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Chapter 221: The Necklace Is Missing 1

The person who exclaimed at this moment was none other than Ye Xiyuan who had a nervous expression on her face. More importantly, there was nothing around her neck. Just now, everyone saw her wear a diamond necklace around her neck.

“Xiyuan, what’s going on?” Ye Li quickly went forward and saw that the diamond necklace on Ye Xiyuan’s neck disappeared. “Where is your necklace?”

The necklace that Ye Xiyuan wore tonight was a gift from Young Master Nangong. It was priceless. But now, it was suddenly lost. This matter could not be settled so easily. This necklace was especially custom-made for Ye Xiyuan by Young Master Nangong. Just this thought alone was not to be underestimated.

“Dad! I don’t know what happened either!” Ye Xiyuan said in a tearful voice. “Before I blew out the candles, I felt like someone was approaching me and then touching my neck. I thought it was just an illusion and didn’t expect that after the light came on, the necklace on my neck was gone.”

As soon as she finished speaking, there was an uproar because Ye Xiyuan clearly implied that the person who stole the necklace was a guest here.

This time, everyone was unhappy. They only came to attend the banquet and socialize, but now they were suspected of being thieves. Who could stand this? Moreover, although the necklace was worth a lot of money, these people were also respected and wealthy figures. They had the ability to customize such a necklace.

Ye Xiyuan was so anxious that she was about to cry. She looked at Nangong Xuyao and said apologetically, “Brother Nangong, I’m sorry. I didn’t take good care of the necklace you gave me. You gave it to me today, but I lost it.”

“It’s okay. It’s not your fault.” Nangong Xuyao went to Ye Xiyuan’s side and comforted her. “You couldn’t have thought that someone would do such a thing. The person who stole the necklace should be blamed, not you.”

After that, he looked around and said in a slightly authoritative voice, “Who took the necklace away? Take it out now and I can let bygones be bygones.

Otherwise, when we report it to the police, it will not be easy to settle.”

Ye Leng’an, who had been watching everything from the side, gave an ironic smile.

In her previous life, Ye Xiyuan used this method to frame her. However, at that time, what Ye Xiyuan lost was not a necklace but a rather expensive bracelet.

Ye Xiyuan used that necklace probably because the value of the necklace was higher!

If she didn't guess wrongly, Ye Xiyuan's necklace should be in her bag right now. Later, there would definitely be someone putting forward a demand to search her bag.

Just as Ye Leng'an had expected, after Nangong Xuyao finished speaking, the guests remained silent. After all, no one who attended the banquet lacked a necklace. If they really liked it, they could just order one after going back. No one would do such a dishonorable thing.

However, at this moment, a sharp voice rose up.

"It must be Ye Lengan. When Xiyuan was cutting the cake just now, she even deliberately approached Xiyuan!" Qian Gumeng pointed at Ye Lengan and shouted, "Moreover, people who came here today are all rich and noble. Only

Ye Leng'an has the motive to steal the necklace."

For a moment, everyone's eyes were riveted on Ye Lengan.

"Lengan, if you really took it, then please take it out!" Ye Xiyuan looked at Ye Leng'an, and there was a hint of pride in her eyes, but she still had a pleading look. "As long as you take it out, I can pretend that nothing happened. Also, I have other necklaces that you can choose from, but definitely not this one. This necklace is very precious to me."

The necklace had already been placed in Ye Leng'an's bag by the System. In front of such a large crowd, even if Ye Leng'an talked until she was blue in the face, she would not be absolved of responsibility.

After tonight, Ye Leng'an's reputation would be in shreds. Of course, Ye Xiyuan was so understanding that she would never call the police. She wanted Ye Leng'an to live under everyone's disdainful gaze.

Everyone thought that Ye Lengan would be panicking after the incident, regardless of whether she stole the necklace or not..

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However, the contrary was proved true. Ye Leng'an appeared exceptionally calm, and she even had an air of laziness. When she met everyone's gazes, she didn't show any signs of nervousness. She continued to speak in a calm manner, "Oh, is that so? Is that necklace really precious? Then you should really take good care of it. It's best if you lock it in a safe and don't bring it out to show off. Now it got lost!"

Her remark made everyone present dumbfounded. Did she admit it or not?

"Ye Leng'an, you actually have the cheek to make sarcastic comments here." Qian Gumeng immediately jumped out and scolded to Ye Leng'an's face, "You stole the necklace, but you don't show any remorse."

After that, she turned her head and looked at Ye Xiyuan, saying directly, "Xiyuan, you're too soft-hearted. You should call the police and let them take her in."

“Where’s the evidence?” Seeing Qian Gumeng stirring up trouble, Ye Leng’an sneered and said, “You can say whatever you like, but it’s not up to you!”

“You...” Qian Gumeng exploded with anger when she saw Ye Leng’an’s shameless appearance.

“Ye Leng’an, if you take out the necklace now, we can let bygones be bygones,” said Lin Wanqin. She took a step forward and stood in front of Ye Leng’an. There was a hint of disdain and disgust in her voice as she said, “Otherwise, don’t blame us for being rude.”

Now, whenever she saw Ye Leng’an, she would remember that it was Ye Leng’an’s parents who took her biological daughter away. Therefore, she couldn’t suppress her hatred for Ye Leng’an.

When Qian Gumeng came forward to question Ye Leng’an, she believed Qian Gumeng without hesitation. Because, like parents, like daughters. Ye Leng’an was definitely not a good person.

“Oh, then what are you going to do with me?” Ye Leng’an didn’t care about Lin Wanqin’s threat at all. She smiled nonchalantly. “Or, do you not care who stole the necklace now and just want me to admit that I’m the thief?”

“Ye Leng’an, you are too arrogant.” Yeh Li’s face was ashen. “This is not a place where you can act wildly.”

“Since you all believed that I stole the necklace, you have to show evidence!” Ye Leng’an was not nervous, and she was still as calm as ever. “You should know that there is a crime called defamation in the law. If your memory is good enough, you should remember that not long ago, I sued someone for slander. Or do you want to argue with me in court to see if you will be convicted of defamation?”

“You...” Ye Leng’an’s arrogant attitude made Ye Li so angry that he couldn’t say anything.

“If you have the ability, take out your bag and let us search it!” Qian Gumeng said, “That necklace must be in your bag now.”

“Why should I let you search my bag?” Ye Leng’an casually picked up her bag and waved it. “Or should I say, who do you think you are to search my bag?”

“You must have a guilty conscience, that’s why you don’t dare to let us search your bag.” Qian Gumeng seemed to have caught something and said proudly, “So, you must have stolen the necklace. It’s in your bag now.”

“Do you think I will let you search my bag just because of your suspicion?” Ye Leng’an’s lips curled into a mocking smile. “Wait a minute. If you suspect someone else, do you still have to search their bags? Do you want to search all of our bags before you get the answer you want?”

After that, everyone's eyes turned hostile. They were here to attend the banquet, not to be insulted. If their bags were really searched, wouldn't that mean that they were suspected of being thieves? They would never pocket such an insult.

For a moment, everyone looked at Qian Gumeng with dissatisfaction. They felt that she was treating them all as thieves.

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Qian Gumeng was a little anxious when she saw the unfriendly looks in everyone's eyes. "When did I say I was going to search other people's bags? I only wanted to search your bag."

"Oh, then it seems that you know that the necklace is in my bag!" Ye Leng'an suddenly understood. "Could it be that you saw me take the necklace with your own eyes? However, if that's the case, then it's even stranger.. Since you saw it, why didn't you stop me?"

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Qian Gumeng didn't know how to answer a barrage of questions from Ye Leng'an. Moreover, she noticed that when the others looked at her, there was a hint of suspicion in their eyes.

"Ye Leng'an, this is sophistry." Qian Gumeng was also a little anxious. "If you didn't have a guilty conscience, why didn't you let us see your bag?"

"Your eagerness to slander me even makes me suspect that you're the thief!" Ye Leng'an said meaningfully, "What you are doing is to divert everyone's attention."

"You..." Qian Gumeng was speechless. She was very anxious, but she didn't know what to say.

Ye Xiyuan, who was standing at the side, secretly cursed Qian Gumeng for being an idiot. She stepped forward and said with a smile. "Leng'an. I believe in Gumeng. She's my good friend and will never do such a thing."

Why didn't she notice that Qian Gumeng was so stupid? Qian Gumeng always spoiled things and she was completely useless tonight. Every time, Ye Leng'an's questions would strike Qian Gumeng speechless. She even doubted if it was a wise decision to choose Qian Gumeng as her hatchet man.

"Oh, so you mean you don't believe me?" Ye Leng'an suddenly understood and said, "If that's the case, why did you personally come to invite me to this party?"

Did you purposefully want to see this scene?"

"Ye Leng'an, how can you think of me like that?" Ye Xiyuan looked like she had suffered a huge blow. "I sincerely invited you over. Moreover, I also believe that you are definitely not that kind of person. But, I think you also want to prove your innocence, right?"

“No!” Ye Leng’an did not play by the rules. “You’re the ones who are suspecting me now. So, you should provide evidence to prove that I stole it! Not me proving my innocence.”

No one had expected Ye Leng’an to reply in such a manner. Because under such circumstances, most people would be provoked to the point of wanting to prove their innocence.

For a moment, the atmosphere in the banquet hall was a little heavy. The Ye family was on one side, and Ye Leng’an was on the other. The two sides seemed to be in a deadlock, and neither of them was willing to take a step back.

Ye Xiyuan was a little anxious and gave a bewildered glance at Nangong Xuyao as if she wanted to ask him for help.

Nangong Xuyao took a step forward and looked at Ye Leng’an. “Miss Ye, things have come to such a pass. There has to be an outcome. Why don’t you show your bag to everyone! If we misjudge you, we will apologize to you.”

Most people would show Nangong Xuyao some respect when he made the request. Unfortunately, he was now facing Ye Leng’an.

“Apologize?” Ye Leng’an raised her eyebrows and sneered. “If an apology is useful, why do we need the police? Listen, if you want to see my bag, sure. Show me concrete evidence to prove that I stole the necklace, or search everyone’s bag, including men’s pockets, for the sake of fairness.”

“That’s impossible.” Ye Li immediately rejected it.

If he really searched everyone’s pockets today, he would offend everyone present. Even with Young Master Nangong backing him up, offending so many people at once would make it difficult for the Ye family to move forward in the future.

“Then forget it.” Ye Leng’an said nonchalantly, “Since you can’t decide, I’ll take my leave first. I don’t have time to play this game of a thief crying ‘Stop thief!’”

“You’re not allowed to leave,” Ye Xiyuan shrieked. However, she realized that she had overreacted and quickly explained, “I just feel that things haven’t been resolved yet. Leng’an, isn’t it inappropriate for you to leave like this?”

“If she leaves now, you can’t find your necklace.” Qian Gumeng slipped in her remark and looked at Ye Leng’an. “Ye Leng’an, if you didn’t have a guilty conscience, why did you want to leave now?”

“If you can’t find the necklace. do I have to stay here with you all night?” Ye Leng’an smiled disdainfully. “I wonder why you didn’t call the police immediately after your necklace got lost since it was so valuable. Instead, you kept insisting on searching my bag.. Did you put the necklace in my bag yourself? Why are you so sure that it’s in my bag?”

“Miss Ye, we just want to take a look at your bag.” Nangong Xuyao took a tough stance. “Since you’re innocent, then please stop being evasive. Prove it with your actions. If you’re still unwilling to cooperate, then we can only take tough measures.”

He didn’t know why Xiyuan felt that Ye Leng’an stole the necklace, but he thought that there must be a reason. Moreover, if Ye Leng’an was innocent, why did she keep rejecting the search?

“So, you want to search my bag forcibly.”

If it were other people, they would have already taken out their own bags. Unfortunately, Ye Leng’an was the kind of person who was unmoved by force or persuasion. “That depends on whether you have the ability or not.”

Nangong Xuyao couldn’t help but narrow his eyes when hearing her provocative remark. He immediately called bodyguards in. It was not suitable for him to do it himself on such an occasion.

Soon, two bodyguards arrived in front of Ye Leng’an. They were about to snatch Ye Leng’an’s bag.

However, to everyone’s surprise, when one of the bodyguards just extended his hand towards Ye Leng’an, a knife shot directly at his palm and pierced through it. A bloody hole instantly appeared in his palm, and blood kept flowing down.

The bodyguard could not help but hold his hand. He gritted his teeth and held back the agonized cry that was about to come out of his mouth.

At the same time, a magnetic and clear voice rose up, which excited everyone present.

“Who dares to touch her?”

This casual question was filled with seriousness even though it was said in a flat tone. Moreover, people couldn’t help but surrender themselves when hearing it.

As the voice rang out, a man in a wheelchair appeared in the banquet hall, pushed by another bodyguard, slowly moving toward the direction of the crowd.

Although the man was sitting in a wheelchair, it did not affect his outstanding appearance and noble aura. His clean and fair face looked cold and handsome. His deep black eyes had a mesmerizing luster. His thick eyebrows, tall nose, and beautiful lips all exuded elegance and nobility. He was wearing a suit that fit him perfectly, and it made him look like an emperor.

The person who came was naturally Huangfu Ruiling. His wheelchair quickly stopped beside Ye Leng’an.

Ye Xiyuan couldn’t help but frown when she saw who it was. She had seen this man a few times before. Although he looked outstanding, he was definitely not in her pool of potential mates. No matter how outstanding a person was, as long as he was in a wheelchair, she would never consider him.

She did not expect this man to come to her party today. Presumably, he was here for Ye Leng’an! She really didn’t know what was so good about Ye Leng’an that he cared so much about her.

No one noticed that the moment Huangfu Ruiling appeared, Nangong Xuyao's pupils contracted. He couldn't hide the surprise on his face. Obviously, he did not expect to meet Huangfu Ruiling on such an occasion.

"Who are you?" Ye Li didn't know Huangfu Ruiling, so when he saw a stranger appear, he was naturally very unhappy. "Who let you in? I don't think we sent you an invitation! Also, did you injure that bodyguard? How did you dare to hurt people here?"

He asked in an aggressive tone.

Although the man in front of him didn't look like an ordinary person, he was obviously on Ye Leng'an's side, so he was an enemy. Moreover, no matter how powerful that man was, he was just a cripple. Now he had the support of the Nangong family's young master, he naturally wouldn't be afraid of a person sitting in a wheelchair.

"Why? I can't hurt this bodyguard?" Huangfu Ruiling ignored Ye Li and looked at Nangong Xuyao. "Nangong Xuyao, do you have the same opinion?"

The familiarity and matter-of-fact in his tone stunned everyone present. No one had expected that this man who suddenly showed up was acquainted with Young Master Nangong. Moreover, he directly addressed him by his name.

Nangong Xuyao didn't seem to be angry. Instead, his face grew weighty.

"Young Master Huangfu, that's a bit too strong." Nangong Xuyao quickly said,

"He's just a bodyguard. It's fine if you teach him a lesson. He had offended

Young Master Huangfu, so he naturally had to pay the price."

He did not expect to meet Huangfu Ruiling here. The HuangFu family was ranked first among the aristocratic families, and their strength was above the Nangong family. Moreover, unlike the Nangong family, although Huangfu Ruiling was the young master of the Huangfu family, he was the person in power. He was called the Young Master, but in fact, he had the power of the head of the family. Compared to Huangfu Ruiling, Nangong Xuyao's current strength was far inferior.

When the people present heard the surname Huangfu, their eyes immediately widened. One had to know that it was shocking enough to see the young master of the Nangong family here. Now, even people from the number one aristocratic family, the Huangfu family, had come. Moreover, according to the way Young Master Nangong addressed him, it seemed that this man was the vounz master of the Huangfu family.

Geez! They were only here to attend a birthday party today, but they met two people they had almost never had the chance to meet in their entire lives.

However, it was obvious that Young Master Huangfu was not here to attend Ye

Xiyuan's birthday banquet. Instead, it seemed like he was here to support Ye Leng'an.

Speaking of which, who would have thought that Ye Leng'an had such an opportunity? People thought that after she was chased out of the Ye family, she would have no chance of entering the

upper-class society. To their surprise, after leaving the Ye family, she became a social climber and got to know the young master of the Nangong family.

This time, the Ye family would regret it.

“I just came in and saw Young Master Nangong’s bodyguards try to forcibly search the bag of my family!” Huangfu Ruiling said in a flat tone, but people tremble with cold after hearing that. “What mistake did she make? Why was she treated like this?”

Ye Leng’an couldn’t help but roll her eyes. She really wanted to retort. Who was his family? However, when she remembered that her name was still on his household register and he was still her guardian, she decided that she’d better be quiet..

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“She stole Xiyuan’s necklace and refused to admit it.” Qian Gumeng immediately replied, “Now she even wants to leave just like that.”

She did not know who this man who suddenly showed up was. Although this man had such an imposing manner that she could hardly breathe, she didn’t know where she got the confidence from and directly spoke at the thought of Ye Leng’an.

“Mr. Huangfu, right?” Ye Xiyuan also came forward and said, “Gumeng might not talk nicely to you, but she doesn’t have any ill intentions. Moreover, Ye Leng’an is the prime suspect now. We’re doing this only to prove her innocence.”

The system had no way of finding the information of this man, but she had eyes and could tell that this man was not simple. Even so, she would not let Ye Leng’an go so easily today. Also, Nangong Xuyao was here. She didn’t believe that she couldn’t do anything to Ye Leng’an.

“Xiyuan, be careful what you say.” Ye Li looked in Huangfu Ruiling’s direction and immediately stopped Ye Xiyuan. “This is a misunderstanding. I think my daughter accidentally lost her necklace. No one stole it.”

He never dreamed that Ye Leng’an knew such a person. This man was the young master of the Huangfu family, and he was in actual power. He had heard rumors about the young master of the Huangfu family. Although he was in a wheelchair, he was ruthless and decisive. Back then, he had used tough and iron-blooded methods to concentrate power.

The hearsay about such a person alone was enough to make people tremble in fear. Ye LI never thought that he could see the real person in his lifetime. However, today’s meeting was not friendly.

If he had known that Ye Leng’an would have such good fortune, he would never have let her leave. Or perhaps, even if Ye Leng’an left, he would still care about her. He would definitely not make their relationship as tense as it was now.

“Dad!” Ye Xiyuan looked at Ye Li in disbelief.

“Xiyuan, enough.” Ye Li tipped Ye Xiyuan a wink. “What happened today was a misunderstanding, wasn’t it? I think you must have been too busy just now, so you took off the necklace and forgot where it was, right?”

Ye Xiyuan looked at Ye Li in disbelief. At the same time, she was secretly shocked. Because judging from her father’s current behavior, it could be seen that this man who suddenly appeared in a wheelchair was definitely not a

simple person. He was definitely someone they could not afford to offend. Or perhaps, even Nangong Xuyao might not be as good as that man. Otherwise, his father wouldn’t have suddenly changed his attitude.

However, if she were to let it go now, she would be very unwilling. Moreover, if she lowered her head today, wouldn’t she be inferior to Ye Leng’an forever?

“Xiyuan, say something!” Ye Li couldn’t help but urge her when he saw that Ye Xiyuan fell silent.

Usually, he thought that his daughter was very smart. Why was she suddenly so dull now? He had already hinted to this extent, so why couldn’t she understand it?! The young master of the Huangfu family was obviously trying to back Ye Leng’an up. If they continued to struggle with this, there would be no results. Furthermore, he would probably offend Young Master Huangfu in the end.

“Do you have the final say in everything?” Ye Leng’an suddenly said, “You said I stole it, and you tried to search my bag forcibly. But now, you changed your mind and wanted her to say she forgot where her necklace was. Why is everything up to you guys!”

Ye Xiyuan drew a long face when hearing Ye Leng’an’s remark.

“Miss Ye, be easy on people.” Nangong Xuyao took a step forward and stood in front of Ye Xiyuan with a darkened face. “You know very well who we’re doing this for. Since you got a bargain, there is no need to boast about it here.”

He was indeed afraid of Huangfu Ruiling, but not Ye Leng’an. He would show respect for Huangfu Ruiling, but not Ye Leng’an.

“In that case, Young Master Nangong must also want to find out the truth!” Ye Leng’an nodded in agreement. “Things have already come to such a pass. We can’t leave it unsettled! You said that I got a bargain. That is on the basis of the premise that I really stole the necklace..”

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“But, if I didn’t steal that necklace. What about my reputation today? How are you going to deal with it?”

Nangong Xuyao was speechless and didn’t know how to reply.

“Then what do you want to do now?” After a moment of silence, Nangong Xuyao spoke again, “You’re the prime suspect now, but you refuse to prove your innocence. Or is there anyone else you suspect?”

“Hehe, how ridiculous.” Ye Leng’an said disdainfully, “You considered me the prime suspect just because of what Qian Gumeng said. Do you have any other evidence? If a person can be convicted just based on other people’s remarks, then can I say that you’re a thief crying “Stop thief?””

“No.” Ye Xiyuan raised her head and said with tearful eyes, “That necklace is very important to me. I would never do something like that!”

Then, she turned to look at Nangong Xuyao and said anxiously, “Brother Nangong, believe me. I didn’t do that.”

“I trust you.” Nangong Xuyao nodded. He looked at Ye Xiyuan and said seriously, “You’re definitely not that kind of person.”

Huangfu Ruiling had no interest in what was happening. He looked up at Ye Leng’an, asking, “What do you plan to do?”

“It’s very simple!” Ye Leng’an tilted her head and smiled. “Just like I said earlier, since you want to search my bag, then for the sake of fairness, you have to search everyone’s bag!”

Huangfu Ruiling nodded and then looked at Li San behind him.

Li San already knew what Huangfu Ruiling meant. He took out his phone, made a call, and whispered something into it.

In just a moment, a group of bodyguards swarmed in and surrounded the entire banquet hall.

In an instant, the banquet hall began to become noisy. At this moment, many people wanted to leave. However, before they could reach the door, they were stopped by the bodyguards.

“Young Master Huangfu, what do you mean?” Nangong Xuyao’s face darkened as he looked at Huangfu Ruiling.

Ye Xiyuan looked displeased either. She did not expect things to come to this. She had originally planned to forgive Ye Leng’an after finding the necklace in her bag. And Ye Leng’an’s reputation would be completely ruined after that. Her birthday party could continue, and she was still the most eye-catching princess in everyone’s eyes.

But now things had come to this, her birthday party was almost ruined. She could almost imagine how these people would talk about her birthday tomorrow morning.

“To help you find your necklace!” Huangfu Ruiling said coldly, “Weren’t you guys the ones who kept clamoring to find the necklace?”

“But...” Seeing this situation, Ye Li was so anxious that he was sweating profusely. He didn't expect things to turn out like this. Not only did he fail to expand his network by holding this banquet today, but he also offended many people.

“Ye Leng'an, don't go too far.” Lin Wanqin took a step forward and gritted her teeth. “We've already decided not to pursue the matter, but why are you still so aggressive?”

“You guys started this, but you are not the one to make the call to stop it.” Ye Leng'an sneered and said, “If we don't find the necklace today, no one will be able to step out of this banquet hall.”

In a few simple words, she made everyone present tremble with fear involuntarily. They realized that Ye Leng'an wasn't bluffing. She was just stating a fact.

“Good!” At this moment, Ye Xiyuan stood out and looked at Ye Leng'an. “Since you insist, we'll do as you say. However, I want to search your bag first. Do you dare?”

Since things had come to this, she had to minimize her losses. Later, as long as she found the necklace in Ye Leng'an's bag, there was no need to search other people's bags.

After the matter was over, she only needed to go on stage and apologize to everyone. She believed that most people would not mind. After all, they didn't suffer any actual losses.

Seeing Ye Xiyuan's confident look, Ye Leng'an smiled and nodded. “As you wish..”

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After that, Ye Leng'an directly unzipped her bag before others touched it. She turned it upside down and poured everything on the table.

Instantly, everyone's eyes were riveted on the table. Because of Qian Gumeng's confident look, most people suspected that Ye Leng'an stole the necklace. However, when they found out that the person who backed her up was Young Master Huangfu, they felt that Ye Leng'an wouldn't do such a thing. That was because she had already hooked up with the young master of the Huangfu family. She had everything she wanted! How could she steal a necklace?

Qian Gumeng was the first to rush forward. She immediately began to rummage around on the table.

Unlike other girls, Ye Leng'an didn't have many things in her bag. There was only a wallet, a bunch of keys, a pack of tissues, and a small jade bottle. Everything could be seen clearly at a glance.

“How is that possible?” Qian Gumeng stared hard at the things on the table.

“Where is the necklace? Ye Leng'an, where did you hide that necklace?” The necklace should have been in Ye Leng'an's bag, but it was nowhere to be found. It was Ye Leng'an. Ye Leng'an must have hidden it herself.

“Oh, why are you so sure that the necklace is in my bag?” Ye Leng'an said with a faint smile, “What? Did you see it?”

“Obviously...” Qian Gumeng was so angry that she was about to speak.

However, just as she opened her mouth, she was interrupted by a voice.

“Gumeng, stop it.” Ye Xiyuan stopped her. “Since the necklace isn’t here, it means that Lengan didn’t steal it. I know you are anxious to help me find the necklace, but you can’t wrong an innocent person. Leng’an has already proven her innocence.”

Although Ye Xiyuan looked calm on the surface, her mind was in turmoil. Earlier, she had clearly asked the System to place the necklace in Ye Leng’an’s bag. However, the necklace was nowhere to be found. Where did the necklace

Right now, she could feel the hostile gazes cast in her direction. However, the worse the situation, the more she had to remain calm. Now things had gone out of control, she had to minimize her losses. Since she couldn’t find the necklace in Ye Leng’an’s bag, she definitely couldn’t be aggressive now. Otherwise, anyone with a discerning eye would probably suspect that this was a self-inflicted problem.

Qian Gumeng, that idiot, almost spilled the beans just now. As expected, an idiot was an idiot. Today, she made missteps one after another. Such an idiot even wanted to use her to get close to Li Deze. She must be dreaming.

“Xiyuan, your necklace is definitely on her.” Qian Gumeng was so anxious that her eyes turned red. “She must have hidden it.”

“Gumeng, stop talking.” Ye Xiyuan looked at Qian Gumeng, her gaze cold. “The truth is right in front of us. We can’t wrong Leng’an.”

Qian Gumeng was shocked by the coldness in Ye Xiyuan’s eyes. She had never seen such a cold gaze from the moment she met Ye Xiyuan. All along, Ye Xiyuan had always given her the impression that she was gentle and considerate. No matter what she said, Ye Xiyuan would always speak in a gentle voice. However, now she felt as if something would happen if she continued to speak. She immediately shut up.

Ye Leng’an looked at Ye Xiyuan with a meaningful smile on her face. “Ye Xiyuan, now you all saw my bag, what about the others? I’m still waiting for your order!”

Ye Xiyuan gritted her teeth and fell into a dilemma. Ye Leng’an was the one who requested to search everyone’s bags, but now all the responsibility was on her. She didn’t know where Ye Leng’an had taken the necklace. It would be fine if she couldn’t find it by then. If she really found it on someone else, it would be a matter of offending.

“System, where is the necklace now?” At this point, she could only get the necklace back first. Otherwise, something might really happen later.

After that, Ye Xiyuan anxiously waited for the system’s reply. Because everyone’s attention was on her now, she had to make a decision as soon as possible..

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“The system cannot detect the location of the necklace.” The mechanical voice rang out, but Ye Xiyuan almost freaked out after hearing it. “The necklace must have been blocked by something.”

“What?” Ye Xiyuan almost cursed out loud. “Didn’t you put the necklace in Ye Leng’an’s bag just now? But it isn’t there, and you can’t tell where it is either? Is this how you do things?”

There were suddenly electric fizzles, and the System did not reply.

Ye Xiyuan didn’t know if the System was hiding or if something malfunctioned again. However, at this moment, she was really cursing in her heart. The more she thought about it, the more she felt that the System was unreliable at times. There were many times she couldn’t reach the System when something happened.

“You can’t decide?” Ye Leng’an didn’t back down. She continued, “Don’t tell me you only wanted to search my bag today! Can I take it that everything you did today was actually targeted at me?”

“No,” Ye Xiyuan immediately retorted. “I just…”

For a moment, she did not know what to say. She looked up at Nangong Xuyao.

In such a situation, only Nangong Xuyao could help her.

Sure enough, after receiving Ye Xiyuan’s pleading gaze, Nangong Xuyao stepped forward and said, “Miss Ye, since you’ve already proven your innocence, I don’t think the others will mind proving their innocence too!”

While speaking, he looked around at the people in the banquet hall with a hint of toughness in his eyes.

In fact, he did not want to get so many people involved, but they were already stuck. If he didn’t search the other people’s bags, Ye Leng’an wouldn’t let it go today. He wasn’t afraid of Ye Leng’an, but he was afraid of Huangfu Ruiling, who was standing behind her.

Moreover, to be honest, they were indeed in the wrong today.

“Young Master Nangong is really a man with guts.” Ye Leng’an clapped her hands and turned to look in Qian Gumeng’s direction. “Since we’re going to continue the search, let’s search her bag first! Just now, she was the one who ran around and fanned the flames, and she was also the one who accused me of theft. So, I want to see how innocent she is.”

“What?” Suddenly being mentioned, Qian Gumeng almost jumped up. “Ye Leng’an, who do you think you are to search my bag?”

Although she was sure that the necklace wasn’t in her bag, she couldn’t accept Ye Leng’an’s request.

“Qian Gumeng, the phrase double standard is tailor-made for you.” Ye Leng’an smiled disdainfully. “Didn’t you just say that you wanted to search my bag?”

Now that it’s your turn, why are you so resistant? Or are you feeling guilty?”

“Ye Leng’an, don’t talk nonsense.” Qian Gumeng was so agitated that she almost lost her mind.

“Hmph, if you want to search, do it.” Qian Gumeng poured everything in her bag onto the table as Ye Leng’an did. “I’m a righteous person. I’m not afraid of you! You...”

Qian Gumeng was abruptly silenced, and the entire banquet hall became quiet. Everyone’s eyes were fixed on the glittering diamond necklace on the table. The pink diamond looked particularly beautiful under the light. This necklace was the one that Ye Xiyuan had just worn around her neck. But now, it was in Qian Gumeng’s bag.

“Oh, it seems like there really is a thief crying ‘Stop thief!’” Ye Leng’an looked as if she was taking pleasure in Ye Xiyuan’s misfortune. “Ye Xiyuan, looks like you brought in a troublemaker! Didn’t you say that Qian Gumeng was your good friend? Now your best friend stole your necklace, what are you going to do?”

Ye Xiyuan wanted to scheme against her, so she had to put Ye Xiyuan in a dilemma. This was also why she chose to put the necklace in Qian Gumeng’s bag instead of Ye Xiyuan’s. That necklace was originally Ye Xiyuan’s. Even if she really found it on Ye Xiyuan, Ye Xiyuan could shirk all responsibility by saying that she accidentally forgot where it was. Although this would make a fool of herself, no one wanted to pursue it.

However, if it was in Qian Gumeng’s bag, it would be another story. Especially when Qian Gumeng was the one who ran around the most. This was completely a conspiracy!

“It wasn’t me, it really wasn’t me.” Qian Gumeng was also anxious. “I really don’t know why that necklace is in my bag. I...”

Suddenly, Qian Gumeng seemed to have thought of something. She turned her head and looked at Ye Leng’an. It all clicked. “Ye Leng’an, it’s you, isn’t it? You put the necklace in my bag. You want to frame me, don’t you?”

“Qian Gumeng, are you still dreaming?” Although that was the truth, Ye Leng’an would never admit it. She sneered and said, “Just now, you averred that the necklace was in my bag. Now the necklace was found in your bag, and you said I put it in your bag. If you are the one to decide, then why do we need the police station and the court?”

“It’s you, it must be you.” Qian Gumeng was even more certain. “Who else will do such a thing?”

She could not care about anything else now. She was certain that it was Ye Leng'an's doing. Otherwise, why was this necklace in her bag? Ye Leng'an must have found out their plan from the beginning, so she played along and framed her.

"Oh, why did you say that I did it?" Ye Leng'an brushed her hair and said lazily, "In my opinion, you kept accusing me just now to divert everyone's attention so that you could take the necklace away!"

"You're talking nonsense..." Qian Gumeng had lost all rationality at this moment. She blurted out, "You must know that we..."

"Gumeng, I believe you didn't do it on purpose." Just as Qian Gumeng was about to say something, Ye Xiyuan quickly interrupted her. "You just wanted to take a look. You didn't want to steal the necklace, right?"

She couldn't let Qian Gumeng tell the truth here, otherwise, everything would be ruined. Nangong Xuyao was also here. She knew very well that Nangong Xuyao liked her innocence and kindness. If he found out that everything that happened today was a trap set up by her, then even if she saved his life, they would never be able to be together again.

"Xiyuan, it was Ye Leng'an. It must be Ye Leng'an." Qian Gumeng anxiously pulled Ye Xiyuan's hand and desperately tried to defend herself, "You must help me. You must help me.."

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"Gumeng, calm down." Ye Xiyuan grabbed Qian Gumeng's hand, stared into her eyes, and said, "I know you didn't do it on purpose. You just liked my necklace and wanted to see it, right?"

As she spoke, she kept calling out to the System in her mind, "System, are you still there? If you're here, hurry up and come out. Otherwise, I'm finished. We're in the same boat now. If I have a hard time and my providence decreases, it won't be a good thing for you!"

Now, she had to find a way to stop Qian Gumeng from continuing to speak. Otherwise, when Qian Gumeng exposed everything, her reputation would be ruined. She would never allow such a thing to happen. Only the System could help her now.

As expected, after Ye Xiyuan's repeated calls, the mechanical voice finally rang out again. "How do you want me to help you, Host?"

Finally getting the system's answer, she quickly said, "Hurry up and think of a way to silence Qian Gumeng. Otherwise, none of us will be able to get away with it."

"Xiyuan, you know that everything I did was for you!" Qian Gumeng was very worried. "You must help me. I'm really not a thief."

She couldn't care about anything anymore. She only knew that she couldn't be treated like a thief today. Apart from those big names in business, many of her classmates had also come. If today's incident was known by a lot of people, she would be too embarrassed to face anyone in school in the future!

"Gumeng, let go of me first." Seeing that Qian Gumeng almost went crazy, Ye Xiyuan wanted to withdraw her hand. "We can talk things out."

At the same time, she kept calling out in her mind, 'System, hurry up and shut her up.'

"Xiyuan, I..."

Qian Gumeng's voice stopped abruptly because she suddenly fell down, which made everyone feel a little surprised.

Ye Xiyuan quickly reached out to support Qian Gumeng with an anxious look. "Get a doctor here!"

Immediately, the banquet hall was in chaos. Qian Gumeng was sent to the hospital soon. A fancy party turned into a farce.

However, when Ye Xiyuan saw Qian Gumeng being sent away, she couldn't help but let out a sigh of relief. As long as Qian Gumeng left, her scheme against Ye Leng'an would not be exposed. After today, no matter what Qian Gumeng said, no one would believe her.

Of course, she would try to pacify Qian Gumeng after she woke up. After all, it was not easy to find such a hatchet man.

"Alright, let's continue." Ye Li was a little exhausted, but he still forced himself to stay awake and said, "I'm sorry for what happened. I'll apologize to everyone later. I'm really sorry."

To be honest, he started to regret holding such a banquet. Not only did they fail to get any benefits but also offended many people.

"Oh, is this over?" At this moment, Ye Leng'an spoke again, "Do you think we're easy to be messed about?"

Ye Leng'an's sudden question attracted everyone's attention again. No one forgot that the Ye family members had kept calling Ye Leng'an a thief. Clearly, Ye Leng'an held that grudge!

Ye Li's temples twitched a few times when he heard that. He gritted his teeth and asked, "What do you want to do now?"

"I also want to ask what you want to do. It's not about me." Ye Leng'an's gaze fell on Ye Xiyuan. "Now the necklace is found, but you haven't said how you are going to deal with the thief! She can't get away with it!"

She underestimated Ye Xiyuan. She had thought that Qian Gumeng would tell the truth out of anxiety. However, she didn't expect Ye Xiyuan to have a way to make Qian Gumeng fall down in a faint.

However, this trip was not completely fruitless. This time, before Qian Gumeng fainted, she could clearly feel a fluctuation in space. She had this feeling before, but it was very weak. This time, the feeling was especially obvious.. That was probably because of Ye Xiyuan's secret!

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"Ye Leng'an, be easy on people." Ye Xiyuan looked at Ye Leng'an and tried to persuade her, "Didn't you see Gumeng faint? Are you trying to hound her to death by continuing to pester her about this matter?"

"Hey, don't shift the blame to me!" Ye Leng'an didn't take that. Instead, she shook her head with a smile. "Don't forget that you were the one who was pursuing this matter! You can't just let it go after you found out that the thief was Qian Gumeng, your good friend!"

She would never allow Ye Xiyuan to muddle through so easily. Since Ye Xiyuan had dragged her into this, she would have the final say whether it was over or not. Ye Xiyuan wanted to be a good person here, but she wouldn't let her.

"Since I'm the owner of this necklace, I should have the right not to take the matter further, right?" Ye Xiyuan said, "I believe that Gumeng isn't that kind of person. Maybe she just liked it and wanted to take a look. She is definitely not a thief.

"Oh, really?" Ye Leng'an said with a faint smile, "It seems that your memory is already so bad at such a young age! Didn't you just say that your necklace was stolen when you were cutting the cake? Now you said Qian Gumeng took it just for having a look at it. It seems that you tend to find fault with someone you are not close to!"

In one sentence, she directly pointed out Ye Xiyuan had double standards. It also made everyone present look at her with a trace of curiosity. After all, Ye Xiyuan had planned to search all of their bags just now. Now she knew who stole it, but she wanted to let it go directly. She had everyone fooled.

Ye Xiyuan naturally noticed the unfriendly looks that everyone cast at her. At this moment, she was so angry at Ye Leng'an that she was gritting her teeth in hatred. "Ye Leng'an, how do you think we should handle this?"

She directed the question back at Ye Leng'an now. No matter what Ye Leng'an's plan was, she would be forced into the situation at that time. Even if Qian

Gumeng knew about it, as long as she coaxed her, Qian Gumeng would hate Ye Leng'an instead of herself.

Unfortunately, Ye Leng'an didn't take that. She looked at Ye Xiyuan with a vacant expression. "Are you asking me? This necklace isn't mine. How am I supposed to deal with it? You're the owner, the victim, so naturally, it's up to you!"

"Since it's up to me, can't I choose not to pursue the matter?" Ye Xiyuan took a

deep breath and tried her best to suppress the anger in her heart. She said, "People are not saints, and they can't be free from faults. I believe that Gumeng was momentarily confused, that's why she did that. So, I've decided to give her a chance to turn over a new leaf. Isn't that okay?"

Anyway, she couldn't take this matter further. Otherwise, Qian Gumeng would definitely expose everything after waking up. So, even if she was unwilling, she could only step into the trap of Ye Leng'an, making everyone feel that she had double standards.

"Of course, you can." Ye Leng'an nodded and said indifferently, "Since I've settled with Qian Gumeng, now I'll get even with you."

Ye Leng'an's remark made Ye Xiyuan's heart skip a beat again. She didn't expect that Ye Leng'an would still continue to be so aggressive even though things had already come to this. Wasn't Ye Leng'an afraid of ruining her own reputation?

"Miss Ye, don't go too far." Nangong Xuyao took a step forward and stood in front of Ye Xiyuan. He looked at Ye Leng'an with an unfriendly gaze. "Since it is over, why are you still reluctant to let it go?"

Ye Leng'an nodded and said, "We indeed caught the thief. However, they wronged me from the start and insisted on searching my bag. Mr. Nangong, didn't you see all of this? Shouldn't I ask them to apologize to me now?"

For a moment, Nangong Xuyao didn't know what to say. After all, he had seen everything that happened just now. Moreover, strictly speaking, according to what Ye Leng'an said, he also needed to apologize to her.

Ye Xiyuan looked aggrieved. She looked in Ye Leng'an's direction, bent down, and said, "Ye Leng'an, I'm sorry. We wronged you today.."