

Secret Love 2261

Chapter 2261 Are you telling me you don't want to take responsibility?

At the door, Lin Que, who brought Tangtang over, surveyed the serious atmosphere in the room and roughly understood the current situation.

No wonder Ninth Brother had him bring Tangtang over as soon as possible—it turned out he was using his son to put out the elderly man's fire.

Lin Que gave Si Yehan an OK sign with his hands before quietly sneaking back out.

As soon as Ye Wanwan saw her precious baby, she sent him a pitiful expression and mouthed, "Baby, help!"

Tangtang immediately leaped into Ye Wanwan's arms and comfortingly patted his mommy's back.

Then the little fella turned to the elderly man on the hospital bed, blinking his large eyes. "Mommy... is this Great Grandpa?"

Ye Wanwan nodded frantically. "That's right! Come on, baby, say hello to Great Grandpa!"

Tangtang obediently said at once, "Hello, Great Grandpa."

The little fella stood there with his clear and innocent eyes, large as dark grapes, and looked like he walked out from a New Year picture. His cuteness was indescribable.

On the sickbed, the elderly man hadn't recovered from the child's sudden appearance and dazedly stared at the fair and porcelain-like child in front of him. "This... this is that child? What's his name?"

Ye Wanwan hastily answered, "His name is Nie Tangxiao, tang from noble appearance and xiao from secluded solitude!"

Baby Tangtang pouted, his expression looking discontent. "Mommy, isn't it sweet and sour pork chops?"

He preferred sweet and sour pork chops...

The elderly man looked suspicious. "What sweet and sour pork chops?"

How could Ye Wanwan allow Grandpa to find out that she named her kid this casually? She quickly made an excuse. "Nothing, nothing. Baby is asking whether you want to eat sweet and sour pork chops or not. I'll make it for you tonight!"

Thankfully, the elderly man didn't think too much of it and beckoned at the little fella. "Tangtang, is it? Come here, come to Great Grandpa's side."

The little fella walked over, his eyes sparkling as though he'd seen his idol. "Are you really Great Grandpa?"

"Of course!" the elderly man replied without missing a beat.

"My mommy said you're really awesome, Great Grandpa! Can I learn martial arts from you later, Great Grandpa?"

“Great Grandpa will definitely teach you personally.”

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The old and young duo quickly struck a conversation. Perhaps skipping a generation did make people closer. Grandpa was exceptionally kind and patient in front of Tangtang and the atmosphere finally wasn't as frightening.

Some time later, the elderly man sighed and exasperatedly glanced at Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan nearby. “Alright, don't be so nervous. I said before that I don't want to stick my nose into you young people's business. It's good as long as you're doing well. Anyway, your child is so big already.”

Then the elderly man's gaze turned strict. “Tangtang is so old already, but are you two still planning to spend your days like this? Aren't you planning to get married?”

Ye Wanwan was dumbfounded by her grandfather's abrupt question. “Huh? Get married?”

The elderly man's expression darkened instantly. “What? Don't tell me you don't want to get married? In the past, it was fine that you screwed around every day outside without a proper job, but you can't continue partying like this even if it's for Tangtang's sake! Furthermore, Ah-Jiu's character is quite decent. Don't tell me you don't want to take responsibility?”

Si Yehan stared at Ye Wanwan intently.

Ye Wanwan was stupefied by her grandfather's onslaught. “D*mn... Grandpa, what are you saying? What do you mean I don't want to take responsibility? Isn't there something wrong with your thinking?”

Chapter 2262 A father turns valuable because of his son

The elderly man harrumphed. “What's wrong about that? Do you think Grandpa doesn't know your personality?”

“Everything about that is wrong. In a normal situation, you should be questioning the man who abducted your granddaughter, right...” Ye Wanwan indignantly grumbled.

“So you also think that'd be a normal situation?”

“...” Ye Wanwan didn't want to say anything else.

Ye Wanwan signed in resignation before looping her arms around Si Yehan's arm and grinning. “I'll take responsibility, of course I will. Why wouldn't I? Of course we'll get married. It's just that too many things happened recently, one after another. Otherwise, I would've abducted him to hold a wedding already!”

As Si Yehan listened to her, he felt electric currents running through his heart.

After Grandpa heard that, his expression finally eased but he became absentminded as he seemed to have recalled something.

If he wasn't too stubborn back then or vehemently wanted to prevent his daughter's marriage and ran away from home, perhaps things wouldn't have ended up like this.

Right now, nothing was more important to him than his family's happiness.

“But Grandpa, there’s still a big issue. My parents have a slight opinion against Ah-Jiu and disapprove of us being together.

“You also know that Ah-Jiu is the leader of Asura and also one of the major heads of Prison, so my parents think his reputation isn’t that great, that he isn’t a good person and that he’ll bully me. In truth, the reality isn’t like that. Everything people are saying outside is rubbish...

“So we might need you to help us talk to my parents later, Grandpa,” Ye Wanwan quietly implored.

Now that the problem with Ah-Jiu’s mother arose, she was afraid her parents would be more disapproving.

The elderly man glanced at his granddaughter and dryly commented, “You say that like your reputation is good! Your reputation is even worse than Ah-Jiu’s! What right do they have to dislike him?”

Ye Wanwan: “...”

Haha, is he really my real grandpa...?

Si Yehan patted the girl’s crestfallen head. “Grandpa, Worriless is very good. It’s me who isn’t worthy of her, so I can understand Uncle and Auntie’s worries.”

Ye Wanwan couldn’t help but peer at Si Yehan, both moved and astonished. Si Yehan’s way with words was improving exponentially!

The elderly man was clearly very satisfied with Si Yehan. Eventually, he seemed to have realized his granddaughter was a girl alas and cleared his throat before saying to Si Yehan, “Ah-Jiu, I also have to remind you that since I’ve handed my granddaughter over to you, you can’t allow her to suffer any grievances regardless of who it is or what it is. Do you understand me?”

Si Yehan knew what Grandpa was worried about. “Understood. I’ll take care of everything.”

After this conversation ended, Baby Tangtang considerably requested to stay behind to keep Great Grandpa company.

Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan left the room.

Ye Wanwan immediately turned to Si Yehan and asked, “D*mn, Si Yehan, just what in the world did you do? Why does my Grandpa like you so much? And he even lectured me, his real granddaughter!”

Si Yehan’s expression remained unruffled. “Really?”

Ye Wanwan became angry. “Of course he does! You have to understand my grandpa’s attitude toward my dad then compare it to his attitude toward you! Then you will understand the saying: ‘There’s no harm without contrast’!”

“If my dad knew how well Grandpa treated you, he’d probably be infuriated to death! It’s seriously so strange; why does my Grandpa like you so much?”

Si Yehan replied, “It’s probably because a father turns valuable because of his son.”

When Ye Wanwan heard Si Yehan seriously saying “a father turns valuable because of his son,” she nearly spat.

What the heck was “a father turns valuable because of his son”?!

Chapter 2263 We “ll get married after I come back

Si Yehan looked into the distance and absentmindedly said, “Wanwan, it’s nearly time for the Arbitration Council’s yearly summit. I need to go to Tianshui City for a period of time.”

During the summit every year, the Arbitration Council would discuss important matters and revise all the rules of the Twelve Independent States.

Ye Wanwan frowned when she heard that. “A conference, huh...”

If the Arbitration Council was meeting, Yin Yuerong would definitely be there too and Si Yehan’s mother, Yin Yuerong, lived in Tianshui City.

Ye Wanwan couldn’t help but be worried.

Although she didn’t know Yin Yuerong well, she knew that woman definitely wasn’t simple merely judging from Si Yehan’s caution toward his mother. Furthermore, what Yin Yuerong said with a faint smile before she left truly made the hairs on the back of her neck stand up.

Si Yehan paused and suppressed the nervousness that swiftly flitted through the bottom of his eyes. However, his expression looked as apathetic as always as he asked extremely calmly, “When I return, we’ll get married.”

Ye Wanwan, whose mind had gone on a road trip, immediately looked up and nodded enthusiastically. “Sure sure!”

As Si Yehan looked at the girl’s sparkling eyes, his heart returned to its place and his taut lips also turned up into an extremely bewitching smile. He pulled her into his arms and pressed a kiss on the corner of her lips.

Ye Wanwan blinked, not understanding Si Yehan’s reaction. “Say, baby, why are you so excited? Isn’t it guaranteed that I’d agree?”

At that moment, Lin Que’s eerie voice drifted from behind them. “Ahem... excuse me... there’s still someone here...”

Ye Wanwan turned to peer at Lin Que. “Oh. I know. You’re glowing so brightly, so how could I not have seen you?”

Lin Que: “...”

Since she saw him, couldn’t she have some consideration for this single man’s feelings?

Lin Que silently stood there, rendered speechless.

He suddenly thought of something and hesitatingly looked at Si Yehan, unable to stop himself from asking in the end, "Ninth Brother, are we really going back to Tianshui City? That's Auntie Rong's territory! What if... we go and don't return..."

Before Lin Que could finish speaking, a severe glance from Si Yehan made him choke back his words.

Ye Wanwan originally didn't intend to ask too many questions, but it really wouldn't do if she didn't ask at a time like this. "Ah-Jiu, just what is the matter... between you and your mother?"

Si Yehan was truly very wary of Yin Yuerong. His expression changed the second this person was mentioned.

After a brief silence, Si Yehan said, "Wanwan, I don't want to lie to you. My mother's very dangerous. During the next few weeks, try not to go out alone, and Tangtang too—don't let him go to school for now. I'll have Jiang Yan follow and protect you two."

The reason he had to return to Tianshui City was to negotiate with Mother.

Ye Wanwan frowned. "That serious...? Do you really have to go back?"

"I can't skip this conference."

"Then I'll come with you!" Ye Wanwan suggested.

"No." Si Yehan rejected immediately.

Lin Que caught his Ninth Brother's glance and cooperatively joined in the persuasion. "Um, Ninth Sister, Auntie Rong actually isn't that scary. She didn't chop her husband into pieces or skin her husband's lover or boil her son alive. Look at how Ninth Brother is still alive and well... The rumors are all false... Don't believe them..."

Chapter 2264 Don't blame me for barging there to abduct you

Haha...

Ye Wanwan was aghast. Lin Que was better off not explaining; his contribution merely made her more worried.

Si Yehan solemnly said, "Be good and stay here while you wait for my return. If you come with me, I'd have to take you into consideration, and it'd be more inconvenient to do things."

Judging from Si Yehan's attitude, he definitely wouldn't allow her to go. When Ye Wanwan thought about it, she really didn't have any confidence in pacifying the entity that was her mother-in-law, so she'd produce the opposite of the desired result if she went. Thus, she could only nod. "Alright then. If anything happens, you must tell me immediately."

"Okay."

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "Then our wedding ceremony will be held after the summit concludes. If you don't come back then, don't blame me for barging over there to abduct you!"

Si Yehan broke into a chuckle. "That won't happen."

Even though he would look forward to that very much.

Big Dipper sprinted over with a brown paper bag. "Sis Feng, I've written down the thing you wanted! Also, I've given the order to inform you as soon as there's news of Emperor Ji! Don't worry!"

Si Yehan's expression didn't appear to change, and he merely glanced at Big Dipper.

Ye Wanwan's spine stiffened though and her expression changed instantly. She glared at Big Dipper. "Alright alright, I'm not deaf! Talk more quietly."

Then she cleared her throat and hastily turned to Si Yehan and cautiously explained, "Since there wasn't any news of Ji Xiuran after we left the island, I told them to keep an eye on it. Don't overthink it!"

Si Yehan aloofly replied, "In your eyes, am I that unreasonable a person?"

Ye Wanwan retorted, "Haha, you aren't. You aren't in the slightest! You're so reasonable, and I've never been drowned by a sea of vinegar!"

Si Yehan: "..."

Ye Wanwan chuckled dryly and took the document bag from Big Dipper. "Hey baby, since you're going to attend a conference, help me bring this there while you're at it."

"What is it?" Si Yehan asked.

Ye Wanwan answered with a grin. "It's my litigation letter to sue the Direct Line for violating our contract! Oh right, if they aren't willing to accept the punishment, they can also provide monetary compensation! I don't mind, haha!"

Si Yehan glanced at the fox-like girl and gently patted her on the head. "Okay, I'll help you aim for the highest compensation."

Ye Wanwan immediately jumped up to kiss Si Yehan. "I love you the most!"

Big Dipper became flabbergasted and mused in exclamation, "I used to actually think Lord Asura was too uptight and didn't match my Sis Feng, but looking at them now, they really match each other too well..."

Lin Que piped in, "You might've had some misunderstanding regarding my Ninth Brother."

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The most important summit of the Twelve Independent States was about to convene. Si Yehan quickly headed toward Tianshui City.

At the entrance to Tianshui City, the sky gradually darkened.

A black car had just parked. Before they could display their entry permit, they were surrounded by a group of people.

In the dim light, the leader, a young man wearing a uniform and military boots, marched to the front of the black car and coldly said, "Young Master, this way, please. Madam is waiting for you."

The young man's face was icy like a robot and lacked any expression. His entire person was akin to a blade gleaming with blood, and by merely standing there, he caused chills to pervade people's hearts.

Inside the car, Lin Que peered outside the car and nearly started crying. "Oh my god, it's Wei Ziqian! It's over, Ninth Brother. Auntie Rong has even dispatched the Iron Guards. I told you we shouldn't have come back; Auntie Rong is definitely waiting to capture you! Aren't we sheep walking into a tiger's den..."

The second Lin Que recalled Auntie Rong's extremely beautiful face, his legs started trembling, and he even couldn't look directly at Ninth Brother's similar face...

Chapter 2265 Vixen and vile spawn

In the night, the dark and gloomy manor was akin to the mouth of an enormous beast.

The manor was vast but barren. Rumors claimed not even a blade of grass grew in Yin Yuerong's manor due to the giant poisonous laboratory inside of it.

Everyone in the manor stood in their spots with their heads downcast and their expressions numb and icy. They were like lifeless puppets.

The entire manor was as dead silent as a graveyard without a decibel of noise.

Lin Que followed behind Si Yehan with great trepidation. "Ninth Brother, how about I wait outside for you?"

"Sure, but I can't guarantee your safety once you leave my line of sight," Si Yehan replied.

"Nevermind nevermind, I'll follow you! I'll follow you! Ninth Brother, go more slowly. Don't leave me behind..."

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Inside the conference room:

When a servant brought them tea, Lin Que hastily picked up the cup and gulped some tea down out of nervousness but spat it all out a second later. "Cough cough cough..."

He was truly mad for daring to drink something here.

If he was killed by poison, where would he go to seek justice?!

After waiting a while, Yin Yuerong didn't appear but another person arrived.

"Yin Heng..." Lin Que became cautious the second he saw the newcomer.

The newcomer was dressed in a casual leisurely outfit, and his martial expertise could be seen from his actions. A young servant trailed behind him.

Yin Heng walked over with an affable expression. "Eldest Brother, long time no see!"

In contrast to Yin Heng's enthusiasm, Si Yehan aloofly glanced at the newcomer, treating him like air.

Yin Heng appeared accustomed to Si Yehan's reaction and didn't say anything. However, the servant behind him indignantly exclaimed, "Young Master is finally back! I didn't expect Young Master to go to this extent for a woman; it's truly surprising. Back then, Madam had the highest expectations for Young Master..."

If this was in the past, how could a mere servant treat Si Yehan like this?

However, everyone knew that the Yin family's power had shifted, and Yin Heng, the adopted son, was the true future master of the Yin family while Si Yehan had been tossed aside.

Si Yehan remained silent, but Lin Que rolled his eyes at the servant. "If it wasn't for that, do you think Auntie Rong would've laid eyes on your master? Don't play coy when you've reaped the gains! You make it sound like we wanted to come back!"

When Yin Heng heard this, his eyes glinted but his expression remained unruffled.

The servant was confident in Yin Heng's support and urgently wanted to ingratiate himself with Yin Heng, the future family head, so he brazenly said, "If you didn't want to, then why did you come back to Tianshui City? Allow me to remind you that Madam's fury won't be so easy to extinguish this time."

"Lin Que, I think you should advise Young Master. If Young Master wanted to sincerely admit his wrongs, how could he have come empty-handed? He should've at least brought the heads of that vixen and vile spawn here..."

Bang... A soft sound came from Si Yehan setting his teacup back on the table.

At the same time, the atmosphere in the living room chilled in the blink of an eye.

Swish!

In the next second, Yin Heng slapped the servant's face before Si Yehan could do anything. The servant's cheek swelled greatly and a front tooth fell out.

"What insolence! Get out! Who allowed you to act so rudely toward Eldest Brother?" Yin Heng angrily admonished.

"Yes..." The servant retreated, aggrieved.

Lin Que pursed his lips. "How pretentious... It's not like Auntie Rong is here; who are you acting for?"

Chapter 2266 Using the child to pin you down

The sound of footsteps was heard from behind and Yin Yuerong, dressed in black, walked out unhurriedly. "You were finally willing to come back."

"What is it? Did you finally come to your senses?" Yin Yuerong quietly asked after taking a sip of tea.

Si Yehan glanced at the woman and apathetically said, "I merely came to inform you: Woriless and my wedding is next month."

In the next second, Yin Yuerong smashed her cup onto the ground.

Several shattered pieces flew up and headed straight toward Si Yehan, slashing a bloody line against his neck.

“So you’re adamant about disobeying me? Merely because of that woman and a vile spawn?” Yin Yuerong’s expression turned savage.

When Si Yehan heard the words “vile spawn,” icicles shattered in his eyes. “Watch your words.”

Yin Yuerong chuckled lightly, her beautiful face contorting from her extreme fury. “Ah-Jiu, I told you—don’t force me. Mommy doesn’t want to make you marry a corpse.”

Lin Que sharply detected that Si Yehan might look composed but a crack clearly appeared on the cup in his hand.

Si Yehan’s face was icy. “You can try.”

Yin Yuerong chuckled. “Heh, you’ve truly grown full-fledged... Ah-Jiu, you used to never disobey Mommy’s words. That time, you were still young and so obedient. Even though I made you drink an intestine-perforating poison, you still listened obediently...”

However, ever since that woman appeared, her son had walked out of her control step by step.

Now, he even snuck into the Arbitration Council behind her back and played guarantor for that woman and started shaking down her power in the shadows...

When Lin Que, who had been trying his best to minimize his presence, heard this, he couldn’t help but scoff in his mind. What was she saying? What normal mom would make her real son consume intestine-perforating poison?

Yet, his Ninth Brother was an oddball and would trust Yin Yuerong absolutely. Even after discovering it was poison and suffering agonizing pain, he still obediently consumed it a second time, a third time, and a fourth time when she told him to.

Merely because she was his mother.

Yin Heng imperceptibly peered at the hostile mother and son duo before saying, “Eldest Brother, Mother is merely thinking about your wellbeing...”

Before Yin Heng could continue, a bone-chilling gaze suddenly shot toward him, making him feel like he was choked by the throat and unable to utter another word.

Si Yehan looked away from Yin Heng. “You already have an heir, so why did you need me to come back?”

Yin Yuerong smiled gently. “It’s different, of course. You’re Mommy’s most perfect creation.”

When Yin Heng heard this, his eyes flashed imperceptibly.

A derisive smile flickered across Si Yehan’s face. “Is that so? You’re flattering me.”

“Ah-Jiu, Mommy’s good son, you have too little experience in romance and you’re too naive in romantic affairs. You were merely deceived by that woman. How many women have you seen? Why do you want

no one else but her?” Yin Yuerong scoffed. “Heh, that Worryless Nie actually used a child to tie you down. How did you fall into such a cheap trick?”

Perhaps in an attempt to appease him, Yin Yuerong gently continued: “Ah-Jiu, Mother is good friends with Vice President Qin, and he has intentions to connect to our family by marriage. Vice President Qin’s daughter is extraordinarily talented in martial arts, and she’s the most beautiful woman in Tianshui City. Each generation of their clan has held high positions in the Arbitration Council. Which one of her qualities isn’t stronger than some country bumpkin from a peripheral state?”

Chapter 2267 She’s the best?

“As long as you marry Miss Qin, you will rapidly advance to the peak of the Independent State. In the future, your child with Miss Qin would possess perfect genetics! Only a child with Miss Qin is worthy of possessing your genetics!”

“Ah-Jiu, why don’t you understand Mommy’s well-meaning intentions? Love is the most useless and cumbersome thing in the world! The only thing you should pursue is power!”

Towards the end of her speech, Yin Yuerong’s eyes carried an insane and possessed fervor, sending shivers down people’s spines.

When Si Yehan saw the extremely familiar madness on Yin Yuerong’s face, all of the memories repressed in the darkest part of his brain rushed out like a wild beast bursting out of its gates, causing a splitting headache to tear through his head...

“Ninth Brother... Ninth Brother, are you alright?!” Lin Que’s face brimmed with worry when he detected something wrong with Si Yehan’s expression.

Si Yehan lifted his hand with reassurance before imperceptibly turning on his phone screen.

His phone wallpaper was a family photo of him, Ye Wanwan, and Tangtang.

The emotions that nearly shredded and swallowed him gradually settled, and Si Yehan put away his phone before slowly saying, “She’s the best and doesn’t need to be compared to anyone. My children will only be mothered by her.”

“You...”

Before Yin Yuerong could finish, a bloodthirsty chill flitted through Si Yehan’s eyes as he interrupted her: “Director Yin, don’t attempt to touch her and our son. Otherwise, I can’t guarantee what I’ll do...”

After Si Yehan left, the entire Yin residence was torn apart.

“He actually dared... he actually dared to treat me like this!” Yin Yuerong appeared to have sunk into a deranged madness.

“Calm down, Mother. Eldest Brother is just being bullheaded for now.” Yin Heng comforted her from the side. “Anyway, Mother, you still have me. Ah-Heng will never betray you!”

Yin Yuerong carelessly tossed a jade token to him and coldly said, “From today onward, you’ll manage the Iron Guards.”

Yin Heng's eyes brightened. "Thank you for your trust, Mother."

"Don't disappoint me or else I can retract everything you currently possess at any time."

"Don't worry Mother, I absolutely won't! I will fulfill your wishes in Eldest Brother's place, Mother!" Yin Heng swore seriously.

Yin Yuerong murmured, "Good son. This is Mommy's good son..."

After leaving the ancestral Yin residence, the Yin family boarded a luxurious car.

From the back seat, Yin Heng asked his assistant, "Have you obtained Miss Qin's schedule?"

"I have. I've emailed it to you."

"Great."

"I heard that Young Master has returned..."

"So what? Do you think he still has a position in the Yin family now?"

"You're right!"

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In a bedroom in the Yin residence:

The aged female steward sincerely comforted Yin Yuerong from the side, "Madam, don't worsen your health with your rage..."

Yin Yuerong pinched her forehead and ordered with a dark expression: "Make arrangements to create some opportunities for Ah-Jiu and Miss Qin. I won't believe that my son's taste is that awful and can't differentiate between a fish's eye and a pearl."

"Madam's right. I'll make arrangements right now. Young Master merely hasn't seen Miss Qin. Once Young Master does, he'll definitely be tempted with Miss Qin's looks."

The female steward continued to report, "Oh right, Madam, I discovered that Yin Heng has been secretly approaching Miss Qin. Do you need me..."

Yin Yuerong didn't appear surprised in the slightest. "No need. Let him do what he wants. I'd like to see how far he can go. If he truly can satisfy me, I don't mind switching sons."

Chapter 2268 Go to use the beautiful man plot?

The stewardess hesitantly said, Madam, you shouldn't act in your rage. After all, your only child is Young Master..."

"So what? Heh, this child is truly like his father. I shouldn't have birthed him back then..."

Seeing that her master was too emotional and wouldn't listen to reason, the stewardess had no choice but to stop providing any further advice.

While leaving, Yin Yuerong suddenly called out, "Hold on, punish that insolent servant!"

Her son wasn't someone that a servant could treat disrespectfully.

The stewardess quickly answered, "Yes."

Sigh, Madam was still protective in the end...

"Oh right, Madam, there's one more matter..." The stewardess seemed tentative.

Yin Yuerong was irritated. "Speak your mind."

"I heard... Miss Nie mothered a son for Young Master, and he's four or five years old already. That child is connected to Young Master by blood after all. Should we bring him here?" the stewardess inquired.

Fury flickered through Yin Yuerong's expression before disgust settled. "Put away your ridiculous thoughts. He's merely a b*stard; you delusionally think he should enter the Yin residence?"

"I overstepped..." the stewardess said.

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At a mansion in Tianshui City:

The second Si Yehan reached his accommodations, he started taking care of business.

In the study:

Yu Shao entered to report: "Sir, Si Xia has been detained and his trial will be held after the summit."

Si Yehan nodded and looked up from a tall stack of documents. "Has President Yi returned yet?"

Yu Shao shook his head. "President Yi is giving lectures outside and hasn't returned yet."

"Inform me immediately when he returns," Si Yehan ordered.

"Yes," Yu Shao said. "Sir, based on my information, President Yi and Vice President Qin are good friends. If you want to pass the new bill, I'm afraid you have to strive to win President Yi's support. Yi Lingjun has a towering prestige in the Independent State, and he has pupils everywhere. In the Arbitration Council alone, 3 of the 12 directors are his disciples, and even Director Yin reveres and admires him immensely. If we obtain his support, the new bill is basically passed."

"Unfortunately... at least Vice President Qin has a weakness in his daughter whom he spoils like a treasure, but President Yi is childless and doesn't even have a partner. Forget about children, but he doesn't even have a personal disciple. He's truly hard to entice. We must come up with a method that'd make President Yi side with us or else our chances of succeeding truly wouldn't be high..." Yu Shao continued.

Si Yehan furrowed his brows. This was the matter that currently worried him the most.

Lin Que pursed his lips. "Yi Lingjun's martial talents are top-notch and his disciples litter the entire Independent State. He devoted his life to teaching and educating people and he's a person of virtue and prestige who lives like a saint. How could we entice someone like him?"

“Moreover, judging from Yi Lingjun’s personality, he’s probably rather traditional and will most likely align with Auntie Rong’s party. They won’t pass the new bill easily,” Lin Que continued.

Solemnity enveloped Si Yehan’s face. “We have to try at all costs no matter what.”

Yu Shao’s eyes sparkled before he proposed: “President Yi is too upright and truly impossible to entice. Actually, if you can obtain Vice President Qin’s support, sir, it’d be the quickest method. Otherwise, if your foster brother takes the initiative, we’d have the lower hand... According to my information, Yin Heng is already attempting to befriend Miss Qin...”

Lin Que raised his brows, his expression shocked. “So you want to have my Ninth Brother deploy the beautiful man trap? You’re seriously gutsy! Aren’t you afraid of a certain person piercing a giant hole in the Independent State in her rampage?!”

“...” Yu Shao coughed softly, rendered speechless.

Chapter 2269 Isn’t this a matchmaking dinner??

Yu Shao said, “The formulation of new rules will be a great pioneering move that will change the Independent State’s history. An achiever doesn’t bother with trifles. This subordinate thinks that Miss Nie is responsible, experienced, flexible, and considerate, and isn’t an unreasonable person. Furthermore, a great reason behind why you’re doing this is for her, so if you discuss it with her appropriately, I’m sure Miss Nie will understand.”

Lin Que was stupefied by what he heard. “Responsible, considerate, and reasonable? Why do you have such a frightening misunderstanding of that woman?”

Before Yu Shao could respond, Si Yehan spoke up. “Don’t mention this method again.”

Yu Shao began: “But, sir...”

“Perhaps she could understand it, but I can’t do it,” Si Yehan replied.

Since Si Yehan said that, it wasn’t Yu Shao’s place to say anything more.

Lin Que was at a loss for words as he listened to Si Yehan and Yu Shao’s conversation.

Just who gave you the misconception that demoness would understand, huh???

Your thoughts were wrong from the start, alright?!

At that moment, Si Yehan’s phone started ringing, and the caller ID said it was Vice President Qin.

When Lin Que peeked at the phone screen, he was astonished. “Why is Qin Zong calling Ninth Brother?”

Si Yehan briefly glanced at the name on his screen and quickly answered. “Hello, Vice President Qin.”

“Director Si! You arrived in Tianshui City today?”

“Yes, I arrived in the evening.”

“Great, great! I reserved a restaurant to give you a welcoming tomorrow!”

“You’re too polite.”

“Haha, it’s rare for the Arbitration Council to have such an outstanding youngster, and I love to befriend capable people like Director Si. So it’s set then! See you tomorrow, Director Si. You must come.”

“Of course.”

Si Yehan hung up.

Yu Shao spoke up, “Before we could act, Vice President Qin sought us out first. It appears Vice President Qin is leaning toward you more than Yin Heng, sir.”

Lin Que said, “Qin Zong isn’t stupid. Ninth Brother is Auntie Rong’s biological son, after all, so he’s safer than an adopted son no matter how you look at it!”

“Ninth Brother, are you going?” Lin Que asked.

Si Yehan didn’t respond and merely stared at his phone, lost in thought.

He was going, of course. It was just...

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The next day, at the most high-end restaurant in Tianshui City:

Sitting in the chief seat was Vice President Qin, but Qin Zong didn’t come alone. Sitting to his left was a fair and slender girl with extraordinarily outstanding looks.

From the door, Lin Que caught sight of the people inside and became stunned.

“D*mn! Why is Eldest Miss Qin also here?! How is this a reception dinner? This is probably a... matchmaking dinner, right?” Lin Que grumbled to himself.

Si Yehan also didn’t expect Qin Zong to bring Miss Qin with him. His steps paused and his brows imperceptibly knitted.

“Nephew Si, you’re finally here! Come in quickly; let me introduce you to someone!” As soon as Qin Zong saw Si Yehan, he enthusiastically welcomed him inside and led him to his daughter. “Nephew, allow me to introduce to you. This is my daughter, Qin Xiyuan!”

“Yuanyuan, this is the new director I mentioned to you before, Si Yehan. He’s young and promising, and he’s your Auntie Yin’s son!”

“Mr. Si, hello, nice to meet you! I’ve always wanted to meet you, so when I heard Father mention that you came to Tianshui City, I begged him to bring me with him. You don’t mind, right?” Qin Xiyuan said gracefully with a faint smile on her face.

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At the table, Qin Zong and Si Yehan discussed some unimportant business matters. When he saw the atmosphere easing up, he purposefully led the topic to Qin Xiyuan.

“My Yuanyuan has been traveling everywhere and only returned to Tianshui City recently!” Qin Zong said.

Qin Xiyuan asked with apparent nonchalance, "Oh right, Mr. Si, since you're from Tianshui City, why do you still live in Yun City?"

Si Yehan's fingers gently tapped on the white porcelain cup. He calmly replied, "It's unimportant where I'm from. My fiancée is in Yun City."

Lin Que was curiously pressed against the door slit. When he heard this, respect rose in his heart. Ninth Brother was awesome.

As expected, the faint smile on Qin Xiyuan's face stiffened a few degrees before quickly returning to normal. She changed the topic. "Is that so? I just returned to Tianshui City, so I don't have a lot of close friends. I spend my days practicing martial arts and archery skills the most, but I also dabble in medicine."

"May I ask what your hobbies are, Mr. Si? Since Auntie Yin's medical skills are so impressive, I'm sure Mr. Si has surpassed her. When do you think you'll have time to study it together?"

The eavesdropping Lin Que clicked his tongue. She started dipping into hobbies and interests!

Si Yehan's expression remained unchanged. "I don't do anything special. I just help my son train in martial arts and archery and read with him."

Qin Xiyuan: "..."

Qin Zong: "..."

KO!!!

Two mere sentences and Si Yehan killed the conversation.

In the end, the dinner concluded with a strange atmosphere.

Qin Zong looked displeased. "That punk; I didn't expect him to be so impertinent!"

He didn't believe Si Yehan had no clue about his intentions for inviting him to dinner today.

Qin Xiyuan didn't look angry though and laughed. "I rather like him though! I've seen too many men throwing themselves at me; they make me want to throw up! This one is quite different!"

"But this guy has an illegitimate child already, and his demeanor is apathetic. Judging from his personality, he definitely wouldn't know how to sweet-talk you in the future. Are you sure you like this guy?"

Qin Xiyuan nodded. "It's just that I heard his fiancée isn't someone to be trifled with..."

Qin Zong looked derisive. "As long as my precious daughter likes something, I'll even pluck the stars from the sky. Anyway, it's just some clan from a peripheral state. Regardless of which man you like in the entire Twelve Independent States, Dad will make him listen obediently!"

After all, no one would dare to steal a son-in-law from him, the Vice President of the Arbitration Council.

"Thank you, Daddy! I know you're the best! Remember to help me create some opportunities!"

“Alright, just don’t forget your dad once you have a boyfriend!”

“Of course I won’t!”

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After leaving the restaurant, Si Yehan had just entered the car and hadn’t settled yet when his phone started ringing. It was a call from Ye Wanwan.

Si Yehan’s expression flashed, and he paused. A few seconds later, he answered the call, his tone the same as usual. “Hey, Wanwan!”

“Baby baby, is everything going well on your end?” Ye Wanwan’s energetic voice emitted from the phone.

Si Yehan nodded. “Everything is going well. Don’t worry.”

A stream of cars was outside, and several honks sifted through the car window.

Ye Wanwan suspiciously asked, “Eh, it’s so late. You’re still outside?”

“I had a business dinner.”

“Business dinner? With who?” Ye Wanwan purposefully asked, dragging out her words.

“A member of the Arbitration Council.”

“Male or female?” Ye Wanwan pressed.