

Chapter 211-1: Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture

“Song Tianxing?”

Yang Chen who just retracted his hand from Yun Miao’s back had no idea what she was saying with such emotions.

“Don’t feign ignorance! The internal method you used to treat me was obviously our Shushan’s Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture, the only inheritor of this technique left is Song Tianxing! You’re using genuine internal energy from the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture, how could you have no relationship with Song Tianxing!? Quickly tell me! Where has that bastard Song Tianxing gone!?” Abbess Yun Miao yelled quickly, causing the others to be stunned.

Yang Chen’s brows creased slightly, he gradually understood what Abbess Yun Miao meant, but he also began to find many things strange.

Hui Lin curiously blinked and asked, “Master, are you referring to Song Tianxing, Senior Uncle Song?”

“That’s right.” Yun Miao stared at Yang Chen and said, “No wonder I had such a bad reaction to his appearance, so it was because of the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture’s internal energy, how could I forget that aura?”

Yang Chen pondered for a bit, then said, “Abbess, regardless of whether you believe me or not, I myself didn’t know that this martial art is called Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture, I also don’t know that it came from Shushan. However, I might be able to tell you some things you want to know about this Song Tianxing person you mentioned.”

Tears began to surface in Abbess Yun Miao’s eyes, “Really? Quickly tell me!”

Yang Chen looked at his surroundings, then said to Sky Dragon, Leaf, and the others, “All of you leave for a while, this conversation has contents that isn’t for others to know.”

“Bleh, what’s the big deal, we’re also very curious.” Sky Dragon wanted to listen in.

“Sky Dragon, get out!”

Abbess Yun Miao coldly swept a glance at them, and even the thick-skinned Sky Dragon gave up after mumbling a little. They all left Coiling Dragon Temple.

Within the temple, there was only Yang Chen, Yun Miao, and Hui Lin left.

“You may speak now.” Abbess Yun Miao was extremely eager and was looking forward to hear from him.

Yang Chen nodded, after arranging his thoughts he said, “This matter goes back to Zero. I believe you should know about Zero, Abbess.”

Yun Miao frowned, “Zero? Of course I know about them, they used to be the world’s best assassin organization, but I heard that they were single handedly destroyed by you. I never believed it, but when I saw you fight in my dazed state, I now believe you have that ability. Your battle prowess is no longer something ordinary humans can achieve.”

Yang Chen bitterly smiled, "Actually, not many people know that I used to work for Zero. In fact, in my first memory, I was already living in Zero."

"What!?" Yun Miao doubtfully asked, "Then why....."

"You need not ask about that further, Abbess. I can tell you that Song Tianxing who you're looking for was also in Zero, I was about eight years old back then when I coincidentally bumped into him. I didn't know his name, and he should have been someone important within the organization. I remember that he was very curious as to why there was a boy from Huaxia within the organization. Then, he decided to teach me this kung fu, which is also the Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture you mentioned. Back then, I didn't know what it was, I just practised it, and noticed that my body would recover quickly if I cultivated in the way he taught."

Up till here, Yang Chen had a nostalgic look in his eyes. He remembered the image of that sloppy looking middle-aged man smirking at him with a liquor bottle in hand.

"Afterwards, when I was ten, I went through an experiment with many children from other countries. The other children all died, and I was the only one who survived. At that time, I understood that this skill definitely wasn't just for improving my body's recovery speeds. Until now, I'm still grateful towards that man. I only learned today that his name is Song Tianxing, how ironic."

Abbess Yun Miao forced a smile, "The Endless Resolve Restoration Scripture is something genius born out of a senior from Shushan who took a wrong step in cultivation, became possessed by the devil, and became extremely bloodthirsty. It was created when he turned over a new leaf. It doesn't just help the body recover quicker, the important part of it is that it helps with curbing with one's mental demons. Borrowing the yin and yang of heaven and earth, and deriving from the natural laws of everything, it can allow a person to naturally improve their strength. However, it is difficult to learn and understand, and requires an innate talent for perception. Those who could successfully master it are one in a million. Senior Brother Song must have noticed your talent by a coincidence and chose to impart it to you. Otherwise, this skill would truly be lost forever."

"So it's like this....." A light bulb lit up in Yang Chen's mind. It's no wonder that I could use this internal method to suppress my violent tendencies, I wonder if Song Tianxing predicted this or did it unintentionally, but this skill that he imparted to me was what carried me through many crises, and also helped me to escape from a life of slaughter.

"By the way, your internal energy is extremely robust, what level have you cultivated up to?" Abbess Yun Miao caringly asked.

"The eighth stage, but it has already been five years. I'm still far from reaching the ninth stage no matter what I do though." Yang Chen helplessly said.

"What!? The eighth level!?" Abbess Yun Miao sized Yang Chen up like she was looking at a monster, "There are only a total of nine stages, even Senior Brother Song was only able to reach the seventh stage and couldn't break through any further for so many years. You... you're actually able to reach the eighth stage at such a young age!? It's no wonder you look absolutely fine despite expending so much True Qi to treat me."

Yang Chen laughed, "I have no choice, if I didn't cultivate faster, I'd be in big trouble."

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If it wasn't because he rapidly advanced in this skill and reached the eighth stage a few years back, he definitely wouldn't be able to control the violent impulses in his brain no matter how effective the medicine he currently had was.

Abbess Yun Miao pondered for a while, then hesitantly asked, "Then..... Where is Senior Brother Song?"

"He has already passed on a long time ago." Yang Chen regretfully answered, "When I was nine and just learned all there was to learn about the skill, he took poison and died."

"Is that so....."

Abbess Yun Miao's knees went soft, and she nearly fell. Luckily, Hui Lin reacted quickly and propped her up.

"Senior Brother..... You weren't willing to forgive me till the very end, and refused to meet us even once before you died....." Abbess Yun Miao mumbled in pain, tears flowed down her cheeks, and she helplessly wailed.

Seeing Abbess Yun Miao cry in such a sorrowful manner, it wasn't right for him to continue speaking. He sighed, and walked out of Coiling Dragon Temple.

It was unexpected that this trip to Tibet would solve a mystery he wondered about for years. The man who imparted this wonderful skill to him was actually a part of Shushan. Since Abbess Yun Miao who was an elder in the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade, then as her senior brother, Song Tianxing was definitely a high ranker in the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade.

However, why did Song Tianxing go overseas and become an extremely powerful assassin in Zero?

He had many questions, but Yang Chen didn't have it in him to question the grieving Abbess Yun Miao. He had no choice but to wait for her to recover before asking.

When those outside the temple saw Yang Chen walk out, they didn't ask what he and Abbess Yun Miao talked about inside, and just smiled at him with gratitude. After all, their lives were saved by Yang Chen who didn't hold a grudge for their previous trespasses.

"Big Brother Yang." Leaf's head was filled with questions. Now that she finally had an opportunity to ask, she did, "How did Big Sister Mo and Auntie Ma suddenly get cured? Weren't they both unconscious?"

Yang Chen had an amused smile, "Let this be my little secret. Anyway, when I sent them upstairs, I had already relieved them of the poison."

That day, when Yang Chen carried Mo Qianni and Ma Guifang to the room, he had already used his blood to treat them, and he also left a piece of paper stating that he was going out to do something and not to worry.

Although it was a piece of cake for Yang Chen, he didn't want the matter of his blood being able to cure poison to become known to everyone.

Once they find out that he is impervious to poison, they would already be on guard against that and find other ways to deal with him. He mustn't reveal too many of his cards. Although he wasn't afraid that they'd deal with him directly since nobody was capable of catching him and turning him into their lab rat, the people around him wouldn't be safe.

"Stingy....." Leaf mumbled.

Sky Dragon also came over, he grinned and asked, "Hey, do you still have that ball from earlier? That ball belongs to Venus? Let me take a look."

Yang Chen shook his head. He spread his arms and said, "It's gone, a god's protective talisman can only be used once, and vanishes after use."

"How enigmatic....." Sky Dragon unhappily said.

Squall mischievously said, "Sky Dragon, didn't you say you wanted to duel with Yang Chen? Have you changed your mind?"

Sky Dragon blushed from embarrassment. He coughed twice, then took a look at his wrist, "Aye, it's pretty late, let me go back to the camp to pack up." Once he was done speaking, he immediately fled.

"How can this fellow check the time if he isn't wearing a watch!" Squall voiced his discontent.

Right as everyone was happily chatting, Tsunami's communication instruments recovered its signal, and he received a message.

"Yes, affirmative, we will go over now!"

Hearing this, Tsunami said to everyone, "The general has come to our camp, let's quickly go over."

Hearing the word "general," everyone became excited, and they all began to run towards the camp at the same time.

Seeing Yang Chen stay put, Leaf hastily pulled his hand, "Big Brother Yang, hurry. The general is here, you were the most outstanding in this mission, the general would definitely give you a reward!"

"Whos the general?" Asked Yang Chen.

"He's obviously the leader of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade! General is our country's hero, the Group of Eight and Dragon Group both listen to him!" Leaf proudly said.

Yang Chen smiled and said, "Even so, he's your leader, not mine. In the strictest sense, I am actually a thorn in your general's side.

Leaf was stunned, only then did she remember that Yang Chen wasn't actually a member of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade. She sadly released her hand and said, "I see, I'm going off first then."

A short while after Leaf left, the young nun Hui Lin aided the pale Abbess Yun Miao out of the temple. Abbess Yun Miao's originally graceful looks that appeared under fifty now seemed over a decade older, even the wrinkles on her face became more prominent.

Seeing Yang Chen standing outside, Yun Miao revealed a rare smile, "Let's go. Even though you aren't a part of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade, you should meet that person."

Yang Chen didn't understand why Abbess Yun Miao said that, but he still nodded. At the very least, he needed a helicopter ride back to Mo Qianni's hometown.

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When they returned to the campsite at the valley's entrance, there was another dark gray helicopter parked on the ground. There were also several robust guards who each had a presence that could rival a Dragon Group member guarding the tent.

When Yang Chen followed Abbess Yun Miao into the tent, he saw that everyone from the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade was standing tidily in a row, and in front of them was a tall man in a deep green army uniform.

"This has been an arduous mission for all of you. There is no problem with the mission itself, but Broken Blade's meticulous plot for betrayal and the involvement of dangerous characters had all become an onerous test for you all. I am glad that all of you have returned alive....."

This middle-aged male voice was heard by Yang Chen from afar, and he found it familiar.

When Abbess Yun Miao and her disciple walked closer and exchanged glances with the man in uniform, Yang Chen immediately recalled who this man was!

It was actually Lin Ruoxi's grandfather, Lin Zhiguo!

When Lin Zhiguo saw Yang Chen, he wasn't too surprised, but when he saw the unenthusiastic Yun Miao and the slightly excited Hui Lin, he was pleasantly surprised.

"You've come." Lin Zhiguo looked at Yun Miao and spoke like it was both a question and a statement.

In a corner behind Lin Zhiguo, Gray Robe who wore a gray-colored robe also noticed Yun Miao, and he seemed relieved.

Yun Miao looked at Lin Zhiguo with complicated emotions, nodded, then said to the others, "All of you may leave, I have something to discuss with the general."

Sky Dragon and the others didn't want to leave as they were curious as to why the general and Abbess Yun Miao had such strange expressions when looking at each other, but since they could tell that Lin Zhiguo approved of Yun Miao's order, they had no choice but to resentfully leave the tent.

Thus, there was only Lin Zhiguo, his inseparable aide Gray Robe, Yang Chen, Hui Lin, and Abbess Yun Miao left in the tent.

It was awkward for Yang Chen as according to reason, this man who still looked pretty young was his wife's grandfather, which meant he was also his grandfather. However, because Lin Ruoxi had a bad relationship with the Lin Family, Yang Chen also didn't know how to face Lin Zhiguo.

If he bonds with him, his wife would be unhappy. Yet, it wouldn't seem right for him to distance himself.

At this moment, Lin Zhiguo was sorrowfully checking Yun Miao's condition, "Yun-er, it has been three years since we last met. You're truly cruel, could it be that you aren't willing to refuse this husband of yours in this lifetime?"

Husband!?

Yang Chen felt a headache incoming.

So it turns out that Abbess Yun Miao is Lin Zhiguo's wife!? Which means that she's the legal wife who chased Lin Ruoxi's grandmother out of the Lin Family!?

But... since she has already taken the role of being the legal wife, why did she become a taoist nun!?

Yun Miao frowned and said, "Don't address me like this. Also, I've already told you that if it wasn't because Hui Lin was still a pitiful and lonely child, I'd have broken off all relations with you a long time ago."

Hui Lin whose eyes were brimming with tears pouted her delicate lips. She had an aggrieved look on her face, "Grandma, are you really unwilling to forgive Grandpa? Even I don't hate Grandpa, why won't you forgive him? If we could go home together and live together, that would be such happiness."

"Shut up! What does a brat like you know!?" Abbess Yun Miao suddenly issued a strict shout at Hui Lin, "You're not allowed to call him Grandpa!"

"But you said that I can call him Grandpa in private, so it goes without saying that I can call him Grandpa....." Hui Lin tried to argue.

"No buts!" Abbess Yun Miao decisively said, "He's not worthy to be called Grandpa by you. Think about your deceased father and mother, how can there be a father like him!? How can there be a grandfather like him!?"

At this point, Abbess Yun Miao was feeling very emotional, her eyes were red, like they would burst at any time.

Yang Chen who stood there listening was completely stunned!

What? It's one thing for Abbess Yun Miao and Lin Zhiguo to be husband and wife, but Hui Lin is actually their granddaughter?

According to the details of their conversation, something seemed to have happened to Hui Lin's parents because of Lin Zhiguo, which was why Hui Lin was brought up by Abbess Yun Miao, and Abbess Yun Miao was unwilling to forgive Lin Zhiguo.

Yang Chen felt a little sorry for this old handsome dude. Of his two women, one was dead and the other didn't care about him. Of his two granddaughters, one was as beautiful like a fairy, while the other as pretty as an elf, yet neither would stay with him as one hated him and the other was managed by her grandmother.

Thinking of this, Yang Chen felt like he was doing a little better than Lin Zhiguo. At the very least, his women loved him quite a bit.

He couldn't help laughing foolishly as he stood by the side.

Lin Zhiguo was distressed and had a headache. Hearing Yang Chen suddenly give out such a happy laugh, he immediately scolded, "Brat! What are you laughing for!? Are you ridiculing your elder!?"

"Ah?" Yang Chen realized he made a mistake as this was basically taking a jab at the old man. He stiffly smiled and replied, "No, my brain just wasn't working, how could I dare to ridicule you?"

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Abbess Yun Miao coldly sneered, "Lin Zhiguo, don't rely on your old age to bully a young man like Yang Chen, he's a lot stronger than you! If it wasn't because of him, all of us would have died due to Broken Blade's schemes! It would have been impossible to recover the Vairocana Dharma Body! It would also have been impossible to defeat the Blue Storm agents!"

Lin Zhiguo suppressed his anger and replied, "I concede to your statement, Tsunami has already reported to me what happened. However, even if he saved everyone and is a great hero, he can't ridicule his elder!"

"What sort of elder are you? Yang Chen isn't related to you at all!" Abbess Yun Miao spoke in defense of Yang Chen.

Lin Zhiguo wore a queer smile, "Yun-er, you stay at Shushan most of the time and don't know what happens outside. This brat has incredible skills. Right now, he has genuinely become my grandson-in-law....."

When he said this, Abbess Yun Miao and Hui Lin were both staggered. They naturally wouldn't think that Yang Chen was Hui Lin's husband, even Hui Lin herself wouldn't think that way, so the only explanation was.....

"You're saying... you're saying he....." Abbess Yun Miao didn't dare believe it, she spoke while pointing at Yang Chen with a trembling finger.

Hui Lin on the other hand seemed to generate intense curiosity as if she had found the new world, and she began to reevaluate Yang Chen.

Lin Zhiguo nodded and said, "That's right, he is married to Ruoxi. Where you accept it or not, Ruoxi is directly related to our Lin Family. She's my granddaughter and related to me by blood, and this stinking brat is naturally my grandson-in-law!"

Abbess Yun Miao returned to her senses, and had a mocking look in her eyes, "Lin Zhiguo, you're truly something. Even that beautiful granddaughter of yours who doesn't accept you as her grandfather has become a rope for you to increase your influence. You must have planned for them to get married for a long time."

"I didn't plan anything, I swear!" Lin Zhiguo replied.

Hearing Lin Zhiguo deny it without any hesitation, Yun Miao was taken aback. She understood Lin Zhiguo. This man could pull off many schemes, but he definitely wasn't someone the type who would swear so easily.

“It really isn’t arranged by you?” Yun Miao hesitantly asked.

Lin Zhiguo shot a glance at Yang Chen. Seeing Yang Chen’s face that implied that this was none of his business, Lin Zhiguo became even more annoyed. He snorted and said, “Stinky brat, tell her what you had done yourself!”

Seeing Yun Miao and Hui Lin look at him so strangely, Yang Chen bitterly smiled as any lies he made would definitely have loopholes that they would uncover, so he said, “Actually, I was also pretty muddle-headed on that night. I was drunk, and bumped into Ruoxi in a bar. She was in a bad mood and drank a lot, and in the end..... That happened.....”

That? What’s that? What does it mean? The innocent and kind-hearted Hui Lin was totally confused.

However, Abbess Yun Miao was an experienced person who understood the Lin Family’s rules clearly. She immediately grabbed onto her sword handle, and was itching to pull out her sword and take a few swings. She was angry from being disappointed by Yang Chen’s actions, “And to think you managed to cultivate Boundless Yearning Derivative Scripture to the eighth stage! How could you fail to exercise control over the desires between men and women!?”

“Erm... Abbess, just should understand just by looking at Hui Lin, Ruoxi isn’t any less beautiful than Hui Lin, I went to a bar to look for women, since I bumped into such a high quality one, why would I hold back for no reason!?” Yang Chen couldn’t deal with this accusation, and blurted out what actually happened!

“What!?” When Lin Zhiguo heard this, his eyes opened wide and he cursed, “You stinking brat! Do you think my granddaughter was the sort who worked as a prostitute in a bar!?”

“No no no..... How could I have the guts to say such a thing, old man? I’m just trying to say that I’m innocent!”

“You’ve already done what you did, what’s there to discuss about innocence for a man like you!?” Yun Miao retorted.

This was unacceptable to Yang Chen, he was about to continue explaining, but Lin Zhiguo suddenly asked, “Hold on a second! Yun-er, what did you just say!? Yang Chen is cultivating in what!?”

Abbess Yun Miao gradually calmed down. She looked at him sideways and said, “Boundless Yearning Derivation Scripture, and it’s even the eighth stage. Yang Chen is a direct disciple of Senior Brother Song!”

Lin Zhiguo was immediately dumbfounded, while the silent Gray Robe who stood behind Lin Zhiguo also looked at Yang Chen with shock that he couldn’t conceal.

“Sen... Senior Brother Song..... Has... has he been well?” Lin Zhiguo sincerely asked.

Yun Miao remained silent, then said to Hui Lin, “Hui Lin, tell him.”

Hui Lin obediently nodded. She opened her mouth and nearly said grandpa, but she immediately got scared and changed her words, “General, Yang Chen told us that Senior Uncle Song has already passed on many years ago.....”

Listening to Hui Lin narrate the matters of the past she learned from Yang Chen, Lin Zhiguo was forcefully holding back his tears at the end of it.

"It was we who let Senior Brother Song down. It's a pity that he would never ever be able to hear my apology." Lin Zhiguo said in a depressed manner.

Yun Miao coldly glanced at him, "I have made a decision earlier. Since we can't clear away the guilt we harbor towards Senior Brother Song, we will instead do everything in our power to compensate Senior Brother Song's direct disciple, Yang Chen."

"Compensate? In what way?" Lin Zhiguo looked up at Yun Miao, then turned to look at Yang Chen who was also bewildered.

Yun Miao's lips formed a faint grin, "I want Hui Lin to be Yang Chen's wife!"

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When Yun Miao said that, Yang Chen, Hui Lin, and Lin Zhiguo were all mindblown.

The mood in the tent immediately froze over, nobody spoke.

After some time passed, Yang Chen was the first to return to his senses. He rubbed his forehead, and questioned the authenticity of what was said, "Abbess, cold jokes aren't pulled off like that, your joke wasn't funny at all."

Yun Miao said with a straight face, "Do I look like I'm joking?"

"Yun-er, I've already told you that Yang Chen is married to Ruoxi!" Lin Zhiguo retorted.

Yun Miao had an insincere smile as she said, "So what if they're married? It's just a piece of paper. They are together only because that girl forced her way through following what her grandmother taught her, and followed the Lin Family's rules. A marriage like theirs simply has no prior feelings or love in it."

Hui Lin was panicking to the point that her face was completely red. She stared at Yang Chen in embarrassment, then pleaded with Abbess Yun Miao, "Grandma, how can you be like this? He's already married, how can I be married to him! Furthermore, this is the first time we've met! You say that there's no love between Yang Chen and his wife, but what about me and him? I'm far inferior in comparison to his wife!"

Hearing what Hui Lin said, Yun Miao surprisingly smiled happily. She said towards Yang Chen, "Did you hear that? Hui Lin said that this is the first time she's meeting you, and there's no love between the two of you."

Yang Chen didn't understand what she was trying to say, but he nodded.

"You don't get it?" Yun Miao seemed displeased.

Yang Chen forced a smile, "What is there to understand about this?"

"Looks like you still aren't well-versed in reading the thoughts of girls. Hui Lin didn't say that she dislikes you, she only said that since this is the first time the two of you meet, feelings between the two of you

haven't been developed. This means that this girl wants to meet you more in the future, and develop feelings depending on the situation." Abbess Yun Miao explained.

It wasn't just Yang Chen who was shocked by this, even Hui Lin was! A perfectly reasonable rejection had transformed into a flirtatious and vague statement!

"Grandma... it isn't like that....." Hui Lin was about to cry.

Lin Zhiguo also seemed to be in a bad mood, "Why are you doing this, Yun-er? Although Ruoxi and Hui Lin has different parents, they are both my granddaughters! They are blood-related cousins, are you trying to make them be in conflict forever for the sake of a man!?"

"That's right!" Abbess Yun Miao glared at Lin Zhiguo with anger, "Back then, I was blind and foolish, and allowed you to send my own son and daughter-in-law to die overseas without even their corpses remaining! If it wasn't because Hui Lin has been kept by my side, who knows where you'd have sent her to! I mustn't let Hui Lin follow the disastrous path her parents took. Now that Senior Brother Song has passed and sent Yang Chen to us, I will not let the happiness of my granddaughter be surrendered over to that woman's granddaughter!"

Lin Zhiguo depressingly sighed, "It's my mistake, it's the sins I've committed, is this retribution from the heavens?"

Hearing Abbess Yun Miao and Lin Zhiguo's words, Hui Lin was shocked. She immediately grabbed onto Abbess Yun Miao's sleeve, and said in a sobbing tone, "Grandma, are... are you saying that my dad and mum... they... they were....."

Yun Miao tenderly wiped the tears off Hui Lin's smooth cheeks, "Hui Lin, Grandma never told you because I've been afraid that you wouldn't be able to take it. However, I think I shouldn't keep it from you any longer. You've grown up, and have the right to know your past and decide your future. I will tell you the whole story in front of you and Yang Chen, and let you see just how great your so-called 'Grandpa' is....."

She said that, coldly glanced at Lin Zhiguo, then began to narrate the past.....

Forty years ago, Yun Miao and Song Tianxing were two outstanding disciples of the famous Shushan Sect, while Lin Zhiguo was a rising star in the army. When he started serving, he was touted as the outstanding genius of the Lin Family.

After the three were recruited into the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade, they went through extensive tests, and Yun Miao gradually fell in love with Lin Zhiguo through those missions.

Song Tianxing who had always secretly loved Yun Miao began to suffer inside because of this. However, for the sake of his beloved junior sister and comrade, he gave his blessings.

As Yun Miao was from a prestigious sect, the Lin Family all supported her relationship with Lin Zhiguo. It was also needless to speak of Yun Miao's beauty. They had went through many life and death situations together, and their relationship advanced rapidly.

It was at that time when Lin Zhiguo suffered an ambush while on a mission in France. He was seriously hurt, and hid in the apartment of a female student studying abroad.

That female student was from a completely different world compared to Yun Miao, but there was one trait they shared, they were both extremely pretty.

The female student sheltered Lin Zhiguo for a whole month, and Lin Zhiguo could no longer forget her. He even decided that when he returned home, he would tell the elders in his family that he wanted to marry this female student.

However, things never went the way he wanted them to. That female student's family was just an ordinary merchant family, and there were rebels in her grandfather's generation.

For the Lin Family who was one of the founding fathers of the country and considered their blood to be noble, a woman like that was simply wouldn't be considered at all!

With the attraction of becoming the heir of the Lin Family and being chosen to be the leader of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade, rather than choosing that woman and being kicked out of the Lin Family, Lin Zhiguo chose to marry Yun Miao instead.

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In the end, Lin Zhiguo married Yun Miao, but his heart remained with that female exchange student. In fact, he even went to Zhonghai many times after getting married to date her.

This was also why Lin Ruoxi's grandmother never married but had a son and daughter-in-law, and had Lin Ruoxi, her granddaughter.

When Lin Ruoxi's grandmother was pregnant, Lin Zhiguo had no choice but to reveal that he was already married. It was also at that time that Yun Miao managed to gain information from complicated sources as to why Lin Zhiguo was no longer as affectionate to her as before.

After learning of Lin Zhiguo's infidelity, Yun Miao was very hurt, and voiced out her pain towards Song Tianxing, but when Song Tianxing got angry and wanted to kill Lin Zhiguo, Yun Miao stopped him.

It was at this moment that Song Tianxing knew, no matter how much effort he put in, there was only Lin Zhiguo in her heart. Even though Lin Zhiguo had done such a despicable thing, Yun Miao considered him her husband, and Song Tianxing her brother.

From then on, Song Tianxing disappeared without a word, and although it made Yun Miao and Lin Zhiguo sad, they couldn't do anything about it.

As time passed, Yun Miao realized that her attempts to pull Lin Zhiguo's heart back to her was getting more and more unrealistic. Lin Zhiguo had been secretly protecting that woman's family businesses and helping them grow, and also stopped the old fogeys in the Lin Family from dealing with them. During the same time, their hearts drifted further and further apart.

Twenty years later, their son had been married for a year and their granddaughter was born. It was also when Hui Lin wasn't even three months old that Lin Zhiguo sent her son and daughter-in-law who were both in the Dragon Group to Kashmir for an assassination mission.

Lin Zhiguo was famous for being impartial, so Lin Family members were always assigned to the front lines.

But it was this mission that made this young couple from the Lin Family never return again.....

After this, Yun Miao was completely heartbroken over the deaths of her children. The years of resentment she built up with Lin Zhiguo erupted due to the death of her son and daughter-in-law.

Lin Zhiguo knew that it was he who was in the wrong, so he could only accept the blame quietly.

Dispirited, Yun Miao resolutely brought her granddaughter, Lin Hui back to Shushan and gave her a taoist monastic name of Hui Lin. Henceforth, their relationship in public was always as master and disciple.

In the past twenty years, Lin Zhiguo occasionally went to the mountain to see them. Hui Lin knew that this man was her grandfather, while Yun Miao never met him again, and went into closed door cultivation every single time.

It was also those many years of keeping clean that Yun Miao gradually recalled how great Song Tianxing was, and how much she owed him.

It was a pity that during those long twenty years, she never got the chance to apologize.

As Abbess Yun Miao narrated her life story, Yang Chen and Hui Lin were in a daze from listening. Yang Chen finally understood why Lin Ruoxi hated Lin Zhiguo so much. From the perspective of the man, even Yang Chen looked down upon Lin Zhiguo. No matter how much he did for the country, he was indeed unfit to receive love from either of the two women who were devoted to him.

Even though he only provided help to their business secretly in consideration of his clan, he didn't make any involvement during his granddaughter's entire childhood. To Ruoxi, this was way too unfair.

To Hui Lin, the deaths of both her parents were caused by her very own grandfather. Although it was indirect, it was still too hurtful. Furthermore, this grandfather of hers had always liked some other woman. For her who had always been with her grandmother and considered her grandmother her closest relative, this was enough to make her hate Lin Zhiguo with a passion!

"Hui Lin, Grandma wants you to become Yang Chen's wife not just to ease the guilt I have towards Senior Brother Song. You've also seen today how intelligent and powerful Yang Chen is, there may not be another youngster who is better than him in the whole world. Moreover, he doesn't give himself airs like other youngsters these days who act arrogant without knowing how to be reserved. Although he has an indecent mouth, it's precisely someone like that who won't treat the woman he loves unfairly." Abbess Yun Miao spoke from the heart.

Hearing this, Yang Chen was overjoyed. Looks like this Abbess is an understanding person, she managed to voice out one percent of my strengths as a person!

Hui Lin blushed and stammered, "Grandma... I know that you care about me, but... but he's already married, I can't force him to have a divorce, right? Besides... besides, he may not like me." Saying that, Hui Lin secretly glanced at Yang Chen.

Yun Miao laughed, then turned her head to ask Yang Chen, "Yang Chen, have you done your wedding ceremony with Lin Ruoxi?"

"Uh... no." Yang Chen rubbed his nose and spoke honestly.

“Hmph.” Yun Miao sneered, “I knew it, how could a marriage like this be known to the public? This means that your marriage is only known by a handful of people. Since this is the case, our Hui Lin can compete fairly. I don’t think you consider Hui Lin inferior to Lin Ruoxi, right?”

Yang Chen glanced at Lin Zhiguo, seeing Lin Zhiguo so deep in thought and without the inclination to speak, he calmly said, “Of course not, Hui Lin is very kind, pure, and beautiful. I think any normal man would like her.”

Yun Miao nodded with satisfaction, then said to Hui Lin who seemed to be shrinking away from shyness, “Hui Lin, did you hear that? He first said that you’re kind and pure before mentioning that you’re beautiful. This proves that he places your personality first, what’s there for you to worry about?”

Huh!? You can spin it like this!?

This time, it was Yang Chen who wanted to cry. He didn’t know whether Abbess Yun Miao was a grandmaster at martial arts, but her ability as a matchmaker was definitely at the great grandmaster level!

Chapter 214-1: Honestly

Hearing Abbess Yun Miao’s next level explanation, the young nun Hui Lin totally lost her bearings, it was almost as if she took this as the truth, as she seemed delighted when she glanced at Yang Chen, then lowered her head in silence.

Lin Zhiguo finally spoke again at this point, and he seemed both physically and mentally exhausted, “Yun-er, all that you have said is true. I have failed the children, whether as a father or grandfather. I feel especially guilty towards Hui Lin and Ruoxi, I wasn’t able to fulfill my part as their grandfather, and had never even carried them when they were children. There were too many matters I had to attend to in the past and I used it as my excuse, but now that I think about what I had done, I realize that I am indeed inferior to this stinky brat.”

As he said that, Lin Zhiguo looked towards Yang Chen, then said, “You shouldn’t act conceited. Although you may be slightly better than me, don’t assume that I have no knowledge of the fact that you have at least three other lovers other than Ruoxi whom you are married to. They are all stuck tightly onto you, did you think you could keep us in the dark?”

Yang Chen honestly replied, “I never intended to conceal this fact, and I wouldn’t abandon a single one of them.”

“What!?” Abbess Yun Miao had only just learned of this fact, causing her brows to furrow tightly together, “What do you mean by that, are you trying to be the emperor? Huaxia only practices monogamy, you’re being unfaithful to your wife!”

Hearing this, Hui Lin’s blushing face turned dark. Her eyes seemed to turn moist, and she pouted in distress.

Yang Chen helplessly sighed, “Abbess, I have never intended to conceal this fact, you just never gave me an opportunity to say it. I admit that I’m not an honorable man, but I will always be truthful to my wife. The fact is Ruoxi has never questioned me on matters like these, while I don’t have any reason to tell her all about it. Sometimes, not knowing some things conversely makes the relationship actually better. But

of course, this is also the reason why I don't want you to push Hui Lin towards me, because I'm truly not much better than your husband....."

"Brat, you dare use me to joke!?" Lin Zhiguo stared at Yang Chen sharply.

Abbess Yun Miao sneered, "He's right, at least he dares to admit to his faults. Back then, you would only sneakily cheat on me!"

"Yun-er! These are completely different matters! He needs to at least respect his elders! Besides, this concerns the happiness of both of my granddaughters, how can I leave this brat be!?" Said Lin Zhiguo.

Yun Miao replied with disdain, "Only Hui Lin is my granddaughter, that Lin Ruoxi is yours, and the rest of the Lin Family does not recognize her either. I only care about Hui Lin's happiness, the rest is none of my concern!"

"Why have you become this unreasonable!? You weren't like this in the past!"

"This is all caused by you, bastard!!"

As he saw this old couple raising their voices in front of their grandchild, Yang Chen completely understood what it meant for a couple to actually quarrel now. The cold war that went on between him and Lin Ruoxi was just a trivial matter in comparison!

However, one was the junior sister of his half-master, while the other is the grandfather of his wife. He couldn't just slip away just because he wanted to avoid trouble.

"Grandma! Grandpa! Stop arguing!"

It was at this time that Hui Lin finally couldn't bear to let this continue. She tugged on Abbess Yun Miao and dissuaded them, "If the two of you continue arguing, this matter will never be solved. I will decide my own life, if the two of you continue like this, I will..... I will..... I will ignore both of you from now on!"

Saying that, Hui Lin angrily stormed out of the tent while wiping away her tears!

"Ah... Hui Lin! Hui Lin! Come back!"

Abbess Yun Miao and Lin Zhiguo both shouted, but Hui Lin ran off without even turning back.

Next, their gazes landed on Yang Chen, they were itching to flay him alive.

"Watch out, Yang Chen. I will properly educate your insensibilities for my Senior Brother, I definitely will not let Hui Lin's husband have multiple lovers!" Said Abbess Yun Miao while she walked out of the army tent. She probably went to look for Hui Lin.

Yang Chen felt rather gloomy. He never said that he wanted to marry Hui Lin, so why was she trying to manage his relationship with his women? Anyway, Song Tianxing never tried to manage him despite the fact that he taught him this powerful internal skill, so who was she to manage him when she was just Song Tianxing's junior sister?

Chapter 214-2: Honestly

Lin Zhiguo sighed, then fixated his gaze on Yang Chen and said, "You need not overthink things, I know of your vicious and greedy nature. If Hui Lin really falls into your hands, both of my granddaughters would suffer. The matter this time round is due to negligence on our part, we weren't able to discover Broken Blade's betrayal fast enough. It was all thanks to you that tragedies were averted, but this is also a good thing for you. The upper management has recognized your actions as friendly, and will not take the initiative to meddle with your personal life in the future."

Yang Chen smiled, "That doesn't affect me at all."

"But it affects the people around you. No matter how powerful you are, you can't protect all of your women at the same time, right?" Lin Zhiguo questioned.

Yang Chen's smile turned cold, "Your people better not be thinking that way. It's true that I can't protect all of them at the same time, but I can kill all of you people! If you want the protective umbrella of Huaxia known as the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade to be annihilated like Zero did, you can give it a try."

"Are you threatening me!?" Lin Zhiguo's eyes turned sharp, and he broke out a fierce and steely aura.

Yang Chen didn't seem to mind that at all, "This isn't a threat, it's just a friendly message. I will not create trouble as long as you guys do not provoke me. Someone standing at a post as high as yours should be very clear that under the 《Treaty of Gods》, I'm not allowed to do anything to you guys as long as I'm not provoked."

Lin Zhiguo's expression went through various changes, then he nodded, "A helicopter is already prepared for you, you may leave at any time."

"Many thanks."

"Wait!"

Yang Chen was in the middle of walking away when he turned back, "What is it?"

"If it's possible....." There was a dispirited look on Lin Zhiguo's face as he said, "If it's possible, I hope you can help me persuade Ruoxi. As long as she's willing, I can force the family to accept her, and she can return to the Lin Family instead of drifting outside all alone."

Yang Chen's lips formed a slight smile, "I'm starting to understand why my wife doesn't like you. What she wants isn't the acceptance of the family, what she wants is an elder that cares, that can be touched, and that can truly be a part of her life. Furthermore, she is no longer alone, for I am her relative."

With that said, Yang Chen left the tent in big strides.

Watching Yang Chen leave, Lin Zhiguo seemed stunned. After a while, he sighed and asked, "Gray Robe, is what he's saying true?"

Gray Robe who had been standing in the corner remained silent for a while, then said, "I think what he said does have an element of truth in it."

"But Ruoxi doesn't allow me to get close to her at all, how can I be her elder then?" Lin Zhiguo despondently said.

“Master, in the twenty-odd years since Miss Ruoxi was born, the amount of time you’ve spent with her does not even amount to an hour. I believe that that isn’t nearly enough time spent for her to even consider whether you sincerely care about her, right?” Said Gray Robe.

Hearing this, Lin Zhiguo fell deep in thought.

Outside the army tent, Abbess Yun Miao and Hui Lin were nowhere to be found, but the rest of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade members were standing by a military helicopter. Even the seriously hurt Cannon who was wrapped in bandages was here on a wheelchair, smiling towards Yang Chen.

“We’re here to send you off, thank you for your service to the country!” Tsunami who had become the new Captain said while extending his hand towards Yang Chen.

Yang Chen shook his hand and said, “In the future, don’t do silly things like blackmailing with poison.”

“That is Broken Blade’s plot, there will never be a second Broken Blade!” Bigfoot sternly stated.

“I hope that is the case.” Yang Chen said with a smile.

Leaf shyly chimed in as well, “Big Brother Yang, apologize to Big Sister Mo and Auntie Ma on my behalf, I will apologize to Big Sister Mo myself if I have the opportunity to in the future, sorry to bother you.” After saying that, Leaf stepped forward and gave Yang Chen a hug, then quickly let go and stepped backwards.

Everyone laughed heartily, causing Leaf to blush.

Yang Chen bade farewell to them one after another, then impatiently got onto the helicopter and headed towards Kunshan Village.

After all, Mo Qianni who was at home was probably pacing back and forth in panic right now.

However, Yang Chen wouldn’t have expected that other than those of the Yellow Flame Iron Brigade who were sending him off, there was also one more person hiding in a corner, sending him off with eyes that couldn’t bear to part.....

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Kunshan Village. Mo Qianni sat on the wooden steps by the doorway with her cellphone in hand, staring at the entrance with a depressed expression while seemingly mumbling something.....

“Damned Yang Chen, stinking Yang Chen, don’t you know to give me a few more calls? You said that you’re coming back soon, yet you still aren’t back, are you trying to kill me with worry so that you can look for another lover? Damned Yang Chen, stinking Yang Chen... why are you not back yet..... Nothing could possibly happen right? I’ll give you three seconds, you had better appear in front of me when I count to one..... Three... two... nevermind, you’re definitely throwing a tantrum, even if I count to one, you intentionally won’t show up.....”

Ma Guifang walked out of the kitchen with a plate of white rice. There were already three dishes and a soup, which was normal in a peasant family on the table. Seeing her daughter talking to herself by the doorway, she couldn’t help but laugh and say, “Ni-zi, what are you mumbling on about there? Hasn’t Son-in-law Yang already given you a call? Let’s eat first.”

“Mom!” Mo Qianni stood up and anxiously said, “How could you be so relaxed? What happened was incredibly strange, why do you seem to not be worried about Yang Chen at all?”

Ma Guifang happily clicked her tongue several times and said, “Look at my daughter, she hasn’t returned for over ten years, yet the moment she does she’s already lecturing her mother because of a man.”

“That’s not what I meant... I’m trying to say that.....”

“Alright.” Ma Guifang smiled and said, “I know you’re anxious, I’m anxious as well, but there’s one thing Mom learned all these years. When it comes to matters in this world, there’s no point panicking, what we need to do is to live well at home.”

Mo Qianni understood what she meant, but it was difficult for her to calm herself down. She slowly walked to the table and sat down, then slowly began to eat the rice Ma Guifang served to her.

Ma Guifang didn’t know whether to laugh or to cry, “Ni-zi, eat more veggies, why are you just eating white rice without any dishes?”

“Mom.....” Mo Qianni put down her chopsticks, looked up and said, “I’m not eating anymore, I’ll go to the village entrance to wait for Yang Chen.”

“Child, why are you so obstinate? I’ve already told you that whether you wait or panic, the outcome is the same.” Ma Guifang dotingly persuaded.

Mo Qianni shook her head, “It’s not the same. I hope that when Yang Chen returns, the first person he sees is me. I hope he sees me waiting for him and worrying about him, so that when he is out and going through dangerous situations, he will know that there is someone waiting for him to return. I believe that will make him happier than seeing me eating peacefully here.”

Ma Guifang was stunned while Mo Qianni stood up and headed for the door.

This silly girl..... Ma Guifang murmured in her heart.

Right as Mo Qianni was about to open the main door, the door which wasn’t locked suddenly opened from the outside.

Yang Chen saluted her with a smile, “Little Qianqian, there’s no need to go to the entrance, it’s so far away.”

When he looked at her longing face that was close to turning into torture, Mo Qianni felt resentful, and felt like giving him a slap!

However, when she was about to smack Yang Chen with her hand, she changed her action to hooking his neck with her arm. Mo Qianni’s soft and light body stuck onto Yang Chen, her head rested against Yang Chen’s chest, and they stayed in that position.

Yang Chen hugged Mo Qianni’s waist, he enjoyed the the warmness and softness of it very much. He rubbed Mo Qianni’s back, and lightly patted her. With a smile he said, “Alright, Mother-in-law is still waiting for us. Haven’t I already returned? If you cry, she’d think that I’ve been bullying you.”

Mo Qianni looked up and released her arms around Yang Chen's neck, with moist red eyes she said, "You did bully me! You left without a word and only left a note, and your phone couldn't even be contacted. You were trying to make me worry about you, so you were intentionally bullying me!"

"The situation is rather complicated, but I definitely didn't make you worry on purpose." Yang Chen said with a forced smile.

"I don't care, you have to compensate me." Mo Qianni angrily said.

"Compensate? How?" Asked Yang Chen.

Mo Qianni cutely took a few deep breaths, then suddenly closed in and pressed her luscious red cherry lips against Yang Chen's lips.

Being faced with this beautiful woman's sudden attack, Yang Chen was stunned for a moment, then began to respond with pleasure.

For half a day, which wasn't really long or short, Mo Qianni had been concerned for Yang Chen. It had been weighing on her the entire time, and it truly wasn't a pleasant feeling.

She was afraid that something happened to Yang Chen, and that her feelings for him that she hasn't revealed may never have the opportunity to be expressed.

Therefore, when Yang Chen finally returned safely and she smelled his familiar smell, Mo Qianni was overwhelmed with passion and ended up acting on it.

During the moist and teary kiss, Mo Qianni was more upfront and daring than ever before, as if she wanted to express all of the thoughts and feelings she built up during this time to Yang Chen with this kiss.

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Ma Guifang who saw the passionate kiss they shared had a complicated expression on her face. The fact that her own daughter was kissing and hugging a man in front of her made her gratified, but also made her feel downcast as if she had lost something.

When Mo Qianni had kissed to the point where she had run out of energy and started to get in heat, they finally separated, she felt so weak that she could barely stand stably anymore.

Yang Chen took a look at this woman whose face was like a peach, with breath smelled like orchids, and sparkling eyes that could melt any man's heart.

Recalling the cute thoughts of Mo Qianni that he heard when he was at the door, Yang Chen couldn't help giving her smooth forehead a kiss. At this moment, she was as beautiful as a goddess to him.

Yang Chen played with Mo Qianni's hair, sniffed at her rich fragrance that was due to her getting in heat, and asked with a smirk, "Mo Qianni, when did you become so beautiful? Was it last week, yesterday, or just a moment ago?"

There was a gentle smile on Mo Qianni's crystal clear eyes, "It's none of those, it's from the moment I fell in love with you."

“Oh my... that’s too mushy too mushy! The two of you should have enough now, you’ve already hugged and kissed, now you’re trying to kill your mom with mushiness?” Ma Guifang couldn’t enduring hearing more, so she had to voice out with her slightly blushing face.

Mo Qianni had only just realized that they had done all that in front of her mother. She immediately let go of Yang Chen, and ran to Ma Guifang in a flurry. She hugged Ma Guifang tightly and said, “Mom... how about I give you a kiss too? Things will then be equal.”

“Huh, don’t.....”

Before Ma Guifang could stop her, Mo Qianni kissed her cheeks twice.

“You silly child.....” Ma Guifang didn’t know whether to laugh or to cry, so she sighed and said, “I’m not someone who can’t think things through, but you shouldn’t be sharing such a passionate kiss in front of me, my mind can’t keep up with the way you youngsters think.”

Yang Chen walked into the house and saw the dishes on the table, with a grin he said, “Mom, let’s eat! Kissing tastes good, but it can’t fill the stomach.” Saying that, he winked at Mo Qianni.

Mo Qianni pouted cutely, “You made us so worried, yet want to eat the moment you come back? You’re not allowed to eat!”

“Ni-zi, don’t be childish, let’s eat.” Hearing Yang Chen call her mom, Ma Guifang was very happy, “Son-in-law Yang, take a seat, I’ll get you a bowl.”

Very soon, the three were seated around the table and happily having lunch.

Ma Guifang and Mo Qianni didn’t ask Yang Chen what he went out to do, while Yang Chen didn’t mention it either. This was like a tacit understanding between them, which Yang Chen enjoyed very much.

During the meal, Mo Qianni recalled something and asked Ma Guifang, “Mom, what do you think of moving to Zhonghai to live with me so far? There is no problem with that, right?”

Ma Guifang placed a piece of chicken into Yang Chen’s bowl, then said with a slight smile, “Ni-zi, I’m not going to Zhonghai with you, I don’t feel like going there for now.”

“Why? Do you have any difficulties?” Mo Qianni anxiously asked.

Ma Guifang shook her head and said, “It goes without saying that Mom likes being with you, having the company of one’s children will always make one happy. But this is definitely not the time. The both of you have jobs, while I can only help you with keeping the house clean and cook. I’m not familiar with life in Zhonghai, and will be bored to death. There are at least many fellow villagers here which I can chat with.”

“But you’re getting older, Mom, you can’t just keep living like this forever.” Mo Qianni knew that the words her mother spoke were true. In a big city, Ma Guifang who didn’t have a job would be lonely.

“So you have to work hard.” Ma Guifang said with a profound look, “If you have a child, I could take care of them. That way, I wouldn’t be bored, and it would be alright wherever I lived, right?”

A child?

Mo Qianni immediately understood what her mother meant, and shyly glanced at Yang Chen. Watching Yang Chen gorging his food as if he didn't hear this, she couldn't help rolling her eyes at him.

"Son-in-law Yang, eat slowly and be careful not to choke, have some soup." Said Ma Guifang.

While chewing, Yang Chen said with a vague voice, "Mom, the dishes you made are a lot tastier than those in restaurants."

"Of course, the vegetables in the mountains may be simple, but they're natural." Ma Guifang said with satisfaction.

Watching the harmonious exchange between her mother and Yang Chen, Mo Qianni was overjoyed inside, but at the same time, she remembered that her identity was that of a mistress, and that weighed down on her.

It was at this time that a large and warm hand was placed on Mo Qianni's thigh, and gently patted on her twice.

Mo Qianni looked up, and saw Yang Chen's reassuring gaze.

That's right... he's so powerful, so he definitely has a way. We've experienced so many things together, and were even on the verge of death together, how can such a small matter pull us apart?

When she thought of this, Mo Qianni calmed down.

As they didn't request for that many days of leave, they had to leave after spending one more night in Kunshan Village.

In the morning, they took their luggages and said farewells to Ma Guifang. Along the way, Yang Chen told her some matters regarding what happened and Leaf, but he didn't go into the details, so Mo Qianni only knew the gist of it.

Mo Qianni didn't probe further. Although she was curious about many things, she was relieved as long as no further problems would come out of it.

Chapter 216-1: Breaking in

That night, the two took a plane back and landed at Zhonghai International Airport.

According to reason, Yang Chen should be feeling tired after such an "intense" journey, but when the plane landed he was actually filled with energy.

It had been nearly a year since he returned, and he stayed in Zhonghai for most of it. He had so many great memories of this place.

Right now, he could say that this is his home. He may not be feel much when he's away, but when he returns, he gets an irresistible urge to return to his home and family.

When they walked to the car park, Mo Qianni took over her luggage from Yang Chen's hands and looked at Yang Chen lovingly, "You're not allowed to ignore me once you return home, you have to think of me at all times."

"Oh milady, you can ignore me, how can I possibly ignore you? Besides, I can't control what I see in my dreams, how can I think of you at every moment?" Yang Chen said with a smile.

"Can't you just humor me a little?" Mo Qianni unhappily replied.

Yang Chen pondered and said, "How about we don't return home, and get a room. That way, I can guarantee that you'll be on my mind all night, and I'll keep my eyes on you. Also, your mom is chasing you to have a child."

"Dream on! Wait till you've dealt with your empress and determined our statuses! Before that, I won't sillily give myself to you!"

With that said, Mo Qianni gracefully gave Yang Chen an encouraging look, then swayed her butt as she walked towards her red Audi.

Yang Chen secretly thought about how these women were all difficult to deal with, and headed to his car with a helpless smile.

Half an hour later, Yang Chen drove his BMW that hadn't been started for several days back to Dragon Garden. It was close to midnight, so he didn't expect the lights in the house to still be on despite the fact that he didn't notify them of his return.

With his curiosity piqued, Yang Chen parked and walked to the door, but before he could open it, it was opened from the inside.

"Miss, you've finally returned!"

The one who opened the door was Wang Ma who wore pajamas, and she only just realized that the one who returned was the travel-worn Yang Chen pulling his luggage then.

"Young Master? So it's you that has returned, oh dear, my eyes are failing me." Wang Ma smiled with creased brows. While letting Yang Chen enter, she said, "Why didn't you call home first? I could've cooked something for you, Young Master. You must be hungry since food on planes aren't good. Would you like me to cook you a bowl of noodles?"

"There's no need, I'm not hungry." Yang Chen was used to Wang Ma's nagging concern. He then asked curiously, "Ruoxi still isn't home?"

Lin Ruoxi led a very disciplined life, especially when it came to workdays. She practically leaves house early to go to work, then leaves work at night to return home, works till approximately ten in the evening, then goes to sleep.

She doesn't have many friends, and friends of hers are all busy people. Other than watching television and reading books, she didn't indulge in other leisure activities.

Therefore, Yang Chen was very surprised when Lin Ruoxi still wasn't home when it was this late.

Wang Ma worriedly nodded, "Yes, when Miss was having dinner, she received a call. She said it was from a Singaporean investor who just decided to stay at Zhonghai for a night and was considering to do a big collaboration with the company. Originally, it was someone else who was supposed to discuss such things as Miss never attends to such meetings. However, it just so happened that Miss Mo who was most adept at this had returned to her hometown with you, Young Master. Without her in Zhonghai, there was no suitable employee to handle this. Furthermore, everyone had already got off work, so it was impossible to find a replacement in such a short notice, so Miss went there herself. It's so late... why isn't she back?"

Yang Chen frowned, he had a feeling that things weren't right, so he asked, "Wang Ma, have you tried calling her?"

"I can't get through, maybe Miss turned it off because she's discussing business." Said Wang Ma.

"Did Ruoxi inform you about where she's going?" Asked Yang Chen.

Wang Ma thought about it carefully, and answered, "It should be the Di Wang Tower. I remember Miss mentioning it on the phone, but I'm don't know which floor it is."

Yang Chen nodded, then put down his luggage and turned away to leave.

"Young Master, you've just returned, where are you going?" Wang Ma worriedly asked.

Yang Chen didn't even turn his head back as he replied, "I'm going to find Ruoxi, I'm worried that something might happen to her."

"But... how are you going to find her?" Wang Ma anxiously asked.

"I have my ways." Replied Yang Chen as he ran out of the door.

Yang Chen felt that this sudden business opportunity was unusual. Furthermore, Lin Ruoxi wasn't a dimwitted girl. Though she seemed cold and innocent, her thoughts were meticulous as hell, and she definitely wouldn't listen to the other party's words for no reason.

For someone to be able to convince Lin Ruoxi to leave home in the middle of the night, there were two possibilities: One, the other party's character was absolutely upright, so there was no need to harbor suspicions. Two, the other party's level of disguise was impeccable, and even Lin Ruoxi wasn't able to tell what he really was like.

Evidently, it was harder to achieve the latter, but it wasn't impossible.

As someone who was worth billions and had outstanding looks, Lin Ruoxi was definitely worth it for a grandmaster level hypocrite to tear off his precious cover.

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He drove at insane speeds towards Di Wang Tower. As it wasn't his first time going there, he was familiar with the roads.

When Yang Chen arrived at the entrance of the tower, two security guards immediately stopped him. As the tower was open 24 hours a day, security guards guarded this place always.

Yang Chen who just returned to Zhonghai had messy and oily hair, wore a thin gray jacket with stains, flat shoes with mud stuck on it, and had sweat on his face. He looked like a peasant.

Therefore, the security guards blocked Yang Chen with no hesitation. After all, the Di Wang Tower wasn't a place for ordinary peasants to enter.

"Mister, please leave this place. Without proper attire and hygiene, one is not allowed to enter the tower." A security guard expressionlessly said.

Yang Chen looked up at the tower which had dozens of floors, trying to find Lin Ruoxi in there was like finding a needle in a haystack. Furthermore, Yang Chen wasn't familiar with the layout inside, so there seemed to be only one way which would work the fastest.

When he thought of that, Yang Chen asked the two security guards, "Do you guys have security cams here? Or a register for people who enter and exit? Let me take a look, I'm looking for someone."

"Mister, please do not make things difficult for us, we've already spoken to you as politely as we could, please leave!" The bodyguard was in a bad mood, thinking that this poor man had gone mad. He thinks he could order them when he looked like this? He even wanted to search for someone!?

Yang Chen helplessly shook his head, "I can only apologize then, this could actually have been settled in a more cultured manner.

Saying that, Yang Chen suddenly took a step forward, grabbed onto the two security guards' collars, raised them and swung their bodies which weighed over 300 pounds added together at the indoor fountain nearby!

Crash! Crash!

Along with the sound, water splattered everywhere, the two security guards began to madly shout, "Quickly come! Quickly come! Someone is trying to force his way in!"

Many security and customer service employees were immediately alerted, a large number of security guards charged over and surrounded Yang Chen.

A woman who looked like the lobby's manager immediately called the police.

Yang Chen snickered inside. Go on and call, it's great if the police came.

"Gentleman, I'm here to look for my wife, if you don't want to be hurt, then let me pass. Otherwise, though I won't kill anyone, some small injuries would be inevitable."

While speaking, Yang Chen headed towards the staircase. He naturally wasn't that stupid to take the elevator, for once they shut off the power, he'd be stuck inside.

The security guards naturally wouldn't compromise, they charged forward, intending to stop Yang Chen.

But Yang Chen moved at speeds they couldn't see with trajectories they couldn't predict, tossing them all into the fountain in the lobby, causing all employees and customers of the tower to be shocked to the point that they didn't dare move.

There were many security guards in the Di Wang Tower. As Yang Chen walked, he continuously dealt with the security guards who kept charging over with their electric truncheons. Even though he occasionally received shocks, it just felt like a tickle, so he didn't fear it at all.

When he walked to the staircase, Yang Chen saw that the offices were on the second floor, so he quickly went up and began to look for the security surveillance room.

When he got to the corridor of the second floor, Yang Chen swept a glance and immediately found the security surveillance room, so he quickly walked over.

The ruckus downstairs had already alarmed all guests of the tower. The security guards flocked to the second floor, and began to obstruct Yang Chen in a crazed manner.

When Yang Chen entered the surveillance room, he immediately locked it. A metal door like this wouldn't be broken down by those outside so quickly.

After Yang Chen settled the two security guards who were drinking coffee in the room, he began to calculate when Lin Ruoxi arrived at the Di Wang Tower using the timings provided by Wang Ma. Next, he adjusted all monitors to that time period, and scanned all monitors at lightning speeds.

Outside the door, the crazed security guards somehow got hold of a spare key, and opened the door. Next, a bunch of people charged in like a flood.

It was at this moment that Yang Chen coincidentally saw Lin Ruoxi enter the tower with a black suit and skirt, and became overjoyed. Seeing these people charge in, he was annoyed. With his head still faced towards the monitors, his hands dealt with the guards.

Some guards were occasionally hurt seriously by Yang Chen who didn't pay attention to the amount of force he used, breaking their bones right there. They wailed on the ground, frightening the other security guards who were yet to charge in.

Through following Lin Ruoxi's movements, Yang Chen was able to determine three minutes later that Lin Ruoxi had entered an area on the 27th floor, and went into a private room called Knight.

Right at this time, police sirens were heard from downstairs. Yang Chen knew that the police would arrive very soon, so he didn't delay any further. He waved at the frightened guards, then leapt out of the surveillance room and into the staircase, and ran towards the 27th floor.

Chapter 217-1: Mr. Gao

On the way up to the 27th floor, Yang Chen lost count of just how many security guards he had thrown off and kicked down. There were even several whom were the bodyguards of visitors, and they were all knocked into a sorry state with no exceptions.

The 27th floor was a floor for private business meetings, so the corridor was completely empty, but because the news of the chaos had spread up till here, the entrances to many rooms had several personal bodyguards tightly guarding it.

Under watch of the vigilant bodyguards, Yang Chen quickly walked around and found the private room labelled Knight. There were two well-built bodyguards standing by the door, and they looked fierce.

This time, Yang Chen couldn't be bothered to waste his saliva. Before the bodyguards could speak, he gave each of them a punch at speeds that they couldn't even see, so there was no point mentioning them blocking it. The two immediately fell onto the ground with their hands covering their stomachs.

Bang!!

Yang Chen raised his leg and kicked the beautiful locked safe door, causing the electronic lock to instantly raise the alarm, but despite the sharp sounds of it, it felt so powerless.

The situation inside the room was immediately revealed to him. Beside the desk lamp by the window sat two people. One was the astonished Lin Ruoxi, while the other was a middle-aged man who wore a purple suit.

The middle-aged man's jet black hair was neatly combed to the back of his head, and he had numerous age spots on his face. It was obvious that his true age was older than what he actually seemed. Despite Yang Chen's intrusion, he calmly remained seated where he was with knitted brows.

At this time, two robust bodyguards rushed out from the other room and nervously blocked Yang Chen's path.

Lin Ruoxi finally confirmed that the man who broke in was indeed Yang Chen. As Yang Chen had been fighting and running, his originally unkempt appearance had worsened. He had a head of messy hair, face full of sweat, and blood stains from others on his clothes. Standing there in the doorway with his dark gray outerwear, he looked just like a young ruffian on the streets, the kind that was just in a gang fight.

"Who are you....." The man in purple suit asked in a deep voice.

Yang Chen ignored him, and carefully examined Lin Ruoxi. Seeing that she was just a little frightened and that she was physically fine without any anomalies, he became more at ease.

When Lin Ruoxi saw Yang Chen smiling at her, and she lost her ability to control her anger. She suddenly stood up and questioned, "Yang Chen! What are you doing!?"

"Miss Lin, you're acquainted with this man?" The man in purple suit frowned and asked.

Lin Ruoxi rubbed her forehead like she had a headache, then turned to the man apologetically and said, "Apologies, Mr. Gao, I've brought trouble to you."

"Miss Lin, this youngster seems to care a lot about you, he's your....." Mr. Gao inquired.

Lin Ruoxi was stunned, then glanced at Yang Chen who was still standing there with a smirk. She sighed internally, then said, "He is an employee from my company, I'm not sure why he suddenly lost his mind."

Employee? Lost my mind? Yang Chen's smile became rather bitter, but he didn't mind it much. After all Lin Ruoxi had been here for nearly four hours. Seeing her safe and sound made Yang Chen happy.

As for Lin Ruoxi's assessment of him, he couldn't be bothered with it for now.

Mr. Gao seemed to understand have instantly understood, so he frowned and said, "Miss Lin, I only came down to Zhonghai at the last minute on behalf of the friendship I shared with the previous CEO. I came to you for the collaboration with France's Cherberyl Corporation without even considering the other large companies in Yanjing. The ways of this employees of yours has disappointed me very much. I simply cannot imagine why a big company like your Yu Lei International has an employee like this."

"Mr. Gao, I apologize to you on his behalf, he... he usually isn't like this... I don't know why he's like that today....."

Lin Ruoxi's thoughts were in a complete mess. Just what on earth is this man trying to do!? Why did he suddenly appear without any notice!? It's fine if he wants to come, but I'm in the middle of discussing business, why did he suddenly break in? Now it seems like the alarm and chaotic sounds were all because of him!?

Oh my goodness, just what kind of reckless person is this? He broke into the whole building by himself!?

Could it be that he did all of that just to kick down the door and silently smile at me!?

But right at this time, two policemen suddenly appeared by the door and shouted "Freeze!" They had their guns pointed at Yang Chen from behind!

Lin Ruoxi widened her eyes, she couldn't believe that this fellow had even caused the police to come!

A slim and graceful policewoman entered the door. She had short black hair, and anger plastered on her face. Being called out for a task in the middle of the night for such a big ruckus would make anyone on duty unhappy.

"Let me see just who this amazing individual is....."

The policewoman walked to his front, saw Yang Chen's face, and was dumbstruck.

"Bureau Chief Cai, you came pretty quickly." Yang Chen shifted his gaze to Cai Yan and said with a smile.

Chapter 217-2: Mr. Gao

Ever since the shocking event in this tower that night, Cai Yan never saw Yang Chen again. However, she didn't know why she kept recalling what happened that time, especially the scene where Yang Chen pushed her away and charged up the staircase to deal with those people from a criminal organization. It made Cai Yan have the urge to go over to Yang Chen's house to see him, and was torment to her.

Today, she did actually meet Yang Chen, but it was in an incredibly awkward situation!

She, had come to arrest him!

"Yanyan." Realizing that the person who entered was Cai Yan, Lin Ruoxi felt more relieved. She walked up to her and said, "Could you think of a way to let him go on my behalf? This fellow seems to have lost his mind today, I will pay for the things broken and other expenses caused by him."

"Ruoxi, you're here too?" Cai Yan was rather surprised, but since they were husband and wife, she sourly understood inside. Although she didn't know why Yang Chen did all of this, she agreed with Lin

Ruoxi's way of settling this. She who had always been completely impartial suddenly found it difficult to arrest Yang Chen.

However, Mr. Gao who stood up from his seat didn't intend to let Yang Chen off just like this. He straightened out his unusual purple suit, and said, "Officer, my surname is Gao, I'm from the Singapore Chamber of Commerce. I am extremely unhappy with this man's intrusion. His actions has severely compromised my safety, and I suspect that he has intentions to steal trade secrets. I hope that you can follow the law and arrest him, the law should be fair and protect the innocent."

"This....." Cai Yan creased her brows, she didn't expect such that there would be such an important person in the room.

When Lin Ruoxi heard that Mr. Gao was determined to have Yang Chen trialed, she couldn't help feeling anxious, "Mr. Gao, he definitely has no intentions to harm you, and wouldn't steal trade secrets. Please trust me and let me handle this, alright?"

"Miss Lin, I hope you understand that I didn't just land in Zhonghai's airport tonight to have a meal with you and have a talk. I sincerely wish that your company could be a part of our project, and join hands with other famous companies from overseas. I came here with good faith, yet received such treatment, I mustn't let this sully my reputation!" The noble Mr. Gao indignantly said.

Clap, Clap, Clap.....

When Mr. Gao said this, Yang Chen suddenly clapped with a nefarious smile, "Well said, we mustn't sully your reputation."

"What, Mr. Criminal who broke into the tower, you disagree with my words?" Mr. Gao furrowed his brows and asked.

"Yang Chen, stop speaking! Don't you think you've caused enough trouble!?" Lin Ruoxi was going mad from worry, this fellow may be detestable, but she couldn't just watch him be sent to jail!

Jeopardizing the safety of a member of Singapore's Chamber of Commerce, breaking into Zhonghai's greatest financial meeting spot, attempting to steal trade secrets..... Any of these criminal charges weren't things that Yang Chen could handle!

Yang Chen smiled without affirming or denying anything. He turned towards Cai Yan and said, "Bureau Chief Cai, could I trouble you to inspect this room?"

"Inspect the room?" Cai Yan was feeling worried inside, and couldn't make heads or tails of Yang Chen's words.

"That's right, use your professional knowledge and skills to inspect the television, bedside lamp, and curtains." Said Yang Chen.

The moment he said that, Cai Yan seemed to have understood something. She solemnly nodded, while the face of Mr. Gao who stood opposite them began to turn pale.

Lin Ruoxi didn't know what Yang Chen was thinking, but seeing Cai Yan have such a serious expression, she began to wonder whether there was something going on. Thus, she could only stand there patiently as Cai Yan checked the bedroom.

“How ridiculous, the police is actually listening to the criminal, looks like we no longer have a reason to stay, let’s go!”

Mr. Gao seemed to have turned impatient from waiting, and angrily snorted. He intended to leave with his two bodyguards.

“Stop them!”

Cai Yan suddenly commanded the two policemen with a stern voice, and they pointed their guns at Mr. Gao and his two bodyguards.

“What are you people doing!? Do you... do you people know who I am!? I am Gao Guoxiong! The Secretary-General of Singapore’s Chamber of Commerce! Even your mayor has to act courteously towards me! You dare obstruct me!?” Mr. Gao chastised.

Cai Yan laughed grimly as she walked towards Mr. Gao, “Who you are isn’t important, but as you have said, the law should protect the innocent, while this in my hands is what will bring you to justice!”

Saying that, Cai Yan opened her palm, and in the middle of it were three pocket-sized spy cameras!

“You’re slandering me! Those things aren’t mine!” Mr. Gao immediately yelled.

Yang Chen clicked his tongue and shook his head, “We haven’t said anything, yet you’ve become so agitated. It’s a pity for you that I had already learned his cheap trick before my hair down there grew.”

The abrupt change of this situation made Lin Ruoxi who had been flustered this whole time to see the truth of this matter.

Lin Ruoxi’s face instantly froze over. She was still trying to beg Mr. Gao to forgive Yang Chen with everything she had a moment ago, but the truly deplorable one was the person she was pleading to! She felt an intense fit of humiliation.

“Gao Guoxiong, I’ll see you in court!”

Lin Ruoxi didn’t want to stay for any moment longer. She turned to the exit and ran out of the room, she even forgot to take her handbag which was left on the table.

Yang Chen picked up the bag Lin Ruoxi left on the table, then said to Cai Yan who was wondering what action she should take, “If my conjecture is correct, there should be something like a hallucinogen on his body or in the drinks in the room. It should be easy to settle this with that. Sorry to bother you, Bureau Chief Cai.”

“Okay, I got it. You should be with Ruoxi. She’s always been strong-minded, now that she’s been fooled by this bastard, she must be extremely hurt. I’ll have someone escort you down so that nobody obstructs you.” Cai Yan bitterly forced a smile.

Yang Chen nodded, and under escort of a policeman he quickly left the room. As for what happens to Gao Guoxiong, he no longer cared.

Chapter 218-1: Half of half

On the way down, the managers of the tower displayed their anger towards Yang Chen, but with the policeman there to smoothen things out and explain, no more trouble came to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen walked out of the tower, and he caught sight of Lin Ruoxi who was walking towards the car park.

The lights surrounding the tower illuminated her black suit, causing it to shine a little. Lin Ruoxi's graceful rear view and vague curves were beautified to the extreme.

Yang Chen quickly caught up with her, and put the white Hermes bag in front of her, "You didn't even take your bag, how are you going to drive without your car keys?"

Lin Ruoxi turned to face him and received her bag, "Thank you."

"Looks like this was quite a big blow to you, you actually thanked me." Yang Chen said with a smile.

"Did I never say it to you before?" Lin Ruoxi seemed to be unsure as she asked. Her eyes were a little moist, and she seemed to be depressed.

Yang Chen thought about it, "I don't really remember, maybe not, but I may have forgotten."

"But I seem to recall that I truly never said it before....."

The two walked on the street outside and into the car park. The cold winds blew in the silent car park, bringing a slight chill with it. There was nobody else in the surroundings, and the two could hear the sounds of each other's breathing.

Lin Ruoxi hesitated, then suddenly said, "I'm sorry, I misjudged you earlier."

Yang Chen scratched his head, and had a bitter expression as he said, "Would you please not say thank you or sorry? I would feel very uneasy, I'm not used to this."

Lin Ruoxi stopped in her tracks and guiltily said, "Was I always unreasonable, harsh, and rude to you when I spoke to you in the past?"

"Why do you say that?"

"For example, if you told me not to say thank you to you, I'd reply with calling you shameless." Lin Ruoxi earnestly said.

Yang Chen answered with an "Oh." Then asked, "So am I really so shameless?"

"Yes, you're incredibly shameless." Said Lin Ruoxi.

"....."

Seeing that Yang Chen was speechless, Lin Ruoxi asked what she had been wondering, "When did you come back, and how did you know I was here?"

Yang Chen casually replied, "I got off the plane an hour ago, and saw that you weren't at home when I got back. Wang Ma said that you had been out for quite some time and I was worried, so I came over to look for you."

"It's just that simple?" Lin Ruoxi was slightly amazed as she asked, "Just for such an insignificant reason, you broke into the Di Wang Tower in the middle of the night, threw the whole tower into complete mess, and even drew the police over!?"

Yang Chen had a queer smile, "Why else did you think I came? It has been proven that my conjecture is correct, didn't you meet a hypocrite?"

"I was also very surprised that Gao Guoxiong would do such a thing, it was my mistake to trust him. However, aren't you afraid that you might have guessed wrongly? If that was the case, the one the police would have arrested would be you, many people would sue you. Do you know how serious the consequences are!?" Lin Ruoxi seemed to be a little agitated.

"I know, but this is something I had to do." Said Yang Chen.

Seeing Yang Chen's calm gaze, Lin Ruoxi felt a little touched for some reason, and asked, "Why?"

"Because you are my wife, and I worry." Yang Chen frankly said.

Lin Ruoxi felt like her heartstrings were being pulled. It was tingling and numbing. It made her secretly happy, perplexed, bashful, and touched. Before she knew it, this man's unremarkable face had become so gentle and familiar to her.

However, it was precisely because of this that made Lin Ruoxi loathe the words she said in the room with a passion. She probed, "Earlier in the room, I called you my employee and called you crazy, are... are you very angry?"

"I'm not angry." Yang Chen slowly walked as he spoke, "I can only say that it can't be helped, but I can understand. Anyone who sees my actions may not necessarily understand."

The more Yang Chen acted like he didn't care, the more guilty Lin Ruoxi felt. After a moment of silence, she said, "In the future, if someone asks who you are to me, tell them you are my husband."

These words made Yang Chen stop in his tracks. He turned around to look at the shy Lin Ruoxi with surprise, "What's with you? Didn't you say that you to keep this a secret for now?"

"I feel that this is very unfair to you, just think of it was my way of compensating for misunderstanding you." Lin Ruoxi softly said.

Yang Chen didn't know whether to laugh or to cry, "My cute darling Ruoxi, being called a husband is not a method of reward. I don't need you to use such a method to compensate for your guilt, for I never actually blamed you. If someone asks me who you are to me, I'd say you're my boss instead of my wife. Therefore, if you really want to address me as your husband in front of others, please tell me one thing first."

"What is it....."

"Say you love me." Yang Chen said in a serious tone.

Chapter 218-2: Half of half

Lin Ruoxi was stunned, her expression went through various changes, and at the end she listlessly turned away, "I can't do it."

"Exactly. I can't say it either, so there's no reason for us to be hung up on this matter. The reason I did what I did today was because I had to fulfill my role as a husband. As for how much feelings are involved, I'm not sure either. Therefore, you need not brood over this." Yang Chen said with a smile.

Despite what Yang Chen said, when Lin Ruoxi looked at Yang Chen's disorderly clothes and messy hair, she felt warm inside. What she deemed to be utterly filthy before was now so comforting in a different perspective.

He rushed over the moment he reached home because he was worried about me.....

Although there was no way she could tell him that she loves him, he also couldn't tell her that. However, Lin Ruoxi was very content with being able to feel his concern.

When Lin Ruoxi walked over to her Bentley, she inserted her hand into her bag to fish for the car key, but she couldn't find it.

"Yang Chen, my car key is gone!" Lin Ruoxi anxiously said.

Yang Chen mysteriously smiled and raised his hand, the Bentley key was dangling from his fingers!

"You... why did you steal my car key!" Lin Ruoxi had a bad premonition.

"Tonight I'll drive your car, it's more sweet for us to go home in one car, and we can become closer. Let's strive to be able to say those three words to each other, hehe....."

"I don't need to! Return me my keys!" Said Lin Ruoxi as she walked up to seize it back.

But how could Yang Chen let Lin Ruoxi take it? He ran circles around the car, leaving Lin Ruoxi breathless without any success of catching up to Yang Chen.

"I will not get on a car you drive! Return me my keys!" Lin Ruoxi obstinately stated, she didn't want to have nightmares because from being his passenger again!

Yang Chen ignored her. He minded his own business as he opened the door, sat inside, closed the door, and started the engine.

Standing outside, Lin Ruoxi was so angered that she nearly stomped on the ground. She clenched her teeth and glared at Yang Chen, the favorable impression and warmth that had accumulated just a while ago had been completely obliterated! This man is too vile! Does he think that every person is as crazy as him who drives at 200km/h in the city center like they're strolling on the streets!?

Yang Chen "gentlemanly" opened the passenger door for Lin Ruoxi and reacted to Lin Ruoxi's fuming face with a laugh, "Dear, quickly come in, it isn't good to waste fuel."

"I will go in if you come out!" Lin Ruoxi firmly refused to compromise.

Yang Chen looked at the clock in the car, "Look, it's already past twelve midnight, other couples would have already fired three or four rounds by now. We should be going back now, be good, don't throw your temper at your hubby, come in."

Lin Ruoxi had been secretly reading material related to men and women, so she knew what Yang Chen meant. She was so shy that her face blushed, and she said, "Don't try to act rogue! Get off!"

"Why are you so disobedient? I'll count to three, if you don't get on, I'll just drive off!" Yang Chen threatened.

Lin Ruoxi coldly snorted and refused to budge from where she stood.

Yang Chen frowned, then began to count, "One... two... two and a half, two and a half and a half's half..... Two and a half and a half's half and a half's half's half....."

"Teehee....."

Lin Ruoxi couldn't help laughing. The pent-up frustrations this night seemed to have been swept all swept away by Yang Chen's weird counting.

"Hehe, you're happy now? If you're happy then get on, you can't actually be here to keep counting till hundreds of halves, right?" Yang Chen asked with a smile.

Lin Ruoxi rolled her eyes at him. Although she was nervous inside, she still got into the car, and warned Yang Chen, "You're not allowed to drive recklessly. Drive slowly, or else I really won't sit in a car that you drive anymore."

"Don't worry." Yang Chen wasn't planning to drive too quickly. Lin Ruoxi had already been through a lot tonight, he wasn't an inconsiderate person who only cared about having fun.

When the car stably got onto the highway, Yang Chen thought of something and asked Lin Ruoxi, "Tomorrow, I am going to a friend's birthday party so I won't be going to work. I'm letting you know so that you don't think I'm skiving."

"Birthday party?" Lin Ruoxi put on a cold expression and asked, "It's the birthday of one of ur women outside, right? Why say friend, there's no need to hide it from me."

Yang Chen sighed and said, "If I was really going for a woman's birthday party, then I wouldn't dare tell you. My friend's name is Yuan Ye, I'm not sure if you know him, he seems pretty wealthy."

"What? Yuan Ye!?" It seemed like Lin Ruoxi didn't dare believe what she just heard, "It's Yuan Ye from the Yuan Family!?"

[TL: I previously tled Yuan Ye as Yuanye, but Yuan is actually his family name so it's Yuan Ye from now on!]

Yang Chen wasn't sure so he replied, "I don't know, but he seems wealthy. He drives an Audi R8, and has a pro gaming team. I became familiar with him by playing games."

Lin Ruoxi became even more shocked. She found Yang Chen's words to be too inconceivable, "Do you know that the Yuan Family is number one in Zhonghai in terms of power? Yuan Ye is the Yuan Family's only child. The Xu Family where Xu Zhihong is from cannot even compare to half of the Yuan Family's might."

“Is that so?” Yang Chen found this information rather fresh, “Looks like I should get closer to that brat so that Xu Zhihong can’t create trouble for me.”

Lin Ruoxi nodded, seemingly in deep thought, “Yeah, you should play more games with Yuan Ye in the future and try to become closer to him. Since he likes having you as a friend, then you should take this opportunity to become acquainted with the Yuan Family, it will aid your future prospects greatly. This can’t do, when you go tomorrow, I will send someone to help you get presents. When you go over and meet the seniors in the Yuan Family, you have to be polite. Especially to Yuan Ye’s mother, I heard that she’s from a family in Yanjing much more powerful than the Yuan Family, you have to be prepared and leave a good impression.”

Hearing Lin Ruoxi’s sudden meticulous planning to create connections so as to build a good career path for him, Yang Chen silently sighed. I just wanted to play some games, is it so difficult!?

Chapter 219-1: Childhood sweethearts

The next day, Yang Chen was still lying in his bed when he received a phone call from Yuan Ye, the youngster who couldn’t hold back his loneliness.

“Yang Chen, are you awake?” Yuan Ye was in a good mood, it seemed like his twentieth birthday was a wonderful thing to him, and he hasn’t started feeling the dejection of his upcoming thirties.

Yang Chen yawned, “How can I pick up your call if I’m asleep?”

“That’s good then, I’ll come and pick you later. I reckon that you wouldn’t be able to find my home’s address even if you tried.” Said Yuan ye.

Yang Chen was indeed unfamiliar with many roads. Since Lin Ruoxi labelled the Yuan Family as the strongest in Zhonghai, he could understand that the address of their residence was a little different.

“Do you know where I stay?” Asked Yang Chen.

“I don’t, that’s why I’m calling to ask.”

“Dragon Garden number 89. Give me a call once you arrive, I’m going to lie down for a little longer.” Saying that Yang Chen was about to hang up.

“Hold on!” Yuan Ye happily said, “I’ve already arrived. Actually, I’m just calling to confirm that.”

Yang Chen’s jaw dropped. Thinking for a moment, he said, “It must be that brat Tangtang who told you my address.”

“Hehe, you guessed correctly. I’ll be picking up Tangtang after you. Her mother is very strict, if no one goes to pick her up, it’d be difficult for her to leave house.” Yuan Ye seemed joyful in her misery.

“You seem very happy, is it because you’re relieved that she wouldn’t have the opportunity to be with other men?” Yang Chen laughed and asked.

“You guessed correctly, haha. Quickly come down.”

Although he didn't meet Yuan Ye much in real life, after playing games and chatting online, the two had become familiar with each other, so he could loosen up when speaking to Yuan Ye. This was something Yang Chen enjoyed, for it was pretty rare for him to have a younger male friend.

After putting on his clothes, Yang Chen shaved his beard so that he wouldn't appear too unkempt, then went downstairs.

Downstairs, Wang Ma had already prepared breakfast. There were western sandwiches, ham, and milk. Yang Chen casually picked up three sandwiches, then told Wang Ma that he's going out.

Wang Ma quickly stopped Yang Chen, "Young Master wait, are you going to the Yuan Family member's birthday party?"

"That's right, is something the matter?"

Wang Ma was beaming as she walked over to the staircase and picked up a beautiful red gift bag. She passed it to Yang Chen, "This is something Miss asked to be prepared yesterday. It was delivered today, and it's for you to gift, Young Master. Things that the important people in the Yuan Family likes are all inside."

Setting aside how Lin Ruoxi knew what the Yuan Family people liked, Yang Chen noticed that this wife of his becomes incredibly enthusiastic whenever she bumps into something that could help advance his career.

Simply based on her trait of trying to turn her husband into a successful dragon, Lin Ruoxi could be considered a model for traditional women.

"Alright." Yang Chen naturally had no reason to decline. He opened the bag slightly to peek inside, and there were labels on every gift with a different name on each of them. Lin Ruoxi seemed to have thought of everything.

Outside the house, there was a white BMW 335i parked. As Yun Ye needed to pick up two people, he couldn't drive his flamboyant Audi R8 that only had two seats.

Yang Chen opened the front passenger door, and placed the presents at the back seat.

The handsome Yuan Ye who wore a pressed suit seemed a hundred times more charismatic than usual. Seeing the bag of presents Yang Chen brought, he couldn't help but laugh and say, "I find it hard to believe that you actually brought a bag of presents."

"What, I can't give presents?" Yang Chen asked unhappily.

"You don't seem like the kind of person who considers such things, I was expecting you to have a meal at my house empty handed, then try to return home early." Yuan Ye honestly answered.

Yang Chen had a straight face as he said, "It's prepared by my wife, I can't possibly brush away her good intentions. A youngster like you wouldn't understand the sense of responsibility in a marriage."

Yuan Ye laughed out loud. Without replying Yang Chen, he started the engine and drove off.

Half an hour later, the two arrived the villa in the western suburbs where Tangtang stayed. The roads here were covered with dense greenery as usual.

When they were at the entrance to Tangtang's home, she was waiting there. She wore Japanese-styled black and white dress, and white stockings. Her fresh and innocent face matched with her cute attire, and was remarkably like the maids of wealthy families in Japanese manga, she just lacked the maid headdress. Seeing Yuan Ye arrived, she waved at the both of them.

Tangtang whose hands were empty got on the car and high-fived with Yuan Ye, and greeted Yuan Ye with a smile.

Next, Tangtang angrily said to Yang Chen, "Uncle, you haven't called me for many days, if it wasn't because Yuan Ye-ge's birthday was today, would you have forgotten about me completely?"

"Why would I call you for no reason?"

"Then do you make calls to your lovers?"

"I don't... hold on! What lovers? What are you mouthing on about, brat!?" Yang Chen pretended to be upright as he said.

Tangtang made a bleh face, "I have seen through you. Uncle, you're the Wu Qi, Liu An, Chen Shimei of present times!"

"What did they do?" Yang Chen didn't have much knowledge of things that happened in ancient Huaxia.

While driving, Yuan Ye, gave him a queer smile and explained, "Wu Qi and Liu An both killed their wives for their own benefit, while Chen Shimei abandoned his wife and children....."

Chapter 219-2: Childhood sweethearts

"What!?" Yang Chen was angered, he turned around and pinched Tangtang's tender face, dragging it towards him, "How can you recklessly say such a thing? Why else would I call you a brat, look at how insensible you are!"

Tangtang pleaded till Yang Chen let go, but she still hid at the back laughing.

Yuan Ye looked at his rear view mirror, and saw how cute she was as she kept laughing. He helplessly shook his head and asked, "Tangtang, Auntie isn't going?"

Tangtang nodded, "Yep, Mom told me to send her regards to Uncle Yuan and the others for her, she had gone to see the leader who came from Yanjing this morning."

"That's such a pity, Secretary Fang would also be present." Yuan Ye sighed and said.

"So that is the case....." Tangtang pouted with disappointment and said, "I think Mom knew that Dad would be going, that's why she decided not to go. I was just thinking why she had to meet that official, isn't it the same whether she meets them or not? No matter how high ranking the official is, could they even be a match for Aunt Yuan's family?"

"Who is Aunt Yuan?" Yang Chen curiously asked, "Yuan Ye's mom?"

“Yeah. Let me tell you this, Uncle. In Yuan Ye-ge’s family, Aunt Yuan is the most powerful. Although Yuan Ye-ge’s father is the Yuan Group’s chairman, at home, his mom is has the final say.” Tangtang giggled as she spoke, “Aunt Yuan had always treated me well since I was a child, so when Yuan Ye-ge snatched fun things away from me, Aunt Yuan always helped me to beat him up, while Uncle Yuan never dared to say a thing.”

“What, is she very fierce?” The image of a female T-rex surfaced in Yang Chen’s mind.

Tangtang shook her head, “That’s not the case at all, Aunt Yuan is very gentle, she also treats people kindly. It’s because Aunt Yuan’s family is one of the most powerful families in Yanjing and also the whole of Huaxia. What I know is just what my Mom told me, so I can’t get any more specific. Yuan Ye-ge is also unwilling to tell me.”

Yuan Ye shyly smiled, “You’re exaggerating it.”

“How is this exaggerating at all? Therefore, with Aunt protecting me, Yuan Ye-ge had no opportunity to bully me at all when we were younger. It was also I who bullied him till he cried.....”

Hearing Tangtang blab out all the awkward incidents Yuan Ye had as a child, Yang Chen couldn’t help laughing, but he sighed with sorrow inside. Although Tangtang had a rather special childhood due to her parents and definitely had bad times, there were quite a lot of adults who showed her care.

In comparison, his youth was filled with battling like a trapped beast, it wasn’t something they could even imagine.

Yuan Ye’s face turned flush due to the information Tangtang divulged. He coughed and said, “Tangtang, it’s enough that you said till things where I was eight. There’s no need to speak of matters where I was five. You were only three years old when I was five, how could you even remember?”

“I don’t really remember, but Aunt Yuan told me all this. Are you embarrassed, Yuan Ye-ge?” Tangtang reacted as if she had a small victory.

Yuan Ye forced a smile, then said to Yang Chen, “Did you hear that? I occasionally wonder if Tangtang is actually my mother’s child, she only ever sides with Tangtang and not me.”

Looking at these two who seemed like sweethearts, he said, “Are the two of you considered childhood sweethearts then? Aye... this is how the phrase is used, right?”

Tangtang blushed, while Yuan Ye had an awkward expression but smiled.

The car became silent, the atmosphere was rather ambiguous. Yang Chen looked at Tangtang and Yuan Ye playfully, and suddenly felt old. The two of them who were eighteen and twenty respectively were considered brimming in youth.

Although he was only about four years older than Yuan Ye, he felt like there was a huge generation gap between him and them. At the very least, he wouldn’t bashfully smile at the women he likes and be too shy to look straight at them. He might instead already have hugged them and given them a kiss.

Right as this time, the BMW drove into a narrow street, and a huge truck suddenly swerved towards them from the intersection ahead!

Yuan Ye quickly braked and angrily pressed on the horn, this sudden swerve was honestly too dangerous!

However, the situation didn't seem to be so simple, because from the road behind, a large GMC truck had appeared as well. It stuck to the back of the BMW. Furthermore, from the two trucks, eight men carrying submachine guns jumped out. They all wore large sunglasses, black shirt and jeans.

This sudden development made pedestrians and other road users panic. They all fled in a crazed manner, and it was a chaotic scene.

Four men pointed their guns at the BMW, and one of them who wore metal spike gloves smashed the window!

Shatter!

The car's glass window shattered, frightening Tangtang to the point where she screamed.

"Drive the car in!" The man's voice was as apathetic as a machine.

The man who had a long chin pointed at the large truck. There was already a container being opened and a slope prepared. The car only needed to drive into the dark container.

Although Yuan Ye was appalled, he didn't lose his mind. He glanced at the expressionless and taciturn Yang Chen, sighed, then moved the car into the container.

Once the car was driven into the container, the metal doors were immediately closed. The inside of the container was completely dark, one wouldn't even be able to see one's own hands inside.

The interior lights of the BMW were turned on. Yuan Ye turned to check on Tangtang, and saw that she had a pale face from fright, but he was relieved that she wasn't hurt.

"Yuan Ye-ge, why did this happen? Uncle, aren't you very strong? Please think of a way! Are they here to kidnap us!?" Tangtang asked with a sobbing tone.

Yuan Ye's brows furrowed, but he didn't speak a word. He too seemed to have endless unanswered questions in his head.

Yang Chen sighed and shrugged, then smile at them, "I bumped into something like this just from attending a birthday party, how could I know what they're thinking? Since we're already in this metal container, let's wait till we get out and see what happens."

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The American GMC container truck drove at frightening speeds that ordinary trucks couldn't contend with. The huge truck had an additional steel bumper, and after charging out of the street, it quickly got onto the expressway.

When the people on the streets called the police to inform them of armed criminals, the police asked for a number plate, but the one who called realized that the two trucks didn't actually have number plates!

They could only conduct a search based on the appearance of the truck, and the efficiency of this was incredibly low. After all, blockading the expressway which surrounded the city wasn't something that

could be done in a minute or two. Furthermore, the economic losses and traffic jams that would be caused weren't things that the police department could easily handle.

Inside the large container, Yang Chen and the other two took out their cellphones, and realized that there was no reception at all. This meant that these criminals were well prepared, and had used some way to seal off the cellphone signals.

"What do we do, where are they bringing us? They wouldn't bring us to the suburbs just to kill us, right?" Tangtang was after all a young lady, no matter how naughty she was usually, she was still afraid when put in such a situation.

Yuan Ye caringly consoled her, "Don't worry Tangtang, I will protect you, I definitely won't let them harm you."

"How are you going to protect me? Didn't you see that they have guns? Are you going to take a shot for me like in Martyrs of the Revolution?" Tangtang dejectedly asked.

Under the dim light, Yuan Ye paused for a while, then with a resolute gaze he said, "I will. If they really point a gun at you, I will protect you. If they want to shoot you, they will have to pierce through my body first!"

Yuan Ye's words were incomparably sincere, every word was resounding, like a promise with his life as a price. He was also this generous whenever Tangtang asked for something.

Tangtang looked at Yuan Ye in a daze, and was out of it for quite some time before she broke into laughter. All of the fear in her were swept away, "Yuan Ye-ge, you're too much, how wants you to block bullets? Besides, how could they be so silly as to only shoot you? Can't they just shoot me from the back?"

"I... I'm being serious." Yuan Ye's face was a little red, but in a moment of desperation, he didn't know how to express how he truly felt.

Tangtang reached out her fair little hand and pressed it against Yuan Ye's mouth, then made a "quiet" gesture, "Don't say such things, it's hurts for me to hear."

Yuan Ye was stunned by Tangtang's sudden gentle tone, then agreed to her request.

Hearing these innocent youngsters saying such touching words, Yang Chen felt like sighing. His relationship with Lin Ruoxi seemed less like a married couple than theirs.

"If they really intend to have us get off the car then shoot us, I'd think that they're merciful. I'm afraid that the way they want to kill us may not be by guns." Said Yang Chen.

Yuan Ye and Tangtang were both bewildered, and asked, "What are they going to do then?"

"For example, they might throw the whole container into the middle of the sea, along with us and the car in it, or they might throw some grenades into the container, blowing us up inside here." Yang Chen casually brought out two examples, and said, "That way, it'd be more effective than using guns as it'd be harder to trace."

Hearing this made their scalps go numb. Yuan Ye slapped his own thigh, "If I knew this was going to happen I'd bring some bodyguards out. I originally thought that by driving an ordinary car like this, nobody would notice.

"This won't happen, we won't die so easily. They must have some motive for capturing us. Besides, once we're missing, your family will definitely look for us, they won't have their way so easily!" Tangtang had calmed down quite a bit.

Yang Chen asked, "Just how many enemies do your families have? I have already bumped into two kidnapping attempts on Tangtang, could it be that your Yuan Family has this problem as well?"

"Yuan Ye shook his head, then frowned and said, "If it's about enemies, then there are quite a number. Uncle Fang's Fang Family and my Yuan Family do have many people who hate us to the bone. There are also many families in other provinces who have enmity with us, but there are very few who dare to do it so brazenly, for once they do this either family would fight to the death. Which is why I don't understand just who is it that is so impatient as to use such a method to kidnap us."

"As expected, it isn't easy living as a wealthy person....." Yang Chen nodded in understanding.

While the three conversed, the truck seemed to have come to a stop. The container's doors were then opened, and the armed men commanded the three to get off.

With guns pointed at them, they naturally didn't delay and obediently got off the truck. Only then did they realize that they were at a small empty pier.

On a coastal city like Zhonghai, piers like these were innumerable even if those directly by the sea were excluded. Most of them were no longer in use, but the government hadn't torn them down yet.

"Where are we?" Yuan Ye asked Yang Chen.

"How would I know? It hasn't even been a year since I returned." Said Yang Chen.

A man carrying a gun pressed the gun's barrel against Yuan Ye's back, "Why are you chatting!? Move!"

Under the supervision of the eight gunmen, the three could only follow them into the cargo warehouse by the pier. On the waters, there were several small speedboats anchored, it was evident that they were well-prepared to flee by sea.

The warehouse's huge metal door was pushed open from within by a robust man who also held a gun, and once they all entered, the door was immediately closed. No one was left outside to guard, and there was nothing noteworthy of the warehouse if one looked at it from the outside.

Inside the considerably large warehouse, it looked rather decrepit and had a moldy smell. The beams were all coated in rust, and gave off the feeling as if the whole structure could fall at any time.

Yang Chen noticed that there were over twenty of these criminals in the warehouse, and they were all completely silent like a well organized terrorist group. They stood spaced apart and monitored all around the warehouse.

The three were led into a corner of the warehouse, and one of the men who seemed be a leader pointed at three stools.

“Obediently wait here. Do not make any random moves or we will immediately kill you!”

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Saying that, three men came up front, led Yang Chen and the other two to sit, and handcuffed their hands behind them.

Yang Chen didn't resist, for he knew that these people were just subordinates. The real mastermind would definitely enter the scene last. Besides, they had not done anything that would threaten their lives, so he was in no rush to make a move.

A short while later, the metal door was once again opened, a handsome man who wore suit and tie entered, with a large unkempt man who was in the middle of digging his nose following behind.

Yang Chen looked closely and was rather surprised as he didn't expect the culprits to be this master and servant pair, Xu Zhihong and Hairy Ball!

That day, Xu Zhihong and Zeng Xinlin had both lost tons of money due to Lin Ruoxi's schemes. The Zeng Family withdrew from the power struggle in Zhonghai, while Xu Zhihong's Donghua Science and Technology suffered disastrous losses which would impair their ability to compete with Yu Lei in the future.

From then on, Xu Zhihong seemed to have become a lot more meek, there was no news of him. Unexpectedly, once he appeared, it was because he was involved in a kidnapping.

Xu Zhihong and Hairy Ball walked closer and were evidently astonished that other than Yuan Ye and Tangtang who they expected to be here, Yang Chen was also there sitting in the corner! This wasn't part of their plan!

“It's been a while, Mr. Yang.” Many emotions surfaced in Xu Zhihong's eyes, and he wore an insincere smile, “It's truly unexpected that you'd come here to be a guest, Mr. Yang.”

Yang Chen smiled at him, but say a thing.

Hairy Ball laughed out loud, “Boss, it seems like this brat is destined to die under our hands! We weren't able to kill him previously, but he's still caught now!”

“Shut up!” Xu Zhihong frowned and berated, then turned and said to Yuan Ye and Tangtang, “Young Master Yuan, lady of the Fang Family, this humble one is Xu Zhihong. I believe that the two of you should know who I am.”

Yuan Ye glared at him, “Xu Zhihong, your Xu Family is a well known clan in Zhonghai, do you mean to declare war with our Yuan Family and Fang Family by doing this!?”

“No no no. Of the Yuan and Fang Family, one is an economic powerhouse, while the other is a big shot in the government. My Xu Family is stuck in between, how could we dare to declare on the your elders?” Xu Zhihong waved to express disagreement.

Although Tangtang had only met Xu Zhihong a few times, she was still very knowledgeable about the powerful families in Zhonghai. Seeing that it was the Xu Family who she had no enmity with who kidnapped her, she loudly cursed, “Xu Zhihong you coward! You can't win in business world, but also

can't get a high post in the government, so you're now resorting to unscrupulous means to get your way? My dad and the others won't let you off!"

Xu Zhihong didn't seem to mind at all, he coldly laughed and said, "Miss Tangtang, Mr. Yuan Ye, although it is pointless to be saying such these to you, you don't seem to actually understand. Since I have personally came and let you see me, that evidently means that I do not intend to leave a way out for myself."

"What do you mean by that, you want to kill us!?" Yuan Ye nervously asked, his body subconsciously shifted to block Tangtang.

When Tangtang saw Yuan Ye shift with no hesitation, her eyes began to turn moist.

Xu Zhihong waved his finger, "Don't say such unpleasant things, I actually don't like to see blood. But of course, my subordinate might like it very much. I invited the two of you to sit here today mainly to take advantage of the fact that the elders of both families will be at the same place to celebrate Mr. Yuan's birthday, and so that we need not send the same message twice. Additionally, the economy hasn't been good and the governmental policies aren't fair to us, so we want to take advantage of this opportunity to let your elders have a good chat. With the two of you here, I believe that your elders would be very willing to negotiate with us."

Saying that, Xu Zhihong ordered someone to bring over a weird looking phone which seemed to have undergone various modifications.

"Later on when the phone connects, your elders will definitely have many things they want to ask the two of you. When that happens, don't just cry, remember to speak more." Xu Zhihong's eyes were squinted, giving off a murderous feeling.

Yuan Ye and Tangtang weren't stupid. They roughly understood Xu Zhihong's goal, and fiercely glared at him. However, they knew that it'd be a waste of energy to curse at him.

Yang Chen had even more questions in his mind. Since Xu Zhihong has made his appearance, this meant that he no longer cared about the consequences and wanted to be at war with the Yuan Family and the Fang Family. There is no doubt that he's doing this for benefits. After being plotted against by Lin Ruoxi, Donghua Science and Technology has had a hard time, which made Xu Zhihong take a risk out of desperation.

Yuan Ye was the Yuan Family's only son. So as to ensure Yuan Ye's safety, it's very possible that they'd be blackmailed by Xu Zhihong. Tangtang is also someone who can involve many people, and just with her father alone who was the Municipal Secretary, she had enormous power.

However, if Xu Zhihong only had Xu Family's backing, then he was definitely too reckless. After all, after what happens today, he would no longer have a way out. No matter whether Yuan Ye and Tangtang leave safely or not, they would face the attacks from both families! Therefore, there had to be someone else who was participating that possessed great power. Just who was it who would dare make such moves against the Yuan Family and Fang Family?

Right at this time, the specially modified phone rang.