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The next day, Master Guan suddenly released the news that he was going to hold an early birthday banquet for himself.

Master Guan is seventy-six years old this year, and although it's not a whole life, at this age, being able to host a birthday banquet every year is considered a walk of joy.

Besides, he was now seriously ill, so if a birthday banquet could be held at this time and also achieve the effect of rushing the happiness, naturally no one in the Guan family would have a problem with it.

By the time Jenny received the news, it was already the next afternoon.

Looking at the invitation presented in front of her, she was actually a little surprised.

After all, Master Guan didn't look like someone who would believe Okiyoshi's words.

Besides, he was the one who initiated this incident, but anyone who has been sick knows that when they are not feeling well, they actually just want to be quiet, and not many people really like to have fun.

But the invitations have been sent out, and for whatever reason, naturally, you have to go to the appointment.

The birthday banquet was to be held on a weekend evening at the Guan family's old house.

It was said to be a birthday banquet, but there weren't many people invited, but it was people from the four great families, plus some other counted gentry in Kyoto.

On this day, Jenny arrived very early, and since it was the weekend, Ann didn't have to go to school, so she also brought Ann with her.

Biden Lu had something to do with his company and would arrive later.

Instead, it was Master Lu and Old Mrs. Sham who arrived right behind her.

After all, it is decades of friends, although the old man Lu because of his own health is also not good, rarely go out, usually if there is anything, but also mostly send Biden Lu over.

But today was the birthday banquet after all, so it was better to attend it myself.

The Guan family's old mansion was very lively, with countless people coming and going to give gifts and congratulations.

Jenny Jing first took An'an to congratulate Master Guan on his birthday before going into the back dining room to wait for both Master Lu and the old lady.

However, instead of waiting for the old man and old lady, they waited for Guan Yuewan and Ji Yunshu first.

After what had happened before, Guan Yue Wan and Ji Yun Shu had obtained the consent of both families to hold an engagement ceremony.

Now it's only until the end of the year, when the wedding is expected to be official.

Jenny was happy for them, so he pulled them in for a short chat.

Ji Yunshu smiled, "When I came in, I saw Second Brother and Uncle Lu, there were a lot of people outside, they were tangled up, it'll probably take a while for them to come in."

Jenny nodded, she knew that according to the identity of Biden Lu and Master Lu, suddenly attending such an occasion, there were naturally many people coming up to climb the friendship.

Although the land family was not above being in the company of these people, business was a matter of losing face in the field.

Therefore, I'm afraid that the busiest tonight was not only Old Master Guan, but also the other heads of the four great families.

Jenny Jing looked at Guan Yue Wan and smiled, "When are you planning to get married?"

Guan Yue Wan said softly, "The end of the year, right now the research institute is too busy to take the time for now, we've already agreed to have a wedding at the end of the year as soon as this research project in hand is over."

Jenny Jing smiled, "Then I'll congratulate you guys in advance."

Guan Yue Wan revealed a shy and sweet smile.

Ji Yunshu looked in the direction of the entrance and suddenly leaned forward a bit and whispered, "I heard that the old man is not only holding the birthday banquet early this time, but I'm afraid there's also a desire to make a name for Clara."

Jenny was stunned.

"A proper name? What do you mean?"

Ji Yunshu explained: "When Guan Jiwan's child was lost, it caused a sensation in Kyoto, Guan Jiwan tried many ways to find the child, but in the end, it was all to no avail, and as time went by, it was left unsettled.

But that said, there were still many people who knew about the child, and Clara was back this time, ostensibly the Miss of the Guan family, but in reality, very few people outside knew about it, and there was no status at home.

Master Guan probably felt that his days were numbered, so he wanted to take this opportunity to announce her identity to the public, so that in the future, everyone in Kyoto would know that she was Guan Jiwan's daughter, and if the people of the Guan family would bully or treat her badly in the future, they would inevitably be poked in the back.

Therefore, even if not for her sake, for the sake of her own reputation, face will be better for her."

Jenny Jing was slightly stunned at the words.

She thought about it carefully and realized that it was really like what Ji Yunshu had said, but if he hadn't brought it up, I'm afraid she wouldn't have thought of this layer.

She frowned at the thought, her eyes flashing with worry.

If he finds out that Clara is not his granddaughter at all, but just an impostor, what will he think?

Next to him, a struggle also flashed under Guan Yue Wan's eyes.

She looked at Jenny, her gaze somewhat complicated.

"Jenny, you... know that Clara is not the Guan family's true granddaughter, don't you?"

Jenny was stunned, returning to her senses, and quickly looked around to make sure no one could hear her speak before nodding.

"I know better than anyone what kind of background Clara comes from, but this matter involves the internal matters of the Guan family, we are outsiders after all, we can't talk too much, besides even if we tell the truth, it's unknown whether it's good or bad for the old man, so it's best not to say anything."

Guan Yue Wan nodded.

She dropped her eyes slightly, her gaze falling on Jenny's neck.

But she was wearing a beautifully crafted diamond chain around her neck, not the same necklace she wore before.

Guan Yue Wan's face turned pale.

"Jenny, where's your necklace?"

Jenny was startled and looked down at her neck.

"The necklace?What necklace?This one?Didn't you always wear it properly?"

She said, and mentioned the collarbone chain around her neck.

But Guan Yue Wan was anxious.

"Not this one, I mean the one you were wearing before, the rustic-looking ruby necklace."

Jenny reacted, "Oh, that one ah, I put it at home, not today..."

She abruptly paused.

Shocked, he looked at Guan Yue Wan.

Guan Yuewan seemed to have realized something, and her face changed, a flicker of a guilty conscience flashing across her eyes.

Jenny's face sank suddenly.

Ji Yunshu hadn't noticed the jewellery on Jenny's body before, so none of them understood what they were saying.

Sensing that the atmosphere was a bit delicate, each looked at the two men and asked curiously, "What are you guys talking about? What's going on?"

Guan Yue Wan barely smiled, "No, nothing."

Jenny Jing, however, looked at her seriously, not a smile on his face, and his cold eyes were also filled with questions and coldness.

"Yue Wan, how did you know that the necklace I was wearing around my neck earlier was a ruby pendant?"

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Guan Yue Wan's face changed slightly, and her guilty conscience became even more obvious.

At this time, even as dazed as Ji Yunshu, he sensed that something was wrong.

He looked at Jenny and then turned to look at Guan Yue Wan, his eyebrows locked up deeply.

"Wan Wan, do you know something?Don't be afraid, I'm here, if you want to talk about it, say so."

I said, and took her hand, trying to use it to give her some strength.

Guan Yue Wan's eyes flashed with a tangled colour and did not open her mouth.

Jenny wasn't in a hurry and kept waiting for her quietly.

That necklace has a longer chain, and when it's worn, the pendant is usually hidden in your clothes.

And she rarely wore low-necked clothes, so there was no way she would have known that the pendant on the necklace was ruby if she hadn't already known the necklace.

Guan Yue Wan was so torn now, so there must be something else going on.

Now that the matter had been punctured, she knew that if Guan Yue Wan wanted to talk, she would definitely say it, and if she didn't want to, there was no use pushing her even if she was in a hurry.

Moreover, her current relationship with Guan Yue Wan wasn't bad, as Ji Yun Shu and Biden Lu were good brothers, and she and Guan Yue Wan were quite a bit like sistersin-law.

If Guan Yue Wan wanted to go on well with Ji Yun Shu in the future, she would definitely not do anything to hurt her.

In fact, Jenny had guessed correctly.

After half a struggle, Guan Yue Wan decided to tell the truth in the end.

She looked at Jenny, a hint of hesitation on her face, and tangled, "Jenny, I've actually... seen that necklace you're wearing before."

Jenny raised an eyebrow.

"Where did you meet?"

"I don't remember much, it was when I was very young, I think I went back to my old house to play with my cousin's aunt, and I saw it in her room, but I don't remember much about it exactly, it was a long, long time ago."

Jenny Jing's face changed.

"Who is Aunt Cousin?"

Ji Yunshu explained, "The Guan family has only one daughter in the first line, Wan Wan's cousin aunt, which of course is Guan Ji Wan."

Jenny shook fiercely.

Guan Jiwan?

How is that possible?

Guan Yue Wan looked at her shocked look and added evenly, "But I only have a vague memory of it, I only think that the one you were wearing before is very similar to the one I saw when I was a kid, as for whether it's the same one or not, I'm actually not sure, so it's possible that I'm overthinking it."

Jenny Jing looked slightly pale and did not speak.

For some reason, she suddenly remembered what Kelly Wang had told her a long time ago, when she had retrieved this necklace.

She said, "Jenny, one day you'll regret it!

Why would she say that?

What could she regret?

Jenny suddenly didn't dare to think that something, like a seed buried deep in the earth, was suddenly about to break through the ground at that moment.

Guan Yuewan saw that she didn't look too good, and momentarily regretted it, blaming herself for not having started this topic.

Just then, Ann, who had been sitting next to her with her eyes wide open, eating a lollipop as she watched blankly as the adults spoke words she couldn't understand, suddenly brightened up.

Happily, he shouted "Daddy" and ran towards the door.

Jenny came back to her senses and looked up, and it was indeed Biden Lu coming over.

The frozen atmosphere was instantly lifted by his arrival, and Guan Yuewan and Ji Yun

Shu stood up and greeted Biden Lu with a smile, "Second brother, you're here."

Biden Lu hugged Ann and nodded towards them.

Upon glancing back, I noticed that Jenny didn't look too good.

He frowned and asked, "What's wrong? What were you guys talking about?"

Guan Yue Wan and Ji Yun Shu both turned pale.

Biden Lu's name of protecting his wife was famous among his brothers, and if he knew that he was the one who had upset Jenny Jing, he might suffer some kind of retaliation.

Thus, Ji Yunshu spoke with extreme eye contact, "That second brother, we still have things to do, so we'll pass without disturbing the gathering of your family of three."

Saying that, he pulled Guan Yue Wan and hurriedly left.

Lu Jing gave them a deep glance and sat down next to Jenny with An An in his arms, softly saying, "What did Ji Xiao Si say to you?"

Jenny shook his head.

She paused, looked up at him, and said in a deep voice, "It's not Dr. Ji, it's Guan Yue Wan."

Biden Lu's brows knitted together.

Jenny sighed.

"It's nothing really, it's just about the necklace my mother left me, Guan Yuewan said she had seen it in the Guan family when she was a child, I find it a bit strange, reasonably speaking, my mother has nothing to do with the Guan family, and couldn't have appeared in the Guan family a decade or two ago, but Guan Yuewan said she had seen it, I'm a bit confused...."

Biden Lu's face was slightly pale.

"Did she say when she saw it?"

Jenny was stunned, and only then did he remember, shaking his head incessantly, "No, I forgot to ask."

"Ask later."

"Well."

Soon, Jenny Jing found an opportunity to ask Guan Yue Wan alone.

But Guan Yue Wan actually couldn't remember much, only that it was when she was only a few years old, and since her father was still close to this side of the old mansion at that time, she would often have the opportunity to come over and play.

But then their father was abandoned by the side of the old house, and they had fewer opportunities to come to the old house, and as time went by, they basically wouldn't come over without something special.

It was just a couple of years of more opportunities as she grew up and stood out from the younger generation. Therefore, if her memory was correct, the time she saw the necklace could only be a few years old.

Jenny didn't seem too disappointed after hearing that, though he still hadn't set a specific time.

It's nothing more than speculation on their part to go around this.

Guan Jiwan had died, and whether the necklace had anything to do with her or not, it had no meaning now.

To her, it was just a relic her mother had left her, a memory.

Having figured this out, Jenny didn't dwell on it, and after the evening meal, he followed everyone to the open-air garden at the back.

The garden is built on the water, with a large fountain in the middle, near the lawn on this side, there are many small tables and bar, with a variety of drinks and snacks, and a professional band playing at one end of the lawn, quite a bit of western style.

An An was taken away by the old lady, so Jenny Jing was left alone with Biden Lu.

Tailor Feng and Kepler and the others were also here, and although Jenny Jing was still full of opinions about Kepler, it was difficult to put on a good face since today was Master Guan's birthday banquet, so he didn't say anything.

A few people gathered and chatted for a while, and then they saw a soft figure not far away coming this way.

"Lu Shao, Feng Shao, Ji Shao, Miss Hua, Sister, you're all here."

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Clara greeted everyone in one breath, her tone gentle and her smile sweet.

She was wearing a white evening gown with diamonds on the chest, looking gorgeous and generous, with a fishtail design that outlined a slender figure, straightening her neck as if she were a proud and holy princess.

If I hadn't known her already, I would have been fooled by just looking at her appearance.

Ji Yunshu gave her a slight nod, and Nina Hua snorted, deflecting her head and not bothering to pay attention to her.

Clara didn't feel embarrassed when she saw this and smiled, "Today is Grandfather's birthday banquet, thank you very much for coming over to visit, I'll toast to you all on behalf of Grandfather."

Nina Hua sneered, "I've seen many people in this world who don't know what they're doing, and it's the first time I've seen someone like this who doesn't know what they're doing and is using a chicken feather as a token arrow, don't think you can really change your skin and turn from a pheasant into a phoenix, not knowing that your chicken feather tail is already showing, just waiting to be laughed at."

Tailor Feng couldn't help but puff out a laugh at the words.

In terms of poisonous mouths, it was Nina Hua's mouth that was the most poisonous.

Of course, if Jenny and Biden Lu deride people, they are no less derisive, but they are rather noble and never bother to spend much time with such people.

Clara's smile was slightly stiff, but in the end, it had been years of cultivation, and now the characterization was long gone.

She quickly calmed down and regained her composure, saying softly, "I know Miss Hua has always had some misunderstandings about me, but that's okay, as they say, as time goes by, I believe that when the days are long, Miss Hua will believe that I'm not the kind of person you think I am.

And if you want to talk about pheasant to phoenix, compared to me, it seems that some people are more suitable for this phrase, after all, I am at least the grandfather's own granddaughter, I can have everything today, that is called ancestor recognition.

Unlike some people, who can rise to the heavens in one step with just a single tool and a face, and be on par with the world from then on, so if you really want to talk about it, it's more appropriate than me to say that!"

Nina Hua necked furiously.

"What did you say?"

Biden Lu and Kepler's faces also sank.

Clara, still with that smiling and relaxed look, softly said, "Why is Miss Hua so angry? You wanted to discuss about the pheasant and the phoenix, I just discussed it with you on a matter of fact, Miss Wahl is so angry, is it because I accidentally said something?

Oh, I'm really sorry if I'm right, I'm just saying it off the cuff, and please don't just take a seat, or it wouldn't be good to have a misunderstanding, don't you think?"

Nina Hua was so angry that his face was green and white, but in front of so many people, and it was someone's birthday banquet, he always had to consider Master Guan's face, so it was not good to tear his face in public.

Jenny secretly tugged at her sleeve.

She raised her eyes to look at Clara, the corners of her lips curved up in a beautiful curve, and said in a warm voice: "Second Miss Jing can explain a common saying so clearly and thoroughly, it seems that you haven't missed studying these five words, in that case, I'll give you seven more words, more action, more righteousness, more death!

The first thing you need to know is that you can't be a part of the team, and you can't be a part of the team without being a part of the team.

A smart person would know that in a situation like this, it's the right thing to do with your tail between your legs, and yet you keep on provoking

We, what?Is it that Miss Kwan's seat is uncomfortable and you want to come down for a walk?"

Clara's face turned suddenly pale.

She stared at Jenny with a deadly stare, the gaze seemingly quenched with poison, hating to poison her to death right away.

Jenny Jing was fine with it, she had already gotten tired of fighting with Clara over the years.

The look in her eyes didn't kill her at all.

Biden Lu spoke at the right time beside him.

"If I were Second Miss Jing, I wouldn't be here to speak sarcastic words, but instead, I would guard the old man well, burning incense and worshipping Buddha every day, begging him to live a long life, after all, this fake is a fake after all, and if anything happens to the old man, I'm afraid that by then it won't be us who would want you to be in trouble the most, but those around you, Second Miss Jing, what do you think?"

Clara's face turned pale again.

However, this time she didn't say anything else, just then Guan Jili sent someone to call her over, so she snorted and turned around.

Nina Hua looked at her departing back and sneered in disdain, "Villainous!"

Jenny couldn't help but laugh and turned to look at her, "What are you getting angry with her for?It's not like you know what she's like on the first day, and you don't have to affect your mood for nothing."

Nina Hua was still a little angry.

Holding his arms, he looked depressed.

"I just don't like the way she looks like that, what the hell, she really thinks she's the mistress of the Guan family, I don't know who was driven out of Visterdem like a lost dog in the first place!"

The smile on Jenny's face faded.

She looked in the direction Clara had left, thoughtful.

"The fact that a lost dog was able to climb back up to where she is now in just a few months just highlights how good she is."

Nina Hua sneered.

"The scourge of a thousand years!"

Jenny laughed.

"It's not going to be a scourge on us left or right, and the gods that the Guan family themselves invited back will be let them work it out in the end."

The group stopped dwelling on the matter and changed the subject of conversation.

On the other hand, Guan Jili brought Clara to a corner and said in a gloomy voice, "What did you just say to them?"

Clara lowered her head slightly, looking like a coward, "Didn't say anything, just saw an acquaintance, so I went over to say hello."

Guan Jili said in an angry voice, "What greeting?Don't you know who you are?Who are Jenny and Biden Lu?You know they're looking at you badly and still run over there of your own accord, you're really having a good day trying to get yourself in trouble aren't you?"

Clara pursed her lips.

She looked up and gave Guan Jili a glance that showed a few hints of aggravation.

"Uncle, I actually didn't want to take the initiative to go over there, but everyone out there knows that my sister and I had a big problem before, and now that I'm back in the Guan family, the past is still going to have a big impact on me.

It's true that the Jing family was sorry to her in the first place, but this matter has nothing to do with me, so I was thinking that I could repair my relationship with her, so

that as long as she's willing to forgive me, the people outside will see how close I am to her and naturally won't say anything else, so it's good for me and you, isn't it?"