boldly declared:

"Keep dreaming if you want to use me and threaten my dad! I won't help you achieve your wishes even if I have to die!!!" In the blink of an eye, he was slapping his own face swollen...

“You...” Liao Haicheng gritted his teeth but nodded at last. “Fine! I’ll agree to stay out of Emperor Sky Entertainment’s business. Emperor Sky Entertainment will have zero connections with Hongxing Gang from now on...”

“Also, my wife and children shouldn’t be punished for my actions. I hope you will stop harming my son. Otherwise... you know Hongxing Gang’s background. I have no problem agreeing to your demands, but if any accidents occur to my son, your whole family will be buried in retaliation!”

His wife and children shouldn’t be punished for his actions?

What noble words! However, they had no qualms or apprehensions about abducting Jiang Yanran, a defenseless girl, back then.

Ye Wanwan was merely giving him a taste of his own medicine.

“Heh... Liao Haicheng, I’m uninterested in your son. As long as you cooperate obediently, I can guarantee your son’s safety.”

Ye Wanwan hung up immediately.

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Liao Haicheng’s expression was incredibly stormy, and veins bulged from his forehead.

“Mr. Liao...” Liao Haicheng looked at Liao Haicheng timidly, wanting to ask what happened.

“Get out!” Liao Haicheng shouted as he pointed at Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun.

If it weren’t for Emperor Sky Entertainment, why would his son have been abducted and suffer such brutal and inhumane torture?!

“Beat them up then toss them out!”

Liao Haicheng seemed to not be satisfied with letting them off easy, so he ordered his assistant to mercilessly teach Huang Mingkun and Liang Meixuan a lesson.

After being beaten until their skin broke, Liang Meixuan and Huang Mingkun were finally tossed out of the clubhouse.

The duo were completely bewildered by the beating, utterly clueless from start to end.

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Back with Ye Wanwan:

Ye Wanwan didn’t care about Hongxing Gang at all, but this was China. If they forcefully clashed with Hongxing Gang, there wouldn’t be a single survivor left in Hongxing Gang, considering First Elder and Third Elder’s personalities. Hence, this was the best and safest strategy to avoid complications.

Chapter 1766: A talent indeed

“Brother, nice acting skills! You’re as talented as expected!” Big Dipper gave Liao Jiaqi a thumbs up with immense respect. “Now that the matter has been resolved, you can leave.”

Liao Jiaqi was startled and frantically shook his head. “I won’t leave!”

“D*mn, I’ve never seen anyone like you...” Big Dipper was baffled. *?He won’t leave even after being released?*

“How could you?! You can’t act like this! Use me then turn your back on me like you don’t know me! No, I absolutely won’t leave! I’ll stay right here and won’t go anywhere else!” Liao Jiaqi looked at Ye Wanwan fearlessly.

Ye Wanwan: “...”

I feel like... there’s something wrong with his lines...?

“Alright, fine, as you wish. You can stay here for now if you want,” Ye Wanwan said after mulling it over for a moment.

If Liao Jiaqi returned now, Liao Haicheng might renege on his promise, so it would be better to keep Liao Jiaqi here for now and send him home after the matter was completely resolved.

At that moment, Ye Wanwan’s phone started ringing. It was Liang Wanjun calling.

Ye Wanwan got up and left immediately to take Liang Wanjun’s call.

After Ye Wanwan left, Liao Jiaqi suddenly turned to First Elder and anxiously said, “Oh right... You must be careful since you’re acting against Emperor Sky Entertainment. Emperor Sky Entertainment has some connections with Stars Entertainment.

“You should know about Stars Entertainment—their head company is Stars Corporation. Stars Corporation’s power in China is truly too immense. Our Hongxing Gang is nothing compared to Stars Corporation...”

“Stars Corporation?”

Big Dipper was taken aback. “First Elder, didn’t Second Elder call you and tell you he had a company in China called Stars Corporation?”

“Yes...” First Elder nodded. “Every elder in the Fearless Alliance owns an array of assets in each country.”

“Fear... Fearless Alliance?”

Liao Jiaqi suddenly froze and looked at the others, stunned.

What... what did I just hear?

“Forget it; it’d be better if I let the President know.” First Elder turned to leave.

Liao Jiaqi was still dumbfounded.

As the heir of Hongxing Gang, Liao Jiaqi had naturally heard about the Fearless Alliance...

These people never mentioned who they were before, but could it be...? Did he actually get abducted by the legendary Fearless Alliance...? And the goddess who abducted him was actually... the President of the Fearless Alliance?!

Am I dreaming?!?!?!?

I actually got abducted by the Fearless Alliance?!

If he told others in his circle about this... he would be able to brag about this experience for the rest of his life...

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Ye Wanwan had just hung up when First Elder walked outside.

“Have you heard of Stars Entertainment in China, President?” First Elder asked her.

Ye Wanwan nodded. “Of course. What about them?”

Due to their status in the international entertainment industry, Stars Entertainment held an unshakable number one position in China’s entertainment industry.

Not a single entertainment company could compare to Stars Entertainment.

To put it plainly, Emperor Sky Entertainment might be considered a leader in China, but it couldn’t squeeze into the top 10 on the international scene.

Based on what Ye Wanwan knew, Stars Corporation was involved in a broad range of things, and Stars Entertainment was merely one of the many companies managed by Stars Corporation.

Aside from dabbling in the entertainment industry, Stars Corporation also dabbled in the development of tourist attractions, properties, and even large-scale amusement parks inside major cities.

Chapter 1767 Was there any justice?

For example, Emperor Sky Entertainment produced some of the top superstars in China at most, but Stars Entertainment produced numerous international superstars, three of which had left the silver screen already but were still considered legends in China’s entertainment industry. 0

Whether it was Emperor Sky Entertainment or the Age of Immortals, they all had some form of interaction with Stars Entertainment. Many assignments of artists from Emperor Sky Entertainment went through Stars Entertainment and they wouldn’t dare to act insolently

without approval from Stars Entertainment.

On top of that, Emperor Sky Entertainment was also required to hand over 10% of their profits to Stars Entertainment every day as their stock “percentage”.

In reality, this supposed “percentage” was merely a pretext. Other well-known entertainment companies and the Age of Immortals also had to do it; it just sounded better to call it Stars Entertainment’s stock percentage. To put it bluntly, it was a tribute they handed over to Stars Entertainment. 0

Aside from dabbling in all sorts of industries, Stars Corporation was also considered an omnipotent entity amongst the mafias.

Groups like Hongxing Gang were on completely different levels from Stars Corporation; they probably weren't even qualified to hold Stars Corporation's shoes.

Ye Wanwan looked at First Elder, slightly confused. Why did First Elder suddenly mention Stars Entertainment out of nowhere?

"First Elder, how do you know about Stars Entertainment...?" Ye Wanwan was baffled.

She herself only vaguely knew about the existence of Stars Corporation after creating the Age of Immortals and leading it. However, First Elder had only been in

China for a few days. How did he know about a company like Stars Corporation?

First Elder chuckled. "Second Elder called me earlier and told me Stars Corporation was his asset in China, so we could use it however we wanted if necessary:

"What...?"

Ye Wanwan was dumbfounded. Stars Corporation was... Second Elder's asset in China?! This kind of freaking operation existed?!

"President, in truth, us elders of the Fearless Alliance, along with the majority of the other higher-ups, all have properties and assets outside of the Independent State. For example, First Elder possesses many companies in Europe, while mine are in North America and Second Elder's are in Asia;" Third Elder explained as he came outside as well. 0

Ye Wanwan: "... " 0

Ye Wanwan hadn't known the Fearless Alliance possessed so many assets in Asia, Europe, and North America...

A terrifying power like Stars Corporation... was actually a branch of the Fearless Alliance in China?!

Just how many things about the Fearless Alliance didn't she know despite being the President?!

Is there any justice...

Are there any laws?! 0

At the Age of Immortals, inside the lounge:

"Brother Xianyu, Brother Xianyu! I'm telling you, my Brother Ye was simply awesome! She had the brilliance of the sun and moon draped over her and she rode on a trail of rainbow-colored auspicious clouds to save me in the midst of thousands of soldiers and horses! She dazed everyone with how handsome she was! Yao Jiawen and those tall and stocky thugs were all beaten black and blue!" Gong Xu provided Han Xianyu with an animated description as he was sitting on the sofa. 0

Han Xianyu chuckled. "Really?"

“Really! Of course! She was super handsome! Its such a pity you didn’t see it yourself, but only I could’ve seen this kind of scene, of course! Brother Ye indulges me the most!” Gong Xu said, drunk on his own story.

At that moment, Luo Chen walked out of the break room with a cup of water in hand. 0

Chapter 1768: I’ll continue to be beautiful like a flower

Gong Xu leaped toward Luo Chen at once. “Blockhead, I’m telling you! Do you know what happened that day? You absolutely can’t imagine it, but Brother Ye had the brilliance of the sun and moon draped over her and she rode on a trail of rainbow-colored auspicious clouds to save me in the midst of thousands of soldiers and horses! She simply...”

Luo Chen expressionlessly glanced at the excited Gong Xu. “Shut up. You’ve told me 800 times already.”

Gong Xu’s nose nearly touched the sky from how upturned it was. “Hmph! Jealous! I think you’re just jealous!!!”

Luo Chen remained aloof and didn’t say anything.

At that moment, Jiang Yanran opened the door and entered.

Gong Xu immediately abandoned Luo Chen and fluttered toward Jiang Yanran like a butterfly. “Yanran, Yanran, Yanran! I’m telling you, the atmosphere was about to explode back then. A millisecond more and your young master, I, would’ve had his belt stripped off by those hoodlums. However, quick as a wink, my Brother Ye had the brilliance of the sun and moon draped over her and she rode on a trail of rainbow-colored auspicious clouds...”

Jiang Yanran raised her hands, her head pounding as she begged for mercy. “Enough, enough, spare me, please! I know how handsome your Brother Ye is and how much she spoils you!”

These past few days, every time Gong Xu saw someone, he would repeat how Wanwan “heroically saved the damsel in distress” back then, and no one was exempt.

From Han Xianyu to Luo Chen, from Jiang Yanran to Fei Yang, and from Xiao-Qing to Dong Zai, they all wished nothing more than to sew Gong Xu’s lips shut from their annoyance.

Fei Yang was sitting in front of the long table processing documents. His expression was serious as he reflected, “Actually... Ye Bai acting in such a high-profile manner surprised me. This... doesn’t seem to match her modus operandi... Hiring two thugs to meet Yao Jiawen’s force with force might relieve frustrations temporarily, but I’m afraid... it will cause no end of trouble...”

Han Xianyu’s eyes glinted.

Even Fei Yang realized it, so Han Xianyu was also aware, of course.

Gong Xu’s incident indeed didn’t resemble Ye Bai’s usual modus operandi.

Gong Xu was unconcerned. "The two people who came back with Brother Ye were super fearsome! They're simply martial arts experts! I've never seen people like them outside of movies; they could defeat ten people single-handedly easy-peasy!"

Fei Yang sighed. "Even if Ye Bai came back with helpers, her opponents aren't minor street delinquents; it's Hongxing Gang! After suffering such a large grievance, Yao Jiawen absolutely won't take things lying down. Hongxing Gang is probably aware of this matter already..."

Gong Xu confidently retorted, "Is it really that serious? I think that absolutely nothing will happen as long as Brother Ye is here! My Brother Ye isn't the impulsive type. Since she dared to do this, she must've made preparations! Don't worry needlessly!"

Gong Xu's expression was essentially that of a lovestruck teenage girl who blindly admired and trusted her boyfriend.

After saying that, he picked up a bag of chips and went to lie on the sofa without any worries, acting rather carelessly.

Han Xianyu, Luo Chen, and Jiang Yanran met each other's eyes, exasperated.

Gong Xu had grown much more mature after the company was incessantly slammed with trouble, but he started completely unleashing his true nature again as soon as Ye Bai returned.

Gong Xu acted rather smugly about it too. As he munched on the chips, he said, "Now that my Brother Ye is back, what do I have to worry about? I just need to continue to be beautiful like a flower!"

Han Xianyu: "..."

Luo Chen: "..."

Jiang Yanran: "..."

Fei Yang: "..."

The lounge door was forcibly pushed open with a bang, and a woman dressed like an assistant was standing at the door with a displeased expression.

The woman arrogantly swept her eyes over the occupants of the room before landing on Han Xianyu. "Why are you still here chatting and acting so free?! Don't you have work to do? The show is about to start! Do you want my Shaoheng to wait for you?"

Chapter 1769: Am I a street performer?!

The female assistant's belittling words lit firecrackers instantly.

Gong Xu tossed his chips to the side and leaped up. "D*mn, who the f*ck are you speaking to? How dare a nobody like you talk to us like this?! Do you want to die?!"

This group of people had acted rather docilely recently; even Gong Xu restrained his temper quite a bit until now.

This female assistant thought things would proceed the same as before, so she didn't expect Gong Xu to suddenly fly off the handle. She jolted in fright and reflexively cowered back.

However, she soon straightened up and derisively glanced at them before haughtily saying, "Of course I'm not a nobody. You have to know our Shao Heng isn't someone you can offend!

"As for who you are? Heh, you're merely a group of undesirable stray dogs! What do you have to brag about? If it weren't for our Shao Heng being kind and showing consideration for you since you're both from the same company, do you think you would be qualified to be invited to his birthday banquet?"

Gong Xu's eyes were nearly white from how hard he rolled them. "Same company your dogsh*t! Who the f*ck is from the same company as you?! Stop plastering gold onto your own face! How could a trash company like Emperor Sky Entertainment be mentioned in the same breath as this young master's Age of Immortals?!"

Shao Heng was an artist under Emperor Sky Entertainment and exploded with popularity from latching onto the Age of Immortal's thighs.

After the Age of Immortals was bought out, Ye Yiyi wrung all sorts of resources from the Age of Immortals in order to curry Shao Heng's favor and allowed Shao Heng to leech Han Xianyu and their popularity, forcibly making Shao Heng popular.

They were using the Age of Immortals as a stepping stone but Shao Heng had the nerve to shamelessly claim he was inviting them to sing and perform during his birthday banquet out of kindness.

Gong Xu's words had never lost in terms of acidity.

The female assistant snorted from anger. "Young Master Gong is rather bold! You aren't afraid of Emperor Sky Entertainment, but what about Stars Corporation?"

Stars Corporation had countless children companies and Stars Entertainment was but one of many. As for Shao Heng, his grandfather was the director of some branch of Stars Corporation.

Due to this level of connection, basically no one dared to provoke Shaoheng in the entertainment industry.

After all, no one wanted to offend a titan like Stars Corporation.

After playing around at Stars Entertainment for a few days without great popularity, Shao Heng found it pointless and returned to being a rich, wasteful son. Later, Ye Yiyi used some kind of unknown method to poach Shao Heng to Emperor Sky Entertainment.

Hongxing Gang's power was nowhere as frightening as Stars Corporation's, so Ye Yiyi naturally wanted to latch onto a thicker thigh.

"Who cares about Stars—"

Before Gong Xu could finish speaking, Han Xianyu stepped in front of Gong Xu and halted his words. He looked at the assistant, unfazed, and said, "Got it. We'll arrive on time."

“Hmph, consider yourself smart! Act faster! If you’re delayed and enrage Shao Heng, don’t blame me for not reminding you! Oh right, Shao Heng said that no one on the list tonight is allowed to be absent; everyone must attend!” Then the little assistant sashayed out of the room with her high heels clicking on the floor.

“D*mn! Brother Xianyu, why did you agree to her?! A lousy birthday banquet, yet they want this young master to sing and perform for his entertainment? Am I a street performer? If my Brother Ye found out about this, she would definitely be heartbroken! Go if you want to go, but I absolutely won’t go!”

Jiang Yanran looked at Gong Xu, troubled, and attempted to soothe him. “You’re just attending a birthday banquet; it’s nothing. People in our industry often have to attend these social functions anyway!”.

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Gong Xu bristled with indignity. “But this is Shao Heng’s birthday banquet! That punk is just a junior and rookie who debuted just a few days ago! Yet he wants me to attend his birthday banquet and sing for entertainment? Who gave him the nerve?!”

“If I really sang, how could I hold my head high in the entertainment industry afterward? Not only would I shame myself, but I would also bring shame upon Brother Ye!”

When Shao Heng forcefully stole the Age of Immortals’ resources and freeloaded off of their popularity, they weren’t too cooperative, so Shao Heng’s actions now was merely meant to humiliate the Age of Immortals!

Fei Yang sighed. They were also understanding of Gong Xu’s situation, but there was nothing they could do.

If it were anyone else, the impact of rejecting wouldn’t be too significant considering their status in the entertainment industry, but this time, they couldn’t afford to offend someone who had a background like Shao Heng.

Back then, Ye Yiyi purposefully used Shao Heng to suppress them.

Fei Yang walked over and clapped Gong Xu on the shoulder. “Forget it, forget it, Gong Xu. Don’t lower yourself to their level. It’s just a song, so pretend you’re singing to a dog!”

Gong Xu protested, “I don’t want to! You go sing if you want!”

Jiang Yanran said, “Gong Xu, listen to me...”

Gong Xu clasped his ears. “I won’t, I won’t, I won’t...”

The others were exasperated. Once Gong Xu was determined to act stubborn, no one could persuade him otherwise.

They didn’t dare to disturb the only person who could persuade him.

However, if they offended Stars Corporation, the Age of Immortals would be done for...

The room was locked into a stalemate.

At that moment, Luo Chen aloofly interjected, "You don't have to go, but I'll tell Brother Ye that you had 13 different girlfriends while she was gone."

Gong Xu shot up from the sofa like a fire was lit under him. "D*mn bullsh*t! There was only 12! Wait, blah! When did I switch girlfriends? This young master was clean and chaste and didn't date anyone! It was those shameless women who glued themselves onto me to freeload off of this young master's popularity, alright?!"

Luo Chen retorted, "You can try and see if Brother Ye believes you or me."

Gong Xu was stunned. When he realized he had too much dark history, his trustworthiness was too low and Brother Ye did trust Luo Chen more, he was incensed. "You... y-y-you... D*mn! Luo Chen, this again?! You despicable, shameless scoundrel!!!"

In the end, Gong Xu was forced to follow them while fuming with rage between gritted teeth.

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Meanwhile...

Ye Wanwan was still discussing Stars Corporation with First Elder and Third Elder.

"Since you're in China, President, why don't we go to Stars and perform an inspection?" Third Elder suggested.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin in thought. *?Go to Stars to inspect it???*

To Ye Wanwan's understanding, Stars Entertainment was the tyrant of the entertainment industry and the holy land for every artist. Not to even mention the whole Stars Corporation.

Even at the Age of Immortals' peak, Stars Entertainment was within sight but beyond reach.

Now, they wanted her to go to Stars Corporation to... inspect it...

First Elder also interjected matter-of-factly, "Since Stars Corporation is our branch company in China, they should naturally greet the President. On the phone just now, Second Elder said he arranged for our reception already and asked you to do him the honor of visiting, President."

Ye Wanwan concealed the emotions on her face and cleared her throat before calmly saying, "Sure. Let's pay a visit then."

If she had a connection with Stars Corporation, it would be a lot more convenient for her to accomplish what she needed to do.

Ah, it was time for her to turn on her posturizing mode again...