

Outside the Ye residence, everyone was in an uproar.

Voices filled the air like steam from boiling water.

But there was complete silence in the Ye residence.

Everyone was stunned by the guests' arrival. Ye Tian and Ye Ya were dumbfounded when they heard the names of these important people. They were so stunned that they went speechless.

Although they were only separated by a door, the atmosphere was poles apart.

Everyone was in an uproar outside.

However, no one made a peep inside the residence.

It was so quiet that even a pin drop could be heard.

The only sound echoing through the air were these big shots' footsteps as they walked in.

Their heavy footsteps landed on the tiles

and caused tremors in their hearts.

Ye Ya was already so shocked that he didn't dare to move.

Ye Tian was equally shocked and speechless.

The only person who could remain calm was Old Master Ye.

Although Old Master Ye didn't know why so many influential people were visiting him for the holidays, they were doing their family a huge favor just by turning up.

The Ye family had to play good hosts and be polite.

So Old Master Ye hurried Ye Tian and Ye Ya to go out and receive their guests.

But no matter how Old Master Ye shouted at them, neither of them dared to budge.

They had clearly learnt their lessons well and were fearful of further embarrassment.

It was fine if these guests were really there to visit them, but if they weren't, they didn't



want to put on a thick skin to welcome them and end up leaving with their tails between their legs.

So for a while, no one in the entire Ye family dared to receive these important guests.

But Lin Yao-Hua and the others weren't upset.

After entering the residence, they looked around.

Very quickly, they found Ye Fan quietly sitting in the courtyard and drinking tea by himself.

These Jingzhou tycoons hurried over immediately to pay their respects to Ye Fan when they spotted him.

"I, Ding Zhi-Dong, from Auspicious Phoenix Holding Company..."

"I, Xu Jiu-Yang from Jiuyang Industrial..."

"I, Lin Yao-Hua, is here on behalf of Yaohua Group to pay our respects to Mr Chu and wish you a happy new year!"



"We wish Mr Chu a prosperous new year!"

The richest man in Jingzhou, Lin Yao-Hua, took the lead, and everyone paid their respects to Ye Fan in unison.

Their waves of voices merged and flooded throughout the residence.

Their reverent voices shook everyone.

Silence!

There was a deathly silence!

The entire Ye residence went completely quiet.

Ye Tian stood petrified while Ye Ya's eyes were wide open.

Ye Xi-Lan forgot to breathe, and Ye Ya's wife was stupefied.

Their kids were also trembling in shock with their mouths gaping.

Everyone present stared awestruck at the sight unfolding before them.



"Are...Are these people...all...all here to see Ye Fan?" asked Ye Jian with his voice and body trembling.

But Lin Yao-Hua and the others completely dismissed the Ye family's reaction.

They were mainly there to see Mr Chu.

Lei San clearly went all out to make Ye Fan happy.

He did his utmost to gather jade for Ye Fan and even got all the rich and powerful people in Jingzhou to visit him and send him well wishes for the new year.

Of course, Lin Yao-Hua and the others were more than happy to oblige Lei San's appeal.

It was a win-win situation for them.

They could get to meet Ye Fan in person while putting the Ye family in the limelight.

Lin Yao-Hua and the others couldn't be bothered with the rest of the Ye family.

They only spoke more politely to them on account of Ye Fan.



The Ye family was nothing in the eyes of these business veterans if not for Ye Fan.

After paying their respects to Ye Fan, they entered the living room to wish Ye Xi-Mei, Qiu Mu-Cheng, and Old Master Ye a happy new year one after another.

Since Qiu Mu-Cheng and Ye Xi-Mei were the women whom Ye Fan was the closest to in the world, it went without saying that they ought to offer their well wishes if they wanted to flatter Ye Fan.

Also, Old Master Ye was the head of the family, so he deserved their respects.

Lin Yao-Hua and the others ignored Ye Fan's grandmother and the other relatives.

After all, since Ye Fan didn't introduce them, they didn't know how they were related and thought they were guests like them.

So when Ye Tian and Ye Ya took the initiative to chat with them, Lin Yao-Hua ignored them.

Instead, Lin Yao-Hua's bodyguard standing behind him pushed them aside.



"Don't block the way. Get out of our way!" said a cold voice landing on Ye Ya's face like a tight slap.

Ye Ya's face instantly flushed crimson as he obediently gave way.

His entire family felt particularly embarrassed when these guests treated their nephew so differently.

Ye Ya thought their family would be in the limelight today.

From the looks of it now, their family had already become a laughingstock.

After wishing Ye Fan a happy new year, Lin Yao-Hua and the others bid farewell and got up to leave.

"Mr Chu, Master Lei will be here soon. Since we come from a lowly background, we won't disturb you further."

After they said goodbye to Ye Fan reverently, they left as everyone watched on in surprise.

Ye Xi-Mei was giddy the entire time.

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Ever since they were driven out of the Chu family ten years ago, Ye Xi-Mei slumped into boundless darkness from her previously bright and promising life.

Ye Xi-Mei assumed she would spend the rest of her life in endless darkness submissively.

But these people unexpectedly turned up and put her in the limelight, so she enjoyed a lot of attention today.

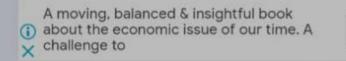
She looked at the gold embroidery in her hands worth tens of millions before looking at her ravishing daughter-in-law, Qiu Mu-Cheng, and recalled how the richest man in Jingzhou just paid his respects to her.

Everything seemed hazy and surreal.

Ye Xi-Mei felt as though she was dreaming.

Ye Xi-Mei's eyes had turned red unknowingly, and they glinted with joy.

She trembled and turned to Qiu Mu-Cheng as she asked, "Is...is this all for real? Mu-Cheng, are you really Fan's wife? Were...were they all really here to wish Fan and his family



a happy new year?"

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"Mum, it's all true. See how outstanding your son is?" said Qiu Mu-Cheng gently with a smile.

Her beautiful eyes brightly flickered as she laughed happily.

No one else could understand how Ye Xi-Mei felt now except for Qiu Mu-Cheng.

She felt the same way Ye Xi-Mei did when she saw Ye Fan step forward to let everyone pay their respects to him at Haiyuan Restaurant.

She was shaken and found it so surreal that she thought she was dreaming.

Ye Xi-Mei was crying tears of joy while Ye Ya and his family looked uneasy and afraid to speak up.

Their family slumped their shoulders dejectedly and didn't dare to keep up their arrogance.

They were the ones who suffered the greatest blow from the sight unfolding before them.

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Ye Ya and his wife recalled how smug they were when their guests first started knocking on their doors.

Ye Jian even bragged to Ye Fan about how well connected their family was.

But they didn't expect all the influential tycoons in Jingzhou to come and visit one after another.

Since people like Xu Si-Hai and Lin Yao-Hua were all influential people, Ye Ya and his family couldn't help feeling even more embarrassed.

After all, most of his guests were owners of feed mills or pig farms.

But Ye Fan's visitors were either CEOs of businesses worth billions or chairmen of listed companies.

Also, they gave lavish gifts like the gold embroidery worth millions.

On the contrary, all that Ye Ya's family received were cigarettes, alcohol, and the most expensive gift was a watch worth about \$1,000.

In comparison to Ye Fan, their family's guests were nothing but a pile of shit and completely out of their leagues.

Ye Ya's family was undoubtedly embarrassed by the situation.

Ye Ya's wife lowered her head crimson from shame without daring to look at Ye Xi-Mei anymore.

Despite their disgrace, Ye Ya and his family found it unfathomable how the useless livein husband managed to have so many big shots knocking at his door today.

Old Master Ye started to have a whole new level of understanding of his eldest grandson as well.

Old Master Ye looked at Ye Fan, who was quietly sitting in the courtyard calmly drinking tea and sighed, "Tian, I think we underestimated Fan. He must have accomplished a lot while he was away all these years. I used to think he was the most unpromising kid in his generation, but we were mistaken from the looks of it now. Fan is the most outstanding child in the Ye family after all!"

Old Master Ye spoke deeply with joy in his eyes.

Other than Ye Xi-Mei and Qiu Mu-Cheng, Old Master Ye was probably the only person who was genuinely happy for Ye Fan from the bottom of his heart.

"Outstanding, my ass! All he did was do some business. What is there for him to be smug about? Does he really think that he's a big shot now that he has the backing of these men? In my eyes, he's nothing," sneered Ye Tian coldly with his face livid.

Then Ye Tian continued, "These lowly businessmen. How dare he show me such poor attitude and push me aside? We have given these merchants too much freedom, and now they're stepping all over us. Tomorrow, I will make these lousy merchants pay the price!"

Ye Tian's eyes were icy cold as fury seethed in his heart.

Ye Tian was clearly still upset about how Xu Si-Hai shoved him aside like a dog.

Since Ye Tian was a high ranking

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government official, he was used to enjoying the best treatment.

In the past, be in the town, county, political or business circles, everyone treated him courteously.

But everyone's disregard for Ye Tian today undoubtedly made him feel insulted and furious.

Moreover, Ye Tian always disliked Ye Fan.

So Ye Tian couldn't stand the sight of Ye Fan's family doing well, and his hatred for him soared intensely.

Although Ye Tian was shocked by the tycoons who came to pay their respects to Ye Fan, it was mere surprise, and he would never bow to their family because of this.

After all, Ye Tian looked down on entrepreneurs from the bottom of his heart.

In China, officials had always been held in high regard. Hence, Ye Tian thought highly of himself and felt that Xu Si-Hai and the others were mere lowly mercenaries, and he had nothing to fear. ×

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The true VIPs would arrive when his guests from the official circles turned up in a minute.

Ye Tian mulled in his heart without uttering a word.

Instead, he glumly sat there in silence as he waited.

Sure enough, a commotion took place outside the old residence before long.

Many cars with red flags on them came driving in slowly.

Moments later, the boy received them at the door and announced their entrance loudly.

"Qin Hong-Fei, County Mayor of Dongyang, is here!"

"Mr Shen Bi-Chen, County Mayor of Huachun, is here!"

"Mr Zheng Yuan-Bo, head of the Disciplinary Inspection Committee of Jiuhua, is here!"

The announcements echoed through the air one after another like surging waves.

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Ye Tian was instantly delighted to hear these familiar names.

After suffering in silence for so long, it was finally his turn to show off.

So the moment they arrived at the residence, Ye Tian stood up and said, "Haha! Let's go, Honey. It's our home court now. Come with me to receive those government leaders."

After feeling suppressed for so long, Ye Tian finally recovered the spotlight and his pride.

He held his wife's hand as he walked out to the door with his head held high to receive them.

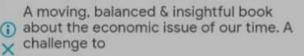
"Oh my! Happy new year, Deputy County Mayor Ye."

"You sure look like you're in high spirits after we last met half a year ago."

"I heard that you will get transferred into the city next year."

"Then you will rise meteorically."

Everyone flattered Ye Tian one after another



when they saw him.

Ye Tian waved his hand nonstop and sighed, "The promotion isn't set in stone yet. You can congratulate me when I succeed. Come on in to the house."

"Hey, we aren't late, are we?"

"I set out first thing in the morning and drove for over an hour."

"Luckily, we made it for lunch."

"Or else, no one will feed us."

They bantered as Ye Tian, and his wife led them into the hall to get seated.

The passersby outside sighed in envy when they caught sight of this.



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