

“What do you mean ‘it’s theirs’? I’m warning you, I have consulted a lawyer. If it really comes down to a lawsuit, your contract is invalid. Anyway, this property ownership certificate is ours!” Sun Hongxia said frantically.

Looks like this argument has been going on for quite some time now, Chen Hao thought.

No wonder Uncle Wu was in a bad mood when he called him.

It turned out he was in the middle of an argument.

Haha.

Even if the property ownership certificate was Chen Hao’s, he wouldn’t fight them for it.

“Besides, didn’t Chen Hao win the lottery? Why would he care so much about this property? Furthermore, I have lost the keys to the house!”

Sun Hongxia added.

“Hmph!”

Uncle Wu snorted and picked up a big rock.

“What are you doing?” Sun Hongxia backed up in fear and started sprinting.

Uncle Wu came up to the door and smashed the lock with the rock.

In an instant, the lock cracked open.

Then, he took a new lock out from his pocket.

“Use this one, Chen Hao. See if the three of them would dare to lock up your house again! Alright, go tidy up and come over to eat later. Your aunt is cooking for you!” said Uncle Wu.

“Okay!”

Chen Hao took the lock and chuckled inwardly. It turned out that not one, but all of the daughter-in-laws had tried locking up this house before.

With that thought, Chen Hao couldn't help but laugh bitterly inside.

Sun Hongxia's face was flushed as she ran back to make a phone call.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao tidied up his place and went over to Uncle Wu's house.

As soon he stepped out of the door, he saw there were several new cars parked in front of Uncle Wu's house. The most expensive one was a black Passat.

The cars were all brand new.

It seemed like all three brothers came today.

There had been lots of gatherings like this in the previous years.

But obviously, this year was different.

When Chen Hao entered the house, the noise of knocking on the table was so loud that it could be heard from outside.

"Why? This is our house, why do we need

to give it to them?”

“Yeah, mom. I’ve heard that there are several houses that are being demolished and the compensation is at least a few hundred thousand per family! Now with the roads being repaired, this big mountain might even be developed into a tourist attraction as well as a place of various entertainment. The house could be worth a lot in the future!” said Wu Feng.

“He’s right, mom. I have a friend in town who is investing in tourism. Her house was demolished too and she would at least have two properties after that!” Wu Qian chimed in as well.

“The Chen family has really taken advantage of us big time. Moreover, Chen Hao won a few hundred thousand from the lottery. If anything, when we’re splitting property in the future, we can just give him a small house but we have to take back that property!”

The eldest son knocked on the table and announced, “Wait until tomorrow. I will find some personal connections and take back

the house!”

“Why are you in charge of finding connections? I have my own!”

“Yeah, I have my own too. If you take it back, wouldn't it be under your name?”

The whole family fell into dispute over the house.

At that moment, Chen Hao couldn't stand it anymore and walked in.

“Stop it everyone. If you want the house so much, I'll give it to you!” Chen Hao exclaimed.

“Chen Hao, don't interfere and stop blabbering nonsense like 'giving it away'! This is your house!” Uncle Wu scolded coldly.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao couldn't bear it anymore.

“Hmph, if Chen Hao agrees, then you shouldn't worry about it!” said Luo Ning, the first daughter-in-law.

On the other hand, Wu Qian, Wu Feng and the others glared at Chen Hao coldly.

Reason being that Chen Hao had unknowingly embarrassed them in the hospital the last time.

This infuriated the siblings greatly since then.

“Alright. Chen Hao had only managed to come back this time. Let’s eat first!”

The eldest son said after hearing that Chen Hao would give up the house.

Only then did the family take their seats.

Regarding the house, seeing how Uncle Wu was upset by this and afraid that he would end up in this hospital again, no one mentioned it again.

“Chen Hao, you should be interning by now. Have you found a job yet?” the third son asked.

“Hmph, from the looks of it, it doesn't seem like he found a good job. It’s quite

hard to find a decent job nowadays. If my husband hadn't used his personal connections, Wu Feng wouldn't have landed a job in an office that provides both insurance and housing funds. How great is that?" Zhang Xiqi, the third daughter-in-law declared proudly.

"Qian's job was much easier to find. Though his job is tiring for now, the sky will be his limit in the future. It's not a good thing for Wu Feng to lead an easy life at such a young age!" Sun Hongxia, the second daughter-in-law refuted.

"I'm not looking for a job!" said Chen Hao.

"Well, you have to find a job! How can you depend on the little money you won from the lottery? You would be starving soon. Besides, others will look down on you if you don't have a decent job," the second daughter-in-law said coldly.

"Yes, but mom, it's hard for a person like Chen Hao to find a good job. Anyway, our company has an opening for janitors now. Last time Aunt Li who was cleaning the hallway said that they were recruiting and

told us to help look for candidates. Though it's not very respectable, it's still a job!" said Wu Qian.

"Qian, you're right. Chen Hao, if you want to find a job, Qian can send some presents over to that Aunt Li to secure that post for you!" said Sun Hongxia.

"Yes, that won't be a problem!"

Wu Feng smiled and agreed.

Not long ago, Wu Feng and Wu Qian were both searching for a job.

So when Chen Hao took out a hundred thousand, it was a slap in the face for them.

But after they had started working, they became more socially experienced.

An upstart with some money no longer intimidated them.

Just like that, the family chattered away.

Chen Hao bowed his head wordlessly and

continued eating.

It was almost the end of the gathering when he said, "By the way, my birthday is a few days from now. I'm holding a birthday party and my friends will be there. Let's have a meal together, it will be my treat!" Chen Hao graciously invited them.

"Ah, Chen Hao. Not that we're lecturing you or anything but are you serious about holding a birthday party like others with this bit of money? You're not in the same league as others!"

"We'll see then. If we have time, we'll come."

"Yes, I'm quite busy now, how would I have time to celebrate your birthday?"

"Oh right, today our team leader said there will be several major activities soon and the provincial government leaders will be present. We're in charge of all the ad-hoc works so we certainly won't have time for it!" Wu Feng chimed in.

Naturally, Wu Qian had something to do as

well.

Chen Hao understood very well what they meant—they didn't have the energy nor interest to celebrate his birthday.

"It's alright. If you guys are free then, just come over for dinner," said Chen Hao.

At this point, no one said anything further.

Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu said, "Chen Hao, tell your friends to come. We'll celebrate with you and Aunt Wu will cook!"

Chen Hao was warmed by their kind words, "Alright, I'll let them try out Aunt Wu's cooking! Let me buy the ingredients!"

Afterwards, they chatted briefly.

As soon as the gathering ended, the three brothers drove back home.

Chen Hao was preparing to head back and rest when Uncle Wu called out to him, "Chen Hao, wait a minute. I have something to tell you!"

Chapter 277 Conflict



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Wait! I Have Something to Say!



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“Huh? What’s the matter, Uncle Wu?”

Chen Hao was dragged toward a seat by Uncle Wu.

“Of course it's good news. I wanted to tell you on the phone just now, but I thought that it would be better to tell you in person, and I don't want your three elder brothers to know about it!”

“Oh? Please do go on, Uncle Wu!”

“I knew a friend that used to work as a miner together with me years ago. He had been travelling to places, and I happened to meet him when I was in town the other day. We had a conversation together, and his granddaughter was almost the same age as you. She’s a coeval with you and Feng! She graduated from university one year earlier than you, and her family was desperately looking for a match for her. Her family is rich and wealthy, hence they do not have much expectations. All they want is a person who is honest and mature! I wanted to introduce her to you. She has a sister, and she’s the eldest! I’m planning to arrange a meeting for both of

you tomorrow, hence I wanted to talk to you about this. As for Feng, I wouldn't tell him about it, and you shouldn't too!"

Chen Hao understood Uncle Wu's thoughts; he knew that he was facing some difficulties in his career, hence he wanted to help him in getting a match, thus he was doing this completely for his sake. This was exactly what Li Xiao did the last time.

However, Chen Hao was now together with Su Tongxin. In addition, he didn't have a great experience on his previous blind date. He was traumatized by the mother and daughter during his previous blind date, hence he was extremely against this idea!

"There's no need for this, Uncle Wu. Thank you so much, but I'm in a relationship!"

Chen Hao smiled and said, "What's the matter? You can continue on with your relationship. It's just a meeting, there's no guarantee that it would turn out well. Just treat it as getting to know another girl!"

The scene was similar to the one with Li Xiao previously. He had mentioned it so straightforwardly. Chen Hao couldn't reply to him saying that he was rich and didn't need help finding a match. It was inappropriate for him to refuse, but he didn't want to agree either.

After all, both Li Xiao and Uncle Wu were sincerely hoping for the best for him, and Chen Hao was affirmative about that. He didn't want to disappoint Uncle Wu, so Chen Hao nodded and agreed. "Okay, I'll meet her tomorrow!"

"Great, I'll call her now!" Uncle Wu went to make a call excitedly and returned joyously not long after. He was excited and happy as he said, "Okay, the girl confirmed that she's free tomorrow and she's okay to meet you alone. Here's her number, call her later to make plans for tomorrow. It's on you now, please be nice to her! Her name is Wang Min, and her parents are teachers, hence her personality should be good!"

Chen Hao nodded. "Okay, I'll call her once I get back home!"

After chatting with Uncle Wu for a little while, Chen Hao returned home.

After moments of hesitation, he finally dialed the number.

A voice of a girl was heard saying from the other end, "Hello, who are you looking for?"

"I'm Chen Hao. Am I speaking to Wang Min? Uncle Wu introduced you to me!" This was the first time Chen Hao made this type of phone call. He wanted to act outspokenly and naturally, but he was still a little cautious.

"Oh, I got it." Wang Min replied briefly and waited for Chen Hao to speak.

"Are you busy?" Chen Hao asked.

"Not really, please go ahead!"

Chen Hao brought up a topic randomly. "Where were you studying during junior high school? Were you in the No. 1 High School or No. 2 High School?"

"I was in No. 2 High School. What about

you?”

“I was in No. 1 High School! Are you free tomorrow? There’s a newly operating Dicos in town, should we meet there tomorrow for a chat?” Chen Hao didn’t know what to say anymore, hence he went straight to the point.

“Okay!”

“Alright, have a good rest!”

“Sure!”

Both of them hung up the phone.

After hanging up the phone, Chen Hao felt a little guilty; he felt sorry toward Su Tongxin. However, he changed his mind shortly after. He wasn’t serious after all. It was just a meeting, and there was no big deal!

On the other side, Wang Min was removing her makeup in her room after hanging up the phone.

Her sister, Wang Xiao was lying on the bed

eavesdropping. “Hey sis, you’re going to meet him tomorrow! What’s his name again? Do you know him?”

“His name is Chen Hao, and he studied in No. 1 High School. This name sounds familiar, I think I’ve heard it before somewhere!” Wang Min replied while removing her makeup.

Both of the sisters had beautiful physical appearances.

Wang Xiao replied, “Are you dumb, sis? He’s just one year younger than you, and he’s from the No. 1 High School. Why don’t you ask your juniors in No. 1 High School?”

“You’re right, let me ask them!”

Wang Min then started making phone calls. She called quite a few of her juniors to get more information.

After all the inquiries with her juniors, Wang Min’s face almost became pale.

“What the hell! What kind of person had grandpa introduced to me!” Wang Min

panicked.

“Huh? What’s the matter, sis?”

Wang Min replied, “Did you know that Chen Hao was an infamous poor student in No. 1 High School? His family was extremely poor, and his parents and elder sister migrated to the city for work. Chen Hao was often bullied in school. I heard that he hasn’t found a job after graduating from university! His family was poor, he would definitely not end up with a decent job!”

“Oh gosh, what should we do? Have you promised to meet him? You wouldn’t be able to argue against grandpa!” Her sister added.

“I don’t care. I wouldn’t date him even if I wasn’t looking for a match! Oh my God, if my besties know that I’m dating this infamous poor student, they would make me a laughing stock!”

Wang Min was worried. She was a young girl after all, and other people’s opinions mattered to her.

Every girl would want a commendable boyfriend. The more admirable he was, the more pleased she would feel. However, a person like Chen Hao... Ah, forget it!

She needed to talk to her mother immediately, so Wang Min called out for her mother and told her everything about Chen Hao.

Her mother seemed to be troubled as she said, "Ah, that wouldn't work. If you date him, it would mean that my daughter couldn't get a decent man. That wouldn't work, let's just turn him down!"

Wang Xiao replied, "But mom, you know about grandpa's temper. He's sensitive about losing his good image. He would lose his appetite and have sleepless nights if he lost his image in front of his friends. Dad would definitely find faults in you!"

"Sigh, what should we do? Min Min, why don't you meet him tomorrow, turn him down and return home immediately after?" Her mother suggested.

"But I'm afraid that I would bump into my

schoolmates!” Wang Min replied. Wang Min didn’t think of this previously, but she was taking this into consideration now. What if she was spotted by her schoolmates?”

“What should we do then? You don’t even want to meet him!” Her mother was anxious.

“Mum, I have an idea. Let’s send my sister instead. She’s two years younger than him, and she’s more straightforward. It would be easier for her to turn him down!”

Her mother replied, “That would work. Please help your sister out, Wang Xiao. You’re so talented in your words that even I couldn’t win against you!”

Wang Xiao replied, “I can do that, but you have to give me more pocket money during my third year in university, sis!”

“No problem!”

Three of them were chatting and laughing as they agreed upon a decision.

Wang Xiao mumbled in her heart, "Hmph! Is he trying to punch above his weight? If I couldn't make him ashamed tomorrow, I'll change my name! Haha!"



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The next day, because of the blind date arranged by Mr. Wu, Chen Hao got himself prepared and arrived at Dicos earlier. Although Chen Hao had no idea how it would turn out, he still went along since he had made a promise with Mr. Wu.

However, when he arrived, he saw a girl drinking cola on a seat, and there were chicken wings and fries on the table. She was rocking her fair legs, and she seemed to be waiting for someone.

Surely that's not her? Chen Hao mumbled in his heart.

Thereafter, he watched as the girl put down the fries and uttered 'tsk' in disapproval while she started texting on her phone.

Not long after, Chen Hao received a text message from Wang Min that said, 'Are you here yet?'

Chen Hao confirmed that she was the one. She seemed pretty at first glance, so Chen Hao walked toward her and took a seat.

“W-What are you doing?” The girl was obviously shocked as she looked at Chen Hao dumbfoundedly.

“Are you here for the blind date?” Chen Hao asked.

“What? Blind date? Are you a psycho?” The girl stared at Chen Hao fearfully.

“Ah? So you’re not Wang Min? Weren’t you the one who sent me the text message just now?” Chen Hao was embarrassed.

“I don’t know who’s Wang Min. I was texting my boyfriend just now, okay?” The girl replied.

“I’m sorry, I made a mistake!” Chen Hao stood up embarrassedly.

Oh gosh, he should have called her before that! As he was about to dial her number, his shoulder was patted by someone.

When he turned around, he saw a girl with a similar exquisite appearance. She was blinking her large eyes and looking at Chen Hao. “Are you Chen Hao? You’re here for

the date, is that right?" There was a tone of disdain as the girl asked.

"Yes, that's right. And you're?"

"Wang Xiao!"

"Huh?"

"Wang Xiao's sister, which is me, Wang Min!" Wang Xiao quickly explained in an attempt to cover her mistake. "Hmph, did you bump into the wrong person just now?" Wang Xiao asked sarcastically.

She bumped into the scene while she was walking in just now; that was awkward. Wang Xiao watched the scene from a corner without walking forward to greet him as she felt embarrassed. What a man, she thought. However, she thought that she would be able to turn him down in less than five minutes. Hence, Wang Xiao wanted to hurry up and get this over with as soon as possible.

Chen Hao sat opposite Wang Xiao. He casted a few glances at Wang Xiao and thought that the girl had no other

strengths besides the fact that she was pretty.

Wang Xiao was staring at Chen Hao and judging him with her eyes. She thought that Chen Hao was good-looking and a little handsome. If only he had a wealthier family, he would qualify as her brother-in-law.

Unfortunately, he was poor, and her sister would never like him. As a matter of fact, if it wasn't because of her grandfather urging her sister to get married, she wouldn't even care to find a match! Wang Min had many pursuers, but she didn't like any of them.

"I've heard about your situation. You haven't got a job yet, have you? Which means you don't have any income! Besides, I heard that you have purchased a house in Ping An County. However, I've been transferred to Jin Ling City for work, which means that I'll need to move to Jin Ling City. What are your plans on the accommodation?" Wang Xiao asked, thinking that it would be better to go straight to the point.

“Oh, I have a house in Jin Ling City!”

“What? You have a house in Jin Ling City? How big is it?” Wang Xiao asked curiously.

“I don’t know how big it is since I’ve only stayed there a few times, haha!” Chen Hao said with a smile.

Chen Hao sensed that this girl wasn’t here for the blind date. In addition, he didn’t want a blind date either. Therefore, he developed an intention to fool her as a way to end this quickly.

“Bah! Stop pretending! If you truly had a house there, why don’t you move in?” Wang Xiao sneered coldly.

“It’s true, I just don’t have the time to move in. Besides, I’m not used to living on top of the hill alone. The house is for me and my future wife!” Chen Hao said with a smile.

“What the hell, it’s on top of the hills? Are you a forester? Did they provide you with a tiny house there to watch over the forests?” Wang Xiao sounded more scornful as she spoke, “Do you have a car?”

Let me warn you, I don't want a car less than three hundred thousand once I start my job in Jin Ling City!"

"I do have a car, but it's parked at the bottom of the hill!"

"Bottom of the hill? What car is that?"

"A Lamborghini!" Chen Hao replied.

"Bah! What the hell, are you a psycho, Chen Hao?" Wang Xiao couldn't stand it anymore. Originally, Wang Xiao thought that Chen Hao might really have a car and a house in Jin Ling City. It turned out that this guy was talking big; he wouldn't know that her sister knew everything about him, would he?

"What I said is true, I didn't lie to you at all. I can't do anything if you don't believe it!" Chen Hao shrugged helplessly. This wasn't counted as a serious blind date after all. If Mr. Wu asked about this in the future, at least he would have some explanations.

"Let me be straightforward with you. Our family would never accept a person like

you. Originally, we thought that you're honest even if you're poor, and we wanted to give you a chance to showcase yourself. However, I think we can forget about it now. You're trash!" Wang Xiao reprimanded, then stood up immediately to leave.

However, she recalled that she had come all the way here today, and she even had her makeup on. Yet, before she could even have a sip of drink, she stomped off in anger because of Chen Hao; that wasn't worth her efforts.

Primarily, she needed to deal with this matter appropriately. If her grandfather knew that she stomped off after a few words with him, he would be furious, not to mention that her grandfather didn't even know that she was here on behalf of her sister. She was afraid that Chen Hao would spill the beans to Mr. Wu after this. Hence, she planned to act in another way so that Chen Hao would retreat on his own.

"Aren't you leaving?" Chen Hao asked in surprise when he saw that she took her

seat again.

“Who told you that I’m leaving? I haven’t had a meal since this morning, and I’m starving. Besides, today was our first meet, shouldn’t you be treating me?” Wang Xiao retorted as she crossed her arms.

“Oh, no problem!” Chen Hao was wondering why she was so difficult to deal with.

“I want burgers, fries, chicken wings, fried chicken and pizza!” Wang Xiao said.

“Do you usually eat this much?” Chen Hao was shocked.

“Just tell me if you’re treating me!”

“Okay, fine, I’ll treat you!”

He went to order the food and served it to Wang Xiao, then watched as she ate.

Chen Hao was thinking of a plan to make her loathe him so that she would leave on her own; that would be easier for him to explain to Uncle Wu.

It seemed that both of them had their own thoughts.

At this moment, a voice could be heard saying, "Hey, it was you indeed! We thought we saw you from outside just now!" Two boys and two girls came in from outside and patted on Wang Xiao who was enjoying the burgers.

Wang Xiao was in shock.

"W-Why are you guys here?" Wang Xiao stammered and her face blushed.



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“Isn’t this quite the coincidence. Xiao, who might this be?” A boy suddenly turned to look at Chen Hao.

“Oh, he’s a friend. If you guys have other things to do, just go ahead and eat first!” Wang Xiao, who had her real name called out, was extremely anxious.

These people were no strangers; they went to the same junior high school, and were even attending the same college. She had been worried about running into people she knew this day, but she ended up running into them anyway.

“Don’t mind it Xiao, please do introduce him to us, who is this friend of yours? Also, he even ordered so many nice dishes for you, so it’s only right for us to know!” A few of them said excitedly, keen on finding out the truth.

“Xiao? Aren’t you called Wang Min?” Chen Hao asked, full of doubt.

“Wang Min? That’s Xiao’s elder sister. Hmm? What’s going on here? You don’t actually know Wang Xiao, so what are you

guys doing here?" At this moment, everyone here was flabbergasted.

"Shut up, Chen Hao!" Wang Xiao stood up nervously and pulled those people aside; it seemed like she was explaining the situation to them.

Meanwhile Chen Hao only realized the truth later. He recalled Uncle Wu had once mentioned that Wang Min has a younger sister, who was two or three years younger than her.

Could it be that Wang Xiao was Wang Min's younger sister? Wang Min didn't show up for the blind date today, and sent her sister instead? Damn, she wasn't sincere regarding the blind date at all since she had been asking about those questions about my house and my car right from the start.

Wang Xiao returned with those few people shortly after. Wang Xiao's face darkened as she said, "That's right Chen Hao, Wang Min is my sister. But do you know why my sister let me come instead? It was in order to scope you out. Ever since my

grandfather told my sister, she was rather serious about it, but you really let me down today. You're really full of it, and everything you said to me earlier, I've already told my friends. They're all sure that you were just bragging and exaggerating! Furthermore, the situation in your household is worse than we thought, right?" Wang Xiao said as she pushed the responsibility to Chen Hao.

"So that's how it is, turns out you're here for a blind date. I say, brother, do you even know how stunning Wang Min is? Did you think you were the only one who likes her?" One of the boys spoke out coldly.

"Look here, Wang Min was the top beauty during junior high school, and you, you were just a joke back then. You may think it's fine now, but you keep on relying on your old relationships and getting the old folks on both sides to mediate for you. But did you even think about it, if Wang Min really did end up with you, how would you even take care of her?"

One of the girls even said, "Needless to say, the bag I'm carrying with me now is worth at least several thousands, Wang

Min deserves even better. How could you afford it?”

Those girls continued to mock him.

“My dear, I prefer the watch you are wearing. You look good by wearing this watch that is worth more than ten thousand!” Another girl held another boy’s arm intimately, deliberately showing off the watch on the boy’s wrist. She then looked at Chen Hao later and taunted, “Chen Hao, don’t you wear a watch whenever you go out? Don’t you know that it is a sign of maturity for boys to wear watches? Even if you can’t afford a good and branded watch, you can always get a cheap one, right?”

“That’s right, with just this and you still wanted to go on a blind date with Wang Min?”

It looked like they planned all these out to attack Chen Hao, but all the words they threw at him were of materialistic nature.

They were indeed a bunch of brats. Chen Hao had encountered countless of these

kinds of people, trying to show off their wealth with these tactics. However, it was still not worth giving a slap on their faces.

Since everyone didn't want him to have a relationship with Wang Min, he should just get away from this situation; it hit the right note with him anyway.

But at this moment, those people who were mocking Chen Hao shut their mouths abruptly, looking stunned as they stared outside the shop; there were two RSZ Motorcycles parked outside, and three men and a woman got off the vehicle, it seemed like they also came to Dicos for a meal.

"For goodness' sake, Wang Xiao, look! It's Xie Li that b*tch!"

"Damn it, Xie Li has always been picking on you since we were in junior high. It was also a coincidence that both of you got into the same college. You even gave her a slap some time ago. Oh no! What will happen if she sees you here!"

"The tall guy is her boyfriend. He deals in

the dark side of society, not a simple figure! Xiao, you should hide quickly!”

Those people got nervous at the situation.

“Humph! Why do I need to hide! Why do I need to be afraid of her? I don’t believe that she has the guts to do anything to me!”

At this moment, Wang Xiao didn’t bother to deal with Chen Hao, instead, she put on a smug face and crossed her arms on her chest as she watched Xie Li who was walking in.

Wang Xiao has a grudge against that girl? It seems like there will be a fight later. What am I still doing here? It will simply be awkward! Chen Hao wanted to leave at that thought.

“Bloody hell, enemies are indeed bound to meet. Wang Xiao, I didn’t expect you to be here!” Xie Li caught sight of Wang Xiao and subsequently said smugly, “Fei, she is the one! Did you know that she took advantage of a guy who likes her in college, and actually gave me a slap when

I quarrelled with her!” Xie Li immediately tried to tell the whole story.

Whilst Wang Xiao was also not some weakling who would give in. Her eyes blazed with hate once she saw Xie Li. Both of them started to argue.

Chen Hao who was present roughly knew what was going on between them. It seemed like Xie Li was a good friend of Wang Xiao in junior high school, however, during that time, both girls fell in love with the same studious guy in class simultaneously. Everyone knew that students in junior high often go through a period of rebellion. If it was about fighting for the same boyfriend, girls were known to be more relentless than boys.

Wang Xiao was popular because she was a teacher’s daughter, plus she was always the mischievous type, and during her wilder days she made a lot of ‘brothers and sisters’ who stood for her. Meanwhile Xie Li, she also got to know a lot of ‘sisters’ from the darker side of society.

Therefore the originally close friends had

fallen out with each other, and even made appointments to fight on livestream platforms. They were on bad terms with each other ever since then.

In college, there was an influential and rich guy who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth going after her, therefore she used that privilege and simply found a reason to give a slap to Xie Li, and took the chance to bully her as well.

The semester break this summer, Xie Li obviously wanted to get her revenge on Wang Xiao.

“Don’t worry Li, is this the girl? Hey, go ahead and give her a slap. I’d like to see who would even dare move a muscle! I’m Li Fei, you guys must have heard of me before?” Liu Fei chuckled.

These three young delinquents were at least two or three years younger than Chen Hao, with hairstyles and fashion styles that had loud personalities. In other words, they looked like total thugs, but all of them were just skin and bones.

Chen Hao didn't have any time to deal with these little brats, therefore he was prepared to leave.

"Let me tell you. Do you believe that I will ask Yang Qiang to come over if you dare to hit me?!" Wang Xiao raised her voice.

She then caught Chen Hao trying to leave, so she lashed out, "What the hell Chen Hao? I really thought too highly of you. I'm a woman and I'm not even afraid, what do you have to be afraid of? They're here to attack me, not you, you coward!" The contempt in his heart was only growing larger now.

"I still have something to do, no time to deal with your sh*t." Who's being a coward, I just didn't want to care, he thought.

"Alright, then why don't you call out for help? Let me experience it a little. Let me tell you, my brother is also part of the underground of Jinling city, and he was even one since he was in our hometown. His name is Liu Yang, and if you have the guts, why don't you give it a shot? Let's see who's afraid of who now. Also, those who

are unrelated in this matter, scram!” Liu Fei sneered.

Chen Hao who was approaching the door stopped abruptly when he heard that. He then turned around, one hand in his pocket and tapped on Liu Fei’s shoulder, “Hey, who did you say your brother was?”



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“My brother is Liu Yang, from No.1 High School. What’s the matter now, scared? If you’re afraid then just scram, otherwise when he gets back he’s gonna take care of all of you!” Liu Fei sneered arrogantly.

“I’ll f*ck you up!” Chen Hao’s eyes turned red from rage, he raised his leg and extended a kick toward Liu Fei’s stomach; Liu Fei immediately fell to the ground and started wailing.

Although Chen Hao didn’t normally look buff, he could exert quite some strength in fighting. In the past when he was fighting together with Li Xiao, both of them were pretty skilled fighters, even though Li Xiao fought a lot more; Chen Hao only managed to help out Li Xiao to fight once. In other words, there was no doubt that he was a good fighter.

Earlier when he heard Liu Fei mention Liu Yang from No.1 High School, Chen Hao’s temper immediately flared up. Right now, Chen Hao didn’t even care about anything else at all. He simply grabbed something and flung it at the other two. These three were basically all skin and bones, so they

were naturally beaten easily by Chen Hao.

Wang Xiao was stunned on the spot; at this moment, she suddenly felt that Chen Hao was quite the man!

“Chen Hao, beat the living daylights out of them for me!” Wang Xiao cheered out loud.

As Xie Li watched the fight break out, she reached for a vase at the side and threw it toward Wang Xiao; the two girls also started fighting each other.

Chen Hao was definitely excessive with his force this time, to the point that his eyes went red with rage.

Who was Liu Yang? He was considered to be a knot in Chen Hao’s heart, who caused Chen Hao to blame himself for the past few years.

Yes, it was exactly that Liu Yang back in middle school, who got his men to attack Chen Hao, all because of a girl. He relied on the influence and wealth of his family, along with the many underlings serving

under him to beat Chen Hao up after school.

That very afternoon, Li Xiao ran over to assist Chen Hao in fighting about those people that numbered in a dozen. They had used the legs of chairs as weapons, and had Chen Hao pushed into a corner; it was at that moment that Li Xiao pulled out a knife...

After that incident, Chen Hao wouldn't have held a heavy grudge if it was the end of it. Shortly after, Li Xiao's family was ruined by Liu Yang's father. Li Xiao's father was originally a truck driver, but as a result of that one rash decision, he got his leg broken; he, as the pillar of the whole family, collapsed.

Li Xiao, who attended vocational school later, was once again assaulted by Li Xiao and his henchmen, who also attended vocational school. Fortunately for Li Xiao, he eventually started repairing cars for someone important in the society, earning himself a backer.

This was the reason why Chen Hao's eyes

flashed red with rage earlier. This brat was saying that he would ask Liu Yang to come take care of them, but coincidentally, Chen Hao was looking for him! With the anger that flared up out of nowhere within him, he could no longer care about the consequences.

“Ouch! My leg!” Wang Xiao shouted all of the sudden. It turned out that she tripped over a broken vase on the ground and accidentally cut herself on her calf.

As Xie Li noticed that the situation was getting out of hand, she no longer dared to make any further moves. They helped Liu Fei up, who was covering his stomach that was in pain, and fled the scene. The manager of Dicos also got up to call the cops. As for Wang Xiao’s classmates from before, they had long since vanished from the place.

“Chen Hao, please hurry and take me to the nearest clinic. If my wound leaves a mark it would be too late then!” Wang Xiao, who didn’t have anyone else, could only helplessly ask Chen Hao for assistance. After all, she did think that Chen Hao was

fighting for her sake earlier.

What a troublesome one! Chen Hao could only lash out in his heart.

However, he still supported Wang Xiao and went to a nearby clinic to tend to her wound. Fortunately, the injury was not too serious; it was just a shallow cut on her calf. Meanwhile, Wang Xiao was half lying on the clinic bed at the moment, with the corner of her mouth curved up as she stared at Chen Hao. Her eyes sparkled with a hint of curiosity.

“Hehe!” Wang Xiao chuckled all out of sudden.

“What are you laughing about?” Chen Hao asked casually.

“Hey, today was a real eye-opener for me. I also heard all the stories, that when you were a junior in high school, you were often bullied. But today, when I finally met you, I thought that you were a real honest person, so honest that you could have been just plain dumb. Hehe, but I didn’t expect it at all, you’re really strong when

you need to be. The three of them were completely powerless against you. Also, maybe you didn't know, but when you were taking action earlier, you looked really manly!" Wang Xiao said as she rubbed her feet against him.

Wang Xiao had totally changed her perspective toward Chen Hao; she was somewhat touched because of what he did for her just now. Women, they definitely had a thing for manly men, especially those who dared to step up to defend themselves and the people by their side; Chen Hao was definitely one of them.

"There are some matters that you don't know about. I'm not usually like this!" Chen Hao explained.

"I know, I figured that out!" Wang Xiao pouted as she said.

"Alright, you can go home by yourself since you are fine. I still need to return to Dicos!" Chen Hao turned, about to leave.

"What are you going back for?" Wang Xiao asked quickly.

“After destroying so much furniture, don’t we need to compensate for them?!” Chen Hao replied.

“Hey, Chen Hao, wait a minute! I have something to say!”

“What else do you want?”

“I just wanted to say that you are not too bad after all!” Wang Xiao stated in a serious manner.

“Haha.” Chen Hao chuckled wryly and left right after that.

“This runt, he clearly wasn’t like this when I first met him, but now he is clearly giving off a certain type of aura,” Wang Xiao whispered while staring at Chen Hao’s back. But when she thought back to when Chen Hao was defending her earlier, Wang Xiao smiled from ear to ear.

It was almost noon when Wang Xiao returned. Fortunately, neither of her parents were home, only her sister was home.

“What took you so long to return? I called you and realized that you turned off your phone. Didn’t you say that it would be done in twenty minutes?” Wang Min, the elder sister, questioned her. But once she saw that her sister was limping with her calf bandaged, she was stunned at the sight and asked, “Sis, what happened to you? Did you fight with someone?”

“You got it right, sis. I fought with Xie Li, she even brought some backups!” Wang Min responded.

“Huh, that little witch, what did she do that for? T-Then, what about that miserable loser? Did you end up meeting him?” Wang Min, who recalled about Chen Hao, asked again.

“Sis, why are you calling Chen Hao a miserable loser? You’ve not even met him yet, so why are you talking about him so badly?” Wang Xiao asked in discomfort.

It was indeed an uncomfortable feeling for her, because she really thought that he was decent; whoever it was that insulted him, even if it was her own sister, she

would have felt similarly uncomfortable.

“What the heck, what’s wrong with you? Did you actually meet him? How was he? Was he good-looking? Was he low class? He can’t be that ugly, can he?” Wang Min asked.

“I don’t know. I’m tired and I just want to go back to my room and rest right now. I don’t want to help you regarding this matter in the future anymore!” Wang Xiao said unhappily as she headed straight back to her room.

“What’s wrong with you?” Wang Min was puzzled with her sister’s sudden change of attitude toward her.

Back to Chen Hao, as soon as he got back to Dicos and settled the compensation issues, Uncle Wu called to ask how the blind date went.

Chen Hao replied saying that they would talk about it at home later, so he headed to Uncle Wu’s house after that.

But he saw Wu Qian was standing there

once he arrived at the door; it seemed like she was waiting for someone.

She walked toward Chen Hao once she caught sight of him. "Damn, I've waited for you for so long. Come here, I have something to tell you..."



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“What’s the matter?” Chen Hao asked.

Wu Qian answered, “Are you free tomorrow?”

“Why? I might go grocery shopping tomorrow.” The day after tomorrow was Chen Hao’s birthday. He thought it would not be appropriate to let Aunt Wu pay for the groceries and cooking for his birthday at the same time. So, he was thinking of buying the groceries himself.

“Well, why do you need to go grocery shopping? You’re basically living off my grandparents all these days. Oh yeah, the day after tomorrow is your birthday, isn’t it? I almost forgot about it. Anyway, I’ve some good news for you. Just put everything aside, including grocery shopping. They’re not that important!”

“Are you sure that's good news?” Chen Hao smiled bitterly.

Although Chen Hao and Wu Qian grew up together, their relationship was not a close one. In fact, Wu Qian was quite rude to Chen Hao since childhood. Even now, she

still treated Chen Hao poorly. Wu Qian and her siblings would often make fun of him when he was little. Chen Hao used to hold a grudge against them when he was still a little boy. But now, although he would be annoyed by Wu Qian's sometimes harsh insults, he would not take her seriously for the sake of Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu.

"What's that supposed to mean? Huh? You don't believe me? Let me tell you this. Tomorrow we are going on a trip to the Hot Spring Scenic Zone in Xiao Quan City. I was thinking about inviting you to join us tomorrow since I haven't had the opportunity to show you around the city after you came back. Xiao Quan City is now a tourist spot. It's pretty cool now!" Wu Qian said.

"Really? Taking me out on a trip?" Xiao Quan City was the place where Yang Minxue stayed. The city was surrounded by mountains and streams of water. The city had a hot spring, which was one of the well-developed tourist sites. Chen Hao thought of visiting the place before, but he was surprised by Wu Qian's sudden invitation.

“Of course it’s real. So, are you going or what? Lunch will be provided,” Wu Qian said proudly, folding her arms across her chest.

Chen Hao shook his head and said, “Nope. No, thanks. I’m not going!”

“Eh? What?” Wu Qian was surprised by Chen Hao’s refusal. Based on her understanding of Chen Hao, she thought he would appreciate her offer and accept the invitation quickly.

“Qian, has Chen Hao come? Eh? You guys came back? Why didn’t you come in then? Come on, lunch is ready. Come in and have some lunch while we can talk about the progress of the matter.” Uncle Wu came out and invited Chen Hao and Wu Qian into the house for lunch.

However, Wu Qian pulled a face without moving.

“What’s the matter, Qian? Who’s bothering you this time?” Uncle Wu smiled bitterly.

“Who else if it wasn’t Chen Hao?”

“Nonsense, why would he bother you?”

“Yes, he did. I was being nice and invited him on a trip to Xiao Quan City. But he didn’t appreciate it and turned down my invitation!” Wu Qian answered.

“Oh, Chen Hao, if that’s true, then you should go with Qian. She just wants to go on a trip with you. Besides, there are some wonderful views at the Hot Spring Scenic Zone. You should go and have a look if you’re free.” Uncle Wu did not suspect anything. He just thought his granddaughter had finally come round and decided to make up with Chen Hao. Uncle Wu was glad that they could get along in harmony.

“Alright then, I’ll go tomorrow!” Chen Hao could no longer reject Wu Qian’s invitation after hearing Uncle Wu’s words.

“Humph!” Wu Qian entered the house after rolling her eyes at Chen Hao.

In the afternoon, Chen Hao had to go shop for groceries since he would not have enough time to buy them tomorrow

because of the trip.

The next day, early in the morning, Chen Hao was dragged out of the house by Wu Qian. She drove Chen Hao to Xiao Quan City in her father's Passat.

Chen Hao was sitting at the back of the car. He opened the car window at the back to get some air as he felt a little stuffy in the car. But the window was closed again after it stayed open for a while. Chen Hao realized it was Wu Qian who closed his window.

Damn that girl! He cursed in his heart while continuing his attempt to roll down the window. This time, the window just rolled down a little before Wu Qian closed it again.

"What are you doing?" Chen Hao was speechless with Wu Qian's behavior.

"I should be the one who asks that! Why are you opening the window when I'm driving in front? What if dirt comes in? Have you ever been in cars before?" Wu Qian mocked Chen Hao.

Wu Qian's cell phone rang suddenly.

"Yes, Lin Yue. I'm on my way to fetch you, wait for me! I told you last night, didn't I? I've found a helper. He will carry the baggage for us when we go hiking later. All you need to do is pay attention in pursuing your crush, Yu Qiang. Alright? You ungrateful little gal—"

There was a pause, then she continued, "Right, I'll see you later. My boyfriend? He's driving himself. He'll arrive soon. Later, we'll help you in your quest of pursuing Yu Qiang. See you later." Wu Qian then hung up the phone.

Finally, Chen Hao knew the reason Wu Qian invited him to the trip! "The reason you invited me for the trip is to carry your bags? What the heck!" Chen Hao said in annoyance.

"So? Why are you being so upset? You just need to carry some bags, that's all. It's not like you will die or something. Besides, I'll treat you some lunch for that. What's there to be afraid about? And let me warn you something, today is a special day for my

best friend. Today she will pursue her love interest. So, you better behave yourself. It's my best friend and Yu Qiang who shall be in the spotlight today, not us!" Wu Qian said.

Chen Hao was thinking about leaving immediately if he was not already in the car and if it was not Uncle Wu who sent them away and watched them leave the house. But on second thought, it would not be appropriate to leave after he promised Uncle Wu to go with Wu Qian. So, he just remained silent.

Wu Qian looked into the rear-view mirror and smiled triumphantly. "Chen Hao, you seem really mad. I remembered you wouldn't get mad easily no matter how many things we used to make you carry for us. I know why you are really angry now. Well, I've told you since we were in primary school that it's impossible between us! You shouldn't think about it anymore!"

Both Wu Qian and Wu Feng received their primary school education in their hometown. They were only transferred to

the county when they were in junior high school later.

They were all very young back then. Chen Hao, Li Xiao and Wu Qian went to the same school during that time.

Being the prettiest girl among the students, Wu Qian became the apple of the boys' eyes in the school. The boys always competed to pretend as Wu Qian's husband when they were playing make-believe games back then. Because of this, Li Xiao often scuffled with Chen Hao over Wu Qian. However, these happened in the past when they were all young and innocent.

But until now, Wu Qian still thought Chen Hao had feelings for her. Wu Qian thought Chen Hao would get even more upset if she told him she already had a boyfriend. She thought she understood Chen Hao well.

Chen Hao simply turned his head away and looked at the view outside, not in the mood of conversing with Wu Qian.

Soon, Wu Qian arrived to fetch her best friend, Lin Yue.

Like Wu Qian, Lin Yue was very beautiful too. Chen Hao saw her before when they were in primary school. She grew prettier after not seeing her for such a long time. She was tall and slim with an excellent body figure.

Lin Yue got into the car. She recognized Chen Hao when she glanced at him but did not greet him. Lin Yue passed her bag to Chen Hao straightaway. "Hey, I might need those sunscreen and cosmetics anytime. Be sure to keep those for me during the hike, you got that?"

"Got it!" Chen Hao nodded impatiently.

Later, Wu Qian and Lin Yue were busy chatting away in the car. They mostly talked about Lin Yue and her love interest, Yu Qiang.

Soon, they arrived at the entrance of the Hot Spring Scenic Zone and there were two good-looking guys waiting.

“Qian, Lin Yue, over here!”



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The two guys waved at Wu Qian and Lin Yue.

Wu Qian and Lin Yue strolled forward with Chen Hao followed behind, a huge baggage on his back and a small bag in his hand.

“Qian, why are you arriving so late? Hey, you really found a helper. Good, we’ll have a great time today. Thanks for helping, bro!” A guy kissed Wu Qian on her cheek and put his arm around her waist. He looked at Chen Hao with a smile on his face as he said that to him.

While another guy offered Chen Hao a high-end ‘Suyan’ cigarette.

“Yu Qiang, why are you offering him cigarettes? He doesn’t smoke. Even if he does, he can’t afford such an expensive one!” Wu Qian said. “He is Chen Hao, the one I told you guys before. Today, he’ll be helping us with the baggage. In return, we’ll treat him some lunch later.” Wu Qian continued her introduction while holding the guy’s arm. “Chen Hao, the guy who offered you cigarettes is Yu Qiang. His

parents are working in the county's Water Conservancy Bureau. And this is my boyfriend, Wang Hao, his family owns a factory."

Wu Qian observed Chen Hao's expression quietly after introducing her boyfriend. She was curious about Chen Hao's reaction when he found out she had a rich boyfriend. Much to her surprise, Chen Hao merely nodded.

As for Wang Hao and Yu Qiang, Chen Hao could see that they were just being polite during the introduction. In fact, he felt both of them were rather arrogant and pompous. How did he know? Because they went to buy drinks as soon as they passed a backpack to Chen Hao. And they bought only four drinks for themselves. They completely paid no attention to Chen Hao.

Oh well, just forget about their existence and think of it as going on a trip on my own. Besides, I can't really do anything since Wu Qian is here too, Chen Hao thought, comforting himself.

"Wang Hao, why are there so many people

here at the Hot Spring Scenic Zone? The place is so beautifully decorated too. Any event they're having here today?" Wu Qian asked curiously.

"I just finished talking about it with Yu Qiang. With the amount of people around and the workers busy working inside, it seems they are organizing some kind of grand event, especially the Hot Spring Grand Hotel within. I've heard from a security guard just now that the hotel was rented by a wealthy businessman from Jin Ling for some grand event tomorrow! The place will be crowded with notables. Aren't you guys living in Xiao Gu City which is near Xiao Quan City? Haven't you guys heard anything about it?" Wang Hao said.

"I haven't heard anything at all! But never mind, let's go in and have some fun, shall we?"

"Alright, let's go!"

They went to get the tickets after a short discussion. Tickets in small village towns like this were usually cheap, around 50 per person.

Chen Hao heard some noise when they reached the ticketing counter. An argument broke out between a group of visitors and the ticket sellers.

“What do you mean you are not selling the tickets anymore? You’re only telling it now after all five of us came?” A girl who was the leader of the group said coldly; there were three girls and two guys in the group.

“Yeah right. We were already here before you put the news on your official website!”

“We are really sorry for that. We were just informed of the notice fifteen minutes ago. The scenic zone will be closed to visitors for two days—today and tomorrow—as we need to decorate the site for many events,” the staff explained patiently.

“Well, how about those tourists who went in before this? I don’t see you guys drag them out either, do I? The notice came up just fifteen minutes ago! I don’t care! You let us in now!”

“We are really sorry about that...”

The argument came to a standstill as both parties refused to tolerate each other.

“Damn! The scenic zone just closed. Sh*t! I should have bought the tickets when I came here with Yu Qiang earlier!”

“Wang Hao, what should we do now?” Wu Qian asked in disappointment.

“I’ll give my dad a call. Let’s see if he can pull some strings!” Wang Hao took out his cell phone and suggested.

“I’ll call my dad too. He knows the assistant manager here,” Yu Qiang said.

“Yes, Yu Qiang. I trust you!”

Wang Hao and Yu Qiang proceeded to make some phone calls.

When Lin Yue saw Wu Qian wiping the sweat off Wang Hao’s forehead with a tissue, she rushed toward Chen Hao for her bag. “Hey you, give me my bag!”

“Find it quickly! You’re so tardy!” Lin Yue scolded Chen Hao when she saw him put

down the big bag first before finding her small bag.

“I’ve found it!”

“Give it to me quickly, you sluggish fool!” Chen Hao finally found the bag and was about to pass it to Lin Yue when the latter snatched it and scolded him rudely. Lin Yue strode toward Yu Qiang; she, too, wanted to wipe Yu Qiang’s sweat with a tissue.

Damn! What kind of person is she? Chen Hao thought to himself, holding back his anger.

Lin Yue had a crush on Yu Qiang. Therefore, she planned the trip with Wu Qian so that Wu Qian and her boyfriend would fix her up with Yu Qiang. That was the main purpose of the trip.

Chen Hao had no idea that Lin Yue would be such a rude person who was so full of herself. She basically treated everyone poorly except Yu Qiang. But Chen Hao could not be bothered by her since they would probably not meet again.

“Wang Hao, how’s everything going? What did your dad say?” Wu Qian asked.

“My dad said his hands were tied. He couldn’t get in touch with the people here. How’s everything going with Yu Qiang there?”

Yu Qiang just ended his call.

“Yu Qiang, how’s everything going?” Wu Qian asked.

It would be wonderful if they managed to get their hands on the tickets while everyone else could not.

“My dad told me to wait while he contacted the assistant manager here,” Yu Qiang said.

Chen Hao was worried about them too. He knew his company was the one that developed the Hot Spring Villa, not by some other parties. But since he could not recognize any staff within the scenic zone, Chen Hao guessed they were mostly locals and old employees. Or else, the security guard would not leave them

unentertained if they recognized Chen Hao.

However, the weather was very hot today and he was carrying a lot of bags. “Hey, are you guys going in or what? I’m standing here like forever!” Chen Hao complained impatiently.

“What the heck are you complaining about? Yu Qiang is pulling the strings right now. Just shut the hell up and wait!” Wu Qian snapped in annoyance.

But Chen Hao was hot and thirsty after waiting for over ten minutes. He could not find a shelter where he could stay in and Wu Qian would not allow him to wait in the car too.

Damn! What a nuisance!

Chen Hao was irritated. He immediately texted Li Zhenguo so that the latter would send someone to let them in instead of just waiting there. Li Zhenguo replied ‘Got it’.

“Yes, dad. I understand!” Yu Qiang hung up

the phone again.

“What did your dad say this time?” Wang Hao asked.

“My dad contacted Assistant Manager Wang here. But both the manager and Assistant Manager Wang are not here now. They went out on a business procurement trip. My dad said whether we can get in or not will be dependent on the arrangement of Assistant Manager Wang. If we still can't get in, then there's nothing I can do anymore,” Yu Qiang said.

Another group of visitors were also counting on Yu Qiang to help them get in.

The staff looked at the visitors apologetically. “It's very hot here, so please go back and stop waiting here. The place will not...” The phone at the ticketing counter rang suddenly and the staff was interrupted.

“Yes! Yes! Yes! Of course, I understand!” After hanging up the phone, the staff said politely to Yu Qiang and his group, “Gentlemen, the manager called in person

to invite you and your friends into the zone. We will take care of all your expenses today.”

The staff was still doubting Yu Qiang and Wang Hao’s words when they said they would get the tickets through connections. The staff was surprised by Yu Qiang and Wang Hao’s abilities in pulling strings when the manager called in person and permitted their admission; that was quite some powerful connections they had.

“Wow! The manager personally made the call!”

Wu Qian and Lin Yue were excited by the news. Lin Yue looked at Yu Qiang with great admiration.

At the same time, the leading girl from another group just now walked toward Yu Qiang. “Hey Mister, do you think you can say a few words and get us in too? We’ll pay for the tickets ourselves,” the girl said while looking at Yu Qiang with admiration.

“No problem, Miss. All of you can go in too!” Yu Qiang was ecstatic. He never

thought his father had such a powerful connection like Assistant Manager Wang, who managed to convince the manager to let them in. He was very proud about it.

Finally, over ten tourists including Chen Hao and others marched into the zone.

At the ticketing counter, a female attendant asked the staff who answered the phone just now, "What happened? Is it true that the manager called in person?"

"It's true. The manager said a VIP was blocked by us at the entrance. He told us to serve the VIP well and make sure there are no mistakes whatsoever."

"Alright, I understand!"



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Standing behind them, Chen Hao felt really helpless. Great! There was always someone who took the credit for everything he did. He thought things would be different this time but he was wrong.

What an idiot Yu Qiang is! Why can't you use your brain and think clearly? How is it possible that you called Assistant Manager Wang but in the end it was the manager who called and arranged everything in person? Chen Hao thought to himself.

Then, Chen Hao realized everything turned out this way because of him keeping a low profile. However, he had no other choice because he did not want to reveal himself, especially to Wu Qian and her friends. Chen Hao felt helpless as all he could do was to suffer in silence.

When entering the place, Chen Hao and his gang were joined by the other group of visitors which were led by the girl who asked for Yu Qiang's help earlier.

The girl was grateful with Yu Qiang's help, which made her admiration for him to have

increased. Meanwhile, Lin Yue felt threatened by the girl because she was also quite pretty and was being flirtatious with Yu Qiang. So, Lin Yue was slightly annoyed and she kept rolling her eyes at the girl.

“Take my bag!” Lin Yue walked toward Chen Hao. After throwing her bag at Chen Hao, she returned to Yu Qiang’s side in distress.

“Yu Qiang, where shall we go later? Aren’t you going to take me to the hot spring and have some delicious food?” Lin Yue asked Yu Qiang in a flirtatious manner.

She decided to be more aggressive in her pursuit; Lin Yue and Yu Qiang already had feelings for each other thanks to Wang Hao and Wu Qian’s help, in addition to Lin Yue’s beauty. They were so close to becoming a couple officially that Lin Yue was not going to risk losing his soon-to-be boyfriend to a newcomer.

“Sure, no problem. We can do that,” Yu Qiang said with a smile.

“Yu Qiang, she’s very pretty! Is she your girlfriend?” the girl asked with a smile.

Lin Yue stood staring at Yu Qiang quietly.

“No. She’s my close friend.” Yu Qiang smiled bitterly.

“Oh yeah, Miss, what’s your name?” The girl looked gorgeous and elegant.

“I’m Wang Min. Thanks for your help just now. Let’s be friends?” She smiled.

“Sure!” Yu Qiang then added Wang Min in WeChat, much to Lin Yue’s dismay.

Chen Hao thought the girl resembled Wang Xiao. He was sure about her identity as soon as he heard her name. It can’t be! What a coincidence! Chen Hao thought.

Wu Qian was surprised too when she heard the name. But she was unsure about it and so she asked, “Oh yeah, do you know Mr. Wang Hongfei?”

“Eh? That’s my grandfather!” Wang Min said.

“Holy smoke! What a coincidence! My grandfather is Wu Baihua. Wang Min, do you know him?”

“Ah!” Wang Min was surprised too. How could she not know Wu Baihua? It was Wu Baihua, her grandfather’s employee, who introduced that loser, Chen Hao, to her.

“Yes, I know. You must be Uncle Wu’s granddaughter, Wu Qian. We met a few times when we were young!” Wang Min instantly got closer with Wu Qian.

Chen Hao felt a little awkward. That’s one hell of a coincidence!

Luckily, Uncle Wu did not mention anything about the blind date when he invited Chen Hao over for lunch at noon yesterday. Apparently, Wu Qian drove to Uncle Wu’s house only after Uncle Wu had called Chen Hao. Although Uncle Wu was curious about the outcome of the meeting, he did not ask about the matter in front of Wu Qian; Chen Hao did not mention it either.

They only talked about the matter in the afternoon after lunch.

Uncle Wu knew it would be troublesome if Wu Qian discovered that he introduced a nice girl to Chen Hao instead of Wu Feng. Because Wu Qian would tell Wu Feng about it and Uncle Wu did not want Wu Feng to misunderstand him. So, Uncle Wu discussed the matter with Chen Hao privately to avoid more unnecessary trouble.

Holy smoke! So this is Wang Xiao's sister, the one I was supposed to meet on the blind date. She definitely looks gorgeous and elegant! Chen Hao could barely take his eyes off Wang Min.

The situation now was that Wang Min became closer and conversed happily with more people in their group; Wang Min chatted with Yu Qiang because she wanted to get to know more about Yu Qiang, probably due to his help earlier, but she also chatted with Wu Qian after finding out they were acquaintances through the conversation earlier.

On the other hand, Lin Yue was jealous of Wang Min and Yu Qiang. She threw some fits of anger throughout their

conversations. Due to his close relationship with Lin Yue, Yu Qiang simply put up with her fits without saying anything. As for Chen Hao, he was long forgotten and ignored by his fellow friends.

They strolled around the place for over two hours. It was already a few minutes past eleven o'clock when they finally stopped for lunch. There were loads of restaurants within the scenic zone. So, Yu Qiang suggested they should continue their chat in a restaurant. Wang Min and her group agreed to his suggestion. Soon, all of them were having lunch together in a restaurant.

Chen Hao put down the bags and sat down.

"Who asked you to sit?" A voice yelled at Chen Hao unexpectedly; it was Lin Yue.

"It's lunch time! Why can't I sit down?" Chen Hao said, glaring at Lin Yue.

Jealousy crept through Lin Yue when she saw that Yu Qiang was busy chatting non-stop with Wang Min while neglecting her since they entered the restaurant. So, she

threw a tantrum and scolded Chen Hao angrily to make her presence felt.

“Chen Hao, who do you think you are to even sit here and have lunch with us? Why don’t you look at yourself in the mirror? How dare a person like you have lunch together with us! Don’t you feel ashamed at all with yourself when you try to associate yourself with someone of high social status like us?” Lin Yue scolded, obviously throwing hints at Wang Min and her group as she turned her focus at Chen Hao.

“Why should I be ashamed of myself?” Chen Hao was infuriated by Lin Yue’s words.

“That’s enough, Chen Hao. Why are you being angry with Lin Yue? Do you even consider yourself as a gentleman for being angry with a lady when she’s just scolded you a little?” Wu Qian saw Lin Yue was very unhappy today for being at a disadvantage in her pursuit of Yu Qiang. So, she decided to help Lin Yue take her anger out on Chen Hao and scolded him too.

“Chen Hao?” Wang Min stared at Chen Hao with her bright eyes. Chen Hao is the one who I was supposed to meet on a blind date! That’s him?

“Oh! Wang Min, you probably don’t know him. He is my grandfather’s neighbor. The house he stays in belongs to us. He just rented it. We asked him to come and help us with our bags today. I promised that I’ll treat him to a nice lunch for his hard work.” Wu Qian was worried that an argument might break out between Lin Yue and Wang Min. So, she took the opportunity to change the subject quickly.

“Oh yes, I see!” Wang Min’s face turned red and she looked at Chen Hao awkwardly.

Wang Min had loads of imagination on Chen Hao’s appearance. She thought even though Chen Hao was poor, he would at least be good-looking or had an interesting personality. But she never thought that Chen Hao—though rather good-looking—would be such a lowlife who would carry other people’s bags in exchange for a free lunch!

Based on Wu Qian's reaction, it seemed that she was oblivious of the blind date. Nevertheless, Wang Min would never talk about the blind date since Wu Qian and Chen Hao did not mention it either.

"Excuse me, Miss. You have dishes coming in your way!" The waitress came with a tray full of dishes. She warned the standing Lin Yue about the dishes behind her.

Lin Yue turned around and bumped into the dishes, almost flipping over the tray; some soup spilled on her arms.

"I'm sorry, Miss. Are you alright?" The waitress apologized politely.

Smack! Suddenly, Lin Yue raised her hand and slapped the waitress across the face.

"Damn! Are you blind? How dare you spill the soup all over me?" Lin Yue was not in a good mood due to jealousy. She had been trying to make her presence felt since this morning but without success. And now, because of the waitress, she was humiliated in front of Yu Qiang. So, she

took her anger out on the waitress.

The waitress looked like she had just graduated from high school; she seemed very young and the skin on her face was soft and delicate. The slap had startled her.

Chen Hao and the gang were surprised by the slap too; they did not expect that Lin Yue would dare to slap her.

“Jun Yue, what happened? Who slapped you?” A female lobby manager of the restaurant and some waiters rushed toward Jun Yue. They respectfully and fearfully supported the waitress who was slapped by Lin Yue, while the lobby manager’s face turned pale.

“It’s her. She’s the one who slapped me!” Jun Yue cried while holding her face.

“How dare you slap her? Do you know who she is?” The lobby manager snapped at Lin Yue.

Chapter 284 Troubles



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“Hmph! I don’t care who she is! Of course I slapped her! She spilled soup on me! She’s just a little waitress, so what’s the big deal?” Lin Yue retorted.

Of course Lin Yue dared to make a scene in the restaurant because she knew Yu Qiang, who had a powerful connection, would cover her back. She had been feeling very depressed watching Wang Min stealing the limelight since the morning. And now, a lobby manager was snapping at her when she simply taught the waitress who spilled soup on her a little lesson! What the heck? Lin Yue was in rage.

“Jun Yue, don’t cry. I’m calling Manager Wang now. We’ll let your father deal with it!”

The father of Wang Junyue was the manager of the scenic zone’s Foreign Investment Department. He was also the chief planner for events in the scenic zone. Since he was sent here from Jin Ling, he was quite an influential man who was more powerful than the managers in the scenic zone itself.

Wang Junyue wanted to gain some working experience by becoming a waitress here at the restaurant as a part-timer during her free summer holiday. She even had to beg her father for the job. But unfortunately, she got slapped on her first day at work.

“Go ahead! Just make your calls! I’ve got Qiang on my back! I’m not afraid of you guys!” Lin Yue wrapped her arms around Yu Qiang’s arm.

Everyone looked at Yu Qiang; Yu Qiang took pride in himself especially when he knew that Lin Yue was being unreasonable due to his influence.

So, Yu Qiang stood up coldly and said, “Well, looks like the restaurant has some powerful backups. Very well then, I’ll see who that person is! Lin Yue, don’t be afraid! I’m sure I can settle everything with just a simple call!”

The staff in the restaurant continued making their calls while Lin Yue kept rattling on in anger.

Soon, three black Audi A6 arrived at the entrance of the restaurant.

“Damn! Who the hell slapped my daughter? You must be tired of living!” A middle-aged man in a suit marched in with about seven to eight people following behind him; they looked extraordinarily fierce like someone with a mafia background.

Looking at those people, Lin Yue was frightened and she turned to Yu Qiang for help.

“President Wang, it was her who slapped Jun Yue!” the lobby manager said, pointing at Lin Yue.

“Damn! How dare you slap Jun Yue! Grab her!” President Wang waved his hand and his bodyguard was about to make a move when Yu Qiang stood up and walked toward him. “Well, you must be Manager Wang. I’m afraid we have a misunderstanding here. How about I give Assistant Manager Wang a call? It was the manager of the scenic zone who let us in here. I suppose you don’t want any trouble

here, do you?" Yu Qiang said in a diplomatic tone.

Yu Qiang thought that he had a powerful backup; he wanted to know what Manager Wang had to say after he had introduced his connection.

"Goddammit! Li and Wang are both nothing to me! How dare you use them to threaten me? Open your goddamn eyes and see!"

Smack! Manager Wang raised his hand and slapped Yu Qiang's face; it was a slap hard enough to make Yu Qiang stumble.

"Yu Qiang!"

"Qiang!"

Both Wang Min and Lin Yue called out to Yu Qiang simultaneously.

"Hmph! I wonder why these people are so arrogant. They think that the scenic zone is under the control of Manager Li and Assistant Manager Wang. But what they don't know is that both of them still need

to listen and take orders from you, President Wang!” the lobby manager sneered.

“What?” Yu Qiang, who was about to retaliate, was stunned when he heard the lobby manager’s words. Assistant Manager Wang also needs to take orders from him?

Suddenly, Lin Yue screamed as two bodyguards came over and pulled her hair, then slapped her repeatedly; the restaurant was in chaos.

“Let me tell you something. Things are not over yet because you people bullied my daughter today. I’ll make sure all of you pay for what you did! No one will escape!” Manager Wang said, his eyes turned red in fury. He was extremely angry as his precious daughter was bullied on her first day at work.

It was unbelievable that a lunch would turn out to be a chaos like this; even innocent people like Wu Qian were not spared.

“Manager Wang, we are not the ones who

slapped your daughter!” Wang Hao said in panic.

The bodyguards beat them up badly.

Wang Min, who was older than Chen Hao and his friends, was frightened by the bodyguards too.

Chen Hao remained seated and watched the mayhem before him calmly. Well, I’m not a saint, so I’ve no obligation to help everyone who’s in trouble, especially the two strangers like Lin Yue and Yu Qiang. Besides, Lin Yue had always been looking down on me. Plus, it serves her for being such an arrogant, rude and spoiled brat, Chen Hao thought to himself while feeling that Manager Wang looked rather familiar.

Wu Qian was about to get beaten up by the bodyguards when a team of people dashed into the restaurant; they were the staff of the scenic zone.

“President Wang, please stop it! Stop hitting them! Stop it!” a leading female staff shouted, bringing with her a bunch of people who dashed into the restaurant

together behind her.

She was the female attendant from the ticketing counter earlier, who seemed to be one of the lesser leaders of the scenic area; her face was full of anxiety.

“Humph! Liu, it’s you. What’s the matter? Why can’t I continue?” Manager Wang asked angrily.

The female attendant rushed toward Manager Wang, then she whispered a few words in his ear and Manager Wang’s face grew paler and paler... “What did you say? It was the big boss who made the arrangements for them to enter the scenic zone?”

“Yes, President Wang. The security guard told me that the VIP had some kind of troubles here. That’s why I came here as soon as possible,” the female attendant explained while nodding her head.

Manager Wang gasped in fear.

The female attendant had related the whole matter to him clearly. Initially, the

group could not get the tickets to enter the zone. Then, the group leader, Yu Qiang called his father to help them enter the zone. Yu Qiang's father then called her to let those people in, but since she had to follow the rules, she did not agree to let them in. However, she received a call from Manager Li who told her that he received a call from the General Manager, Li Zhenguo's right-hand man, saying that those people were VIP's. Now, even Manager Li and Assistant Manager Wang were rushing back from their business procurement trip.

Manager Wang was very worried and confused with the situation after listening to the female attendant, so much so that he broke out in a cold sweat. He looked apologetically at Yu Qiang on the ground.

"Well, Young Master, why didn't you say it clearly just now? You should have told me that it was that Manager Li who arranged your trip here."

From Manager Wang's point of view, a big boss like the General Manager, Li Zhenguo, was a very different man from the

unimportant Manager Li from the scenic zone. Manager Wang could only smile friendly, but extremely fearfully at Yu Qiang.

The bodyguards realized their mistakes and took a step back nervously. A 180-degree change occurred at the scene; suddenly, Yu Qiang and his group turned the tables on Manager Wang and his bodyguards.

Wang Min was even more surprised by Yu Qiang. "Oh my! Who is he actually to be so influential?"

Wu Qian was ecstatic for having survived the chaos; she thought that Yu Qiang was awesome!

Lin Yue's eyes simply widened with surprise. She then burst into laughter. "Ha! Idiots! How dare you hit me? Go to hell you idiots!"

Lin Yue stood up immediately and slapped the bodyguards across their face several times. Smack! Smack! Smack! Nothing made Lin Yue more pleased than having

the opportunity to avenge herself, even though she was slapped before, all thanks to Yu Qiang's incredible influence.

"Young Master Yu, may I ask who your father is?" Manager Wang asked fearfully.

"Hmph! My father is Yu Delong. He and my mother are people from the Ping An County's government bureau. They knew Assistant Manager Wang here!" Yu Qiang said arrogantly.

Hmmm... I know about Li Zhenguo's social network. But who is this Yu Delong to Li Zhenguo? Why would Li Zhenguo do him a favor? It doesn't sound right, Manager Wang wondered curiously.

"Hmph! So now you are afraid. You gave me a slap just now. I'd like to settle the score with you right now!" Lin Yue marched menacingly toward Manager Wang.

At the same time, Chen Hao raised from the table with one hand in his pocket and smiled. "Manager Wang Biao, long time no see!"

Chapter 285 A Turn of Tables



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Chen Hao did not want to see Lin Yue and Yu Qiang continue their pretentious act, so he decided to reveal himself.

Just now, Chen Hao suddenly remembered the Manager Wang who stood before him was Wang Biao, the person who was responsible for organizing Lin Yiyi's birthday party during her birthday.

That day, Chen Hao just had a small talk with Wang Biao briefly because he was busy entertaining Chen Lin. So, although he remembered seeing Wang Biao, he did not know him very well.

Because Chen Hao had been lying low since this morning, Lin Yue and Yu Qiang had grown arrogant and went too far this time. He would let it slip if these two were his friends, but they were not! So, Chen Hao decided that he would not lie low anymore and watch the pretentious duo hit his men.

“Young Master C-Chen, it's y-you?” Wang Biao found his heart racing rapidly when he finally recognized Chen Hao from the crowd; he had no choice but to prepare

himself for any punishment ahead.

He lost his temper when he discovered that his daughter got slapped and focused his revenge on Lin Yue and Yu Qiang so much that he became oblivious to other people in the restaurant. He could not believe Chen Hao was here, standing right in front of him now!

Sh*t! Everything makes sense now! The VIP is Young Master Chen! Wang Biao was still wondering how an unimportant person like Yu Delong would be so powerful. Li Zhenguo did not tell Wang Biao the truth because he was reluctant to reveal Chen Hao's true identity. However, this had caused a huge misunderstanding among the staff.

"Yes. I came for a trip!" Chen Hao nodded and smiled bitterly.

Wu Qian and the others were surprised. What's going on? He knew Chen Hao?

"Hmph! Have you guys finished? I don't care! You hit me, I'll hit you back!" Lin Yue was still in rage.

Smack! She was slapped to the ground by Wang Biao as soon as she walked toward him.

“Continue the beating!” With Chen Hao covering his back, Wang Biao continued his beating without much consideration; of course, he first looked for a hint from Chen Hao before he made any move. Since Chen Hao avoided his look, it meant Chen Hao approved of his decision to beat those people up.

The staff, however, were very concerned about the chaos.

Wang Biao walked toward Chen Hao politely. “Young Master Chen, you should have told me when you came and I would have been here to show you around in person so that you don’t have to go through all the trouble to call President Li.”

“It’s okay. It was an unexpected incident anyway. I noticed that they can’t get in and I don’t want to stay outside and get sunburned, so I just sent for some people to get them in.” Chen Hao revealed the truth.

“What? Chen Hao, you were the one who got us in just now?” Wu Qian asked in disbelief.

Wang Min was shocked too; everything seemed to be impossible, but judging from the interaction between Manager Wang Biao and Chen Hao, he did seem to have some excellent connections. Besides, the arrogant Wang Biao even addressed him as Young Master Chen with such respect!

Suddenly, the girls changed the way they looked at Chen Hao. They did not pay any attention to him at first, but who would have thought that the true person who helped them in was him? On second thought, the person Yu Qiang looked for was Assistant Manager Wang, so how was it possible that in the end, it was the manager who politely arranged the trip for them?

“Young Master Chen...” Wang Biao hesitated to finish his sentence.

“Ah, Manager Wang, please return and wait for me in the office. I’ll have a word with you,” Chen Hao interrupted him.

“Yes, of course, Young Master Chen!” Wang Biao said and left the place with his men.

Chen Hao knew what Wang Biao wanted to say and he finally realized the reason for the beautiful and grand decorations around the Hot Spring Scenic Zone. The next day’s grand event—he guessed—would most probably be his birthday party organized by Wang Biao on Li Zhenguo’s order. This was probably the matter he wanted to confirm with Wang Biao but he could not do so in front of Wu Qian and the others.

Chen Hao was about to leave after glancing at the miserable Lin Yue and Yu Qiang when Wu Qian stopped him.

“Chen Hao, don’t go! Tell us what just happened!” Wu Qian said anxiously; her face turned pale.

Like the other girls, Wu Qian had a notion that any single soul in the world—even animals like dogs—could have some extraordinary abilities that would take people by surprise; anyone at all, except

Chen Hao!

Wu Qian would feel awful if the person was Chen Hao. How is it possible that Chen Hao, a person I've always looked down on, be the one who knows a big character like Manager Wang? Why was that man calling Chen Hao, 'Young Master Chen'? He's just a poor loser, isn't he? Why? Why? Maybe Chen Hao has truly become an incredible person? Wu Qian felt really awful as those thoughts crossed her mind.

"What do you want me to say?" Chen Hao asked plainly. If it was not for the sake of Uncle Wu, do you think I, Chen Hao, will come here with you today?

"Tell me the truth. Why did that person call you Young Master Chen? He seems to be very afraid of you. What's your relationship with him?" Wu Qian asked.

"All of you just have fun here today! And don't worry, you guys will not be turfed out of the zone! Don't ask things that you're not supposed to know!" Chen Hao warned Wu Qian before he turned and left.

When Chen Hao walked past Wang Min, she glanced at him with a complicated look in her eyes. It's unbelievable that he's such a capable man. He doesn't look like one. Wang Min shared the same thoughts and felt the same way as Wu Qian. In fact, she felt even worse than Wu Qian, which made her face blush in embarrassment. The most important question right now—what is Chen Hao's background?

“I don't believe it! I don't believe it at all! It can't be the loser who got us in here! It's Qiang! It's Qiang!” Lin Yue shouted.

Yu Qiang gritted his teeth and rang his father immediately for a confirmation. In the end, it was confirmed that Assistant Manager Wang had yet to reply to his father on the matter.

“Damn it! What is Chen Hao's true identity anyway?” Wu Qian had lost her interest in conversing with the other people, so she followed Chen Hao out of the restaurant hastily.

Chen Hao had reached Wang Biao's office where he found Wang Biao already waiting

for him inside.

“Manager Wang, what is this event that you’ll be having here in the scenic zone?” Chen Hao walked over and sat on the boss chair; he looked exhausted.

Wang Biao hurried toward him with a glass of water. “What? Young Master Chen, you don’t know about it? Tomorrow’s your birthday! It was President Li who ordered us to organize a party for you.”

“Well, there’s no need for it to be so grand!” Chen Hao smiled bitterly. So they’re really organizing a party for me.

Chen Hao appreciated Li Zhenguo’s kindness. He understood that all Li Zhenguo wanted was for him to have a merry and glamorous birthday celebration. However, Chen Hao thought that having a simple meal with about twenty close friends would be enough to celebrate his birthday. But Chen Hao could not say anything anymore since they had finished setting up everything.

He just came to Wang Biao’s office for a

rest and to keep himself cool with the air-conditioning in the office; he felt worn out after carrying so many bags. Whereas Wang Biao stayed beside him quietly, not daring to move a muscle without Chen Hao's orders.

Bang! Suddenly, the door was pushed open violently by someone.

"Chen Hao, I just need you to tell me the truth! Why do you need to lie to me anyway? Come on, spill it out! What's all this about? What happened?" It was a girl at the door; naturally it was Wu Qian, who had followed Chen Hao all the way from the restaurant.

Wu Qian saw everything clearly through the window outside. She saw Chen Hao marching toward the boss chair and sat on it while the guy stood waiting at his side.

Damn it! Wu Qian was very anxious, eager to know about the truth.



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“Damn it, Wu Qian, you are so irritating. What are you doing?” Chen Hao couldn’t help but say as he jumped in shock.

“What tone is that, Chen Hao? I’m just concerned about you. I know you hit the lottery, but I don’t know how much you got. I just want to tell you that people like you are very simple. In society, you are equal to a fool, so even if you land in a lot of money, you still need to be careful so as not to fall into others’ traps, or else you’ll still end up poor!” Wu Qian scolded.

It was true; if Chen Hao received a large sum of money, he might need to invest in the scenic spot. Wu Qian could not think of any other likelihood. On top of that, he felt very uncomfortable on the inside.

After she finished scolding, Wu Qian left the place, full of anger.

“This little girl, if she knew who I really am, that would be a disaster.” Chen Hao smiled bitterly.

He let Wang Biao get back to work as he threw a glance around his office; Chen Hao

was also planning to leave. He definitely wouldn't be with Wu Qian, and she didn't want to be with him now anyway.

Right at this moment, there was a sudden knock on the office door.

“Assistant Manager Wang, I've brought the newcomers to report to you.” It was a clear and beautiful female voice.

The moment he heard the female voice, Chen Hao was slightly startled. Then, he said, “Come in.”

The door opened slowly with a click and a girl with long hair and a good figure walked in. She was dressed in office wear and had a document folder in her arms, and behind her was another similarly beautiful girl.

“Manager Wang, I am...” The first girl took the initiative to introduce herself, but when she saw the person in front of her properly and was about to continue speaking, the words were stuck in her throat.

When Chen Hao saw the two people in front of him, he had an embarrassed

expression.

“Y-Young Master Chen, it’s you! I-I didn’t know that you would be here.” The girl suddenly blushed and bowed her head, ashamed; she didn’t dare to look at Chen Hao’s face.

“Xueqing and Shihan? Why are you in Xiao Quan City? Weren’t you in Ping An County?” The girls before him were obviously Jiang Xueqing and Li Shihan, which caused Chen Hao some embarrassment.

The time when he discovered the unworthy workers in the company, Jiang Xueqing had learned of his identity. Meanwhile, Li Shihan saw the sales document and learned of his identity.

Previously, something had happened between him and Jiang Xueqing and Li Shihan. However, back during high school days, he was very close to both girls. For him, Jian Xueqing even fought with Li Wenyang who always beat and bullied Chen Hao.

The truth was that his high school days were dark, but because of Jiang Xueqing and Li Shihan, Chen Hao quite enjoyed his high school life.

Although many people looked down on him, there were still people who treated him sincerely. This was also why even after so much had happened, Chen Hao was still sentimental toward the two girls. Although they no longer had the relationship they used to have, Chen Hao was not being too unkind.

“Young Master Chen, I’m now working in the Human Resources Department now. Shihan just joined the company. And since tomorrow is your birthday, the company sent over a few good-looking girls to escort you.”

Right, Jiang Xueqing and Li Shihan even knew when Chen Hao’s birthday was. However, he felt that something was weird.

“So that’s the case. Uh, Wang Biao went to decorate the venue.” Chen Hao could not stay lying down, so he stood up to speak

to them; the atmosphere was very awkward.

“Oh right, Shihan, why are you looking for a job? What about Ding Hao?” Chen Hao asked. Although Chen Hao and Li Shihan had a history, all that was in the past and there were no more feelings.

“When Ding Hao found out that you are Young Master Chen, he was so shocked that he didn’t leave the house for a few days. Besides, he knows of our previous relationship. Therefore...” Li Shihan could not continue with her explanation.

From the looks of it, the matter of Li Shihan coming looking for a job was somewhat related to him.

Chen Hao smiled, embarrassed, then said, “But I didn’t expect the both of you to spend my birthday with me, I’m embarrassed to do that. Haha, come to think about it, the best birthday I had during high school was in the canteen.”

When Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing heard this, they remembered the incident too.

During their high school days, nobody wanted to hang out with Chen Hao, and nobody cared about his birthday.

During the summer holiday after the university entrance exam, when they went back to school to get their high school certificates, that day happened to be Chen Hao's birthday. So, Li Shihan suggested to Jiang Xueqing that they celebrate his birthday at the canteen.

At that time, the Sophomore military training had already started. Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing—Chen Lin too, because Chen Lin had a good relationship with Li Shihan—half-heartedly celebrated Chen Hao's birthday. They even bought Chen Hao quite a big birthday cake. That was the first time in his life that Chen Hao ate cake.

He was very touched; so, he affirmed Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing as his friends.

But after that... Everybody knew what happened.

When university started, Chen Hao stayed

in contact with Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing. However, they eventually stopped replying to his messages.

Two years later, Chen Hao saw Li Shihan at Jin Ling; he was very happy.

Li Shihan admitted to herself that she would never forget the moment she bumped into Chen Hao. He really wanted to talk to her, but she thought that he was embarrassing and so she tried to avoid him.

Later, she humiliated him over and over again. There were even a few times when she went over the line, and even physically harmed him.

However, Chen Hao still helped her and didn't hate her. It was only after she went overboard that Chen Hao slowly became cold toward her.

As for Jiang Queqing, when she met Chen Hao, the truth was that she looked down on him. Because she was trying to be polite, she entertained and joked with him. However, Chen Hao actually thought that

she was sincere. He even invited her to attend a student gathering together as his partner.

The fact was she already had plans with Li Wenyang that day. So, for the whole day, Jiang Xueqing felt uneasy, because Li Wenyang had beaten Chen Hao up badly in school and Chen Hao didn't dare to retaliate. The worst was when he used a stool to smash Chen Hao's back on a podium; he was Chen Hao's sworn enemy. As Chen Hao's previous friend, she unexpectedly had such a good relationship with Li Wenyang; Chen Hao was so disappointed back then.

Now that they knew that Chen Hao was the super wealthy Young Master Chen, Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing were exceptionally ashamed.

Both of them happened to think at the same time that Chen Hao had changed, that he was not the old Chen Hao anymore. However, the reality was that Chen Hao was still the old Chen Hao; he never changed, but the ones who did change were them.

Chapter 287 The Reporting of the Two Newcomers



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“Chen Hao, sorry...” Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing said at the same time. They both looked ashamed.

“It's nothing!” Chen Hao merely smiled faintly. Although Chen Hao treated them well now, the truth was that their relationship was nothing compared to what it used to be. Now, Chen Hao only treated them as acquaintances, nothing else.

Li Shihan and Jiang Xueqing understood Chen Hao's hidden meaning. Yes, they could never go back to what they used to be. In their hearts, they felt pain; if only they maintained their relationship with Chen Hao, their situation today would be great.

After that, Chen Hao did not say much to them anymore.

Seeing that it was already the afternoon, he decided to get ready to leave. By the time he was ready to leave, Wu Qian, that crazy girl was missing. She must have left a long time ago.

Chen Hao couldn't possibly walk home, so he drove one of the company's Audi A6 home.

Once he reached the door, Chen Hao bumped into another familiar face. The person was a girl holding a bag and looked like she was trying to hail a taxi. As a matter of fact, the girl was none other than Wang Min.

Chen Hao had his window down. Just as he was about to wind it back up and leave, Wang Min saw him.

"Chen Hao?" Wang Min shouted Chen Hao's name; it was too late for Chen Hao to escape.

Honestly, Chen Hao didn't have a good impression of this girl. They were supposed to go on a blind date, but because she disliked him, she let her younger sister replace her; this was a great insult to him. That was why, from the very beginning, Chen Hao never took the initiative to speak a single sentence to her.

"Is there something you need?" Chen Hao

asked coldly when he saw Wang Min walk toward his car.

“Thank you for today. If it wasn't not for you, we wouldn't have gone out and had fun today. Those were my colleagues and some of them have already left.” At that point, there was a girl standing next to Wang Min.

“Oh, it's alright, you don't have to thank me. If it were for me to make the decision, I wouldn't have let you guys in. It was Yu Qiang who let you people in!”

Chen Hao chuckled internally; he didn't care about giving this girl any face. Therefore, he talked enigmatically and without reserve.

Wang Min looked embarrassed. She knew very clearly that because of that blind date, there was a chasm between Chen Hao and her. What she did had indeed crossed the line and she felt guilty.

Originally, there was no need for her to greet Chen Hao and humiliate herself. As a stranger, wasn't it alright if they didn't

Speak? Wasn't that what she wanted? But after what happened just now, the situation had changed.

Wang Min was unwilling to let the matter pass just like this. The way she thought was like a lot of other girls. You are nothing but a guy that I looked down on and skipped over. If you spend the rest of your life in mediocrity, accomplishing nothing, and doing nothing, I would be very happy. However, of all the things that could have happened, he had to be a guy that I rejected who turned out to be this powerful.

This was difficult for her to accept, which was why when she saw Chen Hao driving the Audi without the intention of greeting her, Wang Min felt unpleasant.

"About that incident, I apologize to you. It was my fault," Wang Min said as she bit her lips.

"There is no need to apologize. The truth is that there is no relationship between us. If there is nothing you want, I will leave now," Chen Hao said lightly.

He then stepped on the gas pedal and sped away.

Wang Min felt embarrassed and angry; this was the first time ever in her life to be ignored by another guy like this. She was so anxious that the rims of her eyes were turning red. The issue was that he had become capable, so capable that he no longer cared to spare her the slightest bit of attention.

As he passed by the center of Xiao Quan City and Xiao Gu town, Chen Hao noticed something odd; he noticed that there were an unusually great number of luxurious cars in the small town, especially in front of the hotels.

Chen Hao didn't think much of it.

At this point of time, his phone rang. He looked down and discovered that it was Aunt Wu.

"Aunt Wu, what is it?" Chen Hao asked.

"Hao, where are you? I just saw Wu Qian driving back here alone and she looked

unhappy. Did you two have a fight? Did she leave you alone?" Aunt Wu asked, sounding concerned.

"No, it's nothing. I just drove my friend's car back. I'm on the way now," Chen Hao said to keep Aunt Wu from worrying too much.

"That's good. Oh, that's right. On your way back from town, can you buy me a bag of rice? So we can save Uncle Wu a trip," Aunt Wu said.

"No problem!"

Chen Hao found a nearby supermarket and went in to buy two bags of rice, peanut oil and such-like. Speaking of which, after he came back, he gave Uncle Wu money but he refused. So, the least he could do was to buy Uncle Wu these daily necessities. Therefore, he ran a few rounds and even bought a few boxes of milk and good wine, Eight Treasure Congee, and other products.

He opened the trunk and stuffed it until it was full.

“Chen Hao?” On his last trip, Chen Hao was carrying a high pressure cooker and walking out of the supermarket when suddenly, the door of the hotel next door opened, and a girl shouted unexpectedly.

Chen Hao turned his head to look.

“Damn, Jiang Ranran, why did you come to our town?” The girl before him was really Jiang Ranran.

Chen Hao really didn't expect this after what happened at the Jiang residence the last time. Chen Hao thought that they wouldn't meet again.

After all, Chen Hao was bitterly disappointed. Even that time when something happened to Jiang Weidong and he knew that his father always reminded him to help, but he did not bother to reach out a hand. When Jiang Ranran called him, he didn't even answer her call, which was what made the meeting even more awkward.

“Yes, we just reached here. I was about to go and buy something and didn't expect to

see you here.” Jiang Ranran was still friendly to Chen Hao. She even walked over and obviously wanted to chat with him.

“We? Who else?” Chen Hao asked.

“My parents, and also my father’s colleagues are coming too,” Jiang Ranran said in a low voice.

“Oh?” Chen Hao nodded.

What was so fun about this little town? Why did so many people come here to enjoy themselves? However, Chen Hao didn’t want to chat with Jiang Ranran anymore, so he didn’t ask further.

“Yeah, Chen Hao, do you still live at home?” Jiang Ranran asked.

“Uh huh, where else would I stay?”

“Uh, speaking of that, I’ve never been to your house. When we were young, you always came over to my house,” Jiang Ranran said with a smile.

“Alright, if there’s nothing else, I’ll make a move first. I have to rush home to cook.” Chen Hao deviated from Jiang Ranran’s topic of conversation.

Jiang Ranran could tell that Chen Hao didn’t want to chat with her. However, the more Chen Hao wanted to ignore her, the more she wanted to chat with him. She thought, Am I, Jiang Ranran, not worth anything to you?

“That’s right, Chen Hao, your electric pressure cooker has only one cable. Why not buy another one just in case? The electricity supply in the village is unstable and cases of burnt cables are common,” Jiang Ranran added.

“I overlooked this. Thank you!” Chen Hao smiled and thought that it would have been great if only Jiang Ranran behaved like this back then. Immediately, he turned around to go back to buy the cable.

“Hey, why don’t you put the cooker into the car and I’ll buy the cable for you.”

As soon as Jiang Ranran said this, she

walked into the supermarket. Not long after that, she walked out again with a cable for Chen Hao.

“Ran, what are you doing?” Suddenly, a middle aged person’s voice could be heard coming from the door of the hotel.



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A middle aged couple, along with another middle aged couple and a teenager walked over. They coincidentally caught sight of Jiang Ranran talking to Chen Hao. Then and there, the leading middle aged person called out to her coldly and walked over right away. Naturally, this middle-aged person was Jiang Weidong.

“Dad, what are you doing? I’m helping Cheng Hao buy some things,” Jiang Ranran said ruefully.

“What? You are even buying things for him? Hmph! I wouldn’t even give the things that I have to throw away to him!” Jiang Weidong snatched the cable and threw it onto the ground.

Last time, Jiang Weidong humbled himself and asked Chen Hao for help in making connections. However, Chen Hao didn’t entertain him at all; that pissed Jiang Weidong off right away.

“That’s right, Ran, didn’t I tell you to stop talking to him? What is it with you, child? Don’t you remember?” Tang Lan said as she walked over and threw a look of

disdain at Chen Hao.

“Uncle Jiang, who is this?” the teenager asked as he approached them.

“He’s the son of somebody I used to know in this town of Xiao Gu,” Jiang Weidong said with a faint smile.

“Jiang, why does it look like you have a misunderstanding with the young man?” said another middle aged person.

They were all there for a group tour. Other than that, they had another goal and that was to matchmake their kids. Now he saw that Ran and this young stranger were fond of each other and noticed that his son was concerned about this, that was why the middle-aged person asked the question.

“Hehe, Director Wang, this is more than a simple misunderstanding. This person has no manners at all. The last time Jiang went looking for him for help, he immediately ran away and we ended up making the trip in vain,” Tang Lan said angrily.

“Hmph, Ran, go back. Next time, if I catch you speaking to these worthless people, don’t blame me for getting angry at you!” Jiang Weidong reprimanded coldly.

As soon as he said this, he stepped on the cable that Jiang Ranran just bought, which was on the ground.

“Mr. Jiang!” Chen Hao couldn’t help but open his mouth at this time. Of course, this Chen Hao would no longer call him ‘uncle’ or any other similar terms.

“Hmph, what is it?” Jiang Weidong said coldly.

“Previously, I donated half a million to you as a favor. If you treat me like this and the word gets out, the effect on you might not be good. Other than that, Aunt Tang said that last time you looked for me, the trip was in vain. Did you, Mr. Jiang, forget that the year I was entering high school, my dad and I waited for three or four hours below your house just to see you? But at the end of the wait, you got rid of us with a single sentence. So what’s this? Now that you took the trip in vain, it had become my

fault?” Chen Hao retorted.

“Hmph, what do you mean? Jiang was busy and didn’t have the time to entertain you and your father. Looking at the situation now, the choice to ignore you at that time was right. You are useless!” Tang Lan scolded.

“Hmm, this misunderstanding is really inconvenient. At first, I thought this village boy could take us sightseeing and be our tour guide. Looking at the situation now, that is not an option.” The teenager smiled with a hint of scorn.

“Become our guide? With our status, even if we were to hire someone, it would be a professional. Hmph!” When another woman saw how much Tang Lan and Jiang Weidong hated this person, she started hating him and talking to him with a harsh attitude too.

Chen Hao did not get angry. Instead, he smiled lightly. “Okay, we’ll talk about this another time, Mr. Jiang. See you again!” Then, Chen Hao drove away immediately.

The moment Chen Hao sped away, the teenager realized that the Audi A6 actually belonged to Chen Hao.

“Damn, that guy drives such a luxurious car?” The teenager was shocked. He really didn’t expect that to have ridiculed Chen Hao just now when he himself could not even afford an Audi.

“What’s so great about that? One look and you’ll know that it’s second-hand. Based on my estimation, he won’t be able to afford a new one now. Seeing him really affected our mood,” Tan Lan said.

“Hmph, let’s not talk about him anymore.” Jiang Weidong snorted.

By the time Chen Hao worked through his frustration, he had already reached home.

When he was at the front of his house, he noticed that there were many cars stopped in front of Uncle Wu’s house.

It seemed like his eldest, second and third brother were all back. Chen Hao honked a few times; he wanted help moving all the

things.

Coincidentally, there were a few people standing in the yard. When they saw the Audi, they all stood up to look out of curiosity. Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu also came out soon. When Chen Hao opened the car door, they were all surprised.

“Chen Hao? Why are you driving an Audi?” Uncle Wu's first daughter-in-law, Luo Ning, was stunned. If that Audi really belonged to him, that would make him even better off than her own son!

“Huh, look at this Audi, it looks like a second-hand car.” Wu Feng's expression didn't look too good either. He drove a car that cost only two hundred thousand and Chen Hao was now driving an A6, so of course that made him feel uneasy, which was why he said that. He even kicked the Audi's tyres a few times. With a look that suggested that he was experienced in this matter, he added, “Don't be too excited. There are many of these second-hand cars that are refurbished as new cars. If you find someone you know, you can get one for only over a hundred thousand. Once,

my friend advised me to buy a second-hand Audi to drive because it'll look good, but I refused to. Hehe, only poor people need to drive cars like these to show off."

"Yes, Feng is right. Only rich bosses can drive Audis," chimed in another teenager, whose name was Wu Jie; it seemed like he was finally back home.

"You all have misunderstood this, this is not my car. I borrowed it for a few days." Chen Hao smiled faintly.

"Huh, I thought you made a lot of money and bought yourself a car. So it turns out that it was borrowed!" Uncle Wu's daughter-in-laws relaxed and smiled with contempt.

Chen Hao looked around and didn't see Wu Qian. He didn't know why she wasn't there but he didn't pursue the topic.

"Uncle Wu, I bought these things for you. Let's move it all in." Chen Hao looked at Uncle Wu.

"Goodness, why did you spend so much

again? You bought so many things!” Aunt Wu said angrily. She accused Chen Hao of wasting money.

“It’s nothing. All these are daily necessities and didn’t cost much. You can use this high pressure cooker to stew some pork bone soup to drink. It’s good for your health.” Chen Hao smiled. As for the mockings that the others had for him, Chen Hao ignored them all.

“Huh, what brand is this high pressure cooker? How much did you spend?” Sun Hongxia, Uncle Wu's second daughter-in-law took a look and questioned him with a sour expression.

“Not much. Slightly over five hundred,” Chen Hao said.

“Erhem, then this cooker is nothing compared to the ones Wu Feng got from his company. That cooker cost us nothing at all since he got it from his workplace in a public institution. Things that you don’t have to spend on are nicer to use!” Zhang Xiqi, Uncle Wu's third daughter-in-law, was showing off now about Wu Feng.

“Wu Qian is not bad either. She brings back these peanut oil, squid, fish and other stuff. The company gives those products out once every two months. We can’t finish them and they’re all piled up at our home! Why pay for these things? It’s too much!” Sun Hongxia was not backing off either. “That’s right, Qian’s colleague invited her for dinner tonight. She would have someone treating her to dinner almost everyday, so she barely eats at home anymore, which was why we don’t need all these...”

The group of people started chirping away; nobody came over to help Chen Hao move the things. In the end, it was Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu who helped him to move the things into the house.

“Oh, right...” It was only after they entered the house when Chen Hao remembered that he had something to tell them.

Chapter 289 The Day Before the Birthday Feast



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“Right, tomorrow is my birthday, but I won't be spending it at home. I made a reservation at a restaurant. Do you have the time to attend?” Chen Hao asked.

In the past years, it was always Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu who celebrated his birthdays with him, so naturally, this year was no exception. But out of habit, Chen Hao still had to invite them.

“Ahem, we don't have the time. Tomorrow, Wu Feng and the rest are working. We don't have the time to celebrate your birthday with you,” Zhang Xiqi said lightly.

“Exactly. Furthermore, Chen Hao, if you want to celebrate your birthday, just eat at home. Why did you have to go ahead and celebrate in a hotel? Really, are you forgetting who you really are just after you got yourself a little extra money?” Sun Hongxia said coldly too.

Chen Hao used to be poor and everybody looked down on him; but now that he was suddenly rich, they had trouble accepting it, which was why they were meaner than they used to be.

"We are all busy. If you want to celebrate then celebrate it yourself," said Uncle Wu's sons.

Suddenly, the eldest son received a phone call.

"Hi, how are you, President Wang? What? Congratulations! Alright, the day after tomorrow, our whole family will definitely be there. No, we're not busy at all. We should be able to complete everything by tomorrow, and then we'll be free. Haha!" The eldest son finished speaking and happily hung up the phone.

"What is it?" Luo Ning asked.

"The day after tomorrow is President Wang's eight-years-old son's birthday. He wants me to go. We will definitely be there!"

"Huh? But, don't you have an important Chamber of Commerce meeting to attend?"

"Huh, I'll reschedule that. It's President Wang's son's birthday. I will have to

reschedule everything," the eldest son said emotionally.

"Uncles, let's eat first. Tomorrow, I have something to do, so I have to rest earlier tonight. I have to do some planning because Section Manager Jiang will be taking a look at our work tomorrow," said Wu Feng at this point; he was a man of a governmental organization, so of course he would have something to work on the next day.

"Hasn't Section Manager Jiang arrived already? I thought you were going to treat him to a meal tonight? Although he is now a section manager, he used to be a powerful character. He has a lot of connections in Ping An County!" chimed in the third brother with some pride.

"It's a pity that he's not free tonight. His schedule has been fully packed since a long time ago."

Everybody started talking one after another.

Based on the conversation, Chen Hao

guessed that this Section Manager Chief should be Jiang Weidong, but he did not say anything.

Since everybody was busy, Chen Hao didn't insist on the invitation; it was alright because everybody was busy.

After a quick word in Uncle Wu's house, Chen Hao soon left because Su Tongxin had given him a call.

"Chen Hao, happy birthday!" said Su Tongxin from the other end of the call.

"It's not my birthday yet. Why are you wishing me happy birthday so early?" Chen Hao smiled and said as he lay on his bed.

"I'm greeting you now, and I'll greet you again at midnight. This is what happens when I can't be back home. Right, Chen Hao, in two days' time when you're free, can you come to me? I am now at the television station. Today, I've become a new trainee reporter. I can finally do what I want to do!" announced Su Tongxin happily.

Su Tongxin had told Chen Hao about the matter of her applying to become a trainee reporter before this. Chen Hao didn't expect her to have passed the exam, but he was quite happy for her.

"Alright, I'll meet you in two days' time for a proper celebration!" replied Chen Hao with a smile on his face.

"Alright, but nothing is certain yet. I have a little holiday in a few days' time and we'll see then. How do you plan to spend your birthday tomorrow?"

Chen Hao and Su Tongxin then continued chatting about his birthday. After they finished chatting, Su Tongxin wanted to shower, so she hung up the phone. As soon as the line disconnected, his phone rang again.

This time, it was Qin Ya who had called.

"Chen Hao, isn't it your birthday tomorrow?" asked Qin Ya as soon as the line connected.

Chen Hao grunted.

“Huh, why didn't you call me over? I've been waiting the whole day today for your call. If it wasn't for me calling you now, I'm sure you wouldn't have bothered to ring me up. You've forgotten about me, haven't you?”

“I didn't. It's just that I'm in my hometown, so there will only be a simple celebration,” Chen Hao explained.

The truth was that Chen Hao really didn't plan on spending time with Qin Ya, even though he knew that Qin Ya treated him very well; Chen Hao only wanted to be with Su Tongxin now. He wouldn't want to be with anyone else, so to keep his relation with Qin Ya ambiguous like this would be an inconvenience. On top of that, something happened between him and Qin Ya at his place previously, which was why Chen Hao didn't feel that it was appropriate for her to come over to his place again.

“No matter if you're inviting me or not, I will be over at your place tomorrow! Unless, if you say that we are no longer friends!”

In a room of a mansion, Qin Ya leaned against the headboard of her bed and was talking on the landline telephone.

In the end, Chen Hao helplessly nodded his head and agreed. Then, he gave an excuse of being busy and then hung up the phone.

“Huh, son of a b*tch, why is he so heartless toward me!” said Qin Ya as she put down the phone with a slightly disappointed expression.

Initially, she thought that Chen Hao would take the initiative and call her over, but he didn't do it. If she didn't make the phone call just now, he would not have called her at all. Over this period of time, she would sometimes look for Chen Hao for a chat. Each time, he was cold and would only answer with short and simple replies, which made Qin Ya feel uncomfortable; the more uncomfortable she felt, the more she thought of it.

Dong, dong, dong... At this time, the doorbell of her room sounded.

“Ya, are you asleep? Your dad and I have

something we want to talk to you about," Qin Ya's parents asked.

"Dad, mum, I'm not asleep. Both of you come right in."

Next, her parents walked in. However, Qin Ya's father's face at that time was gloomy.

"Ya, this is something that we know you don't want to hear. However, the Qin family in Yan Jing city is coming down hard on us. They want you to get engaged to one of the three young masters of the Long family in Yan Jing. There really is no other way. Last time, Young Master Chen Hao helped us to solve our economic problem. However, the Qin Family is exerting pressure and we really have no choice. We cannot keep asking Young Master Chen Hao for help. So, what do you think about marrying into the Long family?" Qin Ya's father asked.

Qin Ya's mother also sighed and said, "Although that year we had already broken off our relationship with the Qin family, they still have a lot of influence over us. Don't blame your dad because he has no

choice. He has to think for the sake of the company, your uncles and all of the employees in our family.”

“Dad, can't you think of any other way? We can still beg Chen Hao for help and I'm sure that he will definitely help me!” Qin Ya replied with her eyes red.

Qin Ya's father sighed. “Hmm, although Young Master Chen Hao is indeed very powerful, the Jin Ling Commercial Group only has influence within Jin Ling city. But over there in Yan Jing city, the Qin and Long family have large enterprises too!” Her father then added, “On top of that, the three young masters from the Long family might come here tomorrow. You stay at home and get ready. Just meet them. If your impression of them is terrible, it still won't be too late to think of another solution!”

“No way, I'm busy tomorrow. It's Chen Hao's birthday and I want to celebrate it with him!” Qin Ya answered angrily.

“No way, you are not going anywhere. Don't cause Young Master Chen Hao

anymore trouble over this matter. Why can't you be a little more understanding, girl?" With that, Qin Ya's father dragged Qin Ya's mother out of the room right away.

Qin Ya was so anxious that she was about to cry...

Back to Chen Hao's side, he woke up at a little past six o'clock in the morning the next day. Last night, he gave Li Zhenguo a call. Since they might arrive early, Chen Hao decided to tidy up his house first, since they were going to celebrate his twenty-second birthday.

At this moment, a girl entered the house from the door. "Chen Hao, my mum told me that you were back a long time ago. I've looked for you a few times, but you weren't home every time I came over."



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“Li Xiaoling?” Chen Hao couldn’t help but smile when he saw the girl.

Li Xiaoling grew up with Chen Hao, Li Xiao, and the rest of them. Come to think about it, she was probably from the same Li clan as Li Xiao, so she was practically his sister. However, Li Xiaoling came from a family that was reasonably well off; her family owned shops in the town, selling cakes and pastry, which was why she often stayed in town and rarely went back home.

On top of that, at that time, Chen Hao and Li Xiao were both poor, so they didn’t dress well. Therefore, Li Xiao rarely hung out with Chen Hao and Li Xiao. Although they were classmates in elementary school, they rarely talked with each other. As a result, she was not that close with the both of them, unlike Wu Qian.

It was during their junior high school years when they got close with each other. Coincidentally, Li Xiaoling ended up in the same class as Li Xiao and Chen Hao.

During the first and second year of junior

high school, she didn't talk much to Chen Hao and Li Xiao, but in their third year, something happened.

Li Xiaoling quarrelled with another girl, and the quarrel was very heated. Then, that girl asked a few hooligans from their year to cause Li Xiaoling trouble; after school, they blocked Li Xiaoling on her way back home and wanted to teach her a lesson.

When Li Xiao and Chen Hao saw this, they pulled Li Xiaoling away. Chen Hao wasn't really well-known at that time, but Li Xiao was known for fighting in school, which was why that group of people didn't dare to do anything to Li Xiaoling. So, that was how they rescued Li Xiaoling.

Since then, Li Xiaoling treated Chen Hao and Li Xiao very well and they became friends; she even secretly bought Li Xiao cigarettes and brought steamed sponge cakes for Chen Hao to eat.

For her high school years, she entered No. 3 High School, which was the school that was ranked the lowest in the entire county. Besides, during their high school days,

they didn't own cell phones. As a result, they couldn't contact each other very often; all they could do was to gather during Chinese New Year for chit-chats.

"When did you get back? And why didn't you send me a QQ message?" Li Xiaoling said grudgingly.

"I've been back for a few days, but I've been wandering around in town. I was about to ask Li Xiao for your phone number," Chen Hao replied with a smile. This was the truth; these were the people who were going to spend his birthday with him.

"Hmph, at least you didn't forget me. Oh right, haven't you been reading the group chat messages for our junior high school gang? Uh, I forgot, you aren't in the group, are you? Today is our classmate Chen Chao's birthday. He realized that our class had not gathered in a long time. Therefore, he wants to use his birthday as an opportunity for everyone to gather. Also, our junior high school class teacher and the English teacher will be there. Will you accompany me?" asked Li Xiaoling.

“Mr. Wang will be there too? I thought he retired this year?” Li Xiaoling mentioned Chen Chao, but Chen Hao had nearly forgotten that name. On the other hand, Chen Hao still had fresh memories of the class teacher, Mr. Wang Changgui; he was an especially kind teacher that taught Mandarin.

At that time, Chen Hao’s family was poor and he couldn’t afford to pay for the textbooks. Twice, Mr. Wang forked out his own money to pay for Chen Hao. There was another time when it was raining heavily and Chen Hao didn’t have an umbrella, so Mr. Wang sent him home in his car. These scenes were still fresh in his memory.

During his first two years in university, every time his parents sent him money, Chen Hao would save some money so that he could buy something, no matter if it was expensive or not, as gifts for Mr. Wang when he went back home for Chinese New Year. However, during the next two years of university, he had problems even with paying his school fees. He was financially difficult during

that time, which was why he could no longer afford to do so.

“I heard that Mr. Wang got seriously ill last year. Is he alright?” Chen Hao asked.

“He recovered a long time ago. Otherwise, how would he attend Chen Chao’s birthday feast?” Li Xiaoling continued, “Don’t ask anymore. When you show up you will find out. Mr. Wang spoke greatly of you and Li Xiao, so if you go, he will definitely be very happy. Speaking of which, we must meet at eight o’clock. Mr. Wang will definitely go there early because he wants to spend more time chatting with us.”

“Oh that’s good then. However, I have no time to attend this gathering,” Chen Hao said sadly.

“Huh? You’re busy? Tsk, don’t worry. This time, Chen Chao will be paying for the feast. Even if we were to pay separately, you can still rely on me.” It was as if Li Xiaoling could see through Chen Hao’s thoughts.

But of course, this wasn’t about money; it

was because Chen Hao wanted to celebrate his own birthday. Li Xiaoling probably would not have minded if he rejected her invitation, but the problem was that since she had already informed him about the party, he would feel bad not attending the party knowing that Mr. Wang would be there also.

“Yes, I really don’t have time today. I originally wanted to invite you to celebrate my birthday with me,” Chen Hao said.

“What about this? What if I go and show my face, say a few words to Mr. Wang, then come back?”

“Huh? You want to celebrate your birthday? This is awkward... Alright, why don’t we do it this way? We go together, say hi to Mr. Wang and the rest, chat for a little, and then we’ll both come back and celebrate your birthday. What about Li Xiao? Have you informed him?” Li Xiaoling was quite loyal to her friend.

“I have informed him, but he’ll only be here near noontime. He just started a business and has not had the time to recruit workers yet, so he’s very busy,” Chen Hao

answered.

“Okay then,” Li Xiaoling said. Then, she sighed and continued in an envious tone, “Li Xiao has become quite the person nowadays. Last time, my dad looked down on his family, but just yesterday, my father brought presents to their house for them.”.

Chen Hao didn't answer and only nodded his head.

With their appointments scheduled, they noticed that it would be eight o'clock soon.

Chen Hao and Li Xiaoling then rushed to the restaurant in town. Chen Hao lived in an area in the middle of the town.

Therefore, it was only a short distance to the town's main street, so the both of them walked there.

By the time they arrived, there were quite a number of their ex-junior high school friends in front of the restaurant who were gathered around in groups and chatting away; when old classmates gathered like this, they would surely have felt an indescribable sense of familiarity with

each other as they talked about how they were doing of late, or to reminisce about the past.

“Hey guys, look! Xiaoling is here!” Some of their classmates pointed at Chen Hao and Li Xiaoling.

“Huh, that’s Chen Hao? Damn, even Chen Hao is here today?”

“Hahaha, yes. I thought Chen Hao disappeared. I didn’t think that we’d see him at this gathering.”

Someone else sighed and chimed in, “I heard that Chen Hao had a hard time in university. He couldn’t even pay for his school fees. Someone told me that once, he went to Jin Ling to eat with his friends and bumped into Chen Hao, who was doing the dishes in the back of the kitchen. He couldn’t even bring himself to say ‘Hi!’”

“Hehe, since he had no money, he’d have to do any job.”

When everybody saw Chen Hao, they started giggling and chatting with each

other. Among them was a girl who looked exceptionally graceful, who was chatting with a few other girls. She heard someone talking about Chen Hao, so she gave a slight shudder and turned to look at Chen Hao with a slight blush on her face.

“Hehe, Wang Xue, didn’t you use to date Chen Hao? I remember that you used to date him!” a girl said as she covered her mouth.

“Nonsense. Since when did we date each other?” Wang Xue blushed even harder.

The girl answered back, “You two were definitely together. I remember that you two used to write letters to each other. Also, you and Chen Hao were pretty close with each other.”

“I didn’t!” Wang Xue said softly.

“Admit it. Don’t you remember the reason behind that incident where Li Xiao stabbed someone was because... Erhem. Okay I’ll stop talking!” It was as if the girl realized that she brought up something bad, so she felt embarrassed and hurriedly shut up.

Wang Xue didn't say anything else.

"Oh yeah, Wang Xue. You and that guy Chen Hao, are you two still dating?" asked a girl.

"We haven't been with each other since a long time ago..." Wang Xue blushed.

Then, along with the other girls, Wang Xue raised her head to look at Chen Hao, whom she had not seen in six years.



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When Chen Hao walked over, he greeted his classmates one by one. But when he saw Wang Xue, he felt quite awkward.

Yes, Wang Xue was Chen Hao's girlfriend... No, 'girlfriend' wasn't the correct term, but their relationship was the type that was too ambiguous to be considered romantic or platonic. It was because of Wang Xue that Chen Hao was targeted by the school bully Liu Yang, who had also caught feelings for her. What happened next was no secret—Wang Xue and Liu Yang got together.

On his way here, Chen Hao had been wondering if Wang Xue would also be present, and how awkward it would be if she really was. He did resent her a little, because after all the sacrifice he and Li Xiao made for her, she still got together with their greatest enemy; because of the incident, Li Xiao had given up on his studies in vain.

But the real reason Chen Hao felt awkward was because he had no idea how he should treat her. Before that incident, the two had actually been on good terms; ever

since that incident, the both of them never spoke to each other, which was strange. He'd wanted revenge but on second thought, who Wang Xue dated was entirely her choice, so who was he to control that choice? That meant Liu Yang was the one who deserved his anger, so at the moment, Chen Hao chose to ignore Wang Xue.

"Hehe, how heartless of Chen Hao to not greet you. And have you noticed, Wang Xue? Chen Hao looks quite charismatic now! Handsome too, with those stylish clothes!" a girl teased.

Wang Xue tidied up her stray strands of hair; it felt a little uncomfortable to hear someone else praising Chen Hao, because the guy was someone she'd dumped after all. Now that things were going good for him, hearing that praise felt like a slap to her face. So, all she did was reply, "Mm hmm, he does look good!"

"Hey, our class teacher and Miss Yang are coming!" somebody yelled. A car stopped in front of them and shortly after, an old man who looked a little over sixty years old exited the car from the back seat—he

was Mr. Wang Changgui, their class teacher. The driver was a mature, attractive and charismatic young teacher who looked to be around 27 or 28 years old—she was their third-year English teacher, Miss Yang Ke. She was 22 when she taught Chen Hao's class, the type who'd just graduated from university. However, her young age and good looks had helped her bond with the class quite well.

Chen Hao merely glanced at Yang Ke with no intention to greet her. But for Mr. Wang, he jogged over and immediately helped him out of the car.

“Is that you, Chen Hao?” When Mr. Wang saw Chen Hao, his wrinkled face immediately became surprised and overjoyed as he seized Chen Hao by elbow. “Where have you been these two years, you silly boy?” he asked emotionally.

To be honest, Mr. Wang had been so caring toward him and Li Xiao back then and Chen Hao had never forgotten his good deeds, so he hastily explained himself.

“Oh ho, what brings you here, Chen Hao? Look at you, all dressed up! What kind of job did you get, huh?” Meanwhile, Yang Ke’s first interaction with Chen Hao after six long years was a dismissive glance and a sneer.

What had happened back then was that Li Xiao had butted heads with her, and she’d held a grudge against both him and Chen Hao ever since. Chen Hao had nothing to do with the incident but as the saying goes, ‘the friend of my enemy, is also my enemy’, so Yang Ke made both their lives difficult with everything she had, because of Chen Hao’s close friendship with Li Xiao. How dare the class’ two poorest kids go against her like this? That was the reason Chen Hao gave her a glance and said nothing more.

Just then, Mr. Wang said, “Chen Hao, you’re of drinking age now. Why don’t you have a nice drink with me tonight?”

“Mr. Wang, wait...” Chen Hao began.

“Whoa, there’s so many of you today! I feel so honored! Come, come. I’ve decorated

the place, so why not we all continue this conversation in the private room?" Chen Chao said.

When he saw Mr. Wang and Yang Ke, Chen Chao walked over and smiled. "Mr. Wang, Miss Yang, why don't we go inside?" When he saw Chen Hao, Chen Chao looked surprised but simply gave a cursory greeting. "Hmm? You're here too? That's okay, let's all go inside."

"Xue, come over! Didn't you see our class teacher is here?" Chen Chao called out to Wang Xue, then took her hand when she walked over. Some of the unknowing classmates were shocked by this; Wang Xue was now dating Chen Chao?

Chen Hao didn't expect it either. It felt even more awkward for him to stay, but he couldn't just leave now that Mr. Wang was holding onto his arm. Maybe I'll just have a quick talk with him, Chen Hao thought to himself.

Once everyone was in the private room, the conversation went in plenty of different directions. In general, everyone updated

the others on their current life and naturally, Chen Chao had the best life of them all. He'd gotten a job even before graduating high school, to work on cars with an uncle of his. Now, with his family wealth, he'd bought two big cars and started a small logistics company. He could be counted as the coolest kid in town, which was probably why Wang Xue chose to be with him.

"Tsk tsk tsk, Xue is so blessed to be dating Chen Chao. She's basically a boss' wife now!"

"Yeah, of course she's blessed, since she's so pretty!" the others said enviously.

"Oh, wait. What are you doing now, Chen Hao?" Chen Chao suddenly turned his gaze upon Chen Hao and asked tentatively. The two of them never interacted much during junior high, but Chen Chao did know about the relationship between him and Wang Xue. Naturally, as Wang Xue's current boyfriend, Chen Chao felt threatened by Chen Hao, who previously had a relationship with Wang Xue, especially considering the fact

that Chen Hao was dressed even better than him. That was why he threw that question to test the waters.

Mr. Wang also looked at Chen Hao.

“I have a little business of my own,” Chen Hao said.

Some of the female classmates snorted and burst out laughing. “Haha! Chen Hao, doing business?”

“What kind of business? Selling socks at the night market? Ha!”

“Seriously, getting into business like everyone else is doing? No offense, Chen Hao, but you really need to know your place. People like you are better off getting office jobs!” Yang Ke said, following suit with everyone’s sneering. “It’s not that I look down on that Li Xiao, either. You two might have good grades, but you’re doomed to lead the worst of lives once you join the workforce. Why? Because you two have neither the connections nor the background. I heard that your friend, Li Xiao is a mechanic now? Hehe, he would

never have a bright future with that as his job!” Yang Ke smiled condescendingly.

“Actually, Miss Yang, I heard Li Xiao’s made it big. He has his own car-selling company now!”

“Yeah, I heard that too. Apparently, he’s scored a partnership with the Dreamer Investment Group!” someone else chimed in.

Yang Ke felt embarrassed when she heard that, but she still replied, “So what? Before long, they’ll withdraw their investments and he’ll still have to go back to servicing cars!”

“Alright, alright. That reminds me, Chen Hao. Didn’t you tell Li Xiao there’d be a gathering today?” Mr. Wang hastily changed the subject, noticing that the atmosphere was getting tense.

“Oh, I didn’t. I haven’t been in touch with him.” Chen Hao smiled coldly as he put down his teacup.

“I have. Come to think of it, Chen Chao’s

not the only one whose birthday is today! Another classmate of ours is having his birthday too!" a girl suddenly said.



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“Really? We have another birthday boy or girl today?” Chen Chao said amusedly with an eyebrow raised.

The female classmate said, “Yeah, it’s Li Kai’s birthday today! Haha, I’d planned to call Li Xiao too but he was busy, and Chen Chao here is treating us all anyway!”

Li Kai was also a classmate of theirs in junior high, the simpleton type that always scored dead last in class. His family owned a cement factory, and because he wasn’t cut out for studying, he went straight back home to work after graduating junior high. Right now, everyone was looking at him.

“Damn, Kai. Why didn’t you say it was your birthday? This is so awkward, haha!” Chen Chao said.

“Yeah, Li Kai! I didn’t know today was your birthday too! Come, come. Let’s all add Li Kai on WeChat, and send him a birthday red packet!” The other classmates clamored in agreement.

Mr. Wang laughed. “Why do you young

people not practice gift-giving on birthdays anymore? I remember when I was your age, I had to make the gifts myself! I guess it's easier with WeChat now!"

"Of course, Mr. Wang. Birthdays, weddings, any gift-giving occasion can be handled with a red packet!" The girls smiled.

"Li Kai, I've added you on WeChat. Take the red packet, yeah?"

"Got it. Thanks, everyone! Who would have expected that my birthday is the same as Chen Chao?" Seeing that everyone was so nice to him, Li Kai felt overwhelmed and kept thanking them.

"This is such a coincidence. Li Kai's birthday may be on the same day as Chen Chao, but let's not forget that today is another person's birthday, shall we?" Li Xiaoling quickly said when she noticed everyone was giving Li Kai red packets.

"Who? We don't remember!" Everyone was confused.

"Hmph, it's Chen Hao, of course! He's got

the same birthday as Chen Chao, so that makes three birthday boys including Li Kai," Li Xiaoling said.

"Oh, so it's also Chen Hao's birthday today!" The others nodded, but no one spoke up after that.

"Oh, right. Chao, I heard that there's an event over in Xiao Quan City. Let's go there together! My father says it's getting lively over there." A girl excitedly broke the silence.

"Oh, yeah! It's really lively in Xiao Quan City. Let's go!" everyone else chimed in.

"I'm definitely on board with that. How about this? We'll start counting the cars, Miss Yang will follow us together, and we'll see if we can fit everyone so no one has to call a cab!" Chen Chao suggested.

After that, they started counting. As it turned out, the cars were enough but try as they might, there was always one person too many to fit in all of them.

"This is awkward. It's not worth renting

another cab for just one person!" a girl said.

"Ahem, then I suggest Chen Hao not go. He's a businessman after all, so who knows how many deals he'll miss out on if we bring him!" a boy said with a laugh.

"Ha! That's right, it's better if Chen Hao doesn't go!"

"Alright, then you all have fun. Mr. Wang, I just wanted to see you today and invite you to my birthday party, though I guess now's not a good time. I'll see you again in a few days. I have something to take care of, so bye for now," Chen Hao said to Mr. Wang.

"Alright, then go take care of it!" Mr. Wang replied, noticing that everyone was mocking Chen Hao in a passive-aggressive manner and knowing that he couldn't take it anymore. After that, Chen Hao glanced at Li Xiaoling, who nodded and left after saying a brief goodbye to Mr. Wang.

"Damn, he left just like that? What did he

mean, he only came to see Mr. Wang? Does he even consider us classmates anymore?" some of the girls complained with disapproval.

"Yeah. All we did was to not give him red packets, did he even need to say that?"

"Chen Hao, I've got to clear things up with you. It's not that I don't want to give you a red packet, I just don't want to add you on WeChat. Haha!"

"Sh*t, that's too savage!" The crowd erupted in laughter.

Teasing Chen Hao had always been their greatest joy, so Chen Hao didn't say anything. After all, it was so easy for him to take them down a peg, so he couldn't even be bothered; all he did was to leave with Li Xiaoling.

Wang Xue shook her head as she watched Chen Hao leave. She'd been watching him the whole time, and thought that Chen Chao's handling of the situation far outshined his. She was right to have chosen Chen Chao over him!

"It's so infuriating, Chen Hao. Listen to what they said! And that Yang Ke is still biased against you after all this time! I can't handle this. If we hadn't all been on decent terms, I'd have roasted them all on your behalf!" Li Xiaoling's chest heaved with anger.

"Come on, what good will all that anger do anyway?" Chen Hao soothed her as they walked. Within twenty minutes, they were back at the village.

"Chen Hao, are you celebrating your birthday at home? Should I help you cook? Ooh, I know how to make noodles now, so I can whip up some longevity noodles for you," Li Xiaoling said, as if she was still worried about his bruised ego. It was her who asked him to go along with her after all. "Just forget about them. Li Xiao is living a good life now, anyway. So if push comes to shove, we'll both reconnect with him and become best friends again just like in our third year!"

"Sure, it'll be just like the old times." Chen Hao smiled and patted Li Xiaoling's shoulder. "I'm not celebrating at home this

year, though. We'll have to go to Xiao Quan City, because I've got a reservation there in the Hot Spring Scenic Zone."

"What, the Hot Spring Scenic Zone? Chen Hao, you must be bluffing. Don't you know the whole zone is booked, even the hotels?" Li Xiaoling sputtered. "How did you even get the reservation?"

To be honest, Chen Hao had no idea what Li Zhenguo was thinking when he booked all the hotels because by his estimate, there couldn't have been more than 30 guests invited. Then again, maybe there was something he was planning, so Chen Hao didn't question it further and only smiled at Li Xiaoling. "You'll see. Now, come on. It's already past eight so we need to hurry. I still have to pick someone up!"

"Are you serious? How are we going to get there now, when the city is so far away from here?" Li Xiaoling asked, feeling that Chen Hao was getting stranger and stranger.

"We're driving, of course. My car's parked

in the alley, so I'll go drive it out. We're going with Uncle and Aunt Wu!" Chen Hao twirled the car keys in his hand and led her to the alley.

When Li Xiaoling saw the car, she was shocked. "Oh sh*t, an Audi A6? That's your car?"

"Nah, it's the company's. Mine will come later." Chen Hao smiled at Li Xiaoling's shocked expression. "Get in the car first. I'll go call Uncle Wu."



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After getting Uncle Wu, Aunt Wu and Li Xiaoling, the four of them went to the Hot Spring Scenic Zone in Xiao Quan City after a twenty-minute drive. What Chen Hao didn't expect was that the Hot Spring Scenic Zone was already packed with people, luxury cars and even hawkers and vendors; it was like a New Year festival being held here.

It's so lively! Chen Hao exclaimed internally. Upon closer inspection, the entire path from the entrance of the zone to the hotels was covered in a red carpet with personnel rushing about everywhere. If it weren't for Li Zhenguo's car, Chen Hao would have had trouble believing all this was for his birthday celebration.

"Oh dear, there are so many people here. Chen Hao, which hotel did you make your reservation at? They must be fully booked by now!" Li Xiaoling said with confusion.

"Yeah, Chen Hao. Let's just settle for a restaurant in town and if that doesn't work out, Aunt Wu can always cook for you all. It's not just crowded here, but expensive too!" Uncle Wu said.

“It’s alright, let’s go in!” Chen Hao smiled bitterly. At this point, there was nothing for him to hide anymore, especially considering that this banquet was hosted in his honor.

He was just about to explain himself to Li Xiaoling, Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu when Wu Feng walked over with several young men and women. “Grandpa? Grandma? What are you two doing here?” he said upon noticing them.

“Feng, why didn’t you say something about your grandparents coming? The personnel would have been able to let them in for a bit! After all, we’re all just waiting for our boss to come!”

“Ahem, that’s because the boss came for personal reasons. He’s not here for proper work, so how can we trouble the Zone’s personnel like this?” Wu Feng said.

“Besides, my own parents are just looking around too.”

“We’re here to celebrate Chen Hao’s birthday. Oh yeah, where are your parents?” Uncle Wu said.

“Pfft. Celebrate his birthday? Then why are you here? The whole place is booked!” Wu Feng sneaked a glance at Chen Hao; he knew full well his grandparents were the ‘innocent farmer’ type, so they wouldn’t be the ones to suggest going there for the celebration.

How nice of Chen Hao to drag these clueless old people over for a birthday celebration when the place was clearly booked. This was an embarrassment to Wu Feng, especially in front of his colleagues.

Just then, the three Wu brothers walked over with Wu Jie and Wu Qian. “Mum? Dad? Why are you two here?” the eldest asked in confusion.

Apparently, they’d already known about the upcoming banquet that was supposedly held in the honor of a bigshot, with celebrity guests and everything. So, knowing that the banquet offered a chance for both fun and networking with influential people, they’d practically brought the whole family.

“Hmph! Why else? This Chen Hao drove them here!” Wu Feng snapped and told them everything that just happened.

“Ha! How bold of you. Look around you, look at where you are now! Considering the occasion going on today, how exactly are you going to celebrate your birthday in the Hot Spring Scenic Zone?!” Sun Hongxia scoffed with her arms crossed. If Chen Hao could make it in today, then wouldn’t that make him better than her own daughter? That would be impossible!

“Yeah, Chen Hao! I thought you’d just settle for a restaurant in town, but here in Xiao Quan City? You should have just told us to bring them, instead of showing off by yourself!” Zhang Xiqi chimed in.

“Alright, stop that. It’s his birthday and he said he’s treating us to dinner. You all seem like you have nothing to do, so why don’t you join us once Chen Hao finds his reservation?” Uncle Wu said.

“What? We’re not free, Dad. Your son just bumped into a few of his colleagues, and we’ve all agreed to have dinner together.

Why don't you join us?" Luo Ning hastily replied, then turned to Wu Feng. "Feng, Jie, carry on. Don't waste your time here, and remember that once your bosses get here, be a little more alert and responsive!"

Wu Feng and his colleagues nodded, then glanced at Chen Hao before leaving; this was indeed an important occasion for them.

Wu Qian, on the other hand, had been watching Chen Hao from the sidelines. In the past, he would have lowered his head out of shame in the face of those relentless mockeries from her mother and aunts. But ever since she'd found out his connections to the Zone, she noticed that he'd merely smiled his way through it all; it was as if none of that mockery affected him anymore.

Why was he so confident? And where did that confidence come from? Had he really become successful? It was this unexplainable feeling that worried Wu Qian. She'd already been fearful of hearing any more good news about Chen Hao, so she didn't even mention the events of that

day to her parents. Now that Chen Hao had swaggered up here, claiming he had a reservation, Wu Qian was legitimately concerned!

“Wu? Hey, it really is you!” an old, but strong voice called out. When Chen Hao turned to look, he saw an old man walking over with his family of four.

“Wang! I never thought I’d see you here!” Uncle Wu replied excitedly as Wang’s family came to greet them.

When Chen Hao saw the two people behind the middle-aged woman, he froze—it was Wang Min and Wang Xiao.

“I still had no idea of the result of the blind date between those two kids the other day. Xiao Min here wouldn’t tell me either! I was just about to ask you, what the heck is the matter with Chen Hao? Does he think he’s too good for my daughter or something?” Wang jokingly said.

“Dad, stop talking about that Chen Hao guy. Maybe he thinks he’s too poor for our daughter, and that’s why he backed out.

Don't put him under the spotlight like this," Wang Min's mother interrupted. Who knew that the old man would talk about that blind date the moment they all met up? What was there to discuss, really? She was certainly against this match, but her father was acting like Wang Min was that desperate to be married off.

"Ahem, Wang. This is Chen Hao. I've also been wondering what happened that day!" Uncle Wu pointed to Chen Hao.

"Wait, that's him?" Wang Min's mother suddenly fell silent out of embarrassment and merely glanced at Chen Hao twice.

Wang Xiao, on the other hand, walked right up to him in pleasant surprise. "Chen Hao, we meet again!"

Chen Hao gave her a faint smile. At the sight of this, Wang Min felt embarrassed, feeling that Chen Hao treated her sister better than he treated herself.

"Mum, Dad, look! Isn't that Chen Hao?" At this moment, another girl walked over while pointing at Chen Hao.

“Hmph! So what if it’s him? He probably came here to broaden his horizons!” the middle-aged man scoffed.



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Indeed, it was really Jiang Weidong, Tang Lan, and their family. Initially, Jiang Weidong was quite happy, but when he saw Chen Hao, the expression on his face instantly darkened.

As for Chen Hao, he merely threw a glance at Jiang Weidong and the rest of them. Previously, Chen Hao would have gone over and greeted them, no matter how reluctant he was. But now, he couldn't be bothered.

“All of you come and see! There are many grand cars!”

“Is it? It's true! My god!”

Then, the group of people started shouting.

Next, the crowd that was initially blocking the road all cleared a path. As for the workers of the scenic zone, they were in position a long time ago and were ready to welcome the guests in the cars.

In the first grand car was a middle-aged couple; they held hands and came out of

the car. "Mr. Li Guohao, Mrs. Lee, welcome!" the workers greeted them respectfully.

"My god, it's Mr. Li Guohao and his wife. Wow, they are the number one philanthropist of our Jiangnan province. They used to be the richest people in Jiangnan province. I never thought that they would come here!"

"Yes, it's been a long time since Mr. Lee and his wife stopped concentrating on their business. I heard that they are now travelling the world. I never thought that they would be here!"

"We rarely see them, not even on television!"

The crowd was chatting away as they all took their phones out to snap pictures.

"Dad, grandpa, how is it? The scene is spectacular, isn't it? This is Mr. Li Guohao. He used to be the richest man in Jiangnan province." Wu Feng, Wu Jie, and the rest of them walked toward Chen Hao. Then, Wu Feng made the introductions, pleased with

himself.

It was the first time Uncle Wu saw so much grandeur; he couldn't help but be astonished.

The other members of the Wang family were also very astonished as they watched.

Another middle-aged couple came out of the second grand car, with their son following behind them.

"Damn! This is Mr. Liang. They own a few film studios in Hong Kong and Jin Ling city!"

"Why are they here too?"

"It's so spectacular. Maybe they want to cooperate to build a film set in Xiao Quan city?"

"Hmmp, it's not impossible. There was such a plan and it was made when I was still in charge!" Jiang Weidong couldn't help but say this proudly when he heard the other passerby's words.

“Wow!” Just as the crowd was busy discussing among themselves, there was a sudden shout. Then, the crowd started cheering as everybody looked toward the newcomer.

“It’s Jiang Bei’s richest man, Mr. Li Zinian! Damn!”

The crowd looked on with respect and they were all stunned.

“Dad, what exactly is going on today? Why are there so many big shots here?” Jiang Ranran was also astonished.

Jiang Weidong was an insider, so he understood the situation. “Hehe, other than that Young Master Chen from Jin Ling, who else would have that kind of reputation? Young Master Chen’s family is mysteriously powerful, so naturally they would have such incredible connections!” Jiang Weidong said proudly.

“What? Young Master Chen? Today is Young Master Chen’s birthday?” Jiang Ranran asked, shocked.

What she exclaimed started spreading around like wildfire. A lot of people were surprised and they shouted, "Turns out it's Young Master Chen's birthday! No wonder. Otherwise, why would anybody come to this poor and secluded Xiao Quan city?"

"Right, speaking of Young Master Chen, why isn't there any information about him on the internet?" somebody asked curiously.

"Of course it's because Young Master Chen is a very modest person who likes to keep a low profile!"

"Exactly. There are only an extremely small number of people who know how Young Master Chen looks!"

The crowd were busy gossiping among themselves.

"So today is really Young Master Chen's birthday. My guess was right!" On the Wu family side, Uncle Wu's sons and their wives just had a late realization.

As for Chen Hao, he stood at one side,

being squashed in the crowd and feeling dumbfounded because he never thought that Li Zhenguo would make such a big deal of it. On top of that, there were so many big shots who showed up, which was completely unexpected. According to the original plan, there were supposed to be only twenty or thirty people. This was really getting out of hand!

“All of you, quickly look! That looks like the Governor of Jiangnan Province!”

“Damn, that’s right. The Governor is actually here!”

At this moment, a lot of people in the crowd were shocked.

“Mum, I am going to take some pictures. You all keep looking. You guys, let’s go!”
Wu Feng put on a serious expression and took out his camera to take pictures.

The crowd was cheering non-stop; the moment a group of people entered the place, other groups of big-shots arrived one after another.

Uncle Wu saw this and was very excited; these were people one could only see on the television after all. Furthermore, there were famous male actors and female stars that were present too.

The next to arrive was a blessing for the girls, for they screamed, "Wow, so many rich and young cute guys!" One after another, cool Ferrari and Lamborghini sports cars arrived; young men of Jin Ling city's rich families then came out one after another, out of those cars.

"That is Young Master Huang, the adopted brother of Young Master Chen. I've seen him online before. Although he's a little plump, he is plump in a good looking and cute way. Ugh, I love him to bits!"

"The most handsome one is Young Master Bai, Bai Xiaofei. He is so tall and handsome. My gosh, I heard that he is very close to Young Master Chen. God, if only he would kiss me, that's all I'd ever ask for."

"And that one... That is..." A lot of young little girls pushed toward the front; they took out their phones and started taking

pictures.

“These youngsters are so good looking and rich. Min, Xiao, I won’t ask much of you. Just find someone with even half their excellence, and that would be enough!” Wang Min’s mother said with envy. If only these rich and young were her daughters, then today would have been her day.

Biao Xiaofei, Young Master Huang, and the rest had their hands in their pockets and they wore sunglasses, chewing gums in their mouth as they casually entered the place.

They gathered at the big public square at the entrance; according to the organizers’ intentions, they were surely getting ready for a group shot. A lot of people gathered around this group of big shots, greeting them and trying to get their attention. This angered Jiang Weidong who was standing at one side. “Did you see that? That boy is the one who took over my position. Otherwise, I would have been the one to enter the place!” Jiang Weidong jealously said. His previous underling could now go in the scenic zone to greet the rich

businessmen. As for him, he could only watch from the audience seats, so this naturally caused Jiang Weidong to feel uncomfortable.

At this moment, Sun Hongxia sighed and said in an envious tone, "Look at them and the workers of the scenic zone, they could probably bring any of their friends and family into the zone to enjoy themselves. Why is it that no one in our family knows someone working in the scenic zone?" Looking at her daughter, Wu Qian, she added, "Qian, double up on the efforts. Make sure that next time there is a big event like this, I can go in and experience it too."

Wu Qian nodded, entranced. She didn't know what to think; at an event like this, who wouldn't want to walk on the red carpet and enjoy the spotlight? Who would be satisfied to stay as a mere spectator?

"Excuse me! Please let me through!" When Chen Hao saw that almost everybody had arrived, he realized that it was time for him to go in; if he wasn't there, how was this birthday feast supposed to start? Because

he was staring blankly at the spectacle just now, Chen Hao ended up being squashed in the middle of a surging crowd.

“Move aside, why are you pushing? So annoying!”

“Exactly. Why are you going there? Really!” said a few girls in the row in front of him with despicable looks; they couldn’t help but roll their eyes at Chen Hao.



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“Hmph, don’t push forward just because others are pushing forward. Look at yourself first,” Sun Hongxia said in disdain as she looked at Chen Hao who had been pushed back by the girls.

Damn it! Chen Hao also really had no choice.

“Chen Hao, stop moving for a while and watch? There are so many big shots!” Li Xiaoling advised.

Up to this moment, almost all the guests had arrived. In the venue, Li Zhenguo held up a megaphone and started to thank the guests for coming.

Next, Li Zhenguo’s voice rang loudly and the crowd outside momentarily quieted down; although there were so many people in the open air venue, the whole place became very silent.

However, there was someone outside who muttered, “We’ve been watching for so long. Which one is Young Master Chen? Why can’t we see him?”

“Could it be that Young Master Chen is not here? It can't be.”

“Perhaps Young Master Chen reached early and is already inside? Maybe he doesn't like appearing in public?”

“Ah, if that was the case, does that mean we won't be able to see Young Master Chen?” Some girls were instantly disappointed.

Yes, although seeing Young Master Bai and Young Master Huang was good enough, the man those girls really wanted to see was the super rich Young Master Chen; they spent so much time waiting outside just for this moment.

“I'm getting so anxious! Why isn't Young Master Chen coming out yet?” Tang Lan also asked anxiously.

Jiang Weidong sighed. “Maybe Young Master Chen won't come out and show his face.”

It seemed like everybody within the venue were also wondering about Young Master

Chen's whereabouts. Li Zhenguo already noticed it; he himself was wondering about the same thing. It was nearly eleven o'clock. According to the plan, Young Master Chen would fetch Uncle Wu and come over.

At once, Li Zhenguo smiled and said, "Everyone, I'm so sorry. I will give Young Master Chen a call. Maybe something held him up." Next, he took out his cell phone and dialled Chen Hao's number.

"Damn, did you hear that? It isn't that Young Master Chen didn't want to come out, it is because he is not here yet!"

"Uh huh. If that's the case, we might get to see Young Master Chen soon!"

The girls were pleasantly surprised again.

Du du du... Just then, Chen Hao's phone rang. In the middle of the quiet crowd, the ringtone sounded piercing to the ear. At the same time, the Wu family siblings, the Wang family, and the Jiang family all looked at Chen Hao. They were shocked, since General Manager Li just made a call

and Chen Hao's phone rang; what a coincidence!

"Hahaha, someone who doesn't know him might actually think that he's Young Master Chen," someone said with a laugh.

"Hi, General Manager Li, I'm here. I squashed in the middle of the crowd. I'll go over right away," Chen Hao said from within the crowd.

"Hahaha, this person is really committed to his charade. He's even pretending that it's real. Does he think he's shooting for a film?"

"Exactly. This person is so amusing," the crowd said, mocking him.

Chen Hao ended the call and walked forward. This time, the few girls didn't block him; instead, they looked at Chen Hao, surprised.

"Chen Hao, what are you doing? Come back here!" Li Xiaoling thought Chen Hao had gone mad.

When Chen Hao reached the center of the red carpet, everybody became very quiet and looked at Chen Hao dumbfounded. At the venue, Li Zhenguo led the big shots, including Bai Xiaofei, Young Master Huang, and the rest of them, toward Chen Hao.

“Oh no, oh no, Chen Hao is finished. He has attracted the big shots’ attention,” Li Xiaoling said nervously.

“Young Master Chen!” Li Zhenguo and those gathered around him called out in unison, their voices ringing out loud and clear as if the sound permeated the skies and the earth.

“Y-Young Master Chen? What?!”

That call caused many people to start trembling. Jiang Weidong and Tang Lan’s eyes almost popped out with surprise; he was Young Master Chen? How was this possible?

Jiang Weidong always thought that Chen Hao was the son of a friend that didn’t amount to much, so surely he would have

nothing to show as well. That was why he looked down on Chen Hao again and again. It was also because he was worried that Chen Hao would turn to him for help. But just now, Li Zhenguo and the big group of big shots just addressed Chen Hao as 'Young Master Chen' in unison? It turned out that the mysterious Young Master Chen of Jin Ling was Chen Hao!

This... Jiang Weidong swallowed his saliva and felt like he had been given a tight slap, the kind that wiped his mind blank; the edge of his mouth was twitching.

Jiang Ranran couldn't believe it and she covered her mouth. It wasn't just Jiang Ranran, but Wu Qian and the rest of the Wu family, all of them were startled too, let alone the pair of daughters from the Wang family.

Nobody would have thought that Chen Hao was the Young Master Chen! No wonder he had so much money! But all things considered, what was actually going on?

"Young Master Chen, you are so good-

looking!” some girls shouted as they rushed toward Chen Hao.

Chen Hao ignored them; he turned his head and instead, looked at the stunned Li Xiaoling who was standing among the crowd, as well as the astonished Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu.

Smiling, he said, “Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu, Xiao Ling, let’s go. We already have places inside. Let’s go and eat.” As soon as he said this, he went over and supported Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu, and also pulled Xiaoling along with him to walk out of the crowd.

Li Xiaoling swallowed her saliva with difficulty; she was really frightened.

Just then, Bai Xiaofei, Young Master Huang, and the other rich youngsters walked over together to help support Uncle Wu and the rest.

“Uncle, let me help you in,” said Bai Xiaofei.

Chen Hao also followed behind them and walked in.

However, when he walked past Wang Min, she momentarily thought of the scene from a few days before. “Sister, I don’t feel like meeting that poor loser. Can you go for the matchmaking on my behalf? And then reject him for me!”

Wang Min’s mother also thought of that day. “Yeah, even if my daughter doesn’t want to get married, she won’t marry him anyhow. Surely he didn’t really think that my daughter can’t find a husband? He is not worthy!”

However, now, she wished there was a hole for her to squeeze into.

As for Wu Qian’s family, their faces paled.

“Brothers, sisters, it’s my birthday tomorrow. Let’s have a meal together if you are free. I don’t have a lot of close friends anyway.” Chen Hao’s invitation still rang in their ears, along with the sight of Chen Hao’s bashful and sincere smile flashing across their eyes.

“We don’t have the time. Who has time to attend your birthday?”

“Exactly. Don’t go following other people just because you saw them celebrating their birthdays. Look at yourself!”

“We are not that free. Feng has a lot left to do!”

“.....”

They were now speechless; Chen Hao had invited them twice, but they rejected both times and now, felt horrible on the inside.

As for Wu Qian, her cell phone fell to the ground without her realizing it. She always worried about Chen Hao turning into an able person, but now, she was saved from those worries. It was no wonder that Chen Hao could cause Manager Wang Biao to act that way, or that he could bend the scenic zone’s manager to his will, or that he wanted to invite grandpa and grandma to celebrate his birthday; it was all because Chen Hao was Young Master Chen!

As Chen Hao walked out of the crowd, Jiang Weidon took a good look at Chen Hao; he wanted Chen Hao to look at him

so that he could say hi or something. He thought that after all those years, the ones who would treat him with sincerity were the father and son of the Chen family.

It was no wonder that the last time his business was in a tight spot, the Dreamer Investment Group invested in his business right away and helped him out of his troubles. Chen Hao had always paid him visits whenever he had troubles, and Chen Hao had always dearly called him 'Uncle Jiang'! However, he had chased him out of his house; Jiang Weidong was so ashamed that if there was a hole in the ground, he wanted to be swallowed whole.

"Damn, look, you guys! What car is that?" At this moment, a few girls shouted and pointed at a spot in the distance, hoping their voices would attract Young Master Chen's attention.

Chen Hao also looked in that direction.

The crowd was stunned, because, at this point, an extremely grand sports car sped over and headed toward them at full speed!

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“That’s a Lamborghini Reventon! Holy smokes! That cost as much as twenty million!” The crowd was stunned.

The Lamborghini soon stopped. Then, Li Xiao and Su Ting came out of the car. Li Xiao then threw the car keys at Chen Hao. “We drove your car back for you!”

This was a favor that Chen Hao asked of Li Xiao two days ago. Since he had no car now, he needed a car and requested Li Xiao to return his car. Then, he smiled and tapped Li Xiao’s shoulder and entered the venue together.

“So that car belongs to Young Master Chen! No wonder!” the crowd said, full of envy.

Next, it was time for pictures, followed by the birthday feast.

According to Li Zhenguo, this standard was nothing compared to what his older sister Chen Xiao had. Chen Hao understood this, but he couldn’t possibly act like his older sister by reserving the whole of a small island.

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The birthday feast continued until three o'clock in the afternoon. During that time, a little episode happened; Chen Hao called Qin Ya a few times because she said that she would be there, but she didn't come in the end. He called a few times before he finally got through.

Qin Ya didn't sound like she was in a good mood and told Chen Hao that she wouldn't be attending. Chen Hao momentarily let slip of his thoughts and asked if something had happened. Qin Ya didn't reply but merely ended the call. Chen Hao didn't think too much of it; she didn't have to come if she didn't want to since this was what Chen Hao wanted anyway.

By the time the event was about to be over, Chen Hao decided to rest in a room in the scenic zone because he had been drinking too much.

"What are you doing? You can't go in!"

"I am Young Master Chen's elder. My family name is Jiang!" the middle-aged man told the bodyguard.

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There was no mistake—the person was indeed Jiang Weidong. He had only managed to get it after having begged his previous underling for quite a long time for permission to enter the venue. After he went in, of course Jiang Weidong wanted to meet Young Master Chen.

There were two reasons he wanted to meet Chen Hao. Firstly, he was worried that news about him offending Young Master Chen would spread around like wildfire. If that were to happen, his position as the Section Manager might be threatened; he knew that he had crossed a line. Secondly, if he begged Chen Hao for forgiveness on behalf of their familiarity with each other, he might get his previous position reinstated.

This was the last resort for Jiang Weidong. It was quite depressing when he thought about the fact that Chen Hao actually knew so many big shots; if he didn't offend Chen Hao, his future might be bright, despite the fact that he had no idea of how Chen Hao's family became so prosperous. But Jiang Weidong could no longer afford to take so much into consideration.

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"I want to meet Young Master Chen. Can you please pass him my message?" Jiang Weidong said. Following behind him was Tang Lan and Jiang Ranran.

The bodyguard didn't dare to take a risk; in case this was really Young Master Chen's elder, he would be in trouble, so he went in and told Chen Hao about this.

The bodyguard soon came out.

"Young Master Chen is resting now. If you want to meet him, you will have to wait." The bodyguard eyed Jiang Weidong coldly.

"Yes, yes, yes!" Jiang Weidong could only nod his head.

Half an hour passed...

An hour passed...

Soon, a whole five hours passed; it was going to be nine o'clock at night, yet Jiang Weidong was still waiting. His legs were weak from standing for too long.

The bodyguard made another trip in and

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came out again. “You don’t have to wait anymore. Young Master Chen is eating and he told you to go back first. If there’s anything, you can talk about it next time.”

The edge of Jiang Weidong’s mouth twitched. He understood that Chen Hao was intentionally making things difficult for him, because he previously let Chen Hao and his father wait downstairs for him for a whole five hours.

At the same time, this night, on the road from Yan Jing to Jin Ling, an extra long Rolls-Royce Phantom was speeding along. In the backseat was a girl in light makeup, but dressed like a rich madam; she had her eyes closed. No, rather than being described as a girl, she looked more like she was fresh off the school campus and was new to the society.

“Are we reaching soon?” the girl said faintly as she opened her eyes slightly. She fixed her gaze on the scenery outside the window.

“Miss, we are about to reach Jin Ling City!” the driver—who had sharp eyebrows and

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bright eyes—instantly replied respectfully.

“Let the cars behind catch up as soon as possible,” the girl instructed.

Next, she saw the driver speak into a walkie-talkie. From the darkness behind, a whole convoy of Maybachs suddenly appeared; there were more than twenty cars there. The passing cars had no choice but to clear the way.

“Jin Ling City, Jin Ling College, these two places have previously filled me with shame and indignity. Hehe, I’m back!” The girl thought of everything that happened before. In that moment, she held her fists tightly. Because she used too much force, she caused her sharp nails to turn white.

“Miss, you’re about to enroll into Jin Ling College to study. Hehe, come to think of it, she will be your junior,” the driver who was driving said respectfully. “I heard that for the next two days, the fourth year students will be having their thesis defense. Are you going back to school to defend your thesis?”

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“You talk too much!” the girl scolded and closed her eyes.

There was a roaring sound as the whole convoy entered Jin Ling.

Back to the side of Chen Hao, he woke up early the next morning. Now that the issues here were more or less handled, Chen Hao should find the time to go back to school. The summer vacation of three months was neither too long nor too short. Furthermore, in two days time, the university’s thesis defense sessions were about to start. Therefore, Chen Hao planned to return to Jin Ling on this day. This was also the main reason why he let Li Xiao drive his car back for him.

He went back to bid farewell to Uncle Wu and Aunt Wu. Of course, it was Sun Hongxia and the rest who held Chen Hao’s hand and sent him to his car. They even followed him to the entrance of the village and stayed there until Chen Hao’s car could not be seen anymore. Only then did Sun Hongxia and the rest returned home with a heavy heart.



“This kid Chen Hao is really becoming better and better. Since he was little, I said that when Chen Hao grows up, he will make a name for himself. You all see what happened?” That was what Sun Hongxia told everyone that she met.

Along the way, Chen Hao received a call from the head of the dormitory, Yang Hui.

“Chen, when are you coming back to Jin Ling?”

“I’m on the way!” Chen Hao said.

“Haha, Li Rui and I have already arrived. We are in the dormitory.”

“Damn, you don’t have to work so hard on the graduate school entrance exam. Why don’t you spend more time with your partner?” Chen Hao said with a bitter smile on his face.

“My partner went back to school a long time ago to prepare for the entrance exam. Furthermore, our school’s thesis defense sessions are earlier. The one in my partner’s school won’t be so soon. Of



course, my cousin is coming to Jin Ling College to study and I accompanied her here. Bin Zi's cousin sister is also here to study, so we both happened to arrive early," Yang Hui said.

"Alright, I happened to be going back today too. Let's chat when we meet."

After he ended the call, Chen Hao floored the accelerator.

After the third year of university, some of the fourth year students left for internships and some stayed in school to study for the graduate school entrance exam, while some had to study for another three months.

Yang Hui and Li Rui planned to take the graduate school entrance exam. Of course, Chen Hao was planning to take the exam too. Over this period of time, he found time to study quite a bit. After more than two months apart, Chen Hao really missed Yang Hui and Li Rui.

Soon, at a little past nine o'clock, Chen Hao arrived at the school compound. As



expected, from the looks of it, today was the first day for the new military recruits; there were many new faces in military uniform.

“Wow, they say that Jin Ling College is full of rich young men, and it really is true! Quickly come and take a look! What sports car is that?” As soon as Chen Hao’s car stopped at the entrance, he immediately caught the attention of many young girls.



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"Is this some rich boy's car?" More and more people crowded around.

As for Chen Hao, although his identity as Young Master Chen was not much of a secret at this point, but he still felt uncomfortable getting out of his car in public like this. After some consideration, he decided to turn around and go to the little woods instead of driving into the school, parking in his usual spot before walking in.

"Chen Hao?"

Just then, Chen Hao spotted a girl in military uniform and became shocked.

The girl also seemed surprised to see him, but she quickly put on a mocking expression and said, "Oh ho, what a coincidence to see you here!"

"You got into Jin Ling College?" Chen Hao had never expected to be able to meet her there.

"Yeah. Impressive right? You sure didn't expect someone with results such as mine

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would be able to enter Jin Ling College, right?" replied the girl to Chen Hao. The girl in front of him was called Yang Lu, and she was none other than Yang Xia's own sister. As Yang Xia's ex-boyfriend, Chen Hao had met her before.

His first impression of her was that she was a wild one, always playing truant in high school and already visiting nightclubs at that age. She even had tattoos on her forearm and smoked like a typical street girl. Naturally, her grades were a mess.

The first time she came to Jin Ling looking for Yang Xia, both Yang Xia and Chen Hao didn't have much money with them, so the two of them worked part-time jobs just to ensure her sister had a good time. She'd even asked Chen Hao to help Yang Lu with her homework, only for the girl to remark this upon meeting him for the first time, "Sis, how come you've found such a poor brother-in-law for me? No money or good background? That's lame!"

Of course, Chen Hao didn't take offense with that at the time, but the point was that Yang Lu had always looked down on Chen

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Hao. However, they'd since grown to know each other well over the years, when she visited Yang Xia for the holidays.

Chen Hao just didn't expect this year's freshmen batch to include her. "It is kind of unexpected!" Chen Hao forced a smile.

"Who's this, Lu?" several of Yang Lu's friends asked.

"Heh, he's my sister's ex and a loser!" she said.

Clearly, Yang Xia didn't reveal much to her.

As for Chen Hao, he got bored after a while and planned to leave, but he couldn't help but stop in his tracks. "Your sister... Is Yang Xia alright?" he asked.

After that incident, Yang Xia was so humiliated that she had dropped out of school. To be fair, she'd brought this onto herself with the way she went overboard with certain things. But on second thought, ruining her future as punishment was also overkill. After all, everyone had a right to choose, and who was to say that she was

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wrong for refusing to choose him? So Chen Hao still felt a bit guilty on her behalf.

“Ha! I’m telling you, you little bastard, my sister is doing just fine. And just you wait! You’ll suffer the consequences for dumping her!” Yang Lu waved her tiny fists. Apparently, she’d become even more aggressive since they last met.

“Alright, that’s great!” Chen Hao simply smiled, then left.

Meanwhile, Yang Lu’s mocking smile appeared to deepen as she watched Chen Hao’s retreating figure. “Lu, is he the Chen Hao you said you were looking for?” her friends asked softly.

“Not me, my sister. I don’t know how exactly he hurt her, but the gist of it is that he’s screwed for real!” Yang Lu sneered, then took out her phone and made a call...

By then, Chen Hao had returned to the dorm. “Chen, welcome back!” Yang Hui and Li Rui gave Chen Hao a big bear hug the moment they saw him.

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Chen Hao was also very excited to see them and chat with them, since they were the reason he came here in the first place. After all, he still had to return to the company later.

Just as the three friends were chatting, the room's door opened; Chen Hao was startled to find a girl standing there.

"Bro!" the girl called out to Yang Hui happily. "Hi, Li Rui. And you must be Chen Hao?"

"Hi, I'm Chen Hao! You must be Yang Hui's sister?"

"Mm hmm, I'm Yang Xiaoru. You're quite good-looking, Chen Hao!" she said with a smile. She then added, "Oh, right. My brother said he was treating me and my new roommates to a meal. Do you want to tag along, Chen Hao?" It seemed Yang Hui had told her a lot about him.

"That sounds great, but I can't today. I've got something to take care of, but how about this? You all go eat first, and I'll take care of dinner. My treat." Chen Hao smiled.

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"Aww, that's a shame. Alright, Chen Hao. You do what you have to do..." Yang Xiaoru was very understanding, but there was still a flash of disappointment in her eyes. Then, her eyes lit up again. "So what time will you be finished? You've got to have something for lunch right? Come over if you have the time! We can always start later, no big deal."

"That's fair. Alright, I'll join you all for lunch if I'm free by then! I'd better go now, then." Chen Hao felt that he had no excuse to refuse.

"Great, then we'll all go downstairs together. My brother still has to give me a campus tour, and my friends are all waiting there," Yang Xiaoru suggested.

The four of them went down together, where a few girls were waiting outside the dormitory. After just one day of training, the girls were already looking slightly darker. However, some of them were good-looking enough that even their dark skin would not detract from their beauty.

After greeting them one by one and

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walking with them for a bit, Chen Hao left the school and went back to his company.

"Hey, that senior was quite handsome!" the girls started gossiping the moment he left. After all, it was in a freshmen girl's nature to discuss boys; they were interested in who was handsome, who was ugly, which senior they met that day and so on. It was similar to the way freshmen boys discussed girls.

"I know, right? He was not only gentle, but charismatic too!" the other girls chimed in in agreement.

"Um, Yang Hui, does he have a girlfriend?" one of the girls asked.

Yang Hui forced a smile. "Of course he does. Besides, do you know who he is? Not even Xiaoru knows this."

"What? Who is he?" Yang Xiaoru asked as the other girls crowded around him curiously.

"Have you heard of Jin Ling's Young Master Chen?" Yang Hui said in a

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deliberately suspenseful tone.

“What, Young Master Chen of Jin Ling? That’s the really cool heir of Jin Ling with a gigantic fortune. I’ve read from the online forums that the last time he celebrated his birthday, half the bigshots in the entire Jiangnan province attended!” the girls exclaimed. Clearly, they’d heard of him.

“Yep, that was him!”

“What?!”



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"Oh dear, oh dear, what did we just see? Were we actually walking with Young Master Chen of Jin Ling just now?"

"Is this true, Hui?" the girls exclaimed in unison.

"Of course it is! Why would I lie to you all? It's just that Chen had always kept a low profile, so we only just learned about this recently." Yang Hui smiled.

"No wonder Chen Hao seemed so attractive when we walked with him. So he is the Young Master Chen of Jin Ling!" The others laughed.

That only made Chen Hao the center of their conversations. Yang Hui's plan had been to lead them to the libraries and swimming pool, then look around at the cultural center. But after some walking, the girls became tired; after all, the campus was quite big.

"I can't take it anymore! I'm so thirsty and tired!" some of the girls moaned.

"Oh, you're thirsty? Then I'll just go get you

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some drinks!” Yang Hui said.

“I’ll go too!” Li Rui chimed in and left with him, feeling embarrassed to be left here alone.

The nearest convenience store was a seven- to eight-minute walk away. When Yang Hui and Li Rui exited it holding six bottles of red tea, they noticed two luxury Maybach cars parked at the entrance. They didn’t notice it when they entered, and now seven or eight young men wearing sunglasses were eying them, cornering them immediately the moment they were spotted.

“What’s with you all?” Yang Hui said.

“Come with us for a while. Over there,” the leader said coldly, pointing to a wall behind the store. His long-haired, sunglasses-wearing look was like a woman’s, but his cold aura sent chills down their spine.

“What for? We don’t even know you!” Li Rui said, then tried to leave with Yang Hui.

Just then, the long-haired man seized Li

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Rui's shoulder, while the rest crowded around and manhandled them both against the wall. There were plenty of witnesses in the store who were shocked, but when they saw the Maybach cars, they realized these men weren't ordinary people and became too scared to get involved; no one even took a picture.

10 minutes later, the men emerged shaking their wrists and cracking their necks. Mr. Long Hair, the leader, calmly wiped the blood from his hands with a tissue before tossing it aside.

Then, the men walked over to the store where a girl was waiting, who was chuckling while eating her ice cream. "It is done, Miss Yang Lu," said Long Hair lightly. It seemed like his manner of speech was always cold and indifferent, no matter who he was talking to.

"Thank you for your hard work, Long Hair. Too bad my men have reported that they failed to get Chen Hao. God damn it!" The girl before them was none other than Yang Lu.

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She'd only been on campus for a day, but she'd gathered quite a following and was practically the campus tyrant; no one dared to oppose her. The only reason she achieved this was the car entourage she brought with her on Day 1, both to show off and to intimidate everyone else.

"It's not hard at all. I'm honored to serve you and your sister, Miss Yang Lu," Long Hair said.

"Alright, then you all can go back first and wait for my call." Yang Lu waved her hand then left with her men, still licking her ice cream.

On the other hand, the girls were wondering as they said, "What's taking Yang Hui and Li Rui so long?"

"Who knows? It's been twenty minutes since they left. Why don't we go look for them?"

"Alright!"

Just then, a girl ran toward Yang Xiaoru and the others; she was someone who

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went to the same class they did, and lived in the dorm just next door.

"Xiaoru, something's wrong! I was grocery shopping at the store just now, when I saw your brother getting beaten up!" the girl said. Clearly, she knew Yang Hui and had witnessed the incident.

"What?" Yang Xiaoru gave a start. "Where is he now?"

"Come with me!" Everyone followed the girl. Eventually, they saw Yang Hui and Li Rui on the ground, bleeding profusely.

"Bro!"

"I'm alright, Xiaoru! But damn, those men were good fighters!" Yang Hui had had his fair share of fights, but what happened just now still shook him to his core.

When the men had started beating them, Yang Hui and Li Rui had naturally fought back. But with a single thrust, Long Hair had lifted him into the air and nearly made him pass out with a single kick. As for Li Rui, he could barely withstand a single

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punch from the guy, so they received quite a beating after that.

“Who beat you up like this? I’ll call the police!” Yang Xiaoru cried.

Yang Hui seized her hand. “Call Chen! Those men seemed to be targeting him!”

“Okay, I’ll call him now!” Yang Xiaoru choked out in between her tears.

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“Zheng Yue—no, no, no. I should be calling you Manager Zheng, haha! Congratulations on becoming the boss of Yunmeng Mountain’s newly opened bar!” At the moment, Li Feihong had just walked out to the basement parking lot of a restaurant after a meal with Zheng Yue.

Because of her connections with Young Master Chen, Zheng Yue’s promotions have been swift to the point that she was now on par with Li Feihong, close enough to bigshot status. The past few months had marked major changes in Jin Ling, with several shop lots in Yunmeng

Mountain already up for pre-orders.

“Cut it out with the ‘Manager Zheng’s’ and ‘Mr. Li’s’. Just call me Zheng!” Zheng Yue said with a smile.

“Li, get the car and send Manager Zheng back, please,” Li Feihong said nonchalantly, still flanked by five or six of his bodyguards in black. Li obliged, but did not emerge for five or six minutes, nor did he even make a sound.

“What’s going on?” Li Feihong asked. Two of his bodyguards turned the corner to check.

“Ahh!” The resulting yell put Li Feihong on high alert. He was just about to rush over when several Maybach cars emerged and barricaded both ends of the parking lot, trapping Li Feihong and Zheng Yue in the process.

After that, more men clad in black clothing and sunglasses got out of the car, led by the same young man with long hair. His face was deathly pale, so much so that he could be compared to a corpse, with the

way it looked white as snow.

“Damn! This is getting interesting. Nobody in all of Jin Ling dares to touch me, Li Feihong, like this. You all seem to be new faces. Where are you from?” Li Feihong calmly lit a cigarette. As Li Zhenguo’s top fighter and bodyguard, he’d been through a lot of things.

The long-haired youth simply pointed at Zheng Yue. “You’re Zheng Yue? Come with us!” Noticing the youth was arrogant enough to completely ignore his words, Li Feihong signalled two of his bodyguards to attack. But before they could reach the long-haired man, they were defeated with a single kick from the guy’s own subordinates.

Li Feihong hesitated, then threw his cigarette on the ground. “Not bad, but if you want Zheng Yue, then you’ll have to go through me first!” With that, Li Feihong rushed straight for him, waving his fist toward the long-haired youth’s face.

After a loud boom was heard, Zheng Yue noticed that Li Feihong was now

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motionless in front of Long Hair. Then, slowly, he fell to his knees, revealing the fist that Long Hair had aimed at him.

Li Feihong felt like he was seeing double, his expression was one of disbelief, with blood trickling from his mouth. With the last of his strength, Li Feihong raised a shaky hand and seized Long Hair's collar. Once he ripped it downward, he could see a single word tattooed on Long Hair's chest—Dragon!



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Meanwhile, Chen Hao had gotten Yang Xiaoru's call and rushed to the hospital, knowing that Yang Hui and Li Rui were beaten up. "What's going on?" he asked hastily, seeing that they were severely injured.

"We don't know. It was a group of men who beat us up the moment they spotted us. We've never met them, but it looks like they were coming for you. That's why I'm warning you right now," Yang Hui said.

Coming for him? Chen Hao hesitated. "Who could it be?"

"Chen Hao, a classmate told us that the one who ordered this beating was from our major, some girl called Yang Lu, who's really dominating. She must have been behind this!"

"What? Yang Lu?!" Chen Hao was shocked. After hearing the description of these men by Yang Hui and Li Rui, he knew that they couldn't possibly be typical street thugs with their fighting skills; they were even driving Maybach cars and seemed highly trained, like the type that rich families hired

as bodyguards.

Yang Lu? That was impossible! Chen Hao knew Yang Xia's family background well, and they've never had bodyguards like these. But one thing was certain—Yang Lu was targeting him.

In hindsight, it was strange to see her with that delighted expression when he'd bumped into her on campus. With the revenge she'd planned, it was no wonder she'd been expecting his downfall. But he'd never crossed Yang Lu herself, so could it be Yang Xia who really wanted revenge?

Yes, when Han Siyu had gone to Yan Jing, she had told him that Yang Xia was different now. As for Yang Xia herself, she'd warned him on the day she was humiliated, that she would get her revenge sooner or later. Being honest with himself, Chen Hao regretted not being able to handle that incident in a better way, which led to Yang Xia having to drop out of school. But even though he regretted the incident, she could have just targeted him alone, so why would she even harm Yang Hui and Li Rui, both who she was close to?

At that moment, Chen Hao received a call from Li Zhenguo and after taking it, he froze and said, "What?" Then, he turned to the two boys and said, "I'll visit you two again later. Something happened to Zheng Yue and Manager Li Feihong too. I need to know what's going on!"

With that, Chen Hao rushed to the other hospital; Li Zhenguo and Zhao Zixing had already arrived. Li Feihong was severely injured with a broken nose, while for Zheng Yue, the only injury she sustained was a swollen face.

At this point, Chen Hao was almost certain that Yang Xia was the one who did this because if he remembered correctly, Zheng Yue had been the one to slap Yang Xia. It was possible that she held a grudge against him, then took revenge on everybody one by one. What did she go through to become this vindictive?

"Young Master Chen!" Zhao Zixing and Li Zhenguo immediately came over to greet him, but Chen Hao was still shocked at the sight of Li Feihong's weakened state. After all, Li Feihong was an excellent fighter with

countless subordinates, and he still ended up being hospitalized after the beating, which made the whole situation all the more astounding.

Because Li Feihong was in no state to talk, Li Zhenguo told Chen Hao everything on his behalf before concluding, "Young Master Chen, we're pretty much certain that the Long family of Yan Jing was behind this!"

"The Long family of Yan Jing?" Chen Hao had heard of them before. Didn't Qin Ya say that this was the same family who forced her into an engagement? But what did this family have to do with the Yang sisters?

"Has anyone asked them what they were trying to do with all this?" Chen Hao asked.

"We have, but the Long family has denied all wrongdoing!" Li Zhenguo replied.

Now, the most important thing was to meet Yang Xia and clear things up with her. "Take care of them and my two friends. I'll handle this!" Chen Hao said.

Since he was the one who started this whole mess, he must be the one to finish it. He wasn't afraid of the Long family because honestly, he could always use his family's power to bring them down if he became desperate. But what really bothered him was his cruel treatment of Yang Xia in the past, and what else could he do besides seeking her out?

Chen Hao went downstairs and called Han Siyu to ask for Yang Xia's number, only for her to reply, "What? I don't have it, Chen Hao. What makes you think I do? Hmph, and here I thought you—" All she got as a reply was a beep as Chen Hao hung up on her. If even Han Siyu didn't have it, then there was only one person left who would —Yang Lu.

Immediately, Chen Hao drove back to school and stormed toward the third floor of the girls' dorms, after he quickly found out where she lived.

The dorm caretaker had planned to stop him, but one look at his car told her that he was someone important, which prevented her from taking action. With a loud crash,

Chen Hao kicked the door to Yang Lu's dorm open.

"Who is it?! Ahh!!" Screams echoed from the corridor and from within the dorm where Yang Lu's roommates were; they were clutching their chests, looking clearly shaken.

"Sh*t, get out! You pervert!" The girls were scared silly while Yang Lu was calmly smoking on the balcony. Seeing Chen Hao's angry demeanor, Yang Lu seemed to know what was up but continued to smoke anyway as she stared at him.

"Where's your sister?" Chen Hao asked.

"Why would I tell you that?"

"If she's back, then I want to see her!" Chen Hao shouted.

"On what grounds? My sister has made it clear that she doesn't want to see you!" Yang Lu replied.

"Don't make me do this! Did you order the beating on my friends?" Chen Hao seized

Yang Lu's wrist, which caused her so much pain that she gritted her teeth.

"L-Listen to me first!" Yang Lu broke out of Chen Hao's death grip and massaged her wrist before yelling, "I know you're confused about a lot of things. You must be wondering how and since when did my sister and I become so influential all of a sudden. Well, fine! Since you've barged into our dorm like this so aggressively, I can tell you some things. Come downstairs with me!"

Yang Lu took Chen Hao all the way to a small park before she stopped and said, "Chen Hao, I only just realized your true identity yesterday. Hmph, turns out you were the great Young Master Chen of Jin Ling, so it was no wonder you had the guts to hurt my sister so deeply. But don't you think that you're crueler than she is? What have we ever done to you, besides to hurt you by hurting your friends? Do you know what you've done to her? Did you know you almost got her killed? Did you know that you almost took my sister away from me?!"

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“Almost got her killed? Me?” Chen Hao said in disbelief.



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That incident was indeed a huge blow to Yang Xia, but to have caused her actual harm? Chen Hao really didn't think of it.

"Hmph, that day could be considered the darkest day in my sister's life. The person you used to be was a well-known poor loser. Everybody looked down on you and ignored you. But as for my sister, she walked with you in the school compound, held your hand, went shopping with you, and ate with you. Do you know what people would call my sister? They would call our school's poor loser's girlfriend, Yang Xia! Did you hear that? That's how everybody addressed her and mocked her. However, she didn't think much of it. But at the end of the day, a girl needs her self-esteem. My sister had enough. She increasingly realized that God is unfair. So, yes, she dumped you and broke up with you. But tell me, what did my sister do wrong?"

Chen Hao was quiet. Regarding this matter, of course Yang Xia wasn't wrong; everybody had the right to choose. However, Yang Xia's later transformation was something Chen Hao could not

expect.

“I still remember that day when my sister begged you so pitifully,” Yang Lu said with a face full of poisonous anger. “In the end, you ignored her. My sister felt that she had no more dignity to study anymore, no more dignity to meet your ex-classmates. Therefore, she chose to leave school. You know, when this happened, it was only a few months to graduation. Therefore, you caused my sister so much harm by forcing her to throw more than ten years of effort to study, from elementary school to university, out of the window!”

Yang Lu continued, “After she left, she wanted to avoid you, as much as possible. She wanted to be somewhere she wouldn’t hear about you. So, she went to Yan Jing alone to find a job. She never expected her purse to get stolen on the first day there. Yan Jing is a place where you can’t get anywhere without money. What could she do? At that time, there was a bar hiring. So, my sister, who had no money to eat and to find her lodgings, applied for the job. It was a temporary solution.”

Yang Lu went on with her story as she said, "However, the good times didn't last even a few days. A boss saw that my sister was very beautiful and had wayward thoughts. He tried to make a move on her. She was so angry at that time that she slapped him. Because of this incident, my sister nearly lost her life. That boss was especially powerful, you know? Next, because my sister had offended him, things got difficult. She couldn't find a single decent job. Besides, goodness knows what that person did so that my older sister could not leave Yan Jing. She couldn't even buy a bus ticket home, so my sister was forced to stay. She was just a girl, alone, spending her day like this. Do you know how frightened she was? In the end, my sister became a dishwasher at a restaurant. They didn't pay her any money, but they only supplied her with lodging and food. Despite that, the lady boss always beat and bullied her."

Then, there was a turn in her story. "When my sister had suicidal thoughts, a miracle happened. The housekeeper of the Long family took notice of my sister just as the Long family's second young master

needed a maid, so they took her in. Then, lady luck smiled on her. The second young master of the Long family liked my sister and the two of them are engaged now. Haha! Chen Hao, my sister's sad first half of her life was probably what a trashy man like you hoped to see. However, you must have never expected that this would happen to my sister one day. Also, the second young master of the Long family, my brother-in-law, always listens to her. Those people who bullied my sister were suddenly in trouble. The middle-aged boss that mistreated my sister had been forced into a very pitiful state. Of course, those are not the main points. My sister's biggest enemy is you!" Yang Lu ended her story with a cold expression.

Chen Hao never thought that after Yang Xia left, so much had happened. Come to think about it, he did nearly doom her to death. Furthermore, he never would have thought that Yang Xia would marry the Long family's second young master. In that case, Yang Xia's siblings' power was not hard to understand anymore.

"Alright. Then, tell me, where is she now?"

Chen Hao asked.

“Sure, no problem. You want to meet my sister? Then come with me.” Yang Lu snapped her fingers, then turned around, showing the back of her hand to indicate him to follow.

Chen Hao frowned slightly. However, he still followed behind her.

Yang Lu brought Chen Hao to a private room in a bar. Only after going in did he realize that the room was empty.

“Where is Yang Xia?” Chen Hao asked Yang Lu.

“You really want to meet my sister? Alright, then I’ll let you meet her.” After she finished speaking, Yang Lu clapped her hands.

Booming sounds could be heard; then, a barrage of urgent footsteps came from outside.

The door opened and a group of bodyguards rushed in, all dressed in black;

there were as many as ten of them. They surrounded Chen Hao.

“Hahaha, Chen Hao. You really thought that I’ll let you meet my sister? Hah! My sister hates you so much, of course she won’t meet you. You are quite foolish. Although you were fully aware that I have a bone to pick with you, you still obediently walked right into my trap. Hmph, grab him!” Yang Lu commanded.

Immediately, a few bodyguards—who were clad in black—grabbed Chen Hao’s arms firmly.

“Until when are you people planning to seek revenge?” Chen Hao asked calmly.

“Huh, I don’t know. What’s important is that don’t you even dare dream of going back tonight!” Yang Lu said with a cold smile.

“Really? Yang Lu, didn’t your sister tell you about this street? It was originally named Jin Ling Commercial street. On this street, all the shop bosses know me!”

“Of course I know this. Hehe. But this is a

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bar that my sister had bought. Now, the boss of this bar is practically my dog. You really didn't think of this, did you?" Yang Lu said, pleased.

She immediately walked to the front of Chen Hao. Then, with a loud resounding smack, she slapped him once across the face.

"Hmph! This slap is for my older sister, you as*hole. It was you who caused her to endure so much hardship. Today, I will torture you to death!" Yang Lu declared viciously. Actually, even if Chen Hao didn't look for her today, she would've definitely looked for him to give him trouble.

"Unfortunately, you won't be about to torture me today," Chen Hao answered coldly.

"Stupid boy, what did you say?!" a bodyguard said coldly.

As soon as he said that, he let out a painful scream. "Ah!" Instantly, the bodyguard grabbed his neck and lay convulsing on the ground.

“What happened?” Yang Lu was also surprised.

She could not tell what was happening at all. All she noticed was that a black shadow had flashed across her peripheral. As she was wondering about the situation, she felt a clutch around her neck.

It turned out that two people had rushed in unnoticed; one of them had a long silver needle in his hand. In the blink of an eye, the two underlings that were detaining Chen Hao were on the ground, foaming around their mouths.

“Young Master Chen, sorry that we’re late!” said the two of them. The two people were not mere bystanders; they were the Dragon Tiger Brothers, there to protect Chen Hao.

Chen Hao nodded. When he followed Yang Lu, he needed an extra pair of eyes. He knew very well that the Yang sisters were no longer who they used to be. Therefore, he notified the Dragon Tiger Brothers before he arrived. Through the family’s special communication devices, the two of them knew Chen Hao’s exact location.

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Otherwise, Chen Hao would not have advanced alone.

Yang Lu was caught, so naturally, her underlings didn't dare to move.

"You better tell me where Yang Xia is. Or else, would you want to experience how it feels like to lie on the ground, spitting foam?" Chen Hao said with a cold expression.



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"I... I also don't know where my sister is. After she came here, she visited me in school only once. Otherwise, we communicate via phone calls," Yang Lu said as she cried.

"Then call her!" Chen Hao ordered.

He had to see Yang Xia; he couldn't afford to let her toss him around like this anymore. Come straight at me if you have to settle your grudges with me. Don't touch the people around me, thought Chen Hao; he really couldn't take situations like this.

Although Yang Lu continuously gave her underlings looks to indicate that they should take on Chen Hao, none of the underlings dared to make a move. Everybody had seen what these two people were capable of and knew not to provoke them.

Perhaps, only someone like the Poisonous Scorpion could challenge these two people. Therefore, the bodyguards didn't dare to move.

Yang Lu could only take out her cell phone

and passed it to Chen Hao. Chen Hao found Yang Xia's phone number and dialled it, only to discover that Yang Xia's phone was turned off.

"Why did she turn her phone off?"

"I don't know," Yang Lu said.

"From the looks of it, you will not tell the truth if I don't teach you a lesson. Di Hu, go ahead!"

"Yes, Young Master Chen." He produced a silver needle and poked it into Yang Lu's neck.

"Ah!" Right away, Yang Lu began sobbing as she was scared to tears. "Everything I said is the truth. This is my sister's phone number," Yang Lu said as she cried.

No matter how Di Hu scared her, she still maintained what she said, so Di Hu looked at Chen Hao, who frowned and waved his hand, signalling for Di Hu to put her down.

Just now, Chen Hao was trying to frighten Yang Lu. It seemed like Yang Lu was

scared and what she said was the truth. After all, Chen Hao couldn't do anything to Yang Lu; he couldn't possibly cripple her, or do something else of that sort. As for the slap that she gave him just now, he considered it Yang Xia's payback for him. After all, Yang Xia was forced to quit school because of him; this was the relationship between them that couldn't be shaken off.

Chen Hao frowned and walked out of the room.

"Young Master Chen, what about these people?" Tian Long pointed at a few of the underlings. Chen Hao nodded, then he left.

Next, from the room came a scream that sounded like pigs getting slaughtered; he had no reason to forgive those bodyguards.

Chen Hao walked out, went to the bar counter, ordered a glass of beer, and pondered on how to settle the issue with Yang Xia.

At that moment, a girl who was also

drinking a flute of champagne, was sitting next to Chen Hao.

Chen Hao eyed her and was suddenly stunned; he thought about it, but he didn't dare to show any signs of recognition. However, he couldn't help but shoot her another glance.

As for the girl, it was as if she also noticed Chen Hao's glance. From the look in her eyes, she was annoyed. She then turned around to face Chen Hao.

"Huh?"

"Huh?"

They were both shocked.

"Chen Hao?"

"Hu Huimin?"

They both spoke at the same time.

"Why are you here?" Hu Huimin looked at Chen Hao and asked.

“I’m here for the beer. What a coincidence!” Chen Hao said unexpectedly.

Hu Huimin was Chen Hao’s high school friend. However, they were not in the same class. So how did they get to know each other?

During the high school years, Chen Hao’s results were excellent and he always represented the school team to attend competitions. As for Hu Huimin, she was also a member of the team; in fact, she was the captain of the team.

At that time, without exception, competitions were also when Chen Hao was the happiest. That was because first and foremost, it was the sense of honor. Besides, they were provided with good food and comfortable lodgings. Every time they went, there were twenty-four people; twelve boys and twelve girls. He also had the chance to meet many new friends.

However, at that time, although he knew Hu Huimin, she was the team captain. Also, she was local to the county. After the

college entrance exam, her whole family moved to Jin Ling City. Hu Huimin's grandfather was very well connected in the armed forces, and even her parents were in politics. So naturally, she grew up in a comfortable and abundant environment. Although Chen Hao's school results were good, he was not worthy of Hu Huimin's attention. Everytime they attended a competition, she only spoke to Chen Hao as the team captain; in private, they did not have a relationship.

So why did Chen Hao have such a strong impression of her? That was because other than the fact of Hu Huimin having high expectations for men, she also had a lot of abilities and was a very capable girl. On top of that, she was especially pretty.

She belonged to the 'goddess' category, the kind of girl that Chen Hao didn't dare to even dream of. A lot of guys wanted to befriend her, but her trusted male friends were all outstanding men; they all came from powerful and wealthy families. In short, him, as an average Joe, should not even dream of getting close with her. Chen Hao was very thankful for having the

chance to just say a few words to her.

He grew somewhat nervous out of old habits. "We've not met for many years. I heard that you made it into the Police Academy. Are you doing fieldwork already?" Chen Hao asked.

Hu Huimin didn't say much. She nodded slightly, then shot Chen Hao a glance and said, "Why do you still come to bars? Shouldn't you be working already?" Hu Huimin conversed half-heartedly with him, seeming as if her attention was somewhere else.

"I've not found a job yet. Right, what are you looking at?" Chen Hao asked. At the same time, he followed Hu Huimin's gaze and looked around.

"Don't look everywhere. That's enough, talk to me!" Hu Huimin still had that temper; she spoke with an authoritative tone.

Chen Hao didn't know what was going on, so he could only nod his head. Hu Huimin was behaving strangely; she leaned on her hand with her cheek in her palm and drank

as she looked at Chen Hao and smiled.

Chen Hao blushed.

Suddenly, Hu Huimin saw something. Then, she took a walkie-talkie from her pocket and said, "Move!"

She immediately leaped up and sprung toward a youth that was sitting on a sofa. Chen Hao looked and noticed a few other young people also speeding toward that youth; they surrounded him, just like how it was often shown on television shows. The youth that was originally drinking was soon completely covered from sight as the people that surrounded him pinned him to the floor.

"Ah!!" The other people there let out a piercing scream.

"Don't move! Police!"

That person was quickly handcuffed.

Oh, wow! It turned out that she was already a police and was working on a case. I see, no wonder she was so friendly

to me just now and chatted with me. She even smiled at me. Turned out that she was acting, Chen Hao thought bitterly with a smile.

Then, he thought of the Dragon Tiger Brothers who were beating up the group of bodyguards. Would they happen to get caught by Hu Huimin? That would be embarrassing.

“Huh! That rotten character. After watching him for a few days, we are finally done with this job. Huimin, you have worked hard. Let’s drink together. What do you think?” said a tall and handsome guy who immediately looked at Hu Huimin and smiled.

As for the suspect, naturally, there were people to take him away. Next to Hu Huimin, there were a few young policewomen in plain clothes that gathered around.

“Wow, Junwen, we want a drink too. Aren’t you going to treat us?” the girls said, full of envy.

“Alright, alright, I’ll treat everybody. Come let’s drink at another bar,” Shen Junwen smiled and said.

“Right, Huimin, do you know that guy? I saw both of you talking just now.” A girl secretly pointed at Chen Hao, who was sitting at the bar.

“Yeah, I know him. We went to high school together. At that time, I was the captain of the school team and he was my team member.”

“Haha, I see. Ask him to come over for a chat. Look at him, he’s so clean-cut. What does he do?” asked a girl.

“I’m not sure. I was about to ask him,” Hu Huimin replied as she shook her head and smiled bitterly. Then, she looked at Chen Hao and said in a faint voice, “Chen Hao! Come here!”

Hu Huimin made a hooking gesture with her finger at Chen Hao. Given Chen Hao's current identity, he didn't want to simply give in and go over to her so pathetically. After all, he wasn't one to be ordered around by her.

Previously, while they were still studying, there were a few times when they attended competitions. Maybe Hu Huimin was used to being the team captain, so she often said things like, "Chen Hao, have you moved the few boxes of mineral water bottles like you were supposed to?"

"Chen Hao, go and lend a hand with the luggages."

"....."

The point was that Hu Huimin might've been used to giving orders. When he heard this, he was speechless, but he still went over while smiling bitterly.

"Haha, it's true. Chen Hao listens to you."

"He dares to not listen? Hu Huimin used to be his team captain. Now, she is a

sergeant. If he doesn't listen, she will catch him. Haha!" a girl jokingly said.

"Chen Hao, I remember that you used to be really, really poor. But now you're drinking at a bar. Did you somehow get rich?" Hu Huimin asked. She had been wondering about this since just now.

"Huh? Chen Hao was really poor?" The girls were surprised.

"Yes. During our high school days, Chen Hao's family was well known for being poor. He ate one meal a day. Sometimes, he couldn't even afford to pay the school fees. The point is, he was so poor that it was hard for one to imagine," Hu Huimin said.

She didn't have any ulterior meaning when she said this. Since she was young, she developed a personality that was straightforward and capable; she said whatever was on her mind and didn't care about protecting Chen Hao's feelings. She had been like this since their high school years. Hu Huimin would sometimes talk about embarrassing things in public.

Perhaps, in her eyes, being poor was not a big deal. However, at this moment, the way the girls viewed Chen Hao had turned to one of pity, because previously, everybody thought that he was the son of a wealthy family.

“In that case, take your studies seriously. Study hard. It is better to concentrate on your studies and career.”

“That’s right. I used to have a junior high school friend who had a high fever when he was young and his brain was not sharp after that. So, he started work very early. Now, he owns a shop. Therefore, Chen Hao, you must work hard too!”

Before Chen Hao could say anything, the few girls interrupted him and started talking non-stop. Chen Hao didn’t explain anything, but merely only smiled bitterly and nodded his head.

“Alright, Huimin, let’s go have a drink!”
Shen Junwen put his hand into his pocket and lit a cigarette; to him, there was no more need to speak to Chen Hao anymore.

“Okay, are you going, Chen Hao?” a girl mindlessly asked.

“Why should he go? He won’t understand anything we talk about,” said Hu Huimin.

Personally, she knew that her colleagues were probably only being polite. However, Hu Huimin was secretly worried that Chen Hao was unaware and wouldn’t be able to tell that it was an invitation out of pure courtesy; if that happened, it would be inconvenient. To let him tag along in this kind of situation, Hu Huimin felt uncomfortable. Then, she smiled and waved at Chen Hao; soon, the few of them left the bar.

Looking back at the door, it seemed that the Dragon Tiger Brothers had finished their task. They were smoking and leaning against the wall, looking at Young Master Chen; they must have been waiting for Chen Hao for quite awhile.

“Settled? Where’s Yang Lu?” Chen Hao asked.

“She’s crying inside,” Tian Long said,

smiling.

Chen Hao shook his head helplessly. Then, the three of them left together.

“Young Master Chen, those people are your schoolmates?” asked Tian Long after they came out.

“One of them was my schoolmate from high school. Why?”

“From the looks of it, those few people are either graduates of the Police Academy or the Military Academy. They must have gone through military training,” Di Hu said as he smoked.

“Both of you are not bad. You can tell even that. The one I was speaking to? Her name is Hu Huimin and she graduated from the Police Academy. Now, she is in the police force. That’s quite something.”

“Since she was your schoolmate, then I will be straightforward with you, Young Master Chen. This schoolmate of yours and her colleagues might get into trouble tonight,” Tian Long said after he clarified

the matter.

“Huh?” Chen Hao started.

“Just now, when they left, we saw two people following them. In fact, the two people were armed and had a murderous aura around them. They have gone through military training too and they have definitely killed before,” Tian Long answered.

Actually, if he didn't hear this from the Dragon Tiger Brothers' mouths, Chen Hao wouldn't have believed it. Just now, Chen Hao watched Hu Huimin and the rest as they walked out, but he didn't notice such a situation.

But who was he to speak? He couldn't compare to the Dragon Tiger Brothers in terms of this; these two people would definitely not joke with him.

Strictly speaking, he didn't have much of a relationship with Hu Huimin. What they had in high school could only be roughly considered a relationship between a boss and an employee. However, at the end of

the day, she was still his schoolmate; since he knew that there would be trouble, his mind would not be in peace if he didn't rescue them. At the moment, Chen Hao didn't feel like exposing his identity because there were still a lot of things that he wanted to do in the future!

Therefore, he started weighing on his options in his heart. After making arrangements with the Dragon Tiger Brothers, Chen Hao sprinted to the bar where Hu Huimin was headed to.

When he got there, Hu Huimin and the rest had already started drinking; they were seated in front of a big table.

"Hey! Huimin, look, why is Chen Hao here?" A girl spat her mouthful of beer, then pointed at Chen Hao with surprise.

When Chen Hao noticed them, he walked over.

"Why are you here?" Hu Huimin frowned this time; she thought Chen Hao was being clingy, so her tone of speech was one of annoyance. Really? We were only being

courteous with you just now, and you actually took our invitation for drinks seriously. My god, what kind of person is he?

"I'm only here to tell you not to stay out late tonight. It is quite dangerous. There are a few people who are targeting you people," Chen Hao said. That was all he said to give Hu Huimin a heads up.

"Huh? Somebody is targeting us? Who? Why didn't I see them? Hehe. What do we do, and what do you do? If there really is somebody targeting us, that person would probably be none other than you!" If those words from Chen Hao came from her leader, Hu Huimin and the rest would have paid a lot of attention. If a closer friend said it, Hu Huimin would feel grateful. However, hearing that coming out of Chen Hao's mouth felt like an insult to her profession; it was as if they were falcons and tigers, but a pig ran over to them and tried to claim leadership. Of course she grew angry, and clearly expressed her emotions on her face.

Chen Hao came mentally prepared for this

situation when he came, so he merely nodded and left.

“This person is so annoying. He thinks he’s on the same level as us, showing off like that.”

“That’s true. Huimin, was he this annoying during high school?” The girls thought that Chen Hao was being meddlesome.

“Hmph, I don’t want to talk about him. What’s the point? Meng, Tian, let’s go. Accompany me to the washroom,” Hu Huimin said.



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Hu Huimin and her two friends went to the washroom together. Just as they were washing their hands, she suddenly noticed two women with long, wavy hair and sharp gazes coming straight for them.

Immediately, Hu Huimin knew something was wrong.

“What are you doing?” she and her friends asked in unison.

Suddenly, the girl called Tian yelled, “Ah! You two are actually men in disguise? Huimin, look! They have Adam’s apples!”

“How smart of you. But it’s too late now, because we’re here to kill you!” The two men sneered and took out guns with silencers on them before aiming straight at Hu Huimin.

“Ah!” The two girls were newly recruited cadets, so they were scared to death in the face of a life-threatening situation. Hu Huimin herself was also drenched in cold sweat as she remembered Chen Hao’s words. If she’d listened to his warning about being targeted and took precautions, this never would have

happened.

“Hmph, we’re going to avenge all our brothers that you arrested! Enough talk, it’s time for you to die!” With that, the two pulled their triggers.

Hu Huimin squeezed her eyes shut and waited for the gunshots.

Just then, she heard two swooshing sounds. When she opened her eyes, the two assassins were clutching at their throats and moments later, they stiffened and fell to the ground twitching. After that, they became completely still!

“What? What’s going on?” the two girls said. They were astonished, but also relieved that they’d survived the ordeal. Meanwhile, Hu Huimin was nervously looking outside, but no one was there.

Suddenly, there was a loud commotion outside and the sound of hasty footsteps. A second later, Shen Junwen barged into the washroom with a dozen policemen.

“Are you all okay, Huimin? F*ck, you did get

into trouble like that poor boy said. Inspector Wang just called, saying there were assassins who'd slipped through international borders and they were targeting us!" Shen Junwen said in a panicked tone, then flinched in surprise when he saw the two guys lying on the floor.

After that, the captain arrived with his squad and narrowed his eyes when he saw the two assassins on the ground. "That's them! The A-grade, internationally wanted criminals!"

"Huimin, who subdued them?" the captain asked curiously.

"I don't know. Just now, they were going to shoot us when they suddenly clutched at their throats, stopped moving and fell to the ground just like that!" Hu Huimin felt like her mind was completely blank, because everything that just happened was simply too absurd.

The captain stared at the necks of the two men and exclaimed, "Amazing! It's the long-lost Art of the Vein-Sealing Silver

Needle!”

“Art of the Vein-Sealing Silver Needle? You mean a martial arts expert saved Huimin and the others?” Shen Junwen asked.

“Ha! An expert? They’re masters of their craft. When I was still a special ops soldier, our instructor spoke of his military career in China, where two men became legendary for their fighting prowess even in the Western world. Their signature move was the Vein-Sealing Silver Needle, and the Western world calls them Tian Long and Di Hu, the Dragon Tiger Brothers!” Respect and admiration flashed across the captain’s eyes. “Rumor has it that they withdrew completely from that world after an epic battle, and it was only during the last two years that we heard of them again. Apparently, they’d pledged themselves to a mysterious clan. The method used to subdue these two A-grade criminals is too similar to theirs. Dear lord, I wonder what they’re doing here in Jin Ling?” he exclaimed.

The rest of the squad stared at the captain in disbelief after hearing that, especially

Hu Huimin; she'd heard of the Dragon Tiger Brothers, so she became emotional.

"Huimin, what kind of people are you in contact with lately? Who were those powerful people who helped you like this? We were already surprised when we got the tip-off, but now it looks like someone had found out about this beforehand and rescued you!" the captain said.

"What? I-I haven't been in contact with anyone like that. If I had to name someone, it'd be... Chen Hao?" But how was that possible? How could Chen Hao possibly have known such powerful people? But it was undeniable that he was the one who warned her of this!

There must be something about this that Chen Hao knows! Hu Huimin thought to herself.

Meanwhile, it was obviously Tian Long who subdued those criminals, but Chen Hao had refused to let him show himself. After all, this incident was but a minor bump in his daily life, and it wasn't like he'd bump into Hu Huimin again anytime soon.

Right now, he was more worried about the matter of Yang Xia. In the afternoon, he returned to the school and spotted someone familiar walking toward the campus just as he reached the gates.

That someone was none other than Qin Ya, who looked a little down and lethargic. But when she passed Chen Hao, Qin Ya lifted her head up.

“Chen Hao? When did you get back?” Qin Ya was clearly a little surprised.

“Today, actually!” Chen Hao smiled.

“I’m so sorry, Chen Hao. I’d planned to attend your birthday celebration, but something came up so I couldn’t go!” she said. Qin Ya still had those feelings for him, and she always thought that he was a nice person, so there were a lot of things she wanted to say to him. But even so, she clearly understood what was on Chen Hao’s mind when he kept on avoiding her.

“Is there something bothering you?” Chen Hao asked. He’d planned to leave the conversation at that but on second

thought, he felt that would be too cruel.

“I’m alright. Oh, right. Chen Hao, can you walk with me for a while? Just a walk?”
Qin Ya looked at him.

“Alright!” Chen Hao replied, after some hesitation.

At the same time, in a Maybach parked on the other side of the road, an impeccably dressed man watched Qin Ya and Chen Hao from the backseat; a glint of malice flashed in his eyes as he did so.

“That’s him, Young Master Long. The man who sheltered Miss Qin Ya when she was on the run—Chen Hao, also known as the Young Master Chen of Jin Ling!” the driver piped up.

“The one that Yang Xia was targeting, yes? Heh, he must have a death wish. Not only did he mess with my brother, now he’s eyeing my woman too? We’ll see how much crueler I am than Yang Xia when I get my hands on him!” Young Master Long said, having investigated Qin Ya thoroughly beforehand; he was no fool, after all.

“But Young Master Long, our Long family of Yan Jing may be powerful, but Chen Hao and his sister still call the shots in Jin Ling. Shouldn't we exercise some caution?” the driver said warily.

“Go to hell! I don't care who calls the shots here. They're all scum in the face of my family!” Young Master Long slapped the driver.

An ice-cold voice spoke from the passenger seat; it was a voice that belonged to a man with long hair and pale skin. “Shall I take care of him immediately, Young Master Long?”

“Not yet, Poisonous Scorpion. Liu was right about Chen Hao's sister's influence in Jin Ling. Only a fool would risk direct confrontation. Don't worry, I have a plan.” Young Master Long sneered.



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