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"So you're Mr Chu's youngest aunt. I thought so too. How could Mr Chu have married someone so old considering how formidable he is? He should marry someone stunning," said Xu Si-Hai confidently as he instantly nodded when he heard Ye Xi-Lan's response.

He was somewhat puzzled earlier on. Since Mr Chu was such a big man, how could his wife be so hideous?

It was one thing to be old and another to be ugly.

Of course, this was entirely Xu Si-Hai's personal opinion.

Although Ye Xi-Lan couldn't compare to her Ye Xi-Mei in terms of looks, she wasn't considered hideous and was probably just average.

But since Xu Si-Hai had seen his fair share of beautiful women, Ye Xi-Mei was ugly to him.

Ye Xi-Lan almost exploded in fury when she heard Xu Si-Hai's words.

Fire nearly spewed from her eyes and she



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was dying to burn this asshole to death.

All these years, it was the first time she had heard anyone calling her ugly and old.

It was undoubtedly hurtful for any woman to hear a comment like this.

Naturally, Xu Si-Hai couldn't be bothered with Ye Xi-Lan. Instead, he raised his head and looked around. Then Xu Si-Hai was instantly awestruck by Qiu Mu-Cheng's stunning looks when his eyes landed on her.

Xu Si-Hai stepped forward and said respectfully to Qiu Mu-Cheng, "You must be Mr Chu's wife, right?"

After Qiu Mu-Cheng nodded, he continued, "You certainly are stunning! In the entire Jiangdong, only your beauty is worthy of Mr Chu's unsurpassable power."

Xu Si-Hai stepped forward and paid his respects to Old Master Ye after wishing Qiu Mu-Cheng a happy new year.

"Happy Lunar New Year, Old Master Ye. You have groomed a good grandson. The Ye family is bound to achieve great success



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with Mr Chu around. It will certainly become the number one rich and powerful family in Jingzhou before long. When the time comes, even Master Lei will have to toast you respectfully when he sees you," said Xu Si-Hai as he chuckled.

Although he was flattering Old Master Ye, he spoke the truth!

Considering Ye Fan's status in Jiangdong, even though this was only his mother's side of the family, they could certainly rise to the summit of power in Jingzhou purely because they were related to Ye Fan!

As the saying went, once someone finds the road to success, even his chickens and dogs can become deities.

Although he couldn't turn animals into gods, it was easy as pie for the King of Jiangdong to let his family members lead lavish lives.

After all, if Ye Fan were the King of Jiangdong in ancient times, then the Ye family would be deemed relatives of the royal family.

But Old Master Ye awkwardly smiled when



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he heard Xu Si-Hai's words and didn't know what to say.

All his life, people praised Ye Jian and Ye Yu-Yan, but it was the first time someone commended Ye Fan.

Old Master Ye couldn't tell whether Xu Si-Hai was being serious, so he merely smiled awkwardly.

After he was done wishing Old Master Ye a happy new year, Xu Si-Hai got up to leave.

Old Master Ye tried to keep him for lunch, but Xu Si-Hai rejected his offer.

He knew himself that he was a nobody to Mr Chu. So how could he stay here?

In a moment, all the powerful men from the city will be arriving.

He might be an influential man in Jingzhou, but Xu Si-Hai wasn't considered important in the rest of Jiangdong.

So after Xu Si-Hai toasted Ye Fan, he left quickly.



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Even after Xu Si-Hai had left for some time, the people in the Ye residence remained dumbstruck.

Ye Ya and Ye Tian's families stared inconceivably at what just happened.

The president of Sihai Chamber of Commerce and an important pioneer of Jingzhou's corporate circles had just shockingly come to send Ye Fan his well wishes for the new year.

"He's just an abandoned son and a useless live-in husband. Why would Xu Si-Hai visit him?" said Ye Ya in disbelief.

Ye Ya's wife shook his head too and added, "Exactly, it's impossible. I think Ye Fan and his mother hired him to put on a show. If you don't believe me, then just check the present Mr Xu gave them! The truth will be revealed with one look. Do you dare to show it to us, Xi-Mei? Of course, if you don't want to show it to us out of guilt, there's no way we can stop you either."

Ye Ya's wife sneered coldly, seeming certain that Xu Si-Hai was an actor Ye Fan hired.



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Ye Fan was just a useless live-in husband to them. How could he get a big shot like Xu Si-Hai to visit him?

“Erm...” said Ye Xi-Mei with uncertainty the moment Ye Ya’s wife finished her sentence.

She was worried that the man was her son’s hired help too.

In that case, the gift he just gave her wouldn’t be anything expensive.

If Ye Fan got exposed, they would undoubtedly be even more disgraced.

Ye Xi-Mei glanced at her son hesitantly, hoping that Ye Fan would say something.

But Ye Fan continued to sit quietly in the courtyard drinking tea calmly. He seemed completely unaware of the events transpiring in the living room.

“Why, Xi-Mei? You don’t dare to open it?” asked Ye Ya’s wife as the look of ridicule on her face intensified when she noticed Ye Xi-Mei’s reaction.

“See, Dad! I was right. I just knew your



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grandson, Ye Fan, must have hired that guy earlier as an actor. What Xu Si-Hai? What CEO? They are all lies. Why would a powerful man humble himself and pay respects to a live-in husband? Your grandson hired them to deceive us for the sake of his pathetic pride," said Ye Ya's wife as she laughed smugly.

Ye Xi-Lan chimed in, "Exactly, Dad! He has no accomplishments, but he lied for the sake of his vain glory. Dad, Ye Fan is a disgrace to the Ye family, so we should make him leave quickly, then we won't have to look at this annoying brat anymore."

Ye Xi-Lan scolded Ye Fan furiously and threw her temper on him after Xu Si-Hai infuriated her.

Just as everyone verbally condemned Ye Fan, Qiu Mu-Cheng, who had remained silent all this time, quietly raised her head to look at Ye Xi-Mei and said gently, "Mum, since they want to see the present, then why don't you open it for them?"

"But..." stuttered Ye Xi-Mei worriedly.

Qiu Mu-Cheng encouraged her, "Mum, it's



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okay. Just open it.”

After Ye Xi-Mei heard Qiu Mu-Cheng’s suggestion, she steeled herself.

So be it then.

Ye Xi-Mei mustered her courage before she gritted her teeth and opened the present.

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It was as if Ye Xi-Mei had pulled a precious sword from its sheath when she opened the gift box.

The moment she opened the box, a dazzling glow surged like waves from inside.

In an instant, everyone in the residence trembled in amazement.

A piece of shiny gold silk fabric sat neatly folded in the gift box.

Ye Ya's wife went over to pick up the silk from the box. She opened it in front of everyone without a word with the swish.

A silk embroidery instantly emerged before everyone's eyes.

The exquisite workmanship, lovely and elegant embroidery of peonies left many of their eyes glinting.

"Huh? What on earth is this? It's just a stupid piece of embroidery. I've bought stuff like this before. We have embroidery of a thousand galloping horses back at my place. It is many times bigger than this but cost only \$2,000. I reckon this one is worth



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\$1,000 at best," said Ye Ya's wife as she chuckled the moment she saw it was merely embroidery.

She held the peony embroidery up and sneered contemptuously.

Her words were blatantly filled with ridicule.

"From the looks of it now, he truly was acting, right?"

"Ye Fan is such a vain man."

"How could he pay people money to act as their guests?"

"Vain people like him are destined to spend their lives in failure."

All the guests laughed when they heard what Ye Ya's wife said.

Everyone shook their heads and ridiculed one after another.

Then came a cry of shock ringing from the crowd.

"Is that...Is that gold embroidery?! Oh my



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god! It's gold embroidery and of peonies even. It's a treasure. A true treasure!" said someone suddenly as he came running over to admire the peony embroidery like it was a priceless treasure.

With tears of joy brimming from his eyes.

"Hmm, Zhu?"

"What gold embroidery?"

"Is this a treasure even?"

"You must be confused, right?"

"Didn't Mrs Ye just say this embroidery was just worth \$1,000 at best?"

"How can a \$1,000 embroidery be considered a treasure?" said everyone perplexedly.

"\$1,000?" said the man as he shook his head and sneered rudely. "What would a woman know? \$1,000? Even \$10 million isn't enough to buy this! Do you know what this is? It's gold embroidery! In other words, these gold peonies are embroidered with pure gold thread. Also, I've seen this piece before. Just

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last month at Jingzhou's auction, Xu Si-Hai paid \$28 million for it! One of the top embroiderers in the country spent her life painstakingly embroidering it. From the looks of it now, Xu Si-Hai bought it to give it to her. Just this piece of art alone is probably worth more than half of Yeyang, so of course, it's a rare treasure!" Zhu Gong-Ming spoke excitedly.

Everyone went silent in shock when they heard this.

They were all gasping with astonishment.

"What...what are you saying here? Is this embroidery worth \$28 million? Damn! You must be kidding!" exclaimed Ye Jian as his eyes nearly popped out from their sockets.

Ye Ya's wife shouted with her eyes red, "That's right! How can that be? It's just some dumb embroidery. How can it fetch \$28 million? How could he spend so much on their useless family? It's fake. It must be fake! Mr Zhu, take a close look. This can't be authentic."

Ye Ya's wife's eyes were filled with panic and disbelief.

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"Fake, my ass! I, Zhu Gong-Ming, have spent half my life selling jewelry. Do you have a keener eye than mine? Do you think I can't tell whether this is authentic? Trust me when I say it's worth \$28 million! If you don't believe me, just hold it and see how heavy it is. Would it be this heavy if it weren't embroidered in pure gold?" retorted Zhu Gong-Ming angrily.

He hated it when people questioned his ability.

He used his eyes to eke out a living by appraising art like this. If anyone cast doubts, it was no different from destroying his means of living.

Ye Ya and the others were dumbstruck when they heard how resolute Zhu Gong-Ming was.

They glanced at Ye Fan before looking at the embroidery worth an astronomical sum and felt jealous and hateful.

Even till now, Ye Ya's wife remained in disbelief at the sight before her.

She couldn't help shaking her head and



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stubbornly denying, "Impossible. That's completely impossible! Ye Fan is merely a live-in husband and an abandoned son. How could he deserve a gift like this? This can't be happening!"

But the moment Ye Ya's wife finished shouting, many posh cars came driving over to the Ye residence.

They were all Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi and Cayenne cars.

Almost every car was worth over a million.

They pulled up in unison as though they had agreed to do this beforehand.

They were all dressed smartly in suits and had an extraordinary demeanor.

They gave off a dignified aura as they walked.

With a single look, one could see that they were probably remarkable people.

Sure enough, after they handed their name cards over to the boy receiving them at the door, their names reverberated through the



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Ye residence like thunder.

“Mr Ding Zhi-Dong, CEO of Auspicious Phoenix Holding Company, is here!”

What?

“Ding Zhi-Dong? Is that the multi-billionaire, Ding Zhi-Dong?” said someone in utter shock.

“Mr Xu Jiu-Yang, CEO of Jiuyang Industrial, is here!”

Oh...my...god...

“Is it that Jiuyang Industrial that’s worth hundreds of billions?” someone else gasped.

After the boy finally announced the last guest’s name, everyone went into an uproar!

“The head of Yaohua Group and richest man in Jingzhou, Mr Lin Yao-Hua, is here!”

KABOOM!

It felt as though a raging wind had just gushed by and exploded like a thunderclap.



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Everyone was awestruck.

And their minds went blank.

They stared in a daze as they inhaled cold air deeply.

Waves of shock flooded in their hearts.

“The head of Yaohua Group?”

“The...the richest man in Jingzhou?”

What on earth?!

Many people went insane after hearing Lin Yao-Hua’s arrival.

Their faces twitched wildly as the corners of their eyes quivered.

They never dreamed of seeing the richest man in Jingzhou at the Ye family’s tiny family gathering.

“They are going places.”

“They are really going places now.”

“Even the richest man in Jingzhou is here!”



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“What’s going on with the Ye family this year?”

“They must be climbing up the social ladder, right?”

“Incredible!”

“Simply incredible!”

“From the looks of it, Yeyang will be blessed with a rich and powerful family soon.”

“The Ye family will have great accomplishments!”

The townsfolk standing outside the old Ye residence watching were all startled by the news.

They were thrilled and filled with envy and admiration for the Ye family.

Everyone thought the most powerful guests they would receive were county government officials.

But who would have expected the Ye family to have such remarkable guests this year?



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Even influential people in the business world came from the city to wish them a happy new year.

It was so spectacular that it was undoubtedly unprecedented for the residents of the small town.

Little did they know that this was just a warm-up!

Everyone thought Lin Yao-Hua was the highlight of the day.

They couldn't imagine that things had barely begun.



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