

Secret Love 2301

Chapter 2301 A completely different person

She knew that everything had passed already. The current Si Yehan wouldn't have a single ripple in his emotions for something like this anymore, judging from his apathetic attitude toward his mother.

However, how could she allow these people to tarnish the most perfect and wonderful person to her?

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At this moment, someone suddenly looked at the entrance and released a quiet exclamation: "Wow... so pretty..."

Soon, more and more exclamations were heard and the other people all turned to the entrance in confusion.

At the end of the golden and resplendent hall, a girl stood there in a retro-style gown. The cuts of the gown were crisp and clean but the details were extremely opulent.

The color and style of this gown were only particularly suited for certain people. The purely hand-embedded pearls and shells dazzlingly glittered under the chandeliers. This was a gown that was eye-catching and luxurious to the point of stealing the thunder of its wearer, but on the girl, it didn't divert a single ray of light from her.

The girl's skin was akin to the highest quality white jade, her lips akin to the clouds at sunrise, her hair black as ink. Her shimmering eyes looked like they reflected the vast sky.

Even if she did nothing but stand there, she was as blazing and eye-catching as the scorching sun in the height of summer, pervadingly beautiful.

In contrast, Qin Xiyuan's elegant lady-like and socialite demeanor turned her invisible.

Qin Xiyuan naturally turned her attention to the entrance as well. When she saw the newcomer there, her expression shifted.

"That woman is..."

In the beginning, Qin Xiyuan's reaction was instinctive jealousy targeted at this woman's looks.

Previously, Qin Xiyuan had only seen Ye Wanwan through photos she obtained and never saw the real person. Since the current Ye Wanwan was too different from her photo self, Qin Xiyuan didn't recognize her at first.

In the end, it was her confidant female servant who reminded her. "Miss, isn't that woman Worryless Nie? Why is she here?"

Qin Xiyuan was startled and only then did she recognize the woman. "Worryless Nie?!"

Most of Worryless Nie's photos were taken secretly in her daily life and she was dressed slovenly, so Qin Xiyuan couldn't link the woman in the photos to this woman in front of her.

As for the other attendees of tonight's banquet, most of them didn't know Ye Wanwan, so their attention was wholly sucked by this strange woman.

"My god! Which family's daughter is she?"

"I don't know! I've never seen her before!"

"Oh my god, what kind of godly good looks are that?! She actually outstripped Miss Qin..." someone quietly said.

Their friend also whispered in agreement: "Miss Qin wasn't just outstripped! She was absolutely eclipsed!"

Yin Heng was also dumbstruck as he stared at the entrance.

As Qin Xiyuan listened to the discussion around her, her sight landed on the girl. After a moment of scrutiny, unconcealed derision and mockery surfaced in her eyes.

How interesting. There were so many strays in this world, but these strays had no sense of their own limitations. There were some places that only people who possessed absolute status and power could enter. Yet, someone like Worriless Nie had the courage to attend a banquet of this level and act out a scene of a woman traversing thousands of miles to search for their husband. Qin Xiyuan was very willing to be an audience member and watch this clown's monodrama.

Yin Yuerong's brows locked together as she stared at the girl at the entrance. "Worriless Nie...?"

Then she shook her head, confusion entering her expression. This girl might be very similar in looks but her temperament made her appear to be a completely different person. This girl's temperament didn't belong to an ordinary person.

Chapter 2302 Stealing the limeligh

The girl emitted a haughty aloofness from her bones, as though every living being was rejected from her world and nothing could enter her eyes.

This aloofness didn't originate from an indifferent personality. It was as though there wasn't a person or object that she didn't look down on...

Of course, this aura made people feel uncomfortable.

And Yin Yuerong had once seen Worriless Nie from Yun City. She couldn't possess this kind of aura...

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"Sh*t! Ninth Brother! Quick! Look at the door! What's going on? Isn't that Ninth Sister?!" Lin Que's hand shuddered and half of his red wine spilled out.

Only then did human emotion enter Si Yehan's face, and he immediately turned to the entrance.

Next to them, Yu Shao also looked at the entrance in disbelief. "Eh... That's... that's Miss Nie? Are you sure, Lin Que?"

In his memory, whether it was Bro Flattop or Worriless Nie, they both had the image of a demoness, so how could she be so elegant and graceful, beautiful to the point of intoxicating and bewitching all observers? In front of this girl, Qin Xiyuan, the supposed most beautiful woman of Tianshui City, lost all trace of color and presence.

Furthermore, her looks and style of dress were secondary; the most important part was her standoffish aura. Just by standing there, even without using any expressions or body language, she already emanated intense derision for everything from her bones.

If it was the President of the Twelve Independent States' Arbitration Council who possessed this aura, he could understand it, but... Worriless Nie?

"Bullsh*t! Of course I... eh... it probably is, right?" As Lin Que looked at the girl's exquisitely beautiful looks and coolly elegant temperament, he suddenly turned uncertain.

At this moment, the girl's line of sight swept past them, and Lin Que accidentally met her eyes.

However, the girl's gaze didn't show any hint of recognition, as though Lin Que was merely a stranger. No, he wasn't even a stranger—he was akin to air.

Lin Que was dumbfounded. Eh, she doesn't know me?

"D*mn, what is this, huh? Who is she? How dare she look down on me like this?" Lin Que fumed with rage between gritted teeth. This was too infuriating!

Si Yehan frowned lightly. He had met the girl's eyes for a second just now, but her gaze was that of someone looking at a stranger.

Wanwan?

He had a call with Wanwan just last night, and she was still in Yun City, so she couldn't have appeared here in such a short amount of time.

Furthermore, she promised him that she absolutely wouldn't come to Tianshui City.

He had also never seen Wanwan wearing such an unfamiliar expression with such a foreign mannerism... It was like she was a different person.

Yin Yuerong didn't act rashly. Qin Xiyuan hated Worriless Nie to her bones though, yet that woman actually came here today to steal her limelight, so how could she tolerate it silently?

The female servant quickly comforted her. "Eldest Miss, don't be angry. It's just a vixen with some degree of good looks—how could she compare to you? I'll kick her out right now! How dare she come to today's banquet? She's simply asking for humiliation!"

Qin Xiyuan's mouth curled up in a smirk. "Are you saying that a random stray is worthy of being looked at by me?"

"Eldest Miss is right. She's just a stray who could lower the level of this type of event."

Immediately, the female servant imperiously marched toward Ye Wanwan.

“You.” The female servant blocked the girl’s path and coldly stared at her. “You’re the Second Miss of Yun City’s Nie family, right?”

The girl didn’t say anything and acted like she didn’t see the female servant blocking her path.

Chapter 2303 Had to look at the master before hitting a dog

“Miss Nie, I’m very sorry, but this isn’t a place someone with your status can enter casually. I think you should first determine the kind of status required to attend an occasion like this.”

However, the girl stayed put in her spot and treated the female servant as air, completely disinclined to respond.

The female servant sternly said, “Miss Nie, I know you’re the second miss of Yun City’s Nie family, but this isn’t a typical banquet. This is a banquet for the Arbitration Council’s higher-ups. Normal people are absolutely prohibited from attending!”

“If you’re looking for someone, please wait outside until the banquet concludes! If you disturb any of the guests, I’m afraid even the entire Nie family couldn’t handle the consequences!”

The female servant called a security guard over with a wave of her hand as she said, “Please leave immediately, Miss Nie. Otherwise, I have no choice but to have someone escort you out.”

However, an unbelievable scene occurred in the next second. The girl suddenly frowned and lifted her right arm. Before the female servant could react, a ruthless slap landed on her face.

Slap!

The crisp sound attracted everyone’s attention.

Qin Xiyuan’s expression changed instantly. This stray slapped my servant?

Qin Xiyuan’s smile deepened. Ye Wanwan truly was a wild girl who had never seen the world, and ignorant people were fearless. Compensation for her slap would probably have to come from the entire Nie family!

Nearby, Lin Que was also jolted in fright. Was that woman mad?!

You had to look at the master before hitting the dog!

Slapping a female servant wasn’t a big deal, but this servant was the servant of the Arbitration Council’s vice president’s daughter!

This kind of action in this kind of setting wasn’t a personal matter anymore. It was equivalent to Ye Wanwan representing the Nie family and fiercely slapping the Vice President of the Arbitration Council on the face!

The consequences... Had she actually considered them?!

“Y-you b*tch! How dare you hit me?!” The female servant angrily glared at the girl while clutching her face.

“Annoying. Please get lost,” Ye Wanwan said with a hint of irritation as she glanced at the female servant.

“Security!!!”

The female servant screamed.

The next second, several formidable security guards appeared and surrounded the girl.

However, there wasn't a trace of panic on the girl's face. Instead, she looked more aloof, as if she was watching a joke.

“STOP!”

Accompanying this harsh shout was Medusa striding into the hall. “What are you doing?”

Medusa came from a rich and powerful clan in Tianshui City and was also Yi Lingjun's disciple, so even the higher-ups of the Arbitration Council had to show her some courtesy.

When the female servant saw Medusa, she stepped forward to explain at once. “Miss Sasa, this woman trespassed on this banquet and also hit me. I'm immediately ordering them to take her away!”

Medusa coldly repeated, “Take her away? She's my friend!”

“Your friend...”

The female servant immediately turned to Qin Xiyuan and after obtaining affirmation from Qin Xiyuan to proceed, her smile receded. “Miss Sasa, you should know what kind of occasion this is. By slapping me, it's the same as slapping our Eldest Miss Qin. It's the same as slapping the Vice President.”

“Miss Sasa, I don't think you should be managing this type of minor matter. Also, I think you should instantly break ties with this kind of person. Otherwise, while it'd only be a minor matter if you provoked the Vice President, it'd be major if you disgraced President Yi!”

Medusa laughed and was about to say something when gasps were heard in the crowd.

“President Yi is here!”

“Hello, Sir President!”

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At this moment, Yi Lingjun slowly walked down from upstairs in white robes. However, anyone paying close attention would notice his footsteps turning quicker.

“President!”

When everyone saw Yi Lingjun, they were filled with deep veneration and looked at him as if they were gazing at a god.

Chapter 2304 Personal appearance

Soon, a person walked forward with a wine glass in hand. He greeted the president with a light chuckle: “President, long time no see.”

The speaker was Vice President Qin. Vice President Qin himself didn't expect President Yi to make a personal appearance at this banquet.

"Hello, President."

When Qin Xiyuan saw Yi Lingjun, she quickly walked up and greeted him.

"Mm." Yi Lingjun made a sound in response.

When Yi Lingjun saw Vice President Qin about to say something else, he interrupted with a smile, "I mainly came here today to announce and handle something, so please excuse me."

Vice President Qin nodded several times in succession. "You have to attend to numerous affairs every day, President, so please do as you need."

Yi Lingjun soon walked onto the stage, his eyes sweeping over the room.

The banquet hall turned quiet instantly without a decibel of noise.

"The main purpose of tonight's banquet was entertainment, but I still have to lower everyone's spirits a little," Yi Lingjun started.

"Nonsense, President," Vice President Qin said to Yi Lingjun with a chuckle.

Yi Lingjun nodded. "I believe everyone has heard of the incident in Yun City."

At the mention of the Yun City incident, everyone was startled. Of course everyone knew about such a major incident, especially them, the higher-ups of the Arbitration Council. How could they be clueless?

"I remember Director Yin personally went there to handle this incident." Yi Lingjun turned to Yin Yuerong.

"That's indeed the case, President," Yin Yuerong admitted with a nod.

"The actions of Yun City's Martial Arts Union was very outlandish, but they also serve as a reminder for us to consider whether some of the rules and regulations that have been passed down from ancient times in the Independent State are reasonable and if we need to amend some of them," Yi Lingjun calmly said.

Everyone was shocked. The rules and regulations of the Independent State were passed down from their esteemed ancestors, so how could they alter them?

"President Yi... these rules..." a higher-up hastily looked at Yi Lingjun and started speaking.

However, Yi Lingjun merely glanced at the speaking higher-up. "I haven't finished speaking. I hope you won't interrupt me a second time."

"Yes yes yes..."

Yi Lingjun continued, "Some time ago, Director Si, Si Yehan, sought me out and called into question some of the rules and regulations, and these questions were mainly concerning their unreasonableness."

“Si Yehan?”

Many higher-ups’ gazes landed on Si Yehan.

Yin Heng secretly sneered. Si Yehan was seriously gutsy and actually dared to question the Independent State’s rules and system and brought it up with President Yi! He was simply asking for his own death!

It appeared President Yi mainly came here to criticize and perhaps even punish Si Yehan...

Yin Yuerong’s harsh gaze shot toward Si Yehan.

“Heh... Do you really think that, Director Si? The Independent States’ rules and system since ancient times have guaranteed the continuity of the Independent States. Amending the rules is an utter joke.”

“That’s right. Director Si, don’t you think you’re a bit too brazen?!”

Yi Lingjun smiled faintly. “After reviewing the suggested amendments that Director Si proposed, I wasn’t opposed actually and even found him rather amiable.”

The higher-ups who were criticizing Si Yehan froze in their spots with dumbstruck expressions.

President Yi hadn’t come to criticize Si Yehan?!

“Thank you very much, President Yi,” Si Yehan responded.

It appeared he was thinking too much earlier. Yi Lingjun wasn’t the kind of person who practiced favoritism.

Chapter 2305 Regarding my daughter

“Alright, I will stop here regarding business matters. I’ll leave the specific details to be discussed at the summit table. Of course, aside from this matter, I still have a personal matter to discuss.”

Yi Lingjun smiled faintly. “It’s regarding my daughter.”

Everyone was astonished.

Although President Yi never married and no one heard anything about him having a relationship with any woman, there was always a rumor that Yi Lingjun had a precious daughter.

Nobody took this rumor seriously, naturally, since a rumor was merely a rumor.

Yin Yuerong looked at Yi Lingjun and said, “There was always word on the street that you had a daughter, President Yi, but I never expected it to be true...”

After all, Yi Lingjun never married, so no one dared to go to Yi Lingjun and personally inquire about this kind of rumor. If it was false, wasn’t it the same as slapping a label on the President of the Arbitration Council for no reason...?

Si Yehan turned pensive. During his visit with Yi Lingjun, Yi Lingjun mentioned some details about his daughter of his own volition.

As for Ye Wanwan, there wasn’t any emotion on her face, but judgment filled her internally.

If Yi Lingjun hadn't released this kind of information himself, who could've uncovered his private matters?

"Heh." Yi Lingjun smiled. "I sent my daughter overseas when she was young, so she grew up and gained some accomplishments abroad. However, we previously had a small conflict and didn't contact each other for many years. Now that our conflict has resolved, we can finally meet again."

"After all, my daughter can't be far from me and missed me every second when she was thousands of miles away. As her father, I naturally also hope my daughter can return to her homeland and visit me often."

Ye Wanwan: "... This old devil's bullsh*tting skills were seriously something.

"So what you're saying, President Yi..."

A higher-up turned contemplative. There might not appear to be much to President Yi's words and it was just trivial small talk on the surface, but that wasn't true.

His main point was that he attached great importance to his daughter, and his daughter was accomplished and capable.

Praising his own daughter at an occasion like this and allowing his daughter to make an appearance in such a ceremonious fashion... Could it be that he wanted to let his daughter enter the Arbitration Council and become powerful...?

Vice President Qin's expression turned rather bad.

In the Arbitration Council, Yi Lingjun was undoubtedly the head and represented absolute power while he was the deputy. Vice President Qin was only below one person and above millions. If Yi Lingjun stepped down, he would get the opportunity to become the president.

Now though, Yi Lingjun suddenly called his daughter back from abroad and said something like this. Even an idiot could tell that Yi Lingjun wanted to emphatically train his daughter. Could it be that he wanted to allow his daughter to ascend to his position in the future?

Although every president was elected by the higher-ups, if Yi Lingjun was willing, it was entirely possible for him to push his daughter to be elected as the next president with his methods and prestige.

After a moment of contemplation, Vice President Qin's expression returned to normal.

This was merely his own conjecture and might not be the truth. It was also possible President Yi merely wanted to announce he had a daughter.

Qin Xiyuan looked at Yi Lingjun and quickly asked, "Sir President actually has a daughter...? Then may I ask where is Sister? Is she attending tonight's banquet?"

She must pay attention to President Yi's daughter and befriend her.

Chapter 2306 You're blocking my way

"Yunmo, why aren't you coming over here?" Yi Lingjun asked as he turned to the girl at the entrance.

“Yes, Father.”

The girl expressionlessly walked toward Yi Lingjun like no one else was present.

Everyone’s gazes instantly landed on that haughty girl who felt everything was beneath her dignity.

When her bone-deep aloofness, disdain, and standoffish aura were paired with her alluring face, she was akin to a saintess who couldn’t be violated. She didn’t utter a sound but had already locked everything outside her doors.

“Her...?!”

Qin Xiyuan’s shocked gaze landed on the girl. This girl... wasn’t she Worryless Nie from Yun City’s Nie family? How did she become Yi Lingjun’s daughter?!

Wait!

What did President Yi Lingjun just call her...?

Yunmo!

Furthermore, she was sent overseas by President Yi since she was young, so how could she be Worryless Nie?

However, what was the matter with her looks?

Qin Xiyuan’s servant was dumbstruck in her spot. As she watched the girl walking closer to the stage step by step, a trace of fear appeared on her face.

This woman wasn’t Worryless Nie... she was President Yi’s beloved daughter, Yi Yunmo!

“Move.”

The girl glanced at Qin Xiyuan, intense dislike surfacing in her eyes, but her expression remained bone-chilling. A single word caused him to feel like he had fallen into an ice pit.

The dazed Qin Xiyuan was evidently startled.

“You’re blocking my way,” the girl said apathetically.

Faced with that tone, which allowed for no objection, and incomprehensible aura, Qin Xiyuan actually reflexively yielded for the girl.

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“D*mn. That’s impossible, right? She isn’t Worryless Nie?!” Lin Que was stunned as he stared at the icy girl.

“Ninth Brother, what’s going on? Isn’t she Ninth Sister? That’s impossible, right? Aren’t her looks too similar... Wait wait wait, that also isn’t right! How could Ninth Sister have such a terrifying aura? Her every move and gaze is too freaking scary! When she looked at Qin Xiyuan just now, she didn’t treat Qin Xiyuan like a person! She seriously isn’t like Ninth Sister!” Lin Que murmured.

“It’s not just Qin Xiyuan! I feel like she doesn’t consider anyone here an actual person aside from President Yi Lingjun... She’s too arrogant and conceited!” Yu Shao frowned deeply.

In all his life, he had never met such a condescending woman. He could tell from a single glance that she wasn’t easy company.

“D*mn! It’s superiority emanating from her bones, alright? Her aura is too similar to Ninth Brother’s, right... no wait, it’s a hundred times—no, a thousand times—more than Ninth Brother’s!” Lin Que said.

Ninth Brother’s superiority was restrained inside while that woman didn’t conceal hers in the slightest.

Si Yehan coolly glanced at Lin Que.

“Ninth Brother, that’s not what I mean. I’m saying that girl is too much...” Lin Que explained himself immediately.

As Yin Yuerong watched the girl slowly walking toward Yi Lingjun, confusion entered her eyes.

In Yun City, she met Worriless Nie herself.

Worriless Nie was very pretty indeed, but she didn’t fully brandish her beauty. This girl was completely different and paraded her beauty to the last centimeter.

Furthermore, Worriless Nie didn’t have any aura worth mentioning. This girl though... the aloof aura she emanated could only be from every fiber of her being. It was as if she was destined to become a superior leader since she was born. The bone-deep apathy she displayed when she looked at people didn’t seem to be feigned.

Chapter 2307 Restrain your gaze toward Director Si

This girl was stunningly beautiful but her personality appeared to be immensely prideful and icy. Aside from her father, she looked down on everyone...

Thankfully, she didn’t act rashly earlier. But Yin Yuerong still retained her suspicions. How could there be two people who looked this identical in the world?

Could it be that there was something odd about this? Was this girl actually President Yi’s daughter? Could it be that she was Worriless Nie...?

“Father.”

The girl walked up the stage and looped her arm around Yi Lingjun’s arm. Only then did the apathy in her eyes recede a little and turn into gentleness.

“Good daughter. Introduce yourself to everyone,” Yi Lingjun said in good spirits.

The girl glanced at everyone and said, “Father, I don’t think that’s necessary. The prerequisite for me introducing myself is that there should be someone I would like to befriend and get to know. Apologies, Father, but I haven’t found someone like that yet.”

“Yunmo, don’t be so insensible,” Yi Lingjun said.

The girl was indifferent. “Father, you should know that I’ve never been sensible since I was young.”

“Sigh. I’m very sorry, everyone. My darling daughter was pampered and spoiled since childhood and might still be unfamiliar with this kind of occasion. Please don’t take it to heart,” Yi Lingjun said with an exasperated expression but there wasn’t a hint of reproach in his eyes.

A higher-up vehemently shook his head and hastily said, “Nonsense, President Yi. Miss Yunmo has an extraordinary aura and doesn’t behave like normal people and has her own personality. It’s very uncommon to see a girl that self-aware with such strong views anymore!”

“That’s right, that’s right. Director Gao is right! I think that someone with this type of personality must be impartial, incorruptible, and very well-suited for entering the Arbitration Council and holding an important position!”

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All the directors started agreeing and lauding her at the same time.

The attention that was originally directed toward Qin Xiyuan also shifted instantly.

An older director asked with an apparently casual air, “President, since your daughter is so outstanding, she must be taken already, right?”

A person nearby also said, “Sigh, I wonder who has the good fortune of obtaining Miss Yi’s favor!”

Yi Lingjun glanced at his daughter and responded, “Heh, I wish there was someone by her side to take care of her, but unfortunately, she hasn’t encountered anyone she likes yet.”

In other words, she didn’t have a boyfriend yet?

President Yi’s daughter—his sole precious daughter—was actually still single!

Many people’s eyes brightened when they heard this news.

Ye Wanwan remained haughty when faced with everyone’s concern and good-will.

However, Yi Lingjun was closest to her and didn’t miss her little glances.

Yi Lingjun cleared his throat and continued to chat with everyone while imperceptibly leaning close to Ye Wanwan’s ears and whispering, “Good daughter. Restrain yourself a little!”

“Restrain what?” Ye Wanwan asked.

“Your gazes toward Director Si.”

“What’s wrong with me looking at my man?”

“If you look any more, you’ll drop your disguise!”

“Don’t worry, I won’t drop it. I’m someone whose closet is filled with disguises! Don’t underestimate me!”

Anyway, she couldn’t be faulted for this. She truly couldn’t help herself since Si Yehan was seriously too handsome today!

Perhaps it was because tonight's banquet was rather important, so Si Yehan wore a luxurious formal suit on this rare occasion. The heartache-inducing fatigue on his face didn't impact his looks at all and actually amplified his allure...

Chapter 2308 Really preparing to matchmake her?

Yi Lingjun led Ye Wanwan from the stage into the crowd.

A sharp glint flitted through his eyes before he regained his fatherly expression and heavily said, "To be quite honest, my greatest trouble right now is dealing with Yunmo's marriage. However, this child's taste is too picky and truly makes my head hurt!"

These words were no doubt a stone evoking thousands of ripples.

Anyone with an iota of intelligence could understand him.

President Yi probably hastily brought Yi Yunmo back to recruit a husband for his daughter, didn't he?

"President, what are you saying? Your daughter is so beautiful and capable, so it's more than normal for her to have higher standards. After all, the man will be her companion for the rest of her life, so of course she has to choose carefully!"

"That's right! There are so many handsome and talented youths in Tianshui City and quite a few came today, so Miss Qin can take her time getting to know them!"

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The young men who were fawning over Qin Xiyuan moments ago immediately fluttered toward them.

A suave man wearing a light gray suit asked in a gentlemanly manner, "Miss Yi, allow me to introduce myself. I am one of the directors in the Arbitration Council. I was born and have lived in Tianshui City all my life, so I'm very familiar with Tianshui City. You've just returned, so if you need a guide of any sort, I'm always willing to serve you."

When the other people saw this man recommending himself, they all couldn't sit still and swarmed forward to make conversation.

"Miss Yi's taste is truly splendid. Your outfit is seriously too beautiful!"

Many older higher-ups also struck up a conversation with Yi Lingjun. "President, my son has also been abroad for many years, so perhaps he'll find some common ground with your daughter!"

"Oh? Is that so?" Yi Lingjun didn't reject anyone and politely chatted with each and every one of them, looking as if he was really seriously choosing a husband for his daughter.

Ye Wanwan was at a loss for words. Could it be that he was really preparing to matchmake her?

Why was he asking so seriously?

Yi Lingjun's attitude demonstrated that he basically wanted the whole world to be in chaos!

Ye Wanwan retained her cold and haughty persona and frowned. "Father, I'm going over there."

A beautiful woman was extremely beautiful even when she frowned. The irritation in her eyes was like the dew-dropped thorns on a rose and all the gentlemen around her were mesmerizingly dazed.

Yi Yunmo immediately inquired in concern, "What is it, Yunmo? Do you feel unwell?"

"The air here is bad." Ye Wanwan randomly tossed those words behind her and sauntered away in her high-heels.

In other words, she didn't like how loud this place was.

Yi Lingjun exasperatedly said, "This child! Her personality is simply too unsociable!"

Although her tone and the way she spoke made many people displeased, no one dared to comment on it.

After all, Yi Yunmo wasn't targeting a single person and was targeting everyone.

No one would stick their head out first to reason with her.

Instead, her personality was arrogant like a raging inferno and haughty like a frosty glacier, evoking the desire in many men to conquer her...

Qin Xiyuan was beautiful but lacked a unique personality. She was akin to a fresh flower meticulously nurtured in a greenhouse.

Furthermore, whether it was looks or family background, Qin Xiyuan and Yi Yunmo were from completely different levels and couldn't be compared.

It appeared that from today onward, the titles of Tianshui City's number one socialite and number one beauty would both change hands!

It was uncertain whether it was intentional or accidental...

But Ye Wanwan just happened to walk toward Yin Heng and Qin Xiyuan.

Chapter 2309 Hurry and introduce us

The girl stepped closer and closer, her aura and stunning looks captivating everyone she passed.

Like every man present, Yin Heng involuntarily tightened his grasp around his wine glass.

Yin Heng watched as the girl approached him and he stepped forward, courteously raising his glass toward her. "Miss Yi, my name is Yin Heng. I'm Director Yin Yuerong's son..."

However, the girl treated Yin Heng like air and acted like she didn't see or hear him.

The other guests were naturally witnesses to Yin Heng being ignored and discussion ran rampant again.

"Pft, he actually got ignored!"

"That's a man Miss Qin took a fancy to, but Yi Yunmo didn't even look at him!"

"Please! Miss Yi's standards must be much higher than Miss Qin's! What's weird about that?!"

The slightly embarrassed Yin Heng could only smile cordially and withdraw his cup, pretending not to care.

As Qin Xiyuan listened to the chatter around her, her expression turned darker, and displeasure entered her eyes as she looked at Yin Heng.

“What? You’re getting ideas?” Qin Xiyuan glanced at Yin Heng.

Yin Heng was briefly startled before promptly shaking his head. He calmly replied, “Miss Qin, she’s President Yi’s daughter after all, so it’d be within my duty to toast to her. As for how she responds, that’s unrelated to me.”

As a man, he was naturally more attracted by women like Yi Yunmo. However, Yi Yunmo towered after the heavens and she was someone he could gaze at but couldn’t touch.

On the other hand, Qin Xiyuan was a sure shot already. There was no way he would offend Qin Xiyuan because of Yi Yunmo under these circumstances.

“You’re rather good with your words.” Qin Xiyuan harrumphed.

How could she be clueless about Yin Heng’s thoughts?!

She was originally supposed to be the sole focus today and enjoy the coveting gazes of all the attending men.

However, she never expected Yi Yunmo to drop from the sky or all the men circling her a second ago to all swarm toward Yi Yunmo instead

Yin Heng was no exception...

Many higher-ups of the Arbitration Council were itching to give Ye Wanwan a shot but no one dared to strike up a conversation with Yi Lingjun’s precious daughter.

This kind of person was chilly like an ice block and looked down on every living being present. Conversing with her would be a masochistic act.

“Ninth Brother... she should be Ninth Sister, right... Aside from identical twins, there can’t be two people who look exactly the same in this world,” Lin Que asked Si Yehan, confusion brimming on his face.

Si Yehan’s gaze settled on the girl, but he remained silent.

Si Yehan immensely venerated and admired the President of the Arbitration Council, Yi Lingjun, and didn’t think Yi Lingjun would lie and deceive everyone. However, his instincts told him that girl couldn’t possibly be some Yi Yunmo person...

Hence, there could only be two explanations.

Yi Lingjun previously mentioned that he became estranged and lost contact with his daughter, Yi Yunmo, many years ago. It was possible that Ye Wanwan employed some kind of method to fool Yi Lingjun and became Yi Yunmo.

The other possibility was that President Yi Lingjun was truly deceiving every single one of them.

However, why?

After exchanging some conventional greetings with everyone, he immediately ran off to find his precious daughter.

“Why were you talking for so long?!” Ye Wanwan grumbled bemoaningly.

“Aren’t I here now? Good daughter, what is it? Do you finally need Father’s help for something?” Yi Lingjun asked with anticipation.

Ye Wanwan bobbed her head eagerly. “I do! Hurry and introduce me to Si Yehan!”

“I think you’re the one who has a split personality, right, good daughter...?”

“Thank you, thank you! I’m merely surpassing the one who taught me.”

Yi Lingjun: “...”

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“Director Si!” Yi Lingjun shouted, breaking Si Yehan out of his contemplation.

Si Yehan nodded lightly and walked toward Yi Lingjun, involuntarily glancing at the girl standing next to Yi Lingjun.

“President,” Si Yehan greeted him.

“Director Si, I will consider your earlier suggestion. Young people should be more courageous anyway, and it’s not a bad thing for you to develop ideas that are ahead of your time,” Yi Lingjun said with a smile.

“Thank you for your support, President,” Si Yehan replied.

“Oh right, let me introduce you—this is my daughter, Yi Yunmo.” Yi Lingjun pointed at Ye Wanwan next to him.

When Yin Heng saw this scene, his brows locked together and a shadow enveloped his eyes. Why was President Yi introducing his daughter to Si Yehan?!

He finally managed to gain Qin Xiyuan’s favor with great difficulty. If Si Yehan sank his claws into Yi Yunmo, everything would be wrecked.

“Miss Yi.” Si Yehan looked at Ye Wanwan, his frosty face not revealing any change in emotions as though he was wearing a mask. His austere and unworldly aura permeated the air around him.

Ye Wanwan merely glanced at Si Yehan and looked away without a single response.

However, this was what played out in her mind:

Ahhh! So handsome!!!

Why is he dressed so nicely today? It’s not like I can strip him right now!

No! Control yourself!

Your persona can't collapse!

When Yin Heng, who was a little nervous moments ago, saw this, he inwardly sneered, derision and mockery brimming from his eyes. Yi Yunmo was haughty to the bone and considered everyone else beneath her, so how could she respond favorably to Si Yehan?

Who cared about how capable or outstanding Si Yehan was? His taste was too pitiful and he just had to ruin everything because of a woman.

Otherwise, he'd truly be at a loss if Si Yehan managed to attach himself to Qin Xiyuan.

As for Yi Yunmo, her appearance was incredibly surprising, but she evidently didn't have any intention of befriending any of the guests, so it wouldn't impact anything.

He would still stomp Si Yehan beneath his feet in the end!

Yi Lingjun looked at Ye Wanwan and unwittingly chuckled. Her pretense was pretty on point. She was truly worthy of being his disciple and daughter, inheriting a pinch of his capabilities.

At this moment, melodious music started playing, and the banquet formally began.

"Miss Qin Xiyuan, may I invite you for a dance?"

Soon, many young men from the Arbitration Council approached Qin Xiyuan with the desire to ask her for a dance.

Although Qin Xiyuan came with Yin Heng, many people were unwilling to give up.

As for Yi Yunmo, after the series of failures just now, nearly everyone gave up and was settling for second best.

"No need. I have a dance partner already. Thank you," Qin Xiyuan courteously rejected them with a faint smile on her face.

"Miss Qin Xiyuan's dance partner is naturally Yin Heng..."

Everyone couldn't help but look toward Qin Xiyuan and Yin Heng.

The corners of Yin Heng's lips turned up, his aura impressive. The couple attracted many people's gazes.

People watched as Yin Heng courteously extended his hand toward Qin Xiyuan.

Upon seeing everyone's attention focused on her again, Qin Xiyuan's expression finally eased, and she gracefully placed her hand on Yin Heng's hand.

Qin Xiyuan had an elite education since she was young, so she was like a fish in the water at this kind of social function. She was fairly superb at the waltz and shared a rather tacitly matched dance with Yin Heng, winning a round of applause from the crowd.

"They really are a handsome couple made in heaven!"