

FMH Marriage 1861

Chapter 1861: Here To Get Connections

Ning Xueluo then started walking to her as if she had just seen a close relative.

Zheng Minjun initially did not want to acknowledge her, but when she saw that Ning Xueluo had already made a move, she could only follow behind.

“Sis, is that you?”

As she reached the riverside, Ning Xueluo looked emotionally yet nervously at Ning Xi.

When she heard the voice from behind her, Ning Xi turned around.

Upon seeing that Ning Xueluo was approaching her, Ning Xi was stunned for a while and she raised her brows ever so slightly.

She did not expect to bump into Ning Xueluo at the Heavenly Spring Resort. In fact, Su Yan’s mother, Zheng Minjun, was there too.

“Sis, where did you go in this past one year? Bro Yan and I were very worried about you!” Ning Xi had just turned around when Ning Xueluo started to speak in a heartfelt tone with tears welling in her eyes.

“Worried?” At this moment, Zheng Minjun sneered, “Xueluo, what were you worried for? Everyone knows this woman’s been taken as a mistress by a powerful and influential old man. Otherwise, could she have quit the entertainment industry? She must’ve been living the high life in this past year. Would there even be room for your concern?”

“Mother, I believe that Sister is definitely not that kind of person.” Xueluo immediately defended her.

“Xueluo, you’re just too innocent. Mother has lived for a long time and I’ve seen all sorts of people. For glory and wealth, there are countless women who are willing to degrade themselves, be obscene and lowly, and be willing to prostitute themselves. You wouldn’t believe how dirty things can get!” Zheng Minjun shuddered at Ning Xi as if she was looking at something disgusting.

Ning Xueluo smiled apologetically at Ning Xi. “Mother, don’t talk like that about Sister...”

Ning Xi stood there, amused by this bullshit as she watched the two of them echo each other like idiots.

They have not met for more than a year, and she thought that Ning Xueluo would have at least made progress, yet in the end, her tricks had not changed at all. Was she really prepared to use this trick to rule the world?

Before Zheng Minjun could speak, Ning Xueluo pretended to smooth things over. “Sister, my apologies, Mother and I still have matters to attend to and we need to go to the Heavenly Spring Resort, so we’ll make a move first.”

Then, she pretended to carelessly remind, “Right, Sis, have you come here to see Madam Lee? You need an invitation to enter. Unfortunately, I only have two with me, otherwise, I could bring you in too!”

Zheng Minjun instantly frowned and said, “Xueluo, enough! Is this a place for such people to enter? Xueluo, let’s quickly go in. Don’t let Madam Lee wait on us.”

“Sis, the next time when there’s a chance, I’ll look for you again.” Ning Xueluo’s goal of flaunting had been achieved, so she then walked away with Zheng Minjun gaily.

When the two female receptionists saw the two of them return, one of them looked towards Ning Xi and asked a little curiously, “Ms. Ning, Madam Zheng, do you two know that woman over there?”

Zheng Minjun immediately responded, “How could we know such a lowly woman!?”

When the female receptionist heard Zheng Minjun’s tone, she instantly went along and corrected herself, “That’s what I thought! Based on your status, you wouldn’t know her! I just saw her walk around the Heavenly Spring Resort for a long while. She’s probably here to apply for a job to be a waitress at the resort.”

“She’s just an outdated actress. I’m afraid the person who took her in as a mistress was bored of playing with her, so she probably couldn’t stay on any longer. Maybe she’s really here to apply for a waitressing job,” sneered Zheng Minjun.

“Ah? An outdated actress? And was even taken as a mistress?”

When the receptionists heard Zheng Minjun’s words, revulsion flashed across their eyes.

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Chapter 1862: Warning

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“What place does she think this is? All of us ushers have high academic qualifications, and we’ve gone through strict training. Does she think she could mix in with the crowd with her looks and figure?”

Female receptionists like them had incredible contempt for women who wanted to steal their livelihoods. In addition to that, they spoke very crudely too.

Of course, to Zheng Minjun, and especially Ning Xueluo, such words were pleasing.

“If she’s really here to apply for a job, don’t use her at all costs! Don’t dirty the Heavenly Spring Resort’s boundaries,” said Zheng Minjun indistinctly.

“Definitely not. Rest assured. Later, we’ll go and warn that woman! She won’t agitate all the noble guests!” The two of them responded righteously.

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Very soon, the two receptionists led Zheng Minjun and Ning Xueluo in, then they returned.

They saw that Ning Xi was still nearby with no intentions of leaving.

The two of them exchanged a glance and then walked over with hostile expressions.

When they saw Ning Xi’s appearance at a closer distance, the two of them were instantly stunned.

The shock of seeing her up close was far more unexpected than seeing her from afar. The girl’s fair skin was like a first-rate fine tallow jade; even her pores could not be seen. That aura, that appearance, and that figure could not even compare to the many heiresses from family backgrounds of high officials and wealthy families.

No wonder she thought she looked familiar from earlier...

She was indeed a huge star! Was this not the female lead in the extremely popular movie, “Nine Realms”, Ning Xi?

They would never have thought that Ning Xi was a thousand times prettier in real life than on television. Even when she had not appeared on the big screen for over a year, not only had her looks and figure not suffered any damage, she looked even better than before.

They were afraid that this woman... was not abandoned. Instead, with this looks of hers, she was not willing to be just a mistress. She probably wanted to continue climbing upwards!

As beautiful and as popular as she once was, she was just an outdated actress with a lowly status. Was she thinking about being a high official’s wife?

A person who was never content was like a snake trying to swallow an elephant. What wild fantasies!

Among the women who came to apply for a job at the resort, they hated those from the entertainment industry the most because that sort seemed to have the most tricks. T, they were also the biggest threat to them.

“Excuse me, this is a private clubhouse. You’re not allowed to visit as you wish!” One of the female receptionists did not cover up the way she sized Ning Xi up as she spoke to her in an incredibly hostile tone.

“Miss, if you’re here to apply for a job to be a waitress, then I’m very sorry. Recently, our Heavenly Spring Resort isn’t lacking manpower, so you can try another place,” said the other one.

A gorgeous but outdated female star, who had even been taken as a mistress, was there at the Heavenly Spring Resort where influential officials gathered. Did they have to ask? She was definitely looking for a new target!

Just thinking about it made them feel disgusted!

“Apply for a job...?”

Ning Xi was stunned. She did not know whether to laugh or cry. Did she look like she was looking for a job?

One of them looked at the time on her phone and said impatiently, “Stop pretending. We’ve seen a lot of people like you. Quickly leave on your own, otherwise, if we still see you walking around on your own, it won’t be just a warning!”

They still had to go in and attend to the important guest. They did not want to waste their precious time here.

This woman had walked around alone for such a long time, so clearly, she did not have the right social connections and had come to try her luck. The management definitely would not recruit such people.

Receptionists like them had references to ensure that their family background and identities were acceptable.

Chapter 1863: Lady’s Diplomacy

After the two left, Ning Xi received a call from Meng Linlang.

“I’m sorry, Xiao Xi. I have an emergency here. I’ve asked someone to go and get you. Follow her inside first. I’ll be there soon!”

“It’s alright, Aunty, don’t mind me!”

Ning Xi did not mention what had happened to Meng Linlang to avoid any conflict between her and the host. It was just a small misunderstanding of the two waitresses after all.

After Ning Xi hung up, a waitress in the same uniform as the two girls earlier came over.

The waitress was slightly taken aback by the girl’s appearance and aura, but she maintained her professionalism and composure.

“Hello, Madam Zhuang asked me to come for you. Please follow me.”

“Thank you.”

On the way, the waitress peeked at the girl beside her secretly.

Just who was this girl to Meng Linlang? She had never seen her before.

She looked like a certain celebrity, but her aura was slightly different...

Maybe she just looked similar...

While she was curious, it was inappropriate for her to ask in her position, so she just speculated.

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At the same time, the small ladies-only party was becoming lively within the resort.

The two receptionists from earlier put up a huge sweet smile on their faces and walked around as they served the honorable madams.

Madam Li was surrounded in the center and laughter was all around.

The topics among the ladies mostly revolved around the same few things: clothes, accessories, men, and gossip. Of course, they would also try to pass on subtle hints regarding what they intended for someone else to know.

It was a diplomatic affair between the ladies.

Most of the time, a lady's "diplomacy" occupied an important position in the field of business and politics.

When Ning Xueluo and Zheng Minjun arrived, they saw a whole venue of elusive people there. Most of them were the head ladies of prestigious families and the wives of high-ranking government officers.

Ning Xueluo and Zheng Minjun were pretty renowned in the business industry, but they were both nobodies here.

When they arrived, Ning Xueluo's referral briefly greeted them and returned back to chatting.

Nevertheless, the both of them did not mind at all as their positions were on the line after all.

Zheng Minjun felt really proud and excited when she saw such a classy gathering. She could not wait for the gathering to end so that she could start boasting about it to her other friends!

Ning Xueluo looked around and started off mingling with a wife from a rich family she knew. She slowly joined in the conversations.

While she could not find the chance to talk to Madam Li yet, she understood that it was not something to be rushed. It would be considered a success if she could become familiar today because overdoing it might leave a bad impression.

After a while, Ning Xueluo spotted a unique magnolia brooch on Madam Li, so she waited for an opportunity to try to strike up a conversation. "Madam Li, the brooch on you looks really special. I wonder where you got it from. I've been struggling to find a present for my mother's birthday soon!"

Because Ning Xueluo spoke up, everyone was checking her out.

This strange girl seemed outstanding and had a gentle vibe too. She was most likely from a well-off family.

Chapter 1864: Unrelated Person?

Li You seemed glad when she heard Ning Xueluo's question. She replied, "This... I'm afraid you can't get it anywhere! My son made it for me himself!"

Ning Xueluo's eyes brightened. She knew she hit the right button on the sweet spot and went along. "Mr. Li is really filial towards you!"

The others started to praise Li You's son too.

"That's right. Mr. Li is well-known for being a good child in the circle!"

"Not only that, Muyan is really well-appreciated in the diplomatic field. Even that person praised his efforts! His future is immeasurable!"

Zheng Minjun was really glad when Ning Xueluo's words pleased Li You. She offered her words of praise as well. "Madam Li, you're so blessed!"

Li You was in an excellent mood when her pride and joy of her son was mentioned. "You look familiar. You are?"

Zheng Mingjun was overjoyed when Li You noticed her and even talked to her. She gave a long introduction. "My maiden name is Zheng. My husband is the president of the Yifeng Corporation. Su Hongguang, my son, is the CEO and this is my daughter-in-law, Xueluo."

"Hello, Madam Li, I'm Ning Xueluo."

There were so many prestigious families in the Imperial, so Li You had no impression of the Yifeng Corporation or of this girl, but she made some small talk anyway. "Madam Zheng is blessed too! Such a beautiful daughter-in-law!"

While it was just a short conversation, they managed to leave an impression on Madam Li. It was worth the trip!

Zheng Minjun started to think that it was not a wrong decision to let Su Yan marry Ning Xueluo. She had really brought blessings to the family!

The two waitresses had keen eyes. The moment they saw Zheng Minjun and Ning Xueluo being noticed by Li You, their attitude towards them became much friendlier.

"It's been a long time since I last saw Madam Li this happy!"

"That's right!"

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The two waitresses were working their way in the midst of the ladies, but they suddenly saw a familiar figure nearby.

That thick-faced actress was daring enough to come inside!

The audacity!

Seeing that Ning Xi was about to come inside, the waitress with a sharp chin put her work on hold and rushed over to start scolding, "Stop! Who let you come in?! Do you know where this is?"

The other short-haired waitress glared at the waitress who had brought Ning Xi in. "What's wrong with you, Xiao Cai!? How much did she give you!? How dare you bring in someone like her inside!? Will you be responsible if you bothered the guests inside?"

Zheng Minjun had told them that she was just an actress, so the both of them assumed Ning Xi's position and did not think about any other possibilities at all.

The waitress named Xiao Cai was about to explain, but she was dumbfounded when the two of them scolded her.

This... Was this woman not the one Madam Zhuang had asked her to bring in?

Could she have brought the wrong person in?

Then... Then, she would be in deep trouble!

The two of them reaffirmed their thoughts when they saw the freaked out expression on Xiao Cai's face.

At the same time, what happened outside was overheard by the ladies in the room.

"What's happening?" Li You did not look very happy.

"I don't know! Seems like someone unrelated has intruded..."

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Ning Xueluo had noticed what was happening outside some time ago. She was thinking how foolish and daring Ning Xi was to buy her way inside here.

She felt a great sense of superiority when she saw Ning Xi stuck in the awkward situation.

Zheng Minjun sat down in a seat while putting up a disgusted expression. "How embarrassing..."

"How dare you, Xiao Cai?! Don't explain it to us! Tell the manager yourself!"

"And you! How shameless are you? We've told you that we're not hiring at the moment!"

"You're just an actress. You're not even clean enough to clean our toilets!"

The two of them were saying harsher and harsher words. They were about to call the security guards over.

The moment the sharp-chinned waitress was about to say something, there was a furious voice from behind. "How insolent!"

Chapter 1865: Meng Linlang's Niece

Li You was very upset that her gathering had been disturbed. Just as she was about to send her off, Meng Linlang suddenly appeared and furiously yelled at the two waitresses, "How insolent!"

"You're asking her, Meng Linlang's niece, to clean your toilets?! How dare you?!"

Meng Linlang was from a military family, after all, so her aura was definitely intimidating when she became angry. The vibe of fury shrouded the whole venue.

Everyone was dumbfounded by Meng Linlang's appearance and her scolding!

The two waitresses froze and looked at each other in fear. They could not believe it...

This... this dirty actress... was Meng Linlang's niece?

How... how was that possible!?

Zheng Mingjun had said that she was just someone's mistress!

But Meng Linlang's words could not be wrong...

What happened?

Their minds totally went blank!

The short-haired waitress was shivering. "M-Madam Zhuang... It's not like that... It's a misunderstanding... W-we are mistaken..."

The sharp-chinned waitress went along as well. "Yes, yes, we got the wrong person! We're mistaken! Please forgive our ignorance!"

Meng Linlang's expression did not soften at all while listening to their explanation. It turned worse instead as she stared at them and smiled coldly. "You're mistaken? So, you mean Xiao Xi looks like a waitress, and someone who's not even worthy to clean the toilets here?!"

With her firm and sharp tone, the two waitresses had weak knees and almost fell down on the spot.

On the other hand, the waitress Xiao Cai who was on the verge of crying earlier had led Ning Xi in, then just stood there and watched in silence...

She thought she was dead for sure! The ones who were mistaken were them instead of her!

She was almost scared to death!

This girl had such an exceptional aura. How could she get the wrong person?

Ning Xi saw Meng Linlang was really angry, so she said gently, "Aunty, it's fine..."

It was a private gathering after all. Madam Li was Meng Linlang's close friend, and Meng Linlang would be put in a tight spot if the conflict escalated because of her.

Meng Linlang was treating her really well, so she did not want to cause any more trouble.

It was the reason why she wanted to clear things up instead of making a big fuss with the two of them just now.

Meng Linlang, of course, understood that Ning Xi was enduring it for her sake. She smiled coldly. "It's fine?"

She then threw a sharp gaze around the room. "Li You! Is this how your Heavenly Spring Resort treats guests?!"

Li You had no idea things would have escalated this way.

This two idiots! How could they make such stupid mistakes!?

Just who did they think Meng Linlang was!?! Even as the wife of a minister, she would not be able to help if someone offended her!

With her understanding of Meng Linlang, she was really angered. It was obvious that this girl was really important to her and the Zhuang family.

Even Li You freaked out with Meng Linlang raging and the whole room was silent. No one dared to say anything.

Li You quickly put on her shawl, then she glared at the two waitresses and quickly went over to apologize.

Chapter 1866: Apologize In Front of Everyone

Li You quickly walked over. “Linlang, I’m really sorry. This was a misunderstanding! If I knew this girl was your family’s Xiao Xi, even if you lent them a hundred guts, they wouldn’t have dared to say such things!”

Li You did not know how these two girls had been possessed to utter such offensive words, but now the priority was to quickly calm Meng Linlang’s anger and not to continue complicating things, causing a larger ruckus.

“You two! Quickly come over and apologize to Miss Xiao Xi!” Li You was full of anger when she saw the two of them.

The receptionists obviously did not dare to say that they thought Ning Xi was there to apply for a job because they were jealous and afraid of their livelihoods getting stolen. More so, they did not dare to say that it was Zheng Minjun who had told them that Ning Xi was an outdated actress. Otherwise, they would not only offend Meng Linlang, but they would also offend Zheng Minjun, so they could only apologize profusely.

“Sorry, Madam Zhuang! Sorry, Miss Xiao Xi!”

“Sorry! We really didn’t mean it!”

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Li You said without hesitation, “Both of you, go to the finance department yourselves and settle this month’s pay. You don’t need to come back tomorrow!”

When they heard Li You’s words, the two of them instantly turned pale. “Madam Li, we...”

To send them to the resort, their families had spent a huge amount of money and pulled many strings, yet in the end, to have lost their livelihoods just like that, and to be even personally dismissed by Madam Li would mean that their reputations were ruined.

They wanted to beg, but when they received Li You’s sharp gaze, they instantly knew that if they spoke further, the consequences would only be even more severe, so they could only retreat looking as white as sheets.

Xiao Cai watched from the side for a long time. Only after she confirmed that she was off the hook, she quickly retreated too.

After she handled the two girls, Li You smiled again and walked over to cling to Meng Linlang’s arm. “Linlang, I’ve handled those people. Don’t be angry anymore. We’ve finally managed to gather together this time! This temper of yours... Don’t you know how to give me some face in front of so many people?!”

Li You looked slightly aggrieved.

Meng Linlang had been really mad earlier. On the other hand, a very important reason for her fury was that she wanted to take the opportunity to set up a prestigious reputation for Ning Xi.

At that moment, she saw that her goal had been somewhat achieved. Thus, naturally, she would not be menacing. Her beautiful eyes shot her best friend a sidelong look and said, “Ah You, you understand my temper. It’s also because it’s you I’m talking to. If it were someone else, do you think I would let things go so easily?”

Li You laughed in spite of herself. “Yes, yes, yes! I know you’ve already been gentle enough. Thank you for giving me face! Today’s matter has indeed been because we at the Heavenly Spring Resort were bad hosts!”

The Heavenly Spring Resort was the Li family’s property after all. They were not just the banquet host that day, but the management too, so this responsibility could not be pushed aside.

After Li You finished, she quickly changed the topic and looked like her breath was taken away as she pulled Ning Xi, who was beside Meng Linlang, to check her out. “Linlang, I’ve heard you talk about it often, and I thought you were exaggerating, but today when I see her for myself, I know that you haven’t been exaggerating! In fact, you’ve been too humble! Her looks and her aura among all of the heiresses... I really can’t find another one!”

Earlier, she had been rather far away, plus Ning Xi had been blocked by the few people, so she did not get a good look. However, right now, in one glance, she felt that the incident was odd.

The two receptionists had rather precise judgment. How did they randomly determine that Xiao Xi was here to apply for a waitressing job? Even more absurd was that they even had the guts to say nonsense like she was an actress out to prostitute herself.

Even if Xiao Xi was an actress, with her background, how could she have done those things?

At this moment, in the same room, apart from those ladies and wives, the people who were most shocked were none other than Ning Xueluo and Zheng Minjun.

Zheng Minjun already had a bad feeling the moment Meng Linlang appeared. When she heard Meng Linlang say “I, Meng Linlang’s niece” in front of everyone, an explosion went off in her head. She was dumbfounded.

Chapter 1867: For What Reason Did All of This Belong To Her

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Apart from that, guilt and panic rose within her.

Especially when Li You had dealt with the two receptionists earlier, she was afraid that the two of them would blurt out the words that she had said earlier.

At that moment, she watched as Li You eagerly pulled on Ning Xi’s hand as her words of praise and admiration went on and on while all the ladies and wives around supported her with compliments to curry favor with her. Zheng Minjun sat there stiffly. In that instance, all of her feelings of elation and pride had vanished.

They had racked their brains to pull strings and managed to get two invitations to this event. They also tried all their means to say a few words to Madam Li, and they had been ridiculously pleased with themselves about that.

On the other hand, just because Ning Xi was the granddaughter of the Zhuang family and the niece of Zhuang Liaoyuan and Meng Linlang, she merely had to lift a finger and she could already get in contact with those upper-class people who were hard for them to reach. Just like that, she received resources that they might never get even if they spent their entire lives working for it.

Because of her son, their Su family initially had the opportunity to get this daughter-in-law of noble status, who could bring the Su family the highest honor...

To get the real phoenix...

Because of Ning Xueluo's business capability, she had already almost disregarded her family background. At this second, she finally felt a wide gap in their status!

Everything on Ning Xueluo combined was nothing compared to this layer of status on Ning Xi.

She had long known this fact, which was why when she found out that Ning Xi was getting close to the Zhuang family back then, she would have those inferior thoughts until Ning Xi disappeared after that and the rumors of her being a mistress came about...

However, now...

She would never have thought that the Zhuang family had already acknowledged Ning Xi. In fact, the way Meng Linlang valued and protected Ning Xi was to such an extent!

The way she treated Ning Xi was as if she were treating her own daughter!

From the way this appeared, those rumors about Ning Xi being taken as a mistress was but a joke!

Now, upon recalling those pictures and videos, all of them were unreliable proof...

When she thought about this, Zheng Minjun was utterly regretful and she sat there, frightened out of her mind.

Beside her, Ning Xueluo knew what Zheng Minjun was thinking about and her fingernails were already digging deep into her palms.

The initial confidence and rejoice about someone else's misfortunes had now all turned to monstrous resentment and indignation!

For what reason!?

For what reason did all of this belong to Ning Xi!?

She was clearly the Ning heiress and Zhuang Lingyu's daughter. The moment she was born, all of this should have been hers!

The Zhuang family should have been hers too!

For what reason had she worked so hard, yet still could not compare to Ning Xi, this wild chicken raised by a village woman!?

Madam Qiu, who had recommended Ning Xueluo, had a personal friendship with Zhuang Lingyu, so she knew a little about the relationship between the Ning family and the Zhuang family.

When Madam Qiu saw this, she could not help but ask, “Xueluo, why don’t you go over and greet Madam Zhuang?”

When Ning Xueluo heard this, her expression stiffened. “This... To hastily walk up seems a little rude.”

Of course, she wanted to, but the Zhuangs had long been bewitched by that slut, Ning Xi. They had always spoken bluntly to her, so to walk up at this moment would no doubt be inviting humiliation!

When Zheng Minjun saw this, the imbalance that was hard to explain in her heart had been expanded to an extreme. She lowered her voice and pulled Ning Xueluo aside, gritting her teeth anxiously. “How come the girl can do it, but not you? I’ve said a lot of things to you on the daily. Did you even take them to heart? If you were more careful, could that girl have gotten a chance? That girl’s relationship with the Zhuang family is still ultimately because of your mother!”

Chapter 1868: Shocking Gossip

As Ning Xueluo listened to Zheng Minjun’s complain, gloominess flashed across her eyes. “Mother, it’s exactly because I’m close to my mother that the Zhuangs won’t get close to me! You know very well that my mother and the Zhuang family always have borne hostility towards each other!”

“If you had listened to me earlier and advised your mother to ask her to be considerate for your sake and fix the relationship with the Zhuang family, today Madam Li’s distinguished guest would’ve been you! You wouldn’t have fallen to the extent of having to beg around for an invitation!” Zheng Minjun glared resentfully towards her for failing to meet her expectations. Her tone was filled with dissatisfaction as though she was a different person from the previously arrogant and proud woman.

When Ning Xueluo saw Zheng Minjun speak with such a righteous tone, her heart was filled with annoyance.

This old fellow kept blabbering on and on. Did she really think she had never tried?

If it were really that easy, how could she have not gotten in touch with the Zhuang family until today?

However, she had always pretended like she did not want to fight and had no ulterior motives in front of Zheng Minjun. Now, if she wanted to explain, she could not refute, so she could only suppress her anger and watch helplessly as Meng Linlang brought Ning Xi around beside her, wandering in the middle of those respected ladies.

“Madam Zhuang, this is where you’re wrong. You have such an outstanding niece, yet you still kept her hidden away. Quickly introduce her to us. What’s your niece’s name? I wonder if I’m hallucinating, but I keep feeling like this girl looks quite familiar!” One of the ladies in a long champagne gown asked hesitantly.

On the side, quite a few ladies echoed her thoughts, “She does really look quite familiar!”

However, they did not dare to simply guess...

With Meng Linlang's temper, even Li You feared her. Who else would dare to get on her bad side?

When Ning Xueluo heard those ladies' words, her expression turned dark as she thought on the inside, "Why wouldn't she look familiar? She's an actor!"

Even if she had managed to climb up the Zhuang family's high branches, she could not change this fact! Besides, she had recently come out of retirement!

When Meng Linlang heard everyone's questions, she glanced at Ning Xi beside her and saw that she was remaining calm, so she felt gratified.

Thus, she just said proudly, "Obviously, she looks familiar. My niece is Ning Xi."

"Ning Xi..."

When they heard this well-known name, quite a few ladies returned to their senses on the spot!

Was this girl truly Ning Xi?

That female star who had shot to fame a year ago but had suddenly vanished?

Ning Xi was actually the niece of the Zhuang family!

This gossip was shocking!

"Aiya, turns out she's really the huge star, Ning Xi! I just knew that she looked familiar! Madam Zhuang, your niece is even more beautiful and charismatic in real life! I didn't dare to guess immediately!"

"Miss Ning, my daughter is your loyal fan! Later on, could you give me an autograph?"

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As Ning Xueluo watched the wives of the high officials and the prominent ladies, who usually looked down upon the entertainment industry, and their lapdog attitudes towards Ning Xi, she bitterly bit her lip.

This slut! She's just riding on the coattails of the Zhuang family!

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The gathering was still going on in the reception pavilion.

"Miss Ning, I really like your shows! You're just amazing at acting. Previously, I was sad when I heard that you had retired. I wonder if you'll continue acting after this?" A certain lady looked regretful as she asked. From her expression, she seemed like she really did like Ning Xi's work.

Ning Xi answered as a matter-of-factly, "Most likely, I will. Actually, I'll probably be officially announcing my coming out of retirement in the next few days."

Chapter 1869: Head Lady Candidate

“Really? That’s great!” The lady was really looking forward to it.

Li You could not help but tell Meng Linlang, “It’s tough being an actress. Why do you let Xiao Xi suffer?”

Li You felt that an acting career was unbecoming of someone with Ning Xi’s status, but she was straightforward about it because she was close friends with Meng Linlang.

Ning Xi said, “I quite like acting myself, so I don’t feel that way.”

Meng Linlang, of course, understood what Li You was implying. She replied, “The girls from the Zhuang family can do anything they want as long as they are relying on themselves. We don’t fuss over it too much!”

People might not care about it if it had come from someone else, but no one was about to talk back when it came out of Meng Linlang’s mouth.

With the Zhuang family’s background, what could be impossible for Ning Xi?

There were several artistes in the industry who might not look special, but they were from families with powerful backgrounds. Most outsiders did not know about it, and only a few people were privy to this information.

These people were on a different level from normal artistes.

Moreover, with Ning Xi’s popularity back then, her reputation was well-maintained in the people’s hearts, which was why these ladies did not think terribly negatively about Ning Xi’s career.

No matter how messy was the entertainment industry was, it was impossible for Ning Xi to get involved with the chaos, given her background.

On the contrary, they realized that this girl not only had an outstanding appearance and aura, but her personality was really pleasant too.

She had maintained her composure while facing the two rude waitresses just now. Besides that, she was also able to keep a cool head when discussing her career. She possessed the character of a daughter from a prestigious family.

Without a doubt, she was one of the best candidates for the head lady of a family.

Suddenly, all the ladies with sons reaching the ripe age of marriage were all interested in Ning Xi...

Zheng Minjun felt terrible when she noticed that everyone was interested in Ning Xi.

When Ning Xueluo saw how everyone was treating Ning Xi and how the conversation was mixed with the intention of marriage, she could not stay there anymore. She made an excuse of feeling uncomfortable and left the gathering that had taken her a lot of effort to get in.

Zheng Minjun was worried that what she had said to the waitresses would be brought up, so the both of them left together.

Before they left, Zheng Minjun looked at Ning Xi’s direction and gave her an odd gaze.

As everyone was trying to find out more from Meng Linlang, there were footsteps outside the room. A few waitresses came into the room with delicately packaged gifts.

Behind the waitresses was a young man in a grey suit.

The waitresses opened a path and the man stepped forward. He called out to Li You, “Mother.”

“Muyan, why are you here?” Li You smiled when she saw her son.

“I just finished work. I heard that you were hosting some guests here, so I just came over to say hi.”

Li Muyan then signaled the waitresses to hand out the gifts. He then apologized sincerely, “The mistakes of the Heavenly Spring Resort’s management caused disturbance to everyone here. I hereby apologize!”

Chapter 1870: Set His Eyes On Girls

Seeing how the rumored son of Madam Li was being so handsome and responsible, everyone had high praises for him.

“You’re welcome, Mr. Li. It’s just a small matter and nothing much!”

“So, this is your son, Madam Li. He looks as good as the rumors go!”

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After some small talk with the guests, Li Muyan went up to Meng Linlang and greeted her. His tone was much more intimate than the other guests. “Aunty Lin!”

Meng Linlang’s expression softened when she saw the lovely youngster. “Muyan, you’re back!”

“Aunty Lin, about earlier...”

Meng Linlang knew what he was going to say, then she interrupted him, “It’s fine. It’s already settled, so let’s forget about it. I’m not so petty over such small matters and Xiao Xi isn’t someone who’d keep a grudge as well.”

Meng Linlang then called out to Ning Xi who was surrounded by a group of ladies, “Xiao Xi, come here!”

The group of ladies was suddenly very interested in her private matters, and she almost crumbled before them.

She was relieved when Meng Linlang called her.

“Aunty!”

The girl came out of the crowd, heading towards Meng Linlang’s direction.

Li Muyan turned over when he heard the clear voice. In just one glance, he froze.

The girl wore a little white dress. He skimmed her long, dark hair and her unbelievably gorgeous face, especially her eyes... the smile in her eyes...

A huge ray of light just exploded inside his mind.

“Muyan, this is Xiao Xi,” Meng Linlang introduced, “Xiao Xi, this is Aunty You's son, Li Muyan. He's two years older than you, so you should call him your brother.”

Ning Xi nodded. “Hello, Bro Muyan. I'm Ning Xi.”

Li Muyan came back to his senses and managed to cover up his stunned expression. “Hello, Xiao Xi. I've heard about you from Aunty Lin. We finally meet today.”

While Li Muyan's behavior was good enough to cover up and not let anyone notice, it did not escape Li You.

It was just a brief moment, but Li You was able to detect that moment of oddness in her son's eyes.

Her son frequently traveled everywhere around the globe, but she had never seen any girl that caught his eye.

His marriage was one of her most worrying dilemmas.

Li You looked at them and said, “Muyan, I'm afraid that Xiao Xi might be a little bored talking to us here. Why don't you bring her around the resort?”

“Of course, if Xiao Xi doesn't mind, I'll be glad to be the tour guide,” said Li Muyan.

Ning Xi then looked at Meng Linlang.

Meng Linlang thought of something and her eyes shifted.

Meng Linlang then told Ning Xi gently, “Sure! Go walk around!”

Her goal today was achieved. She was worried that Xiao Xi might not be able to take on so much since these things would take some time.