"However, although Chen Diancang is out of the picture, it doesn't mean that the marriage contract has come to an end. In fact, even though Chen Jindong dislikes the Fang Family, he didn't send someone over to terminate the marriage contract up until now. As long as the marriage contract is not terminated, the contract would still exist and stay valid, regardless if Chen Family acknowledges it or not!" said Fang Butong.

He then stared at Situ Hong before continuing, "Hong, do you understand what I'm saying?"

"I had no idea about such happenings between the Chen Family and the Fang Family in the past. However, the Chen Family is still fighting us to this day. Old Master, I suppose the marriage contract could be deemed as coming to an end!"

Situ Hong was unrelenting.

"Although Chen Jindong had a big fallout with Chen Diancang before, I reckon he would not be bold enough to make changes to the rules laid down by Chen

Diancang without his permission."

"Okay, Old Master. Just take it as I've never brought up this issue before. However, the Chen Family and the Fang Family have been in conflict for so many years. Back then, what happened to Fang Mengxin had brought about many casualties in our families. I will never forget what the Chen Family did to us!"

After leaving some reminders and warnings, Situ Hong left the manor.

"He is getting more and more out of hand these days!" Fang Jiannan stated in a chilly voice.

She made a dash toward her grandfather and massaged his shoulders. "Nevertheless, no matter how cunning Situ Hong is, he will never be as good as you, grandfather. You are so brilliant to have come up with such a story to lie to him! Haha!"

"Hehe..." Fang Butong patted the back of Fang Jiannan's hands. He continued, "Jiannan, I was not lying. You really have a

marriage contract with the Young Master of the Chen Family!"

"What?" Fang Jiannan was bewildered at once.

"How is this possible? Grandfather, are you serious?"

Fang Jiannan had never expected that such a thing would happen to her.

"Of course it's true!"

"But Grandfather, there's something I don't understand. Since there has always been a marriage contract between the Chen Family and the Fang Family, why was Aunt Fang's relationship with the Second Young Master of the Chen Family, Chen Ping An, so fervently opposed?" asked Fang Jiannan puzzledly.

"Your case is different compared to your aunt's. Right after you were born, Chen Diancang was managing the Chen Family. But when you were one year old, Chen Jindong had taken over managing the Chen Family. Chen Jindong sent Chen Ping

An over to our family on a mission to steal our family heirloom. Once this family heirloom of ours is lost, our family will fall apart and crumble. It is obvious that Chen Jindong was trying to deploy a wicked scheme. I wouldn't want to lose both my daughter and my family!"

"What kind of thing is that family heirloom?" asked Fang Jiannan in shock.

"For the time being, such information cannot be revealed to you. Once you become as capable as your aunt used to be, I will tell you about it!" said Fang Butong with a smile.

"Grandfather, is my marriage contract still valid now?"

Fang Jiannan put up the question which troubled her the most.

"To be honest, I'm not sure. Sigh! In some circumstances, I am very helpless and I don't have much choice in what I do!"

"Grandfather, why was there no news about the Young Master of the Chen

Family all these years?" asked Fang Jiannan.

"The Young Master of the Chen Family was raised in frugality by Chen Jindong. He was let to live among the normal folks. Despite the Young Master being very well protected by Chen Jin Dong, I was still able to find out some clues about his identity after so many years. If I am not mistaken, the Young Master Chen from Jin Ling City who rose to fame earlier is closely related to the Young Master of the Chen Family!"

"Young Master Chen from Jin Ling City?" echoed Fang Jiannan doubtfully.

"That's right. However, whenever I wanted to send my people to do a more thorough investigation, Chen Jindong would react promptly to my attempt. He would put the Young Master into an even more heavily-guarded protection scheme. Because of that, I have no ways to probe further on his identity!"

Listening to her grandfather's narration, Fang Jiannan had come to understand many things.

As it turned out, she had a marriage contract with Young Master Chen from Jin Ling City.

Hehe, deep down inside, Fang Jiannan thought everything was surreal.

She hated the Chen Family. She loathed every single one of them.

They were the ones who caused her parents' death.

Now, she felt like god had cracked a huge joke out of her...

"Grandfather, how about Chen Diancang?" asked Fang Jiannan.

"He has already gone into seclusion. He has not made an appearance before the public for twenty years already!"

"The affairs of the Chen Family are rather complicated. The level of intricacies of their affairs is not lesser than ours!" Fang Butong explained.

The grandfather and the granddaughter

had a lengthy chat in the study room.

In the blink of an eye, the venue of the grand meeting was already full of guests.

Fang Ze was greeting the guests at the courtyard.

"Mr. Situ, you are early!"

Most of the guests would go to Situ Hong to greet him.

Obviously, the guests didn't take the two brothers of the Fang Family as seriously as Situ Hong.

"Hmph!"

Watching the scene before him, Fang Ze flung his hands angrily.

Suddenly, someone shouted, "A white jade statue from the Long Family of Yan Jing!"

"Eh? Long Family of Yan Jing?"

The guests were all in shock.

Why would someone from the Long Family make an appearance in this kind of occasion?

The Fang Family had some ties with the Long Family and the Long Family used to be dependent on the Fang Family.

However, that was many years ago, and they had not interacted with the Long Family for a long time.

Most of the guests invited to attend the birthday celebration of the Old Master were the Fang Family's immediate family members.

As for the Long Family, they were considered as the Fang Family's collateral family.

Everyone was deeply engaged in discussion.

Fang Ze and Fang Li glanced at each other.

"I don't think we sent out an invitation to the Long Family of Yan Jing, right?" Both of them said in shock.

"Hehe, Second Young Master and Third Young Master, our family has invited the Long Family. The Long Family specially arranged for their representative to be here once they got to know about the Old Master's birthday celebration. Obviously, they are being very respectful of the Old Master!"

At that moment, Situ Hong was speaking with a tone imbued with some iciness.

"Situ Hong, how dare you? You're not qualified to bring over your own guests to our place! Who do you think you are?"

Attending the celebration for the sake of Situ Hong and attending it for the sake of the Old Master were totally different cases.

"Uncles, please don't be angry. Since they are already here, they should be treated as our guests. The Situ Family has always been affiliated to our family. The guests they invited are considered one of us as well. Is that correct, Uncle Situ?" At that juncture, Fang Jiannan walked over and said with a subtle smile.

"Hahaha, my niece is the sensible one here. I suppose somebody here is still a caveman!"

"What did you just say?"

Fang Ze and Fang Li were outraged.

While they were talking, the representative of the Long Family had arrived.

"Huh? Why did they send a girl?"

Everyone was befuddled. Over ten people from the Long Family were here. However, a girl around the age of twenty-two was leading the group.

"I suppose she is the fiancée of the Second Young Master of the Long Family?"

"I attended the engagement ceremony of the Second Young Master of the Long Family!" said one of the guests.

Only then did the rest of the guests realize something.

It made sense that the Second Young Master would not be able to attend the celebration because of his current condition.

"Welcome to the celebration, Miss Yang Xia!"

Situ Yang and his father walked over to her and greeted the girl respectfully.

"Hello there, Young Master Yang and Uncle Situ. Please do accept my simple gift!"

Of course, the girl was Yang Xia.

## Bang!

Suddenly, the sound of a wine glass falling to the ground was heard from somewhere.

Chen Hao had been rushing here and there, handling the chores.

When he heard that the representatives from the Long Family were here, Chen Hao froze for a moment.

Chen Hao was so shaken at the sight of

the girl who was leading the group of representatives from the Long Family that he didn't manage to hold the tray properly.

Yang Xia. Why was she here?



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Damn! First, he bumped into Zhao Yifan. Now, he bumped into Yang Xia.

The initial plan was to rescue Ziyue secretly during the Fang Family's grand meeting. However, things were starting to get complicated now.

If he was recognized by either Zhao Yifan or Yang Xia, it would be chaos.

## Damn!

Some people were already looking in Chen Hao's direction because he broke the wine glass, causing him to panic. He lowered his head abruptly to pick up the pieces, then fled to the back.

# "Huh?"

Even though Chen Hao had left the scene quickly, he still attracted a girl's attention.

That girl was none other than Fang Yi, who was standing beside Fang Jiannan.

Why does he look like Chen Hao? Impossible. It's a meeting of the Fang

Family. Why would this silly guy be here? Fang Yi thought.

After that, she trailed him out of curiosity.

"That was close!"

When Chen Hao reached the backyard, he let out a breath of relief.

"Chen Hao!" Suddenly, a girl's voice rang.

Without thinking, Chen Hao turned back to look.

His eyes nearly popped out of his head when he saw the girl.

Oh no! It's Fang Yi!

"Oh my! I thought I was seeing something else. I didn't expect that it was really you. Y-You... Why are you attending a Fang Family occasion? How did you come in?" Fang Yi asked in astonishment.

Her grandfather had birthday banquets before.

Although Fang Yi had always turned a blind eye to what was going on around her, she knew some of the Fang Family's secrets.

Chen Hao was just a mere son from a wealthy family, so how could he be qualified to attend her grandfather's birthday banquet?

## How?

"Well, I came to attend Old Master Fang's birthday banquet on behalf of my family. I was just finding my way to the restroom!"

Chen Hao told a lie casually. "I was just thinking of sending both of you a message just now!"

"What? Is your family also an appendage of the Fang Family?"

Fang Yi said in surprise, "But the Fang Family doesn't have any influence in Jin Ling of Ping An County!"

Chen Hao felt nervous upon hearing her words. He then thought of the scene when

Yang Xia arrived and explained, "I'm not the direct appendage of the Fang Family. Situ Family told us to come!"

"Oh, that makes sense!" Fang Yi replied in enlightenment.

But in the next second, she raised her hand furiously and smacked Chen Hao's head.

"What are you doing?"

"If that's the case, you should know that the Situ Family and us are not on friendly terms. It's such a surprise that your family is an appendage of the Situ Family. They are getting worse and worse!" Fang Yi said in a resentful tone.

"Well, I don't have the ability to decide on family matters!" Chen Hao replied with a sigh.

Just when Fang Yi was about to lecture Chen Hao—

"Li, look! That brat who scalded you yesterday night is there!"

A few splendidly-dressed girls were walking out.

They were the female celebrities who would be performing for this event.

"Here you are! I couldn't find you anywhere. You are a troublemaker and caused me to not be able to wear dresses. Did you know that this will lead to a massive decrease in my performance effect?"

The female celebrity from yesterday night stormed toward Chen Hao and poked her finger continuously on Chen Hao's head.

She was a woman with prestige after all, so she had an imposing manner.

She was still infuriated by what happened yesterday.

"Hey! Stop it. Who do you think you are to talk to him this way?"

It was fine for Fang Yi herself to hit Chen Hao since Chen Hao was a few ranks lower than her. However, how dare this female celebrity hit Chen Hao?

This caused Fang Yi to feel embarrassed, so she lectured the female celebrity.

The female celebrity recognized Fang Yi as a member of the boss's family judging from her luxurious clothes.

Therefore, she did not dare to behave impudently. She then smiled gracefully and said, "Beautiful Miss, please don't misunderstand us. This guy runs errands for us!"

"Runs errands for you? Who do you think you are? Chen Hao, what is happening right now?" Fang Yi was perplexed.

Why would a son from a wealthy family serve under the orders of these female celebrities?

"Well, I'll explain it to you later. I really need to go to the restroom now. Please excuse me!"

Chen Hao's head was almost exploding, thinking that Aunt Fang's plan might be destroyed by him.

"You can't leave! Stand there!"

"You can't leave!"

At this moment, Fang Yi and the few female celebrities shouted simultaneously.

Fang Yi sensed that Chen Hao was hiding something from her, and she did not like the feeling of being left in the dark. Therefore, she would not let Chen Hao go no matter how much he wished to leave.

Knowing Fang Yi was a family member of the Fang Family, and due to the misunderstanding between her and the few of them caused by this factorum just now, the few female celebrities were keen to be obsequious to Fang Yi.

Besides, it was just a simple matter of bullying this factorum.

Therefore, all five female celebrities not only shouted to stop Chen Hao, they even ran toward him and blocked his way.

"Chen Hao, this is the territory of the Fang Family. Where do you think you can

escape to? Tell me quickly, why are you a young master and a factotum at the same time? What is happening exactly? If you refuse to answer me, I'll call Jiannan over now!" Fang Yi grabbed Chen Hao's collar and asked persistently.

Although Chen Hao could fight all these girls easily with one hand, it would cause a great commotion if he did that.

Therefore, Chen Hao could only try to avoid the question as long as possible.

"Exactly. This factotum is not honest. I think there's something wrong with him, so we shouldn't let him off easily!" said Li, the female celebrity.

Although Fang Yi was not fond of these few female celebrities, their words seemed to have some points.

After all, Chen Hao was indeed acting furtively and it felt strange.

Suddenly, Fang Yi felt the sense of family honor and the sense of justice, causing her to be obliged to look into this matter.

So, she pinched Chen Hao's ear and said, "I know you are skilled in fighting, but this is our territory. Let me tell you something. If you attack, I'll order my people to hit you to death. Don't blame me for not considering our friendship. Since you aren't honest, you should just stay beside me. I'll let Jiannan interrogate you after she finishes her work! Come with me now!"

After that, she dragged Chen Hao toward the front hall.

At this moment, two young men walked toward them.

Their eyes were grim and there were silver needles between their fingers, ready to attack.

These two were none other than the Dragon Tiger Brothers.

They were searching for Chen Hao everywhere. With much effort, they finally found him, but Chen Hao was caught up in trouble.

In order to rescue Chen Hao, the Dragon

Tiger Brothers decided to take a risk.

However, Chen Hao shook his head and stopped them immediately, signaling them that they should act according to the plan and he could handle this situation himself.

This caused the Dragon Tiger Brothers to feel puzzled.

"Stop struggling and behave well!"

Fang Yi pinched Chen Hao's ear and continued forward.

The five female celebrities were following at the side. They were even grabbing Chen Hao's arms.

All the female celebrities were exhilarated, thinking they might have contributed greatly to this prestigious family this time.

Initially, Fang Yi was indeed planning to let Jiannan interrogate Chen Hao.

However, when they reached the front hall, they saw many of the guests standing up at this moment.

The scene had become silent as well. To their surprise, Fang Jiannan was standing in front of the hall, as if she was confronting the guests who were standing up.

"What's happening?" Fang Yi asked in stupefaction.



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