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She locked eyes with charlie Wade and, in a startlingly direct manner, said, "Unless Brother charlie Wade gives me a son—if you give me a child, then after my parents pass, I'll still have someone worth staying for in this world. In that case, I would do my best to live to the very end of my days! Otherwise, if there's no one left to keep me here, I will dress up beautifully and leave this world with dignity."

charlie Wade was left speechless.

He hadn't expected Stefanie sun to say this so outright.

He had assumed they would avoid discussing the topic too deeply, maintaining an unspoken understanding.

Yet, after acknowledging her own inability to accept being alone, she didn't hold back—she simply said it as it was.

Suddenly, he realized that this wasn't just about whether his bloodline would continue. To Stefanie sun, it carried an equally, if not even more, profound significance.

Sensing his hesitation, Stefanie sun reached over the armrest with her left hand, gently holding charlie Wade's right hand. She looked at him and said softly, "Brother charlie Wade, you don't have to feel pressured. No matter what decision you make, I will always support you."

charlie Wade nodded slightly. His expression appeared calm, but deep inside, he was anything but at ease.

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Meanwhile, Shangri-La was surrounded by reporters.

This was Tawana's first performance in Eastcliff, and a large number of media outlets were eager to capture exclusive coverage.

Fortunately, Shangri-La had done an excellent job of ensuring privacy.

For this occasion, they had reserved an entire floor at the top of the hotel for Tawana and her team. In addition to the presidential suite where Tawana was staying, several senior executive suites had also been allocated exclusively for her team members.

To ensure privacy and prevent unauthorized photos, all cleaning and service staff are required to temporarily surrender their mobile phones before entering this floor.

Additionally, the hotel has designated a private elevator exclusively for guests on this floor, operated by a dedicated staff member.

When charlie Wade and Stefanie sun arrived, Isaac Cameron personally arranged for staff to open the internal passage, allowing their vehicle to drive directly into the VIP section of the underground garage.

The media had no idea that the two superstars were currently at Shangri-La.

Isaac Cameron was already waiting in the VIP area, which was located at the center of the second underground level. The area was shaped like the Chinese character "回," with the middle section completely isolated. Only authorized vehicles were permitted entry.

Once inside, privacy was fully secured. After the electric garage door closed, only professionally trained staff remained within the space.

Seeing charlie Wade and Stefanie sun step out of the car, Isaac Cameron quickly approached and greeted them respectfully, "Master, Miss Sun."

charlie Wade nodded and asked, "Can we go directly to the top floor from here?"

Isaac Cameron replied, "Yes, Master. I just spoke with Miss Sweet's assistant—she's waiting for you in her suite. The elevator here goes straight to the top floor, right outside her presidential suite."

"Good." charlie Wade nodded, then turned to Stefanie sun. "Stefanie, let's go up."

Isaac Cameron gestured toward the elevator. "Master, Miss Sun, please follow me. I'll take you upstairs."

Meanwhile, on the top floor, Tawana was feeling excited.

She had already changed into her dress, left her door slightly ajar, and asked her assistant to keep an eye on the corridor. Still wearing her headphones, she was listening to Stefanie sun's songs, hoping to learn one to sing for charlie Wade as a sign of goodwill—a gesture of utmost respect.

Her assistant stood by the special elevator display, watching as it ascended from B2. The moment she saw it nearing the top floor, she quickly rushed back to the room. "The elevator is coming up!" she announced.

"Great!" Tawana said, thrilled. She swiftly removed her headphones, stepped out of the room, and waited eagerly by the elevator door.

With a soft ding, the elevator stopped, and the doors slid open.

The moment Tawana saw charlie Wade and Stefanie sun, her face lit up with a smile. "Mr. Wade, Ms. sun, I'm so happy to see you!"

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In the past, Tavana might not have taken Stefanie sun seriously.

After all, Stefanie sun's status in the music industry was several levels below hers.

Currently, the most globally influential singers predominantly come from Europe and the United States. This is largely due to the long-standing export of English-language culture, much like Hollywood movies, which continue to dominate the global entertainment industry.

Stefanie sun is incredibly popular in the Chinese-speaking world, but her influence beyond that remains relatively limited.

Tavana, however, is different.

Not only is she renowned in English-speaking countries, but she also enjoys significant influence worldwide. She is arguably the most successful singer on the global stage today.

Yet, at this moment, she is full of admiration for Stefanie sun.

She doesn't know the exact relationship between Stefanie sun and charlie Wade, but from charlie Wade's tone and expression while speaking to Stefanie sun on the phone, it's clear that he holds her in high regard.

Since charlie Wade values her, Tavana must do the same.

Stefanie sun had prepared herself to meet her idol, but she hadn't expected her idol to be so respectful. Feeling humbled, she said, "Ms. Sweet, I've admired you for a long time. I was your fan even before my debut!"

Tavana immediately smiled and replied, "We are both singers, so we're colleagues. And since you are Mr. Wade's friend, that makes you my friend as well—there's no need to be so formal!"

Then, she warmly invited them inside. "Mr. Wade, Miss Sun, let's talk in the room. I'll have someone bring breakfast up so we can chat while we eat."

Stefanie sun quickly responded, "I appreciate your kindness, Miss Sweet. I hope it's not too much trouble."

With a serious expression, Tavana said, "If you keep being this polite, I'll start to get upset. That would mean you don't see me as a friend."

Stefanie sun smiled and said, "No, no, the honor is mine to be friends with you, Miss Sweet."

Tavana blinked playfully, took her arm, and grinned. "Just call me Tavana—there's no need for formalities."

Saying this, she affectionately linked arms with Stefanie sun, treating her like a close sister as they walked into the room.

The Presidential Suite at Buckingham Palace spans over 400 square meters—spacious and luxuriously appointed.

Tavana led them to the dining area. Once they were seated, she eagerly said to Stefanie sun, "Miss Sun, it's truly an honor to have you as a guest at my Eastcliff concert. As for your appearance fee, we'll fully respect your agency's terms."

Stefanie sun waved her hand dismissively. "Being your guest is an honor in itself—how could I charge a fee?"

Tavana smiled knowingly. "Sometimes, as artists, we have to follow our agency's business policies. Some management companies don't allow artists to perform as guest stars for free."

Stefanie sun reassured her with a smile. "Don't worry—my agency is entirely owned by my family's business, so I have full control over everything."

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Tavana's eyes lit up in surprise. "That's fantastic! It makes things so much easier—we can plan the performance however we like. Honestly, in the past, my guest performers would typically go on during intermission while I rested backstage. Once their set was done, I'd return for the second half, so we never really shared the stage."

She paused before adding enthusiastically, "But this time, I'd love to perform together. Ideally, we could do a duet of one of my songs, then one of yours. You can also have a solo set in between. What do you think?"

Stefanie sun beamed. "That sounds great! I know all your songs by heart."

Then, she hesitated slightly and asked, "But most of my songs are in Chinese—will that be okay for you?"

"Of course!" Tavana replied with a bright smile. "I've been listening to your music too. We're both musicians, so we can pick up each other's songs quickly. The lyrics might be a little tricky, but that's not a problem."

"We can memorize them ourselves. And don't forget, we'll have a prompter on-site. I can mark the Chinese lyrics with similar-sounding English words, so we can sing them smoothly!"

charlie Wade smiled and said, "I've seen singers from all over the world use this method. Many Chinese artists also write out English lyrics using Chinese phonetics when performing English songs."

As he spoke, a thought crossed his mind, and he chuckled. "I remember a viral meme from back in the day—'Nao Taitao.'"

Tavana looked puzzled, but Stefanie sun burst into laughter. "Brother charlie Wade, you still remember that meme?"

charlie Wade grinned. "It was pretty famous at the time."

Stefanie sun nodded, covering her mouth as she giggled. "It really was! A lot of singers back then were inspired to work on their English pronunciation because of it."

Not wanting to leave Tavana out of the conversation, she quickly shifted back to the topic. Smiling, she asked, "So, how many songs should I perform?"

Tavana returned her smile. "Anything between five and eight songs is fine. If we go too long, it might extend the concert past schedule."

Stefanie sun thought for a moment before saying, "Let's go with five songs. Any more, and it might take away from the main event. Everyone is here to see you—I don't want to take up too much of your time."

Tavana nodded. "If it's five songs, here's what I'm thinking: When it's your turn to perform, I won't leave the stage immediately. I'll introduce you to the audience first, then we'll start by singing one of my songs together. After that, I'll step backstage to rest while you perform three of your own songs. Then, for your final song, I'll come back on stage and we'll do a duet of one of your songs. How does that sound?"

"That sounds perfect!" Stefanie sun beamed. "Let's go with that!"

Then, turning to charlie Wade, she asked, "Brother charlie Wade, will you be backstage during the performance?"

"Of course," charlie Wade nodded with a smile. "As the Feng Shui Director, I have to be there."

"That's great!" Stefanie sun said excitedly. "I actually have a song about ancient assassins, and I need a masked assassin to dance with me on stage..."

"How about you join me on stage and perform with your face covered?"

charlie Wade immediately refused. "Me? Dance? No way! You should find a professional."

Stefanie sun responded seriously, "It's not actual dancing—it's all about stage presence. This role doesn't require any dance moves, just martial arts sequences. Brother charlie Wade, you're highly skilled, so a set of professional martial arts moves will be more than enough. Plus, you only need to interact with me during a few key moments. The rest of the time, you can move freely on stage."

charlie Wade shook his head. "I'm not a professional. If I mess up, wouldn't that be embarrassing for you?"

Stefanie sun clung to his arm and coaxed him playfully. "Brother charlie Wade, there's nothing embarrassing about it! And with your skills, there's no way you'd mess up! There's even a wire-flying segment—you'll be dressed as an ancient assassin, wearing a full-face mask, holding a longsword, and soaring through the air. It's going to look amazing! No one will even see your face. Even if my parents are in the audience, they won't recognize you!"

Tavana's eyes lit up. "Isn't that song called Assassin? I love that one! How about we sing it together while Mr. Wade performs on stage with us?"

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charlie Wade never imagined that the two women would want him to dance with them.

How could someone like him possibly dance with them?

But before he could refuse, Stefanie sun clung to his arm and pleaded, "Brother charlie Wade, please say yes! We don't actually need to dance—just perform some traditional martial arts and wirework. We'll be fully armed, and not only will our faces be hidden, but we'll also be wearing special assassin armor that covers even our hands. No one will see a single finger of yours."

Tawana knew she wasn't in a position to act spoiled in front of charlie Wade, but she still looked at him expectantly and said, "Mr. Wade, Miss Sun and I will be singing a duet. If you could perform on stage with us, it would be an unforgettable memory for both of us."

"Yes, Brother charlie Wade!" Stefanie sun chimed in eagerly, her voice soft. "You already refused my request in the car. You wouldn't turn this down too, would you?"

Seeing her disappointed expression, charlie Wade felt a pang of guilt.

Since the performance only required him to be masked and perform martial arts moves, he said seriously, "You said Stefanie never shows her face. If I end up revealing mine, it would be embarrassing."

Realizing that charlie Wade had already relented, Stefanie sun excitedly hugged him and cheered, "That's great, Brother charlie Wade! Don't worry, I'll make sure you stay completely hidden. But we'll need to choreograph some of the movements, so I'll need your cooperation!"

charlie Wade was relieved to confirm that he wouldn't have to reveal his identity.

Executing a few martial arts moves wasn't a problem for him. However, Tawana was too famous—if he showed his face at her concert, it could jeopardize his anonymity.

With no other choice, he sighed and nodded. "Alright, I agree. Just let me know the stage movements in advance, and I'll do my best to cooperate."

"Okay!" Stefanie sun exclaimed excitedly. "I'll go back and discuss the choreography with my dance director. But don't worry, Brother charlie Wade—it won't be difficult!"

charlie Wade gave a slight nod. "Alright, then I'll follow your arrangements and perform with you during the final song, correct?"

"That's right!" Stefanie sun said excitedly. "This song is actually one of my favorites. Its lyrics tell the story of an ancient woman who falls in love with a chivalrous assassin. The assassin is tasked with eliminating a tyrannical ruler, and when he and the woman part ways, they are reluctant to say goodbye."

charlie Wade smiled and asked, "Oh? Is this about Jing Ke?"

"No!" Stefanie sun laughed. "It's just a fictional story. In the end, the assassin succeeds in killing the tyrant and returns to the woman. It has a happy ending."

charlie Wade nodded. "I'll follow your arrangements. Just tell me what I need to do."

"Great!" Stefanie sun beamed before turning to Tawana. "When do we start our first rehearsal?"

Tawana smiled and replied, "This afternoon! The performance is the night after tomorrow. We'll start going through the stage setup today, then do a full rehearsal tomorrow during the day before the actual performance in the evening."

charlie Wade sighed. "Sounds like a hectic day—running around everywhere."

Curious, Tawana asked, "Do you and Miss Sun have other plans for lunch?"

Stefanie sun smiled. "Brother charlie Wade is having lunch with my parents at our house, but we're free in the afternoon. However, we have a family dinner at his place in the evening, so we won't have much time later in the day."

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"That's fine." Tawana grinned. "Since you're busy at noon, just come over in the afternoon. We'll use that time to go over the parts where you and I interact, then you can head off when needed."

Stefanie sun nodded gently. "Alright! We'll come after lunch."

Tawana turned to charlie Wade with a smile. "Mr. Wade, you should take some time to listen to the song Assassin. I went through it with the translation, and I found the lyrics quite moving."

charlie Wade rarely listened to music and never actively sought out songs.

As for concerts, he had only ever attended two in his entire life—those of the two women standing in front of him, Tawana and Stefanie sun.

Since Assassin was one of Stefanie sun's songs, charlie Wade figured he should take the time to listen to it carefully and make up for not knowing it well.

He couldn't even remember whether he had heard it at her last concert.

Reflecting on his experiences at Stefanie sun's concerts, he found both occasions quite eventful.

The first time was in Jinling, where he had been on edge, worried that Stefanie sun might confess to him on stage.

The second time was in New York. He had simply wanted to enjoy her concert but unexpectedly found himself caught in an assassination attempt on his grandparents.

On the way back, charlie Wade connected his phone to the business car's Bluetooth and listened to Assassin in its entirety.

He had to admit that the song, with its ancient Chinese style, had a beautifully poetic feel. Its overall tone even reminded him of Jay Chou's Fireworks Are Cold.

What stood out, however, was that unlike many songs that deliberately create tragic narratives to evoke sympathy, Assassin had a happy ending.

While Fireworks Are Cold tells the sorrowful tale of a woman who dies waiting for her lover's return, Assassin unfolds in three parts: the love story between the woman and the assassin, the assassin's chivalrous journey filled with passion and bloodshed, and finally, his triumphant return to reunite with his beloved.

Comparing the two, charlie Wade found himself preferring Assassin and its fulfilling conclusion. He had always favored stories with happy endings, whether in songs or movies.

Noticing that he had played the song multiple times, Stefanie sun smiled and asked, "Brother charlie Wade, what do you think of it?"

Without hesitation, charlie Wade praised, "It's excellent—I really like it. A perfect ending is rare in songs these days. It's refreshing to hear one that isn't about heartbreak, secret love, or unrequited devotion."

Stefanie sun smiled and said, "I didn't think much about this song before, but after finding you, I've grown to love it more and more. To me, you're just like the assassin in the song. Even though you were away from me for so many years, you've been fighting to avenge your parents, uphold justice, and protect the innocent. So, I'm looking forward to the day you eliminate all the bad guys and finally return to me."

charlie Wade was momentarily stunned. He hadn't expected the song to hold such a deep meaning for Stefanie sun.

Thinking it over, he realized that, in some ways, their story did resemble the song's poetic narrative.

With a sigh, he looked at Stefanie sun and said, "Stefanie, since this song means so much to you, I'll do everything I can to perform it with you."

Stefanie sun nodded enthusiastically and said excitedly, "Brother charlie Wade, Tawana has four concerts in Eastcliff—you have to perform with me all four times!"

charlie Wade smiled and reassured her, "Don't worry. Since I've given you my word, I won't go back on it!"