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Chapter 271: Drop me Again

He seemed to be saying, 'See, boss, miss Lin is actually soft-hearted. As long as we express our wish to go with her, she will oblige.'

Jiang Zhennan was wearing a hat and a veil. His eyes and expression had returned to their usual expressionless and cold look as if the person just now was not him at all.

As for Guo Bing's eye signal, well, he directly ignored it.

Guo Bing pursed his lips in boredom and thought to himself, 'Boss only cares about Miss Lin now. Don't think I don't know why Boss insists on going to town this time. This is Miss Lin's first store, and he wants to be there with her.'

Of course, it was the same as the rest of them. They believed that with miss Lin's intelligence and wisdom, she would definitely be able to expand her store all over the country. They wanted to witness her humble beginning.

Therefore, a group of people followed Lin Yuelan. Among them, of course, included Doctor Zhang and Xiao Tong. As Lin Yuelan's Grandmaster, Doctor Zhang naturally wouldn't miss this too.

When Li Huaisheng hurriedly rushed to the backyard, he saw a group of men looking around. He was a little dumbfounded.

He had never thought that Lin Yuelan would bring so many people.

Li Huaisheng stood behind Lin Yuelan. He first greeted Lin Yuelan and Doctor Zhang, "Miss Lin, Doctor Zhang!" Manager Li knew Doctor Zhang because Lin Yuelan had invited Doctor Zhang to look at Mrs. Li's condition.

Li Huaisheng was supposed to call Lin Yuelan his boss, but there were many other people in the courtyard, so he wanted to be safe. Then, he looked at Jiang Zhennan and the others and said with some doubt, "Miss Lin, they ..."

Lin Yuelan said, "Uncle Li, they are my friends. You already know little twelve, and these are his brothers. This is little six, this is little three, and this is little Guo."

"Hey, miss Lin, please call me brother Guo, okay?" Guo Bing grinned, showing his shiny white teeth, and protested. Little Guo made him sound like a eunuch so much.

Lin Yuelan just glanced at him and ignored him. She continued, "this is Nan Zhenjiang."

Li Huaisheng nodded to them one by one, then immediately told Lin Yuelan, "Miss Lin, the auspicious time has arrived. Let's go to the front!"

Lin Yuelan nodded and walked to the front of the shop with Li Huaisheng. However, after taking two steps, she turned around and said sternly, "Okay. Listen to me. Once we're outside, you're not allowed

to follow me anymore. You guys can do whatever you want!" She felt a little embarrassed to have such a large group of people following her.

Since Guo Bing and the others had achieved their purpose in coming to town, of course, they wanted to have some fun. They wouldn't keep following Lin Yuelan either.

Guo Bing and the rest immediately nodded. "Okay, okay. Miss Lin, don't worry. We'll definitely meet up with you before we go back."

Lin Yuelan nodded and left with manager Li and Doctor Zhang.

However, there was one more person who followed Lin Yuelan out. He was Jiang Zhennan. He wore a Black Veil and never left Lin Yuelan's side, following her step by step.

After they left the door, Lin Yuelan noticed Jiang Zhennan following behind her. She asked with some doubt, "big brother Nan, aren't you going with your brothers?" They were from the same group. They had literally been through life and death together, so she assumed he would go with them as they explored the town.

Jiang Zhennan stood next to her. His eyes were fixed on the signboard of the shop. In a low, magnetic, and charming voice, he said, "I've stuck with them long enough. Besides, with me around, they won't be able to relax." He lowered his head slightly and said the last sentence to Lin Yuelan's ear.

The man's warm breath blew on her ear, making it a little itchy. Her heart felt a little hot, and soon, her face turned a little red.

She was not used to people whispering to her. That was because her ears were very sensitive. This was something she had discovered in her previous life.

Therefore, she didn't like people whispering into her ears.

Lin Yuelan unnaturally shifted her body to the left and leaned on manager Li's side.

However, she accidentally stepped on manager Li's foot, and then...

"Be careful!" Jiang Zhennan quickly grabbed Lin Yuelan's small waist and pulled her back, preventing her from falling to the ground.

Lin Yuelan's usually stern face suddenly turned red.

She was in Jiang Zhennan's arms.

When they first met, Jiang Zhennan also hugged her. She still remembered being angry after Jiang Zhennan immediately dropped her after he caught her.

But this time, when she was caught in Jiang Zhennan's arms, there was a different feeling.

This kind of feeling seemed to make her little heart beat irregularly.

She realized that something was wrong and immediately shouted in a low voice, "Jiang Zhennan, let me go!"

After that, tragedy struck again.

Jiang Zhennan let go of her. However, it was too sudden, and Lin Yuelan fell back with a ‘bang’.

Then, everyone heard an angry voice. “Damn. You’ve dropped me again!”

The surrounding people were dumbfounded!

Li Huaisheng and Doctor Zhang looked at Lin Yuelan, who had fallen to the ground, and immediately glared at Jiang Zhennan.

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Li Huaisheng looked at the time. Following Lin Yuelan’s signal, Li Huaisheng stood on the steps in front of the shop.

Li Huaisheng stood in front of the crowd, cupped his fists, and said, “my fellow villagers and neighbors, today is the opening day of my new shop. Thank you for your support!”

Then, he walked down the steps and looked at the signboard that was covered by a red cloth. He said solemnly, “the new shop is officially open. Reveal the signboard!”

The people who officialized the reopening were Shi Dejiu, the mayor of Ning An Town, and Zhou Yiming, an old master who was highly respected in Ning An Academy.

As a teacher, the old master was not supposed to get involved in any business activities. Businessmen were ranked at the bottom of the social class in that era. Zhou Yiming was a scholar, and it was an insult to him to be involved in the business.

However, Li Huaisheng and Zhou Yiming had known each other since they were young. Back then, before Zhou Yiming was a scholar, his life was so difficult that he didn’t even have the money to pay for the road fees for the county examination. It was Li Huaisheng who gave him some money so that he wouldn’t miss his county examination. At that time, Zhou Yiming passed the elementary scholar examination.

After that, although Zhou Yiming stopped pursuing advancement in his study, he still remembered Li Huaisheng’s favor.

In addition, manager Li had given Master Zhou and his wife a set of clothes each, which they liked very much. Manager Li had also explained that Master Zhou wouldn’t be tied to their shop. He only needed to be there to lift the cloth over the signboard.

Zhou Yiming thought about it for a while. This matter didn’t affect him much, so he agreed.

The mayor of Ning An Town, Shi Dejiu, was the highest official in Ning An town. Shi Dejiu honestly didn’t care that much about the new opening. As the town mayor, Shi Dejiu had heard of Li Huaisheng and his shop. He knew that Li Huaisheng’s shop was suppressed by Xiangyun Pavilion and couldn’t operate much longer. Moreover, Li Huaisheng’s wife was sick, and he planned to sell his shop to treat her illness. Therefore, the mayor looked down on Li Huaisheng. On top of that, he was more familiar with Xiangyun Pavilion’s Zhang Wu. Therefore, he didn’t want to see Li Huaisheng when the latter came to greet him.

However, Li Huaisheng was a clever man. Li Huaisheng brought four sets of clothes. They were designed by Lin Yuelan.

Shi Dejiu had a son and a daughter.

Li Huaisheng vaguely knew that Shi Dejiu didn't like him very much, so he directly went to Shi Dejiu's wife. Then, he took out four sets of fashionable clothes and gave them to his wife.

His wife fell in love with the four sets of clothes at first sight and couldn't bear to part with them.

Li Huaisheng took the opportunity to state his purpose, and Shi Dejiu's wife agreed to this matter.

In Ning An town, the mayor seemed to have the most power, but he was also a henpecked husband.

Therefore, even though Shi Dejiu didn't want to come at all, he had to submit to his wife. Plus, he did like the clothes Li Huaisheng gifted them. Therefore, he came to officiate the shop opening.

When the crowd saw Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming slowly walking out of the shop, they were shocked. This was because no one would have thought that they would be the ones to unveil the new plaque.

However, what caught their attention the most was the unique Tang suit they were wearing.

That's right, the clothes they were wearing were modern Tang clothes.

However, their Tang suit was designed to look like a long robe.

Zhou Yiming was in a dark blue tang suit, while Shi Dejiu was in a dark red Tang suit.

"Look, the clothes they're wearing are really nice!"

"Yeah, I've never seen such beautiful clothes on Master Zhou and Mayor Shi."

"Their clothes are quite similar. I wonder where they buy them from."

"Hmm. I wonder if they are expensive. If it's not expensive, I'd like to buy a set and wear it. It'll be nice to wear when visiting others. They look very nice."

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"Did you notice that they come out of manager Li's shop? It feels like they're here to officiate the new opening. Could their clothes have come from manager Li's shop? Otherwise, with the town mayor's power and Master Zhou's reputation, why would they come to this ceremony?" It was definitely because they had benefited from it.

"Well, now that you've said it, it does make some sense."

"Hey, look, isn't that the town mayor's wife and his son and daughter?"

"Why are they wearing the same clothes as the mayor? However, the madam's clothes are dark red, which makes them look more beautiful. The young master's clothes are blue, which makes him look more handsome. The mayor's daughter is wearing pink, which makes her look even more delicate. My

God, why are their clothes so beautiful? The style is the same, but they give off a different presence based on the wearer. It's really amazing."

Everyone was amazed by the mayor's family of four's beautiful clothes.

"What style is this? Can someone tell me?"

"I want to know too."

"In a while, I will definitely go to manager Li's shop to take a look."

"Bring me with you."

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Seeing that Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming's endorsement had caused such a shocking effect, the corners of Lin Yuelan's lips curled up. She was obviously in a good mood, so good that she had already forgotten the embarrassing scene of being thrown out by Jiang Zhennan.

Jiang Zhennan stood beside Lin Yuelan, his whole body a little stiff. Under the veil, his face was very careful, but he was also very guilty.

This was the second time he had thrown Lin Yuelan out.

He promised that he would not throw her off like that again. But when he held her soft and slender waist and smelled the fragrance of her body, he felt that he was immersed in a beautiful moment.

However, there was something called fear in his heart. He didn't understand that beautiful feeling, but he feared it.

So, as soon as the fear in his heart appeared, he was so nervous that he immediately let go.

Faced with Doctor Zhang's and manager Li's angry glares, he was dumbfounded too.

After Lin Yuelan got up, she didn't even bother to look at him, let alone scold him. She was obviously angry.

For this reason, Jiang Zhennan had been standing beside Lin Yuelan and carefully apologizing. However, Lin Yuelan did not even look at him.

Jiang Zhennan sighed softly, but he still looked at the opening ceremony of the new store with a serious expression.

However, the moment he saw Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming walk out of the store, his sharp eyes under the veil lit up. The clothes they were wearing were really beautiful.

He knew that they must have been designed by Miss Yue 'Er.

The shop hadn't opened yet, but the clothes of Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming had caused such a big sensation that the owner of Xiangyun Pavilion was so angry that he gritted his teeth and said hatefully, "Damn you, Li Huaisheng! I really thought he would close down the shop. He actually still had such a trick up his sleeve. No matter. I will trample you down to the ground again!"

Lin Yuelan's ears twitched as she glanced in Zhang Wu's direction. After that, she turned back calmly.

Li Huaisheng seemed to have expected the sensation caused by the appearance of the two. This was because when he had received the blueprint from Lin Yuelan, his eyes had also lit up. After he had finished the product, he was amazed.

Li Huaisheng raised his hand. The beating of the gongs and drums stopped, the lion dance also stopped, and the people around him stopped talking. In short, everything around them was quiet.

Li Huaisheng's eyes were filled with joy as he stared at the plaque under the door. With a solemn expression, he said in a loud and clear voice, "May we welcome the town mayor and Master Zhou to officially unveil the new shop plaque!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming took off the red silk cloth.

The firecrackers were also set off.

At the same time, the gongs and drums sounded, and the lion dance continued.

As the red silk fell, the plaque was revealed.

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However, to everyone's surprise, the plaque no longer said Jinyun Pavilion, but Linyue Pavilion.

Linyue Pavilion? Why would they change the store name for the reopening?

Someone asked curiously, "hey, manager li, why do you have to change the name of your shop when it's reopened?"

Li Huaisheng laughed and said, "since we're re-opening, of course, we have to have a new name, right?" He didn't explain much.

Li Huaisheng's explanation was somewhat reasonable, so no one asked further.

In fact, the change of the name to Linyue Pavilion was that the owner of the shop had changed. Linyue also meant observance of happiness in Chinese. However, no one would have thought that Lin Yuelan currently owned Linyue Pavilion.

There were people playing gongs and drums in front of the new shop, and there was even a group of lion dances. A mighty lion was dancing around a square table. The lion was very realistic. It opened its bloody mouth and blinked its eyes in great spirit. It shook its head. Sometimes, it stood on two feet, and then it walked upside down. Then, another lion came and climbed onto the first lion's neck. The dance was very complicated. The crowd clapped and cheered.

Then, the two lions climbed up to the highest point of the four square tables and stopped. Then, the lions suddenly spat out a couplet from their bloody mouths.

'Welcoming guests from all over the place. The stream of guests will never stop.'

'Serving the customers is our duty. We hope you enjoy the new clothes.'

The crowd of onlookers kept cheering.

“Alright!”

When the scholars in the crowd read the couplet, they were impressed.

This couplet was simple and neat, and its meaning was clear. The first line was to welcome the guests, and the second line was to express the store’s duty.

Of course, some of the store managers who were watching sneered and said coldly, “They sure are arrogant.”

The shopkeeper of Xiangyun Pavilion, Zhang Wu, snorted contemptuously and said, “They sure have great dreams. I’d like to see how the half-dead Jinyun Pavilion would have endless customers.”

Lin Yuelan was standing not far away from Zhang Wu. When she saw his contemptuous look, her expression turned cold, and then she sneered, ‘We’ll see how long he can keep up this attitude!’

After the red cloth was removed, Li Huaisheng cupped his fists again and said to everyone, “Linyue Pavilion is officially open. Please enter the store with your card. For the first ten customers who buy the goods, the store will charge 80% of the fees, and there’s also a small gift!”

The offer of a small gift was very rare.

As soon as Li Huaisheng finished speaking, three young men and three young women in the same uniform walked out of the store in a neat formation and stood on both sides of the door. They smiled, half-bent their backs, and said to the crowd, “Welcome to our store!”

A man and a woman were holding a wooden tray with bamboo cards that had numbers like 1,2,3 carved out on them.

Everyone was amazed.

When the crowd heard that they had to take turns entering the shop, someone shouted in dissatisfaction, “manager Li, what is this? Why do we need to pick a card to enter the shop?”

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Manager Li said to the crowd, “The store is small, and we have a lot of guests. For the sake of safety, only 30 people can enter the store at a time. Every person who enters must take the bamboo plate with the number on them. When you leave, you will put the plate back on the table. The next person can then take the bamboo plate and enter the shop!”

One had to take turns entering the shop?

Many people were dissatisfied with this policy. There were so many people. When would it be their turn? After all, when the crowd saw the beautiful women and men who walked out of the shop in their uniforms, the crowd wanted to enter the shop to take a look.

Therefore, someone shouted in dissatisfaction, “manager Li, this is too much.”

In the face of the public's doubts and dissatisfaction, Li Huaisheng smiled and explained, "everyone, please understand! The shop is small, and for the sake of safety, we are forced to do this!"

Some people could understand. After all, the crowd was large. If everyone rushed in at the same time, no one could predict what would happen. There would be many accidents.

Of course, there were some who were there to cause trouble, such as Li Huaisheng's old rival, Zhang Wu.

Zhang Wu stood up and said with some disdain, "Hmph, Li Huaisheng, I think you're just bluffing. I know many of your old stock hasn't been sold. You're doing all these tricks to deceive us into buying your old stock, right?"

In fact, he was also telling everyone that the business of Jinyun Pavilion had been robbed by Xiangyun Pavilion. Jinyun Pavilion would only have old stock. Even if the shop had a new look, the stock inside would be outdated.

Many people knew that Zhang Wu had cut off Jinyun Pavilion's import channel, and the skilled sewing masters and embroiderers had also been poached away by Xiangyun Pavilion. So, where would Jinyun Pavilion get new goods and clothes?

Zhang Wu also expressed that Li Huaisheng was not his match in the past, so even with the name change, he would still be no match for Zhang Wu.

However, Zhang Wu was definitely blind. Because did he not see Shi Dejiu and Zhou Yiming? Their new clothes were clearly designed by Jin... Linyue Pavilion.

In the face of Zhang Wu's insult and contempt, Li Huaisheng lightly retorted, "Oh, since shopkeeper Zhang said so, why don't you come into my shop and have a look?" As he spoke, he turned to Xiao Li and said, "Xiao Li, give manager Zhang a bamboo plate!"

Xiao Li immediately replied, "yes, manager!"

Then, Xiao Li took out a bamboo plate with the word "one" written on it and handed it to shopkeeper Zhang. With a very appropriate smile on his face, he said, "shopkeeper Zhang, welcome! You're our first customer, so you can get a 30% discount on all our products!"

As soon as he said this, the surrounding onlookers immediately burst into laughter. Why would they let their competitor into their shop? Were they overestimating themselves or underestimating their opponent?

Zhang Wu did want to enter the shop to take a look, but he couldn't take the bamboo plate.

Therefore, after he snorted at Xiao Li, he flicked his sleeves and left.

Xiao Li pouted and thought, 'Hmph, you'll regret it.'

"Manager Li, you said that the first ten customers will get a 20% discount, right?" Someone asked.

Li Huaisheng nodded and said, "yes."

"Then, what about the 30 percent discount Xiao Li mentioned for the first customer?"

“Of course, it’s still available.”

As soon as Li Huaisheng said this, many people immediately began to fight for the bamboo plate with the number 1.

However, to everyone’s surprise, the person who had snatched the plate was a man who was more beautiful than a woman.

Everyone looked at the man’s face and was a little stunned.

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Who was this man? He was so handsome, so why hadn’t they seen him before?

Guo Bing used his advantage as a soldier to snatch the bamboo plate from a group of people.

From the first time he saw the style of Shi Dejiu’s and Zhou Yiming’s clothes, he liked them. Therefore, he thought of going to the shop to take a look and see if he could pick a set that he liked.

There was another reason. This was miss Lin’s first shop, so he wanted to be the first to enter.

Guo Bing snatched the first spot. Little three, little six, and little twelve did not want to fall behind. With their agile skills, they each snatched the first few plates in the crowd.

“Welcome!”

When Guo Bing and the others turned around and were about to step into the shop, these waiters immediately bent down and greeted them with a polite smile.

Not only were Guo Bing and the others surprised, but the other onlookers were also surprised and interested.

“I’ve never seen any shop welcome their customers in this way!”

“I’m the same. For poor people like us, it’s already a miracle that we don’t get laughed at. Who would welcome us with a smile?”

When Guo Bing entered and saw the decorations in the shop, he was really surprised.

“Wow, it’s so beautiful!”

Little three and the others were greatly amazed.

Little Three asked, “this place is really beautiful. Brother Guo, did miss Lin design all these?”

Guo Bing didn’t answer, but little twelve said, “yes, these were all designed by Miss Lin.”

As he spoke, he looked around at the customers who were slowly coming in. He lowered his head and whispered to Little Three and the others, “when miss Lin first bought this shop, she promised that she would handle the shop’s decoration and clothing design!”

Lin Yuelan didn't intend to let anyone know that Linyue Pavilion was her shop, so little twelve and the others had to keep it a secret.

After listening to little twelve's words, Guo Bing looked around and nodded. "I'm afraid that other than miss Lin, no one else can design such an amazing thing, right?"

From the first time they met Lin Yuelan, they felt that she was very special and different from the rest.

Sure enough, she gave them surprises again and again.

"Wow, it's so beautiful!" The customers who came in after them all exclaimed in surprise when they entered the shop.

There was a lamp on the ceiling wall of the shop. The lamp was wrapped in transparent silk, and the light coming out of it was colorful and beautiful.

But what was even more amazing was that there were window showcases on the upper side of the shop. There were clothes hanging in each showcase. Women's clothes took up two-thirds of the total. The various fresh and rare styles of clothes were carefully arranged and hung, looking beautiful, elegant, and noble.

There was a counter on the lower wall, and on the counter were new goods that were sorted by color.

Then, there were a lot of racks. The racks were filled with ready clothes. The customers could choose as they pleased.

"Wow, this dress is so beautiful. I want to buy it. Attendant, how much is it?" A well-dressed rich young lady said.

"Miss, this dress is one tael of silver!" The attendant replied very conscientiously.

"What?"

The high price made the self-proclaimed rich young lady let out a sound of disbelief. "So expensive?"

"Miss, every piece of clothing here is unique. You'll be the only one in the world to wear this. Miss, don't you want a one-in-a-kind dress?" The waiter explained.

The young lady was moved by his words, but she still asked doubtfully, "Attendant, you said that it's unique, but aren't Master Zhou and the mayor wearing the same clothes?"

The attendant immediately explained, "the style of clothes that Master Zhou and the town mayor are wearing is called the Tang suit. It's a new style. The characteristics of this style are that the collar and sleeves have no buttons. It will be popular in the future. But it's completely different from this dress."

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The crowd standing outside the shop had their interest piqued when they heard the exclamations from the inside. They wanted to rush in to see what was going on.

Jiang Zhennan was a grown man. He was not interested in fashion. As long as he had something to wear, he was fine.

However, hearing Guo Bing and the others' continuous praises, he also wanted to go in and take a look.

However, the real reason he wanted to go in was he knew that the shop design and clothing design all came from Lin Yuelan. Jiang Zhennan glanced at the calm and indifferent Lin Yuelan beside him. He could only quietly stand beside Lin Yuelan. He dropped her earlier, so she was now ignoring him.

Lin Yuelan caught a glimpse of Jiang Zhennan's movements from the corner of her eyes. Although his face was covered by a veil and her eyes couldn't see his expression, his hands clenched and then separated. It was obvious that he was a little anxious and uneasy. The corners of her mouth curled up, and then her face turned cold. She snorted and said to herself, 'If I don't teach you a lesson this time, you'll end up throwing me down again!' She was really infuriated.

'But what is wrong with him anyway? Since he has managed to catch me from falling, why would he throw me out again?'

Lin Yuelan was deep in thought when she suddenly heard someone call her, "Miss Lin!"

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Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai were already very interested in Li Huaisheng's new shop when they heard the promotion. Therefore, they came to look during the shop's reopening.

They didn't expect to see Lin Yuelan standing in front of the shop, so they came up to greet her.

Lin Yuelan turned around and saw Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai. She nodded and said, "Young master Liu, young master Zhou!"

"Yuelan, you're also here!" The excited exclamation was obviously from Liu Jiaying. "Are you here to see manager Li's new shop?"

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, "Yeah, that's right."

This was her first shop, so she definitely had to come and attend the ceremony.

Liu Jiaying looked at the sign on the door and smiled. "Yuelan, the name of this shop is similar to yours. Linyue Pavilion and Lin Yuelan. It's such a coincidence."

Lin Yuelan didn't say anything, but she replied indifferently, "yes."

How could it not be a coincidence?

Liu Jiaying held Lin Yuelan's arm and began to chatter, "Yuelan, did you see that the male and female attendants of manager Li's shop are all wearing the same clothes? They look so beautiful." As she spoke, she turned to her brother and said, "I think we should learn from manager Li and have a uniform for our shop. Look at the attendants here. They look sharp and comfortable in the same uniform. Don't you think so, big brother?"

When Liu Qi heard this, he lowered his head and seemed to think for a moment. "Ying 'Er, you're right." Then, he said, "I'll ask manager Li later if he can make a few sets of uniforms for us."

There were only two clothes shops in Ning An Town. One belonged to Li Huaisheng and the other to Zhang Wu. Of course, they would support Li Huaisheng.

Lin Yuelan was surprised that Liu Jiaying's brain was faster than her brother's this time.

Another idea came to Lin Yuelan. After Liu Qi offered a set of uniforms for his workers, the other shops would probably do the same. She should set up a factory just to make work uniforms. She knew that there was definitely a market for that. After all, in the modern era, work uniforms were a big market.

She wanted to set up a clothing factory that specialized in producing professional uniforms.

Of course, the design and production of her brand must be maintained.

Liu Jiaying couldn't wait to go into the shop and have a look, so she pulled Lin Yuelan and rushed forward.

Seeing the two girls rush forward despite the crowd, Jiang Zhennan followed behind them. He was speechless, but he didn't have the time to think about it. He quickly ran in front of them and opened the way for them so that they wouldn't be stepped on by the crowd.

Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai, who were originally very worried about Liu Jiaying and Lin Yuelan, suddenly saw a man in a black veil appear. He seemed to be protecting them as they advanced. They didn't feel safe. In fact, they were afraid that this man had any ill intentions.

Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai looked at each other and immediately parted the crowd. They headed in the direction of Liu Jiaying and Lin Yuelan and shouted, "Ying 'Er, miss Lin, be careful!"

Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai were truly astonished as they looked at their packed surroundings. They had never seen such a large crowd at a shop opening before.

Although Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai were also curious about the store's items, they were men, after all. They felt clothes shopping was more of a woman's pastime. Therefore, they didn't feel the need to get into the shop. However, they had two girls with them.

Liu Jiaying didn't care about anything. She pulled Lin Yuelan and finally got to the attendant who was holding the tray. She looked up at the waiter and said, "give us a number. We want to go in!"

Xiao Li looked at Lin Yuelan, who was beside the child, and his mouth twitched. He muttered to himself, 'This is the first time I've seen the boss having to line up to get into her own shop.'

However, looking at the empty tray in his hand, he said apologetically, "I'm sorry, ladies. The people inside haven't come out yet, so there are no cards!"

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Liu Jiaying was disappointed.

She asked, "is there really a limit of 30 people? Can't you squeeze two more people in?" As she said this, she looked at the attendant with a pitiful look, "brother, why don't you make an exception and let my little sister and me in? We're just kids."

Xiao Li shook his head and said, “miss, I’m very sorry. The shop is small, and we need to give the customers enough space to look around. Therefore, only 30 customers can enter at a time. This is our rule. Since it’s a rule, I can’t break it!”

“Oh,” Liu Jiaying said in disappointment.

She heard a series of exclamations from inside, and she really wanted to go inside and take a look at the clothes.

Lin Yuelan couldn’t bear to see Liu Jiaying disappointed. She pulled Liu Jiaying and whispered to her, “Ying ‘Er, come with me.”

Then, she looked around with a mysterious look.

Liu Jiaying also lowered her head and asked in a low voice, “Yuelan, where are we going?”

Lin Yuelan pulled Liu Jiaying to the right.

After squeezing out of the crowd, Liu Jiaying looked around with confusion. They were standing in the alley on the right.

Lin Yuelan didn’t answer her. She pulled her into the alley again. After a while, they stopped in front of a small door, which was locked.

Liu Jiaying looked around and then at the small door. She whispered to Lin Yuelan, “Yuelan, is this the backyard door of the Linyue Pavilion? Are we entering from here?” Looking at the locked door, she asked doubtfully, “but the door is locked.” How were they going to get in then?

Lin Yuelan immediately consoled her, “Don’t worry, Ying ‘Er. This won’t be a problem for me!”

Jiang Zhennan, who had been hiding in the shadows, looked at Lin Yuelan’s confident posture and thought to himself worriedly, “Miss Yue ‘Er, are you trying to pick the lock?”

He saw Lin Yuelan immediately take a silver hairpin from Liu Jiaying’s head. Then, Jiang Zhennan’s face was filled with dark lines as he saw Lin Yuelan pick the lock. ‘What is happening? Why is she sneaking her way into her own shop?’

However, when he saw Lin Yuelan’s bright eyes and happy expression, Jiang Zhennan’s heart immediately softened, and he did not stop them.

This was because this was the first time he had seen Miss Yue ‘Er so happy.

However, he also felt a little sad and frustrated.

He had never seen Miss Yue ‘Er with such a happy expression around him.

With a clack, the lock opened.

Liu Jiaying’s eyes immediately widened, and she said in surprise, “Yuelan, you really opened it! You’re amazing!”

Upon hearing this, three black lines appeared on Jiang Zhennan’s forehead again. Why would a thief be praised?

After Lin Yuelan unlocked the door, she put the silver pin back into Liu Jiaying's head. She clapped her hands and said, "This is a piece of cake for me."

"Yuelan, what do you mean?" Liu Jiaying asked in confusion, "How is the key a cake?"

This time, it was Lin Yuelan's turn to be dumbfounded, but she immediately reacted. That idiom hadn't been invented in this era yet.

"Ying 'Er, you have a great sense of humor." Lin Yuelan smiled and quickly explained, "A piece of cake means that the job is very simple."

Liu Jiaying still didn't understand, but she believed Lin Yuelan. Liu Jiaying nodded. She had some blind trust in Lin Yuelan. Therefore, whatever Lin Yuelan said was true.

Lin Yuelan didn't explain further. Instead, she took Liu Jiaying's hand and said with a smile, "Ying 'Er, let's go in!"

"Alright!"

When Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai finally walked out of the crowd and into the alley, they saw a tall black figure enter through the small door.

"Oh no, are Ying 'Er and Miss Lin being followed by a bad guy?" Liu Qi said worriedly, "brother Zhou, let's hurry up and follow him. We can't allow that man to hurt Ying 'Er and Miss Lin."

Just like that, Jiang Zhennan was labeled as a "bad guy."

Zhou Wencai was as worried about the girls as Liu Qi, but he had a nagging feeling that the man wearing a black veil and black clothes was very familiar, as though he had seen him before. But he couldn't remember where. In any case, he didn't think that the man would hurt Liu Jiaying and Lin Yuelan because the man seemed to have been protecting them in the crowd earlier.

As Liu Qi was about to rush forward, Zhou Wencai immediately stopped him. "Brother Liu, don't be rash!" He pulled the aggressive Liu Qi and said, "let's go in and take a look first."

Liu Jiaying followed Lin Yuelan through the courtyard and into the inner room. She was about to go to the shop when she suddenly heard her brother's voice, so she stopped.

She turned around and realized that a big person was following them.

It was a man in black clothes and a black veil. He did not give off the presence of a good person.

"Who are you?" Liu Jiaying shouted. Then, he quickly moved to protect Lin Yuelan behind her, just like an elder sister protecting her younger sister. "Why are you following us so sneakily?"

Jiang Zhennan's temple throbbed. He was not being sneaky. He had always been by Lin Yuelan's side.

Before he could explain, two more teenagers rushed up to him, staring at him aggressively and vigilantly.

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As soon as the two teenagers came up, they protected Liu Jiaying and Lin Yuelan behind them. Then, they shouted with vigilance, "Who are you? Why are you following them so sneakily?"

As expected of brother and sister, even their tone of speaking was the same.

Jiang Zhennan's forehead wrinkled, and his temples were throbbing.

It was a joke that he would one day be treated as a bad person.

Jiang Zhennan's voice was low, magnetic, and full of charm, but he said through gritted teeth, "You've all misunderstood. I'm not a bad person. I'm a friend of Miss Yue 'Er.'"

"Miss Yue 'Er'?" Liu Jiaying and her brother didn't realize he was referring to Lin Yuelan.

However, Zhou Wencai reacted when he heard Jiang Zhennan's voice. He immediately bowed and apologized sincerely, "I'm sorry, young master Nan. I didn't recognize you and mistook you for a bad person." Of course, he was just saying that. Earlier, he was wearing a mask, and now he was wearing a veil. Who would be able to recognize him?

The moment Zhou Wencai said that, Liu Jiaying immediately recalled the silver-masked man she had seen at Lin Yuelan's house.

She immediately stood up from behind Liu Qi and pointed at Jiang Zhennan. "Are you the young master Nan who wore a silver mask at Yuelan's place?"

Jiang Zhennan replied in a low voice, "yes!"

When Lin Yuelan introduced them to him, she also used the name Nan Zhenjiang.

Liu Qi had never met Jiang Zhennan before. Therefore, he was a little confused. 'If this man isn't a bad person but a friend of Miss Lin, why is he dressed up like this? Is he trying to cause a misunderstanding?'

Hearing Jiang Zhennan's acknowledgment, Liu Jiaying immediately patted her chest and said with a sigh of relief, "that really scared me. I thought you were a bad guy." Then, she tilted her head and complained, "but why are you following us without saying a word?"

Jiang Zhennan was usually a cold and stern person with few words. It was only after meeting Lin Yuelan that he opened up a bit. However, that didn't mean that he was suddenly a master conversationalist. He was stumped when questioned by Liu Jiaying.

Lin Yuelan had been ignoring him because he had dropped her earlier. Thus, he had been silently following her. Could he admit that? Of course not.

But...

Liu Jiaying thought of the rumors she had heard in the crowd. Liu Jiaying immediately said loudly, "Wait. I remember! Just before manager Li's shop opened, someone saw a man in a black veil throw a girl to the ground. Is that you?"

Nan Zhenjiang was probably the only one who was wearing a Black Veil. In that case, could the girl he had thrown out be Lin Yuelan?

Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai stared at Jiang Zhennan with suspicion. Then, they looked at Lin Yuelan with sympathy.

Liu Qi stuttered, "Miss Lin, this ... This can't be, right?" She had been thrown out by a man in public. It was so embarrassing.

Lin Yuelan refused to admit anything. Her expression did not change as she calmly said, "Men and women should maintain a respectful distance from each other." So, basically, Young Master Nan threw her off for her reputation.

Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai nodded with strange expressions. They replied, "Oh, right."

Liu Jiaying was a little more innocent. She asked doubtfully, "but even so, he should have gently put you down and not thrown you away." Her tone was filled with dissatisfaction and anger.

Jiang Zhennan was stunned. He didn't know how to explain it.

"Ahem ..." Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai tried to suppress their laughter and faked a few coughs.

Zhou Wencai helped Jiang Zhennan and explained, "Ying 'Er, perhaps Young Master Nan did want to put Miss Lin down properly, but he slipped and accidentally dropped her... Ahem... Am I right, young master Nan?"

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Zhou Wencai had some suspicions about Jiang Zhennan's identity. Therefore, he did not want Liu Jiaying to offend such a Big Shot over such a small matter.

Jiang Zhennan's head was covered by a veil. He nodded and replied, "yes."

Lin Yuelan rolled her eyes and looked up at the sky. 'The first time might be an accident, but two times?!'

Of course, Lin Yuelan wasn't that petty. She was just annoyed, so she wouldn't forgive Jiang Zhennan that easily.

Perhaps Lin Yuelan didn't even realize that she was like a little woman in love who was angry at her lover.

Of course, Jiang Zhennan did not notice this either.

Lin Yuelan said to Liu Jiaying, "Ying 'Er, let's go."

"Oh." Liu Jiaying quietly followed Lin Yuelan.

After that, the three men followed Lin Yuelan in silence. They seemed to have forgotten that they had broken in like thieves.

Liu Jiaying followed Lin Yuelan and secretly entered the store from the back door. When she saw the beautiful and dazzling clothes, she almost shouted in excitement.

“Yue ‘Er, these clothes are really too beautiful. I love it!” Liu Jiaying pulled on Lin Yuelan’s sleeve and said excitedly.

Lin Yuelan glanced at the designs of these clothes and didn’t see anything suitable for Liu Jiaying. She frowned slightly and said, “these clothes are beautiful, but they don’t suit you. I’ll design a new set of clothes for you.”

Most of these clothes were for young ladies of marriageable age. Therefore, none of them were suitable for Liu Jiaying.

Upon hearing this, not only Liu Jiaying but even Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai also stared at Lin Yuelan in astonishment.

Zhou Wencai looked at Lin Yuelan in disbelief and asked, “Miss Lin, do you mean that you designed all these clothes?”

Lin Yuelan nodded and said, “Yeah. Is there a problem?”

There was a big problem.

Who would have thought that all these beautiful clothes were made by a country girl?

Zhou Wencai immediately shook his head and said, “No... No problem.” Then, he seemed to have thought of something and asked, “Then, what’s the relationship between you and manager Li?”

“I’m in a cooperative relationship with him.” Lin Yuelan said indifferently. “Some time ago, his business wasn’t doing well, and he had a sick wife. Manager Li is a good person, so I want to help him. I came up with ideas and designs while he’ll be in charge of the operation. Then we’ll split the profit, 50-50.” But the truth was she was the owner.

Once again, Liu Qi and Zhou Wencai’s mouths were agape in shock.

Was Lin Yuelan even human? She had done many miraculous things.

Apart from cooking, she was also involved in fashion design.

After Zhou Wencai had digested everything, he gave Lin Yuelan a thumbs-up. “Miss Lin, you are amazing.”

She had a 30-70 split at Yuelai Inn, and now she had a 50-50 split with manager Li. She was really good at business.

Lin Yuelan smiled and said, “Thank you!”

At this moment, Liu Jiaying finally reacted.

And her reaction was...

“Oh my God, Yuelan, you designed all these clothes. They’re so beautiful and incredible!” Liu Jiaying shouted.

Therefore, everyone in the shop, whether it was the attendants or the customers, looked at Lin Yuelan in surprise.

Liu Jiaying didn't notice the gazes and continued, "Yuelan, you said you could design a beautiful set of clothes for me. Is that true?"

Lin Yuelan smiled at Liu Jiaying, "yes, little girl!"

Liu Jiaying was very innocent, and she wore her emotions on her sleeves.

Lin Yuelan felt that she had the duty to protect Liu Jiaying's innocence and naivety.

When she heard Lin Yuelan call her a little girl, Liu Jiaying protested, "I'm not a little girl. You're younger than me."

Thanks to Liu Jiaying's shout, Guo Bing and the others immediately noticed them.