

Old Master Fan put down the phone. It was the ninth call he had received, and every single call had warned him to cut all ties with Lin Wenjing; otherwise, they would stop collaborating with Grand Skylight Pavilion.

Grand Skylight Pavilion had never encountered such a situation before.

Initially, Old Master Fan thought that Lin Wenjing would have a bright and limitless future ahead after defeating Gu Ze. Grand Skylight Pavilion was also planning to take this opportunity to get closer to Lin Wenjing. They even knew that Tao Sanniang and Lin Wenjing had a close relationship and tried to bring them together, but now, it seemed that things were not that simple.

The meeting hall suddenly became quiet, and there was a solemn look on everyone's faces after they realized the seriousness of this incident.

"Old Master Fan, what should we do now? Many partners of Grand Skylight Pavilion have called to ask us to steer clear of Lin Wenjing."

"Yeah, Old Master Fan. I think Lin Wenjing is facing a tough situation this time."

"Are we going to be decisive and cut off all contact with him?"

"But if we cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing, we will lose his trust when he is done dealing with Wu Meizi."

Many people of the managerial department of Grand Skylight Pavilion began to discuss heatedly, laden with worry and panic.

Then, all of them turned their attention to Master Fan, waiting for him to make a decision.

At that time, Old Master Fan said, "Where is Sanniang? Ask her to come here."

After a while, when Tao Sanniang came over, she was surprised to see so many people from the managerial department in the conference room. She asked, "Old Master Fan, are you looking for me?"

He nodded and motioned her to sit down. "Sanniang, how far has your relationship with Lin Wenjing progressed? Have you slept with him already?"

Tao Sanniang was taken aback by the questions. She obviously didn't expect Old Master Fan to ask about this so directly in front of everyone who held high-ranking positions in Grand Skylight Pavilion. No matter how thick-skinned she was, she was still a virgin. Her beautiful face blushed as she chided shyly, "Old Master Fan, why are you asking me this?"

However, Old Master Fan's expression did not change, and it remained serious as he demanded, "Answer me."

Everyone else didn't smile and looked at her very seriously. Finally, Tao Sanniang realized that



something was wrong and had an ominous feeling, so she asked, "Old Master Fan, did something happen to Lin Wenjing?"

Old Master Fan didn't answer her, but he said in an even more serious tone, "Answer my question first."

Tao Sanniang shook her head and answered him honestly, "We haven't slept with each other yet, but I am confident that in the near future, we will seal the deal."

After speaking about this matter, the corners of her mouth turned up into a smile that revealed a trace of pride and excitement.

But Old Master Fan shook his head. "You don't have to do that anymore. Cut off all contact with him from now onward. Just act as if you have never met him before. Even if he takes the initiative to find you, do not respond to him."

The other people with the managerial positions in the conference room were relieved when they heard what Old Master Fan had said. They knew what he had decided to do—cut all ties with Lin Wenjing.

But Tao Sanniang didn't understand this at all, so her eyes widened in shock. "Old Master Fan, are you kidding? Lin Wenjing has just defeated Gu Ze and has officially established a firm foothold in this circle. His future is limitless! Why are you asking me to cut off all ties with him now? Are you out of your mind?"

Old Master Fan shook his head and said seriously, "I'm not crazy. Lin Wenjing has gotten into serious trouble this time. If everything is as predicted, he will be dead soon. We must steer clear of him. Otherwise, we would offend Wu Meizi. If that happens, the consequences will be disastrous."

Tao Sanniang tried hard to scrutinize Old Master Fan's face to see if he was joking, but she was disappointed. At that moment, Old Master Fan had never been more serious. He definitely was not joking around.

"Why?" Tao Sanniang asked unwillingly.

Old Master Fan replied, "Because Wu Meizi is coming after him right now. She is Gu Ze's Junior Sister, and the martial arts skills that she has trained all her life have peaked. In fact, she is far stronger than Gu Ze and has even greater power. Now that she is going to avenge Gu Ze's death, Lin Wenjing is doomed. Moreover, in just half an hour, no less than ten prominent figures in various fields called us and warned us that Grand Skylight Pavilion must cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing. Otherwise, we will be Wu Meizi's enemy. If that happens, we will be doomed as well."

After that, Old Master Fan heaved a long sigh. Rubbing his temples, he said, "Lin Wenjing is in a tough spot this time. Wu Meizi is much more powerful than Gu Ze. Up until now, everyone who was targeted by Wu Meizi had never escaped or defeated her. No one has been spared, and all of them died ruthlessly. Plus, their friends and families were implicated as well."

When Tao Sanniang heard this, she felt as if her heart was about to stop, and her face became pale. She had known Old Master Fan for a long time. Since he put it that way, this meant that Wu Meizi was really terrifying, and she was not someone whom Lin Wenjing could defeat.

Tao Sanniang was extremely upset, but in the end, she said unwillingly, "The last time Wenjing offended Gu Ze, he survived and even managed to kill him. This time, he can definitely defeat Gu Ze's Junior Sister."

Old Master Fan shook his head and said, "They're not the same. Gu Ze was much weaker than Wu Meizi. I heard that Wu Meizi is already at the upper-tier of the Heavenly Realm. She is a prodigy who might even be able to break through to the legendary Immortal Realm. Lin Wenjing has no chance of winning this time. All right, it has been decided. From today onward, Grand Skylight Pavilion will formally make a clean break and cut off all contact with Lin Wenjing!"

After he finished speaking, he walked out of the conference room along with the other people, leaving Tao Sanniang staring blankly into the void with a pained expression.

There were several occasions where she wanted to pick up the phone and call Lin Wenjing, but in the end, she suppressed the urge to do so because she didn't dare to defy Old Master Fan's order.

Similar things were happening in other places. For

example, Wang Yunqian, Han Kunpeng, Guo Yuanjia, and the others had received such calls that asked them to cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing.

Even Master Grim received such calls.

He hung up the phone and looked at Lin Wenjing who was standing in front of the window as he stared into the distance. "Wu Meizi's is very powerful. This time, she is determined to defeat you and avenge Gu Ze's death. Before that, she is planning to isolate you. I believe everyone who came into contact with you has been warned by her."

Lin Wenjing didn't speak. Instead, he continued to stare into the distance, and Master Grim could not guess what was going on in his mind right now.

After a pause, he continued, "Wu Meizi is a genius whom one can only come across once in thirty years. As a woman, she has achieved the Heavenly Realm, and her martial arts skills have peaked. She is one of the few people in the world today who has hope to reach the Immortal Realm."

At that moment, Lin Wenjing suddenly turned around with a smile on his face. There was not a single trace of panic or nervousness on his face. Instead, he smiled and asked, "Wu Meizi should have something to do with Sumeru Heaven, right?"

Master Grim's eyes gleamed. He thought for a while before nodding. "I think so, but she isn't part of them."

Lin Wenjing replied, "Based on what you've said, Wu Meizi is indeed impressive. She has reached the Heavenly Realm as a female, and it is possible for her to reach the Immortal Realm. She is indeed a genius."

With that, Lin Wenjing suddenly changed his tone and narrowed his eyes. "It's a pity that she chose to hurt my family. In that case, she can only die!"

Master Grim was silent for a while. "Young Master, you are no match for her yet."

"Is that so?" Lin Wenjing gave an indifferent smile. He was not angry, and he did not ask any more questions. Instead, he opened the window and said goodbye to Master Grim before he jumped down from the tenth floor of the building that they were in.

Shocked, Master Grim hurried to the window and looked down; he saw Lin Wenjing walking on the road unscathed.



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If an ordinary person jumped down from the tenth floor like he did, they would have fallen to their death. Even the masters from the Pinnacle Realm would be seriously injured if they did that. But for Lin Wenjing, it was nothing much. He could soften the impact instantly and landed steadily on the ground, walking away like nothing happened.

The Heavenly Realm, also known as the Transcendental Realm, was not just for show. People, who were at this level, were already considered superhuman, so they shouldn't be treated as ordinary people.

After Lin Wenjing left, a red figure suddenly appeared beside Master Grim.

"Wenjing is much more talented than I thought. He has improved a lot in the battle with Gu Ze."

It was Qing Shu. She suddenly appeared out of nowhere like a ghost. If some other people were here, they would have been terrified as the door was shut after all.

However, Master Grim was no stranger to such occurrences as Qing Shu had always been this mysterious. He turned around and respectfully greeted, "Miss Qing, you're here."

Qing Shu gave a slight nod before sitting down on the couch. "Wu Meizi is so domineering that she even wants to isolate Wenjing."

Master Grim said, "Yes, she is too strong and powerful. Young Master is in a tough situation this



time."

After a pause, Master Grim asked, "Miss Qing, do you plan to help Young Master out?"

Qing Shu replied, "There's no need for that. He can deal with Wu Meizi on his own."

Master Grim's eyes lit up. "Miss Qing, are you implying that Young Master is stronger than Wu Meizi?"

Qing Shu shook his head. "No, Wu Meizi has already reached the upper-tier of the Heavenly Realm, but Wenjing is still at mid-tier. There is a slim chance that he'll defeat her."

Wearing a red dress, she looked like a ball of fire, but her temperament was cold and aloof, making people feel as if ice and fire were combined when they looked at her.

Master Grim frowned slightly and said worriedly, "Isn't this dangerous for Young Master?"

"It is." Qing Shu nodded. "There are both sides to everything. Challenges bring about improvements. If Wenjing is able to defeat Wu Meizi, his skills will improve. When that happens, I am able to take him to see his mother."

Hearing this, Master Grim was stunned for a moment. Then, his eyes widened as he said with excitement, "Miss Qing, Madam has—"

Qing Shu nodded, acknowledging his unspoken

thoughts.

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Meanwhile, Lin Wenjing decided to lie low for the time being and went to the hospital to visit the Chu family who were all receiving treatment. Seeing that they had recovered, he felt relieved.

Now, everyone's focus was on him, wondering what his next actions were.

After all, Wu Meizi had come to him and launched her attack directly. If Lin Wenjing still didn't make a move, his dignity would be lost, and he wouldn't even be able to stay in Hua City anymore.

Not being able to stay in Hua City was nothing much; what was more important was Wu Meizi's personality. It would be impossible for her to let Lin Wenjing go after she had begun her attacks.

"Wenjing, what do you plan to do next?" Chu Ling asked worriedly as she held his hand in the corridor.

It was obvious that Chu Ling was quite scared now, and her hands were a little cold. Lin Wenjing wrapped his hands around hers and gave her a reassuring smile. "Don't worry. This is not a big deal, so I can handle it."

Chu Ling bit her lips and said, "I think your opponent is quite powerful this time. Why don't we go abroad to avoid her? We have enough money anyway. It's more than enough for our family to

live in other countries."

Sensing Chu Ling's worry and panic, Lin Wenjing felt guilty. He said seriously, "Ling, rest assured that I can handle this well. Trust me."

Chu Ling could tell that Lin Wenjing was determined, so she didn't try to persuade him anymore. "All right. Take care of yourself. No matter what, make sure that nothing happens to you."

Lin Wenjing smiled and said, "I promise you that nothing will happen to me."

After that, Lin Wenjing and Chu Ling chatted for a long time. He only left when he received a call from Wang Yunqian.

There was a black Audi Q7 parked on the side of the road. It was Wang Yunqian's car, and Han Kunpeng was in it as well.

Their confidence was long gone. On the contrary, they looked worried. However, when they saw Lin Wenjing, they managed to bark out a dry laugh.

Lin Wenjing knew what was going on as soon as he saw the two of them.

After getting into the car, Lin Wenjing said jokingly, "What? Have you two been warned as well? Are you going to stay away from me?"

They had initially prepared a speech, but when they heard Lin Wenjing's words, they were taken

aback and couldn't think of anything else to say, embarrassed.

Lin Wenjing didn't speak. Instead, he smiled indifferently.

Wang Yunqian was the first to break the silence. "Chairman, are you sure you can win this time? The opponent is quite powerful. Right now, more than 90% of our partners have terminated their partnership with us."

Han Kunpeng also added, "It's not looking good right now. Purple Jade Studios, Leap Advertising, and Shield Service Group have all been targeted. In just a few days, we've lost a lot of money. If this continues, we won't last long."

Lin Wenjing had expected that Wu Meizi would take action against his companies, but he did not expect that the damage would be so great. Judging from the current predicament, he had underestimated Wu Meizi's ability.

Seeing how Lin Wenjing was quiet, Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng became even more anxious, thinking that his silence was due to his lack of confidence.

In fact, in the past two days, they had heard many friends around them advising them to cut off all contact with Lin Wenjing so that they wouldn't be implicated in his problems. To be honest, they had been with Lin Wenjing for a long time, and it was because of him that they were able to enjoy a prosperous life. On top of that, Lin Wenjing had

always treated them with respect. Hence, they couldn't bring themselves to just leave him when he was in trouble.

However, if Lin Wenjing couldn't take it anymore, they didn't want to die with him too. After all, they were not alone; they had families and employees who depended on them.

Of course, Lin Wenjing understood their concerns, but he merely laughed out loud. "It's true that I don't really have much hope of winning. After all, Wu Meizi is an extremely skilled master. Right now, she is stronger than me, so my chances of winning are not that high. If you also want to cut off all ties with me like how other people did, I will not blame you."

After listening to his words, Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng trembled, feeling ashamed and upset.

Although Lin Wenjing was much younger than the two of them, they had already considered him as their leader deep down. So, despite being afraid to die, they couldn't bring themselves to betray him.

Finally, the two of them looked at each other and exchanged brief glances. Wang Yunqian said first, "Chairman, I've changed a lot of jobs and worked with no less than ten bosses throughout my entire life. Now, I don't want to change bosses anymore! Chairman, I'll follow you until the end of my life. Even if you lose to Wu Meizi this time, I will not succumb to her! I will try my best to survive this crisis, run Purple Jade Studios, and take care of

your family!"

Han Kunpeng also took a deep breath before saying, "Chairman, I have the same thought as General Manager Wang. I, Han Kunpeng, had betrayed a lot of my previous bosses and become a traitor to them, but now, I don't want to become a traitor to you. Chairman, you will be my only boss whom I acknowledge throughout my life. I, too, will manage Purple Jade Studios and Leap Advertising well. In the future, your dividends will be distributed to your family as usual. If Wu Meizi wants to attack your family, they must do so over my dead body."

Lin Wenjing was stunned upon hearing that as he had never thought that Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng, who would be more than a hundred years old if their ages were added together, would be so loyal to him. For a moment, his heart was overflowed by something he had never experienced before—gratitude and warmth had surged up inside him.



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"All right!"

After hearing them swear allegiance to him, Lin Wenjing let out a loud laugh, looking extremely proud.

The powerful emergence of Wu Meizi, who was ruthless and eager to kill him off, had committed a heinous act by warning everyone he knew to cut all ties with him. Even the Ouyang family and Grand Skylight Pavilion planned to do so.

He was already mentally prepared that he would fight alone this time, but he did not expect that Han Kunpeng and Wang Yunqian would actually choose to follow him under such circumstances. Their decisions had really moved him. After all, judging from the current situation, he had a slim chance of winning. It must have been very difficult for Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng to make this decision. This meant that if Lin Wenjing died, they would go down with him together.

"Very well!" Lin Wenjing said cheerfully. "I thought that everyone would betray me, but I didn't expect the two of you would still follow me. Don't worry. Wu Meizi will be no match for me! When I get through this difficult time and kill her, I will definitely treat you two well!"

Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng were also infected by Lin Wenjing's confidence and began to laugh out loud.

Next, Lin Wenjing did not just sit around and do nothing. He gave Wang Yunqian and Han Kunpeng

some orders before he isolated himself from the others for a few days to be in the best state in the shortest amount of time. Then, he would take the initiative and find Wu Meizi and fight to the death.

During this period, everyone's focus was on Lin Wenjing, trying to see how he would retaliate against Wu Meizi, but he suddenly disappeared without any trace.

Everyone thought that he was scared and was about to run away as he was terrified of Wu Meizi.

Gu Hanxing was particularly proud. With Wu Meizi's backing him up, he felt as if his life had reached a new peak. When he walked on the streets, everyone would show him their respect and call him 'Master Gu' obediently.

But the more he was like this, the more he was afraid of Wu Meizi. He clearly knew that everything he had now was because of her, so he had to suck up to her. If one day she gave up on him, he would immediately be back to square one.

"Martial Aunt, I have good news! A rumor is now spreading that Lin Wenjing is afraid of you, and he is trying to run away!" Gu Hanxing announced excitedly as soon as he came in, not forgetting to flatter her. "Martial Aunt, you are so domineering this time, and you have completely won against Lin Wenjing! It's so liberating!"

Looking at Gu Ze's portrait on the wall, Wu Meizi turned around and said, "There's nothing to gloat about. You don't have your dad's temperament at

all."

When Gu Hanxing heard Wu Meizi's criticism, he immediately became anxious and kneeled before her. "Martial Aunt, I'm sorry. I don't dare to do that anymore."

Wu Meizi looked at Gu Hanxing's timid appearance and shook her head with deep disappointment in her eyes.

"Okay, get up." No matter what, Gu Hanxing was Gu Ze's only son, so she couldn't bear to treat him too harshly. She changed her tone and said, "Lin Wenjing did not run away. He is going into isolation to ensure that he is in the best state so that he can find me to fight to the death."

Gu Hanxing was stunned for a moment. Then, panic flashed across his eyes. "No way! Lin Wenjing is about to die, yet he still dares to find you to fight to the death?"

Seeing the panic in his eyes, Wu Meizi shook her head in disappointment. "Hanxing, Lin Wenjing is about the same age as you, yet he is already a mid-tier master in the Heavenly Realm. You and Lin Wenjing are so different."

Gu Hanxing pouted, feeling uncomfortable when he heard that. However, he immediately said obsequiously, "Even if Lin Wenjing is a master of the Heavenly Realm, he is still going to die after antagonizing you. My father had once said that the dead prodigy is not a prodigy at all."

Wu Meizi nodded. "That's true."

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Time passed by so quickly that it had already been three days.

In three days, three of Lin Wenjing's companies had suffered immense losses, especially Purple Jade Studios whose market value had shrunk by one-third.

If this continued, Purple Jade Studios might even go bankrupt.

Similarly, Leap Advertising and Shield Service Group were not doing any better. They were also struggling—anyone could see that. If this went on, these three companies would go bankrupt or be sold to another company.

As the boss of the three companies, Lin Wenjing was not seen for the past three days as if he had disappeared off the face of the earth.

So, there was a lot of speculation for quite some time. Some people thought that Lin Wenjing had been finished off by Wu Meizi, while others speculated that he was afraid of her and ran away.

"Wu Meizi is too powerful. In just a few days, she is able to destroy Lin Wenjing's whole career."

"I know, right? Lin Wenjing is completely screwed this time."

"I've long been annoyed at him. This guy is obviously the live-in son-in-law of the Chu family, but I don't know how he got so lucky to become the chairman of Purple Jade Studios. Besides, he is always so arrogant! It serves him right now for offending such a prominent figure. He is definitely doomed."

"Lin Wenjing hasn't appeared for three days. Could it be possible that Wu Meizi has already finished him off?"

"It's totally possible."

"Anyway, Lin Wenjing's life has come to an end."

"I heard that his wife is extremely beautiful. If he is dead, his wife will fall into Gu Hanxing's hands."

"*Haha!* Of course! Gu Hanxing is infamous for being a frivolous person, and Lin Wenjing is the culprit for killing his father. When Lin Wenjing's wife falls into his hands, her end will be miserable too."

"In other words, if we go to Gu Hanxing now, maybe we can pick up some second-hand stuff after he gets bored."

Such conversations had been happening all around, and Lin Wenjing had become a joke or a loser whom anyone could trample on.

Where was Lin Wenjing? Did he really run away?

That was impossible.

For the past three days, Lin Wenjing had locked himself in a confined space without any electrical appliances. It was a dark room without any light either.

An incense was lit up just three meters in front of Lin Wenjing, who used this dim light to illuminate the entire space. If an ordinary person was here, it would be pitch black for him, and he could see nothing. However, for Lin Wenjing, it was as bright as day, and he could see every single particle clearly. Even the ants crawling on the ground were visible.

For three days, he hadn't eaten anything as a part of his isolation ritual.

Through these methods, he managed to adjust himself to be in the best state.

Suddenly, he opened his eyes as if a divine light flashed across his eyes and blew out the incense that was three meters away.

At the next second, he walked outside.

Now that he was in his prime, it was time for him to go to Wu Meizi to fight to the death.



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Ouyang Yanran had been quite absent-minded and was in a bad mood lately. She had finally known that Lin Wenjing left in a hurry the other day and didn't even greet her because something had happened back home—he had offended someone extremely powerful.

Now, there were rumors saying that he was doomed, and even the Ouyang family was now warned by the anonymous powerful person to cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing.

To be honest, when she heard the news, she was very upset as if she was about to lose something she liked.

Later, she couldn't help but ask Ouyang Xuehai whether Lin Wenjing would survive the crisis this time. He shook his head with regret and said that God was jealous of his talents, so He decided to take everything away from him.

She was not a fool, so she understood what her father meant—things were not looking good for Lin Wenjing. It was highly probable that he was going to die soon.

Death was not something unimaginable for her. Two years ago, when her grandmother passed away, she was extremely devastated because she could never see her grandmother anymore. She had disappeared off the face of the earth. No matter how rich or powerful Ouyang Yanran was, she could not bring people back to life.

But Lin Wenjing was going to die at such a young

age. She couldn't describe what she was feeling. She felt upset, reluctant, regretful, disappointed, and many other feelings all at the same time.

Even though she was not very close with Lin Wenjing, seeing that they had only met two or three times, but the last time when she sent him back, she ran into her ex-boyfriend who was cheating on her, making her develop a special feeling for Lin Wenjing. It was a shared experience between the two of them after all.

Ouyang Yanran heaved a long sigh, feeling very frustrated.

One of her female classmates next to her asked, "Yanran, have you really broken up with Lai Binbai? I think you have been sighing a lot more and are more distracted recently."

Another female classmate of hers also added, "I've long thought that Lai Binbai was a playboy. As expected, he did something that even a beast wouldn't do. Yanran, you don't have to be sad for a scumbag like Lai Binbai. Let me introduce a few handsome guys to you. You'll forget about him in no time!"

Ouyang Yanran shook her head. "I am not sad because of Lai Binbai."

Thinking about it, it was quite weird—seeing that she and Lai Binbai had been in a relationship for three years, she should have been sad when they broke up this time, but she was only sad in that moment. The next day after that, she had already

moved on. When she heard that Lin Wenjing was in trouble, she felt even more devastated and disappointed.

The two female classmates obviously didn't believe her.

One of them suddenly remembered something. "By the way, tonight is Young Master Gu's birthday. I heard that it's a big event, and many friends in our circle will be there. There will be many handsome guys. Let's go and have fun there!"

"Yeah, this is a rare opportunity. Yanran, if you go, you will definitely be the center of attention! Those handsome guys will line up to please you. It will be so damn cool!"

Ouyang Yanran was not in any mood to attend someone else's birthday party, so she shook her head. "Forget about it. I am not interested, so I'm going back to the dormitory to read."

The two female classmates immediately stopped her and persuaded her in various ways, "Oh, reading is so boring. Let's go to Young Master Gu's birthday party together!"

"Yeah! Besides, you can read anytime you want, but it's not every day that you can join Young Master Gu's birthday party."

"All right, it's decided then! We will dress up tonight and let those handsome guys revolve around us!"

Ouyang Yanran was quite convinced by their

persuasion. For the past few days, she was indeed a bit bored. This would be a good opportunity to attend a birthday party to relax.

Young Master Gu, of course, was Gu Hanxing.

Today was his thirty-second birthday. A fortune teller had once told him better not to celebrate his thirty-second birthday because a disaster would happen on that day.

He was very ashamed about it. Who would still believe in such superstitions in this era?

Not only did he want to celebrate it, he also wanted to make it a big-scale celebration. He invited everyone he knew who were quite powerful and wanted to announce that Gu Hanxing had returned using this opportunity. So what if his father, Gu Ze, was dead? He now had someone more powerful backing him up. With Wu Meizi by his side, he could do anything he wanted and swagger around in G Province.

Ever since he had offended Lin Wenjing, he had been suppressing his anger. Everyone around him thought he was oppressed by Lin Wenjing and bad-mouthed him behind his back, so he wanted to use this opportunity to prove himself now.

Wu Meizi had come to care about him a lot. Knowing that it was his thirty-second birthday today, she personally came to his party as the organizer. Many people with a prominent status came to his party because she was there.

By five o'clock in the afternoon, many people had already arrived. Because of this situation, Gu Hanxing did not choose to organize his birthday party in a hotel; instead, he held it in a huge stadium just to make sure that it was fancy enough.

Many people were surprised to see the scene after they arrived. There were many rich people in G Province, but Gu Hanxing was the first person to hold a birthday party in a stadium.

When Gu Hanxing looked at the crowd, he felt so proud seeing such an unprecedented grand scene. At that moment, he was the winner in life and stood at the top of the peak.

"Martial Aunt, do you think Lin Wenjing dares to come?" Gu Hanxing turned around and asked Wu Meizi respectfully.

Today, Wu Meizi was wearing a dark red dress that looked very vintage, and she looked like a female Taoist priest.

The expression on her face was cold as she asked him back flatly, "Do you want him to come?"

Gu Hanxing froze upon hearing that. To be honest, he was still a little fearful of Lin Wenjing. After all, he was completely defeated by him in their past few encounters.

"Of course I hope that he will come. If he comes, he is going to die!" Gu Hanxing immediately changed his tone and said obsequiously.

"However, since you are here today, I'm sure no matter how courageous he is, he will definitely be afraid to cause trouble here."

Wu Meizi knew that Gu Hanxing was flattering her, but she still felt happy when she heard that. After all, she was someone who liked to listen to compliments.

"I hope he dares to come so that I can save a lot of effort. On top of that, this will help to increase the popularity of your birthday," Wu Meizi said.

Gu Hanxing became even more excited after hearing this. Indeed, if Lin Wenjing really dared to come and died in front of so many people at the hands of Gu Meizi, his reputation would be even greater. At that time, no one would dare to offend him, and everyone would have to respect him.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Yanran and a few classmates also came over. Seeing that the birthday party was being held in a stadium and the large number of people had come, they were astounded.

"Wow, Young Master Gu is too awesome. He actually held his birthday in a stadium. At least three thousand people came. This is almost like a small concert!"

"I told you so. Young Master Gu is very powerful indeed. Not everyone can join this party—only people with status can participate."

"Awesome! I wonder if he is married? If you can hook up with him, your life will change forever!"



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Several female classmates were speaking about this with adoration and admiration in their eyes. When Ouyang Yanran saw this, she was also shocked.

On top of that, she also saw that many guests who came were people with prominent backgrounds and prestigious statuses.

Suddenly, she wondered if Lin Wenjing would come to Young Master Gu's birthday party.



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"Yanran, who are you looking for?" a female classmate next to her asked curiously after seeing her look around.

Ouyang Yanran shook her head—she couldn't find Lin Wenjing. Come to think of it, it was highly unlikely that Lin Wenjing would come to such a grand birthday party, seeing that he was in big trouble recently.

"Nothing. I'm just looking around," Ouyang Yanran replied.

Several female classmates who came together with her were even more determined that Ouyang Yanran still hadn't gotten over Lai Binbai after seeing her reaction, so they wanted to introduce Ouyang Yanran to a few handsome guys.

At that moment, a few young men passed by. The one in the middle was a very handsome young man in his early twenties. His skin was well maintained, and he had thick bangs that formed a hairstyle that was currently popular in Korea. It was not surprising if one claimed that he was a celebrity in the entertainment industry.

His appearance made Ouyang Yanran's female classmates excited. They were all suckers for someone with good looks, so they were especially agitated to see such a handsome man.

Apart from the young man in the middle, the other men were also quite handsome. M Wearing branded clothes from head to toes, it was apparent that they came from a rich family.

When they saw Ouyang Yanran, genuine surprise flashed across their eyes. A beautiful woman of Ouyang Yanran's level was rare to find.

"It's Young Master Zhou!"

"Oh my God, the man in the middle is way too handsome! He looks like a Korean star!"

"I know right! The handsome guy is called Luo Zifeng. He is an extremely good-looking guy from the University of Finance nearby. What's rare is that his family is very rich. He's your typical young master who is rich and good-looking."

"Is he also a friend of Young Master Gu? That's impressive."

Listening to the discussion of several female classmates, Ouyang Yanran couldn't help but look at Luo Zifeng a few more times. Admittedly, Luo Zifeng was indeed handsome. He was much more than Lai Binbai. Apart from that, he looked cool and dignified, unlike a meek young man.

But Ouyang Yanran didn't have a lot of feelings toward him. Since she met Lin Wenjing, the way she looked at men had changed—she no longer liked handsome young guys; instead, she was more interested in mature men.

Soon, he came over and greeted Ouyang Yanran and the others enthusiastically.

These men were all from the University of Finance, and they were friends of a female classmate of

Ouyang Yanran. The reason that they came to attend Gu Hanxing's birthday this time was to get to know each other to arrange a marriage between their families.

The girls actually came to this birthday party mainly because of Luo Zifeng, but seeing that he had never taken his eyes off Ouyang Yanran, they knew that they stood no chance.

They were also beautiful, but their beauty was a lot inferior, compared to Ouyang Yanran's.

"Young Master Luo, let me introduce to you my good sister, Ouyang Yanran. She is the most beautiful girl in our university. There are no less than a thousand men who tried to court her."

A blazing look flashed across Luo Zifeng's eyes as he put on a wide smile. Then, he greeted Ouyang Yanran enthusiastically, "Nice to meet you, Yanran. I am Luo Zifeng. You can call me Zifeng."

Facing Luo Zifeng's enthusiasm, Ouyang Yanran didn't have a lot of reaction. Instead, she just gave a slight nod and greeted him perfunctorily.

Luo Zifeng had a slight frown. As the most popular guy in university, there were many girls who had a crush on him. Even the most beautiful girl in his university had fallen for him. Until now, there were no women who treated him with such indifference.

Ouyang Yanran's indifferent attitude made him a little annoyed, but the more she treated him this way, the more satisfying he would be when he

made her fall for him. Hence, he flashed a bright and handsome smile. "Yanran, you are the most beautiful among all the women I have met. Can I add you on WeChat?"

This move of his had always been useful, so he thought that Ouyang Yanran would definitely agree to his request without hesitation. Ouyang Yanran's female classmates also thought the same as they all looked at her enviously.

But her response rendered him speechless. "No."

"What?" Luo Zifeng asked in surprise.

Ouyang Yanran was a person who was indifferent and aloof, so she didn't reply to Luo Zifeng before she found a seat and sat down by herself.

Her reaction caused Luo Zifeng's mouth to twitch fiercely. After all, he was the most popular and good-looking guy from the University of Finance, and he had never been given a cold shoulder like this before.

However, he couldn't get angry because Ouyang Yanran was too beautiful. It was not even exaggerating to describe her beauty could even move the gods in the heavens. On top of that, it was obvious that she came from a rich family after seeing her elegance.

After the female classmate saw that Luo Zifeng's expression had changed, she quickly explained, "Young Master Luo, please forgive her. Yanran's personality has always been like this. She's

extremely aloof and indifferent. On top of that, she has been in love with her ex-boyfriend for three years, yet they had never even kissed. But once you get to know her better, she will be very enthusiastic."

Another female classmate also added, "That's right. Yanran just broke up with her ex-boyfriend, so she was in a bad mood. This is the reason why we asked her to come over to get to know more friends and forget the unpleasant things in the past."

After Luo Zifeng heard this, he cracked a smile, and his mood became cheerful instantly. Giving an airy wave, he said, "Don't worry about that. I'm not that petty. Besides, I admire women with a strong character the most."

With that, Luo Zifeng picked up his wine glass and took a sip, looking extremely handsome, making the girls look at him with adoration in their eyes as they muttered 'Such a gorgeous man' under their breaths.

"Yanran, what's wrong with you today? Didn't you always like handsome men? Luo Zifeng is so handsome—he should be your cup of tea," the girl asked Ouyang Yanran curiously.

Ouyang Yanran merely replied indifferently, "I don't have any plans to date anyone right now."

"Come on, I'm not asking you to date him right away. Get to know him first. If you think he is someone who's suitable, you can consider the next



stage after that. Since we are already here, there's no harm in getting to know more friends."

Ouyang Yanran thought for a while and realized that she was right. Since she was already here, it would be nice to know more friends.

Hence, she went over to chat with Luo Zifeng and the others.

Luo Zifeng and several other men were extremely excited when they saw her coming over. They tried their best to stand out in front of Ouyang Yanran, hoping to get her to like them.

If they could make Ouyang Yanran smile, it would make them feel over the moon.

However, Ouyang Yanran felt bored. The young men in front of her were very handsome indeed, but they were too immature. They were not at the same level as Lin Wenjing at all.

Now, she started to regret coming to the birthday party tonight as it was rather boring.

She had made up her mind to go back to school after dinner later. She didn't want to join them for karaoke later that night as it was meaningless to her.

At that moment, Ouyang Yanran saw a figure appear in front of her. Stunned, she stood up abruptly.

Her sudden movement shocked Luo Zifeng and

others. Ouyang Yanran had always been indifferent, so this was the first time she had such a huge reaction.

She rubbed her eyes, thinking that she had an illusion, but she immediately realized that her eyes were working fine. She was really looking at the person whom she had been thinking all along and let out a bright smile. At that moment, nothing looked more beautiful than her smile—even the beautiful nature seemed to lose its color next to her.

When Luo Zifeng and the others saw her smile, they were stunned.

The man sitting across from Ouyang Yanran thought that Ouyang Yanran was smiling at him. He was instantly ecstatic, and his heartbeat wildly palpitated.

Then, Ouyang Yanran left and walked quickly toward that person.



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Ouyang Yanran could see clearly now. The person who appeared on the opposite side was none other than Lin Wenjing.

When she saw Lin Wenjing clearly, she was suddenly full of beans, feeling happy and excited instantly.

At first, she was bored about the banquet as it was so meaningless that she might as well go back to the dormitory to read.

But the appearance of Lin Wenjing made her boredom disappear instantly. The feeling was much stronger than when she got a toy she wanted very much when she was a child.

In fact, she missed Lin Wenjing very much these days, and after knowing that he was in danger, she missed him even more.

She was a top student who was outstanding in every subject, but she couldn't understand why she felt this way. She obviously hated Lin Wenjing in the beginning.

Was it because after Lin Wenjing told her that Lai Binbai had betrayed her, she suddenly started to be grateful toward Lin Wenjing?

Ouyang Yanran couldn't figure it out. Perhaps she was a grateful person after all.

Luo Zifeng and the others were obviously stunned when they saw Ouyang Yanran leaving so quickly as they didn't know what had happened.

Even those female classmates, who had known Ouyang Yanran for a long time, were surprised. As far as they remembered, Ouyang Yanran had a very cold personality. Even if Lai Binbai came to find her, she would not be so excited.

They didn't chat and just looked at Ouyang Yanran to see who she was approaching.

The closer Ouyang Yanran got to Lin Wenjing, the faster her heart beat. This was an unspeakable emotion. She had only seen him not long ago. How could she be so nervous? This was not like her at all.

However, while she was in a daze, Lin Wenjing, who was in front of her, suddenly disappeared.

She felt down immediately. She quickly looked around for Lin Wenjing, but she still didn't see him.

Lin Wenjing had actually disappeared under her nose.

Ouyang Yanran was particularly depressed and even felt upset. It was like losing her beloved toy as she actually felt there was a lump in her throat, and she had the urge to cry.

How could this be possible? She and Lin Wenjing were not even friends.

"Miss Ouyang, are you looking for me?"

At that moment, a gentle voice suddenly came from behind her, and she was stunned for a

moment. Then, she immediately turned around and saw Lin Wenjing standing in front of her, smiling and looking at her.

Ouyang Yanran's heart suddenly skipped a beat. She felt like she had lost but regained something back, and a gorgeous smile bloomed on her face again.

"Uncle, it must be a mistake. Why would I be looking for you?" Ouyang Yanran said, but she couldn't stop the corners of her lips from turning up in a smile.

Lin Wenjing was taken aback for a moment. *Wasn't Ouyang Yanran eagerly walking up to him just now?*

But since Ouyang Yanran said so, it was impossible for Lin Wenjing to stay and make himself feel welcome, so he said, "Oh, it must be a mistake then. Bye."

Then, he turned to leave.

After three days of abstention from grains, Lin Wenjing was in his best state. He could fight Wu Meizi to the death with 30% certainty. So, he rushed over directly to attend Gu Hanxing's large-scale birthday party.

This time, he came by himself. He was very discreet and hid in the crowd. Since he was keeping a low profile, no one noticed him after he appeared.

Surprisingly, Ouyang Yanran was the first to

discover him.

He was here today to do important things, so it was not good to be close with Ouyang Yanran.

When Ouyang Yanran saw him leave so swiftly, she became embarrassed and stomped her feet with anger before she shouted, "Hey, Lin Wenjing. Why did you ignore me the last time you came to my house?"

Lin Wenjing was stunned when he heard what she had said, so he turned around and said, "I'm sorry that I had no time to greet you last time as there was something urgent that needed to be handled."

When Ouyang Yanran saw him take the initiative to apologize, she felt that he was really polite and gentle. Then, she thought about what her father, Ouyang Xuehai, had said about Lin Wenjing. The fact that he was ill-fated and doomed made her feel particularly sad.

"I was joking with you. I am not angry with you." Ouyang Yanran's tone unconsciously became a lot softer, and there were even some hints of compassion and sadness when she looked at Lin Wenjing.

Lin Wenjing understood Ouyang Yanran's emotions and couldn't help but chuckle. When he was about to speak, someone came over. It was Luo Zifeng and the others, so he had to give up.

"Yanran, I was wondering where you've been. It turns out you're here," Luo Zifeng said with a smile



before he looked at Lin Wenjing. When he saw him dressed in low-end clothes, he couldn't help but show some contempt. "Who is he?"

He thought that his contempt was covert, but Ouyang Yanran actually noticed it, and her impression of him worsened, so she didn't bother to answer him. Instead, she said to Lin Wenjing, "Lin Wenjing, these are all friends of my classmates. I just got to know them."

Lin Wenjing showed a weird expression on his face. *Why did Ouyang Yanran explain this to me suddenly?*

As for Luo Zifeng, his face immediately clouded over.

The other men also became a bit more hostile toward Lin Wenjing. This was because Lin Wenjing looked too ordinary, and he was obviously older than them. If they lost to such an ordinary person, they would really be dissatisfied.

Some female classmates were also surprised. They were all classmates of Ouyang Yanran who had known each other for several years. They had never seen Ouyang Yanran behaving so enthusiastically toward a man before.

"Yanran, who is this uncle? Is he your relative?" a female classmate asked weirdly.

Ouyang Yanran thought for a while and said, "He is the blind date my grandfather introduced to me. His name is Lin Wenjing."

"What?!"

Her words shocked everyone as they widened their eyes and looked at Ouyang Yanran unbelievably.

Even Lin Wenjing was stunned. He obviously didn't expect Ouyang Yanran to say that.

Seeing their shocked reaction, the smile on Ouyang Yanran's face became even brighter, and she added, "You all can keep chatting, and don't worry about me. I'll just sit with Wenjing."

Then, she went straight over and took Lin Wenjing's arm.

She was born with a cold personality, so asking her to take the initiative to hold a man's arm was really embarrassing for her, and her cheeks quickly flushed.

But she didn't resist at all and found it to be very exciting instead.

This scene made the expressions of Luo Zifeng and other men turn grim, and they were also very hostile toward Lin Wenjing as if they saw him as their love rival.

The girls were also stunned, looking at Ouyang Yanran in surprise. They had known Ouyang Yanran for so long, and they had never seen her holding a man's arm so intimately. Plus, she only held hands with Lin Binbai even when she was with him.

## Chapter 396 Ouyang Yanran's Initiative

Now, Ouyang Yanran was brushing her chest against Lin Wenjing's arm—she was clearly taking the initiative to offer herself to him.

As the corners of his lips twitched uncontrollably, Luo Zifeng was filled with jealousy now.



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He had never felt so upset.

From the first moment he set eyes on Ouyang Yanran, he had made up his mind that he would win Ouyang Yanran over no matter what. He also had absolute confidence in himself.

But now, a man suddenly came out of nowhere and took away the woman he was fond of. This was a torture for him.

This was something intolerable to him.

Staring at Lin Wenjing, he wanted to punch him to death so badly.

However, he knew that he couldn't do that. First of all, they were at Gu Hanxing's birthday party. Once he did it, it would be like he was disrespecting Gu Hanxing. Gu Hanxing was very influential now, so offending him would be deadly, and his entire family would be implicated too. Thus, he would never dare to do anything here.

But it did not mean that he would surrender.

So, he smiled again and said to Lin Wenjing, "Mr. Lin, right? I'm Luo Zifeng, the son of the chairman of Luo Group. Where did you graduate from?"

Lin Wenjing knew what Luo Zifeng was planning to do. He was here for an important matter today, so he didn't bother to stoop to this small potato's level and ignored him. He directly said to Ouyang Yanran, "Yanran, I still have something to do, so I won't keep you company. You can play with your

friends."

Then, he was about to pull his hand away, ready to leave.

His behavior looked guilty in Luo Zifeng's eyes, so he couldn't help but smirk, and he became cocky.

Ouyang Yanran was unwilling to see him leave, so she grabbed his arm and refused to let him go before she said, "Where are you going? I'll go with you."

Seeing Lin Wenjing looking at her with a surprised look, Ouyang Yanran blushed a little and explained, "Don't get me wrong. I'm just listening to my grandfather who asked me to interact with you more."

*No wonder.*

Lin Wenjing smiled and said, "Then, you don't have to do this from now onward. Your grandfather has already made the decision to cut off all ties with me."

Of course, Ouyang Yanran knew about this, but she didn't understand her grandfather's decision. *Why is the Ouyang family so afraid of Wu Meizi?*

"You helped me last time, and I have yet to thank you properly," Ouyang Yanran said and looked at Lin Wenjing.

"What happened last time was accidental, and I

was not helping you. Well, you should keep your distance from me. Otherwise, it will not be good for you," said Lin Wenjing seriously.

The others were unable to understand them due to the sudden change of topic in their conversation.

Facing Lin Wenjing's growing estrangement from her, Ouyang Yanran felt angry. *Even though I am the prettiest girl in the university and the daughter of the Ouyang family, I have always been so proactive, but you keep alienating me. Well, the more you try to alienate me, the more I'll not let you do as you wish.*

So, Ouyang Yanran took Lin Wenjing's arm again and said in a slightly cutesy voice, "Wenjing, keep me company, will you? I haven't spoken to you for a long time."

*Hiss!*

Lin Wenjing gasped when he heard Ouyang Yanran talking so adorably. Was this the Miss Ouyang he knew?

As for the other female classmates, they also had the same shocking expression. If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes, they would think that Ouyang Yanran was possessed. She could actually act like this?

Unbelievable.

As for Luo Zifeng and other men, they were even more envious, and they gritted their teeth in anger.



Lin Wenjing thought for a while. He had nowhere to go anyway. It was better to stay and eat with young people like Ouyang Yanran while waiting for Gu Hanxing and Wu Meizi to appear.

So, he said, "Okay, I'll stay to talk to you then."

When Ouyang Yanran heard Lin Wenjing agreeing to stay, she felt so happy that a bright smile formed on her face.

After sitting down, Luo Zifeng said eagerly, "Yanran, you haven't told us what Lin Wenjing does or what university he graduated from."

When Ouyang Yanran was about to speak, Lin Wenjing said, "I am unemployed, and I can't compare with rich kids like you."

Lin Wenjing was right about this. He had already handed over the management rights of the three companies. Now, he was only responsible for dividends, so it was appropriate to say that he was unemployed.

As expected, when they heard Lin Wenjing was unemployed, they all showed an expression of contempt and disdain.

Ouyang Yanran was taken aback. She didn't expect Lin Wenjing to answer this way, but she didn't expose him. Instead, the contempt shown by Luo Zifeng and others made her particularly uncomfortable.

Another man said, "By the way, I think you are not

young anymore. May I know which prestigious university you graduated from?"

They were all top students of the University of Finance and had a natural sense of superiority due to their academic background.

Lin Wenjing smiled again and said, "I haven't been to university."

"*Haha!* Seriously? In today's society, is there anyone who hasn't been to university?"

"Why? Is it shameful not to go to university?" Lin Wenjing asked, squinting.

The man waved his hand and said, "It's shameful for us, but it should be normal for you. After all, you are not young and unemployed. Going to university would be impossible for you."

Several other men also laughed with a particularly playful expression on their faces.

Ouyang Yanran's face became colder. She especially disliked these people who laughed at Lin Wenjing. They were obviously just a group of spoiled rich kids who only did well by relying on their families, and they were no match for Lin Wenjing.

"Guys, enough!" Ouyang Yanran couldn't help but stare at them in anger. "Lin Wenjing is not unemployed. He is just teasing you. He is the chairman of Purple Jade Studios. Besides, he still owns two big companies called Leap Advertising

and Shield Service Group, so he's far better than your elders. How dare little brats like you mock him? Where did you get that courage from?"

It was rare to see Ouyang Yanran get so angry. She couldn't stand the behavior of these people.

They were stunned for a while before Luo Zifeng chuckled. "Hey, Yanran. Don't you think your joke is too outrageous? How can people like him be the chairman of Purple Jade Studios? Do you think we're so stupid or what?"

"That's right. Based on his low-end clothes, I think he's just a delivery guy.*Haha!*"

"Needless to say, Ouyang Yanran must have been fooled by this guy."

They didn't believe her and began to mock him.

Even those female classmates now agreed that Ouyang Yanran was fooled by Lin Wenjing. Any normal person would not even believe that Lin Wenjing was a big boss. What a joke.

A female classmate pulled Ouyang Yanran aside and said worriedly, "Yanran, what's the matter? You're being fooled by this guy."

"Yeah, Yanran. I think you better be careful. There are now many love swindlers who target beautiful women like you for money and sex."

"It seems that Lai Binbai's betrayal has affected you so much that you've been deceived by

others.

Ouyang Yanran said, "What nonsense are you talking about? What I said just now is true. Lin Wenjing is really the chairman of Purple Jade Studios, and he is very rich."

Seeing that Ouyang Yanran was so convinced about his identity, the girls became even more worried and thought she had been brainwashed.

Ouyang Yanran wanted to explain further, but when she saw Lin Wenjing's indifferent expression as if he didn't care about being mocked, she was discouraged at once and didn't want to explain anymore.

Suddenly, they started talking about Gu Hanxing, the man of the hour tonight. A man asked Luo Zifeng, "Young Master Luo, I heard that you have a very good relationship with Young Master Gu. Can you introduce him to us?"

When the girls heard this, they turned their attention to them and stopped talking about Lin Wenjing, the small potato.

Luo Zifeng said proudly, "Then, you have really asked the right person. Young Master Gu and I have been good friends for many years. As long as I talk to him, it won't be a problem for you to become acquainted with him. But if you want to become close with him, it depends on your ability."

After listening to his words, they were all fascinated.

## Chapter 397 Fooled

Lin Wenjing showed a weird expression on his face upon hearing his words. Then, he smiled at Luo Zifeng and said, "Young Master Luo, since you are so close with Gu Hanxing, I wonder if you can also introduce me to him too."



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Before Luo Zifeng had the chance to speak, a man next to him immediately yelled, "How dare you take the liberty to address Young Master Gu by his name?"

Luo Zifeng waved his hand, leaned back in his chair comfortably, and looked at Lin Wenjing with a faint smile. "Why? Do you wish to know Young Master Gu too?"

He looked particularly arrogant now as if knowing Gu Hanxing was something to brag about.

Lin Wenjun replied with a smile, "Yes. Is there a problem?"

Luo Zifeng suddenly laughed and said, "Of course there is a problem, and it's a big one too. Just look at yourself in the mirror. Do you think someone like you has the right to know Young Master Gu? *Haha!*"

When the others heard Luo Zifeng's words, they also laughed presumptuously. In their eyes, Lin Wenjing was an embarrassing clown.

Ouyang Yanran couldn't stand it anymore. Lin Wenjing was a big shot. Why should he be mocked by these spoiled rich kids? Was he out of his mind?

Then, Luo Zifeng began to brag about how close his relationship with Gu Hanxing was. He also bragged about how awesome Gu Hanxing was and how hard it was to know him, making other people admired him even more.



Lin Wenjing got a rough idea. Gu Hanxing was now very influential, and his fame was even greater than before. These were all brought to him by Wu Meizi, and it showed how powerful she was.

Seeing Lin Wenjing being so indifferent to the mockery, Ouyang Yanran regretted coming up to him as she had also lost face because of him. Imperceptibly, she kept her distance from him too.

At that moment, a few people walked over from the other side and showed a surprised look after seeing Ouyang Yanran.

"Yanran, shouldn't you be in university? Why are you here?"

"Dad? Mom?"

The people who walked over were Ouyang Xuehai and Zhang Guilan.

Ouyang Yanran stood up, greeted them, and said, "I'm here with my classmates. Why are you here?"

Ouyang Xuehai replied, "I was invited by Young Master Gu. In fact, your grandfather is here too."

Hearing that Ouyang Feng was also here, Ouyang Yanran was even more surprised. It seemed that Young Master Gu's background was really not that simple.

"Where is Grandfather? I will come sit with you," Ouyang Yanran said.

Several other people also began to greet Ouyang Xuehai and Zhang Guilan, especially Luo Zifeng who was particularly flattering and enthusiastic. He now recognized Ouyang Xuehai's identity and learned that Ouyang Yanran was actually his daughter, so he became more passionate toward Ouyang Yanran.

He knew the influence of Ouyang family in G Province. If he could woo Ouyang Yanran, he would shoot to prominence very quickly, so there was no reason not to work hard to make himself seen.

At that moment, Ouyang Xuehai noticed Lin Wenjing, frowned slightly, and said to Ouyang Yanran, "Is he your classmate?"

As Lin Wenjing was sitting with his back against Ouyang Xuehai, Ouyang Xuehai did not recognize him.

Ouyang Yanran said, "Dad, he is Lin Wenjing."

"What?" Ouyang Xuehai was taken aback.

When Luo Zifeng saw this scene, he smirked and sneered. Lin Wenjing was really a fool. He didn't even behave appropriately after Ouyang Yanran's parents came over. How could such a trash compete with him?

Lin Wenjing turned around, smiled indifferently at Ouyang Xuehai and Zhang Guilan, and said, "Mr. Ouyang, Ms. Zhang, we meet again."

This time, Lin Wenjing didn't address them as uncle and aunt, and he was obviously estranged from them. Ouyang Xuehai and Zhang Guilan understood what was going on—Lin Wenjing was trying to alienate them on purpose.

Since Wu Meizi had warned them, they had cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing. No matter how thick-skinned they were, they couldn't help but blush and were embarrassed to see him now.

"Oh, it's Chairman Lin. Nice to meet you," Ouyang Xuehai forced a laugh and said. "Then, I won't disturb you anymore, Chairman Lin. Yanran, come with us."

After that, Ouyang Xuehai took Ouyang Yanran away.

Other people were stunned when Ouyang Xuehai called Lin Wenjing 'Chairman Lin.' A question suddenly appeared in their minds: Could it be that Lin Wenjing was really a chairman?

The smile on Lin Wenjing's face remained unchanged. Looking at how Ouyang Xuehai took Ouyang Yanran away in an almost coercive manner to keep his distance from him, he smiled. Then, he sat down and continued to drink and eat as if nothing had happened.

Luo Zifeng frowned and looked at Lin Wenjing a little more viciously. Now that Ouyang Yanran was gone, he no longer had to be hypocritical. He stared at Lin Wenjing sinisterly and said, "Hey, I don't care what your background is. From now

onward, stay away from Ouyang Yanran. Otherwise, I have a hundred ways to make your life in G Province hard."

In line with his words, the men all stared at Lin Wenjing fiercely and menacingly.

The girls also despised Lin Wenjing, thinking that he was just rubbish.

Lin Wenjing continued to drink on his own without paying any attention to him.

This made Luo Zifeng feel very embarrassed, and his face turned even gloomier. Staring at Lin Wenjing, he was ready to teach him a lesson anytime.

"I'm talking to you. Did you hear me?"

Annoyed, Luo Zifeng thumped the table angrily.

His action attracted the attention of the people next to him. Soon, they recognized Lin Wenjing, and the expressions on their faces changed.

"Isn't that Lin Wenjing?"

"Oh my God, am I seeing this correctly? Today is Gu Hanxing's birthday, yet he dares to be here?"

"Oh my, it's really him. By the way, who are these rascals who dare yell at him? Are they asking for trouble?"

"Luo Xiang, isn't that your son? Is he trying to

offend Lin Wenjing?"

The middle-aged man called Luo Xiang looked over, and his face instantly changed. He began to panic and hurried over.

He had seen Lin Wenjing before, and now, Luo Zifeng, this bastard, actually had the nerve to yell at Lin Wenjing and even threaten him. He was seriously asking for it. He was so scared that he ran over without protecting his image.

"Dad, you came in time. This guy here actually dares to snatch my—"

Luo Zifeng was very happy to see Luo Xiang. Now that his father was here, this man was doomed. But before he could finish speaking, his father, Luo Xiang, slapped him hard in the face. "Bastard, how dare you be so rude to Chairman Lin?"

Then, Luo Xiang immediately bowed his head to apologize to Lin Wenjing. "Chairman Lin, please calm down. My son is very ignorant, so that's why he has offended you. Chairman Lin, please have mercy and spare my son's life."

Luo Xiang bent his fat body at ninety degrees, begging Lin Wenjing for mercy, as big drops of sweat flowed down from his forehead in fear.

Luo Zifeng was initially annoyed, but when he saw how humble and scared Luo Xiang was, he was immediately stunned and realized that he had landed himself in hot water.

The other university students were also dumbfounded, and each showed an astonished expression. Since Young Master Luo's father was respectful toward this man, this man must be very influential. Was he really a big shot?

Lin Wenjing did not respond to Luo Xiang's apology, and he continued to drink and eat on his own, which made him seem particularly mysterious and powerful.

A cold sweat broke out on Luo Xiang's forehead, and he quickly kicked Luo Zifeng and hissed, "Luo Zifeng, you bastard! Apologize to Chairman Lin now!"

Even if Lin Wenjing looked like a starving camel now, he was still someone Luo Xiang could not afford to offend as his martial art skills were so outstanding. If they really angered Lin Wenjing, it was possible that they would simply be beaten up and even beaten to death by him.

Afraid of Lin Wenjing, Luo Xiang couldn't be bothered to be proud anymore and apologized quickly.

Luo Zifeng was completely dumbfounded. It would be too shameful and hard for him to survive in this circle in the future if he apologized to Lin Wenjing in front of so many people.

"Dad, you're too senile. Why are you apologizing to him? You are embarrassing me," Luo Zifeng said and straightened his back, dissatisfied.



At that moment, Lin Wenjing finally spoke up. He raised his head, and said to Luo Xiang with a meaningful smile, "Your son has guts, and I appreciate that."

When Luo Xiang heard this, he became even more frightened, especially when he saw Lin Wenjing's faint smile. He was so afraid that he felt like a bucket of ice water had been poured down from his head, making his limbs go cold.

He was trembling, and he couldn't care less about everything right now, so he slapped Luo Zifeng on the back of his head again with all his strength until Luo Zifeng screamed. Then, he kicked his leg, making him fall onto the ground and kneel in front of Lin Wenjing. He scolded, "Kneel down and apologize to Chairman Lin!"

At that moment, Luo Zifeng knew that he was in big trouble. He had never seen Luo Xiang so angry and scared in his life, so he quickly apologized to Lin Wenjing.

Looking at Luo Xiang who was covered in cold sweat, Lin Wenjing did not continue to embarrass him and just waved his hand before he said, "Get lost."

Relieved, Luo Xiang was overjoyed and ran away, dragging Luo Zifeng along.

After the incident, other people didn't dare to sit with Lin Wenjing anymore and left him alone.

Lin Wenjing was happy to be left alone as he

continued to drink and eat defiantly.

"Dad, who is that man just now? Why are you so afraid of him? Our family is also a big family in G Province, yet you made me kneel in front of so many people. Won't our family lose face?" Luo Zifeng said after being pulled away, disgruntled.

Luo Xiang knocked him on the head and scolded, "You shameless bastard. Who told you to offend Lin Wenjing? Do you know who he is? He's the chairman of Purple Jade Studios, Leap Advertising, and Shield Service Group! If it wasn't for me, you would be dead by now!"

Still unconvinced, Luo Zifeng said, "Even if he is the chairman of Purple Jade Studios, you don't have to be so afraid of him. Our family is not to be trifled with either! Dad, I think you have really become senile."

Luo Xiang said, "You don't know a damn thing! Just think about it. If he is just rich, would I be so afraid of him? What's scary about him is that he is a master of the Heavenly Realm! Gu Ze died at his hands some time ago!"

When Luo Zifeng finally heard this, he opened his eyes wide and was extremely horrified. "Are you serious? Isn't Gu Ze the father of Young Master Gu and the vice master of Bei Tian Society? Did he actually die at the hands of this man?"

Luo Xiang said snappily, "Of course! Otherwise, why do you think I would be so afraid of him? If he made a move just now, you would already be

dead."

"I don't think he dares to do so in public." Luo Zifeng lowered his voice as he was finally a little scared now.

With his eyes gleaming with an unusual spark, Luo Xiang sighed and said, "You must have not known about this. A while ago, Gu Ze's Junior Sister, Wu Meizi, personally beat up the family members of Lin Wenjing's wife in a domineering manner. She also mobilized her power to isolate Lin Wenjing and threatened to kill him. It's Gu Hanxing's birthday today, yet Lin Wenjing even dared to attend. He obviously here to fight to the death with Wu Meizi. Hence, do you really think he would dare not to do so? For someone like Lin Wenjing, it is easier to kill you than to trample on an ant!"

Luo Zifeng gasped as he finally knew how powerful Lin Wenjing was. The fact that he had humiliated him like that earlier meant that he had really gone to hell and back.

He couldn't help but look back at Lin Wenjing, feeling afraid.

At the same time, Lin Wenjing's identity was also exposed. Many people discovered him, sparking heated discussions. All of them stayed away and kept their distance from him.

So, there was such a scene where there was no one sitting at the dining tables around Lin Wenjing, and he was the only one sitting there. The whole situation looked very strange.

Lin Wenjing laughed at himself self-depreciatingly. It seemed that he had become like a plague now. A week ago, he was still a big shot whom the dignitaries in the circle wanted to flatter. However, because of Wu Meizi, all of them had begun to alienate and desert him now.

"What? Lin Wenjing is here?"

Old Master Fan was chatting with a few friends when he heard the news from a subordinate, and he was shocked. It was Gu Hanxing's birthday today, and Lin Wenjing actually dared to be hereZ

He instantly figured out Lin Wenjing's purpose—he wanted to fight Wu Meizi to the death.

Others realized this soon. They were shocked, but they felt excited and eager too.

Last time, Lin Wenjing beat Gu Ze to death in the Reaping Tournament. Most people didn't see it, so it was a regret for them.

However, they were not going to miss it now.

They heard that Wu Meizi's martial arts skills were better than Gu Ze's, and the battle with Lin Wenjing would definitely be extremely exciting.

Suddenly, everyone who knew the news began to feel excited.

Old Master Fan sighed and said, "Lin Wenjing is really bold. He still dares to come and fight Wu Meizi to the death at this moment. His courage is

really rare! No wonder he can reach this level at such a young age."

His words were agreed upon by other people. Although they cut off all ties with Lin Wenjing, they still admired him deep down.

"It's true that he's courageous, but the odds are still stacked up against him in this fight with Wu Meizi."

"Yeah, Wu Meizi is too terrifying. It is said that she is at the upper-tier in the Heavenly Realm, whereas Lin Wenjing is at the mid-tier at most, so he is definitely no match for Wu Meizi."

"Anyway, Lin Wenjing is going to die this time. Fortunately, I don't have much interaction with him. Otherwise, I'll be doomed if Wu Meizi holds a grudge against me."

Almost everyone was not optimistic about Lin Wenjing's fate, thinking that he came to die this time.

Suddenly, Old Master Fan thought of something and asked, "Where is Sanniang? Where did she go?"

Someone exclaimed, "Oh no, Sanniang went to find Lin Wenjing!"

"What?!"

Old Master Fan was shocked. He immediately glanced toward Lin Wenjing and saw Tao

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Sanniang sitting next to him.



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"You still dare to come and find me now? Aren't you afraid of offending Wu Meizi?" Lin Wenjing looked at Tao Sanniang and asked curiously.

Tao Sanniang was all dressed up today. She wore a very elegant evening gown and had makeup on her face. Coupled with her beautiful face, hot body, and charming aura, they all portrayed her charm as a woman perfectly.

A woman like her would take center stage no matter where she went.

Ouyang Yanran, who was far away, kept her eyes on Lin Wenjing, and when she saw Tao Sanniang sitting next to him, she somehow felt a little uncomfortable.

She had always had absolute confidence in her appearance. No matter where she went, she was the most attractive girl. However, Tao Sanniang, who appeared next to Lin Wenjing, was actually slightly more beautiful than she was, so she felt unhappy.

The appearance of Tao Sanniang also attracted the attention of many people. Lin Wenjing himself was now the focus of the audience, so whoever appeared next to him would attract great attention too.

"I saw that you were bored here alone, so I've come to keep you company. Am I not allowed to do so?" Tao Sanniang said with a smile.

When she smiled, her smile was radiant and

dazzling, pulling at the heartstrings of many people.

Tao Sanniang's charm was so overwhelming that no man could resist it. Even women were stunned by her.

There was some sadness in the way Tao Sanniang looked at Lin Wenjing as if she had seen his demise.

Lin Wenjing was silent for a while before he said, "You better go. I'm not sure if I can defeat Wu Meizi."

Instead, Tao Sanniang smiled more charmingly. She even held Lin Wenjing's hand that was on the dinner table. "That's why I should stay with you."

As she held his hand, Lin Wenjing could feel Tao Sanniang's determination and sorrow that were tugging at his heartstrings.

For a long time, he thought that Tao Sanniang was a woman of easy virtue and that she faked all the affection toward him. Therefore, he had never been fond of her. He didn't even feel touched when she confessed to him during the midnight sneak attack in the hotel of the Reaping Tournament.

However, even though he was deserted by others, Tao Sanniang still stood by him and accompanied him resolutely. This was no longer a pretense but her innermost desire.

Who on earth could be devoid of feelings and

emotions if they were in this situation?

No matter how hard-hearted he was or how guarded he was, Lin Wenjing was, undoubtedly, moved by Tao Sanniang.

Besides Chu Ling, this was the second woman who was willing to die with him.

So, Lin Wenjing did not push Tao Sanniang's hand away and fell silent for a while before he said meaningfully, "Sanniang, once I am beaten to death by Wu Meizi, you will also be affected. Is it worth it?"

Tao Sanniang smiled and said, "Is there a concept of worth in love?"

Lin Wenjing's body trembled slightly as he really didn't expect Tao Sanniang to be so deeply in love with him.

Old Master Fan and the people of Grand Skylight Pavilion were furious after seeing Tao Sanniang being so close with Lin Wenjing during this critical period. Tao Sanniang was going to get Grand Skylight Pavilion into trouble.

Lin Wenjing glanced indifferently at Old Master Fan and the others and said to Tao Sanniang, "Aren't you afraid of bringing Grand Skylight Pavilion into this mess?"

Tao Sanniang shook her head and said, "I will disassociate myself from Grand Skylight Pavilion so that I won't implicate them in this mess."

Then, she opened her mouth for Lin Wenjing to see, and he immediately saw that there was a white capsule in her mouth, which was poisonous. She would die once she bit it.

Once she died, she would not burden Grand Skylight Pavilion at all.

"There's no need for you to do so!" Lin Wenjing sighed and said helplessly. He had always wanted to get rid of the worldly entanglement, but he didn't expect to get entangled even more.

Tao Sanniang shook her head and said, "You don't have to have any psychological burden. This is my choice. Besides, I also have my purpose. As long as you can defeat Wu Meizi this time, you won't need to reject me anymore. Under your care, my status will change greatly and improve. By then, Grand Skylight Pavilion will have to bow to me, so this is a very good deal."

Lin Wenjing knew that Tao Sanniang said all that because she didn't want him to have any psychological burden. Tao Sanniang was not taking risks at all; instead, she wanted and was ready to die together with him.

Since she had said so, there was no reason for Lin Wenjing to avoid anymore. He held Tao Sanniang's hand and said, "You will have a place in the future after I kill Wu Meizi this time."

Tao Sanniang, who had always been calm, nodded vigorously as her eyes turned red after hearing his words, and said, "Okay, I'll be waiting for you."

The people of Grand Skylight Pavilion were angry after seeing Tao Sanniang and Lin Wenjing interacting so intimately, so they made up their minds to cut off all ties with Tao Sanniang after Lin Wenjing was killed to avoid being dragged into the mess.

At that moment, someone shouted, "Gu Hanxing and Wu Meizi are here!"

Everyone looked away from Lin Wenjing and Tao Sanniang and looked toward the stage. Sure enough, they saw Gu Hanxing who was in a festive suit walking out in the center with Wu Meizi beside him.

At that moment, Gu Hanxing was in high spirits and looked very proud. He had a bright smile on his face, and it looked proud and complacent too.

Seeing thousands of people attending his birthday party, his sense of accomplishment was overwhelming. For thirty-two years of his life, this was the first time he was in his prime.

Lin Wenjing also looked in the direction of the stage, but he wasn't looking at Gu Hanxing at all; instead, he kept his eyes on Wu Meizi. There were thousands of people present, and Wu Meizi was the only one in his eyes.

Wu Meizi felt his gaze and looked at him instantly.

It was as if two invisible sharp gazes were shot across the air before they collided fiercely, creating an explosion.

This was the first time Lin Wenjing had seen Wu Meizi. She was really strong, much stronger than Gu Ze.

This also aroused Lin Wenjing's fighting spirit. The stronger the opponent, the more excited he was.

Suddenly, the audience fell silent. Everyone tacitly stopped talking and shifted their attention to Lin Wenjing and Wu Meizi.

Gu Hanxing was giving a passionate speech, and there was still a bright smile on his face. Suddenly, he noticed something was wrong as no one applauded or cheered for him, making him dissatisfied. *What's wrong with all these insensitive guests?*

But soon, he noticed something was wrong. Looking below the stage and following everyone's gazes, he saw Lin Wenjing, and he couldn't help but shudder.

*Lin Wenjing actually came?!*

Reflexively, he became scared as the fear he had for Lin Wenjing was instinctive.

Wu Meizi snorted fiercely beside him. "What are you so afraid of when I'm here with you? You useless fool!"