1001 Outbreak of good acting

Gong Xu smiled as he put his hand on Luo Chen's shoulder. "Good brother of mine, when there is good fortune, we must share it together! You don't need to thank me!"

Luo Chen silently swatted a certain someone's hand off. "..."

Ye Wanwan waved her hand with disapproval. "Don't play around anymore. Go get ready - you're both about to film!"

The two went to prepare themselves and Ye Wanwan returned to where Han Xian Yu was sitting, waiting for the filming to begin.

In the film, Gong Xu played the young master Xue Shao Yang, who was from a rich family, while Luo Chen played Shen Yue, a sniper from a special forces unit.

Filming began from when Xue Shao Yang first met Shen Yue's little sister and kept sticking to her like a stalker, causing him to develop a bad relationship with Shen Yue.

After the Xue family noticed how Xue Shao Yang wasn't ever focused on studying and was becoming even more disobedient, they decided to send him to train with the unit with their family's soldiers.

Once he entered the unit, Xue Shao Yang met Shen Yue for the second time.

If this film went the youthful idol route, their box office sales wouldn't be too bad judging by the looks of the cast...

But due to Ye Wanwan's ambitions, her goal went beyond the box office.

In her previous life, Tan Zhen Xin made a lot of severe cuts in the film for the box office, so the remainder of the film that was released only contained some romance between Xue Shao Yang and Shen Yue's little sister. Ye Wanwan took a different route and instead, she kept most of the original script where the focus was on the two male leads while the female lead became a supporting character.

The majority of the film focused on the process of Xue Shao Yang entering the unit and becoming an elite soldier from his original rich playboy self...

The scene that was going to be filmed today was when Xue Shao Yang was hanging out with his sleazy friends and harrassing a first-year female student. Coincidentally, this female student was the little sister of Luo Chen's character, Shen Yue.

Shen Yue had just returned home to visit that day and went to the school to see his sister. He then encountered Xue Shao Yang and his friends harassing his sister and the two parties fought.

Shen Yue protectively placed his sister behind him and angrily rushed forward to beat up the others.

Xue Shao Yang had a vain and frivolous expression as he sneered at Shen Yue. "Hey, even if you're Shen Ying's older brother, you can't interfere with her feelings! What if she likes me and has feelings for me?! If you hit me, won't she feel hurt?"

Xue Shao Yang was being ridiculous and overbearing, causing the nerves on Shen Yue's face to nearly explode from anger.

At that moment, Xue Shao Yang glanced at Shen Ying and asked with a smirk, "Fellow student, you're sure you... really don't like me?"

A breeze passed by and the youth's light smirk under the cherry blossom tree was a truly romantic and dream-like sequence...

What girl could resist such temptation? Shen Ying was no exception.

The young girl was blushing red on both cheeks and she lowered her head as she was pulled away by her older brother.

After walking a short distance, Shen Ying couldn't help turning back for a glance.

In her eyes, it was clear she had left her heart behind...

The playful Xue Shao Yang seemed as though he expected she would look back and he instantly broke out into a smile...

This scene emphasized Xue Shao Yang's personality and the most detestable aspect of it was how Gong Xu was able to fully bring out Xue Shao Yang's arrogant, vain, and overbearing nature.

Clearly, he was in the wrong and made no sense, but he was able to correct the wrong into a right through his words. The line he said to Shen Ying especially made people's hearts flutter.

On camera, the youth was overbearing, but with his fresh outfit, dazzling good looks, and high-spirited attitude, people couldn't look away.

Ye Wanwan was nodding with satisfaction as she observed the scene. She hadn't wasted her efforts on Gong Xu.

1002 He's really a genius

After filming ended, the surrounding fans and students began to excitedly scream non-stop...

"AHHHHH! GONG XU'S SO HANDSOME!"

"I'M ABOUT TO PASS OUT!"

"Who said my Gong Xu can't act? They must be blind, right?"

"I came just for my little angel Xian Yu, but how did I end up falling for Gong Xu?! This can't be right, can't be right! I need to save myself for my little angel Xian Yu! I can't cheat on him like this!"

"Oh! I can't hold back! I'm sorry..."

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"Great! Cut!" the director shouted.

Filming was done in one take.

The director kept giving praise: "Not bad, not bad! The acting was very natural without any flaws, especially for Gong Xu!"

"Ahahahaha... I already said it before! This young master is really a genius! Isn't my work worthy of a Golden Orchid? So easy! Ye-ge, you don't need to worry about my acting anymore!"

After hearing everyone's praise, Gong Xu's smile was so wide that it reached his ears.

Ye Wanwan sighed as she watched from afar.

This guy... really thinks they're praising him...

Earlier on, Ye Wanwan helped him go over the script several times. This scene matched his personality completely, so of course there were no flaws in his acting. Ye Wanwan already predicted that much.

The trickier parts were in the second half...

Han Xian Yu set down the script in his hands and said to Ye Wanwan, "There's a lot of potential in this film and there's even hopes of winning an award. It's not impossible that he wins a Golden Orchid for Best Actor..."

Han Xian Yu said that before helplessly adding another sentence. "Of course, I'm talking about Luo Chen..."

This film had two male leads and Luo Chen wasn't bad as long as Gong Xu didn't drag his hind legs. Looking purely at Luo Chen's acting, he had a shot at the award.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin and suddenly said, "Xian Yu, in the history of the Golden Orchid, has there ever been a precedent of a film winning two awards for Best Actor?"

Han Xian Yu was stunned. "That's... never happened before! Although there's several movies with two male leads making the cut, it's never happened before. Even if there are two male leads in a film, there can only be one. You're not thinking..."

Han Xian Yu never imagined Ye Wanwan actually carried such hopes. Not only did she want the Best Actor award for her film, but she wanted two!

Ye Wanwan smirked. "We'll have to see if Gong Xu is willing to put in the effort... As for Luo Chen, he has about an 80 percent chance..."

Han Xian Yu laughed. "You're that confident about Luo Chen?"

Ye Wanwan appeared smug. "Of course. I groomed him personally!"

Han Xian Yu then asked, "What about me?"

Ye Wanwan sighed. "You received a Golden Orchid when you were eighteen and the film you debuted in was received extremely well. Last year, you were even nominated for a national film. You've already left the rookie group and are considered a veteran with talent. There's nothing more I can do to help you..."

Eh, why do I suddenly understand Si Ye Han's words from earlier?

"The nomination for the film last year was because of you. You were the one who made me decide to choose that film," Han Xian Yu replied.

Aside from that, Ye Bai also gave him other reminders. During those times, he wasn't even her artist. He was only a friend.

She helped him countless times - she just never took it to heart.

After Han Xian Yu finished saying that, he changed the topic back to Gong Xu. "The scene Gong Xu just did was very good, but as for the latter half, I'm afraid..."

Ye Wanwan peered at Gong Xu and smiled. "After the first half of the film is done, I prepared a training camp of hell for Gong Xu..."

1004 Other people's fans

Ye Yiyi concealed the sharp glint in her eyes and blissfully nodded. "Yes!"

She didn't care at all whether the Ye family's family property would end up in the hands of an outsider. After all, being the mistress of the Gu family was much better than being the eldest miss of the Ye family.

As for the senior management and shareholders of the Ye family, they didn't care whether the one in charge of the Ye family was Ye Hong Wei's grandson or his grandson-in-law. They only cared whether he would help them earn more money and obtain more profits.

Hence, she had to team up with Gu Yue Ze and try to take control of the Ye family as soon as possible...

Otherwise, once her true background was exposed, she would lose everything...

Her plan was smooth sailing at first, but then Ye Mufan unexpectedly changed and became smarter.

However, that was fine. It might be hard to conspire against Ye Mufan, but it was too easy to trick that idiot, Ye Wanwan. It was impossible for Ye Mufan to watch over her 24/7.

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The following few scenes were shot very successfully.

Ye Wanwan naturally didn't forget to get something for a certain fan. After obtaining permission from Han Xianyu, she dug out her Polaroid and found a perfect angle before snapping a photo of him in his professor clothes. Then, she had Han Xianyu sign the photo for her.

On the side, jealousy bubbled in Gong Xu, and he sneakily slid over. "Brother Ye, why don't you want my signed photo?! Could it be that you don't have any friends who are fans of me? That's illogical!"

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "Your fan?"

"That's right! Thank carefully—you must have some!" Gong Xu was completely serious.

Ye Wanwan pondered over it carefully before saying, "Hm, I think there really is one..."

Gong Xu was instantly satisfied. "Ahaha, I knew it! Come come come, take a photo of me! I'll give you a fancy autograph!"

Ye Wanwan had no choice but to take a few photos of Gong Xu as well.

Gong Xu happily signed his name with a flourish. "Brother Ye, which friend of yours has such excellent taste?"

Ye Wanwan replied, "Oh, you've met her. She came to the shoot to stand guard last time—Jiaojiao..."

"..." Gong Xu's hand trembled, and the pen he was holding fell to the ground with a clang.

His face turned ashen. He swallowed and said, "Brother Ye, I suddenly realized my acting skills are too awful and don't deserve to be liked by fans at all. I'm going to read the script..."

After saying that, he snatched all his signed photos back and crushed them into a ball. Then, he shot to a chair some distance away like a bolt of lightning and read his script studiously.

Are you for real?! Wahhh!

Why's Brother Xianyu's fan a cute girl while my fan is so scary?!

Thankfully, he escaped fast enough.

Ye Wanwan's lips twitched slightly as she watched Gong Xu fleeing. It was a rarity that there was a girl he didn't dare to flirt with.

The remaining scenes today merely needed Gong Xu to be himself, so there shouldn't be any more problems.

Hence, Ye Wanwan glanced at the time on her phone and said, "I have plans later, so I'll be leaving now!"

Han Xianyu nodded. "Alright, go on."

The ears of Gong Xu, who was pretending to be studious, twitched, and he instantly rolled back over there when he heard that. "Huh? Brother Ye, you won't keep watching? I still have scenes in the afternoon! If you leave, you'll affect my passion for acting!"

Ye Wanwan grinned. "You're so awesome, so I'm not worried, and I don't need to keep watch!"

"Hahaha, Brother Ye, you're right. Don't worry about me then! I'll definitely be fine!"

"Do your best then!"

1006 Being mentioned by name

Upon hearing this, Ye Wanwan looked up from her notebook at once.

Hm, I never imagined that my actions would one day appear in Professor Li's lessons...

It felt quite magical.

"Of course I know! That scandal was such a large commotion back then! I bet there's no one here who doesn't know, right?"

"Han Xianyu was truly wronged! Thank goodness the whole truth was revealed in the end!"

The students beneath the stage all started to talk.

Professor Li nodded. "Who will analyze this case?"

The girl named Yu Ya appeared to want to raise her hand, eager to give it a try.

However, Professor Li paused on the stage, and his gaze shot straight toward Ye Wanwan's direction, evidently noticing her.

When the birthday banquet was held, Li Yue lavished her with praise and nearly started a brawl with Zhou Qinggang, the board member of Imperial City University, while fighting over her.

Upon seeing that Ye Wanwan was attending his seminar, Li Yue was naturally very pleased. Hence, he said with a slight smile, "Oh, I seemed to have spotted Imperial Media's top entering student this year, Student Ye Wanwan!"

What? Ye Wanwan!

Upon hearing this name, every student present revealed an excited and astonished expression.

Ye Wanwan was the top scorer on the university entrance examination for liberal arts of her year in Imperial City.

Imperial Media University and Imperial City University both fought over her violently, but Ye Wanwan chose Imperial Media in the end. All of Imperial Media University knew about this.

Unfortunately, after Ye Wanwan entered the university, neither head nor tail of her could be seen. Aside from appearing for every exam and some key subjects, she was rarely seen.

All everyone knew was that after entering the university, she continued receiving scholarships for being number one in her grade and she even applied for early graduation.

"Damn, that legendary female top student also came today?" The guy who flirted with Ye Wanwan earlier also became a bit excited, but he didn't dare to be too obvious with his girlfriend by his side.

"I heard she's super impressive! She doesn't come to class but still gets number one in every subject!"

"Just who is it?"

Everyone in the hall instantly followed Li Yue's line of sight.

Hearing herself being mentioned by name by Professor Li, Ye Wanwan hurriedly stood up from her seat.

Ay, I thought I would be called upon by Professor Li today. Good thing I came.

The guy noticed someone suddenly standing up next to him. It was the beautiful woman he suggestively hit on earlier! His face immediately froze.

She... She is...

Next to him, his girlfriend, who had been clinging onto his arm saccharinely, was also startled.

Why did this girl stand up?

"Professor Li!" Ye Wanwan greeted him after standing up.

Professor Li nodded a few times in succession. "Quite good, quite good. Well then, Student Ye Wanwan, how about you analyze it for us!"

Upon hearing Professor Li's suggestion, the girlfriend's face instantly turned ashen and filled with astonishment.

This... this girl is actually Ye Wanwan!

The multimedia hall erupted with discussion.

"Sh*t! That beauty who entered earlier is actually the legendary top student at our school, Ye Wanwan!"

"Ye Wanwan is actually this good-looking? This is simply illogical..."

This case was created by Ye Wanwan herself, so there was probably no one who understood it better than herself.

After Ye Wanwan stood up, she fluently analyzed the case study from start to end.

Everyone was originally suspicious that something was amiss, but after hearing her textbook answer, all doubts evaporated...

1007 Give us some room for survival

After Ye Wanwan sat back down, the guy next to her felt like he was sitting on needles while the girl also didn't look too good.

She actually called Ye Wanwan a barbie earlier and even said she was one of those girls who didn't ever attend class and relied on their beauty to live off rich men...

What actually happened was that she was the top student two well-known universities violently fought over and she applied for early graduation...

The students near them all witnessed her jealously fighting over her boyfriend earlier, so they were all currently pointing at her and laughing.

The girl couldn't sit any longer. She stood up with her books with a dreadful expression and tugged on her boyfriend. "Let's go! Why are you still foolishly sitting here?!"

"Oh..." The man also stood up while awkwardly scratching his head.

"Um, Classmate Ye, s-sorry..." the guy hastily said this and chased after his girlfriend.

The other students in the hall were all sighing.

"Even the attractiveness of a bookworm is so off the charts these days? How should us normal people get by?!"

"Give us some room for survival!"

"I originally thought she was someone from the nearby Imperial Films coming to freeload on the seminar!"

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After the seminar ended, Li Yue pulled Ye Wanwan to the side and started chatting with her fervently.

"Wanwan, how have you been lately? I heard you don't come to school often. What are you busy with?" Li Yue asked with concern.

"Professor Li..."

"Ay, calling me Grandpa will do! No need to be so unfamiliar!" Li Yue said with feigned anger.

Ye Wanwan coughed lightly and helplessly corrected herself. "Grandpa Li, I've been interning at my brother's place lately."

Li Yue nodded while chuckling. "Pretty good, pretty good! No matter how much you learn, it won't compare to practical application! If that punk of mine was half as hard-working and responsible as you, I wouldn't be so worried!"

Upon hearing Professor Li's thread of conversation, Ye Wanwan suddenly discovered with alarm that something wasn't quite right...

As expected, she promptly heard Li Yue saying: "Wanwan, ah, when are you free to come to Grandpa Li's place for a meal? That punk of mine just happens to be coming home next month. I can have him take good care of you..."

Ye Wanwan was rendered speechless. "..."

While Professor Li was flawless at teaching, he was obviously not so adept at matchmaking! This is too stiff, isn't it...

Ye Wanwan replied. "*Cough* Um, I'm not too sure, I've been quite busy at the company lately..."

"Not a problem, not a problem. Your work and academics are more important; we can talk about it when you have time. That punk of mine just graduated, so he's free any time!"

Ye Wanwan found it hard to continue the conversation, so she randomly made up some excuse and hastily retreated.

How sinful...

She merely made a trip to the school, but she was hit on one moment and matchmade the next moment...

There were simply landmines everywhere!

After finally throwing Li Yue off her tail with great difficulty and running out of the multimedia hall, Ye Wanwan's phone started ringing.

The caller was Si Yehan.

"Hey..." Ye Wanwan's voice sounded guilty for no reason.

It had only been a short period of time, but how many times had she broken the rules and "provoked" the opposite sex?

"It's finished?" His deep voice came through the phone.

"Yes, just finished. Coming to your place now!"

"I'm at the entrance of your school. I'll take you to get styled," Si Yehan said.

"Oh, alright. I'll head over now!" Ye Wanwan hung up the phone and sprinted toward the entrance to the school.

When Ye Wanwan approached the entrance, she could see a black car whose brand she couldn't discern. It was parked there, low-profile. Si Yehan was waiting for her while leaning against the car door.

What was unfortunate was that as Ye Wanwan walked toward Si Yehan, several guys started hitting on her.

1009 Very willing to fulfill

Ye Wanwan had zero problems with calling herself Si Yehan's little darling. She boldly and confidently urged him, "Hurry, hurry..."

Seeing her animated face, a fire flared up from the bottom of Si Yehan's glacial eyes. His gaze lingered on her fair and graceful neck. Then his fingers gently caressed the side of her face and he slowly got closer with downcast eyes. "That's unnecessary... but..."

As he said that, he gently ran his lips over the side of her neck. His warm lips sucked her exquisite skin...

But he was very willing to fulfill this request...

Look away from indecency!

In the front, Xu Yi quickly raised the divider in the middle to avoid overeating...

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The black car slowly drove away from the school.

The current Ye Wanwan had no idea Han Xianyu was stopped on the street across from Imperial Media University since who knew when and was intently watching the direction they left in. His face was exceptionally foul-looking.

"Xianyu, what is it?" Fei Yang, Han Xianyu's manager, asked suspiciously.

Just now, Han Xianyu was about to leave after finishing the shooting, but he suddenly stopped when the car drove away from the school.

Currently, Han Xianyu's expression was shifting unpredictably.

He just saw Ye Bai's boyfriend at the entrance of the school picking up a female student and getting into the car with her...

The two of them hadn't had any indecent interactions, and he only saw the man opening the car door for the girl.

Maybe they were merely friends or relatives...?

Thinking that, Han Xianyu originally planned to leave but he felt uneasy, so he ended up saying, "Brother Yang, please follow that black car up ahead."

"Huh? Follow that car for what?" Fei Yang didn't understand.

"Don't ask, just do it quickly!"

"Oh, alright then..."

Fei Yang understood Han Xianyu well and knew he wasn't the type of person to act recklessly, so he must've said that for a reason. Hence, he hurriedly did as he was told and started the engine to follow the car.

At the largest luxury goods shopping center in Imperial City.

Han Xianyu followed them until they reached the underground parking lot of Parkson Plaza. There were a lot of cars, so his tailing didn't elicit the other party's attention.

"Hey, Xianyu, just who's inside that car ahead? Why are we following them?" Fei Yang was completely baffled and didn't understand why Han Xianyu started acting like paparazzi.

Han Xianyu didn't respond. He was intently focused on the car ahead of them.

He saw the two people inside the car getting out together. This time, the girl was hugging the man's arm, and their unusual relationship became apparent.

Quickly, the man and girl walked toward the elevator and rode the elevator to the shopping center.

When Han Xianyu saw that man with another woman at the theater last time, he already felt something was amiss. However, Ye Bai explained she was a woman he knew before they were in a relationship, so he didn't say anything more.

However, what was going on this time?

Could that man be deceiving Ye Bai and secretly maintaining contact with that woman?

Ye Bai liked him so much and was even willing to ignore the pressure of societal norms...

The more Han Xianyu thought about it, the angrier he got. Without any further thoughts, he picked up the mask and sunglasses next to him and swiftly opened the door, following them.

He had to confirm this. It'd be best if it was a misunderstanding, but if it wasn't...

Fei Yang was terrified when he saw his actions. "Hey, Xianyu! What are you doing?! Are you crazy?"

Han Xianyu was a public figure. If he appeared in such a public place and was recognized, it would certainly cause chaos...

"Brother Yang, I'll be fine!" The typically rational Han Xianyu didn't pay attention to Fei Yang's advice this time.

1011 Spoiled beyond belief

"En." Si Yehan nodded before taking the ice cream and milk tea Ye Wanwan was absorbed in and said, "Go try on the clothes."

"One more bite! There's still one last bite!" Ye Wanwan wasn't satisfied until she ate the last bite of ice cream from Si Yehan's hand.

"Chairman Si!"

"Good afternoon, Chairman Si!"

Guan Xiaohe and the other people were stunned for a few seconds before they all hurriedly greeted him at once.

"May I ask... how should I address you, Miss?" Guan Xiaohe asked carefully.

"Hello, my surname is Ye!" Ye Wanwan replied.

Guan Xiaohe: "Greetings, Miss Ye!"

Ye Wanwan evaluated the stylist in front of her. "You are... Guan Xiaohe, Teacher Guan?"

Guan Xiaohe quickly responded, "Yes, I'm your stylist today, Guan Xiaohe. Do you know me, Miss Ye?"

Ye Wanwan said, "Of course I do. You and Mr. Zuo are very famous in the industry."

Although Guan Xiaohe was barely over 30, she had done make-up and styling for many famous A-listers and was well-experienced. Furthermore, the store manager of this shop, Zuo Shangjing, was internationally renowned, and even Ye Mufan revered him a lot.

Zuo Shangjing was currently Xie Zhezhi's appointed personal stylist.

Ye Wanwan didn't expect that a few casual mentions of SPE Styling Club in front of Si Yehan would make him help her book an appointment with a stylist here.

Only... *sigh*... he didn't help her reserve Zuo Shangjing as expected...

When Guan Xiaohe and Zuo Shangjing saw Ye Wanwan's polite and humble demeanor, they gained a favorable impression of her.

After chatting with Guan Xiaohe and Zuo Shangjing briefly, Ye Wanwan went to the fitting room to change into her gown.

The gown was entirely prepared by Si Yehan, and she didn't even have measurements done.

She was originally worried it wouldn't fit, but after trying it on, she realized it fit quite well.

Si Yehan's selection had zero room for criticism.

However, the style of this gown was a bit surprising for her. Although the design was a bit reserved, it didn't affect its beauty at all. Sparkling beads were inlaid, giving it a dreamlike but also elegant quality under the lights. Meanwhile, the small details on it, like the rose embroidered onto the neckline, preserved the charming and adorable characteristics of her age.

Outside the fitting room, Guan Xiaohe suddenly remembered something and said, "Um, the zipper on Miss Ye's gown might require assistance..."

Just as she said that, Ye Wanwan's voice was heard from the room. "Ah-Jiu, help me with my zipper..."

Si Yehan naturally stood up from the sofa and walked over to help his girlfriend with her zipper.

Outside the door, Guan Xiaohe's face was filled with admiration as she looked at the man who was imposing but also handsome like a god.

Although Si Yehan wasn't someone they could interact with at their level, there was an overabundance of rumors about him in Imperial City.

The most common type of rumor was that he didn't go near women and was bloodthirsty and cruel. Some people also said he didn't make public appearances because he was too ugly.

Guan Xiaohe never would've imagined he looked like this in reality...

He might appear cold and indifferent, but he clearly spoiled his girlfriend beyond belief! Also, he was so handsome!!!

A moment later, Ye Wanwan finally finished changing and sat down in front of the dressing table to have her make-up and hair done.

For the most part, Guan Xiaohe did the hands-on work while Zuo Shangjing stood on the side to watch over them and make suggestions.

"Miss Ye, your skin is too good! I barely have to do anything. I just put on some foundation for you and gave you some warm-toned make-up to match your gown... See if you like it!"

1013 Risk of Exposure!!!

"Isn't this girl too pretty..."

Even Fei Yang, who had spent many years in the entertainment industry and seen all manner of beauties, was shocked by this girl's looks.

When Han Xianyu saw the girl, he was also briefly dazzled by the girl's eye-catching looks. Moreover, the girl's features looked somewhat familiar...

However, Han Xianyu was currently enraged by Si Yehan cheating, so he didn't pay attention to this insignificant detail. His face quickly darkened due to their intimate behavior.

He couldn't lie to himself any longer. These two people were obviously an intimate couple...

"Xianyu, you must stay calm! You can't act recklessly here! Remember Ye Bai! If you cause any trouble, won't he have to end up cleaning up after you..." As Fei Yang watched Han Xianyu's expression turning worser and worser, his heart trembled in fear, and he had no choice but to mention Ye Bai too.

He wasn't overthinking! Han Xianyu's behavior simply looked too much like he was catching a cheating partner!

However, at the mention of Ye Bai, Han Xianyu's expression became even worser for some reason...

While Fei Yang was embroiled in all sorts of worries and possible mishaps, the girl reached them.

As the girl approached, Fei Yang was dumbstruck by her stunning looks.

Ye Wanwan was entirely focused on the food, so she naturally didn't notice the normal table of customers on the side and headed straight for the counter.

"I want strawberry mousse, a macaron, daifuku, and an almond cake!" Ye Wanwan jubilantly ordered the items she

wanted.

Because Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan were heading for a banquet, they were lavishly dressed. Hence, the store clerk took a while before she could regain her wits and look away from the handsome and beautiful couple. She hastily said, "Ye-yes! Please wait a moment, I'll pack it up for you now!"

"Alright!" Ye Wanwan nodded and held her breath in anticipation. Then, as though it wasn't her who wanted to eat it, she said to Si Yehan, "Ah-Jiu, think about how sad it is for Tangtang to be home by himself. We have to buy more delicious food for him!"

Mmhm, Tangtang definitely can't eat this much. That just means I can help out later!

Si Yehan merely raised his brows but didn't expose her. Then he told the store clerk, "We'll have two servings of what she ordered."

"Oh! I love you the most!" Instantly, Ye Wanwan kissed Si Yehan's face happily.

Currently, Han Xianyu's hands were tightly clenched, and his eyes were brimming with fury behind his sunglasses.

"Xianyu, you can't..." Fei Yang was only able to get half his sentence out before the person in front of him disappeared from his seat.

"Miss, it's all packaged. Here it is." The store clerk handed the packaged desserts to Ye Wanwan.

"Sure, sure! Thanks!"

Ye Wanwan happily took the box and hooked her arm around Si Yehan's arm before walking out of the store.

However, a person suddenly walked in front of them from the side and blocked their path.

The incomer was covered from head to toe. He wore a dark-colored jacket with a mask over his face and sunglasses over his eyes.

Why's this person wrapped up like this in broad daylight?

As Ye Wanwan thought that, the man suddenly said, "Mr. Si." Upon hearing this man's voice, Ye Wanwan's heart skipped a beat.

Sh*t! Why does this person's voice sound so much like...

In the next second, the man slowly took off his mask then his sunglasses, revealing a handsome and familiar face.

1015 Most important person

He naturally couldn't hit a woman, so he furiously looked at Si Yehan. "What kind of man are you to hide behind a woman?"

Han Xianyu possessed a great sense of justice and couldn't permit any wrongdoings. It appeared he wouldn't give up easily today.

Fei Yang helplessly watched as Han Xianyu caused a commotion and hastily ran over. He scrambled to put Han Xianyu's face mask back on and quietly pacified him like he was his ancestor. "D*mn! Xianyu, are you crazy? Quick, put it back on, put it back on! What if you get recognized?!"

Thankfully, the pastry shop wasn't busy right now, so no one noticed the situation there. If this got any worse, news of "Han Xianyu flies into a rage and publicly beats up his lover's paramour" would become tomorrow's headlines...

This commotion had already attracted the attention of the store clerk. If this continued, hell would break loose!

By now, Fei Yang figured out what happened for the most part.

Based on Han Xianyu and that man's conversation earlier, he realized he was mistaken. He thought Han Xianyu liked this girl, but it turned out this man's legitimate girlfriend was Xianyu's friend.

Xianyu was defending the real girlfriend against this transgression...

How complicated indeed!

The paparazzi loved this type of thing the most. It didn't matter whether the real girlfriend was platonic friends with Han Xianyu. After the media spiced things up, they would surely turn it into some love triangle or something!

In truth, even he was suspicious of Han Xianyu...

Han Xianyu had always been very disciplined in his actions, so it was uncharacteristic for him to act so recklessly for a

regular female friend...

"Brother Yang, move over!"

Han Xianyu was truly enraged this time. He was intently staring at Si Yehan as he angrily shouted, "You wretched scum who cheated on his feelings! Didn't you ask what right I had earlier?! Fine, let me tell you! He's my best friend and the most important person in my life! His business is my business! Since I found out about this, I absolutely won't stand by and do nothing!"

Han Xianyu was still cautious about Ye Bai's privacy, so he didn't mention his name at all.

As soon as Han Xianyu finished speaking, Fei Yang was stunned.

Sh*t! Most important person? Xianyu doesn't really have something going on with that legitimate girlfriend, right...

Ye Wanwan had just stopped Han Xianyu and relaxed when she heard Han Xianyu's words. Her first reaction was that she felt moved.

Han Xianyu truly treated her as his best brother and friend, but she had been concealing her identity from him the whole time...

Ye Wanwan's second reaction was... I'm screwed...

As expected, after hearing Han Xianyu's words, Si Yehan's relaxed expression instantly turned icy again, and his voice was rough and dangerous as he said, "Heh, is that so? Most dangerous person... Since when did someone of mine become your most important person?"

Upon hearing that, Han Xianyu's anger reached its peak. "Someone of yours? How do you have the nerve to say that after doing this to him?!"

This man looked decent, but his character was so despicable!

Ye Wanwan nearly went mad as she stood on the side. Ah, these two people were at odds and talking about two entirely different things, but they could still tear into each other?!

Are you for real?!

"B*stard, don't tell me you want to two-time!" Han Xianyu directly challenged Si Yehan in his rage.

Si Yehan dryly glanced at him. "So what if I do?"

"You!!!" Han Xianyu was completely infuriated and swung another punch at him, chaos erupting everywhere again.

"D*mn! You two! Enough!!!" That was the last straw for Ye Wanwan. She blocked Han Xianyu's attack again before intently staring at Han Xianyu. "Freaking Han Xianyu, stop right there! It's me!!!"

1016 I knew you wouldn't bear i

Although Ye Wanwan still used a female voice to say that, her bright eyes and that familiar tone successfully made Han Xianyu stop. He was dumbstruck.

This girl's eyes, and her tone of voice...

Why... Why does she remind me of Ye Bai... But! This is clearly a girl!

I must be crazy! What did that girl mean just now though?

Due to shock, Han Xianyu was frozen, and his mind was a bit muddled.

Ye Wanwan angrily rubbed her temples. Enough already!

Ye Wanwan first looked at Si Yehan. "Ah-Jiu, I need to talk to Han Xianyu... don't give me that look! If we keep going on like this, I'll be tortured to death! Don't tell me you can bear seeing your little darling having a mental breakdown! Think about who I'm doing this for! Moreover, it was because of your extreme lack of cooperation that I got exposed!"

Si Yehan still looked displeased.

Meanwhile, Han Xianyu and Fei Yang didn't understand her at all.

"Ah, fine, fine. Be good. Just 10 minutes! I knew you wouldn't bear it..." Ye Wanwan laid a kiss on Si Yehan's cheeks and lavished praise upon him.

Si Yehan swept his eyes over Han Xianyu. A few seconds later, he finally turned to Ye Wanwan. "I'll wait for you in the car."

"Sure, sure!" Ye Wanwan bobbed her head.

Although Han Xianyu didn't understand the situation, he knew the girl must have something important to say to him, so he told Fei Yang, "Brother Yang, go and wait inside the car."

"Huh?" Fei Yang had a dazed expression. How could he allow Han Xianyu to be by himself? He immediately shook his head in disagreement. "No! What would I do if you act recklessly again after I leave!"

Ye Wanwan glanced at Fei Yang. "Don't worry, I'll look after him."

"Oh... well... well, fine then..." Fei Yang met the girl's gaze as he subconsciously replied. He was promptly startled. Weird, why did I inexplicably listen to her?

He felt a mysterious sense of trust when he looked at this girl...

Fei Yang said, "Then I'll go. You must remain calm no matter what happens, alright...?"

Han Xianyu nodded. "Understood."

After Si Yehan and Fei Yang left, only Ye Wanwan and Han Xianyu remained at last.

Ye Wanwan suggested to Han Xianyu, "Let's go and find a place to talk."

Then she headed for the cafe across from them, and Han Xianyu automatically followed.

Ye Wanwan led Han Xianyu into a quiet room.

"Sit," Ye Wanwan said.

Han Xianyu absentmindedly sat down across from her, and his suspicious gaze unwaveringly settled on Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan also sat down. Then she looked up and told Han Xianyu, "Xianyu, it's me. I'm Ye Bai."

Ye Wanwan was using a male voice.

Han Xianyu, who had just sat down, instantly shot up. His face shifted drastically. "You... you..."

I actually heard Ye Bai's voice from a girl?

Although this was understandable from voice actors or people who knew how to voice change, it was still unimaginable for

him.

It was because the girl's tone of voice was extremely similar to Ye Bai's.

As the matter stood, Ye Wanwan had no choice but to tell Han Xianyu the truth.

Ye Wanwan assumed Ye Bai's voice and spoke again. "I'm Ye Bai."

1017 How to prove

When Han Xianyu heard that familiar voice coming out of the girl's mouth again, his mind turned blank.

"What... did you say..."

The girl in front of him was using Ye Bai's voice and claiming... she was Ye Bai?

Ye Wanwan pinched the space between her brows, and she used her female voice to explain: "I'm very sorry, Xianyu. I've been hiding my identity from you all this time, as well as... my sex. I'm not Ye Bai or a man, I'm... a woman..."

Han Xianyu intently stared at the girl across from him. After an infinite amount of time passed, he finally regained his voice. "Miss... what in the world... are you saying?"

Ye Wanwan continued with a serious expression. "I know this is hard to believe, but it's the truth. Ninth Si didn't cheat on me or two-time. The person he likes has been me the whole time."

"I'm Ye Bai. The girl who you saw at the theater last time was also me. That time, he kissed me to cover for me since I was afraid you would recognize me after seeing me..."

"You... are Ye Bai..." Han Xianyu clutched his head, which was in a state of utter chaos. "Impossible... how could this be possible..."

When a person was suddenly told the beautiful girl in front of him was his good brother, he couldn't immediately accept it no matter how strong he was mentally.

Ye Wanwan naturally understood this.

When your brother suddenly turned into a girl, any sane person would be dumbfounded.

Ye Wanwan thought for a moment and took out a picture from her purse.

She pushed the picture toward Han Xianyu. "This is your signed photo. I took it for you just this morning and didn't have a chance to give it to my friend yet. This is your personal signature; you should recognize it."

Han Xianyu took the signed photo. It was indeed the photo Ye Bai took for him that morning...

"On top of this, I can prove to you I'm Ye Bai however you want me to," Ye Wanwan added.

Han Xianyu's mind was a mess. He was unable to think...

How to prove she's Ye Bai?

A moment later, Han Xianyu finally calmed down and looked at the girl across from him. "Alright... then I'll ask you a few questions..."

Ye Wanwan nodded. "Okay."

Han Xianyu pondered over his words before saying, "The first time... the first time we met... Ye Bai intruded on the board member meeting of Worldwide Entertainment without permission... Back then, no one believed me and all the top executives were ready to give me up, but he finally showed up... What did he promise?"

Ye Wanwan's expression didn't change at all. "I promised I would get you justice within seven days."

The moment her words fell, shock flashed in Han Xianyu's eyes.

Even now, only the top executives at Worldwide knew about this matter...

Han Xianyu's expression shifted a few times, and he continued, "After the meeting ended, in the lobby of Worldwide Entertainment, I told you regardless of your objective or reason for helping me, thank you for believing me. What did you say to me..."

Han Xianyu himself didn't realize that he shifted how he addressed this girl from "he" to "you" already.

Ye Wanwan naturally remembered the incident, so she replied, "I said, 'You're welcome. My friend is your fan and really likes you, me as well'."

Han Xianyu distinctly remembered every single word spoken by Ye Bai that day.

And the words spoken by this girl in front of him were identical to the words spoken by Ye Bai that day...

1019 Not that calm

When Han Xianyu heard that, he was even more surprised, "Felix is your real brother? Then, you are..."

Ye Mufan smiled. "Let me reintroduce myself. My surname is Ye, and my full name is Ye Wanwan. I'm Ye Mufan's younger sister."

Han Xianyu was surprised, but this turn of events was also logical.

No wonder Ye Mufan and she started a company together. He didn't expect her to be the Ye family's princess...

The entertainment industry did get whispers of rumors about that daughter of the Ye family. They all reported how she was absurd and troublesome, ignorant and incompetent. Some people also said she was incomparably ugly, and her fiancé couldn't endure it anymore, so he broke off their engagement...

It appeared... rumors really couldn't be trusted...

Ye Wanwan picked up her lemon water and drank it in one gulp to soothe her tumultuous mind. "Sigh. Thank goodness it was you I ran into today. If it was Gong Xu, I would really be dead meat!"

Han Xianyu could sense that Ye Wanwan's words had a hidden meaning and couldn't help asking, "What about Gong Xu?"

Ye Wanwan raised her eyebrows. "Aren't you curious about how I made Gong Xu listen to me back then?"

Han Xianyu answered, "I'm very curious indeed."

However, he would never ask.

Of course, he wasn't the only one in the industry who was curious about this.

Back then, Gong Xu was still an artist under Zhou Wenbin and even suppressed Luo Chen in all manners at Zhou Wenbin's urging, but he suddenly jumped ships and joined Ye Bai...

Ye Wanwan supported her chin and lightly coughed before saying, "Well, in truth, Little Candied Plum, who Gong Xu has been searching for everywhere, is..."

Realization instantly dawned on Han Xianyu, and he asked, "Could she be... you?!"

Ye Wanwan shrugged. "That's right... it's me..."

Han Xianyu: "..."

He was suddenly at a loss for words...

Ye Wanwan said, "Running into Gong Xu was a complete accident. I didn't expect Gong Xu to search for me everywhere either... Back then, I happened to be fighting with Zhou Wenbin, and he couldn't defeat me without tricks, so he used Gong Xu to beat me down and wanted to steal Luo Chen's role. Since Zhou Wenbin decided to be underhanded and that punk, Gong Xu, was also unreasonable and tyrannical, they can't blame me for using unusual strategies, right?"

"So, I decisively went to find Gong Xu with my photo in tow and told him that as long as he was obedient, I would tell him Little Candied Plum's whereabouts..."

"Um..." Han Xianyu didn't know whether to cry or laugh after hearing that. He never expected this to be the truth.

"Later, after I interacted with Gong Xu, I realized his personality wasn't that bad. It was just that he lacked guidance, so he was led astray..." Ye Wanwan continued.

"Then do you plan on continuing to dress as a man?" Han Xianyu asked.

"There's nothing wrong with dressing as a man since it's quite convenient. However, there's still Gong Xu and Luo Chen. We're all so close after all, so it's not good to keep hiding it from them, so I'll find the right opportunity to tell them later. But it's a critical period right now, so I can't distract them for the time being."

She also had to wait until Gong Xu became more mature to avoid her jealous lover drowning Gong Xu in jealousy.

Ye Wanwan still had lingering fears. "Xianyu, I'm glad you're more mature and calmer than those two children, which is why I dared to tell you the truth today. Otherwise, it would really be the end for me!"

When Han Xianyu heard that, he glanced at her bright face and dazzling eyes and revealed a helpless expression. "Actually, I'm really not... as calm as you think..."

Ye Wanwan placed her palms together. "Sorry, sorry for startling you!"

1021 Tricked by the great devil

What Ye Wanwan and Han Xianyu didn't know yet was that they were photographed by fans...

After parting ways, they went back to their respective cars.

As soon as Han Xianyu returned, Fei Yang anxiously asked, "Xianyu, you're back! What did you talk about? Are you alright, are you alright?"

Han Xianyu pinched his brows. "I'm fine."

I'm probably... fine, right...

"Really? Then what's with your expression? You don't look so calm!" Fei Yang carefully observed Han Xianyu's expression.

Han Xianyu looked at Fei Yang and was about to speak but ended up not saying anything.

Part of it was because his emotions were still in turmoil, so he didn't have the energy to explain everything to Fei Yang.

Another part of it was that as soon as he realized he was the first one, as well as the only one, to know about Ye Bai's identity besides Ye Mufan, he didn't want to tell other people for some reason...

Han Xianyu glanced in the direction of Ye Wanwan's car before saying, "I'm fine. Let's go!"

On the other side, Ye Wanwan had returned to her car as well.

Well, she was five minutes late and the temperature inside the car was already nearly frozen at -5°C.

As soon as Xu Yi saw Ye Wanwan, he breathed a sigh of relief. "*Cough*, Miss Wanwan, you're back. Can we leave now?"

When the incident happened earlier, although Xu Yi didn't interfere, he was nearby and saw the whole thing.

In truth, he sympathized with Han Xianyu quite a bit...

He reckoned Han Xianyu was rather shocked...

"Yeah yeah, we can, we can! Let's go!" Ye Wanwan spoke up.

Si Yehan glanced at her. "Finished talking?"

"Finished talking! We finished! I explained everything! There won't be any problems for sure!" Ye Wanwan hurriedly said.

When Si Yehan heard Ye Wanwan's guarantee "There won't be any problems for sure," it didn't look like he believed it at all.

Si Yehan casually asked, "What did you talk about?"

Ye Wanwan: "Uh..."

"What? Is it something you can't tell me?" Si Yehan narrowed his eyes.

Ye Wanwan promptly started coughing. "*Cough cough cough* No, of course I can!"

Her conversations were very open and honorable, alright!

To prove her innocence, Ye Wanwan quickly disclosed the truth. "I merely explained my gender to Han Xianyu! He didn't believe it at first, so he asked me questions, like what I said to him the first time we met..."

Si Yehan propped his head to the side and calmly asked, "Oh, what did you say?"

"You know what happened the day I went. Global held a meeting, so I said I had a way to prove his innocence in seven days and negotiated with the senior management of Global for a while. When I left afterward and was in the lobby, he caught up and asked why I was helping him. I replied that my friend was his fan and really liked him, me..." ... Me as well.

Ye Wanwan suddenly broke off and discovered something amiss...

F*ck...!!!

If I finished my sentence, I would've been screwed! I was actually tricked by the great devil without knowing!

Currently, Si Yehan was still watching her with his dark-asthe-night eyes, silently waiting for her to finish her sentence...

However, how could she say it?!

Her pacifying career appeared to have encountered a great danger...

"I..." Ye Wanwan harshly swallowed before continuing, "I absolutely couldn't stand by and do nothing for the sake of fairness and justice, responsibility and morality..."

Si Yehan: "..."

1022 Need to be more careful

Ye Wanwan's twist of words... was an absolute brush with death!

Thankfully, she managed to bluff her way out, and Si Yehan didn't probe further and accepted her performance...

Truly too perilous!

Although Si Yehan had low EQ, he had high IQ, so she was nearly tricked.

Ye Wanwan secretly reminded herself to be more careful the next time she spoke!

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Imperial City's Sandalwood Hotel.

Sandalwood Hotel was a six-star luxurious hotel which had a vintage Chinese style located in the east end of Parkson Street. It was a commonly frequented location for banquet guests from prestigious and affluent families, as well as higher-up government officials.

In order to hold a welcoming reception for Mu Suifeng, the Si family—as the host—arranged a private, small-scale banquet.

Tonight, Qin Ruoxi was wearing a long, light purple limited edition couture gown from Grace and wore her hair in an updo, looking graceful and elegant. She was currently skillfully and easily conversing with the guests inside the banquet hall.

Feng Qinyu, wearing a little cute and charming lace gown, walked toward Qin Ruoxi and affectionately grabbed Qin Ruoxi's hand. "Sister Ruoxi, you're so pretty tonight!"

Qin Ruoxi smiled faintly. "Didn't you say you weren't coming tonight?"

Feng Qinyu harrumphed. "I originally wasn't going to come since I didn't want to see that vixen's face. How could that

lowly woman attend this banquet with the patriarch instead of you?! Allowing a woman like her to attend with the patriarch and receive Mr. Mu is too rude! I have no idea what the patriarch was thinking!"

"Oh, you..."

"Enough, enough, I know you're going to scold me for speaking out of turn again, but I really can't stand her act! Only someone as mild-tempered as you would be able to tolerate her until now, Sister Ruoxi!"

As Feng Qinyu said that, a commotion was heard from the entrance of the banquet hall as Si Yehan and Ye Wanwan entered.

Ye Wanwan was wearing a gorgeous gown, but her gown didn't detract from her at all and was nothing but a prop.

The moment she entered, it was as though she had stolen all the stars from the sky. Standing next to Si Yehan didn't diminish her brilliance in the slightest.

Ye Wanwan was dressed delicately and beautifully today. Standing next to Si Yehan, she looked cute and helpless. She didn't move a centimeter away from him; she was extremely well-behaved.

Whispers erupted in the banquet hall.

"Oh my god! The patriarch actually showed up with a female companion today!"

"And that female companion isn't Miss Qin... My, it looks like Miss Ye is favored since the patriarch was willing to bring her to attend even these events!"

"It's no wonder, really. That sweet and dainty appearance—no man could withstand it! A little pillow talk and Miss Qin wouldn't compare no matter what she did!"

"It proves that men still prefer more delicate women..."

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A little later, Mu Suifeng arrived.

Si Yehan walked to the entrance to receive him with Ye Wanwan in tow. "Mr. Mu."

Mu Suifeng looked about 40-50 years old. He was wearing a Tang suit and had a scholarly and friendly appearance. "Chairman Si, sorry, sorry, I'm late!"

As Mu Suifeng said that, his gaze landed on the girl next to Si Yehan. "Chairman Si, this is...?"

"My girlfriend, Ye Wanwan," Si Yehan introduced her.

"Hello, Mr. Mu!" Ye Wanwan greeted him as she stood next to Si Yehan docilely.

"Hello, Miss Ye. You two are a handsome couple indeed!" Mu Suifeng teased them. "No wonder Chairman Si was in such a hurry to come back when he was in Country M!"

"Please excuse us for that."

"Haha, for you young people, one day apart seems like three years! I understand, I understand!"

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1024 I heard

After Sun Xuezhen left, Qin Ruoxi walked over to greet Mu Suifeng. "Mr. Mu!"

"Miss Qin, long time no see!" When Mu Qingfeng saw Qin Ruoxi, his attitude was obviously a lot more familiar and different from the impersonal cordiality he used for Ye Wanwan.

"Did you enjoy the tea I brought you last time? I got some more a while ago; let me send you some!"

"Miss Qin, you're too polite! I feel sorry for mooching tea from you all the time!"

"It's nothing. Are there any places you would like to visit this time, Mr. Mu?" Qin Ruoxi inquired.

Mu Suifeng appeared somewhat disinterested as he said, "No need to trouble you. There isn't really any place I'd like to go."

Upon hearing this, Qin Ruoxi suggested, "The national martial-arts friendly competition will be held in Imperial City in a few days. Would Mr. Mu be interested?"

Although Mu Suifeng was a businessman, he didn't like antiques, calligraphy or paintings. However, he was solely interested in martial arts, so in order to adapt to his taste, Qin Ruoxi gave him her prepared excuse.

Mu Suifeng sighed and said. "I originally wanted to go, but this competition gets worse each year. Instead of being called a wrestling match, it should be called a performance match instead, with all its superficial displays! I really don't have any interest in watching it!"

Qin Ruoxi thought about it and expressed her understanding. "A competition at that level wouldn't meet your standards indeed, Mr. Mu."

Thankfully, she had a plan B.

Hence, Qin Ruoxi continued to say, "Since Mr. Mu isn't interested in that kind of performance match, what about a martial arts conference?"

Mu Suifeng probed, "Martial arts conference?"

"That's right. Mr. Mu, do you know Mr. Sun Lizhong?" Qin Ruoxi asked.

Mu Suifeng promptly replied, "The current head of the famous martial-arts patrician family of China, the Sun family? Of course I know him! What, do you know him?"

Qin Ruoxi said, "Uncle Sun is a long time friend of my family, so I know him. Uncle Sun just invited a Muay Thai expert from overseas to stay with our family. Uncle Sun has some plans to hold a martial arts conference and invite some experts from China to compare notes with that Muay Thai expert!"

Upon hearing this, Mu Suifeng's eyes glinted. "Who is this Muay Thai expert you speak of?"

"It's the champion of the last MMA championship, Senny!" Qin Ruoxi answered.

Upon hearing this, even Ye Wanwan raised her brows and she looked at Qin Ruoxi with interest.

"Wolf King Senny?" Ye Wanwan reflexively asked.

Qin Ruoxi nodded and said, "That's right, that's him. You've also heard of him, Miss Ye?"

Ye Wanwan replied, "I watched his matches."

Ever since Ye Wanwan discovered her talents in martial arts, she learned a lot of information related to it and occasionally watched some matches.

MMA stood for mixed martial arts and was a full combat sport with fairly loose rules. A match allowed the fighters to use a large variety of disciplines like boxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai, wrestling, karate, judo, Sanda, Jeet Kune Do, etc. It treated all disciplines equally, and practitioners from different disciplines could fight in the same arena.

To put it simply, a fight wasn't separated by the different styles of fighting. You could use any fighting technique as long as you could defeat your opponent.

In this kind of competition, Muay Thai and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu fighters dominated and won the most matches. In the wrestling world, there was a saying: "One would rather see the King of Yama than the King of Muay Thai."

Senny was a world-famous Muay Thai fighter and obtained the title "Wolf King" due to his ferocious style and vicious techniques.

1026 Great White brand nanny!

Since Ye Wanwan agreed as well, the matter was settled.

"Considering how skilled you are, you wouldn't encounter any problems even if you fought, Miss Ye!" Qin Ruoxi said with a dignified and graceful smile. "Since everyone is fine with it, I will contact Uncle Sun!"

Mu Suifeng answered, "Great! Then I'll wait for your news, Miss Qin!"

After the end of the banquet, on the way home:

Ye Wanwan was afraid of Si Yehan going back on his word, so she solemnly guaranteed, "My dear, the representative is only in charge of leading the team and guiding them and doesn't need to fight! I'm only going to take a look and see the world! I promise!"

Wolf King Senny and the Sun family alone were enough to pique her interest.

She also heard that the daughter of the Sun family, Sun Xuezhen, was also very formidable, so she wanted to meet her too...

Si Yehan glanced at her and resigned himself to fate regarding her vow, treating it like empty words.

"Eleven and Feng Xuanyi are both on missions and are abroad right now. Xu Yi will pick other people out for you," Si Yehan said.

Xu Yi, who was driving in the front, promptly answered, "We recently recruited a new group of people who are quite decent. I'll pick a few people out tomorrow."

Ye Wanwan: "Thanks for the trouble, Steward Xu!"

Si Yehan glanced at her with worry. "I don't care about winning or losing as long as you don't cause trouble."

This martial arts conference was merely being held to allow Ye Wanwan to watch and have fun, as well as to curry Mu Suifeng's favor while they were at it.

Ye Wanwan pouted and grumbled, "I know, I know! Ah-Jiu, I feel like you have a deep misunderstanding about me. That's no good! I'm obviously so obedient, and I'm also very cowardly, alright? I won't recklessly cause trouble..."

Si Yehan: "..."

Xu Yi: "..."

No one has a misunderstanding about you, okay?

Cowardly... You're only cowardly in front of one person, alright...

Little House of Rose:

"Tangtang baby, Mommy's home!"

Ye Wanwan kicked off her high heels and swiftly dashed inside the living room.

As soon as she entered the room, she spotted an enormous furry figure lying on the rug in front of the sofa with a fair and delicate child sleeping soundly, cuddling against him.

Great White's tail flicked every now and then, gently patting the little fella like he was soothing him to sleep...

When Ye Wanwan saw this, she quickly lowered her volume and entered gently. "Great White, thank you for taking care of Tangtang! I love you the most!"

Great White lazily opened his eyes when he heard her footsteps before quickly closing them again.

His light blue eyes clearly revealed a trace of contempt, as though they were saying, "You went out to have fun for so long, only coming back now, making a tiger watch your kid for you! What kind of parent are you?"

When Si Yehan stepped inside and saw the child laying on the giant white tiger, his expression abruptly softened.

Ye Wanwan carefully walked to Tangtang and picked him up, placing a kiss on his little cheeks. "Baby, let's go sleep on the bed!"

The child opened a sliver of his sleepy, misty eyes, which resembled the Milky Way and reflected Ye Wanwan's gentle face.

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"Mommy..."
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"Yes, Mommy's back!" Ye Wanwan lightly said.

The child foggily looked up at her face and mumbled in his sleep, "Mommy... so pretty..."

Ye Wanwan was instantly shot and clutched her chest. "Ah! What should I do! How can my son be so adorable even when he's talking in his sleep!"

Si Yehan watching nearby: "..."

My son...?

She's really saying it with more and more ease...

1027 Truly extraordinary

<p>Early morning, in the forest:</p><p>It was the weekend, so Ye Wanwan went on a morning run and did some stamina training like usual. </p><p>Every since Si Yehan made her start training, she made sure she trained for at least two hours every day. It was difficult in the beginning but it later turned into a habit. She would feel out of sorts any day she didn't exercise.</p><p>As time went on, the sluggish feeling that her body had from prolonged lack of exercise eased quite a bit.</p><p>Some distance away from the little forest, the five-man mercenary group was whispering covertly. </p><p>Heidi had a face of regret. "*Sigh* It's been so long, but Master does nothing but the most basic stamina training every day and hasn't done any martial arts moves at all. I was planning on secretly learning a few moves!"</p><p>Tang Bin's face looked full of worship. "No wonder Master is Master, she's truly as extraordinary as expected!"</p><p>Jiaojiao eagerly asked, "Say, just how strong is Master's martial strength?"</p><p>Song Qiang rubbed his chin. "Hm, that's really hard to say. Either way, she's really amazing!"</p><p>Old Jiang spoke after a moment of thinking. "Master's circumstances are... really strange... For someone who frequently practices martial arts, you can normally easily see it in their behavior and actions since habits are ingrained. However, Master doesn't reveal any traces of her training at all and looks like a perfectly normal person..." </p><p>After Ye Wanwan finished running and saw the five of them huddled together, she suspiciously looked at them. "Why are you guys kneeling

there?"</p><p>"Master!" the five people simultaneously greeted her. </p><p>The fatty rubbed his hands together with a grin. "Master... actually... we wanted to secretly steal some moves from you!" </p><p>"Steal some moves?" Ye Wanwan repeated with raised brows.</p><p>The fatty had

flattery plastered all over his face. "Yes... Master, your martial arts must be really strong, right! If we could learn even a few moves, we would gain a lot!" </p><p>Upon hearing this, Ye Wanwan was stunned and didn't know how to answer.</p><p>The reason she was able to teach Eleven, Feng Xuanyi, and the others was solely due to her proficiency in disassembling other people's moves and seeing through their weaknesses, but she personally didn't know any techniques or moves nor had she learned from any discipline. </p><p>The coaches her father hired taught her Sanda and taekwondo. </p><p>Sanda was the most common wrestling technique in China but there wasn't anything special about it, and taekwondo shouldn't even be mentioned. Taekwondo could intimidate ignorant people, but it was publicly recognized in the martial arts world to feature pretty yet useless moves. </p><p>These two martial arts styles obviously didn't fit Black Widow's mysterious and vicious character... </p><p>What should she do? She didn't know anything else and couldn't make up a discipline or moves out of thin air!</p><p>Ye Wanwan's eyes shifted as she thought hard about it before she lightly coughed and said in a deadpan manner, "What moves? What techniques? They're all too inferior! The most superior martial arts should abandon its sequences and forms that are distinctive in traditional martial arts. After all, anything could happen in a real battle, and mechanical and inflexible sequences can't handle that." </p><p>"There aren't any undefeatable martial arts moves in the world, only undefeatable people. I'm shapeless as my shape, use formless as my form, use methodless as my method, and use limitless as my limit. This! This is my approach!" </p><p>The five people were completely absorbed as they listened to her and nodded in a frenzy. They were amazed.</p><p>"Thank you for your teaching, Master!"</p><p>"Master, what you said was too good!"</p><p>"Listening to a gentleman speak is better than studying for ten years from books!"</p><p>"You're truly worthy of being the master, you're awesome!"</p><p>The corners of Ye Wanwan's lips twitched when she saw their amazed

expressions.</p><p>She realized her duping skills were becoming more and more impressive... </p>

1029 Professional blametaker, Tangtang

Ye Wanwan happily said, "This is a swing—a super duper awesome swing that you can swing until you fly! Come on, let's ride it together and try it out!"

When the little fella heard this, his fair and delicate face instantly brightened. Ye Wanwan dragged him over, and he carefully sat on it.

Ye Wanwan fastened the safety belt and told Heidi and the others, "Okay, okay, you can push now! Push us higher!"

Heidi was currently puking on the side, so Tang Bin and Song Qiang quickly made a compliant sound in response and ran over.

Tang Bin: "Yes, Master!"

Song Qiang: "Okay, Master!"

Master is really... playful...

Ye Wanwan then ordered Jiaojiao, "Jiaojiao, remember to take photos for me!"

"Yes, Master! Jiaojiao is ready!" Jiaojiao hurriedly took out her phone.

Meanwhile, Old Jiang was standing on the side on alert so he could stop the swing in time if the child got scared.

He had never seen someone care for a child like this...

Tang Bin and Song Qiang pulled the swing back together then fiercely released it!

The mother and son on the swing instantly soared into the sky. Trees, birds, and flowers all swooshed past them like the wind.

"Ahhhhh! So happy! Tangtang, are you scared?"

Tangtang hugged his mother and fiercely shook his head. His eyes were wide open as he watched the forest then the lake in the distance when they reached the peak. There was a radiance on his face that had never been seen before.

"Do you like it then?"

"I like it!"

"Haha! As expected, a mother knows her son best! I knew you would like it!"

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Ye Wanwan was currently going wild with her son. When Si Yehan, who was taking care of business inside the study, heard Ye Wanwan's jubilant cries from outside the window, he suspiciously walked over to the window and opened it.

And then... he saw a scene that turned his face dark and rendered him speechless.

Ye Wanwan and Tangtang were sitting on a giant swing and swinging back and forth in the air...

Si Yehan had no idea what expression he should make, and it took him a while before he realized what he was seeing.

Several minutes later...

Ye Wanwan and her son were obediently standing next to each other, their heads lowered and their tails tucked.

Si Yehan sat on the sofa, his face dark like the bottom of a pan. "Explain!"

Ye Wanwan's head remained downcast as her index fingers prodded each other and she quietly mumbled, "Mmm, I saw on TV that tourist spots in tropical rainforests had this kind of swing and felt it would be fun and Tangtang would like it for sure, so I replicated it at home... I tested it first! It's very sturdy; even Heidi didn't break it after riding it, and it has safety belts... I was just afraid that Tangtang would be bored! Tangtang really liked it!"

Si Yehan felt his head aching as he rubbed the spot between his brows. Was it Tangtang who wanted to play with it or was it her who wanted to play with it?

"Tangtang, you liked it, right?" Ye Wanwan asked as she quickly pulled her son into it.

Dear Tangtang cooperatively took the blame for his mom. "Daddy, it's Tangtang who liked it!"

Ye Wanwan hurriedly said, "See? I didn't lie to you!"

Si Yehan looked at how the mother and son were each wearing a pitiful and miserable expression and simply had no idea what to say. "Don't play with that one..."

Ye Wanwan instantly looked dejected like a frosted eggplant while Tangtang resembled a mini frosted eggplant.

Si Yehan: "... Wait until I hire a professional to remake it for you."

The two eggplants' heads shot up and brilliant beams spread across their faces. Their actions and expressions were identical.

Ye Wanwan: "Ah-Jiu, I knew you were the best!"

Tangtang: "Thank you, Daddy!"

Si Yehan, who inexplicably compromised and aided the wrongdoers in their misbehavior: "..."

1031 Little Angel Tangtang

Aside from the photos, there was also a video of Tangtang and her riding the swing together.

Nameless Nie felt overwhelmed by the gift. Not only did she send so many photos at once, but she also included a video!

Nameless Nie happily opened the video.

And then...

He saw an absurdly long swing hanging from the tops of two trees.

On the video, Ye Wanwan led Tangtang onto the enormous swing, and they swung back and forth and back and forth in the air...

[Famous Ye: I didn't lie to you, right? Look at how well I took care of Tangtang!]

Nameless Nie: "..."

Nameless Nie gulped. He had no idea how to respond...

He heard her mentioning that her boyfriend was back and successfully played the role of "Dad."

With Si Yehan's personality, he actually didn't question her upon seeing her acting this wild?

[Nie Hollow Pit: I say... why doesn't your man manage you a bit?]

[Famous Ye: Of course he manages me! He said my swing wasn't any good, so he's going to find someone to make a new one for me!]

[Nie Hollow Pit: ...]

Just act like I didn't ask anything...

Nameless Nie opened the other photos. It featured the family of three and a giant white tiger picking mushrooms in the wild,

climbing trees to pick wild fruit, and treading into the river to catch fish...

His cleanliness-obsessed little devil had his sleeves and pants rolled up and was enthusiastically foraging for food in the back. He was covered in grass and leaves, and his hands were dark from playing.

As for the giant white tiger, there were two baskets on his back filled with mushrooms, wild fruit, and a colorful pheasant.

Tangtang was smiling in every photo...

Nameless Nie had merely left the little devil with Ye Wanwan for a few days, but he was already questioning whether the child was switched. Was this still his family's little devil?

This was an abrupt change in behavior from a little demon to a little angel!

Ye Wanwan thought for a moment before she sent a message.

[Famous Ye: Speaking of which, I'm very curious about what Tangtang typically does at home. Didn't he have a childhood? He doesn't know a lot of things! When I brought him to a theme park, he didn't even know what cotton candy was!]

Upon seeing Ye Wanwan's accusatory message, Nameless Nie quickly replied.

[Nie Hollow Pit: I have to clarify this. It's not that we were abusing Tangtang; it's that his personality is like this! He doesn't like things that other children play with.]

When Ye Wanwan saw his message, she was speechless.

Am I with a fake Tangtang?! Tangtang clearly likes all those things!

Ay, the little fella probably knew he was different from other children and didn't have parents. He probably also thought it was his fault that his parents didn't want him.

That was why he used such a cold shell to protect himself—he merely didn't feel secure.

Based on her interactions with Tangtang lately, Ye Wanwan discovered that Tangtang was very insecure and was very

afraid of being abandoned again.

She hoped Nameless Nie was reliable and could find his biological parents soon...

[Nie Hollow Pit: Oh, right, I'm going to send these photos to my mom. My mom is on my tail about sending photos 24/7. I bet my only worth to her is sending photos of Tangtang...]

The corners of Ye Wanwan's mouth twitched slightly when she sensed Nameless Nie's sadness through his words.

[Famous Ye: Go on then. I'll try to send a few status updates of Tangtang to you every day from now on.]

It was unavoidable for them to worry about a young child following some stranger by himself.

[Nie Hollow Pit: Sister Famous Ye! Thank you so much! I'll send you a red packet even if I have to collect trash to do it!!!]

Ye Wanwan: "..."

No thanks...

1032 Sister-in-law's taste is superb

On the other side of the ocean, inside an old antique house:

A dignified and elegant woman was sitting on a rattan chair in the garden and looking at the photos on her phone, her eyes unusually gentle.

"The punk sent some photos over?" A man slowly walked toward her.

"Yes." The woman nodded and gently sighed. "No matter how much we dote on Tangtang, we can't be substitutes for his parents. Look at how happy Tangtang's smile is! This is how a child should be!"

The man sighed. "Why do you look like this when Tangtang is happy?"

Sorrow flitted through the woman's eyes. "How wonderful would it be if that girl really was our daughter!"

The man hugged his wife and gently comforted her. "Don't be sad. Don't we have news already? We'll find her for sure!"

"I hope we'll really find her this time..."

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Little Rose Garden, in the bedroom:

Si Yehan was holding an adorable onesie with an adorable cow cartoon printed on it. It looked like he had encountered a colossal challenge.

Tangtang sat on the bed in a tank top and underpants and suggested with complete seriousness, "I think it's better if we let Mommy put it on me instead."

Si Yehan glanced at the child. "Let's try again."

The little fella didn't look very willing. "The outcome will be the same regardless."

Si Yehan stared at the pajamas in his hands for a long while before finally snapping a photo of it and posting it in the group chat.

After he left the group last time, Lin Que added him again.

[Si Yehan: How do I put this on.]

Lin Que came online almost immediately. It was plausible he was incredibly bored and was staring at his phone day and night.

[Lin Que: Ninth Brother... is our group... merely customer service... to you?]

Lin Que replied sadly before typing...

[Lin Que: Ninth Brother, what's that in your photo? Are these clothes? Aren't they too weird?! Who bought it?]

[Si Yehan: Wanwan.]

[Lin Que: These clothes are truly too cute! Sister-in-law's taste is superb! Excellent!]

Lin Que tactfully switched his tone.

[Lin Que: Speaking of which, Ninth Brother, Xie Zhezhi and I are both single. Why would we know how to put on children's clothes? Let me help you ask my friends to see if they know!]

[Xie Zhezhi: You have friends who aren't single? Why don't I know this?]

Xie Zhezhi suddenly showed up.

[Lin Que: D*mn! As if you aren't one yourself!]

As Si Yehan watched the conversation in the group, he finally realized he asked his question in the wrong place.

"Baby, are you done showering?"

At that moment, Ye Wanwan's voice came from outside the door

"Mommy!" The little fella immediately looked happy when he heard Ye Wanwan's voice.

"Eh... what is it?" As soon as Ye Wanwan entered, she spotted Si Yehan holding the pajamas in his hands like it was some difficult science problem.

"Daddy doesn't know how to put it on," Tangtang interjected.

"Oh..." Ye Wanwan sweated.

I forgot about this...

"Allow me!"

Ye Wanwan was about to take the pajamas, but Si Yehan didn't move. "Teach me."

How could he allow his wife to dress another man!

Ye Wanwan didn't expect Si Yehan to like Tangtang so much and insist on dressing him personally, but she was naturally happy and replied immediately, "Okay, I'll teach you! First, you reverse it and open the row of hidden buttons inside. Then, you put it on the legs first and the arms after that..."

Si Yehan followed Ye Wanwan's instructions and started dressing Tangtang.

The little fella cooperatively opened his arms, but his eyes were full of resentment...

1034 Humiliating us along with her

"They should probably be arriving soon!" Qin Ruoxi said.

Sun Xuezhen crossed her arms over her chest and muttered, "I wonder who the Si family will send as their representative? The ancestors of your Qin clan are generals, while our Sun family is a martial arts patrician family, but the Si family have been in business for generations, so they naturally don't attach as much importance to martial arts as us. The guards in their clan are all hired externally, so I reckon it won't be easy to find a suitable representative, right?"

Qin Ruoxi's eyes glinted when she heard that and she said, "Ah-Jiu should've made appropriate arrangements."

Sun Xuezhen nodded and said, "Since they're bringing people personally chosen by Ninth Master, it's naturally worth the wait!"

As they conversed, a group of six people walked toward the stage.

The five people in the back had the Si family emblem embroidered on them, but the leader was actually a delicatefigured girl.

When Sun Xuezhen saw the newcomer, she frowned. "Isn't she that Ye woman... Why is it her?"

Ye Wanwan reached Sun Xuezhen and introduced herself, "Miss Sun, hello. I've been looking forward to meeting you. My surname is Ye, and I'm the representative of the Si family for this martial arts conference."

When Sun Xuezhen heard that, her face instantly darkened. "What did you say? You're the representative for the Si family for this martial arts conference?"

Ye Wanwan's expression didn't shift. "That's right."

"This is too preposterous!" Sun Xuezhen flew into a rage in an instant, humiliation covering her face.

"Zhenzhen, what's wrong?" Sun Lizhong walked over and asked when he heard the commotion.

Sun Xuezhen stared at Ye Wanwan with rage all over her face. "Father, the Si family has gone too far. We earnestly and sincerely held this martial arts conference and invited them to participate, but they actually sent people like her to humiliate us!"

Sun Lizhong's eyes swept over Ye Wanwan like sharp blades. "This is..."

Sun Xuezhen sneered and replied, "She's the one I told you about, Si Yehan's lover!"

As soon as Sun Lizhong heard this, his face also changed. "Miss, regardless of how you made your way inside, I'm sorry. This isn't a place you can play around!"

When the nameless experts of the Si family heard Sun Lizhong's harsh words and were faced with the mocking looks from the experts of the other two families, they all looked embarrassed.

"I wanted to say something when Steward Xu introduced us earlier! Why's Ninth Master letting this woman be our captain?"

"That's right! She's humiliating us along with her!"

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In this tense atmosphere, Qin Ruoxi quickly stepped forward and abruptly smoothed things over, "Uncle Sun, Xuezhen, don't be angry. Ah-Jiu absolutely didn't intend that. Miss Ye does have her own distinct understanding of martial arts and is quite skilled too. The Si family didn't intend to look down on this martial arts conference in the slightest!"

Sun Xuezhen looked like she expected better from Qin Ruoxi. "Ruoxi, you're still making excuses for Si Yehan despite how he treated you! I didn't believe the rumors from the Si family

that he was utterly bewitched by this woman; I didn't expect them to be true!"

Just as Sun Xuezhen was about to continue, a disciple arrived while leading Mu Suifeng.

"Master, Mr. Mu is here!"

Sun Lizhong and Sun Xuezhen didn't have time to worry about Ye Wanwan anymore and instantly focused all their attention onto Mu Suifeng. They quickly walked forward to receive him.

Sun Lizhong: "Mr. Mu, pardon me for not going out to meet you. Please, have a seat!"

Mu Suifeng waved his hand. "Mr. Sun, you're too polite. I've long heard of Mr. Sun's famous reputation. It's my honor to meet Mr. Sun today!"

Mu Suifeng had always been extremely polite to masters of martial arts.

Sun Lizhong instantly felt his ego soaring, and the experts of the Sun family next to him all had proud expressions too.

1036 Go up as you please

Qin Ruoxi looked at Ye Wanwan and explained: "The original rules stated that representatives didn't need to go on stage, but it looks like the rules changed last minute. However, we're just comparing notes, so we'll stop before it gets too far. With Miss Ye's strength, it shouldn't be difficult for Miss Ye, so don't worry."

Ye Wanwan's lips turned up when she heard this. She finally figured it out. Ever since the banquet, Qin Ruoxi had been speaking on her behalf and praising her in all sorts of ways.

Qin Ruoxi was... planning to make me fail from excessive praise?

First, she raised her sky-high in front of everyone and would then watch as she plummeted down...

What a brilliant idea!

The stage was cleared and prepared quickly.

The arena was a very professional competition arena and was equipped with even more professional referees to guarantee the fairness of this martial arts conference.

Everyone could see this competition's fairness themselves, so they didn't have any objections.

The referee team composed of the finest professionals was personally picked by the Sun family, highlighting how highly they viewed this martial arts conference.

Soon, a middle-aged referee walked to the spectator area, holding a bamboo tube.

To guarantee fairness and prevent any possibility of cheating, they would draw lots. The surnames of the three great patrician families were thrown into the tube, and the participants of each match were inscribed on the bamboo sticks.

"Miss Qin, if you may." Sun Xuezhen looked at Qin Ruoxi.

Qin Ruoxi didn't try to act modest. She stuck her fingers into the bamboo tube and drew a bamboo stick.

Qin Ruoxi looked at the stick. Second match: Qin family vs Sun family.

After Qin Ruoxi finished, Sun Xuezhen also drew a stick from the tube. First match: Sun family vs Si family.

"There's a total of three families in this conference, so you don't have to draw," Sun Xuezhen told Ye Wanwan after handing the stick to the referee.

Ye Wanwan didn't object. As Sun Xuezhen said, there were only three families in this conference, so there was no point in her drawing another time since Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen each drew a stick already.

In the honored guest seats, Sun Lizhong was conversing with Master Mu and Wolf King Senny when they heard the bronze drum ringing. The martial arts conference jointly held by the three great patrician families had begun.

In the first match, the Si family was going up against the Sun family.

The five members of the Si family were somewhat nervous. The Sun family was a martial arts patrician clan, and normal people couldn't compare to them since experts in their clan were abundant like the clouds. The experts sent by the Sun family for the martial arts conference must be the crème de la crème of experts.

The group sent out by the Sun family was made up of five brothers. They were ranked according to their martial strength, from Eldest Sun to Fifth Sun with Fifth Sun being the weakest and Eldest Sun being the strongest.

"Bing Xin, you first," Sun Xuezhen told Fifth Sun.

When the young man heard this, he nodded at Sun Xuezhen and walked toward the stage with large strides.

Fifth Sun was on the stage a few breaths later.

[&]quot;You..."

Ye Wanwan was currently assessing the five people from the Si family.

As they watched her, they all shook their heads. What could this woman possibly know? Did she actually want to appoint them an order?!

Although Steward Xu told the five of them to listen to Ye Wanwan's directions and commands, this woman was completely clueless about martial arts, so careless commands would only disrupt their rhythm.

Ye Wanwan thought for a long time while staring at them before she finally shook her head. "Go up as you please."

Ye Wanwan was unfamiliar with these five new guards from the Si family and their abilities, so it was better for them to act at will.

However, Ye Wanwan's words sounded ridiculous to others.

She was the representative of the Si family, but she wasn't decisive at all and wanted her teammates to act as they pleased. Utterly absurd!

1037 It's me who should say excuse me

"Ruoxi, could it be that the Si family has some complaints against our Sun family?" Sun Xuezhen asked with annoyance while looking at Qin Ruoxi.

Qin Ruoxi replied, "They don't, Xuezhen. Why do you say that?"

"They don't?" Sun Xuezhen snorted. "Since they don't have any complaints, why are they letting someone like her disgust and humiliate the Sun family?"

"The Si family clearly knows how important this martial arts conference is to the Sun family and it's also hosted by the Sun family. However, this woman is completely clueless about martial arts and isn't decisive in the slightest! If they aren't trying to humiliate our Sun family, then what' the meaning of this?!" Sun Xuezhen was originally going to endure it, but she couldn't repress her anger in the end.

In truth, neither the relationship between Ye Wanwan and Si Yehan nor her status in the Si family mattered to the Sun family at all.

The Sun family had always only respected the strong. If Ye Wanwan really exhibited some martial arts skills and understanding of martial arts, then the Sun family naturally wouldn't say anything and would treat their guest politely.

However, to the Sun family, Ye Wanwan merely relied on her looks to gain favor from men, so how could she know anything about martial arts?

Yet, she showed up at the martial arts competition hosted by the Sun family, so it turned into a form of humiliation for the Sun family in a sense.

Ye Wanwan didn't respond to the Sun family or Sun Xuezhen's attitude at all.

She promised Si Yehan to not cause any trouble. Moreover, she came here today to do nothing but increase her knowledge. She didn't plan on going on stage and comparing notes herself.

On the other hand, Ye Wanwan's decision to allow the five new guards from the Si family to perform as they wished was a blessing from the heavens to them.

After a round of discussion, they decided to allow a young man, who looked around 20 years old, to test the Sun family.

The man sent by the Sun family should be the weakest in the group, so they also dispatched their weakest member in turn.

Soon, the young guard of the Si family walked onto the stage and looked at his opponent from the Sun family. He greeted his opponent: "Guard of the Si family, Liu Cen!"

"Bing Xin," the man stated aloofly, as though he didn't find the Si family guard significant.

"Heh... you're quite arrogant." Liu Cen snorted before cupping his fists. "Excuse me!"

As soon as Liu Cen finished talking, he reached Bing Xin with a single step and started executing his masterful fighting techniques.

However, Bing Xin stayed rooted in place as though he didn't intend on dodging at all.

Is a member of the Sun family really this weak?

Liu Cen couldn't help but feel suspicious when he saw Bing Xin's unmoving figure as he swung his fist.

When Liu Cen's fist was no more than three inches away from Bing Xin, a whoosh of wind was heard.

Before Liu Cen realized what happened, his abdomen suffered a hard side kick from Bing Xin.

Immediately, Liu Cen cried out in pain and flew off the stage like a kite whose string had been snipped, heavily crashing into the crowd.

"It's me who should say excuse me," Bing Xin said coldly with an indifferent glance at his fallen opponent.

"Bing Xin of the Sun family is the winner! In 20 minutes, the winner will continue being challenged by the losing party!" a middle-aged referee promptly announced.

"This strong?!"

The four remaining members of the Si family helped Liu Cen up and looked at each other with astonishment. The strength and speed behind that side kick were nearly perfect—the timing was especially opportune! Bing Xin of the Sun family was an expert in kicking techniques!

More than that, Liu Cen was unable to catch how Bing Xin kicked before he was struck, flew off the stage and was disqualified.

"Referees, no need to waste time. I can continue on," Bing Xin said aloofly as he looked at the referee team.

The referee team conducted a short discussion before complying with Bing Xin's request.

After all, resting after a match was a privilege granted to the winning competitor. No referee had the right to object if the competitor didn't want to rest.

1039 Wouldn't be lenien

A martial arts patrician clan and a business patrician clan had two completely different scopes. The Sun clan upheld martial arts traditions and it had a very intense martial arts atmosphere with countless experts in the clan.

In the audience, Sun Xuezhen appeared very calm about the Sun family's victory. Guards led by Ye Wanwan couldn't be too accomplished in the martial arts field to begin with, so how could they compare to the Sun family?

"Next round, the Sun family versus the Qin family!" one of the referees announced.

The Si family had already been eliminated, so the two remaining families were the two groups led by Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen.

In the audience, Ye Wanwan propped her chin on her hand as she watched the match between the Qin family and the Si family. She secretly yawned. If she knew this wouldn't be fun, she wouldn't have come.

The reason for her boredom could be attributed to the low quality of the conference. To her, experts should resemble Nameless Nie and Spray of Flowers.

However, the martial artists participating in this competition were light-years away from Nameless Nie's level.

Regarding their martial strength, the five-member MLM group was quite dependable.

It looked like she had been remiss; how could there be so many abnormal experts in the world? Experts like Nameless Nie were in the minority, after all.

Sun Xuezhen peered at Ye Wanwan from the corners of her eyes and couldn't help snorting upon seeing Ye Wanwan's bored-to-death appearance.

Women like her were only fit to be holed up in a mansion. How could she understand the appeal of martial arts? How many times had this woman watched matches? Hence, Sun Xuezhen still didn't understand what drove the patriarch of the Si family to allow this woman to be his representative!

When the experts' competition ended, the representatives of each family were required to go up on stage and compete. She wouldn't be lenient when that time came...!

The mere fact of this woman being a representative and sitting in the audience with them was a degradation to the conference in and of itself...

"Qin Feng of the Qin family wins!"

Suddenly, the referee team's announcement jolted Sun Xuezhen, and she looked down at the stage.

Bing Xin was dismissed from the stage by the young man from the Qin family as he lost this match.

"Brother Bing Xin, your kicking techniques are decent, but they're still slightly second to my hard breathing technique." The young man named Qin Feng was languidly standing on the stage.

"Qin Feng, the top expert of the younger generation of the Qin family..."

Sun Xuezhen looked away in contemplation.

She heard Qin Feng had started studying martial arts with his grandfather since the age of four. Not only that, but he was forced to strip off his clothing in a frozen and snow-covered land and was covered by snow, reportedly for the sake of training his body. Today's encounter with him didn't disappoint.

A moment later, the competition continued.

Qin Feng of the Qin family was unrivaled and successively defeated two people from the Sun family.

It wasn't until the strongest expert from the Sun family appeared that Qin Feng's unbeatable record was broken.

"Zhou Hen... the first place winner of the National Martial Arts Competition at the age of 16..."

Discussion erupted amongst the audience as they watched the solemn man on the stage.

Qin Feng—the supposed genius of the Qin family—was swept from the stage with a mere kick from Zhou Hen.

"Zhou Hen of the Sun family isn't some genius and merely works extremely hard... I heard that it's already a lot for normal people to practice a kicking technique dozens of times, but this Zhou Hen practiced hundreds of thousands of times... He persistently practiced each move day after day, year after year, so he could perform each move ten times stronger than normal people!"

"Indeed. Other people practice 10 or 100 times, but he practices thousands of times. He has really relied on his own hard work to surpass those so-called martial-arts geniuses."

1041 Can't go on stage

Ye Wanwan faintly said, "Who said I wanted to go on stage to compete?"

Do you think I want to die by going on stage? I swore I wouldn't fight!

Upon hearing this, Sun Xuezhen's expression changed. "What do you mean?"

Ye Wanwan smiled and languidly said, "No one told me I needed to go on stage before coming here."

Do I actually have to go on stage just because Qin Ruoxi's forcing me?

Moreover, this competition wasn't fun or interesting, so she was naturally disinclined to go up.

Sun Xuezhen's face was cold and stern. She thought Ye Wanwan was scared, so she retorted, "You didn't know before, but you know now, don't you? After the experts' competition ends, the representatives also have to compete on stage. How could you not compete as the representative of the Si family?!"

Sun Xuezhen's face was plastered with derision. "If you went on stage, then you would be upright and honest even if you lost. Yet, you're so cowardly right now and don't even have the guts to go on stage! You're simply a disgrace to martial artists!"

This time, everyone's faces also changed.

"How could she! How in the world did this woman become the Si family's representative when she doesn't even have the guts to go on stage!"

"She got it through sleeping with men, duh! Didn't you hear? She's Si Yehan's new lover!"

"No wonder we heard Miss Sun say that this woman was disgracing today's martial arts conference! From the looks of

it, it's more than that!"

Qin Ruoxi originally planned to make Ye Wanwan fight Sun Xuezhen on stage, thus using Sun Xuezhen to humiliate Ye Wanwan. She didn't expect this girl to be so scared to the point where she didn't even dare to go on stage.

Did she think things would be fine as long as she didn't go on stage? She had no idea that she was merely making a bigger fool of herself.

Qin Ruoxi aptly spoke up in her defense: "Xuezhen, forget it. Today's competition was only meant to compare notes anyway. Since Miss Ye doesn't want to go up, we shouldn't force her."

The Si family's guards originally thought the worse outcome would be Ye Wanwan losing her match, causing the Si family to suffer a crushing defeat. Who knew this woman would be so scared that she wouldn't even go on stage?

This... this is simply too shameful!

They originally planned to accumulate some merit today, but it appeared they would become the laughingstocks of the major patrician families after today.

The leading guard couldn't help but walk in front of Ye Wanwan, quietly suggesting to her, "Miss Ye, I think you should go on stage to compete regardless of the outcome!"

Ye Wanwan aloofly glanced at the guard. "I'm not interested in matches like this."

Rage boiled in the guard when he saw her attitude, but he didn't dare to unleash it, so he could do nothing but grit his teeth and retreat with humiliation.

The experts of the Sun family all looked at the guard with ridicule. "Your representative doesn't have the guts to go on stage. I think you should forget it. Even if she went on stage, she would be thrashed by our Miss!"

As the five guards from the Si family listened to the ridicule from the other families' experts, they stood silently with livid expressions on their faces.

Since there were distinguished guests attending today, they couldn't allow the situation to get too ugly. Hence, Sun Lizhong rigidly said, "A match depends on a competitor's free will. Since Miss Ye is unwilling to go on stage, we'll forget about it. Xuezhen, go and compete with Ruoxi! The winner will have the chance to receive personal instruction and a match from Mr. Senny!"

At Sun Lizhong's announcement, Sun Xuezhen could do nothing but endure it. She glanced at Ye Wanwan like she was trash before she quickly jumped onto the stage. "Never mind then. People like her don't deserve to fight with me anyways! Ruoxi, let's go!"

Qin Ruoxi awkwardly looked at Ye Wanwan before lightly sighing and going on the stage as well. "Please!"

Their concentration levels were both at 120%. After all, the winner would have a match with Wolf King Senny later!

1042 Throwing the match

Soon, the matter with Ye Wanwan was overlooked and everyone focused their attention on Sun Xuezhen and Qin Ruoxi.

One of them was the eldest miss of a martial arts patrician family while the other was the eldest miss of the Qin family. The Qin family placed great importance on martial arts and was passionate about it, so Qin Ruoxi was considered one of the best amongst the younger generation of the Qin family. Hence, everyone greatly looked forward to their match.

Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen stood across from each other on the stage.

"Younger Sister Xuezhen, I'll be under your tutelage," Qin Ruoxi said while looking at Sun Xuezhen.

Sun Xuezhen chuckled lightly. "Sis Ruoxi, there definitely won't be any tutelage. We're merely comparing notes. I've wanted to fight you for a long time but didn't have the chance until now."

After saying that, Sun Xuezhen stepped forward. Her agile body was as light as the wind. She looked like a figure who leaped out of a painting but she also looked like an extremely fast nimble cat.

Seeing Sun Xuezhen's actions, Master Mu and Wolf King finally started paying attention and nodded their heads with praise.

Sun Xuezhen's technique was quite impressive indeed. Not only was it very practical but it also looked nice and was pleasant on the eyes.

Ye Wanwan sunk into contemplation as she watched their match.

These people could only compare to Heidi and her group. If they encountered true experts like Nameless Nie, Bewitching Devotee, and Spray of Flowers, they would instantly be obliterated in a single move.

Sun Xuezhen's body technique might be unique, but its only advantage was its agility, and it was unsuitable for direct confrontation with people. If Sun Xuezhen was an assassin, however, she would be quite outstanding on the basis of her body technique alone.

Whether it was Sun Xuezhen or Qin Ruoxi, the weaknesses in their techniques were clear. If she went up, she could probably discover them within 10 seconds...

Currently, Qin Ruoxi was holding back against Sun Xuezhen on stage. Ye Wanwan could tell that Qin Ruoxi wasn't going at full strength.

Qin Ruoxi was quite clever indeed—purposefully throwing the match so that Sun Xuezhen could win...

After all, this martial arts conference was hosted by the Sun family, so there was no point even if Qin Ruoxi won. Why not relinquish the match as a favor to the Sun family and Sun Xuezhen instead?

It had to be said that Qin Ruoxi's skills in currying favor were truly top-notch.

Qin Ruoxi was incredibly intense and every move was difficult for Sun Xuezhen to ward off. However, moments later, she would purposefully leave a few openings so Sun Xuezhen could exploit them.

As time went on, everyone could tell that Qin Ruoxi's skills in martial arts were higher than Sun Xuezhen's.

Every time Qin Ruoxi purposefully forced Sun Xuezhen back and displayed her strength, she would quickly fall back into a disadvantage, and this continued back and forth.

About seven or eight minutes later, Qin Ruoxi made a "mistake" in her movements and Sun Xuezhen instantly took advantage of it and slashed her hand through the air like a knife. Qin Ruoxi "had no choice" but to flee outside the boundaries of the stage.

"Miss Sun Xuezhen wins!"

The second Qin Ruoxi left the stage, the referee team announced the winner of the match.

Upon seeing this result, Sun Lizhong looked pleased and looked at Qin Ruoxi with great appreciation.

With his attainments in martial arts, how could Sun Lizhong not tell that Qin Ruoxi intentionally yielded to Sun Xuezhen? Otherwise, the winner this time absolutely wouldn't have been his daughter.

1044 Don't be courteous

"The Si family's expertise doesn't lie in martial arts; they're a business patrician family. Yet, you just had to make the Si family representative fight with a daughter of a martial arts patrician family. What's the reasoning behind this? Don't bully people!"

Immediately, many audience members spoke up on Ye Wanwan's behalf.

If Ye Wanwan was a martial artist, it would've been normal for her to go on stage and fight. However, she was obviously an average person without any knowledge of martial arts. Forcing her to go on stage and fight was truly too inconsiderate.

Ye Wanwan turned to look at the referee team and calmly stated, "I went on stage since going on stage is part of the rules. There shouldn't be any issues if I forfeit now, right?"

If her opponent was Nameless Nie and the others, she would certainly fight this match even if she knew she would be trampled bloody. However, reneging on her promise to these people was a bad bargain no matter how she thought about it.

Sun Xuezhen and Qin Ruoxi weren't qualified to even be instructed by her. Wouldn't she be helping them if she fought them? Moreover, she really had no desire or interest in fighting them.

"The Si family representative forfeits. The Sun family is in first place, the Qin family is in second place, and the Si family is in last place."

Soon, a referee announced the results.

The guards from the Si family sighed. If they knew this would be the result, they wouldn't have come today...

In the VIP seats, Wolf King Senny spoke with Sun Lizhong briefly before standing up and walking toward the stage.

"Wolf King Senny will compare notes with my daughter. Welcome!" Sun Lizhong exclaimed with a grin.

Thunderous applause instantly resounded from everyone.

As Sun Xuezhen watched Wolf King Senny walking onto the stage, her expression was rather excited.

Soon, Wolf King Senny was standing on stage and looking at Sun Xuezhen. He nodded and placed his hands behind his back. "Start as you wish. Don't be courteous."

Sun Xuezhen nodded and promptly utilized everything she knew to attack Wolf King Senny.

However, the Muay Thai champion could easily block Sun Xuezhen's attack with a mere finger.

"This..."

Sun Xuezhen was astonished and filled with disbelief. Although she knew he was very strong, she didn't realize he was strong to this degree...

"You might be fast, but your strength is a bit weak. Please continue," Wolf King Senny stated.

Sun Xuezhen flushed red upon hearing that and used all her strength to attack him.

However, every full-forced attack was easily dismantled by Wolf King Senny. If he was genuinely her enemy, she probably would've died a countless number of times already.

During the fifth bout of attacks, Wolf King Senny appeared to have lost interest and broke Sun Xuezhen's move before pressing her to the ground with a palm.

"I... lost..." Sun Xuezhen said while staring at Wolf King Senny.

"Yes, you're still young. You're quite decent already," Wolf King Senny politely said before extending his arm toward her.

Ye Wanwan thoughtfully watched the fight between Sun Xuezhen and Wolf King Senny. The strength of this Wolf King didn't seem... that great either...

Could it be that I find everyone average because I hung out with Nameless Nie and his group for too long...?

She hadn't fought for a while nor had she compared notes with Eleven and Feng Xuanyi, so only she knew her recent improvements.

Suddenly, a commotion was heard from the entrance, and everyone looked over.

A giant "Bang!" and several security guards flew backward like snipped kites.

Sun Lizhong immediately stood up and looked at the uninvited guests.

1046 How could I tolerate that?

Even Qin Ruoxi, Sun Lizhong, and Sun Lizhong were frozen in place, dumbfounded.

They were well aware of Wolf King Senny's strength, but this karate genius from Country R defeated Wolf King Senny in one move...

Yamamoto Tsubasa kicked Wolf King Senny several meters away.

Sun Lizhong immediately had someone go and help Wolf King Senny up.

"Don't go too far!"

The ten experts from the Sun family and the Qin family immediately surrounded Yamamoto Tsubasa.

"A bunch of trash... No matter how many people you have, you're still trash, okay?" Yamamoto Tsubasa said with a chuckle as he watched the ten people.

"Go!" the strongest member of the Qin group shouted and waved his arm forward, leading the other nine people to attack Yamamoto Tsubasa.

However, the ten of them were sent flying back by Yamamoto Tsubasa in an instant.

"This...!" Sun Lizhong was in utter disbelief, stupefied.

"Step forward, the three representatives from the Sun family, the Qin family, and the Si family!"

Yamamoto Tsubasa took a step forward and walked onto the stage, his fingers pointing at Ye Wanwan, Qin Ruoxi, and Sun Xuezhen.

Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen both had deep frowns on their faces. This person was terrifyingly strong. He defeated even

Wolf King Senny in one move, so how could they take him on...

"What? Scared? If you're scared, then you can attack me together. I don't care. Otherwise, if you make me invite you over personally, I might end up killing you today." Yamamoto Tsubasa snorted as his eyes swept over the three of them.

"You...!"

Anger flitted in Sun Xuezhen's eyes as she prepared to go up.

However, Qin Ruoxi blocked Sun Xuezhen immediately.

"Xuezhen, don't act rashly..." Qin Ruoxi said with a frown.

"Ruoxi, the martial artists from Country R are on our doorstep! How could I tolerate that?!" Sun Xuezhen shouted angrily.

"Can you defeat him?" Qin Ruoxi retorted.

Sun Xuezhen was rendered speechless. The strength of this Yamamoto guy was tyrannical from the beginning.

Ten Sun Xuezhens wouldn't be enough to defeat Yamamoto Tsubasa.

Even if Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen teamed up, they couldn't take a few of his moves.

"What? You really won't attack?!" Yamamoto Tsubasa scoffed at Sun Xuezhen. "Your Sun family is truly full of cowards. I'm already provoking you like this, but you still endure it."

His words successfully triggered Sun Xuezhen. She couldn't hold back any longer and disregarded Qin Ruoxi, leaping onto the stage.

When Qin Ruoxi saw that, she had to do the same.

"Oh... it appears you have a backbone," Yamamoto Tsubasa commented with a sneer.

"Yamamoto Tsubasa, you're too arrogant!" Sun Xuezhen shouted icily.

"You think I'm arrogant? Then show me your strength." Yamamoto Tsubasa scoffed.

"You're asking for it!"

Sun Xuezhen angrily roared and attacked Yamamoto Tsubasa like a flash of lightning.

Upon seeing that, Qin Ruoxi had no choice but to attack as well.

Yamamoto Tsubasa stood on the stage unmoving with a derisive smile on his lips. He allowed Sun Xuezhen and Qin Ruoxi to attack however they wanted, while he nimbly dodged with his arms behind his back.

The two women launched dozens of attacks but weren't able to touch even the corner of Yamamoto Tsubasa's clothes.

Sun Lizhong had a deep frown on his face. Yamamoto Tsubasa was too strong. Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen weren't a match for him at all.

"You are the representatives for two of the three major patrician families in China...? You're a giant disappointment. Chinese martial artists are truly garbage and not worth mentioning," Yamamoto Tsubasa said with a light sigh in between his dodges.

After saying that, Yamamoto Tsubasa's right leg shot out like an arrow and slammed into Qin Ruoxi and Sun Xuezhen with explosive strength.

The two women couldn't withstand it and fell down from the stage.

1047 A bunch of garbage

"A bunch of garbage," Yamamoto Tsubasa remarked with a sneer as he swept his eyes over everyone except for the fallen duo.

Without waiting for anyone else to speak, Yamamoto Tsubasa looked at Ye Wanwan, who was sitting in the audience area. "Representative of the Si family, do you plan to come up yourself or do you want me to come over and beat you to death?"

Ye Wanwan completely ignored him and stood up.

She left the audience area and looked at the patriarch of the Sun family. "Since the conference has finished, I'll bid farewell"

Yamamoto Tsubasa was obviously targeting the Sun family and came to cause trouble. The Sun family's private disputes weren't a part of the martial arts conference.

Sun Lizhong had a dark expression but didn't say anything.

"Mr. Mu, I welcome you to visit the Si house whenever you're free." Ye Wanwan turned to look at Master Mu in the VIP section.

"Okay, I'll definitely visit when I have time, Miss Ye," Mu Suifeng replied.

Ye Wanwan nodded and told the five Si family guards, "Let's go."

Immediately, the guards followed Ye Wanwan and prepared to leave.

However, Yamamoto Tsubasa left the stage in a flash and blocked Ye Wanwan's path. He looked at Ye Wanwan and sneered. "Representative of the Si family... It looks like you're a very unique piece of trash, am I right?"

Ye Wanwan frowned when she heard this and said, "Then you're very unsavory trash."

"Oh...? In your eyes, I'm also a piece of trash, huh?" Yamamoto Tsubasa replied with interest.

"Please move aside. China has a saying, 'A good dog doesn't block someone's path'. Have you heard it before, sir?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Sun Xuezhen, Qin Ruoxi, and the other people were secretly sneering at Ye Wanwan. This woman was truly courting death. The two of them had experienced Yamamoto Tsubasa's terrifying strength for themselves.

An ignorant person was truly fearless!

"Yamamoto Tsubasa, although this miss is the representative of the Si family, she's merely the Si patriarch's girlfriend and doesn't know martial arts, so please don't torment her and allow her to leave," Sun Lizhong said with a frown.

After all, this was the Sun family's territory. If anything happened to Ye Wanwan, it would be difficult to explain to the Si family.

"Oh... she doesn't know martial arts, yet she became the representative of the Si family... It turns out she's the lover of that invalid from the Si family... Hahaha..." Yamamoto Tsubasa started laughing with ridicule.

After hearing his words, Ye Wanwan's expressionless face finally changed imperceptibly, and an icy glint flashed through her eyes.

The corners of Yamamoto Tsubasa's lips turned up. "Then it doesn't matter even if you don't fight me."

As he said that, he glanced at the man in a white suit behind him.

Upon seeing that, the cold man in the white suit stepped forward.

Yamamoto Tsubasa brought two disciples there, one of which was the man in a white suit. He was Kawada, a karate expert.

Kawada approached the Si family guards without a word.

Suddenly, Kawada threw a punch.

BANG!

A guard instantly collapsed to the floor.

The punched guard couldn't react at all, and his body started convulsing with pain.

"A bunch of garbage," Kawada said with a scoff.

"Heh... If these people were beaten to death by my disciple because of you, it would be difficult for you to explain it to the Si family, right?" Yamamoto Tsubasa sneered contemptuously.

1049 You're too weak

"How... how could this be possible..."

Everyone was rooted to their spots like they were petrified as they looked at the fallen Yamamoto Tsubasa. Their mouths opened imperceptibly, but they couldn't utter a word.

This was like a dream. Yamamoto Tsubasa, who defeated Wolf King Senny in one hit, was sent flying back dozens of meters when faced with the seemingly weaker Ye Wanwan!

"Did he deliberately go easy on her?!"

A martial artist from the Sun family had a deep frown on his face. No way did he believe that Yamamoto Tsubasa could be defeated with one strike by Ye Wanwan!

"Go easy... are you joking? The Si representative was using Strength of an Inch just now... Every inch was more explosive than before. Yamamoto Tsubasa didn't even have time to react, so how could he have gone easy on her!" a martial artist exclaimed with a fervid expression.

Anyone who had a foundation in martial arts could tell with a glance whether there was any leniency in a fight between experts. The majority of the martial artists present could perceive Qin Ruoxi going easy on Sun Xuezhen earlier, not to mention the overwhelming explosive strength from Ye Wanwan.

From the VIP seats, Master Mu suddenly shuddered and looked at Ye Wanwan in astonishment. The aura around the girl completely changed when she attacked.

More importantly, why were the instantaneous, explosive moves and style coming from Ye Wanwan so familiar...

Wolf King Senny's eyes also shot open in disbelief. Other people might not understand Yamamoto Tsubasa's strength, but he fought Yamamoto earlier and was one-hit K.O.'d, so how could he not know Yamamoto's strength?

Yet that Si representative who supposedly didn't know martial arts...

A few seconds later, Yamamoto Tsubasa slowly stood up, and a cold glint flashed through his eyes as he stared at Ye Wanwan.

"You're too weak..." Yamamoto Tsubasa sneered. "I purposefully allowed you to punch me just now. Unfortunately, I barely felt it—how disappointing."

In Yamamoto Tsubasa's opinion, this woman was quite strong, but she only got the better of him because he wasn't on guard at all. Of course, he wouldn't say that in front of everyone.

When everyone heard Yamamoto Tsubasa's words, realization dawned on them. It turned out that Yamamoto Tsubasa was deliberately going easy on Ye Wanwan and allowed her a punch...

"Heh... I actually thought that woman had some talent. But after all this fuss, it turned out Yamamoto Tsubasa deliberately went easy on her," Sun Xuezhen said with a scoff.

Qin Ruoxi also relaxed slightly, but her hands were still curled into tight fists...

"But... I have to say, that woman has quite some strength," a certain disciple of the Sun family commented.

Meanwhile, Yamamoto Tsubasa was watching the expressionless Ye Wanwan with a bone-chilling smile sliding over his face. Immediately after, he strode toward Ye Wanwan.

Swish!

The sound of wind was heard then Yamamoto Tsubasa swept his leg up with his hands inside his pant pockets, a nearly perfect combination of strength and speed behind the kick.

Yamamoto Tsubasa defeated Wolf King Senny with this exact same move earlier.

Upon seeing that, the Sun and Qin families watched from the side in amusement. Even Wolf King Senny was knocked out without a chance to retaliate by this kick, so they reckoned this Si representative would probably be crippled by this kick.

Nonetheless, there was also quite a lot of people present who were worried about Ye Wanwan. After all, she was only a mere girl and wasn't a martial artist. Wasn't Yamamoto Tsubasa's attack too vicious?

Swish!

However, before anyone could react, Ye Wanwan performed an identical kick directed at Yamamoto Tsubasa.

Although the speed and strength behind Ye Wanwan's kick weren't as perfect as Yamamoto Tsubasa's, she used a very tricky angle. Before Yamamoto Tsubasa could make any adjustments, Ye Wanwan's kick mercilessly landed right behind his knee.

1051 So secretive

After Yamamoto Tsubasa crashed to the ground, he laid there, unmoving.

From the looks of it, Ye Wanwan's smash probably caused some internal damage.

Everyone was dumbfounded.

It was dead silent for a few seconds before everyone finally reacted, and a storm rolled over them.

"D-damn! So strong!" Bing Xin exclaimed from the Sun family's side, his eyes as bright as two lightbulbs.

"I didn't expect Miss Ye to secretly be so skilled..." Zhou Hen's feelings were complicated.

"No wonder she wasn't interested in going on stage! She's on a completely different level than us!"

"I thought our miss was already outstanding in her generation, but it appears no matter strong you are, there's always someone stronger!"

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As for the Qin family, the five experts were incredulous as they looked at the girl who defeated Yamamoto Tsubasa.

They didn't dare to believe that Yamamoto Tsubasa, who defeated Wolf King Senny and rendered Sun Xuezhen and their miss defenseless, was actually defeated by this fragile and dainty woman...

This woman's strength was actually stronger than Miss Ruoxi!

No... her strength surpassed Miss Ruoxi's by too much!

"This is my d*mn first time seeing a woman skillful to this extent!"

"No wonder Si Yehan appointed her to be the representative of the Si family!" "Right?! I bow to her!"

When the five guards of the Si family heard the other experts' endless exclamations and conversations, they felt their blood boiling and thought they were dreaming.

"O-our miss is actually this impressive?"

The five of them looked at each other, bewildered. They all felt their faces flushing due to their previous misjudgments of her.

"Master!"

"Master, how are you?!"

Yamamoto Tsubasa's two disciples turned pale with fright and charged onto the stage.

"You... y-you..." Kawada looked at Ye Wanwan like she was some freak.

Ye Wanwan languidly walked forward with raised brows. "What?"

When Kawada and the other disciple saw Ye Wanwan suddenly walking forward, they instantly scrambled backward. "Don't come over!"

How could they have the nerve to be brash if even Yamamoto Tsubasa got beaten up like this?

Ye Wanwan continued walking toward Yamamoto Tsubasa.

The two disciples froze as though their feet were nailed to the stage and didn't dare to move.

Ye Wanwan slowly reached the groaning man. "Do you want to go easy on me again?"

As soon as Yamamoto Tsubasa heard that, his face drained of color and his body started spasming. "N-no! I admit defeat! I admit defeat! It's my loss!"

He was too careless this time. He never would've thought this woman would be stronger than him. Whether it was 10 or 100 rounds, the ending would be the same.

The people below the stage might be unaware, but he knew how serious his injuries were after that match. He absolutely couldn't have another match with her, unless he had no desire to live anymore.

This woman didn't only have frightening strength, but her attacks were also too vicious!

When the people below the stage heard Yamamoto Tsubasa's admission of defeat, excitement overran them.

"Well beaten! Who told him to have his nose so high up in the air!"

"China's martial arts stretches far back in history and is broad and profound! How dare you come to our lands and behave so atrociously!"

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In the end, Yamamoto Tsubasa was carried by his two disciples and fled with his tail between his legs under a torrent of insults.

1052 Since I've broken the rules already

Underneath the stage, Sun Lizhong was extremely embarrassed.

Someone came to the Sun family's doorstep and challenged them, but they were completely wiped out and ended up needing to be saved by a girl.

Sun Lizhong awkwardly coughed. "The young really need to be viewed with awe..."

Mu Suifeng didn't say anything as he stared at the girl on the stage. His emotions had been in turmoil for a while.

Meanwhile, Sun Xuezhen's mocking and disapproving expression was frozen on her face, and Qin Ruoxi's face was ashen white. They never would've expected this outcome, Qin Ruoxi especially.

Qin Ruoxi personally witnessed Ye Wanwan's skills, and Ye Wanwan was clearly weaker than her. How did she improve so much in such a short amount of time?

Or had she always been hiding her true strength?

Everything that she planned today crumbled into pieces.

After Yamamoto Tsubasa left, Ye Wanwan also got off the stage.

Immediately, the five guards from the Si family swarmed toward her and reverently followed her.

Mu Suifeng also walked forward and pressingly asked, "Miss Ye, if I may, may I ask where your teachings came from?"

Ye Wanwan honestly replied, "I don't belong to any school. I learned without any guidance by myself."

"You don't have a school?" The suspicion in Mu Suifeng's eyes deepened. "Then... who's your master?"

Ye Wanwan: "I also don't have a master..."

Mu Suifeng wanted to inquire further upon hearing that, but seeing as there were too many people around them, he suppressed his questions and remarked, "Miss Ye is actually self-taught... It appears you're very talented in martial arts."

Although Sun Lizhong was embarrassed, he parroted Mu Suifeng and said, "Miss Ye is quite extraordinary indeed..."

At that point, Sun Xuezhen suddenly strode over from the crowd and bluntly said, "Miss Ye, since you know martial arts, why did you deliberately forfeit? Could it be that you look down on the Sun family?"

Ye Wanwan raised her eyebrows. "Is there a rule in this conference that says I can't forfeit and that forfeiting implies I look down on my opponent?"

"You..." Sun Xuezhen, who insisted on using the rules to decide things, was at a loss for words. She had to forcibly repress her fury before she could say, "Then fine! We can let go of all that stuff from before! However, I want you to honorably fight with me!"

Unless she personally exchanged blows with this woman, she absolutely wouldn't believe she was inferior to this Barbie doll.

Qin Ruoxi hastily walked over and tried to dissuade her. "Xuezhen, don't be rash..."

Sun Xuezhen looked stubborn. "Ruoxi, don't try to change my mind. I'm going to have this match today for sure!"

After Xuezhen said that, she looked at Ye Wanwan and asked, "What? You don't dare? Could it be that your education was unorthodox and that winning today was merely chance?"

Sun Lizhong's brows knitted together slightly. He originally wanted to tell his daughter to come back but didn't say anything in the end. Qin Ruoxi also automatically looked at Ye Wanwan, wishfully thinking just like Sun Lizhong.

Ye Wanwan's skills were simply too unbelievable...

Ye Wanwan peered up at Sun Xuezhen. She came to participate in the martial arts conference and now that the conference had ended, she didn't have any obligations to fight Sun Xuezhen.

However, Sun Xuezhen just had to provoke her over and over again.

"A match? Okay," Ye Wanwan agreed with a smile.

Yep, when it comes to fighting, since I've broken the rules already, it doesn't make a difference whether it's one or two times...

1054 Absolutely a maneating flower

A commotion erupted in the training grounds the moment Sun Xuezhen was launched off the stage.

"D*mn! This is too insane, isn't it?!"

"This woman not only sees through other people's weakness but can also replicate their moves in such a short amount of time..."

"That move just now was our miss' trump card!"

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When Qin Ruoxi saw that Sun Xuezhen lost and instead allowed Ye Wanwan a chance to shine brightly again, the calmness on her face finally crumbled little by little until darkness completely eclipsed her face.

She originally completely disregarded Ye Wanwan, but things kept escaping from her plan and control again and again...

"Xuezhen, are you alright?" Qin Ruoxi wiped the darkness from her face and hurriedly went to help Sun Xuezhen up.

"D*mn... how..." Sun Xuezhen slammed her fist to the ground.

She never would've imagined that she would be defeated by a barbie. To top it off, the barbie defeated her with her own move.

There wasn't a defeat more humiliating than this!

Some distance away, Senny had admiration on his face and couldn't help but sigh. "It turns out this is the true strength of Chinese martial arts. My trip to China this time was worth it!"

In contrast to Sun Xuezhen's chaotic moves, Ye Wanwan's moves were very simple and vicious but she had a perfect

grasp of strength and speed. Her explosive strength per inch was especially stunning.

After this match, no one below the stage expressed any further doubts about Ye Wanwan's strength.

The Si family was a business patrician family and sent five people to fill the numbers for this martial arts conference to be a good host to Mr. Mu. They naturally didn't care about winning or losing.

Yet, they had viewed this girl with a bias and kept mistreating her. Their behavior was a true disgrace to patrician etiquette.

What made them more ashamed was that they had so many people, including a supposed martial arts patrician family and military patrician family, but they couldn't even compare to a girl who was self-taught...

Ye Wanwan calmly looked at the fallen Sun Xuezhen. "I am truly not some orthodox practitioner. However, to me, as long as I can win, who cares?"

When Mu Suifeng heard this, a glint flitted through his eyes. He agreed excitedly, "That's right! Shapeless and formless, simplicity is the way! Miss Ye's understanding of martial arts is truly superior!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Please, I was spouting nonsense. How did he fill in the blanks to this extent?

"Xuezhen, come back! Miss Ye's strength is incontestable," Sun Lizhong told his daughter before walking toward Ye Wanwan. "Miss Ye, if my daughter offended you in any way, please pardon her."

No matter what, as a practitioner of martial arts, he still held respect for truly formidable experts.

"Mr. Sun, you're too polite! If there's nothing else, then I'll bid farewell now!"

After saying that, Ye Wanwan said to Mu Suifeng, "Mr. Mu, goodbye!"

"Zhou Hen, go see our guest off!" Sun Lizhong told his most satisfactory disciple.

"Yes!" Zhou Hen went up and politely guided Ye Wanwan and her group outside.

In contrast to their earlier humiliating situation, the five Si family guards felt proud and elated. Reverence brimmed from their eyes as they looked at Ye Wanwan.

They never would've expected Miss Ye to be so strong...

Suddenly, a guard quietly muttered behind Ye Wanwan, "Ninth Master's preferences truly can't be understood by us mortals..."

"*Cough*, why does my heart suddenly ache for our patriarch? Can our patriarch... digest this?"

She wasn't a delicate and dainty flower at all! She was absolutely a man-eating flower!

1056 Truly too strong

"So the Martial Arts Union is basically a superior version of an ordinary martial arts association and is the gathering place for the top hidden experts?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Mu Suifeng said with a smile, "That's a good interpretation of it."

"Mr. Mu, are you a member of the Martial Arts Union?" Ye Wanwan asked reflexively.

Otherwise, why was Mu Suifeng so knowledgeable about things unknown to normal people?

Mu Suifeng sighed lightly. "The Martial Arts Union has many branches all over the world. Many years ago, I held a post in the Harbor City branch of the Martial Arts Union, but the branch disbanded, so I also left."

"So it's like that..." Upon seeing the grief on Mu Suifeng's face, Ye Wanwan couldn't help but ask, "Why did it disband? Did... something happen?"

Mu Suifeng muttered, "Well, the chain of events back then was very sudden. There wasn't any news from the headquarters and I was merely a manager, so I don't know what happened. After I left, I became a businessman."

Ye Wanwan shook her head. "Hm..."

When Mu Suifeng extracted himself from his memories, he apologetically said, "My bad, I accidentally dumped this on you without any regard for you."

Ye Wanwan said with a smile. "Not a problem. I'm pretty interested in what you said! I never knew there was a place like this!"

Experts overrunning the streets—the mere thought of it sent chills down her back.

Mu Suifeng watched Ye Wanwan for a moment. The suspicion in his mind was dispelled when he saw the girl's naive and

guileless appearance.

Mu Suifeng: "If Miss Ye is interested, we can have a meal together when you have time, and we can sit down for a long talk. I can answer any questions you have."

Ye Wanwan: "Alright! Thank you, Mr. Mu!"

Mu Suifeng: "You're welcome, Miss Ye!"

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After Ye Wanwan bid farewell to Mu Suifeng, Ye Wanwan brought the five guards back to the Little House of Rose.

Since Si Yehan hadn't returned yet, Ye Wanwan went upstairs to find Tangtang.

Downstairs, the five guards waited for Xu Yi to return to report to him.

After Ye Wanwan left, the five people engaged in enthusiastic discussion amongst themselves.

"A person can't truly be judged by their looks! Miss Ye is too strong!"

"How can a girl be so fearsome? I suddenly feel like a loser!"

"I've actually previously heard several bodyguards talking about Miss Ye before. They said Miss Ye taught Captain Eleven and Head Captain Feng and was their master. I didn't believe it at all back then and thought it was nonsense! Turns out it's true!"

"Say, who do you think is more awesome between Miss Ye and Miss Qin?"

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The five of them were talking so excitedly that they didn't notice Si Yehan and Xu Yi had returned and were standing behind them.

Xu Yi felt something was amiss as he listened to their conversation.

What did those guards mean by 'Miss Ye is too strong'?"

Miss Wanwan didn't fight, right?

He remembered his master forbade Miss Wanwan from fighting...

Before Xu Yi could think further, he heard one of the guards zealously say, "D*mn! Isn't it obvious? Even that trash, Yamamoto Tsubasa, was tyrannically thrashed by our Miss Ye!"

Xu Yi's expression shifted. By the time he wanted to stop them, it was too late...

The other guard quickly added, "And that Sun Xuezhen! She actually dared to provoke our Miss Ye! Didn't Miss Ye end up teaching her a lesson instead?!"

Si Yehan: "..."

1057 Completely unexpected "dog food"!

Xu Yi: "..."

He should've known.

How could it have been possible for Miss Wanwan to abstain from fighting in that type of setting?

Xu Yi was about to speak up to prevent the five guards from saying anything more, but Si Yehan raised his hand and stopped Xu Yi.

Xu Yi had no choice but to silently retreat to the side. The duo was standing behind the rose bushes, so the five guards didn't notice them.

The five guards continued to discuss heatedly...

"Say, it was kind of weird though, wasn't it?"

"Weird how?"

"Wasn't it weird? At first, Miss Ye was completely uninterested in fighting! The first time those people make the representatives go on stage, Miss Ye declined. The second time they requested Miss Ye to go on stage to compete again, Miss Ye went on the stage to obey the rules but still didn't plan on fighting at all. She forfeited as soon as she went on stage."

"That's right!" another guard nodded and agreed. "Even after the martial arts conference ended and Yamamoto Tsubasa came to challenge everyone, Miss Ye didn't plan on fighting and wanted to take us and leave!"

"However, it's understandable. That type of trash is on a completely different level from Miss Ye, so it's natural if Miss Ye thought fighting them was beneath her. Moreover, the conference ended at that point and it was the Sun family's private business, so it was unnecessary for Miss Ye to take action."

"Well... why did Miss Ye act so suddenly then?" another guard asked.

From all of this, Xu Yi could guess what happened.

It appeared Miss Wanwan really hadn't planned on fighting in the beginning?

Si Yehan's expression remained expressionless as he listened to the guards.

One of the guards suggested, "Miss Ye probably decided to fight because of that Yamamoto Tsubasa's provocations and insults, right?"

The lead guard recalled the events and said, "In truth, I could sense Miss Ye really didn't want to fight. Even when he called her trash and claimed he would beat her to death, her face didn't change at all... It wasn't until..."

The other four people remembered as well and said simultaneously, "Until Yamamoto Tsubasa said something like she was an invalid's lover..."

"That's right, that's right! Now that you mention it, I remember it too. I was closest to Miss Ye then, and it wasn't until Miss Ye heard this sentence that her expression changed! Her expression was frightening! I got goosebumps from it!"

"Hm, well, that's unsurprising. A woman does care more about things like this. She definitely wasn't happy about being called a lover! Miss Ye has it hard too!"

"Eh? Why do I think differently? That's not the important part, right! Some gossipy people also called her that before, but Miss Ye didn't seem to care? She maintained her calm the whole time, but why did she explode when Yamamoto Tsubasa said it?"

As the guards conversed, Ye Wanwan walked down from upstairs.

"Miss Ye!" the five people greeted her in unison.

Upon seeing that they were still there, Ye Wanwan offhandedly asked, "Your patriarch isn't back yet?"

"Yes," one of them answered. Then he probed, "Um... Miss Ye, can I ask you a question?"

"Hm, what question? Ask away."

The lead guard said, "It seemed like you didn't plan on fighting during this martial arts conference all along, but why... why did you suddenly fight in the end... and also beat up Yamamoto Tsubasa so badly?"

"Was it because Yamamoto Tsubasa humiliated you and us Chinese martial artists?" one of the younger guards asked with starry eyes.

Ye Wanwan blinked before saying earnestly, "Nonsense! Of course I beat him! Who told him to call Ah-Jiu an invalid?!"

The guards: "..."

1059 If this is punishmen

Suddenly so gentle...

She was really overwhelmed by his spoiling...

Ye Wanwan was dazed from the kiss. "Eh? Um, I-I fought..."

Si Yehan embraced her. "Yes."

Ye Wanwan was even more dumbfounded. "I even fought twice... Is this punishment?"

Yes, if this was the past, this would be punishment indeed, considering how much she loathed Si Yehan's touch.

But, now...

Ye Wanwan blinked and peered up at Si Yehan. Then she mumbled, "If this is punishment... then should I go out and fight hundreds of times every day?"

"..." Si Yehan was somewhat speechless. "No nonsense."

Ye Wanwan pouted. "It's the truth..."

"Didn't you explain the first time was involuntary and the second time was educational?" Si Yehan asked.

Ye Wanwan bobbed her head. "Right right! I absolutely didn't want to fight!"

Si Yehan: "Just this once."

He's actually so easy-going this time?

Ye Wanwan was full of surprise but also breathed a sigh of relief with immense delight at the same time. Thank goodness she didn't have to kneel on a durian.

"Ah, right! Ah-Jiu, do you know the Martial Arts Union and the Independent State?" Ye Wanwan asked with excitement.

The second Si Yehan heard that, his eyes cracked like ice.

However, they returned to normal in the blink of an eye. He looked at her and calmly said, "I haven't. Why are you asking

so suddenly?"

Ye Wanwan replied, "It was mentioned when I was talking to Mr. Mu today. He said I was really skilled, so he thought I was a member of the Martial Arts Union. He also said the headquarters of the Martial Arts Union, the Independent State, was especially passionate about martial arts, and experts overran the streets..."

Si Yehan: "Is that so?"

"Yeah! However, I went looking on the internet for half a day but still couldn't find it. If it weren't for the fact that Mr. Mu said he previously worked at a branch of the Martial Arts Union, I would've thought he was telling me a story!"

"Mu Suifeng once worked at the Martial Arts Union?"

"That's what he said..." Ye Wanwan appeared to have detected something amiss with Si Yehan's expression and how his arm kept tightening, approaching the point of causing pain. She automatically frowned and asked, "Ah-Jiu, what's wrong?"

"Nothing." Si Yehan instantly relaxed his arms and gently patted her head before pulling her into his arms again.

Ye Wanwan ignored it and continued to mutter, "I really want to go to that something state to play. I wonder where it is..."

"The swing is finished. Do you want to take a look?" Si Yehan suddenly asked.

Ye Wanwan's attention was instantly diverted. "Eh? Really? That's great! I'll go call Tangtang!"

Si Yehan: "Go on."

Ye Wanwan dashed off merrily at once.

As Si Yehan watched her retreating figure, his cold and aloof demeanor instantly shattered.

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Nighttime:

Ye Wanwan participated in the martial arts conference in the morning then played with Tangtang on the swing the entire afternoon, so she fell asleep as soon as her head hit her pillow that night.

In her dreams, she was happily having fun with Si Yehan and Tangtang, but then the scene took an abrupt turn.

The sounds of gunshots, explosions, and screaming...

Blood and fire everywhere she could see...

Countless terrifying shadows pressing closer to her...

She frantically killed and fled... until she reached the tip of a cliff and plunged into a bottomless black abyss...

"AH!!!" Ye Wanwan abruptly woke up, a cold sweat running down her forehead.

1061 Such an awful friend

"Pfff—" Fei Yang spat out the water he was drinking. "What are you saying?"

Luo Chen also looked at Han Xianyu in shock.

Even Ye Wanwan was surprised.

If the subject of this piece of gossip was "Gong Xu" instead, she could understand it since that was incredibly normal.

However, Han Xianyu?

Han Xianyu's new relationship, exposed?

If she had to list male celebrities with the cleanest record in the entertainment industry, Han Xianyu would definitely be one of them.

He only had one girlfriend since he started his career and didn't waver at all. They broke up because the girl cheated on him with some wealthy businessman.

Even so, Han Xianyu never said anything negative about her in any public settings.

It was the girl who deliberately said misleading things after Han Xianyu's scandal to freeload off his fame. She misguided the public into thinking Han Xianyu was a pedophile and nearly caused Han Xianyu to meet his demise...

Ever since then, there hadn't been any romance-related news published about Han Xianyu and he even distanced himself from any romance-related rumors.

Just which female celebrity managed to be implicated in a relationship rumor with Han Xianyu?

With that thought in mind, Ye Wanwan's interest was piqued and she quickly clicked the entertainment article Gong Xu posted in the group chat.

However, Ye Wanwan saw a very clear photo of the backs of a man and a woman under the headlines on the front page.

The man was Han Xianyu and the woman was actually... actually herself?!

Ye Wanwan nearly choked on her own spit.

Sh*t! Wasn't this from the day she ran into Han Xianyu at the shopping center?

When did someone take a photo of them without them knowing?

Ye Wanwan kept scrolling down. Thankfully, the photographer didn't get any photos from the front and only got their backs and a few profile shots.

Then she rapidly skimmed the contents of the article. It turned out the photo was leaked from a fan of Han Xianyu. A fan managed to recognize Han Xianyu based on his back and the clothes he was wearing, so she took these photos when she saw Han Xianyu shopping with a girl...

Gong Xu accused him heatedly: "Brother Xianyu, you're such an awful friend! How could you deceive us after getting into a relationship?!"

Han Xianyu rubbed his temples and reflexively glanced at Ye Wanwan, an exasperated expression appearing on his face.

He never would've expected someone to take a photo of them that day.

This was too big of a blunder...

"Brother Xianyu, tell me honestly! Who is that girl? Liu Yinyin? Fu Xue? Chen Xiaochu? Could it be... D*mn! Could it be Qiao Kexin?"

The corners of Han Xianyu's lips twitched. "..."

Tell him the truth?

Could I possibly say the girl in the picture is my good brother, Ye Bai, who's sitting with us?

Ye Wanwan also had a throbbing headache. She considered every possibility but never would've expected herself to dig her grave there.

It'd probably be useless even if I crippled my knees from kneeling on a washboard...

Han Xianyu looked at the wildly invigorated Gong Xu. "Don't make wild guesses. It's not what you think."

Gong Xu's eyes brightened. "Then what is it? What is it, what is it, what is it? Tell me!"

Fei Yang looked sullen. "How should we respond?"

Xianyu refused to tell him the identity of the girl and her relationship to him, so he was in a panic himself!

"Brother Yang, could it be that you also didn't know about this?" As soon as Gong Xu heard that, he became even more astonished. Luo Chen also expressed his curiosity, a rare occasion.

With Fei Yang's abilities, if he knew who that girl was and her relationship to Han Xianyu, he could immediately make the most suitable response statement. However, Fei Yang was hesitant, which meant he probably also hadn't known about this article.

1062 The instinct of a wild animal

Han Xianyu calmly said, "Answer with the truth and say we're platonic friends."

Ye Wanwan nodded in approval. "The media will just go crazy for a few days and won't find any new information. The furor will pass in a week at most."

Gong Xu immediately asked, "What if they do find new information?"

Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes at him. "Then I'd like to see which media outlet has the capability to dig out this information!"

This is freaking me in my female clothes, alright? Where could they find me?

Han Xianyu lightly coughed. "*Cough*, what Ye Bai means is that we're really platonic friends, so there isn't anything interesting to find."

When Gong Xu heard that, disappointment filled his face. "What? You're really only platonic friends? How boring..."

As Gong Xu pressed for more information, he diligently flipped through the related gossip. Suddenly, a photo in one of the gossip articles caught his attention, and his voice abruptly halted. Even his expression changed.

"This is..." Gong Xu shot up.

Ye Wanwan detected something wrong with Gong Xu's expression, and her heart skipped a beat.

"Little Candied Plum! This is my Little Candied Plum!" Gong Xu exclaimed in shock as he fervently stared at one of the profile shots. Then he swiftly pounced on Han Xianyu. "Han Xianyu! What the hell is going on?! Why were you with my Little Candied Plum? You know Little Candied Plum?"

Ye Wanwan was utterly shocked.

What kind of eyes did Gong Xu have? They were merely photos of her back and profile! Even her actual brother, Ye Mufan, didn't recognize her from the photos, so how in the world did he recognize her?

Han Xianyu was evidently surprised as well and subconsciously looked at Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her temples and said, "Gong Xu, calm down. Don't jump to conclusions from such limited evidence! How can you recognize someone from a back photo?"

Gong Xu: "My instincts!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

He truly had the instincts of a wild animal!

Ye Wanwan: "If it's Little Candied Plum, wouldn't I be able to recognize her?"

When he heard that, Gong Xu was at a loss for words...

After all, Ye Bai was Little Candied Plum's brother. Since he said it wasn't her...

"It really isn't?" Gong Xu remained suspicious.

"It isn't!" Ye Wanwan replied with conviction.

Gong Xu: "..."

Ye Wanwan sighed with relief. Thankfully, Gong Xu was easy to deceive.

Gong Xu pitifully begged, "Brother Ye, considering how my mind has gone unhinged from longing for Little Candied Plum so much, can't you let me see her just once?"

Ye Wanwan glanced at Gong Xu. "I can."

Gong Xu was startled briefly before disbelief filled his face. "Brother Ye, are you for real?"

Ye Wanwan nodded. "If you can get Best Actor at the Golden Orchid Awards, I'll let you see her."

When Han Xianyu heard that, he reflexively glanced at Ye Wanwan.

Gong Xu instantly shot off like an arrow toward Ye Wanwan in joy. "Oh! Brother Ye, I love you too much..."

Gong Xu was about to pounce onto Ye Wanwan.

Ye Mufan had already established a habit of watching Gong Xu carefully, so when he saw that, he quietly cursed and hurried to block Gong Xu.

However, he didn't expect someone to act faster than him.

Han Xianyu had already extended his arm to block Gong Xu.

"Eh? Brother Xianyu, what are you doing?" Gong Xu was very displeased.

Han Xianyu said with a faint smile, "It's nothing. I just wanted to ask you where you had your hair done today."

"Oh, hahaha. Isn't it especially handsome? Let me tell you, in order to set an appointment with that hairstylist, I had my assistant ask him three months in advance. It's that..."

Gong Xu's attention was instantly deterred, and he started talking non-stop about his new hairstyle. He didn't notice how strange Han Xianyu's change of topic was at all.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her forehead, speechless...

It appeared that being forgetful was a good thing too...

1064 Return without any success

At the old residence of the Ye family:

Ye Yiyi sat in front of the dressing table and was leisurely looking through the sparkling pieces of jewelry on the table's surface.

Liang Meixuan stood by the side with a big grin. "Yiyi, what Mom chose for you is perfect. You should wear this necklace for the engagement banquet and you'll stun everyone there! I didn't expect that d*mn girl, Ye Wanwan, to grow more and more like a foxy vixen as she turned older. However, no matter how pretty she is, she's still a low-life!"

When Ye Yiyi heard that, a dazzling and eye-catching image surfaced in her mind, and she subconsciously clenched her fingers. "Did everyone from the eldest branch get an invitation?"

Liang Meixuan was enraged. "Yes, not only Ye Wanwan and Ye Mufan, but Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun also got invitations. Those two old geezers are so biased! They never stopped praying for their grandson to inherit the family!"

"Yet Ye Mufan turned smart all of a sudden and has been impenetrable! I've sent people to test him a few times, but nobody got a chance to act!"

"What about the woman you sent last time?" Ye Yiyi asked.

Liang Meixuan gritted her teeth. "She also returned without any success! She even took off her clothes, but Ye Mufan didn't take the bait!"

That woman had AIDS, so if Ye Mufan was infected, their problem would be solved once and for all. Unfortunately, they hadn't succeeded.

"Ye Mufan probably changed from shock, so he's on high alert. It won't be easy to target him..." Ye Yiyi's eyes turned

colder.

Liang Meixuan sneered. "Not a problem. We can't target Ye Mufan, but we still have that idiot, Ye Wanwan!"

As Liang Meixuan said that, she picked up a ring box made from black swan down off the dressing table.

When she opened the box, an extremely pretty jade ring was revealed. Its immense value was apparent.

When Liang Meixuan saw the ring, her eyes brightened. "Is this the engagement ring you picked with Yueze? How gorgeous!"

"Yeah." The mention of Gu Yueze caused Ye Yiyi's expression to become gentler.

Liang Meixuan closed the box and said, "Yiyi, I'll take this ring to Huang Mingkun and have him find a chance to secretly sneak it into Ye Wanwan's possession on the day of the engagement banquet."

Ye Yiyi's eyes sparkled. "Mom, are you saying we'll trap Ye Wanwan and blame her for stealing my engagement ring?"

Liang Meixuan: "That's right!"

Doubt remained on Ye Yiyi's face. "Will... this work?"

Liang Meixuan sounded certain. "That family is dirt poor! Everyone will believe it if we say they stole it! Anyway, Ye Wanwan has always been resentful about your relationship with Yueze! With the number of honored guests there, I'd like to see how that family will be thick-faced and stay in the Ye family!"

When Ye Yiyi heard that, she nodded and said. "That's right, a trap of this level is enough to deal with Ye Wanwan."

Liang Meixuan was extremely confident as she said, "You just have to dress nice and leave the rest to me. I'll tell Huang Mingkun about it later."

When Ye Yiyi heard Huang Mingkun's name, she frowned. "Mom, when will you make Huang Mingkun leave the Ye residence?"

Liang Meixuan gently comforted her. "Be good, Yiyi. I know you don't like him, but he still has his use. We still need his help for many things. Your hands can't be dirtied by these matters..."

Ye Yiyi's eyes brimmed with disgust. "But he..."

Liang Meixuan said, "Don't worry. He won't be a threat to your position. Everything that he has right now depends on you, so he's more afraid about the truth coming out than you..."

1066 Never cause trouble

Ye Wanwan extended her hand and unfastened his dress shirt button by button, revealing sliver after sliver of skin...

She intentionally tried to look away but also couldn't help but peek secretly...

A true danger for my life!

Why do I feel like Si Yehan has been purposefully seducing me the past two days? Isn't he overestimating my self-control?

Alas, she managed to help Si Yehan change with the help of her iron willpower.

It wasn't until she finished changing him that she realized...

Cough, Si Yehan didn't request this because I previously helped Tangtang get dressed, right?!

Ye Wanwan was speechlessly amused but also felt her heart melting into a puddle.

The more she interacted with this man, the more she found him to be different from his cold and brutal exterior...

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The day of the engagement banquet arrived swiftly.

The entrance to the Ye family's old residence bustled with activity. There was an endless stream of luxurious cars and distinguished guests in extravagant attire.

When Ye Wanwan, Ye Mufan, and their parents got out of the car and saw this scene, they looked a bit dazed.

The last time their family was here was for Grandfather's birthday banquet.

When a guest greeter at the entrance saw Ye Wanwan and her family, they came up with a broad smile. "Eldest Young Master, Second Miss, please enter!"

Ye Mufan's expression turned cold, and he uttered a noncommittal response before leading his parents and sister inside.

The last time they were here, they were blocked outside due to a lack of invitation and were ridiculed by Huang Mingkun and the security.

Now, after they started showing up often at the old residence to feast with the grandparents, the servants saw a turn in circumstances and didn't dare to offend them on the surface.

"Wanwan, Dad and I know you're unhappy, but you must be calm and you can't act recklessly, you understand?" Liang Wanjun advised with worry, fearing Wanwan would cause trouble like in the past.

Although her daughter had changed a lot lately, she knew Gu Yueze's importance in her daughter's heart too well. Today was such a special day, so her daughter was bound to be affected somehow.

"I originally told Ye Mufan to tell you you didn't have to come, but well..." Ye Shaoting sighed with a frown. "Mufan, take good care of your sister, alright?"

When Ye Mufan heard this, his lips twitched. "I know, I know"

In which universe did he have to take care of her? He reckoned several Gu Yueze and Ye Yiyi's added together still wouldn't be enough to defeat her...

"Dad, Mom, I know! I'll be good!" Ye Wanwan looked wellbehaved.

Ye Mufan: "..."

Pretend! Keep pretending...

He didn't think she would refrain from wreaking havoc in the slightest...

Ye Mufan whispered next to Ye Wanwan's ears, "You insisted on coming here. What in the world are you planning to do?"

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "The things you say... what could I possibly do? Of course I came here to have a nice festive meal! I never cause trouble!"

Ye Mufan: "..." Only an idiot would believe you...

The arrival of Ye Shaoting and his family attracted quite a number of gazes. The people who were congratulating Ye Yiyi and Gu Yueze all turned to survey them with odd looks.

Ye Yiyi walked over with her arms looped around Gu Yueze's arm. "Wanwan, Mufan, Uncle, Auntie, you're here!"

Ye Mufan pursed his lips and snorted. "Oh, congratulations! What a match you are!"

Ye Yiyi pretended to have missed the mockery in Ye Mufan's eyes, but her hold on Gu Yueze's arm tightened as she said, "Thank you for coming to my engagement banquet!"

Gu Yueze had a wine glass in his hand and also said his thanks. Then his gaze naturally drifted toward the girl who was docilely standing next to Ye Mufan.

The girl was akin to a well-nourished rose. He hadn't seen her for a few days, but she was more resplendent than before and was even more captivating. She looked nothing like her previous fat and disgusting appearance.

He didn't expect there to be a day when he would have an error of judgment...

1067 How could she possibly be bullied

After Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan greeted the guests, they headed over to them.

"You're here." Ye Hongwei still had a stern face when he looked at Ye Shaoting, but he wasn't hostile like before.

"Dad, Mom!" Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun quickly greeted them.

Tan Yi Lan still looked displeased when she saw Liang Wanjun and it only eased when she turned to Ye Mufan. She said, "Don't just stand here! Go and help take care of the guests!"

Having them look after the guests implied that they acknowledged them to be members of the Ye family.

Ye Mufan hastily said, "Yes Grandma, I'll go right away!"

Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun also answered in agreement.

Although Liang Meixuan and Ye Shao'an were cursing them inwardly, they maintained the smiles on their face.

"Oh, Mom, what are you saying? There are enough people receiving guests already! Brother and Sister-in-law can just rest and enjoy the party without worrying!" Ye Shao'an said with a smile, isolating Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun in a roundabout manner.

Meanwhile, Ye Yiyi kept an inconspicuous watch on Gu Yueze out of the corner of her eye and noticed that his gaze kept "casually" lingering on Ye Wanwan ever since they greeted her.

Ye Yiyi's eyes darkened and she detached herself from Gu Yueze before passionately grasping Ye Wanwan's hands. "Wanwan, I still haven't chosen my necklace and bracelet. Won't you come and help me choose it?"

Ye Wanwan grinned. "Sure!"

Then she turned to Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan and said, "Grandpa, Grandma, I'm going to accompany Sister Yiyi."

Ye Hongwei nodded. "En, go on."

Upon seeing Ye Wanwan's well-mannered and proper disposition without a sign of losing control, both Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan revealed satisfied expressions.

Ye Hongwei, in particular, had a drastically altered opinion of this granddaughter due to Professor Li Yan frequently preaching about how outstanding Wanwan's grades were.

This was obviously something the second branch was unwilling to see...

After the two elders were dragged into a conversation by a guest, Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun swiftly pulled Ye Mufan to the side.

"Mufan, go and check on your sister, quick!" Ye Shaoting instructed him sternly.

"Eh? What am I going for?" Ye Mufan asked, not understanding. He hadn't eaten lunch, so he was starving at the moment and had just picked up a piece of cake.

Ye Shaoting frowned. "I'm afraid she's being bullied, of course! Why aren't you going already?! Why do you only have food on your mind?!"

Ye Mufan mumbled, "Ah, Wanwan won't, how could she possibly be bullied..."

Liang Wanjun sent him a disapproving look at once. "Of course she will! Your sister is a girl. She's sad enough on a day like today, and she's been dragged off by Ye Yiyi to pick out jewelry. She must be in so much pain! Go quickly! Eat later!"

The more thoughtful and tolerating their daughter was, the more guilt and pain Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun felt.

Under the joint ushering of his parents, Ye Mufan had no choice but to put his cake down with grief and left to find Ye Wanwan.

Sad...?

Where do you see the sadness in her, huh?

She was just on the phone with her boyfriend earlier and discussing the destination of their weekend trip...

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Upstairs, in Ye Yiyi's room:

This room that faced eastward was the most spacious and had the best lighting. It was originally Ye Wanwan's room, but it now belonged to Ye Yiyi, and all of Ye Wanwan's possessions were moved to a servant's room.

Through the door in the bedroom was a spacious walk-in closet that was brimming with sparkling clothes, purses, and shoes.

1069 That's not necessarily true, is i

Because the commotion grew bigger, guests soon whispered to each other about the situation.

"What is it? Did something happen?"

"I'm not sure. I think Ye Yiyi's engagement ring is missing or something."

"No way! Something as important as the engagement ring must be ready in advance, right? How could it suddenly disappear?"

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With a solemn expression, Huang Mingkun headed for Ye Wanwan and the other heiresses who went upstairs earlier.

"Apologies for the disturbance, miss. I wanted to ask whether you saw Miss Yiyi's engagement ring when you were in Miss Yiyi's room earlier?" Huang Mingkun asked politely.

A few of the heiresses shook their heads. "I didn't notice it."

Liang Shihan spoke up, "I saw it. Wasn't it on Miss Yiyi's table earlier?"

"That's right, I saw it as well! It was a gorgeous jade ring!" an heiress wearing a yellow gown also said.

Liang Shihan's gaze shifted. "It was still there earlier. How could it suddenly have gone missing? It couldn't have been stolen, right?"

The heiress in the yellow gown said, "Stolen? Everyone here today is a distinguished guest! So why would they do such a sneaky thing?!"

"Heh, all distinguished guests? That's not necessarily true, is it?" Liang Shihan glanced at Ye Wanwan bitterly.

Then Liang Shihan asked Huang Mingkun, "Steward Huang, have you searched everywhere already?"

Huang Mingkun nodded. "That's right, we've searched everywhere, but we didn't find it. The banquet is about to start, which is why I rushed over to ask you about it. If you've seen it, please inform me at once."

Then Huang Mingkun purposefully adopted a troubled tone and said, "I've searched all the servants in the family with an in-depth search of the servants who entered Miss Yiyi's room, but I haven't found anything. It's like the ring disappeared into thin air."

Liang Shihan screamed at once, "How could a ring just disappear into thin air? Since it was still there when we left, then it must've disappeared when we were helping Sister Yiyi choose her jewelry earlier."

"It's only us who entered Sister Yiyi's room earlier. Since Steward Huang didn't find it anywhere, why don't we simply hand over our purses and allow Steward Huang to check them? If it's not there, then Steward Huang can hurry and look for it elsewhere!"

Upon seeing that Liang Shihan was successfully steered by him, Huang Mingkun secretly revealed a smug smile and covered it with an apologetic expression. "We're truly sorry for inconveniencing you noble ladies. In truth, I shouldn't be asking this, but today's a big day for Miss Yiyi. If such an important thing remains missing, I truly don't know how to tell Miss Yiyi..."

Liang Shihan knew Huang Mingkun was a favorite of Ye Yiyi, so she immediately echoed his words to curry his favor, "That's right, that's right! It would be unlucky if we delayed Sister Yiyi's engagement banquet! I'll go first!"

Liang Shihan handed her handbag over. "Steward Huang, you can search mine first!"

Everyone was wearing a gown today, so the only possible hiding place for a ring was their handbags.

The other heiresses all handed their handbags over upon seeing this.

"My apologies!" Huang Mingkun immediately ordered the servants to check it.

Obviously, Huang Mingkun only had the servants superficially check those heiresses' handbags and didn't shuffle through them. The handbags were quickly returned to their respective owners.

"Ah, it's still missing..." Huang Mingkun sighed anxiously.

Upon hearing this, Liang Shihan said contemptuously, "Hold on, Steward Huang, isn't there still someone who hasn't been searched yet?"

1071 Why should she cooperate with you

"You think we'll let you search just because you said so? Why don't you go and stand shoulder to shoulder with the sun?"

Ye Mufan suspected they must've planted the ring on Ye Wanwan first. Otherwise, they wouldn't have caused such a large disturbance today. If they weren't certain the ring was with Ye Wanwan and they couldn't find the ring on her, then Ye Yiyi would be the humiliated one. It was almost impossible Ye Yiyi would do something like that on a day like today.

Ye Mufan decided he wouldn't allow anyone to search Ye Wanwan's bag no matter what.

Currently, every guest was watching them and whispering amongst themselves.

"If she didn't take it, why won't she let people search it..."

"That's right. A simple search won't cause any harm and would prove her innocence. If they can't find it, it's Ye Yiyi who'll be humiliated..."

"Heh, what is there to be unsure about? Everyone else handed their bags over of their own accord and allowed them to be searched. Only that Second Miss of the eldest branch is unwilling. Isn't it clear that there's something fishy going on? She must've stolen the ring! I'm sure the ring is inside her handbag!"

Huang Mingkun stepped forward and looked at Ye Wanwan. "Miss Wanwan, I'm sorry. But today's a very special day, so I hope Miss Wanwan will cooperate with us…"

"Why should she cooperate with you? Try and search her, I dare you!" Ye Mufan stood in front of his sister.

"Steward Huang, Wanwan definitely wouldn't take it..." Ye Yiyi spoke up to save her.

Steward Huang shook his head and sighed. "Miss Yiyi, we've searched the other guests already. It's very disrespectful to the other guests if we don't search Miss Wanwan as well. Moreover, we're merely trying to clear Miss Wanwan's name. We aren't trying to make things difficult for Miss Wanwan."

"Well..." Ye Yiyi looked hesitant.

"Yiyi, you're simply too naive. Everyone allowed themselves to be searched except for Ye Wanwan alone. I bet the ring was stolen by her. Why do you keep protecting her in spite of how she treated you!" Liang Meixuan sneered.

"Mom... don't talk about Wanwan like that," Ye Yiyi said with a frown.

"What am I saying? If she really didn't steal it, she probably would've handed her bag over a long time ago to clear her suspicion! From the looks of it, I'm 90% certain she's the thief!" Liang Meixuan snorted. "The Ye family has truly raised a thankless wretch! How could she commit a burglary like this?!"

The heiresses who took the initiative to hand over their handbags all looked at Ye Wanwan with disgust and distanced themselves from her. They acted as though being in Ye Wanwan's presence was an insult to them.

Liang Wanjun and Ye Shaoting both looked at Ye Wanwan with shock. They believed their daughter wouldn't commit theft, but they didn't understand why Ye Wanwan was unwilling to relinquish her handbag.

"Miss Wanwan, I hope you won't keep wasting the guests' valuable time..." Huang Mingkun looked at Ye Wanwan.

"Why do I have to let you search?" Ye Wanwan snorted while looking at Huang Mingkun.

"Because Miss Wanwan is under suspicion of stealing the ring, so please cooperate to clear your name, Miss Wanwan," Huang Mingkun replied.

However, Ye Wanwan didn't care at all. "The suspicion was determined by you, not me. I myself know whether I should be

under any suspicion. So, whether we're talking about logic or the law, I don't have any obligation to cooperate with you."

1072 Be responsible for your own consequences

A frown arose on Huang Mingkun's face when he heard Ye Wanwan. He didn't expect Ye Wanwan to be so troublesome. He thought this would be an easy matter to settle... Or could it be that Ye Wanwan detected something...

If Ye Wanwan absolutely refused to be searched, there wasn't much he could do.

"Dad, Mom... Look! If Ye Wanwan didn't take the ring, why would she act like this?!" Liang Meixuan immediately turned to Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan for help.

Tan Yi Lan frowned at Ye Wanwan and said, "Wanwan, if you didn't take Yiyi's ring, there's nothing to be afraid of. Give your bag to Steward Huang to search."

"Grandma, it's not that I'm unwilling to let them search, but there are so many guests here today... I don't want to let this matter get too big." Ye Wanwan had an "I'm very troubled" expression.

Liang Meixuan snorted when she heard that. "Aha! So it really is you ungrateful b*tch who took Yiyi's ring! How could such shameless scum come out of our family? You even steal things from your family! Yet, you're afraid of being humiliated now? You should've thought of that earlier! You probably stole quite a lot of things while you were outside, didn't you?!"

Ye Wanwan immediately glanced at Liang Meixuan. "Second Aunt, how many days have you not brushed your teeth?"

Liang Meixuan's expression shifted but before she could say anything, Ye Hongwei made the command for Huang Mingkun to search Ye Wanwan's bag.

"You can search it if you want," Ye Wanwan coldly said.
"However, you'll have to be responsible for the consequences,
Second Aunt."

Then, Ye Wanwan handed her bag to Huang Mingkun.

Everyone's gaze landed on Ye Wanwan's handbag, curious as to whether it was Ye Wanwan who stole the ring.

Huang Mingkun casually sifted through it and immediately extracted a jade ring from Ye Wanwan's handbag without any trouble under everyone's eyes...

"Hah, so it really was you!" Liang Meixuan screamed in shock.

Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun were both dumbfounded when they saw Huang Mingkun pulling the ring out of Ye Wanwan's bag.

Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan turned furious as they looked at Ye Wanwan.

"Um... Wanwan isn't that kind of person. There must be some misunderstanding..." Ye Yiyi suddenly said.

"Misunderstanding?!" Liang Meixuan snorted. "Everyone here saw Steward Huang pulling your ring out of Ye Wanwan's bag with their own eyes! What misunderstanding could there be? Why are you still protecting this thankless wretch even now?!"

"But..." Ye Yiyi bit her lip and finally sighed, not saying anything more.

"How vile..."

Ye Mufan gritted his teeth. He just knew Ye Yiyi must've set it up beforehand! Yet, she was putting on an unbearable and aching act right now. Truly repulsive!

Wanwan actually told him to learn a trick or two from her. He was afraid he could never learn to be so shameless in his life though.

Shock and exclamations swept through the guests. The second miss of the Ye family's eldest branch was really a thief! And she stole from her own family!

"An apple doesn't fall far from the tree!"

"Heh... it can't be helped. The parents were remiss in her upbringing and raised a thief."

"How shameful...!"

Some of the guests started jeering.

Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan both felt short of breath. What should they do with their pride in such a public setting?!

"Ye Wanwan, you could've told us upfront if you were lacking money! I never expected you to be a thief instead! You've truly brought shame upon the Ye family and your grandpa and grandma! How should your grandpa and grandma hold their heads up from now on, you ungrateful wretch!" Liang Meixuan let loose a torrent of abuse while pointing at Ye Wanwan.

1074 Such good acting skills

Discussion bubbled amongst the guests when they heard Ye Wanwan.

"Ye Wanwan, what are you saying? I think you've lost your mind! How did Yiyi's engagement ring become your ring?" Liang Meixuan looked at Ye Wanwan like she was a fool.

Ye Wanwan said with heartbreak, "Second Aunt, you don't know whether this is my ring or not? I didn't know you had such good acting skills until today!"

"This jade ring belonged to me from the beginning. I've always left it inside my room, but you went to my room and stole my ring. I saw it myself!"

Ye Wanwan harshly shouted while pointing at Liang Meixuan with an extremely angry expression. However, it looked like she was trying her best to repress her rage so she didn't lose control.

"You... you d*mn girl, what are you saying? I stole your ring?" Liang Meixuan screeched.

"Wanwan, don't be rash with your words..." Ye Yiyi had a deep frown as she looked at Ye Wanwan.

"Rash with my words?" Ye Wanwan scoffed. "I originally planned to turn a blind eye to this. Since you like it, I'll consider it a congratulatory present for you... Who knew you would treat me like this..."

When Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun saw the profound hurt on Ye Wanwan's face, they looked at each other in astonishment.

They didn't believe their daughter would commit a theft to begin with, so all doubts drained out of their faces when they heard Ye Wanwan's words.

"That's right!" Ye Mufan was briefly startled before promptly stepping forward. In coordination with Ye Wanwan, he looked

at the ring and said, "Wanwan spent a large sum of money buying this ring! I remember it very clearly. I was wondering why Wanwan's ring went missing recently... It turned out you stole it. How disgusting to steal from your own family! Blah!"

"You... Stop making things up!" Liang Meixuan's expression was as dark as the bottom of a pan.

"Second Aunt, I saw you sneakily going to my room to steal the ring with my own eyes. I can understand that you wanted to give a blessing to your daughter, but you can't just steal from me, can you? Not only that, but you even wanted to frame me!" Ye Wanwan shook her head while sighing, her face pained.

"You d*mn girl, you're talking nonsense! I think you're trying to shift the blame out of shame! Do you have any proof?"

"Does Second Aunt have any proof for accusing me of stealing the ring? What proof do you have to verify that this ring is yours?"

"How absurd! This is Yiyi's engagement ring. If it's not Yiyi's, could it be yours?" Liang Meixuan angrily shouted.

Ye Yiyi doubtfully turned to look at Gu Yueze.

Gu Yueze said, "This is the engagement ring I bought for Yiyi."

Ye Wanwan turned to Gu Yueze with wide, glistening eyes. "You... Gu Yueze... I didn't expect... that you would also help them frame me... Heh... Forget it... I should've known..."

When Gu Yueze heard her, his brows furrowed. What in the world was this woman doing?

The audience was completely stunned when they witnessed this scene.

"What's going on?"

"What else could it be... it must be a ruse!"

While everyone busied themselves with discussion, Ye Wanwan's eyes hardened and she sharply said, "Fine! Great!

So what you're saying is that you've been accusing me without a factual basis this whole time? I never make a habit of making unfounded accusations! I have evidence to prove this ring is mine!"

1076 Nothing I can do to clear my name

"Thankfully, Second Aunt didn't notice the character carved inside the ring when she stole it. Otherwise, there would've been nothing I could do to clear my name today."

Ye Wanwan's accusation of "stealing" caused rage to erupt from Liang Meixuan. She tightly clutched the ring and harshly said, "You... you must've engraved the character on there just now!"

Ye Wanwan chuckled. "Second Aunt said I was talking nonsense earlier, but I think it's Second Aunt who's talking nonsense, no? The ring's surface might be jade, but the ring itself is platinum gold. Did I engrave it with my nails on the spot?"

Liang Meixuan gritted her teeth. "Then... then this isn't Yiyi's engagement ring!"

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "Second Aunt, you finally admit this isn't Ye Yiyi's ring?"

"This is Yiyi's ring! But you still stole Yiyi's engagement ring!" Liang Meixuan was incensed.

Ye Wanwan's disbelief deepened. "Second Aunt, you're the one who suddenly blew up and accused me of stealing today. How could I prepare an identical ring in such a short amount of time and also carve my name inside it? Can I predict the future? Did I know Second Aunt would use such a ridiculous trap to frame me, so I made preparations beforehand?"

Ye Wanwan's words elicited a wave of laughter.

"You..." Liang Meixuan was at a loss for words.

Meanwhile, Ye Mufan was on the brink of explosion from his anger. "Liang Meixuan, your bullying is too intolerable! Grandpa, Grandma, I beg you to return justice to Wanwan!"

Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun pulled Ye Wanwan into their arms with rage on their faces.

Ye Hongwei's face had turned extremely dark now. "Meixuan, what's going on?"

Liang Meixuan anxiously said, "I... Dad, Mom! It's not what it looks like! Why would I steal this d*mn girl's ring?! She's framing me!"

Ye Hongwei: "How do you explain this ring then?!"

Liang Meixuan: "I..."

Ye Wanwan turned to her grandparents. "Grandpa, Grandma, we're all family, so I originally didn't want to pursue the matter, but I was too hurt just now, so I couldn't help but tell the truth. Sorry, I was too impulsive and made trouble for Grandpa and Grandma..."

Ye Hongwei recalled his earlier suspicion of Ye Wanwan and looked at the girl's hurt but thoughtful appearance. He felt guilt rising in him. "Wanwan, it's not your fault. You don't need to apologize."

Ye Mufan snorted. "Call the police then! Weren't you screaming about calling the police earlier?"

"I didn't! I didn't steal it! D*m girl, you framed me! You have the nerve to frame me! I'm going to rip you to pieces!" Liang Meixuan couldn't explain it no matter what she said and nearly vomited blood from her rage. She lost control and launched herself at Ye Wanwan.

However, before she could approach Ye Wanwan, Ye Hongwei furiously shouted, "What utter nonsense! Shao'an, hurry and take your wife inside already! Haven't you humiliated yourself enough yet?"

Ye Shao'an gritted his teeth. He had no choice but to pull Liang Meixuan back and reluctantly said, "Dad, Mom, this d*mn girl must've done something..."

"Shut up! Look at yourself - do you look like a senior at all?!"

Tan Yi Lan also had a dark expression. The character and numbers on the ring completely made her believe that the second branch was intentionally framing Wanwan.

She originally thought Liang Meixuan was clever and docile, but who knew she would be just as troublesome.

As expected, when a person gets too much power, they start to change...

The second branch has been more and more unseemly lately. It looks like it's time to make some plans...

1077 I'm obviously the one who's being taugh

All the unpleasant things the guests said about Ye Wanwan were now sent back to Liang Meixuan in all their glory.

Father Gu and Mother Gu also didn't look too good. Having such a scandal happening to their in-laws during the engagement banquet was a blow to their reputation.

They weren't optimistic about Ye Shao'an to begin with, since his abilities were much inferior to Ye Shaoting. If Ye Yiyi wasn't his only daughter, they wouldn't have agreed to this marriage.

Based on Ye Shaoting's current situation, the Ye family's future was uncertain!

Who would've expected such a drastic transformation to occur to the incompetent spendthrift, Ye Mufan...

Ye Yiyi was pale as she watched her perfectly good engagement banquet devolving to the current situation. She could already imagine the rumors that would plague their circle after this banquet ended.

What was worse was that Grandpa and Grandma...

They originally wanted to utilize this chance to make the eldest branch lose favor with Grandpa and Grandma, but it backfired on them again!

D*mn it! Everything was organized perfectly, so where did it go wrong...?

As the matter stood, Ye Shao'an had no choice but to forcibly repress his fury.

He was about to lead his emotional wife away when Ye Wanwan suddenly said, "Second Aunt, my ring."

Grandfather angrily chided, "Return it to Wanwan already!"

Before Liang Meixuan could speak, Ye Yiyi hastily stopped her mother with a look. She took the ring from her mother and handed it to Ye Wanwan. "Wanwan, I'm truly sorry. I didn't expect this. There must be a misunderstanding somewhere in here. I'll apologize to you after the banquet ends."

It was evidently her engagement ring but Ye Yiyi had to personally return it to Ye Wanwan. Ye Yiyi nearly couldn't maintain her facade.

When she took the ring from her mother, she imperceptibly examined the ring again and ascertained that it was indeed her ring. How did Ye Wanwan's name appear out of nowhere though...

"Everyone, I'm truly sorry. We've embarrassed ourselves with some trivial family matters in front of everyone."

Meanwhile, Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan hurried to smooth things over. After all, the engagement banquet had to continue still. After the banquet ended, they still had to expend a huge effort to pacify the guests and the Gu family.

As soon as they thought about this, their faces turned darker.

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After the banquet ended, Ye Hongwei called Ye Mufan to his study.

Ye Hongwei sighed and looked at his grandson. "Mufan, Wanwan has been wronged by this matter. You must console her well when you go home. I'll definitely severely punish your aunt!"

Ye Mufan: "Thank you, Grandfather!"

"Do you know why Grandfather called you here?" Ye Hongwei asked.

Ye Mufan shook his head to show his incomprehension.

Ye Hongwei looked satisfied as he said, "People say hardships cause people to grow up, and they were right. You've finally grown up and become sensible. Grandfather is very pleased. Moreover, you've also taught Wanwan well. That girl is more and more well-mannered."

When Ye Mufan heard this, he subconsciously rubbed his nose, feeling a little guilty inside!

Ah, I'm obviously the one who's being taught, alright...

If it weren't for Wanwan using extreme methods to awaken him, he still be trudging through life like a fool!

"Grandpa, I was too disgraceful before and disappointed you and Grandma. I'll work harder," Ye Mufan promised.

Ye Hongwei nodded and said after a moment of silence, "You know your reputation in the Ye Group from the past. If you want to come back, you must present something to convince the masses, do you understand?"

1079 It's not like I can't afford to raise him

"If you want to accomplish something, you have to pay particular attention to whether the time and conditions are favorable. The eldest branch's reputation was too terrible before, but we've been improving our reputation. Grandpa and Grandma's opinion is getting more and more biased. Now, we're prepared but lack a crucial element. Gaining people's favor is the first step, but our strength is the most important part. For the next step, we must put on a magnificent show," Ye Wanwan said.

Ye Mufan nodded. "Your predictions are completely right, Wanwan. This was why Grandpa called me into his study. Grandpa already promised me a chance as long as I have some achievements to show off."

"That's good. The following period will be vital. We mustn't lower our guard."

"Don't worry, Wanwan. I'll work overtime and keep a close watch!"

Ye Mufan was talking as Ye Wanwan's phone suddenly rang. It was a very particular ring tone, piercing as a siren.

"Whose message is it? What the hell is up with this ring tone? Why's it like a police siren!" Ye Mufan asked curiously when he heard this weird noise.

As soon as Ye Wanwan heard the ring tone, she scrambled to take her phone out. "My boyfriend's message!"

Ye Mufan: "... do you need to set such a terrifying ringtone for your boyfriend?"

Ye Wanwan: "Of course I do!"

Ye Wanwan immediately called Si Yehan back. "Hey, honey, I'm done here. I'll come back now. Sleep first with our son!"

Ye Mufan: "..." 'Son...'

Do you have to say it so naturally...

After Ye Wanwan finished her call, Ye Mufan mumbled, "That child hasn't left yet? How long do you plan to let him stay? If they still can't find her, do you plan to keep letting him stay with you?!"

Ye Wanwan blinked. "Why not? Tangtang is so good! Anyway, it's not like I can't afford to raise him!"

Ye Mufan was speechless. "That's not the point, alright? He's not your child after all. Why would you keep raising him..."

"Nonsense! He's my child!"

Ye Mufan: "..."

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Little House of Rose:

Si Yehan sat on the sofa in the living room with a book in his hands.

Slaughter was laying on the carpet next to the sofa and dozing off while a fair and adorable child laid against the giant white tiger.

The child was sitting properly the whole time, but perhaps due to extreme fatigue, his eyes were sleepy and hazy and his body was swaying. He rubbed his eyes occasionally.

Si Yehan randomly laid a pink blanket over him and would reach out to support him every time the child fell from his sleepiness.

"Do you want to sleep?" Si Yehan asked Tangtang.

The little fella immediately shook his head. "I want to wait for Mommy."

Si Yehan didn't say anything else.

The little fella had his eyes half closed as he sleepily laid on Great White and muttered, "Great White, Great White... where's Mommy... Why isn't Mommy back yet... When will

Mommy come back... Will she still love me when she comes back... Will she still want me...?"

Si Yehan: "..."

Great White opened his eyes and glanced at the child laying on him before promptly closing his eyes again.

After a while, Great White's ears perked up and he looked toward the main door.

After getting out of the car, Ye Wanwan sprinted straight into the living room and was intending to go upstairs to the bedroom. However, she saw this incredibly heart-warming scene upon opening the door, and her heart jolted.

1081 Can I hit on you?

Soon, the campus portion of "A Life and Death Struggle" came to an end. Today marked the final scene in the campus portion.

The director, Liu Qing, said worriedly, "Director Ye, I'm afraid... the latter scenes won't be easy to shoot! Are you sure Gong Xu can act them well?"

This film signified whether he could reverse his fate, so he naturally attached great importance to this too.

Liu Qing was previously an actor. Although he worked incredibly hard, his appearance wasn't remarkable so he couldn't climb up the ladder and could only dwell in the lowest rung of the entertainment industry.

Later, he had no choice but to change careers and become a director behind the scenes.

Liu Qing was inherently talented and also worked hard. After he switched careers, he shot a few art films that garnered decent ratings but didn't explode in popularity, so he spent all of his savings that he amassed when he was an actor.

Ye Wanwan had seen Liu Qing's films before and knew he was very capable, but unfortunately, he didn't know how to choose a good screenplay and actors. Although he didn't choose a good screenplay the past few times, there were also issues with the actors.

Global Entertainment had reconciled with them on the surface but kept setting up obstructions for them secretly. Hence, it was difficult for them to find a suitable director, and they weren't capable of inviting famous directors. Ye Wanwan took a long time searching before she found Liu Qing.

Thankfully, Liu Qing was very professional during the shooting which proved she hadn't misjudged him.

Ye Wanwan said, "It'll be fine, Director Liu. Finish shooting this initial portion first. I will take Gong Xu and Luo Chen for special training next week, and we'll continue shooting after we return. You can examine the effects then."

Liu Qing might be worried, but he nodded upon seeing Ye Wanwan's confident expression. "Alright, I understand."

A little distance away, Gong Xu had just finished shooting a scene. He was taking advantage of his break to run around with his phone and do mysterious things.

He had Dong Zai hold his phone for him and sprinted toward Han Xianyu. "Tell me. Who is more handsome—Han Xianyu or me?"

Han Xianyu saw that Gong Xu appeared to be holding a livestream with the fans on his phone, so he chuckled lightly and waved to the fans in the livestream as he greeted, "Hello, everyone!"

[Ahhhh! Han Xianyu! It's Han Xianyu! My god! Little Angel Xianyu is too handsome!]

When Gong Xu saw the barrage of comments on the bullet screen, his face darkened. "Hey! Just whose fans are you! Tell me who's more handsome!"

[You're handsome, you're handsome! Baby Xu, you're the most handsome! Don't be jealous, ok? We want to see Luo Chen! Luo Chen! Luo Chen! Baby Xu, how about you go and hit on Luo Chen?]

[Ahhh! That's right, that's right! Go hit on Luo Chen, I beg you!]

Gong Xu's face turned darker when he saw the bullet screen. He harrumphed. "No! Who'd want to go hit on that coffin face?!"

[Baby Xu is being prideful again!]

[Be good, Baby Xu! Go on, go on!]

His fans were all crazily flooding the bullet screen.

Currently, Luo Chen was holding his script and asking Ye Wanwan some questions. He had already gotten used to Ye

Wanwan's explanation style, so he frequently went to Ye Wanwan for help.

When Gong Xu saw that Luo Chen was plastered to Ye Wanwan again, he instantly exploded and rapidly darted over. Dong Zai quickly followed with the phone.

When the fans watching the livestream saw Gong Xu running toward Luo Chen, they all excitedly flooded the comments and crazily tipped him with gifts.

Gong Xu irritably glared at Luo Chen when he arrived. "Move!"

Luo Chen frowned. "Do you need something?"

"Of course I need something!" After saying that, he forcibly pushed Luo Chen to the side and shot toward Ye Wanwan with a bright grin. "Brother, Brother, can I hit on you?"

Ye Wanwan glanced at him, speechless. "You can't."

Tragic sadness instantly overrode Gong Xu's face. "Why???"

"I already have a partner. Thanks."

1082 Strict upbringing, huh?

At the same time, at Sandalwood Villa:

Ye Wanwan needed to go to the film crew in the morning, so Si Yehan brought Tangtang over first and ran into Lin Que and Xie Zhezhi, who came to relax as well.

Since they had never seen Si Yehan caring for a child, they found it too novel and shamelessly stuck to him.

Xie Zhezhi was playing with his phone, bored, when he suddenly revealed an interested expression. "Ah-Jiu, I saw something fun, do you want to see?"

Si Yehan ignored him without surprise.

"Your Little Ye is here too!" Xie Zhezhi added.

Only then did Si Yehan look over.

As soon as Lin Que heard this, he also joined the party. "Eh, he's that actor under Ye Wanwan, right?"

On the phone screen, the fancily dressed actor showed up in front of Ye Wanwan and asked, "Brother, brother, can I hit on you?"

Lin Que immediately spat out his water. He didn't expect to see such an explosive scene unpredictably?

In his surprise, he saw Ye Wanwan answer without any hesitation, "I already have a partner. Thanks."

Xie Zhezhi sardonically glanced at Si Yehan. "Pft, strict upbringing, huh?"

Lin Que pursed his lips. "It's more like she has a strong desire for survival!"

"What are these?" Si Yehan asked when he saw the presents flooding the livestream.

Xie Zhezhi answered, "Oh, these. These are the fans' gifts. The most expensive is a yacht. It requires 13140 gems, which in Chinese Yuan is..."

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Currently, the fans were nearly going crazy from how hard they flooded the bullet screen.

[Hahahaha, Baby Xu actually failed! Ah, this little big brother has a very individual personality!]

[Ahhh! Who is this little big brother?! He's too handsome!]

[I know, I know! He's Gong Xu's manager, Brother Ye Bai! I saw their company's group photo last time! He's super, super handsome!]

[Baby Xu, please give more screen time to Little Big Brother Ye Bai!]

[Ahhh, so unfortunate! Little big brother actually has a girlfriend already! His girlfriend must've rescued the galaxy!]

Everyone flooded the livestream room with comments about wanting to see Ye Bai.

Suddenly, a special effect exploded in the livestream room—someone gifted a yacht! Then, soon after, yachts flooded the screen one after another.

The entire room erupted again.

A whale actually sent 10 yachts in a row!

[D*mn, d*mn! Where did this whale come from! 10 yachts?! Too terrifying!]

[Their ID is "S9," but I've never seen this ID nor is it on the whale chart! I think it's a newly registered account!]

Gong Xu stared at the ID and mumbled with a frown, "Who is this? I don't think it's my fan..."

Fans typically liked to use their idol's photos or the fan group's icon as their profile icon. Moreover, the diehard fans used IDs like "A Kiss for Baby Xu," "Love Xu" or the like, so this ID was extremely peculiar.

When Ye Wanwan accidentally saw the ID, her brows raised instantly.

S9... Ninth Si... Si Yehan?

But why would Si Yehan watch something like a livestream and also send gifts?

"No more! No more! Today's livestream will end here!" Upon seeing that his fans all wanted to see Ye Bai, Gong Xu had Dong Zai turn the livestream offline.

"That fan just now..." Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin.

Gong Xu ran over and asked, "What fan?"

"The fan who sent the yachts just now... I think it's my boyfriend!"

Gong Xu's face turned as black as the bottom of a pan...

Why do I have to suffer a public display of affections from two men?!

1084 Look at my abs, look!

Gong Xu mumbled with displeasure, "Brother Ye, how am I worse than Luo Chen? I regularly workout, alright? Look at my abs, look!"

As Gong Xu said this, he pulled his shirt up and revealed his proud abs.

Ye Wanwan's mouth twitched wordlessly. She intentionally goaded him with ridicule, "You think this is awesome? Your abs are nowhere near the level of Luo Chen when he trained with his martial arts teacher!"

As soon as Gong Xu heard this, he flew off the handle. "Hey! You've seen Luo Chen's?! When?! Where?! You bastard, you really used underhanded techniques while I was gone! You're terrible!"

Ye Wanwan: "..." This guy's point of focus...

Luo Chen: "..."

Luo Chen took a step back surreptitiously, evidently not wanting to be infected with Gong Xu's idiocy.

However, he couldn't help but recall the day when Ye Wanwan officially started managing him.

Back then, Brother Ye wanted him to strip so she could see his physique and arrange a suitable workout and training program for him. He acted like a knave who used his own yardstick to measure the motive of an upright man and nearly suspected Brother Ye to be the same as Zhou Wenbin...

With that thought, Luo Chen couldn't help but be ashamed and his ears blushed.

Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes at Gong Xu. "It was when I just started managing Luo Chen. You didn't exist to me back then, okay!"

Gong Xu instantly nestled into a corner and started planting mushrooms. "I knew it! I knew I would never measure up to Luo Chen in your heart... Is it because he came earlier than me? I trusted the wrong person back then, I'm also very pitiful! Why are you discriminating against me?!"

When Ye Wanwan saw that this punk was acting up again, she kicked him irritably. "Stand up! If you normally act at the level you displayed just now, you wouldn't have to worry about whether you could get Best Actor!"

As soon as Gong Xu heard this, his eyes brightened. "Oh, Brother Ye, I knew you had high hopes for me! I will obtain Best Actor for sure with my acting skills!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

I wasn't complimenting him in the slightest just now, alright?

How does his brain work...

Gong Xu and Luo Chen's training before the next portion mainly comprised of: Wrestling, shooting, firearms, mine clearance, skydiving, etc. It covered quite a broad range, and it would be more than enough for the next portion of shooting if they could learn it adeptly.

Because it was the first day, Ye Wanwan followed them.

Instructor Lei quickly led the three of them to a training ground.

Gong Xu was curious about everything the entire way and skipped his way to the training grounds.

When he arrived at the location, Gong Xu's bright and sunny face instantly turned stormy and thunderous.

Before them, there was a giant quagmire with an electric wire net above it. A few dozen soldiers were strenuously crawling through the quagmire, mud soaking them from head to toe and hiding their original appearance. If they lifted their bodies even the tiniest bit, they would cry piteously from being electrocuted by the electric wires...

This... this exciting?

Gong Xu touched his new carefully chosen sakura-pink hairstyle, his limited edition hoodie, and his soft and tender face. He subconsciously took a step back...

Ye Wanwan reacted immediately and latched onto the back of Gong Xu's hoodie. "Why are you running?"

"Brother Ye, I... I think it's just acting... we don't need to be so serious right..." Gong Xu belatedly realized the scariness of the training.

"Didn't you say you would climb a mountain of swords and plunge into a sea of flames for Little Candied Plum before coming here?"

"That's right! I said I'd climb a mountain of swords and plunge into a sea of flames, not this!" Gong Xu righteously exclaimed.

Ye Wanwan: "..." Where's your integrity!

1086 Still a baby

Ahhh!

What's happening?! Why's my heart beating so fast?

Why do I feel like... I can't pull my eyes away from Ye Bai...?

Why do I gladly want to be scolded a few more times even though I'm being pulverized...?

I'm afraid I'm going to turn gay...

No! No! I'm 100% straight! I'm straighter than steel! It must be because Ye Bai looks too similar to Little Candied Plum!

When Ye Wanwan saw that Gong Xu was lost in thought, she angrily kicked him. "Did you hear what I said?"

Sh*t! Why am I so happy even from being kicked...

Am I crazy???

Gong Xu muttered, "I won't go!"

Veins protruded from Ye Wanwan's forehead. "Fine! You won't go, huh? Then I'll find someone else to take your place!"

"Ah, no!!!" Gong Xu immediately latched onto Ye Wanwan's moving calf. He grievously cried out, "Brother Ye, how could you do that?! Can't you coax me more?"

Ye Wanwan's lips twitched. "How old are you? Why do you still need to be coaxed?"

Gong Xu: "I'm still a baby..."

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Gong Xu's head was downcast, and he looked like a lost puppy. He knelt there and glanced up. "Brother Ye, what do you think I should do?"

Ye Wanwan immediately replied, "You should obediently start training and act in this film well!"

Gong Xu felt deceived. "You just wanted to trick me into rolling in the mud!"

Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes at him. "Do you think it's easy to get Best Actor? Shouldn't you know better?"

"You only know how to treat me so badly... yet you're so gentle with Luo Chen every time..." Gong Xu knew Ye Wanwan's personality, so he didn't dare to go overboard. So, he compromised and said, "I can obediently start training, but can I make a request?"

Ye Wanwan knew what he wanted to say with a look. "Don't bother. You can't see Little Candied Plum yet."

This guy's emotions were turbulent like a roller coaster. Who knew what he would do when he learned the truth?

Gong Xu promptly knelt on the ground, full of despair. "Will I never see Little Candied Plum in my life?"

Gong Xu buried his head between his knees and quietly mumbled, "I know. I know you've spent a lot of effort on me, Brother Ye. The only reason I was able to act in the first half of the film was because I was playing myself. However, in the second half... I know I can't get Best Actor..."

"Ah... why did I say I would eat sh*t if I didn't get Best Actor... Even wearing female clothes would be better..."

"Why didn't you think about the consequences before you said that then?" Ye Wanwan was speechless.

Gong Xu: "Ah, it just came out of my mouth..."

Ye Wanwan glanced at Gong Xu and knew she still had to add some fuel.

Gong Xu liked to play games the most. Since it was like that...

Ye Wanwan's gaze shifted. "How about this, let's have a bet between the two of us too."

Gong Xu looked at her immediately. "What bet?"

"If you lose and don't get Best Actor, you crossdress," Ye Wanwan said.

"And if I win?" Gong Xu promptly asked.

Ye Wanwan said without any hesitation, "If you win, then I will dress as a girl."

Gong Xu's eyes shot open. "D*mn! We're going this far?"

"Do you accept the bet?" Ye Wanwan asked with raised brows when she saw Gong Xu's enthusiasm.

Gong Xu stared at Ye Wanwan and imagined him dressed as a girl with a dazed expression. Then, his ears turned boiling red inexplicably.

Gong Xu rubbed his face and hastily returned to his senses. "I accept, I accept! If I win, you dress as a girl! You said it yourself!"

1087 Bite him to death

Ye Wanwan chuckled. "That's right, I said it."

"Can I take your word for it?" Gong Xu asked with uncertainty.

"When have I ever gone back on my word?"

Gong Xu finally believed it, and his listless appearance disappeared without a trace. He put his hands on his lips and recovered his arrogance. "Ahahaha! Not only can I see Little Candied Plum, but I can also see Brother Ye dressed as a girl! I will f*cking obtain Best Actor even if I lose my life!"

Ye Wanwan was speechless as she watched Gong Xu's invigorated appearance.

Unsurprisingly, the chicken noodle soup method was useless against Gong Xu. She had to use special methods.

Whatever, I'll dress as a girl! I was planning to tell Gong Xu the truth after this film finished shooting anyway.

Gong Xu eagerly dug out his phone and rushed to the company's WeChat group to gloat about it before his phone was confiscated.

[Gong Xu: Hahahahaha! Let me tell you, this young master is going to get Best Actor for sure! I'll shred anyone who dares to steal it from me into pieces!]

[Dong Zai: Do your best, Brother Xu!]

[Xiao Qing: Brother Xu is awesome!]

[Han Xianyu: You've arrived?]

Looking at the time, they should've arrived at the location. Based on Han Xianyu's understanding of Gong Xu, he would give up after arriving there, so why was he so excited instead?

[Gong Xu: Hahaha, we've arrived, we've arrived!]

[Ye Mufan: What's wrong with you this time?]

When Ye Mufan saw Gong Xu going crazy again, he felt exasperated.

[Gong Xu: Hahaha, brothers! You should all hurry, go to a temple, light some incense and pray that I'll get Best Actor! Brother Ye made a bet with me just now. He said he'll dress as a girl if I get Best Actor!!!!!!]

The group was oddly quiet for a few seconds before it exploded all at once.

[Xiao Qing: Heavens! Really, really? Brother Ye will dress as a girl?]

[Dong Zai: Brother Ye is really staking everything...]

[Fei Yang: Hm, why are my expectations so high for some reason? This does deserve some incense lighting!]

[Screenwriter Xu Lin: Director Ye's sacrifice is too great this time!]

[Ye Mufan: Ye Bai, are you crazy?!]

[Front Desk: Ahhhh! My god! Have we formed a group to light some incense yet?]

[Make-up Artist: Take me, take me!]

[Logistics: I also want to visit a temple with the group! I pray Baby Xu will get Best Actor! This is too thrilling!]

[Director Liu Qing: Take me as well, haha!]

[Leading Lady Lin Zishan: Gong Xu, don't worry, I'll worship you later!]

As Ye Wanwan led Gong Xu back to Instructor Lei, she chuckled at the animated discussion in the chat.

Luo Chen also saw the group conversation and was somewhat shocked. He didn't expect Brother Ye to agree to this kind of request for Gong Xu, so he couldn't help but feel some disappointment...

As soon as Gong Xu saw Luo Chen, he wrapped his arm around Luo Chen's neck and dragged him to the side. "Hey Luo Chen, let's talk!"

"What?" Luo Chen disdainfully pushed Gong Xu's arm away.

Gong Xu plastered himself onto Luo Chen like superglue. "Don't perform too fiercely while you're acting when we get back! Go easy on me!"

Luo Chen glanced at him. "Why?"

Gong Xu acted matter of factly. "Don't you want to see Brother Ye in female clothes?"

There was only one Best Actor award, so Luo Chen was considered a competitor as well!

Luo Chen subconsciously glanced at Ye Wanwan, who was talking to Instructor Lei before saying, "How silly."

Gong Xu harrumphed. "You're the silly one! You aren't fun at all! I don't believe you don't want to see it in the slightest!"

Luo Chen ignored him and went to find a quiet corner.

1090 Mommy and Tangtang's hearts are linked

"Where's Tangtang?" Ye Wanwan quickly asked.

Si Yehan: "In the forest."

Ye Wanwan looked in the direction of Si Yehan's finger and hurried to put on her bear head again. "I'm going to find Tangtang!"

Si Yehan: "Go on."

The girl swiftly dashed off into the distance.

As Lin Que watched Ye Wanwan's disappearing figure, he still looked amazed. "No wonder she has such a tight hold on Ninth Brother... I admit defeat..."

Then he turned to Si Yehan with suspicion. "Ninth Brother, don't you think... Ye Wanwan's transformation is too drastic?"

Si Yehan dryly said, "I don't."

Lin Que was surprised. "Huh? You don't?"

Si Yehan's eyes were fixed on the direction Ye Wanwan disappeared in. His face was aloof as he said, "She was like this all along."

Lin Que was dumbfounded. "..."

Like this all along???

Are you serious, Ninth Brother...

Xie Zhezhi's eyes glinted. After a moment of silence, he turned to Si Yehan and said, "Ah-Jiu, is your body... starting to recover?"

When Si Yehan heard Xie Zhezhi's words, his expression darkened instantaneously.

Si Yehan's body was clearly starting to recover, but he didn't look happy in the slightest.

Lin Que thought of something and apprehension also crept onto his face. "Third Xie, are you saying that if the Independent State learns that Ninth Brother's body recovered..."

Lin Que's sentence cut off and he lightly coughed. "Ahem, they haven't contacted him in so long, so they shouldn't, right...?"

Xie Zhezhi shrugged. "Who knows what that person's thinking..."

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Some distance away, Ye Wanwan was running toward Tangtang.

"Baby, baby! The most cutest and most cleverest and most most lovable baby in the world! Can I hug you?" Ye Wanwan deepened her voice and intentionally asked in a foolish voice with her head tilted to the side.

When Tangtang saw the toy bear, he was startled briefly before rapidly sprinting toward the bear. "Mommy!!!"

Ye Wanwan was surprised and recovered her normal voice to ask curiously, "Ah, baby, how did you know it's me?"

Si Yehan deducted it was her through logic, but how did Tangtang also recognize her at first glance?!

Tangtang hugged the bear's legs and looked up. He joyously said, "Tangtang just knew it! Tangtang would recognize Mommy regardless of how Mommy looks!"

Ye Wanwan knelt down and hugged the little fella with her heart drowning in love. "Right right, because Mommy and Tangtang's hearts are linked!"

"Yes." Tangtang nodded frantically.

"Mommy, you are really cute today!" Tangtang then complimented her wholeheartedly.

"Hehe, right, right? Does baby like it?" Ye Wanwan was incredibly satisfied.

"I like it!"

The mother and son were talking when Great White strolled over.

As soon as Ye Wanwan saw Great White, her eyes lit up! Great White also came!!!

Ye Wanwan quickly leaped in front of Slaughter. "Hahaha! Great Whitey, Great Whitey, can I hit on you?"

"ROAR—"

Ye Wanwan had just arrived in front of Great White when Great White released a mountain-shaking roar.

Ye Wanwan fell onto the ground butt-first out of fear from the roar.

So hurtful!!!

Tangtang swiftly ran over and protected Ye Wanwan behind him. "Great White! Don't be mean! This is Mommy!"

The white tiger snorted but instantly stopped being mean.

Ye Wanwan never expected Great White to have a bane one day!

Ye Wanwan's eyes shifted, and she pitifully turned to Tangtang. "Tangtang! Mommy really wants to touch Great White's paws!"

Tangtang immediately looked at the tiger. "Great White, paw!"

1091 Docile Great White

Ye Wanwan blinked. Hm, a simple order for his paw and he'll give his paw? That's impossible, right?

And then... in the next second, Ye Wanwan saw Great White's furry and meaty paw extended toward her...

F***! That worked?!

No, no! This is such a good opportunity! I must touch it with my own hands!

Ye Wanwan first took off her costume before carefully reaching out to touch the furry paw.

Ah, it feels so good!

Also, Great White didn't resist at all! He didn't even roar or hiss at me!!!

I'm going to be moved to tears...

Speaking of which, why was the difference between people so great?

She had curried Great White's favor for more than half a year and was only able to approach him now after feeding him beef for so long.

If she wanted to touch him, she had to find a fortuitous day and cleanse herself with a bath... And it all still depended on luck...

Yet Tangtang managed to do it with a single command.

"Can I touch the other paw too?" Ye Wanwan asked eagerly.

Tangtang nodded and said, "Great White, other paw."

Great White immediately lifted his other paw.

Ye Wanwan: "...!!!"

He's truly my son! Too awesome! Mommy's very proud!

Ye Wanwan put forth another request immediately. "Can I pet him for three minutes? No no no, 10 minutes!"

This time, Tangtang didn't agree as quickly. Instead, he had his head downcast as he murmured, "Can... can Mommy also pet Tangtang?"

When Ye Wanwan saw how the little fella had his head hanging down like an abandoned baby animal, she felt her heart exploding from the cuteness. She pulled the little fella into her arms. "Of course I can! Mommy likes Tangtang best!"

Tangtang pursed his lips and smiled again.

As Ye Wanwan hugged Tangtang, she couldn't help but chuckle. Tangtang was too similar to Si Yehan—he got jealous of even Great White!

Ye Wanwan kept Tangtang in her arms as she asked, "Tangtang, do you like Mommy?"

"I like Mommy!" Tangtang nodded without any hesitation, earnest adoration brimming from his bright eyes.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her chin and was in thought for a moment before she probed furtively, "Hm... do you like me because I'm your mommy?"

Maybe it was because she liked this child too much that she suddenly asked this question.

Did Tangtang like her because of her as a person, or did he like her because she was his mom?

Tangtang pondered over it and shook his head. "Tangtang liked Mommy the first time Tangtang saw Mommy."

"The first time? Was it when you came to China to find me?" Ye Wanwan asked.

"No. It was the time I had a video call with Uncle. I... saw Mommy in the video..." As the little fella said this, his face blushed as though he was shy.

"Eh, really? You saw me back then?" Ye Wanwan was surprised.

The little fella looked quite cold in the video, but he surprisingly noticed her too?

"Yes, Mommy's really pretty..." Tangtang nodded with confidence.

Ye Wanwan instantly held her face in happiness. Her son was really good with words, just like her!

Tangtang continued, "Later, Tangtang video-called Uncle several times in order to see Mommy... But Tangtang rarely saw Mommy..."

When Ye Wanwan saw the little fella's lonely expression, she felt a corner of her heart softening and aching.

Then the little fella turned to look at her with extremely bright eyes. "Later, Uncle told Tangtang you were Tangtang's mommy! Tangtang just knew you were Tangtang's mommy for sure!"

1093 Tailored

[Nie Hollow Pit: Sister Famous Ye, I was wrong, I was wrong! I'm sorry! Anyway, don't worry! I'll find Tangtang's parents ASAP!]

[Ye Wanwan: You don't need to be in such a rush! Really!]

[Nie Hollow Pit: Sister Famous Ye, you don't believe me? Three months, no, two months, no no no... I can find them in a month!]

Ye Wanwan quivered with anger. Where were this guy's brains?

She was already being so direct about it, but he still didn't understand!

Ye Wanwan hugged her pillow and laid on the bed, inwardly fuming with anger.

Forget about it... Even if Tangtang's biological parents were found, it didn't mean she wouldn't see him ever again! She could still be his godmother!

Although she comforted herself like that, she could still feel her heart itching in all sort of ways when she thought about how Tangtang would become someone else's son.

Ye Wanwan rolled around on the bed several times before she calmed down. She picked up the phone and started skimming through the entertainment news to distract herself.

At first, she was looking through the news casually, but then a piece of news piqued her interest...

Director Peng Yuanhu's masterpiece Jasmine still hasn't found a suitable leading actress after half a year of auditions. Director Peng stated he will start searching for new potential talents from the major theater schools...

"Ah... Peng Yuanhu... Jasmine..."

Ye Wanwan searched through her memories. This film did vaguely ring a bell.

Nothing needed to be said about Peng Yuanhu—everyone knew his name in the entertainment industry. Elder Peng was as weighty as Mt. Tai and was as brilliant as the Big Dipper in the film industry. Every film of his was a fine piece of work, and his arms overflowed with all sorts of awards domestically and internationally. He witnessed the entire history of the movie and television industry in China.

However... the fate of Peng Yuanhu's Jasmine was full of trouble and misfortune.

Peng Yuanhu was a strict perfectionist and held extremely high standards for the quality of his work. Hence, he was unwilling to compromise about anything.

In her previous life, Peng Yuanhu couldn't find the perfect female lead for two whole years, so the film kept being pushed back until Peng Yuanhu passed away.

From an entertainment article that Ye Wanwan read in her previous life, Peng Yuanhu expressed on his sickbed that being unable to film "Jasmine" was his biggest regret.

If Jasmine was successfully filmed back then, it definitely would've been another immortal classic.

Unfortunate, there was no "if"...

Thinking up to this point, Ye Wanwan was about to close the page when her fingers suddenly paused.

Wait!

Who said there was an "if"?!

Ye Wanwan swiftly read the overall plot of Jasmine in the news article.

This movie was a period film. The female protagonist was a dancer. The change of an era in China was illustrated through the female protagonist, from vibrant youth to bloody wartime to peaceful epoch.

Ye Wanwan only speculated a bit to figure out the type of female lead Director Peng wanted.

First of all, the female lead must have a natural and pure appearance, preferably with a vintage look. It couldn't be one of those plastic surgery faces that littered the streets.

However, she couldn't be too beautiful. For example, someone like Ye Wanwan herself wouldn't fit the character.

Also, the female lead had to have a solid dance background. Finally, there was the acting itself. After all, there was a large leap between the beginning and the ending of this film. The female lead had to progress from a youth to a senior and live through an entire era, so she definitely couldn't do it without adept acting skills.

After Ye Wanwan ran through these requirements, a candidate instantly surfaced in her mind.

Jiang Yanran...

With that thought, Ye Wanwan sprang up from the bed. The more she thought about it, the more suitable she found Jiang Yanran.

She previously didn't sign Jiang Yanran on partially because she wanted Jiang Yanran to learn her fundamentals first. It was also because their company hadn't been able to obtain suitable scripts for her with their current capabilities and resources.

For example, A Life and Death Struggle was a film focused on the male protagonists, and the female protagonist had very little screen time, so it didn't suit her.

However, Jasmine was simply tailored for Jiang Yanran...

1095 My mind would be completely focused on you

Tangtang was hesitant. "Wouldn't I disturb Mommy?"

Ye Wanwan hastily said. "You won't, you won't! You definitely won't! With you by Mommy's side, Mommy will be incredibly motivated! Hm, but Mommy is worried you'll be bored..."

The little fella frantically shook his head. "Tangtang won't get bored! Tangtang likes to be with Mommy!"

The mother and son duo entered the room. Ye Wanwan sat in front of the desk and sifted through the information required to write her thesis while Tangtang obediently sat close to her and watched her intently.

Whenever she got tired, she would pinch Tangtang's cheeks and have Tangtang give her a loving kiss.

This was the first time Ye Wanwan realized that slaving over a thesis could be this enjoyable!

Si Yehan had shown up by the door at some point and was silently watching the mother and son.

Later that night, after Ye Wanwan coaxed Tangtang to sleep, she happily told Si Yehan, "Tangtang baby is too cute! With Tangtang baby by my side giving me loving kisses, I feel like I can fight 100 more rounds!"

As Si Yehan tucked Tangtang into bed, he glanced at Ye Wanwan. "Is that so?"

Ye Wanwan immediately sensed something amiss in Si Yehan's tone and blinked. She added tactfully, "Although I really want you to keep me company like this too and give me loving kisses... if you gave me loving kisses... how could I focus on doing my homework?"

"Why can't you focus?"

"Because my mind would be completely focused on you!" Si Yehan's mouth twitched slightly. "..."

I once thought she was too timid and too scared of me...

Now...

"Oh, right! Ah-Jiu, I found a film that's perfect for Jiang Yanran! It's Director Peng Yuanhu's Jasmine. The topic, characters, and production crew are all top-notch. Peng Yuanhu also never does the whole casting couch or bribery thing and only chooses artists he respects. So, this is truly an excellent opportunity. I'm planning to let Jiang Yanran audition for the film!"

"I'm meeting up with Yanran tomorrow to talk about this. Hehe, if Yanran gets the role and wins Best Actress, I'll be over the moon..."

Si Yehan listened to Ye Wanwan's confident analysis. He had watched her transform and grow step by step until she could stand on her own. An indescribable feeling overcame him.

He was glad. He was glad he had chosen to believe in her back then. He was glad he repressed the poisonous vines inside him that were growing and getting out of control day by day.

True protection was a nourishing type of care, not a possessive enclosure...

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The next day, Ye Wanwan arrived at the chosen restaurant for her meet-up with Jiang Yanran.

"Sister Wanwan! Over here!"

Ye Wanwan could see Chu Feng waving at her from far away and hastened to their table.

Ye Wanwan smiled and said, "To celebrate Yanran being the top scorer, the meal's on me today. Order whatever you want!"

"Then we won't be polite!" Jiang Yanran happily said.

"Oh, right. Congratulations to you too, Chu Feng." Ye Wanwan looked at Chu Feng meaningfully.

She thought Jiang Yanran wasn't as enthusiastic about Han Xianyu the night before because she had shifted her focus onto her boyfriend.

"Huh? Why are you congratulating me?" Chu Feng scratched his head in confusion.

Ye Wanwan didn't say anything. Instead, she took out the signed photos of Han Xianyu from her bag and handed it to Jiang Yanran. "Yanran, for you!"

"Thank you!' Jiang Yanran accepted the signed photos but had an embarrassed expression. "Um, Wanwan..."

"What's the matter?" Ye Wanwan asked.

Jiang Yanran hesitated for half a day before continuing, "Wanwan... actually... I..."

1096 Our new wall is super handsome

Ye Wanwan became more curious when she saw Jiang Yanran's extremely conflicted expression. "What is it?"

Jiang Yanran forcibly closed her eyes and exclaimed in one breath, "I climbed a wall!!!"

Ye Wanwan choked and started coughing. "Ahem... Um... You climbed a wall?"

In the idol circle, climbing a wall meant liking and moving onto another celebrity.

Ye Wanwan was truly surprised. Jiang Yanran liked Han Xianyu so much, yet she climbed a wall? Which celebrity could be this charming?

"Yes!" Jiang Yanran had her head lowered but she nodded fiercely.

Chu Feng nodded next to Jiang Yanran. "I also climbed the wall with Yanran! Our new wall is super handsome!"

Ye Wanwan was at a loss for words. She thought Jiang Yanran was finally focusing on her boyfriend, Chu Feng, but it turned out she merely shifted her target.

Ye Wanwan asked with interest, "Which celebrity is so awesome that he could make you climb a wall, Yanran?"

Jiang Yanran held her face as she said, "He's from Age of the Immortals!"

"Oh? Our company?" Ye Wanwan's interest grew. "Could it be Luo Chen?"

"No!" Jiang Yanran shook her head.

Ye Wanwan coughed lightly. "It can't be Gong Xu, right..."

This was quite a large jump in taste...

"It isn't! He actually isn't a celebrity!" Jiang Yanran said.

"He isn't a celebrity? Then who is he?" Ye Wanwan was confused.

Jiang Yanran hurriedly dug out her phone. "Let me show you the photo I saved! Although he isn't a celebrity, he's super handsome! Also, he seems especially familiar ever since the first time I saw him, and he keeps giving me a very secure feeling! Also, also! He's super, super awesome!"

After hearing such high praise from Jiang Yanran, Ye Wanwan still couldn't figure out which person from the company fit her description even after much thought.

"Look! It's him!" Jiang Yanran opened a photo and handed her phone to Ye Wanwan.

And then, Ye Wanwan saw a screenshot...

The screenshot was Gong Xu's livestream room.

Didn't she say it wasn't Gong Xu?

"Oh wait, that's not right. It's this one!" Jiang Yanran flicked to another photo.

And then, Ye Wanwan saw that the person in the screenshot was... Ye Bai!!!

When Ye Wanwan saw herself, she was dumbstruck. She didn't know whether to cry or laugh. "Your... your new wall is him?"

Jiang Yanran enthusiastically said, "That's right, that's right! You must recognize him, right? He's Han Xianyu's best brother, and he's Gong Xu and Luo Chen's manager, Ye Bai!"

"I used to pay a lot of attention to Han Xianyu, so the first time I saw him was at the press conference related to Han Xianyu's scandal. He was standing in the midst of reporters, but he was especially eye-catching still. Later, through the information Han Xianyu revealed during a few interviews, I surmised that it was Ye Bai who helped him resolve the scandal behind the scenes!" "He's so awesome! He managed to not only help Luo Chen make a comeback, but he also tamed the tyrant of the entertainment industry, Gong Xu. Then he revived Dazzling Media. After leaving Dazzling Media, he was boycotted by Worldwide Entertainment, but he managed to use a magazine cover to carve out a path of survival. Finally, he defeated a wolf with bare hands and turned Emperor Sky Entertainment's anniversary celebration into the press conference for A Life and Death Struggle..."

As Ye Wanwan listened to Jiang Yanran transforming into a complete superfan and babbling about Ye Bai's history since he became a manager, she had no idea what to say.

She never would've imagined in her life that Jiang Yanran's new wall would be her...

1098 Two dumbfounded faces

Chu Feng snatched Jiang Yanran's hand and nearly pierced her hand from how hard he was trying to look at the name. "Ye... Ye... Ye Bai! Sister Wanwan, what are you saying? Your alias is Ye Bai too?"

Ye Wanwan glanced at him. "No... Our company only has one Ye Bai. He's Gong Xu and Luo Chen's manager, Ye Bai."

"Huh..." Chu Feng became more dumbfounded.

Jiang Yanran's reaction was the same as Chu Feng's. "Wanwan, are you saying... You are Ye Bai?"

Chu Feng coughed. "Sister Wanwan, you're joking with us, right? Isn't Ye Bai... a guy?"

Ye Wanwan nodded. "That's right. I thought I should do a complete makeover when I changed identities, so I changed gender too."

Chu Feng and Jiang Yanran looked at each other with bewilderment as they listened to Ye Wanwan's nonchalant words.

Ye Wanwan was about to continue explaining when an unfamiliar number called her.

Ye Wanwan glanced at her phone. It was a number from C City, so it was probably the troops. Gong Xu and Luo Chen were conducting their special training, so their phones were confiscated. They could only use the public phone at the base and were limited to a five-minute phone call every day.

"Let me take a phone call," Ye Wanwan said and picked up the call.

As soon as it connected, Gong Xu's ghastly wail was heard from the other end.

"Brother Ye, save me! Good Brother Ye, save me! I want to go home!!! They're abusing me—"

Gong Xu's howl was thunderous to the ear, so Jiang Yanran and Chu Feng could both hear him clearly across from Ye Wanwan.

Jiang Yanran was startled and muttered to herself, "Why does this voice sound like... Gong Xu's...?"

Ye Wanwan held the phone farther away. However, Gong Xu kept babbling and bawling nonsensically on the other end, so she had no idea what he was trying to say.

Ye Wanwan naturally switched to her male voice and said exasperatedly, "Stop, stop, stop! Calm down! What's wrong now? Weren't you fine when I left? Didn't you promise me you would train well?"

The second that Ye Wanwan spoke, Jiang Yanran's head shot up and Chu Feng looked like he had seen a ghost. "Y-y-y-you! Ye Bai!!! Isn't this Ye Bai's voice..."

As competent diehard fans, they could still recognize their idol's voice even though Ye Bai rarely made appearances.

When Gong Xu heard Chu Feng's voice, he howled, "Brother Ye, why is there another man's voice on your end?! Are you taking on a newbie again while I'm gone?! I knew it! I knew you just wanted to use this opportunity to abandon me..."

Upon sensing another ceaseless barrage from Gong Xu, Ye Wanwan reached the end of her patience. "Gong Xu! Enough already! Let Luo Chen take the phone!"

Gong Xu: "No! I only have five minutes to talk to you, yet you want Luo Chen to take the phone!"

"Your time's up." Luo Chen's voice came from the other end then the phone switched speakers.

Luo Chen: "Brother Ye."

Ye Wanwan finally relaxed upon hearing Luo Chen. "What's up with him? Is the training too hard? If he really can't accept the severity of the training, then I can call Instructor Lei and decrease the workload..."

Luo Chen was silent for a few seconds before saying, "Brother Ye, that's not it..."

"Then why?"

"It's because the food is too awful."

Ye Wanwan: "... Huh?"

Gong Xu: "Brother Ye! Do you know what they gave me to eat? It's all mantou and pickled vegetables! What is this if not torture?! I worked my butt off the whole day and simply wanted something good to eat, but I ended up seeing that. Do you know how I felt? I was in utter despair..."

1100 I'm willing to allow i

Ye Wanwan gave them a rough explanation of the matter.

"So it's like that... But... since you're so pretty, it's much safer for you to dress as a guy! Mr. Si must've been worried about you before!" Jiang Yanran nodded in understanding.

Chu Feng blinked and quietly mumbled, "Actually, it isn't necessarily safe for men these days either..."

Jiang Yanran: "Chu Feng, what did you say?"

"Nothing, nothing! I said that if we wanted to see our idol in the future, can't we just have Sister Wanwan dress as a guy when she comes to eat with us?" Chu Feng exclaimed excitedly.

Jiang Yanran: "Oh, that's right!"

Ye Wanwan: "... that's technically true."

After half a day of turmoil, Jiang Yanran and Chu Feng finally finished calming down.

Ye Wanwan sighed. "Are you calm now? Can we talk official business now?"

Jiang Yanran raised her hand. "Wanwan, I-I still have something to say!"

"What is it?"

"I just wanted to say something!"

Ye Wanwan asked, "What?"

Jiang Yanran cried, "Why didn't Auntie give birth to you as a guy? Ah, so heartbreaking..."

Ye Wanwan's lips twitched. "Enough already, you. Your Chu Feng's heart is gonna ache."

Chu Feng sniffed and murmured, "If it's Sister Wanwan, I'll allow it..."

What use was it for him to object! Such a terrifying love rival!

Ye Wanwan: "..."

"Alright, I'm calm, I'm calm. What did you want to say, Wanwan?" Jiang Yanran seriously awaited what she had to say.

Ye Wanwan sternly asked, "Yanran, do you know Director Peng Yuanhu's new movie?"

Jiang Yanran thought about it. "Peng Yuanhu's new move? You mean... Jasmine?"

"That's right."

Jiang Yanran nodded. "Of course I know about it. I heard he couldn't find a suitable female lead after half a year so he hasn't started shooting yet! Wanwan, why do you ask?"

"Director Peng is going to hold an audition for the female lead at all the major theater schools. I suggest you audition," Ye Wanwan got straight to the point.

"Me?" Surprise filled Jiang Yanran's face. "That's Director Peng Yuanhu's movie! How could I successfully audition? I definitely won't make it!"

Ye Wanwan solemnly said, "Believe me. Your abilities and fundamentals alone are enough. Plus, I also studied the movie's script, and every aspect of it suits you."

Jiang Yanran was still hesitant. "But... The A-listers and super A-listers who auditioned before all didn't pass, so how could a student who hasn't even started her career like me..."

"The fact that you haven't been contaminated by the entertainment industry is one of your biggest advantages. If what Director Peng wanted was those superstars who carry their own popularity, why didn't he choose them earlier? They didn't pass the audition, which means Director Peng doesn't want that kind of female lead," Ye Wanwan said logically.

Jiang Yanran still wavered. "But... can I really...?"

Although Jiang Yanran was very outstanding, her personality was still a bit soft since she was overprotected and hadn't gone out into the real world yet.

Ye Wanwan was silent for a moment. Then she thought of something and her eyes shifted. She switched to Ye Bai's voice and gently said, "How about you try it out regardless of whether you succeed or not? Consider it an experience! Hm? Will you go?"

Jiang Yanran started before promptly blurting, "I'll go!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

The draw of an idol... was very powerful as expected...