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Chapter 201 The Long Wait

Although Tang Taishan's words were casual, it sounded like a strict command in which the listener must follow obediently. Being at the top of the social hierarchy for a long time, Tang Taishan got the impression that his words were the supreme order which everyone must follow.

As he waved, Tang Taishan commented decisively, "It's getting late now, let the wedding begin!"

Following his order, Tang'e and the Sun Family quickened their wedding preparations and arrangements with joy.

Suddenly, Zhou Ying bit her red lips and with her determined face, she protested, "No, I want to wait for my elder brother first. After he comes and helps me put on my wedding dress, then we'll begin the wedding."

Members of the Sun Family were so shocked by Zhou Ying's words that their facial expression changed abruptly. How dare the little girl disobey Tang Taishan's order?

"How rude you are!" Sun Jianye bellowed while putting on an authoritative look. "Who is your older brother, Chu Feng, to keep our honorable guest, Mr. Tang, here waiting for him? How ridiculous that is? Listen to me, let the wedding begin! We need not wait for him!"

With a smile and holding her head high up in the air, Zhou Ying insisted with a determined voice, "Uncle Jianye, it's my wedding today and I don't need other people telling me what to do on my wedding day. Today, I must wait for my elder brother before we start the wedding, or else, I'm not going to get married!"

Zhou Ying was tired of compromising with the Sun Family. This time, she wanted to have it her own way without caring about other people's opinions. Her words were a real slap in the face of Tang Taishan and members of the Sun Family. Tang Taishan's eyes flickered with an uneasy look.

"You—how inappropriately you behave—" Sun Jianye's lips quivered with anger.

Sun Mingxuan frowned while he advised anxiously, "Yingying, what nonsense you're talking about? Quick, apologize to grandpa!"

"You heard that? What kind of nonsense is that? She certainly doesn't look like an obedient wife!" Infuriated, Tang'e pointed at Zhou Lie and his wife and shouted, "Zhou Lie, Liu Minglan, is this the kind of daughter you raised in your family? Aren't you going to teach her some lessons right now?"

The hot-tempered Zhou Lie, who had had enough of the Sun Family's arrogant disposition, snorted gruffly while smoking on his pipe. "I think my daughter has a point. I respect her decision. We can't begin the wedding leaving behind any members of our Zhou Family."

"You—" Tang'e was angered by Zhou Lie.

"Now, now, everything's alright. It's reasonable that young people like Zhou Ying have their own opinion." Suddenly, Tang Taishan chuckled, fully expressing his generosity as a highly respected senior politician." He casually blew into the tea inside his teacup while smiling faintly. "Very well, then, we shall wait for our little friend named Chu Feng.

I am curious myself too—exactly what kind of prominent person is this Chu Feng—to keep his fellow friends, families and notable guests waiting so long for him? Ha! Even when I served as a Lieutenant Governor, a Second Ranked Statesman fully in charge of Jiangbei, I was not nearly as arrogant as he is. Well, I suppose this little Chu Feng guy here is way more powerful and noble than I am. So, I will certainly wait for his arrival."

Tang Taishan chuckled. Although his tone was light and casual, the meaning behind his words made the guests shiver. The guests were not fools; they fully understood Tang Taishan's meaning. They knew Tang Taishan was unhappy with Chu Feng being late and haughty. They knew he wanted to teach an ignorant young man like Chu Feng a lesson.

Tang'e and Sun Mingxuan smiled maliciously in victory. They agreed, "Okay, we'll wait for him." They hoped to get even with Chu Feng using Tang Taishan's influence.

On the other hand, Zhou Ying's pretty face turned pale. She regretted her decision. She became worried and wondered whether what she did would cause trouble for Chu Feng.

Suddenly, the wedding became silent as the atmosphere tensed up. The guests waited patiently and looked at the drama between the Sun Family and Zhou Family. They anticipated the terrible consequences Chu Feng would face for being ignorant and arrogant.

A few girls from the Sun Family began their gossiping in low voices.

"This Chu Feng guy really thinks he is some big shot, huh? How dare he keep Mr. Tang waiting for him? Who does he think he is?"

"Ha! All of us know who Mr. Tang is. Chu Feng will be helpless and at his mercy."

"Oh well, some people are just shallow. They just need to show off when they have some capabilities. They are so full of themselves when they can buy a wedding dress

which costs a few hundreds million. How dare he keep us waiting for him? What is he hoping to do anyway? To be in the limelight?

"He doesn't even qualify for that! Does he even have that kind of ability? To be frank, I think his mere ability is insignificant compared to Mr. Tang's."

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Chapter 202 The Magnificent Entrance of a General

Although their voices were low, it could still be heard clearly by the guests at the wedding. The Zhou Family grew embarrassed, whereas the Sun Family smiled in victory while proudly holding their heads up high.

Vroom—! As the girls finished gossiping, a sound of engine revving up was heard as a Lincoln luxury car drove slowly and steadily into the wedding venue.

Rustle! All the guests turned and gazed at the car slowly entering the venue. Chu Feng has arrived!

"Grandpa, the one in the car is Chu Feng," Sun Mingxuan said through his gritted teeth while staring at the slow-moving Lincoln luxury car.

Sun Mingxuan still remembered clearly that he was humiliated by Chu Feng when the latter showed up at his engagement party a few months ago with that Lincoln luxury car.

"Hmph! How ignorant he is to show off himself with such little capability!" Sun Jianye, Sun Mingxuan's uncle, who was one of the leading politicians in Jiangling City, snorted with a proud look on his face.

The relatives of the Sun Family also sneered at the car. So, this was the so-called VIP whom they had been waiting for?

In fact, almost every guest at the wedding had a fortune worth a few hundreds of millions, so who among them could not afford to own a twenty million luxury car?

As for Tang Taishan, who simply closed his eyes, did not even bother to look at the car.

When he served as the Lieutenant Governor of Jiangbei, every grant request he approved and signed was worth at least one billion each. Besides, each of those businessmen and billionaires under his control had assets worth over a ten billion. A twenty million luxury car? Ha, what a joke!

Suddenly, the car door sprang open and Luo Gang, in his solemn and striking military uniform, came out of his driver seat. Then, he opened the car door at the back with respect.

"Hmph! I wonder what kind of VIP he is. He is just a common soldier. I—"

Folding her arms across her chest and a smirk crossed her face, Tang'e was about to continue her insult when the striking mark on Luo Gang's shoulder suddenly caught her attention. Tang'e was stunned by Luo Gang's identity.

"I-Is he a Lieutenant Colonel?" Tang'e's heart skipped a beat. Somehow, she had a bad feeling about this. Since the Chu Feng guy has a Lieutenant Colonel who drove him around, then he must be a Colonel or perhaps even a Senior Colonel!

Sun Jianye grew nervous too. He knew that even the Commander of Jiangling's military theater was just a Senior Colonel.

"Oh, not bad." Tang Taishan, who initially had his eyes shut, finally opened his eyes and showed some interest in Chu Feng. Still in his seniority façade, he remarked plainly, "Becoming a senior field officer at such a young age, it's indeed amazing."

A mere senior field officer might indeed look impressive on the outside, but it was nothing before him! During special occasions around the year, those powerful mayors and military commanders would line up in front of his doorstep and pay respect to Tang Taishan. Those people were way more powerful than Chu Feng!

"It's a shame though, he's too arrogant and full of himself. He can't be anywhere near success in the future." Tang Taishan shook his head and sighed. While sipping his tea and with a simple wave of his hand, Tang Taishan sealed Chu Feng's fate. "Give an old friend from the military department a call to let him have this Chu Feng feed the horses for a few years as part of his training."

Sun Mingxuan suddenly jolted from his trance of shock, looking extremely excited and joyful. Indeed, a senior field officer like Chu Feng was insignificant compared to a prominent senior politician like his grandfather, Tang Taishan. As long as Tang Taishan was here, he need not have to be afraid of Chu Feng. Sun Mingxuan regained his confidence as he held his head up high in the air.

Clomp! Suddenly, heavy footsteps of military boots walking on the ground was heard; the sound was clear and loud.

All the guests kept their eyes on the back seat of the Lincoln luxury car. They grew nervous as they held their breath and anticipated the VIP who would come out of the car at any minute.

With her arms folded across her chest, Tang'e sneered at the car. "Such a pretentious freak! What a joke! Hmph! He's just a field officer, how dare he be so arrogant?"

Luo Gang was waiting politely in front of the car door at the back seat of the luxury car. The man in there then stomped on the ground in his military boots with his strong and straight legs.

Moments later, a muscular figure came out of the limousine. It was Chu Feng. He wore a military peaked cap with a national emblem and a long sword hung around his waist. His eyes were sharp and intelligent. His Qilin [1] embroidered uniform, with a fierce python print painted across his chest, swayed in the breeze. He looked charming and striking in his uniform.

His entrance was so magnificent that the nature's charms faded in his presence.

"What the heck!"

"A Python Printed Robe and Blue-Point sword, it's a General's uniform! The guy is a General!"

[1] Qilin is a mythical hooved chimerical creature notable in the Chinese culture. It is a common embroidery design on uniforms of government officers from the military department in ancient China.

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Chapter 203 I'm Back, Silly

With a roar, the crowd erupted in chaos. Tang'e and the women from the Sun Family went wide-eyed, their limbs becoming cold and their voices becoming hoarse as if someone had seized them by the throat.

Another commotion ensued as Sun Jianye and the other guests of the Sun Family scrambled to their feet, overwhelmed to the point of being speechless. The atmosphere was now dead silent.

Officers and general officers were two ranks that sounded similar, but they couldn't be more different. Even a Major General was considered to be on the same level as a Second Ranked position just like Tang Taishan, the Lieutenant Governor of Jiangbei.

Tang Taishan's teacup shattered with a crash as he gaped at the intimidating, fully-dressed Chu Feng before him, his heart pounding so hard he gasped for air. "G-General? How?"

His wrinkled fingers trembled when he counted the stars on Chu Feng's shoulder. "One, two, three, four! A four-star General! Bloody hell!" Despite being known for his composure and eloquence, Tang Taishan swore out loud before slumping into his chair with a pale face and a pounding heart. In fact, he'd nearly slumped onto the floor entirely.

Everyone in the Sun family took a few steps backwards, already feeling weak in the knees. Sun Mingxuan himself was already on the ground, shaking badly.

A four-star General! It was almost impossible to process the concept of Chu Feng being just one step away from becoming the Lord Chu who commanded the nation's army.

He could rule above all, and even select a handful in the nation as the Provincial Governor or other top level positions, and his influence was powerful enough to easily rank among the top five of Donghua!

More importantly, Chu Feng was only in his twenties. A four-star General, in his twenties! One could only imagine the glory that came with this achievement, and the prestige that it brought him. Chu Feng seemed to be aware of this when he scanned the crowd, then proudly strode toward Zhou Lie's family in the corner.

"Mum, Dad, I'm here." The moment these words left Chu Feng's lips, the crowd parted like the Red Sea despite being full of the rich and influential, clearing a path for this man in full military uniform. Even as he walked, Chu Feng seemed like the sun itself was shining behind him, giving him an inexplicable aura of intimidation and greatness.

Liu Minglan was already overwhelmed to the point of tears, shouting, "Are you seeing this, old man? My son! That's my son!"

Zhou Lie did not reply, but he barked out three laughs with tears in his tiger-like eyes, tears of vindication and pride. Who said their family couldn't produce a mighty dragon? Who dared accuse them of being unfit for the spotlight? This was their own son, a one-of-a-kind general, their pride and joy!

Chu Feng strode to the surprised and emotional Zhou Ying, then fondly stroked her hair with a smile. "I'm back, silly. How did you like my entrance just now?"

Zhou Ying stood up abruptly. She was already in tears as well, but she started sobbing as she leaned straight into Chu Feng's arms. "Brother!" This was the brother who'd loved and protected her since they were children, the brother who'd become the one and only General. Her tears of joy continued to flow, wetting Chu Feng's chest as she sobbed.

Chu Feng wiped the tears from her face and said gently, "What are you crying for on your big day? Your brother's here now, and he's here to make things right." He scanned the Sun family, all of whom suddenly felt their hearts skip a beat and their limbs turn cold. "Hmm." he said.

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Chapter 204 Too Soon to be Called 'Brother-in-Law'

Zhou Ying meekly nodded, pressing her head against Chu Feng's chest without a second thought as if she wanted nothing more than to tell him all of her troubles.

Chu Feng lifted his head and scanned the crowd, his handsomely chiseled features and uniquely masculine face forming a fatally attractive look in combination with his general's uniform. This level of handsomeness was likely on par with the most popular male celebrity of the era!

Practically every woman in attendance squealed in envy. An insanely powerful, yet devilishly handsome man? Who wouldn't want a brother like him?

Meanwhile, Tang'e and the girls from the Sun family were already deathly pale and drenched in cold sweat.

Previously, they'd committed their fair share of bullying and boycotting against the peasant girl Zhou Ying, even stealing her dowry and jewelry under the guise of 'showing her who's boss'.

They thought a girl like her, with neither power nor authority, could be walked all over like a helpless doormat.

How were they supposed to know her equally helpless parents had raised such a powerful son? A son who'd become a general in his twenties, no less!

With his youth and position, Chu Feng easily ranked among the most powerful in the nation; he probably could turn Jiangbei upside down on a whim. No one could protect them from him, not even Tang Taishan.

Tang'e and the others could feel the cold sweat soaking through their formal wear, the bile rising in their throats.

In a desperate gamble, Tang'e shot a helpless glance at her father Tang Taishan, the former Lieutenant Governor of Jiangbei.

Tang Taishan may have been thoroughly shocked by the turn of events, but he was no inexperienced fool either.

With a resigned sigh, he contemplated the situation. He'd planned to lend his grandson some face by personally attending this event, but now he'd offended the godlike Chu Feng!

After coughing to relieve the atmospheric tension, he smiled. "Since Ying Ying's brother is here, let the wedding commence! I say, I never knew your brother was such a high-ranking General! Truly, it is an honor to the Sun family and of course, an honor to me." Tang Taishan stood and put on a display of submission, then growled at the petrified

Sun Mingxuan for good measure, saying, "What are you standing there for? Offer a toast to your brother-in-law!"

Tang'e and Sun Jianye also hurriedly ushered him, "Quick, thank your brother-in-law."

Their plan now was to strike the iron while it's hot and get the wedding over with to avoid any more unexpected turn of events.

Once Zhou Ying was married into their family, there would be nothing much Chu Feng could do without also upsetting Zhou Ying.

Perhaps they'd even secure their own future by riding on Chu Feng's coattails; a four-star General was not to be trifled with, after all.

Sun Mingxuan shakily poured a glass of wine and walked toward Chu Feng, then stuttered, "B-Brother, a toast—"

"Isn't it a bit early to call me 'brother-in-law' before the wedding's even begun?" Chu Feng said dismissively, his gaze not even meeting Sun Mingxuan's eyes. "After all, I still need to assess you people from the Sun Family and see if you're worthy of my sister."

Tang Taishan, Tang'e and the others could feel their facial muscles twitching; it seemed that Chu Feng was hell bent on avenging Zhou Ying.

"Tell me, Ying. Have they been bullying you?" Chu Feng's tone was gentle, but the murderous intent in his words were enough to bring the room's temperature several degrees lower.

Zhou Ying looked to Sun Mingxuan beside them, still hesitant due to their shared bond.

Just then, Tang'e spoke up, "Chu Feng, we'd never do such a thing. Our family has treated Ying Ying like one of our own daughters."

"Yes, yes. We really do love her."

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Chapter 205 I've Got Your Back

"Zhou Ying is the fiance of our family's heir, our future matriarch. Why would we bully her when we can get in her good books?" the women from the Sun Family said in agreement with straight faces.

"Is that so?" Chu Feng's lip curled as he casually glanced at Tang'e's neck, where a glittering diamond necklace hung. "Then tell me, why is my wedding gift to her hanging on your neck?"

Tang'e yelped and tore the necklace from her neck, avoiding his gaze like the plague.

Chu Feng, though, tore the cheap resin necklace from Zhou Ying's neck and questioned in a frigid tone, "Why is my sister wearing a ten-dollar piece of crap on her wedding day? Where's the jewelry I bought her that's worth millions? This is how you treat the young matriarch of your Sun Family? The girl you call your own daughter?!"

Zhou Ying bit her lip and hid behind Chu Feng, full of pity and sadness. Meanwhile, the Sun Family were speechless and trembling harder than ever.

"T-This is a misunderstanding! I didn't take her jewelry, I was just, um... safekeeping it! Yes, she gave it to me for safekeeping, as she and I had discussed!" Tang'e continued to make excuses, then finally cried out, "Ying Ying, please vouch for me and tell him!" Tang'e was nearly in tears. Chu Feng was so high-ranking, she couldn't possibly survive his wrath if she'd admitted her misdeeds.

"Tell the truth. I'll handle it," Chu Feng said firmly but fondly.

Zhou Ying was kind by nature, so she couldn't bear to see Tang'e this close to tears. But she couldn't bear to simply forgive what the Sun family did, either.

Just as she was hesitating, Sun Mingxuan suddenly called out, "What are you standing there for, Ying Ying? Look at what you did to Mom." His face became grim, as if he was giving an ultimatum. "Apologize to her."

Tang'e and Tang Taishan's faces fell immediately. Suddenly, they wanted nothing more than to smack Sun Mingxuan, the brainless bastard. Did he have a death wish, provoking Zhou Ying at a time like this? When a single word from her could doom all seventy-odd members of the Sun Family?

As expected, Sun Mingxuan's words made Zhou Ying snap. For the past few days, he'd demanded her apologies in every conflict involving the family even if she was in the right, then left her to endure the mockery and ridicule alone. Now, he dared demand yet another apology? Truly, she'd lose what was left of her dignity if she continued to pity the Sun family.

Putting on a sad look, Zhou Ying pointed at Tang'e, "Brother, she's the one who took all the jewelry you gave me! Their family took our father's three-million dowry and even the thousand-acre deed you took back from the Chamber of the Four Seas!" Zhou Ying screamed out her indignance in one shot, then started sobbing in earnest.

"S-She'd even demanded I give her the Moonlight Goddess you gifted me after the wedding, to be used as their family heirloom. She said I was a cheap slut, doomed to poverty for life and that's why I didn't deserve these things. S=She slapped me too! Not even Mom and Dad hit me, so why does she get to do that?"

The crowd was now in an uproar. Tang'e fell to her knees out of fear, while the Zhou couple were practically seeing red; they'd only just found out the extent of their daughter's suffering, and wanted to wipe out the Sun Family more than anything.

The guests too were shocked and quickly began cursing the Sun Family. The shamelessness of it all! What kind of despicable monsters were part of this family?

"Good girl. I'm here, I'll make things right for you." Chu Feng comforted the wailing Zhou Ying. He'd already known what Tang'e was doing to her, but hearing about it from Zhou Ying's own lips still made his blood boil. "Now go, pay her back for that slap she gave you." Chu Feng pointed to Tang'e and said determinedly, "Whatever you do to her, I've got your back."