

### Chapter 371: What a Waste of Good Skin and Beauty

Shen Fanxing's outfit tonight wasn't outstanding.

She wore a white formal outfit.

She paired a white shirt with loose dressy pants and a knee-length jacket of the same color. Her long hair tumbled over her shoulders and she looked refreshing and capable.

Her presence didn't attract much attention, and Yin Ruijue was a little disappointed.

"Sister Xingxing, why didn't you wear a gown or dress? Look! All the women present are either revealing their cleavage or back. But you're not even dressed like you're at work! It's rare for you to attend an event. Why didn't you think of showing off? Look at Xu Qingzhi... Er... are both of you even women?!"

Yin Ruijue nearly vomited blood. After scrutinizing Xu Qingzhi's conservative dark blue dress, he rubbed his forehead in resignation.

"What a waste of such good skin and beauty!"

Shen Fanxing shook her head helplessly.

On the other hand, Ye Susu studied her with admiration.

Shen Fanxing was indeed a smart woman.

Something sparkled in Ye Susu's eyes. It was a pity. If not for the fact that she knew that the young master of the Bo family had taken a liking to Shen Fanxin, it would have been a good idea to introduce her to Yunze.

It seemed like her son wasn't fortunate enough. Initially, it was the young master of the Su family. Now, Young Master Bo had acted swiftly when her son wasn't aware. He didn't even have the chance to introduce himself to the young lady.

She couldn't help but sigh in disappointment, but Shen Fanxing had noticed her.

"Madam Pei, are you all right?"

Ye Susu shook her head. "I'm fine."

Just as she finished speaking, a low buzz sounded from the entrance.

They looked in the direction.

A beautiful couple walked in together.

The man wore a formal black suit. He was tall, lean, and good-looking. He looked capable and possessed a superior aura.

The woman in his arms was wearing a red gown that hugged her shoulders. Her shoulders were half exposed and as she strode, a pair of slender legs could be seen from the slit at the side of her gown.

With exquisite makeup and natural delicate beauty, she completed the look with an impeccable smile.

The man was handsome and the woman was beautiful. They were undoubtedly a perfect couple.

It was Su Heng and Shen Qianrou.

Shen Fanxing retracted her gaze calmly, a look of contempt skittering across her eyes.

Ye Susu's gaze lingered on Shen Qianrou for a few seconds before she frowned.

The moment Shen Qianrou entered, she spotted Shen Fanxing.

After seeing Shen Fanxing's outfit tonight, she felt even more smug.

That was what she should do. She should always look dull and boring and she would never be able to compare to her!

When Su Heng saw Shen Fanxing, the expression on his dashing face froze.

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Before the banquet officially started, Shen Fanxing took a glass of champagne and stood on the balcony to enjoy the night breeze.

Her hair fluttered in the wind and one could catch a whiff of her faint scent.

"Fanxing."

A familiar voice sounded from behind. Shen Fanxing frowned and turned around slowly.

Su Heng had already walked towards her and was staring intently at her. They had just met a few days ago, but he felt as though an eternity had passed.

They had hardly spoken since they parted ways.

"Why are you here?"

Shen Fanxing looked distant and composed. Her suit accentuated her slender figure.

Her face was full of coldness and nonchalance. "When did the Pei family change their surname to Su?"

Hearing Shen Fanxing's sarcastic question, Su Heng pressed his lips and watched as the breeze ruffled her hair.

His expression faltered slightly.

### **Chapter 372: Female Warrior and Heroine of the Yang Saga**

"About the school's anniversary celebration... I apologize on behalf of Qianrou... But she said she was really worried about you and that's why she called your family..."

Shen Fanxing smirked and lowered her gaze to the wine glass in her hand.

"That's enough. Do you think I have to forgive her just because you apologized on her behalf? Yes, your Qianrou is always so kind and innocent. How could she possibly frame me and Chen Yinsen for adultery?"

“Fanxing... Qianrou has already explained that there might be a misunderstanding...”

Su Heng looked conflicted. Even he was unconvinced after apologizing, but how could he cause the rift between them to widen...

“There is indeed a misunderstanding. It was a misunderstanding although for no apparent reason, she was so certain about my relationship with Chen Yinsen. It was also a misunderstanding when she brought so many people along to knock on my door. Getting the Shen family over and I had to suffer that slap was also a misunderstanding... Including the previous incidents...”

Shen Fanxing paused and grinned. “Perhaps I was born to be at loggerheads with Shen Qianrou. There are so many misunderstandings between us. Yet, it’s not a misunderstanding when she suffered grievances because of me. So it’s normal for me to be the evil one in your eyes?”

Her tone was nonchalant and calm, but it was brimming with sarcasm to Su Heng.

“Fanxing, that’s not what I meant. I’ve never said that you’re evil...”

Shen Fanxing chuckled and shook her head. “Forget it. In your eyes, it doesn’t matter if I’m evil or not. I don’t care what you think of me either. I will definitely make Shen Qianrou and the Shen family pay for what they have done to me! That includes you, Su Heng. Shen Qianrou likes to snatch things away from me, doesn’t she? Go ahead. Because whatever she has stolen from me, I will make her lose that! The more she takes from me, the more intense the agony she will be in after losing everything.”

With that, she turned to leave despite Su Heng’s dazed expression.

“Oh, right...”

Shen Fanxing paused and turned to Su Heng with a smile.

“You brought Shen Qianrou here this time because you want her to help the Su Corporation to win over the Pei Corporation? The investment by the Pei Corporation is quite substantial. I think Zhi Qin Cosmetics will definitely rise to greater heights with the support of the Pei Corporation.”

Su Heng’s heart sank and he grabbed Shen Fanxing’s wrist.

“So the reason you’re here today is to attract the Pei Corporation’s investment on behalf of Zhi Qin Cosmetics?”

“Is there a problem?”

“Fanxing!” Su Heng knitted his eyebrows and surveyed her as though she was a stranger. He growled, “You obviously know how important the Pei Corporation is to the Su Corporation!”

As Shen Fanxing spoke, she flung his hand away forcefully and looked at him coldly.

“What does it have to do with me now?”

Shen Fanxing snapped before she turned around and left coldly.

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Not long after that conversation, the birthday celebration officially started.

With his crutch, Old Master Pei was supported to the master seat.

Even though he was at a ripe old age, he still possessed a strong aura and presence.

Those bright eyes of his possessed a stubborn spirit that had not succumbed to time.

Waves of congratulatory wishes sounded one after another. After that, everyone took their seats. The elders didn't like a big fuss and it wasn't the trend either.

Naturally, Old Master Pei didn't care about dances or performances. As his granddaughter-in-law, Ye Susu had always known what he liked.

Tonight, they had specially invited a famous drama troupe in the capital city. They were performing a classic song about the female warrior and heroine of the Yang saga.

### **Chapter 373: Loyal Generals Die on the Battlefield, But Unscrupulous Officials Enjoy Luxury**

A majority of the young generation present had never been able to appreciate opera. All of them sat on their seats restlessly, but when they noticed the old master's rapt attention and fascination, they didn't dare to act rashly.

Shen Qianrou sat in the front row, her face revealing impatience. In her opinion, the opera performance was noisy and their actions were so fake. There was no aesthetic appeal and she was groaning as her heart felt as though it was being torn apart. Especially when she sat in the front row, the deafening sounds shook her chest and irritated her.

She turned her head impatiently, only to spot Shen Fanxing in the front row a short distance away, with Xu Qingzhi and Yin Ruijue beside her.

She frowned at the sight of her. All these years because of Xu Qingzhi, Shen Fanxing had gotten to befriend a few young masters.

Without Xu Qingzhi, where would Shen Fanxing be now?

At that moment, Pei Anzhi and Bo Jinchuan appeared.

The two of them sat down beside Shen Fanxing.

On Shen Fanxing's right sat Xu Qingzhi, while Ye Susu sat on her right. Pei Anzhi walked over and sat on the empty seat next to Ye Susu. The two shared a smile. Pei Anzhi lowered his head slightly and Ye Susu whispered into his ear. He couldn't hide the affectionate smile on his handsome face. Ye Susu adjusted his collar naturally before looking in the direction of Old Master Pei. Seeing how engrossed he was, she straightened her body and continued watching the performance.

Xu Qingzhi, who was sitting beside Shen Fanxing, saw Bo Jinchuan walking towards them. She glanced at him before grabbing a handful of snacks. Then, she rose and gave up her seat naturally.

Bo Jinchuan bent and sat down naturally next to Shen Fanxing.

At that moment, Xu Qingzhi straightened her back and turned to speak to Yin Ruijue. She had blocked Shen Qianrou's view, so she had no choice but to retract her gaze. Her frown deepened.

The opera went on until the female lead, Mu Guiying's children, received recognition from the military. The old master heaved a noticeable sigh of relief.

Thereafter, the performance continued to depict how She Taijun had received the seal and how he wanted to unite the three armies to protect the country. Mu Guiying couldn't suppress the melancholy in her heart and said resignedly,

*"Tears roll down your face before you speak, and you call me Old Madam respectfully. It's not that I'm afraid of death nor am I unwilling, but the slanders of Emperor Song make me sad. I, Guiying, didn't leave ten years ago. Our Yang family has been in the army for four generations. We've worn out countless saddles and stirrups, and we've worn hundreds of iron armor. When we storm empires and defend our borders, how can we not hurt our family? On the battlefield, loyal and good generals die, but unscrupulous officials enjoy luxury..."*

Upon hearing that line, Shen Fanxing grinned silently.

The ones who died on the battlefield were loyal generals, but the ones who enjoyed luxury were unscrupulous officials!

Indeed, good people have never been avenged from then till now!

"Don't you think you resemble Mu Guiying?"

Bo Jinchuan whispered into her ear.

Shen Fanxing nodded and said, "A little. She has set her heart on conquering the empire and becoming a capable ruler. But scheming people enjoy the fruits of labor and live a luxurious life instead..."

Bo Jinchuan frowned and asked, "You mean Su Heng and Shen Qianrou?"

"Who else could it be?"

Shen Fanxing looked at him.

Bo Jinchuan flashed her a meaningful grin and whispered in her ear,

"I was thinking that you're just like Mu Guiying. You're intelligent, aloof, and unyielding. You're strong and you refuse to be bullied. But when you soften up, you're very alluring..."

Shen Fanxing's face turned pink instantly.

### **Chapter 374: Presentation of the Song**

Shen Fanxing's face turned pink instantly.

"You... you hypocrite!"

Bo Jinchuan gave a low chuckle and quipped, "I'm willing to be a bandit for you."

She was speechless...

After watching the performance, it was time for the young people to speak.

At this time, someone suggested, "Since there are so many young people here to celebrate Old Master Pei's birthday, why don't we let the younger generation join in the fun since it's still early. The opera just now doesn't seem to suit the preference of some of them. Why don't we do something that suits them?"

Shen Fanxing raised her head and glanced at a lean, middle-aged man who had spoken.

The man who was slightly younger as compared to the elders, had stood up. Shen Fanxing wasn't bothered by him initially, until the man's gaze swept past her.

That look of scorn on his face infuriated Shen Fanxing. Why would there always be someone who disliked her everywhere she went?

When did she offend this man?

"Recently, exciting headlines have been circulating online. The organizers of the Music Ocean competition have made a name for themselves with their actions. I've always been paying close attention to the competition. At the competition six years ago, I feel that the winner has won the trophy based on her own ability. Taking the trophy back from her is indeed too much. I believe there are many professionals who are well-versed in music present today. Since the person involved in this incident is here, why don't we let her perform a song for everyone so that we can evaluate her skills?"

Upon hearing him, Shen Fanxing understood instantly.

He was Shen Qianrou's supporter.

This was one of the benefits of being a celebrity. She had fans everywhere.

"Oh, I've seen it too. Recently, Shen Qianrou's scandals on the internet... are quite interesting!"

"I heard that the organizer of the Music Ocean competition smashed her trophy. Her grandmother doted on her too much and that was why she bribed the judges for her sake..."

"Six years ago... I'm more concerned about her sister being framed for seducing the judge... That judge is too wicked..."

Shen Fanxing shut her eyes forcefully, before her cold gaze landed on the man.

He really wanted the whole world to be in chaos. Given the occasion, he actually stirred such a commotion at Old Master Pei's birthday celebration!

Shen Qianrou stood up slowly and said softly,

"I would like to clarify what happened back then, I really didn't know that Grandma would do such a thing for me. Even though the trophy was taken away from me, I've never blamed Grandma. I know she did it for me."

"The trophy is only proof. Even though they took the trophy away, they can't take back what I already have. Today is Grandpa Pei's birthday. I don't want this to affect his mood, and neither do I don't want anyone to judge me. But since the piano was mentioned, why don't I use this opportunity to play a song

and dedicate it to Old Master Pei? I don't have any other talent. Old Master Pei, I wish you happiness and longevity."

"Great!"

Shen Qianrou was polite and humble, and she received a round of applause.

Old Master Pei appeared nonchalant, but he still nodded in the end.

Shen Qianrou lifted the hem of her red gown. It was only then when they realized that the back of her gown had revealed her entire back.

Nobody noticed that Old Master Pei had frowned slightly.

The corners of Shen Fanxing's lips curled in response.

What was she trying to do by dressing up like that at the birthday celebration of an old man who had lived with four generations under a roof?

### **Chapter 375: May I Ask Who You Are?**

However, she was indeed well-behaved tonight. She was humble and modest.

She didn't want anyone to judge her?

Ha...

She looked so confident, as though she was in a hurry to prove herself.

Even though there were no media representatives present, that didn't mean that no one had sneaked in. Moreover, even if there were no reporters, Shen Qianrou would have benefited from fooling one or two of the guests present.

Naturally, she would leave a favorable impression on the Pei family as well. Why not?

But how could there be such a coincidence?

Shen Fanxing shifted her gaze to the man who had made the suggestion. Something flashed across her beautiful eyes.

The tune that Shen Qianrou was playing was 'Ballade Pour Adeline' by Richard Clayderman.

In the vast hall, a melodious tune drifted gently into everyone's ears. The sound of the piano was pleasant and soothing, and it conveyed a happy and warm scene.

When the last note ended, the person who had started all this started clapping again.

Everyone applauded and cheered.

"Not bad, not bad! It's pleasant to the ears and creates an artistic mood. Miss Shen's piano skills are indeed outstanding and her musical achievements are notable!"

"It's indeed quite good."

"Miss Shen, how many years have you learned the piano?"

Shen Qianrou smiled and stood up.

“I’ve been too busy with work these few years and I have not been playing it often. So far, it’s been about 16 years.”

“It’s so nice. Miss Shen, with your standard, it’s reasonable for you to win a Music Ocean trophy.”

“Even without the Music Ocean trophy as proof, Miss Shen’s skills are outstanding no matter where she goes. It’s just a trophy...”

Shen Qianrou smiled and shook her head gently. Then, she turned to look at the man and nodded slightly at him.

That man smiled even more radiantly and nodded repeatedly.

Not long after, his gaze landed on Shen Fanxing.

“Miss Shen Fanxing, what do you think of your sister’s performance just now?”

Shen Fanxing sat calmly on her seat. Upon hearing him, she slowly raised her gaze. Her eyes glinted coldly under the light, and they were as bright as the stars. With a hint of aloofness and arrogance, she stared coldly at the man.

Moments later, her lips curled slightly. Instead of answering the man’s question, she asked,

“May I ask who you are?”

The moment Shen Fanxing finished speaking, the guests around her burst into laughter.

The smile on the man’s face gradually froze.

That simple question seemed to be conveying, “Do I know you? Why should I answer your question?”

How arrogant!

The man’s face paled before he forced a smile as he stiffened.

“I’m Lin Shijia. My mother is an unknown musician.”

“Lin Shijia? That name sounds familiar.”

“He’s a famous music producer! There are many popular singers and many famous celebrities who are clamoring for him to write a song!”

“I remember he’s the disciple of the former music legend, Shi Sixin. Shi Sixin has produced two immensely talented singers. She has wrote countless songs for celebrities! Lin Shijia is only last disciple!”

Upon hearing the guests gasps, the gloominess on Lin Shijia’s face vanished and his smugness appeared. He stared at Shen Fanxing provocatively.

Shen Fanxing nodded in response.

“I see. Since the great Producer Lin is full of praise for her piano skills, I naturally think it’s good too.”

Seeing how calm and composed she was, Lin Shijia frowned slightly.



At this moment, Shen Qianrou smiled and said, "Thank you for your compliment, Sister. This is the first time in my life that I've received your approval. I'm very happy!"

Shen Fanxing raised an eyebrow but she didn't comment.

Since she was in the capital city and it was Old Master Pei's birthday, even Shen Qianrou knew what she shouldn't say. Naturally, she wouldn't be stupid enough to do something inappropriate.

"First time being praised? In that case, Miss Shen Fanxing, aren't you merely following the herd today? Didn't you participate in the piano competition back then? Why don't you give a detailed evaluation now?"

Shen Fanxing shook her head lightly and said, "I can't comment because I'm not eloquent."

"In that case, why don't you perform a song yourself and let us judge what is good?"

### **Chapter 376: A Rare Opportunity**

"In that case, why don't you perform a song yourself and let us judge what is good?"

Shen Fanxing lifted her gaze again and smiled at Lin Shijia. "I haven't played the piano properly for about five to six years. Why do you have to target me, Producer Lin?"

Target?

Everyone could tell what she meant, and they had no idea why Lin Shijia would suddenly mention the Music Ocean competition that had happened six years ago.

Was it really because of the recent news online?

Speaking of which, as a musician and producer, his actions were a little bizarre!

Lin Shijia grinned and said, "Miss Shen, you've wronged me. It's a pity that you didn't participate in the Music Ocean competition back then. As a musician, I couldn't watch your performance. It's a pity..."

"There are millions of musicians in this world, but they don't seem to regret not being able to watch my performance. There are millions of people who can play the piano in this world. Do you have to feel regret for all of them?"

"Pfft..."

Everyone burst into laughter. Even Ye Susu, who was sitting beside Shen Fanxing, chuckled lightly.

This girl looked so stoic, but she didn't mince her words at all.

Bo Jinchuan grinned to himself as he leaned back in his chair. His expression was as calm as ever, and his strong aura couldn't be concealed. He lowered his gaze, as though he didn't care about this sudden confrontation.

Lin Shijia's face darkened and he said, "Of course I don't have the time for that. The Shen sisters have dominated the news recently. It's my honor to meet both of you today. Since we're all musicians, it's understandable for us to take the opportunity to discuss music with each other, right?"

Who wanted to discuss music with him? What good would that do her?

But from the moment Lin Shijia saw her tonight, she knew that she would inevitably be badgered by him till the end.

Shen Fanxing took a deep breath, her face full of impatience and helplessness.

"Seems like I won't be able to end the topic if I don't perform tonight."

Lin Shijia shrugged and replied, "It's a rare opportunity."

Shen Fanxing gave a cold chuckle and stood up slowly.

"Ever since the piano competition six years ago, I haven't really touched the piano. If I don't play it well, don't treat me as a joke. Compared to Miss Shen Qianrou, who has learned piano for fifteen to sixteen years, I'm naturally far inferior."

Lin Shijia nodded and smiled. "Of course not."

Shen Qianrou raised an eyebrow and sneered internally.

If she didn't play well, she would definitely be a laughing stock!

Regardless of how many years she had learned, as long as she had failed!

Shen Fanxing gave a light chuckle and said, "I shall embarrass myself with my mediocre skills then. Since it's Old Master Pei's birthday, I shall use this opportunity to perform a song for him. I wish that Old Master Pei would be blessed with good health, fortune and longevity."

Old Master Pei nodded solemnly and uttered, "Thank you."

Ultimately, Old Master Pei didn't like this stuff. Compared to piano performances, he enjoyed watching the opera more.

Shen Qianrou had also noticed Old Master's attitude. Fortunately, she was the first to perform. With the same piano performance, it was inevitable that he would feel bored.

Shen Fanxing could naturally tell that Old Master Pei was getting restless.. After contemplating for a moment, she raised her hand to tie her hair into a ponytail.

### **Chapter 377 She Had an Aura That Nobody Could Imitate:**

Shen Fanxing could naturally tell that Old Master Pei was getting restless. After contemplating for a moment, she raised her hand to tie her hair into a ponytail.

Compared to the intellectual elegance she exuded earlier on, her ponytail made her look more intelligent and sharper.

She wasn't considered tall amongst women. But she was slender, and her features were exquisite and delicate. She wore light makeup and her hair was tied up neatly. She remained stoic.

Her unique strong aura couldn't be ignored. With just a change of hairdo, her entire aura was elevated instantly. She looked aloof and cool like the morning frost.

Old Master Pei had just watched the opera performance of Mu Guiying, the female warrior. He had witnessed how capable Mu Guiying was as a heroine. Shen Fanxing's valiance and poise made his eyes light up.

Everyone's eyes lit up with surprise. She was just another ordinary guest amongst the sea of ladies just now, but now she had become so attractive.

Such a huge contrast was overwhelming.

On the other hand, she seemed entirely comfortable. She remained stoic and composed.

Bo Jinchuan gazed at her with his eyes gleaming with surprise, admiration and curiosity.

Her beauty and poise had always caught him off guard. But the more she acted like this, the more he felt that she possessed too many extraordinary secrets.

Shen Fanxing walked slowly to the piano. The bright white lights shining from the chandeliers shone on her fair delicate face. Her pure white sleek jacket and pants made her look as if she was covered by a layer of white light. She dazzled and captivated everyone.

She extended her fair and slender fingers and gently caressed the piano. A faint smile appeared on her beautiful face.

Everyone stared at her intently, and they felt as though their breathing would break the atmosphere.

Bo Jinchuan narrowed his eyes as he scrutinized the woman who had become the center of attention on stage. She had an aura that no one could imitate.

An unrivaled woman.

Yet, she was his.

His lips twitched and his dark orbs turned darker. His eyes were like alluring pools that could suck everything in and nothing could escape.

Shen Fanxing bent and sat on the stool. She placed her hands on the piano keys and suddenly, she pressed the keys together. A heavy sound was heard before she lifted her hand and slid it from the left to the right. A string of notes sounded before it quietened down.

Her series of actions was simple and sharp, and everyone's anticipation soared.

No one had any idea what kind of tune this woman would play.

A melodious tune like Shen Qianrou?

Not really.

Would she perform a lively tune?

It didn't seem appropriate either.

What kind of song would she choose?

She had finished checking the piano.

Shen Fanxing smiled before turning her head to look at Old Master Pei. Her ponytail swayed elegantly in the air.

She nodded slightly at Old Master Pei, the confidence in her eyes stunning him. Even though he didn't know how to appreciate the piano, he started to feel nervous.

After Shen Fanxing turned around, the smile on her face disappeared and she looked grim.

Amidst the silence, Shen Fanxing raised her hand and played a few random notes. The interval between each note was long, but the length was different.

Everyone couldn't help but feel a little disappointed.

### **Chapter 378: Dead Silence**

Everyone couldn't help but feel a little disappointed.

"I've been looking forward to her performance for nothing. So this is her standard."

"I was mistaken by her aura."

"Seems like it doesn't matter even if she participated in the competition back then..."

Shen Qianrou relaxed a little.

Contempt flashed across her beautiful eyes.

Tsk, she had originally thought that she would play something classy.

Just as everyone was feeling disappointed and doubtful, the tune began and the music became more intense and exciting.

The strong impact of the music shocked everyone present. The sound of the piano seemed to invade their minds, and all eyes were glued on the white figure on stage.

Her slender shoulders swayed and her ponytail swayed in the air. Her eyes seemed to contain a hint of ferocity and her delicate face was solemn.

Everyone was taken aback.

It wasn't just about how Shen Fanxing looked, but also the music itself.

Yellow sand filled the sky as the cold wind whistled. On the battlefield, soldiers and horses marched with impassioned vigor, as though they could devour everything in sight!

Especially their determination and grit to protect the country and their bravery in the face of death!

Everyone was immersed in the mood provided by the music.

The air was filled with passion, excitement and energy.

The general had prepared his forces and horses and was ready to fight anytime. He was ready for battle.

A string of flawless notes sounded and the song ended!

There was dead silence, and one could even hear a pin drop.

Shen Fanxing slowly retracted her arms and placed them on her knees. She opened her eyes slowly and a smile appeared on her face.

Indeed, only music could display certain things vividly!

In the long silence, there was some scattered applause, a clap here and there...

From the scattered applause, came a round of thunderous applause. This was undoubtedly the highlight of the night.

Shen Fanxing stood up slowly and bowed respectfully to Old Master Pei.

Old Master Pei actually stood up excitedly from the main seat. His hands shook as he nodded and clapped repeatedly.

“Good! Good! Good!”

Ye Susu hurried forward to support Old Master Pei.

“Grandpa, calm down and sit down.”

Old Master Pei looked at Ye Susu and pointed at Shen Fanxing excitedly. “Susu, she played well, she played really well...”

Ye Susu nodded frantically and said, “I know, Grandpa. Calm down and sit down.”

Old Master Pei sat down and muttered,

“She made me recall a time when we were young. We braved the rain of bullets and swore to stand our ground. Back then, I watched helplessly as my comrades fell one by one. But I didn’t even have the time to feel sad. I only had tears in my eyes because I wanted to kill the enemy. That feeling, that feeling... It’s this kind of feeling... Good... excellent!”

Old Master Pei relaxed and studied Shen Fanxing excitedly.

“I originally thought that at my age, I would be drinking tea and spending my days in the sun. I would watch as my two great-grandchildren create trouble for me. I would hide the truth from you on their behalf. And that would be how I would lead the remaining of my peaceful life without any desires.

“I didn’t expect that I would have the urge to kill the enemy today. Susu, I’m not old yet, am I? If this music was played back then, I could still kill a few more of them!”

Ye Susu nodded in agreement and said, “Yes, we’re all still young. Of course you’re not old either.”

“Yes, yes. All of you are still young, so naturally I’m not old either!”

Walking to the edge of the stage, Shen Fanxing turned to look at Lin Shijia. Her lips curled and she asked, “Producer Lin, do you have any other regrets?”

### **Chapter 379: Deliberately Making Others Unhappy**

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Lin Shijia slowly recovered from his shock. He glanced at Shen Qianrou and shook his head in a daze. “Miss Shen... your piano skills are indeed brilliant...”

Shen Fanxing’s lips twitched and she said, “I’m not talented enough. It’s been six years since I’ve played the piano and I’m already quite unfamiliar with it. I’m afraid I’ll embarrass myself this time!”

“If this is called embarrassing yourself, then isn’t what Shen Qianrou performed just now simply rubbish?!”

“That’s right! She said that she has been practicing the piano for sixteen years. It has been six years since you last played the piano. You’re so much better than her!”

“She hasn’t played it in six years. Doesn’t that mean that her piano skills are still at the same level six years ago? After six years, she should be worse than she was six years ago? Even so, she can play it better than someone who has been playing for the past sixteen years. It seems like it’s reasonable for the Music Ocean trophy to be taken away!”

“It’s a pity that she didn’t manage to participate in the competition back then.”

“The Internet is also circulating that her grandmother has forced her to give up the competition back then. In the end, she failed to convince her. Instead, she turned around and bribed the judges to protect Shen Qianrou. What kind of idea is that? Who doesn’t want gold but sand instead?”

“If you’re that capable, I reckon the scandal back then had started because of your capability!”

“Besides, look at what Shen Qianrou is wearing tonight. Who is she baring her chest and back to? It’s the Old Master’s birthday and the red on her is even more vibrant than the color of the Old Master’s shirt! Is she not aware of her place or is she here to show off? Look at the exposed part on her back...”

Shen Fanxing remained stoic and didn’t comment.

Seeing how Shen Qianrou had been criticized to such an extent, Lin Shijia spoke again.

“Miss Shen Fanxing’s piano skills are indeed good, but she isn’t in the industry...”

He paused and looked at Shen Qianrou, whose face had darkened. He smiled and continued,

“How about this? I’m currently preparing to collaborate with a TV station to join a music competition. Can we invite Shen Qianrou as a special guest?”

Someone got excited when he spoke.

“Is it the most popular music program on X channel?”

“That program seems to be the most popular one in the country. Every contestant is very capable!”

“I’m watching it too! The most fair and just program in the country!”

“She’s actually invited as a special guest. I’m so envious!”

Only then did Shen Qianrou’s expression improve slightly. She smiled and turned to look at Su Heng excitedly.

Su Heng grabbed her hand and smiled to comfort and encourage her.

“Ah, this Miss Shen is really lucky. How many domestic music celebrities would kill to have this opportunity?”

Shen Qianrou smiled humbly and said, “Thank you for thinking of me, Producer Lin.”

Lin Shijia shook his head and said, “You’re indeed good at the piano!”

Since Lin Shijia had given his approval of Shen Qianrou, nobody else said anything. After all, in terms of authority and professionalism, they couldn’t compare to Lin Shijia.

However, his behavior puzzled some people.

He had lamented that it was a pity that she wasn’t from the entertainment industry. Who forced her to perform earlier on?

Shen Fanxing was the one who had better skills, but why was Shen Qianrou the winner?

Wasn’t he deliberately making others unhappy?

### **Chapter 380: Miss, Please Hold On**

Someone couldn’t help but say, “Since Miss Shen isn’t from the entertainment industry, why did you force her to go on stage? Luckily she can play well. If she didn’t, wouldn’t you use your reputation as a musician to lecture her?”

Lin Shijia gave a cold sneer and said, “Not really. But as a musician, it’s fine to give her some pointers. Miss Shen Fanxing can play very well and so can Miss Shen Qianrou. The only pity is that Miss Shen Fanxing isn’t in the industry and she doesn’t have much influence on the show...”

They could tell that Lin Shijia was protecting Shen Qianrou!

“You...”

“Don’t argue any more. Producer Lin was invited to attend the music festival in Country M...”

“Yeah, he even went on an international tour with a famous symphony orchestra...”

“Getting him to give some pointers is actually a good thing...”

She was speechless...

“Wouldn’t Shen Fanxing be too pitiful? Back then at the piano competition...”

Shen Fanxing blinked slowly, seemingly unaffected by them.

She said calmly,

“Because one isn’t as good as her opponent, lady luck dictated the outcome instead.”

Everyone fell silent for a moment before laughing again.

Judging from Shen Fanxing’s attitude, she seemed to be talking to herself!

But everyone understood that these words were perfect for someone tonight.

Lin Shijia was merely giving her an excuse out of the situation!

Was Shen Fanxing a joke now?

No!

The real joke was the person who had received preferential treatment despite being inferior.

Shen Fanxing’s lips curled into a grin. Her features were exquisite and her eyes sparkled. Her ponytail swayed as she turned her head to look at Shen Qianrou.

“As for the piano competition back then, those who wanted to ruin me, I’m currently investigating...”

Shen Qianrou suddenly gripped the hem of her gown tightly. Her face was slightly pale and she lowered her head. She didn’t dare to meet Shen Fanxing’s eyes.

Shen Fanxing narrowed her eyes before saying,

“Today is Old Master Pei’s birthday celebration and it’s his day. There’s no need to discuss my private matters here. I wish Old Master Pei a long and happy life!”

“Good! Good! Thank you!”

Old Master Pei’s face had darkened at Lin Shijia’s actions, but with so many guests present, he had to suppress his temper.

It was the young people’s fault for being insensible!

Hearing Shen Fanxing’s speech, admiration filled his eyes.

Shen Fanxing nodded lightly and prepared to leave the stage.

“Miss, please hold on!”

Shen Fanxing stopped in time and spun in the direction of the voice.

At a table not far away from the Old Master, a good-looking man stood up. He was wearing a purple tailor-made suit, and his eyebrows were deep and thick. He looked as though he was of a mixed descent.

He nodded at Shen Fanxing in a gentlemanly manner and asked,



“I’m really lucky to be able to hear such a magnificent piano performance today. There will be a grand state event in Country Y this fall. I’m sorry to be intrusive, but I wonder if you would accept my invitation and perform at the event?”

Everyone exclaimed at his words!

Shen Qianrou and Lin Shijia’s faces froze!

A state event!

That was a place that most of them couldn’t go in their entire lives!

Even Shen Fanxing was taken aback, as it was totally unexpected.