

Secret Love 2351

Chapter 2351: Hidden past

Lin Que continued, "As for Ninth Brother's father, Si Huaizhang, you should know that according to the rules, many people whose talents didn't meet the standards were evicted from the Independent State, and many of these people created a clan and amassed power in China. They devoted their efforts to nurturing their children with the hope that they could return to the Independent State one day.

"Si Huaizhang was one of those descendants who met the standards and was brought back to the Independent State. He returned to the ancient Si clan and became very valued too.

"He and Auntie Rong met during a mission once, and Auntie Rong fell in love with him at first sight. She ignored all of the other outstanding pursuers wooing her and placed her heart and soul on Si Huaizhang.

"Unfortunately, it was unrequited. Ninth Brother's father fell in love with a girl from China and even forsook the rare opportunity of returning to the Independent State for that girl. He abandoned his clan and fled back to China, eloping with that Chinese girl..."

Ye Wanwan was astonished when she heard this. This hidden past was lost in the mists of antiquity and no one dared to mention it due to Yin Yuerong's looming intimidation, so First Elder and the others hadn't discovered this. If it weren't for Lin Que, she really wouldn't know all of this.

Ye Wanwan asked, "And then?"

Lin Que sighed. "And then... you should know how severe the Independent State's laws are, so how could the ancient Si clan tolerate something like this? In order to avoid having their clan implicated, they kept hunting Si Huaizhang. In the end, it was Auntie Rong who rescued Si Huaizhang and left the Independent State for him."

Lin Que paused and continued, "Later, that Chinese girl didn't want to live in fear and trepidation anymore, so she left Si Huaizhang and got married to someone else..."

"Because Si Huaizhang violated the laws of the Independent State, he received extremely severe punishments and even dragged down his clan and parents."

"In the end, because of Si Huaizhang's mother's relentless imploring and persuasion, Si Huaizhang had to marry Auntie Rong. Auntie Rong's Master possessed a very prestigious reputation in the Independent State back then and pleaded for leniency on their behalf, so the matter was finally resolved. However, from then on, Si Huaizhang and Auntie Rong weren't allowed to return to the Independent State..."

It was no wonder that back in China, Grandmother kept saying she regretted letting Ah-Jiu's parents get together. It was because of this.

After Ye Wanwan listened to this, she truly didn't know what to say. "Um... wasn't Yin Yuerong's sacrifice too great?"

For a man who didn't love her, she basically abandoned everything she possessed.

“A woman gave so much for him, but are you saying that Si Huaizhang wasn’t touched in the slightest?” Ye Wanwan couldn’t figure out how Si Huaizhang could fool around with so many women later and sire so many children.

Lin Que shrugged. “I heard that their relationship after getting married was okay and they managed the Si clan in China rather well. However, later on, something melodramatic happened... Si Huaizhang’s sweetheart probably didn’t have a good life after getting married, so she sought out Si Huaizhang... Si Huaizhang couldn’t control himself... and the two of them got together again...”

The corner of Ye Wanwan’s lips twitched. “D*mn... That scummy?”

Thank goodness Ah-Jiu didn’t inherit this trait from his father...

Ye Wanwan couldn’t help but ask, “Didn’t Yin Yuerong explode with anger?”

Lin Que immediately replied, “How could she not be angry?! Regardless of how much Auntie Rong liked Si Huaizhang and followed his wishes for everything, she couldn’t tolerate this kind of matter. After all, what she cared about the most was Si Huaizhang’s first love... So afterward, Auntie Rong wrecked the company that woman and her husband opened in a fit of anger!”

Chapter 2352: She probably has issues with her EQ

When Ye Wanwan heard this, her expression was indescribable. “Um... Is there... a problem with Yin Yuerong’s EQ? By doing that, wasn’t she shoving Si Huaizhang into that woman’s arms?”

Lin Que immediately praised her. “You’re too wise, Ninth Sister! That was exactly it! After that woman declared bankruptcy, she got divorced from her husband, and Si Huaizhang felt very sorry for her, so he started maintaining a relationship with her on the outside!”

Ye Wanwan: “...”? *I knew it.?*

Lin Que said, “What happened after was even more melodramatic... that woman died from a car accident!”

“Eh... she died? Then it must’ve been tragic for Yin Yuerong... Regardless of whether that woman’s car accident was intentional or accidental, Si Huaizhang must’ve blamed it on Yin Yuerong!”

Lin Que slapped his thigh and exclaimed, “You’re really clever again, Ninth Sister! Si Huaizhang got into a terrible argument with Yin Yuerong and never went home again. He fooled around outside every day, and Yin Yuerong’s personality became increasingly irritable...”

Ye Wanwan sighed. She didn’t expect to hear such a theatrical story. “That’s rather melodramatic...”

Lin Que pondered. “I must say that Auntie Rong is seriously stubborn though. She still didn’t give up and held hope toward Si Huaizhang and wouldn’t divorce him. She even conjured a plan to carry Ninth Brother and attempted to use this child to draw Si Huaizhang back... Well, you can probably guess the final outcome...”

In the end, Yin Yuerong probably became truly downhearted and placed all of her hopes on Ninth Brother. If Ninth Brother's aptitude met the standards, she would be able to return to the Independent State...

Ye Wanwan finally understood why Si Yehan had this kind of relationship with his mother.

To Yin Yuerong, Si Yehan symbolized her failed romantic relationship and represented despair and betrayal. She probably didn't feel any attachment toward Si Yehan. Not only that, but she also probably resented Si Yehan for being unable to draw Si Huaizhang back to her.

Yin Yuerong solely treated Ah-Jiu as a tool for returning to the Independent State and fighting for power. After discovering he was escaping her control, she immediately found a substitute, Yin Heng...

Ye Wanwan originally debated whether to think of a method to salvage this relationship between mother and son. Looking at it now though, Rome wasn't built in a day, and even if the Heavenly King himself came, he wouldn't be able to make these two people reconcile or change Yin Yuerong.

In all fairness, if she had experienced this, she absolutely couldn't forgive the other person or dispel her ill feelings.

However, no matter what, a person still shouldn't take out all their pain on a child, right?

But of course, she wasn't Yin Yuerong.

Ye Wanwan couldn't help but comment, "What should I say? With Yin Yuerong's figure and looks, she must've been gorgeous and unparalleled when she was young, right?"

"Exactly! Even my dad was secretly in love with Auntie Rong back then! Plus, I saw a photo of that Chinese woman, and her looks aren't 1/100th of Auntie Rong's!"

Ye Wanwan immediately asked, "So then, if Yin Yuerong was beautiful, had good looks and possessed such favored terms, how did she get this outcome with such a good hand of cards?"

"If it were me, I would've definitely grasped Si Huaizhang deathly tight in my hands the first time I saw him! That Chinese woman wouldn't be able to stick a finger into the relationship!"

Lin Que: "Ninth Sister, your point of focus..." *?Why is it so distorted??*

"Am I wrong?"

"..." *?There doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it...?*

As the two of them conversed, Ye Wanwan's phone started ringing. It was Baby Tangtang calling.

Chapter 2353: Tangtang takes after Mommy!

Ye Wanwan's eyes brightened instantly. "My Baby Tangtang is calling me! Alright, go back, Foolish Que!"

Lin Que's face darkened. "I talked to you for so long, but you won't even offer me a cup of tea and are kicking me out like this? You throw me away as soon as you don't need me anymore? Aren't you too heartless?!"

Ye Wanwan glanced at him from the corner of her eyes. "Am I? I think you're rather happy with gossiping! You had such a large scoop but didn't dare to tell anyone. You must've felt quite suffocated, right?"

Lin Que: "... " She actually saw through that? Fine, you win!

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After getting rid of Lin Que, Ye Wanwan immediately accepted Tangtang's call.

Ye Wanwan's voice turned as gentle as water at once. "Hello, baby?"

Tangtang: "Mommy..."

Sharply detecting something gloomy in the little fella's voice from the other end, Ye Wanwan anxiously asked at once, "What happened, Tangtang? Are you sad? Did something happen?"

The little fella seemed to hesitate for a moment before worriedly saying, "No. Tangtang is just worried about Mommy... Mommy, is there someone bullying you?"

Ye Wanwan furrowed her brows. "Huh? Bully Mommy? No way! Who could be bullying Mommy?!"

After a moment, Tangtang replied, "Paternal Grandmother is bullying mommy..."

Ye Wanwan was shocked. "Paternal Grandmother?"

Eh? Tangtang's referring to Yin Yuerong?

Tangtang answered immediately, "That's right. Grandmother is very mean and very scary and won't allow you to be with Daddy. And she's bullying Mommy."

Ye Wanwan frowned deeply. "Eh? Who told you this nonsense?"

Tangtang acted pretty loyally and replied, "I found out myself."

"Tell me the truth. Who told you?"

"Uncle told me."

"..."

Tangtang added, "I also heard it from Grandpa and Grandma..."

One word from Mommy and Tangtang immediately sold out Uncle, Grandpa, and Grandma.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her forehead exasperatedly and hastily said, "Don't listen to their nonsense. It's completely false. Mommy didn't get bullied, and Grandmother isn't that scary. Grandmother is very nice and treats Mommy very well."

When Ye Wanwan listened to Lin Que telling her about Si Yehan's childhood, she was utterly shocked.

Si Yehan was stripped of nearly all of the goodness from this world. She didn't want to let Tangtang inherit these negative emotions or live with resentment and fear.

"Really?" Tangtang asked.

Ye Wanwan immediately replied, "Of course! Would Mommy lie to you?"

The little fella breathed a sigh of relief instantly. "Mm, I believe Mommy."

Ye Wanwan gently said, "That's right! In truth, your uncle and the others misunderstood. Your grandmother is... mm, she has some issues with her EQ. She just doesn't appear to be easy to get along with, but she's actually a good person!"

Ye Wanwan tried her best to make herself forget about Yin Yuerong's chilly face and uttered those words with difficulty.

Thankfully, Baby Tangtang was easy to pacify and would believe everything she said. He obediently promised her: "Mm, Mommy, Tangtang understands. Tangtang won't listen to other people's nonsense anymore."

"So good..." As Ye Wanwan said that, she thought of something and suddenly felt slightly unnerved and sighed. "Ay, Baby, Mommy's really worried about your future EQ... what if you inherited your dad's and your grandmother's EQ? What would we do..."

Tangtang immediately comforted her without any hesitation: "Don't worry, Mommy! Tangtang takes after Mommy!"

Ye Wanwan's eyes brightened. She was overfilled with joy. "Hahaha, you're right, baby. My baby's EQ clearly takes after mine!"

Chapter 2354: He's your real son-in-law?

At the same time, elsewhere, the Arbitration Council's summit was progressing intensely.

The Arbitration Council's summit every year would last half a month, and if there were various affairs that required attention, it might get extended.

They were currently handling the trickier and more complicated affairs at the Arbitration Council summit this year.

Yin Yuerong swept her eyes over all attendees before her gaze landed on Si Yehan. She icily said, "I believe everyone is aware of the incident relating to the Rose of Death."

"An evil cult like the Rose of Death has always been a focal target of our Arbitration Council. And the newest leader of the Rose of Death, Worriless Nie, has always been the number one person on the Arbitration Council's list."

"Worriless Nie has remained in hiding for so many years and escaped the Arbitration Council's capture. Now that she's appeared, she continues to deny her relation to the Rose of Death, but there isn't any evidence that can prove that. Are you saying we're going to spare such a large malignant tumor simply because of her empty words?"

When the higher-ups and directors heard Yin Yuerong's righteously indignant speech, they conversed amongst themselves and all nodded in agreement.

“That’s right! Every leader of the Rose of Death has antagonized the Arbitration Council and blatantly ignore our laws. They’ve always been the biggest, malignant tumors to the Arbitration Council!”

“We must eliminate a weed at its roots or else the wildfire will blaze endlessly and surge again with the spring breeze! I absolutely agree with Director Yin on this point!”

“That’s right, that’s right...”

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At this moment, a cool and low voice interrupted everyone’s discussion.

Si Yehan glanced at Yin Yuerong aloofly. “Director Yin, allow me to remind you that you also don’t have any evidence to prove she’s related to the Rose of Death.”

Director Yin snorted immediately. “Don’t have evidence? Back then, the Arbitration Council already discovered she possessed the Rose of Death’s symbol token. For anyone who possesses that ring, it’s the same as inheriting the Rose of Death.”

Si Yehan said, “However, the reality is that the Rose of Death has vanished without a trace the past few years and has shown no signs of re-emerging.”

Director Yin retorted promptly, “Who knows if it’s because she’s biding her time and preserving and nurturing her power to make us lower our guards?”

“Before convicting someone of a crime, please show your evidence, Director Yin. Don’t provide baseless conjectures from start to end. I believe the Arbitration Council isn’t a place that rashly convicts people.”

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At the summit, the mother and son duo had their swords drawn and neither were willing to yield a step, filling the room with smoke. Everyone looked at each other blankly and didn’t dare to interject.

Yi Lingjun remained silently and calmly watched the duo clashing.

Until... his phone suddenly vibrated several times in a row.

Yi Lingjun took it out and discovered he got messages from Ye Wanwan.

[Dad, remember to help your son-in-law out during the meeting!]

[Yin Yuerong is too scary and too strong! I’m seriously worried about Ah-Jiu fending her off by himself! Only you can suppress her, Dad, so I’m relying on you!]

[Dad, Si Yehan is your real son-in-law! Muah!]

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Yi Lingjun’s lips twitched, and his face glowered. “...”

When a girl was of age, she really had to be married off!

While the mother and son duo continued to go head to head with each other, Yi Lingjun was madly bombarded by Ye Wanwan.

In the end, Yi Lingjun broke under Ye Wanwan's continual calls of "Dad" and could only clear his throat and interrupt the duo. "Alright alright, Director Yin, Director Si, stop arguing and please hear me out."

Yin Yuerong and Si Yehan finally stopped after Yi Lingjun spoke, but the low pressure in the conference room persisted.

Chapter 2355: I can be her guarantor for her whole life

"Ahem, Director Yin, in truth, Director Si's words aren't unreasonable. Back then, the Arbitration Council did indeed act a bit carelessly in laying down an Arbitration Council Kill Order toward Worriless Nie," Yi Lingjun said.

Yin Yuerong's tone eased several degrees as she said, "Although the Arbitration Council issued an Absolute Kill Order for her back then, an investigation would've occurred first after she was captured. Yet, that woman fled for so long without a word. Doesn't that completely show a guilty conscience?"

Si Yehan leisurely replied, "You're overthinking, Director Yin. Worriless Nie left with me and spent those years away with me. Furthermore, I've already used my position as director to act as her guarantor."

When Yin Yuerong saw her son still speaking on that woman's behalf at a time like this, her face turned colder. "Guarantor? What a good guarantor! You can be her guarantor for now, but what about later? How long can you be her guarantor?"

Si Yehan replied without a trace of hesitation: "Her whole life."

"..."

Faced with Yin Yuerong's dumbfounded expression, Si Yehan replied apathetically, "I can be her guarantor for her whole life."

Yin Yuerong started, "You..."

As Yi Lingjun listened to his words and saw his unwavering gaze from start to end, praise flitted through his own eyes. "Heh, I heard Director Si and Worriless Nie are engaged already. Since you two will become family in the future, there doesn't seem to be any problems with Director Si's words."

Many directors changed their opinions after Yi Lingjun spoke.

"Ahem, since she's getting married to Director Si, even if she had intentions to revolt, Director Si would conduct counterespionage on her!"

"I think this guarantee is rather trustworthy!"

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Yi Lingjun cleared his throat, indicating for everyone to quiet down. He then started talking business. "I have a very important matter to inform everyone. In truth, concerning the Arbitration Council's laws, a large number of objections and resentments have been stacking up from the people for a long time. I think it is time to conduct a complete reform."

Yi Lingjun possessed immense prestige, and many people expressed their support as soon as he spoke.

“You’re right, President!”

“Your foresight is brilliant, President!”

Yin Yuerong never, never expected Yi Lingjun to actually agree to amend the laws. She instantly shot up and said, “President Yi, how can we change the laws passed down from our ancestors on a whim like this? You previously said that we absolutely couldn’t abolish our ancestors’ laws!”

“Director Yin, please sit. I, of course, am not intending to abolish them; I am amending them. You have to understand that it is more dangerous to stop the people from speaking than to block the flow of a river. The boat can be carried by the water, but water can also overturn it. We should prioritize the people’s opinions—this is more important than upholding the ancestor’s rules.”

“Of course, we can’t change things at the drop of a hat. I’ll have to trouble all of you to carefully discuss it in detail.”

Yi Lingjun then paused and signaled Medusa, who was nearby, before speaking. “Regarding this, Director Si has completed a great amount of work and analysis. I had the files copied and will now distribute them. Please take a look, everyone.”

Soon, Medusa handed out the copied documents to all of the higher-ups.

Yin Yuerong accepted a document and immediately started flipping through it, her expression growing more terrible after every page.

When she saw one of the amendments, her expression changed abruptly. What? They were going to abolish the law of prohibiting residents of the Independent State from marrying people outside of the Independent State?

No!

She absolutely wouldn’t allow this type of proposed bill to pass!

Chapter 2356: Everything was swell

If this bill passed, it’d be the same as finding Worriless Nie not guilty...

Furthermore, how could they allow the people of the Independent State to get married to lowly outsiders and contaminate their bloodlines?!?!?!?

Worriless Nie!!!

It was all because of this woman...

If it weren’t for that woman, why would Ah-Jiu have defied her in this manner...

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The next day at dawn:

At a private room in a teahouse:

Yin Heng wore a pandering smile as he looked at the man sitting in the head seat.

“Lord Yuan, about this matter...” Yin Heng started.

The man was dressed in a dirty black windbreaker and wearing a black face mask, concealing his full face.

Before Yin Heng could finish, the man addressed “Lord Yuan” waved his hand and picked up the steaming tea from the table, carefully tasting it.

Upon seeing this, Yin Heng didn’t dare to continue and could only wait until the man spoke first.

This “Lord Yuan” was the extremely elusive and famous leader of Fengsha Mercenary. However, very few people had seen his real appearance.

No one knew when Fengsha Mercenary was established; however, they not only had mercenaries but also extremely professional assassins. In the Twelve Independent States, many leaders of major factions had been assassinated by assassins from Fengsha Mercenary.

“Ah, Yin Heng.”

A long while later, Lord Yuan finished drinking his cup of tea and stared meaningfully at Yin Heng.

“Lord Yuan, if there are any problems, speak openly. We aren’t strangers and our brotherhood isn’t new,” Yin Heng said with a faint smile.

Lord Yuan nodded. “Alright, since you’ve said that, I won’t beat about the bush... Yin Heng, Yi Yunmo is a member of the Yi Clan, right?”

Yin Estate could only nod and truthfully admit: “Indeed... To be candid with you, aside from being a member of the Yi Clan, Yi Yunmo is also the daughter of the current president of the Arbitration Council, Yi Lingjun. She recently returned from abroad.”

“Oh... You’re telling me she’s the daughter of President Yi...?” Lord Yuan was pensive.

“Mn, that’s right.” Yin Heng nodded.

“Heh, Yin Heng, Fengsha has always been on good terms with the Arbitration Council, and we both stay in our own lanes. Now, you want me to accept this job. If we wanted to complete this mission, Fengsha would offend two major factions in the Twelve Independent States—the Yi Clan and the Arbitration Council. So... tell me, is this deal worth it?” Lord Yuan aloofly asked with a smile.

“Lord Yuan, I understand what you’re saying, but... I believe that with your abilities and the strength of Fengsha, taking care of Yi Yunmo would be as easy as blowing off dust. Moreover, I believe that the Arbitration Council and the Yi Clan absolutely wouldn’t discover any trace of your involvement,” Yin Heng replied.

Lord Yuan’s lips turned up. “Although that’s the truth, that’s not how it works. Our Fengsha might be capable, but this mission still has risks. Brother Yin Heng, don’t you agree?”

“Yes yes yes, you’re very correct, Lord Yuan...” Yin Heng nodded several times. “So don’t hesitate to raise any terms you have, Lord Yuan. As long as you’re willing to accept this mission, everything is negotiable, Lord Yuan.”

Lord Yuan's fingers lightly tapped against the surface of the table as he seemed to mull over something.

Yin Heng could only wait quietly, not daring to disturb the man.

After several minutes, Lord Yuan finally looked up at Yin again. "In truth, it's not that we can't accept this mission... However, it won't be easy."

Chapter 2357: Second term

When Yin Heng heard Lord Yuan, he became invigorated. "Lord Yuan, tell me. Whatever terms you want, I, Yin Heng, will do everything I can to fulfill them as long as I can do it!"

"You?"

Lord Yuan glanced at Yin Heng and chuckled lightly. "Yin Heng, it's not that old brother is looking down on you, but I'm afraid you can't fulfill my request."

Although Yin Heng was chagrined, he didn't dare to retort and could only respond with a pandering smile. "Lord Yuan, please lay out your thoughts."

"Alright." Lord Yuan chuckled again. "I don't care about you or any of your objectives; I just have two terms. My first term is that Fengsha wants this amount."

Lord Yuan extended several fingers, expressing the price mentally.

"This price... Isn't it a little..."

Yin Heng frowned deeply after seeing Lord Yuan's listed price. Wasn't he demanding an exorbitant price?

"Don't rush to make a decision based on the price. Hear my second term first," Lord Yuan continued.

Yin Heng reined in his emotions and said with a nod, "Okay. Continue, Lord Yuan."

"For this second term, my previous sentiment still holds—I don't care about your objective. However, regardless of who obtains power in the future Arbitration Council, as long as I accomplish this mission, Fengsha Mercenary must be treated as the Arbitration Council's official mercenary," Lord Yuan said.

"Official..."

Yin Heng started cursing after his initial shock passed. This was more exorbitant than his first demand.

When did the Arbitration Council ever have an official mercenary team?

Especially one with a not-so-great reputation like Fengsha...

"Lord Yuan, how about we discuss it some more..." Yin Heng suggested after mulling it over for a moment.

"No need," Lord Yuan replied indifferently. "Brother Yin Heng, you don't have room to negotiate here with me. Whether it's the first term or the second term, you must do as I ask. Of course, both sides have to be willing in a business deal. If you're not willing, then we can say we merely met to catch up today and share a cup of tea together. It's not a problem."

“Lord Yuan, regarding the price, there shouldn’t be a problem, but... if you want to make Fengsha the Arbitration Council’s official mercenary group, well... I’m afraid it’s not something I can decide...” Yin Heng answered with a furrow of his brows.

“Oh?” Lord Yuan snorted. “What, Brother Yin? Are you playing with me? If you can’t even decide a trivial matter like this, why did you invite me here?”

“Lord Yuan, wait a moment.”

The next second, Yin Heng called Qin Xiyuan.

The call ended within a minute and Yin Heng turned to Lord Yuan again. “I agree to both of your terms, Lord Yuan. Should we go through the formalities and sign a paper contract?”

“Brother Yin Heng, that won’t be necessary. I believe Brother Yin Heng wouldn’t dare to go back on your word.” After saying that, Lord Yuan threw down several bills on the tea table. “I will pay for the tea today.”

Then he left the tea house.

Yin Heng finally heaved a sigh of relief as he watched Lord Yuan’s departing figure.

This man might look harmless but he terrified him.

Especially that sentence: “you won’t go back on your word.”

Indeed, if Yin Heng went back on his word and didn’t fulfill his promise to Fengsha, an abyss would await him.

However, since the leader of Fengsha, Lord Yuan, agreed to the deal of assassinating Yi Yunmo, Yin Heng could relax.

In this world, there was nearly nothing Fengsha couldn’t accomplish if they wanted to.

“Si Yehan, did you think you latched onto Yi Lingjun’s daughter...? What you’re clutching will end up becoming a corpse... You’re fated to be beneath me for eternity and will never win!”

Yin Heng’s eyes were stormy as his lips curled up into an icy smile.

Chapter 2358: Do you deserve it?

Late at night, in the residence Yi Lingjun prepared for Ye Wanwan:

Ye Wanwan’s eyes shot open. For some reason, she sensed movement outside the house and called Housekeeper Wu several times, but no one responded.

Ye Wanwan immediately dressed herself and walked toward the living room.

Pah!

Ye Wanwan flipped on the light switch in the living room, but the room didn’t light up as she expected.

Ye Wanwan didn't give up and persistently flipped it several more times but received the same results.

"The power's out?" Ye Wanwan was puzzled. In all her time in the Independent State, she'd never heard about the power going out.

"Miss Yi, don't waste your time. The electrical circuit has been cut, so you won't be able to turn on the lights in this house."

In the midst of Ye Wanwan's confusion, a crystal clear voice rang out from the sofa.

"Who?!"

This abrupt voice startled Ye Wanwan, an incredulous expression on her face.

Where were they? This was the house Yi Lingjun, the President of the Arbitration Council, arranged for his daughter, Yi Yunmo. Although it wasn't tightly guarded, it would be a lunatic's ravings to circumvent all of the security and guards and infiltrate this place.

Who in the world was this man? However, this man's voice sounded faintly familiar, giving her a sense of déjà vu. However, Ye Wanwan couldn't recall it at this very second.

"Heh... Miss Yi, you don't need to know who I am. You don't have the right to know either," the man replied with an airy chuckle.

As the man spoke, he lit a cigarette, the weak flame akin to the bright ray of the sun in this pitch-black house.

In truth, Ye Wanwan and Yi Lingjun had discussed the recent circumstances, and Yi Lingjun mentioned that Ye Wanwan's appearance would surely damage many people's prospects, so some people might act secretly...

Swish!

Instantly, a chilly glint surfaced in Ye Wanwan's eyes, and she attacked the man.

Regardless of who this man was or his purpose, she had to capture him first and interrogate him.

Ye Wanwan was incredibly fast, but despite that, she still wasn't a match for the man.

When Ye Wanwan reached the sofa, the man had stood up and left already and was standing in a corner of the living room.

"Heh, I really couldn't tell Miss Yi's abilities had gotten to this extent." The man smiled at Ye Wanwan with a puff of smoke.

"There are many things you don't know." Ye Wanwan's voice was bone-chilling.

"Miss Yi, you don't have to worry too much for now. I didn't mean anything by paying you this late-night visit—I merely wanted to say hello to you, Miss Yi. Is this how you treat all of your visiting?" the man asked with amusement.

"Guest?" Ye Wanwan snorted. "Do you deserve special treatment?"

“Haha, everyone says Miss Yi is arrogant to her bones, and it’s truly a well-deserved reputation. I’ve finally witnessed it for myself today.” The man chuckled.

Upon hearing silence from Ye Wanwan, the man continued, “Doesn’t Miss Yi want to know the purpose of my visit today?”

“I’m listening,” Ye Wanwan said.

“Heh, in truth, I didn’t have much reason to come here tonight. I simply wanted to inform you, Miss Yi, that I’ll personally strip away your life in the next few days,” the man announced with a calm tone.

“Strip away my life?” Ye Wanwan’s lips turned up. “I don’t think that’s necessary. Now is the perfect opportunity to take my life. Why don’t you give it a try right now?”

Chapter 2359: Give me a look of your treasure

“Miss Yi, that would be too meaningless,” the man said. “Taking your life right now would truly be too easy. That way, there wouldn’t be any challenge and that isn’t my style. Hence, I thought I’d better inform Miss Yi first. Only after Miss Yi is on her guard and I finish my mission would there be a sense of achievement. What do you think, Miss Yi?”

“You might be too arrogant,” Ye Wanwan mocked.

“In terms of arrogance, I pale in comparison to Miss Yi,” the man retorted.

Before Ye Wanwan could say anything else, the man continued, “Please remember, Miss Yi, that you have three days at most. I will attack during any of these days. I hope Miss Yi will add some difficulty for me or else it’d be utterly meaningless to me.”

Then the man acted like a whiff of wind and swiftly opened the window and jumped out, disappearing without a trace.

At the same time, Ye Wanwan’s frowned deeply. Just what was this man’s background...

That night, Ye Wanwan barely slept a wink.

When the sun rose on the horizon the next morning, Ye Wanwan left her residence and headed for the Yi residence to seek out Yi Lingjun.

After listening to Ye Wanwan’s reiteration of last night’s incident, Yi Lingjun tilted his head pensively.

“Increase his difficulty... how interesting,” Yi Lingjun remarked.

“Don’t ‘interesting’ me. Your daughter was nearly assassinated yet you’re amazed here.” Ye Wanwan exasperatedly rolled her eyes at Yi Lingjun.

“What do you mean nearly assassinated? Aren’t you standing here perfectly fine? I think this ‘nearly’ is thousands of miles from the truth, no?” Yi Lingjun said.

Ye Wanwan’s lips twitched. Was this the proper attitude of a dad?!

“That’s because he thought it was simple and didn’t want to act,” Ye Wanwan explained.

“Simple?” Yi Lingjun stared at Ye Wanwan, his lips turning up. “To me, taking you on is hell mode and not simple at all.”

“Your elderly self knows nothing, alright?” Ye Wanwan glanced at Yi Lingjun. “That man last night came and went without a trace. His strength was absolutely, super top tier! I barely escaped with my life.”

Yi Lingjun nodded lightly and looked at her. “What? Should I mobilize a military brigade to safeguard you?”

Ye Wanwan’s eyes lit up. “Of course! But a brigade is too much—a company would be enough.”

“Hold on.” Yi Lingjun pursed his lips. “After something like this happened, you should’ve gone to find that punk Si Yehan to protect you, right? Why did you come running to me immediately?”

Ye Wanwan smiled. “I’m currently Yi Yunmo. After an incident like this occurred, wouldn’t it be a joke if I went to find Ah-Jiu and other people found out about it? I’d be disgracing your esteemed reputation! Think about it—something happened to your dear daughter, but she didn’t come to find you and went off to another man instead. What would happen to your old face?”

“Old face?” Yi Lingjun furrowed his brows.

“No no no, young face,” Ye Wanwan hastily corrected herself.

“Alright, stop bootlicking me. This is a minor matter for you, so resolve it yourself,” Yi Lingjun said.

Ye Wanwan’s lips twitched. Is he serious...?

Ye Wanwan wanted to say something else, but Yi Lingjun waved his hand and interrupted her. He stared at her and said, “Come on, take out your treasure and give me a look.”

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“Treasure?” Ye Wanwan was startled. “What treasure? Where did the treasure come from? I don’t have any treasure.”

“Are you still pretending? Did you think you could hide it from me with that petty trick? Enough nonsense; take it out,” Yi Lingjun said.

“Eh... can’t you give me a hint? I really don’t know,” Ye Wanwan quickly said.

“Hint?” Yi Lingjun smiled faintly. “Pah! Pah! Pah!”

Ye Wanwan: “???”

“Of course, you can also interpret it as ‘Bang bang bang’,” Yi Lingjun said.

Ye Wanwan: “...”

How did this old devil know? Doesn’t he know too much??

“Take it out already. Are you waiting for me to take it out for you?” Yi Lingjun shot Ye Wanwan a look from the corner of his eyes.

With a hint of embarrassment on her face, Ye Wanwan had no choice but to pull out a gun from her pocket and gently place it on the table.

Yi Lingjun stared at the gun on the table and peered left and right, examining it for several solid minutes before snorting. “Real thing, huh... Nice! Quite gutsy! Don’t you know firearms are the biggest taboo in the Independent State? You dared to commit such a fundamental error?”

Ye Wanwan ingratiatingly smiled. “Sir Father, look—the Independent State is so dangerous... Am I not carrying this thing for self-defense? Anyway, it’s not like I used it.”

This gun was secretly snatched when Si Xia launched his final attack in Yun City. After coming to Tianshui City, it was a perfect means of protection for her.

“Sir Father, look, I’m Yi Yunmo. Yi Yunmo has lived abroad for so many years and has a gun permit...” Ye Wanwan continued.

“Are you serious? Are we abroad?” Yi Lingjun asked.

“It hasn’t been long since Yi Yunmo returned to the Independent State, so isn’t it reasonable that she doesn’t know the rules of the Independent State? As they say, the ignorant are faultless,” Ye Wanwan replied with a light chuckle.

“You’re very correct.” Yi Lingjun nodded and promptly took away the gun on the table. “I still have to confiscate it.”

“D*mn it!” Ye Wanwan wished nothing more than to glare Yi Lingjun to death. This was her life-saving treasure!

“What? You’re mad?” Yi Lingjun mocked her.

“Fine fine fine, you win! You won’t dispatch people to protect me, and you actually confiscated my treasure. Fine, you win! Hmph!” Ye Wanwan turned to leave.

“Come back here,” Yi Lingjun ordered.

“What do you want, Old Father?!” Ye Wanwan asked with irritation.

Yi Lingjun looked around him and ascertained there wasn’t anyone there before secretively saying to Ye Wanwan, “Come closer.”

Ye Wanwan walked over and stopped next to Yi Lingjun.

Yi Lingjun pulled out the drawer underneath his desk.

Ye Wanwan froze in her spot instantly.

This freaking...

This was a full drawer of... treasures!

“Hehe... What was that toy you had? It’s too trashy and can only fire a few bullets. If you miss, wouldn’t you be screwed then? Anyway, the range isn’t good enough and it’s too noisy and conspicuous!”

After saying that, Yi Lingjun pulled one out from the drawer and handed it to Ye Wanwan. "Look at this one. The range is far, it's quiet, the bullets change quickly. Most importantly..."

Yi Lingjun took out a black silencer. "Combined with this piece, you'd truly be killing people without anyone finding out! It's excellent!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

This... this was the He Lianjue she knew. Th... that's right...

Ye Wanwan never expected Yi Lingjun to possess so many treasures as the President of the Arbitration Council... He was the person who ignored the fundamental rules the most, wasn't he?!