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Chapter 2291 My good daughter?

Si Yehan furrowed his brows minutely. Judging from Yi Lingjun's attitude, he knew there probably wouldn't be any outcome today.

Hence, he could only stand up and say, "Please rest then. This junior will visit again another day."

Yi Lingjun glanced at Si Yehan's wrist, which was covered by his sleeve, from the corner of his eye before standing up to see Si Yehan off.

After Si Yehan left, Ye Wanwan immediately leaped out from the reception pavilion. "Old monster, what nonsense are you spouting?!"

Yi Lingjun calmly and unruffledly sat down by the new tea table. "When did Father spout nonsense? Father was handing him an olive branch! Otherwise, he's going to be in trouble..."

"What do you mean?" Ye Wanwan frowned.

"Do you think that girl from the Qin family is someone to be trifled with and will permit a man to reject and humiliate her time and time again?" Yi Lingjun looked at Ye Wanwan. "Your man is about to be in deep trouble! And only you, my good daughter, can help him!"

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At the same time, at the Qin residence:

When Qin Xiyuan returned, her face was extremely dark and her trailing female servant had her head bowed, not daring to even breathe loudly.

No one had ever treated her miss like this...

Qin Zong walked downstairs and saw how his daughter was cheerful when she left but returned in a bad mood. He hastily inquired, "Yuanyuan, what happened? Who caused your unhappiness?"

Before Qin Xiyuan could respond, the servant spoke up. "Who else but that Director Si? He seriously went too far and was ungrateful of the courtesy Miss extended him..."

"Si Yehan?" Qin Zong frowned. "What happened?"

The female servant explained, "Director Si is a condescending jerk who considers our Miss beneath him and continues to reject our Miss in every manner possible. If he's playing hard to get, he should have a limit, but today... today, he actually..."

"What did he do?" Qin Zong asked gloweringly.

The female servant stomped her feet in anger. "Today, Miss merely touched his hand but he actually wiped his hand with an alcoholic wipe on the spot and also humiliated Miss!"

"Enough! Shut up!" Qin Xiyuan angrily rebuked, interrupting the female servant.

She had never been humiliated in this fashion in all her life. She lowered herself graciously to approach a man, but he actually humiliated her again and again because of a cheap tramp.

“How dare he?!” Qin Zong was infuriated instantly. “Who permitted him to humiliate my daughter like this?!”

Qin Zong then quickly comforted his daughter. “Yuanyuan, don’t worry. Father will definitely pay him back for his impertinence!”

“But Auntie Yin...”

“Yin Yuerong is no one to fear. Anyway, she abandoned this son a long time ago. You were originally that boy’s sole opportunity to make a comeback, but he didn’t treasure it... He’s seriously idiotic! A man like him isn’t worthy of my daughter!”

Qin Zong menacingly continued, “Whether he’s a biological son or not isn’t important. What’s important is your choice, Yuanyuan! I’ll give everything to whoever can win your favor!”

“Father, I want to make him pay and wallow in regret!” Qin Xiyuan clenched her fists and immediately ordered her servant, “You! Go and set up a meeting with Yin Heng. Tell him I have something to discuss with him!”

Since this man was so impertinent, she would give everything that belonged to him to his archenemy. She refused to believe he still wouldn’t bend the knee when he lost everything.

She would definitely make him beg for her forgiveness on his knees...

Chapter 2292 Si Yehan lost favor with her?

At a French restaurant in Tianshui City:

Yin Heng was neither early nor late and arrived five minutes ahead of the agreed time.

He elegantly sat down on a seat by the window with the posture of a noble young master.

About an hour later, Qin Xiyuan finally arrived.

However, Yin Heng didn’t display any irritation. When he saw Qin Xiyuan, his eyes brightened and he quickly stood up to pull back the seat across from him out for her and handed her a bouquet of fresh roses.

Qin Xiyuan accepted the roses and glanced at them before setting them aside. “Thanks.”

Yin Heng furtively probed, “What happened? Why do you appear to be unhappy, Miss Qin?”

Qin Xiyuan’s lips curled up in a sneer. “Nothing. I just ran into a disobedient dog.”

Yin Heng’s eyes shifted, joy flickering through them. It appeared Si Yehan lost her favor?

He originally employed every method he could, but Qin Xiyuan was disdainful and chased after Si Yehan instead.

Since she was Qin Xiyuan, the daughter of the Arbitration Council's vice president Qin, he didn't dare to use any special methods. Otherwise, if he offended the Qin family, he'd be doomed.

While he was at his wits' end, he never expected Qin Xiyuan to contact him of her own volition.

Yin Heng smiled faintly. "Not only is that dog disobedient, but he also appears to be a blind dog to have provoked the rage of a beautiful woman like you, Miss Qin."

Qin Xiyuan peered up at him, her mood easing due to his honeyed words.

Evidently, Yin Heng's fawning attitude wholly fulfilled her vanity, which was damaged after Si Yehan's blow.

This is how men should treat me...

"I heard Auntie has intentions to pass on the Yin family to you?" Qin Xiyuan asked aloofly.

Yin Heng bitterly smiled. "Mother does have those intentions indeed, but..."

Qin Xiyuan asked, "But what?"

Yin Heng's expression fell as he said, "But now that Si Yehan has returned to Tianshui City, he's Mother's biological son, after all... No matter how well I perform, he's the one Mother has been most satisfied with all along..."

Qin Xiyuan snorted. "So what? Whether you're biological or not isn't that important!"

Yin Heng's eyes flickered. "What do you mean, Miss Qin?"

Qin Xiyuan nonchalantly said, "Attend the banquet the night after tomorrow with me."

Yin Heng was startled. "Miss Qin is talking about... the opening ceremony for the Summit...?"

There was an opening ceremony that occurred before the summit every year. After the opening ceremony ended, a banquet would be held that night and the attendees solely consisted of the directors and the higher-ups of the Arbitration Council.

Qin Xiyuan actually wanted him to be her male companion in this kind of setting. This was representative of extremely high regard from her and monumental for him.

Qin Xiyuan raised her brows. "What? You aren't unwilling?"

Yin Heng suppressed the mad joy in his heart and answered with a refined and gentle expression: "Impossible. It's my honor to have been invited by Miss Qin."

Qin Xiyuan was finally satisfied and raised her glass. "Heh, Mr. Yin truly is clever. Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

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After dinner was over, Yin Heng personally drove Qin Xiyuan back to the Qin residence before driving back to the Yin residence.

When he arrived home, Yin Heng sought out Yin Yuerong immediately.

“Mother!”

Yin Yuerong expressionlessly looked up. “It’s so late. Do you need something?”

Yin Heng replied, “Tonight... Miss Qin asked to meet with me.”

Yin Yuerong’s expression remained unchanged. “Is that so?”

Yin Heng continued, “Miss Qin invited me to attend the banquet with her in two nights.”

Chapter 2293 Probably want to abduct and sell someone

Yin Yuerong peered up at him again and didn’t seem the slightest bit surprised. “Is that so? All the people attending will be higher-ups from the Arbitration Council, so it will be a very good opportunity. You need to present yourself well. I’ll have someone prepare an appropriate outfit for you later.”

Gratitude brimmed from Yin Heng’s face. “Thank you, Mother.”

Yin Yuerong nodded with satisfaction. “Go on then. Get along well with Miss Qin.”

Yin Heng revealed hints of bashfulness as he humbly said, “Miss Qin and I haven’t progressed to that step yet...”

Yin Yuerong said, “Since she’s invited you to attend the opening banquet, it means she has favorable feelings toward you already.”

Yin Heng naturally knew that. He was merely intentionally concealing his edges. He asked Yin Yuerong what to be conscientious of at the banquet before finally leaving.

After Yin Heng left, the elderly female housekeeper walked out from the back.

“Eh... Wasn’t Miss Qin close with Young Master several days ago? Why is she suddenly with Yin Heng now, even inviting him to attend such an important banquet?!” The housekeeper was perplexed.

Yin Yuerong snorted. “Why else? What else could it be aside from that woman?! He’s simply wrecking his own future and absolutely idiotic!”

The housekeeper sighed. “Young Master is a rather romantically devoted person...”

Yin Yuerong snorted. “Romantically devoted? He’ll eventually regret it!”

The housekeeper remembered something and hesitantly inquired, “Oh right, I’ve prepared the people you wanted me to find earlier. I searched throughout the entire Twelve Independent States and found three girls. They are all top-notch beauties. Do you want me to send them to Young Master right now?”

Yin Yuerong replied, “Send them, send them, of course! If he doesn’t like them, then keep searching and sending more! That child, Ah-Jiu, is merely too naive in romantic affairs and has seen too few women, so he’s been fooled and charmed by that woman!”

Mockery was written all over Yin Yuerong's face as she continued, "Back then, didn't Si Huaizhang claim he was solely in love with that woman? What happened in the end? He still spends his days drinking, seeking pleasure, and loving every new woman he meets!"

The housekeeper wanted to say something else at first but bit back her words upon hearing that and could only reply, "Yes, I'll send them now!"

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At this moment, at a manor in Tianshui City:

He Lianjue was weeping and threatening to hang himself.

"Sigh, I'm so sad, I'm so sad! Even if you become the daughter of the President, you still don't like me. What's the point of me being the President, huh? I'd be better off resigning and returning home!"

"Wahhh, Little Worriless. I'm telling you—that woman, Yin Yuerong, is a psycho! She definitely won't spare you for destroying her most perfect creation! You'll definitely regret not becoming my daughter!"

"Little Worriless..."

To avoid being nagged to death by He Lianjue, Ye Wanwan hastily escaped from the manor.

When Big Dipper saw Ye Wanwan, he immediately dashed forward. "Sis Feng, you're finally back! I was worried to death! If you were still nowhere to be seen, I would've raided the President's manor!"

Fu Mingxi also hurriedly demanded, "Sis Feng, why in the world did the Arbitration Council take you elsewhere?"

"They probably wanted to abduct and sell me...?" Ye Wanwan replied.

He didn't have a daughter but insisted on abducting her to be his daughter...

Big Dipper: "Huh?"

Fu Mingxi: "What?"

Ye Wanwan cleared her throat. "Just kidding. It was nothing; he just wanted to ask me about the bill amendment."

As she spoke, First Elder and Third Elder returned from their scouting mission.

"President, President! We're back!"

"What did you discover?" Ye Wanwan inquired instantly.

Chapter 2294 Hey, Dad!

First Elder took a sip of water before quickly saying, "The ancestral Yin residence is impenetrable as a metal pail, and we truly couldn't enter it. However, we used some alternate methods and scouted quite a bit of information!"

Third Elder continued, "We saw Yin Heng suddenly going out late at night, so we followed. Guess what we discovered, President?"

“What? Tell me! Don’t leave me hanging!” Ye Wanwan said.

Third Elder: “We found out Yin Heng actually went to meet up with Qin Xiyuan!”

Ye Wanwan frowned. “Do you know what they said?”

First Elder immediately pushed Third Elder to the side. “We specifically found a nearby position. I have good hearing, so I heard some of it. Basically, this dog couple mingled together and Qin Xiyuan even invited Yin Heng to be her male companion for the banquet in two nights!”

Third Elder added, “Tsk tsk, that woman is seriously shameless and actually called Sir Lord Asura a disobedient dog. She’s clearly the one who glued herself to him, but Sir Lord Asura ignored her!”

“Is that so...?” Ye Wanwan narrowed her eyes.

He Lianjue already warned her about this, but she didn’t expect things to turn out identical to his prediction, and so quickly at that.

Qin Xiyuan sought out Yin Heng as soon as she left, clearly to seek revenge against Si Yehan.

Qin Xiyuan thought she could suppress and threaten him, but in reality, Ah-Jiu didn’t care about this kind of thing at all.

However... I care!

“One more thing...” First Elder began hesitantly.

“What thing?” Ye Wanwan asked.

First Elder coughed lightly. “Third Elder will tell you!”

Third Elder took a step back. “First Elder was the one who discovered this piece of news, so First Elder will tell you!”

First Elder retorted, “How am I the one who discovered it? It was clearly you who suggested going to Lord Asura’s residence to scout around, Third Elder...”

Upon seeing the two of them shoving each other back and forth again, Ye Wanwan drew the Tang backsword from her waist and slapped it on the table with a *clang*. “I’ll give you 10 seconds! Tell me together!”

First Elder and Third Elder instantly replied in sync, “We discovered that Yin Yuerong sent three beautiful women to Lord Asura!!!”

Ye Wanwan: “...”

First Elder and Third Elder: “Also, Yin Yuerong is having people continue to look. It looks like they’re going to keep giving him women until he accepts them!”

Dead silence pervaded the air. A terrifying aura brewed and billowed around Ye Wanwan.

First Elder and Third Elder met each other’s eyes and started to shiver involuntarily.

Big Dipper carelessly said, "Eh? Yin Yuerong merely sent three beautiful women to Lord Asura! What great storm hasn't our Sis Feng gotten through? What's there to fuss about? Minor matter, minor matter!"

Fu Mingxi also hastily agreed. "That's right, that's right! The President wouldn't care about this kind of minor..."

Before he finished, a terrifying "Kachak" resounded in the air.

Big Dipper, Fu Mingxi, First Elder, and Third Elder watched as the glass cup in Ye Wanwan's hand shattered like a spider web before turning into dust...

Fu Mingxi finished, "Minor... matter..."

They instantly huddled in the corner like quails with fearful expressions on their faces.

She originally didn't want to use an overly shameless method, but it appeared her previous line of thinking had gone crooked. She should've traversed her own path and bravely acted like herself.

Ye Wanwan dug out her phone without hesitation and dialed the number He Lianjue gave her before she left.

He Lianjue: "Hey, Little Worryless..."

Ye Wanwan: "Hey, Dad!"

He Lianjue: "...!!!"

Chapter 2295 Deep father and daughter bond

Ye Wanwan had just said "dad" when she heard "doot doot doot". The sound of the call ending came from the other end.

She glanced at her phone in confusion.

What's going on?

Within three seconds, her phone started ringing. It was a call from Senior Sister.

Ye Wanwan answered the call, bewildered. "Hello, Senior Sister?"

Medusa anxiously asked, "Little Junior Sister, what did you say to Master when you called him just now?"

"Nothing much. What happened to him?" Ye Wanwan was confused.

Medusa replied, "Master was talking to me on the second-floor balcony. When he answered your call, he suddenly dropped the phone off the balcony accidentally, has been frozen in his spot since and won't answer me no matter what..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Eh, is that necessary?

Medusa asked, "Just what in the world did you say, Little Junior Sister?"

"I just said one word."

"One word? That's impossible! Why would Master be so emotional?"

"One word: Dad."

Medusa: "..."

After a few seconds of silence, rustling was heard from the other end, as if Senior Sister's phone was snatched away.

Quickly after, He Lianjue's voice, which sounded so excited like he was about to cry, was heard. "Little Worriless! W-wh-what did you call me just now?! You called me Dad? Sasa! Sasa! Did you hear it? My daughter called me Dad!"

Medusa cleared her throat and promptly followed along and pacified him. "Yes, Master, I heard it. I did say that Worriless still respected and admired you greatly, so why would she reject your kind notion?"

He Lianjue shouted, "Ah, Little Worriless! Quick! Quickly call me 'Daddy' again!"

Ye Wanwan exasperatedly sighed. "Alright, alright, Dad. Stop yowling, Dad, I have some proper business to discuss with you."

Upon hearing her call him "Dad" twice, He Lianjue was simply satisfied and quickly assumed his role. "Good daughter, tell me!"

Ye Wanwan coughed lightly. "Although I don't mind donning another disguise... are you sure someone would believe this kind of bullsh*t? Although nearly no one in Tianshui City knows me, Yin Yuerong at least knows how I look, right? She's met me before."

"Also, Qin Xiyuan probably investigated me and knows how I look! Yet, I became your daughter out of nowhere! That doesn't make sense no matter how you look at it!" she added.

He Lianjue replied with excessive confidence, "So what if they've seen your face? There are so many people who look similar in this world, so what's there to be shocked about?!"

"Anyway, good daughter, you still don't seem to fully understand your daddy's prestige in the Twelve Independent States. Father told you before that no one would doubt anything I say!"

When Ye Wanwan heard this, the idiom "calling white black" involuntarily popped up in her mind.

This idiom wasn't blindly crafted; it was a true story in history.

For someone in a superior position, the words you said were the truth no matter how BS they were.

Especially for someone with Yi Lingjun's reputation. No one would believe Yi Lingjun would vehemently abduct a daughter to satisfy his desire simply because he didn't have a daughter himself...

He Lianjue continued, "As for the other stuff, Father has naturally handled it already. Regardless of how they investigated you, there would only be one result. Father has a long lost daughter, and you're Father's daughter!"

“...” Ye Wanwan simply didn’t know what to say anymore.

Handled it already?

Could it be that this scheme had long been concocted?

Chapter 2296 Happily received a new disguise

“Anyway, with my good daughter’s plastic-surgery-like acting skills, what’s there to be worried about? Father believes in you!” He Lianjue didn’t forget to praise his daughter.

Ye Wanwan’s lips turned up, and she returned the gesture. “No, how could I be acting? Dad, this isn’t acting, I’m revealing my true feelings! We shared a deep father and daughter bond to begin with!”

He Lianjue was moved to tears and looked incredibly touched. “That’s right, that’s right! My good daughter’s right! Good daughter, don’t worry—you can traipse across the Twelve Independent States however you want. Forget about stealing a man from someone; even if you want to start a harem, Father will satisfy you!”

“No need, Dad...” Ye Wanwan replied.

Ha ha... A harem... Do I want to die...?

Ye Wanwan made this phone call on the balcony, so Big Dipper, Fu Mingxi, First Elder, and Third Elder only heard Ye Wanwan call the other person “dad” and thought she was conversing with Patriarch Nie. None of them expected He Lianjue to be on the other end of the phone.

He Lianjue prattled on for eons and didn’t forget to remind her, “Oh right, you better not tell that Si guy. You should pretend to not know him. If we reveal any flaws, we won’t get our desired effect! This is very important!”

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin, thinking: Of course I don’t want Ah-Jiu to find out I secretly came to Tianshui City.

Whether he would recognize her or not, she couldn’t guarantee it.

However, thinking back on it, when Si Yehan pretended to be a stranger as Lord Asura, wasn’t she nearly deceived?

When she faced Lord Asura back then, she was on the brink of questioning her life...

No matter what, her professional acting skills should be stronger than his, right? Moreover, she had the support of the old and cunning He Lianjue, so the level of her happily received new disguise wasn’t any inferior to He Lianjue’s gold-spun soft armor.

Hm, I suddenly feel excited...

If I hit on Si Yehan as a stranger and as the President’s daughter, how will he react?

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At this time, in Si Yehan’s residence in Tianshui City:

Lin Que finally managed to dismiss the people from the Yin family and the three women they brought with them.

After taking care of business, Lin Que reported back to Si Yehan, both mentally and physically exhausted. “D*mn! I finally kicked them out! Isn’t Auntie Rong too ruthless?! Thank goodness the authority is far away and that girl won’t find out about this or else it’d be tragic!”

Si Yehan didn’t say anything, but it was very obvious he was also glad about that point.

When Lin Que saw Si Yehan with a rare troubled look on his face, Lin Que furtively asked, “Ninth Brother, during today’s visit, what was the President’s attitude?”

Si Yehan glanced at Lin Que silently. A moment later, he asked, “President Yi has a daughter?”

Lin Que didn’t understand the meaning behind Si Yehan’s question and reflexively shook his head. “He doesn’t, right? Isn’t President Yi unmarried?”

“That doesn’t mean he doesn’t have a daughter.”

Lin Que turned more dumbfounded. “Hm, you’re right, but why are you suddenly asking this, Ninth Brother...?”

Si Yehan didn’t intend to make Lin Que delve into Yi Lingjun’s private matters. After all, since Yi Lingjun said something like this, it absolutely couldn’t be nonsense. Si Yehan merely found it to be out of left field.

Thankfully, Yi Lingjun wasn’t Qin Zong. Even if he rejected Yi Lingjun today, the other man wouldn’t selfishly make things difficult for him with his big heart.

However, when Si Yehan recalled Yi Lingjun’s attitude after he rejected him, he suddenly felt uncertain...

Was he truly too preoccupied with his daughter’s future marriage or was he intentionally making things difficult for him?

Chapter 2297 Shoving away a great opportunity

The day of the Summit opening ceremony:

After the solemn opening ceremony ended, night fell and the banquet officially started.

The Arbitration Council was considered at the peak of the Twelve Independent State’s power pyramid. All the higher-ups and members of the Arbitration Council were powerful leaders of their respective states, and furthermore, the current president was the great martial arts master, Yi Lingjun.

It could be said that this current Arbitration Council organization was the strongest in history.

Hence, it was apparent what an extravaganza this year’s summit banquet would be.

Of course, what particularly excited all the directors and members wasn’t the new president. It was the return of the daughter of the vice president, Qin Zong—the most beautiful woman in Tianshui City—Qin Xiyuan.

Moreover, the Qin family had released news that they were choosing a husband for their eldest miss.

The Qin residence's main door was nearly destroyed from the trampling hoard.

Aside from power, what people pursued zealously was none other than beautiful women. What made this even better was that this was a powerful and influential beautiful woman.

Everyone knew what marrying Qin Xiyuan represented.

"Why isn't Eldest Miss Qin here yet? Will she come today?"

"Of course she'll come on an occasion like today. Even if she didn't come as Vice President Qin's family member, she herself is a high-ranked legal consultant for the Arbitration Council."

"Eh, it's unrelated to you whether Eldest Miss comes or not anyway since Eldest Miss's heart belongs to someone else already!"

The person next to them furtively glanced at Si Yehan in the distance and lowered their voice as they said, "Are you talking about the gossip article published about Eldest Miss and Director Si a few days ago?"

"Exactly! Don't forget what the Qin family controls. If it weren't for the Qin family's tacit approval, why would they have permitted such an article to be published? I also heard it was Eldest Miss on the pursuing side!"

"Eh? Then doesn't that mean we don't have a chance?"

"It's strange though. Why did Director Si come here by himself today? If things were really as the article said, Eldest Miss would definitely be attending with him today, right?"

"You know women. They have to change their clothes and do their makeup! She'll probably arrive soon!"

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Nearby, Qin Zong had a wine glass in hand as he conversed with Yin Yuerong.

Qin Zong's face was icy and rather displeased when he saw Yin Yuerong. "Heh, Director Yin, your son is truly haughty and arrogant. I wonder what respectable family you're discussing marriage with that caused him to look down on even my daughter, Qin Zong."

Yin Yuerong replied, "Vice President Qin, what you're saying is too heavy. There's isn't any respectable family; she's merely some wild girl. Miss Qin is as graceful as a phoenix, but my son merely has bad taste."

Qin Zong snorted. "Hmph! Thank goodness there's at least one clever person in your family!"

Yin Yuerong furrowed her brows and glanced at her nearby son. When she saw his composed appearance, fury raged inside of her.

For a woman, he was shoving away such a great opportunity!

Everyone was occupied by their own thoughts and discussion ran rampant.

At this moment, a silvery-white luxurious car suddenly stopped at the entrance.

Someone sharply recognized it as Eldest Miss Qin's car.

As everyone waited in anticipation for a beautiful woman to exit the car. To their surprise, the first to come out wasn't Qin Xiyuan. Instead, it was... a man.

The man first stepped out of the car before courteously pulling open the back door.

"Eh? Isn't that... Yin Heng?"

"That's right! Why did he come out of Eldest Miss Qin's car?"

Soon, the breathtakingly dressed Qin Xiyuan stepped out of the car with the support of Yin Heng. She naturally looped her arms around Yin Heng's arm, affectionate in her mannerisms.

Chapter 2298 Got his woman stolen by his brother?

"Um... what... what's going on?"

"Yin Heng and Qin Xiyuan???"

"Isn't Yin Heng Yin Yuerong's adopted son?"

Everyone was stupefied. No one expected Qin Xiyuan's male companion today to be Yin Heng as the rumors about Qin Xiyuan and Si Yehan were burning furiously just several days ago.

What kind of plot development was this?

Nearly everyone reflexively turned to look at Si Yehan. It seemed like he was cheated on and abandoned by Eldest Miss.

When faced with everyone's various odd gazes—astonished, sympathetic, etc.—Si Yehan remained frosty and snowy without any change in expression, as if he was in a different world.

A director standing next to him couldn't help but strike up a conversation with Si Yehan. "Director Si, doesn't Miss Qin like you? Why's she with your brother? This is too much! But you don't need to be too sad..."

The summit would convene tomorrow, so Si Yehan was swiftly mentally editing his proposed law one last time. He charitably extracted a trace of attention from that and glanced at the other director.

"Sad?"

"Sigh, say no more! I get it, I get it! Don't be too saddened!" The director expressed his understanding and didn't pour any more salt on Si Yehan's supposed wounds.

Regardless of who the man was, he wouldn't feel good after having his woman stolen by his brother, especially a woman like this.

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"Miss Qin, you're here!"

"Goddess, you're seriously too beautiful today!"

After Qin Xiyuan and Yin Heng entered the hall, everyone returned to their senses and greeted her, their probing gazes trailing to Yin Heng next to her.

At this moment, a director's female companion who was close to Qin Xiyuan asked, "Yuanyuan, weren't you with Director Si earlier? How come today..."

Qin Xiyuan glanced at Si Yehan and saw there wasn't a ripple on his face or any of the jealousy and regret she wanted to see. Her expression darkened.

Qin Xiyuan's voice wasn't too loud or too quiet, but it was the perfect volume for everyone around her to hear her. "Director Si and I? Where did this rumor come from? Apologies, but Director Si and I aren't familiar with each other, and we aren't related in any capacity. I hope nobody will believe in these kinds of irresponsible words anymore."

After saying that, Qin Xiyuan turned to Yin Heng next to her and sweetly said, "Let me introduce him to everyone—this is Yin Heng, my boyfriend!"

A gentle and doting expression immediately appeared on Yin Heng's face. The series of shocked and jealous gazes following this announcement caused his vanity to be satisfied like never before.

After all these years, he finally completely defeated Si Yehan!!!

Qin Xiyuan actually straightforwardly denied she liked Si Yehan and directly announced her relationship with Yin Heng...

For a man, this was the same as slapping him in public.

When the socialite heard this, she looked embarrassed and hastily went along with what Qin Xiyuan said. "Oh, so it was all a rumor! Who would wildly spread something like this? It's too disrespectful!"

She didn't forget to add flatteringly, "So you're dating Yin Heng right now, huh! You're truly a handsome pair! You're too matching!"

All the other people started congratulating the couple. The men who were previously admiring Si Yehan for being liked by Eldest Miss Qin all looked at Si Yehan in a schadenfreude manner.

Yin Yuerong slowly stopped next to Si Yehan. "How does it feel? If you express your regret now, perhaps it wouldn't be too late for you to properly beg for Miss Qin's forgiveness."

Si Yehan looked aloof. "Why does Director Yin think my taste would be so bad that I'd take a liking to Qin Xiyuan?"

Yin Yuerong was nearly infuriated to death.

He was disdainful of the daughter of the Arbitration Council's vice president but liked that wild girl. How could he say that so boldly?!

Chapter 2299 There's a better show coming up

Before Yin Yuerong could say anything else, Si Yehan icily said, "Don't let me see a woman appear within three feet of my house again."

Yin Yuerong didn't expect her son to be so ungrateful of her efforts. "You! Good! Great! You even look down on the daughter of the vice president—what a big appetite you have! I'd like to see how long you can last! Ah-Jiu, remember what I'm saying today. You'll regret this one day!"

After saying that, Yin Yuerong angrily stomped away in her high heels. She was utterly disappointed in this son of hers now.

On the other side, Qin Xiyuan was akin to the sun surrounded by a myriad of planets—nearly everyone spiraled around her.

Today, Qin Xiyuan wore a beaded, dark-blue fishtail gown, giving her a sparkly appearance, and the high-end cut complimented her alluring figure. She was dazzling amidst the crowd and undoubtedly became the focus of the banquet.

In addition, she had the handsome and scholarly Yin Heng standing next to her. The good-looking couple further caught everyone's attention.

"Miss Qin is seriously too beautiful! No wonder she's the most beautiful woman in Tianshui City! I don't think we can find anyone prettier than our Miss Qin in all of the Twelve Independent States!"

"Of course! Who can compare to Yuanyuan in terms of looks, talent, and family background?!"

"I'm seriously jealous of Yin Heng!"

Yin Heng adoringly looked at Qin Xiyuan and gently said, "Yuanyuan is the most beautiful and perfect girl I've ever seen. I consider myself most fortunate for receiving her favor."

Several higher-ups grouped together with wine glasses in hand, furiously conversing.

"I didn't expect that lad, Yin Heng, to have gotten there first! Yin Heng is finally flushed with success tonight!"

"Someone will probably be sad though..."

"Of course. Getting his woman stolen by his brother—who wouldn't be hurt if this happened to them?"

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In the corner, Yu Shao looked at Qin Xiyuan and Yin Heng, his tone serious as he said, "I didn't expect Miss Qin to actually get together with Yin Heng... This way, the matter will probably be tricky."

He actually didn't agree with Si Yehan's method in private, but it wasn't his place to say anything as Si Yehan's subordinate.

Lin Que scowled. "Isn't Qin Xiyuan, that woman, seriously too good at pretending? It was clearly Ninth Brother who didn't take a liking to her, but now, she's making it sound like she was the one who abandoned Ninth Brother! Also, Yin Heng! Just look at his triumphant face!"

"Was the Director's visit to the President two days ago successful?" Yu Shao asked.

Lin Que shook his head. "I also don't know what happened there... However, Ninth Brother's attitude was a little strange when he returned..."

Yu Shao felt a pounding headache. "I said before that Qin Xiyuan was too important..."

This current situation was extremely disadvantageous for them.

On the banquet hall's balcony:

He Lianjue was on a call with Ye Wanwan. "Good daughter, why aren't you here yet? Don't tell me you're going back on your word! Don't blame me for not telling you, but Qin Xiyuan and Yin Heng came together today! They're clearly humiliating your man publicly! Right now, all the ignorant people are gleefully enjoying a good show..."

On the other end of the phone, Ye Wanwan chuckled lightly. "It's easy to enjoy a good show! There's a better show coming up."

At the same time, inside the dressing room that Medusa prepared for Ye Wanwan:

All the make-up artists and stylists were rooted in their spots as they stared at the girl in front of them.

Ye Wanwan gently flicked the bottom of her dress and peered up. "Senior Sister, is this okay?"

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Only then did Medusa recover from her enormously stunned state. "Too... too okay! My god, Little Junior Sister, I always thought Qin Xiyuan was beautiful enough already, but now I finally know what the saying 'staring at the sky from the bottom of the well' means! Why are you always dressed like a beggar, Little Junior Sister?! Aren't you wasting your face too much?!?!?"

Ye Wanwan looked at Senior Sister's sorrowful appearance and sighed. "Eh, it's mainly because I got used to earning a living with shamelessness and nearly forgot I could earn a living with my face!"

Medusa: "..."

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Inside the banquet hall:

Yin Heng was elatedly traversing through the crowds of distinguished leaders and figures with Qin Xiyuan.

After acting as a good son in the Yin family for so many years and acting as Si Yehan's substitute for so many years, this was the first time he felt he could raise his head completely in front of Si Yehan. He had never felt this happy.

As he walked arm in arm with the beautiful, breathtaking Qin Xiyuan—arm in arm with the most beautiful woman with the most illustrious background in Tianshui City—he could finally, *finally* stomp Si Yehan under his feet.

Yin Heng purposefully led Qin Xiyuan to Si Yehan. "Eldest Brother, Yuanyuan and I are together now. Aren't you going to give us your blessing?"

Si Yehan had been working intensely these past few days and was nearly exhausted, so he was sitting on a high stool in front of the bar and was supporting his forehead with his hand as he closed his eyes and rested. Upon being disturbed, he slowly peered up.

Although he had to look up, his innately superior gaze still made him look like he was staring down at ants and he exerted a frightening pressure.

Lin Que knew his Ninth Brother's personality. Si Yehan was disinclined to even spare a look for people he didn't care about.

However... Yin Heng... was actually an exception...

Lin Que still remembered the look in his Ninth Brother's eyes when he learned Auntie Rong adopted a son, carefully nurtured this adopted son, and that he could be replaced at any second.

It was the look of someone whose last support pillar in the entire world had just crumbled.

Regardless of how extreme Yin Yuerong acted before, Ninth Brother wasn't as hurt as that moment.

Ninth Brother didn't care about this guy anymore, but when Lin Que watched how this guy circled around them like a fly and came running here to brag, he still felt disgusted.

It took Yin Heng everything he had to not allow himself to appear weak under Si Yehan's overly formidable aura and keep his wine glass raised.

Qin Xiyuan chuckled lowly. "I should salute Director Si with a glass first. Director Si is truly passionately devoted to Miss Nie. I wish the two of you to live to old age in conjugal bliss."

Qin Xiyuan's mockery was evident. Si Yehan actually rejected her because of the mere Worryless Nie. Now that he had to watch her next to his archenemy, Yin Heng, she didn't believe he could remain unruffled.

There were many people glancing at them covertly.

This scene was incredibly explosive.

Ye Wanwan, who was standing at the entrance, also watched this scene in its entirety.

She previously ordered First Elder and Third Elder to scout out the Yin family's situation, so they did discover some things about the Yin family and truthfully told her in detail.

Back then, merely because Si Yehan couldn't reach Yin Yuerong's standards and satisfy her, the woman immediately adopted a son and nurtured him from the beginning.

Ye Wanwan still couldn't figure out how Yin Yuerong could be so cruel and give up on her son that easily.

Even if she didn't understand the situation back then, she could still imagine Si Yehan's emotions when he discovered he was someone who could be replaced at any second to his mother—a figure whom he obeyed unhesitatingly and used everything he could to gain her approval despite her crazed, strict, and heartless demeanor...