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Chapter 681: Losing Her True Self

No matter how everyone felt, at the command of Huangfu Ruiling, the engagement ceremony for Huangfu Ruixiang took place with great splendor the following evening.

On the rooftop of the Huangting Hotel, representatives from various prominent families attended, creating a lively and vibrant atmosphere with colorful lights and clinking glasses.

Though Huangfu Ruixiang wore a smile, he harbored inner frustration. Regardless of his thoughts, the die was cast, and the engagement ceremony had to proceed. He was well aware that the ceremony must be carried out successfully.

Huangfu Jingzhang and Zhongyu Liuying were also in low spirits, especially when inquiries about Huangfu Ruixiang's engagement partner circulated. The forced smiles on their faces were evident.

The sole person genuinely delighted was Zhong Yating. Having invested significant effort to marry Huangfu Ruixiang, she viewed the banquet as the gateway to a new world.

Despite her previous existence in the Hidden World, Zhong Yating hailed from a remote mountain village and had never experienced such grandeur. The lavish banquet hall, exquisite delicacies, and luxurious attire provided a stark contrast to her previously simple life. The realization struck her that, even without becoming an inner sect disciple of the Huangfu family in the Hidden World, marrying Huangfu Ruixiang and enjoying a lavish life in the mortal world could be a preferable choice.

She found herself reluctant to return to the Hidden World, rejecting the monotonous routine of cultivation.

In a corner, Huangfu Ruiling sat in a wheelchair, accompanied by Ye Lengan, who held a glass of fruit juice. Despite their inconspicuous location, the radiance surrounding them drew attention.

However, Huangfu Ruiling was clearly seeking tranquility, and despite the temptation felt by many, they hesitated to approach. They feared that attempting to establish connections might lead to offense, making it a truly unwarranted risk.

Observing Zhong Yating's altered demeanor, Ye Lengan remarked, "Zhong Yating's eyes have changed. Previously, there was a calculating look, but now, a hint of greed has emerged."

Perhaps it was because she had never witnessed such prosperity before; hence, now she couldn't resist the allure, giving in to her true desires.

After casting a fleeting glance in that direction, Huangfu Ruiling immediately retracted his gaze. He showed no interest in the matter and instead spoke, "Once this engagement ceremony concludes, we should start arranging our own engagement ceremony and put it on the schedule."

Ye Lengan, rolling her eyes, retorted, "Do you have the audacity to say that? Yesterday at the ancestral mansion, you proposed engagement without consulting me, nearly giving me a shock."

"We already discussed this on our way back," Huangfu Ruiling replied, raising an eyebrow. "I thought we had reached a consensus."

Ye Lengan continued, "We talked about it being after graduation. The college entrance exam hasn't even happened yet! Moreover, if I recall correctly, you haven't proposed. I mentioned that, too!"

Huangfu Ruiling smiled, choosing not to elaborate.

Switching the topic, Ye Lengan remarked, "After today, Huangfu Ruixiang's life will undoubtedly be exciting. With Li Yiran about to give birth and his fiancée Zhong Yating, neither will be easy to deal with!"

Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow but remained silent.

Ye Lengan, without insisting on a response, continued, "By the way, Ling, has anything happened in the Hidden World recently?"

Having returned for several days, they were unsure if there were developments in the Ye family. Was Ye Wanwan really maintaining such composure?

After a brief pause, Huangfu Ruiling revealed, "Something significant did occur. Master Murong visited the Ye family."

"Master Murong?" Ye Lengan asked, surprised. "You mean..."

"He went to discuss the marriage between Murong Xingrui and Ye Wanwan," Huangfu Ruiling explained. "During the Family Competition, Master Murong hinted at their intention to form a marriage alliance with the Ye family. I believe, at that time, both families had reached a certain understanding."

Otherwise, that old fox, Master Murong, wouldn't have recklessly come to the door. Since he came, it indicated that he was confident the Ye family would definitely agree. Therefore, the two families must have had a tacit understanding.

"Marriage?" Ye Lengan's eyes widened in shock. "Isn't it said that one should marry a virtuous woman? With such a big event happening in the Family Competition, even if Ye Wanwan's reputation wasn't ruined, it shouldn't be any better! The Murong family is really magnanimous to come to discuss the marriage at this time!"

Huangfu Ruiling shook his head. "The magnanimous one is not Master Murong, but Murong Xingrui. He has always liked Ye Wanwan. This incident was not enough to dispel his love for Ye Wanwan. Now that he has the chance to win over the beauty, he won't give up."

"Oh!" As if she had heard a big gossip, Ye Lengan looked at Huangfu Ruiling with a mocking expression and said with a smile, "You know quite well! I didn't expect you to be interested in such things!"

No matter how she looked at it, Huangfu Ruiling didn't seem like a gossipy person! How did he know about this?

Huangfu Ruiling was left speechless. "What are you talking about? This is what the Enforcement Team found out." If it wasn't because it was related to Ye Lengan, he really wouldn't have cared at all.

Chapter 682: An Uninvited Guest

“Don’t worry, it was just a casual remark,” Ye Lengan raised her hand, speaking with a smile. “In that case, Ye Wanwan’s luck does seem quite good. Originally, due to the Family Competition, her situation in the Ye family shouldn’t have been great. But now, with such a marriage proposal, she’s gained an additional safeguard.”

Even Ye Lengan couldn’t help but marvel at Ye Wanwan’s good fortune. Despite her tarnished reputation, she managed to secure such a favorable marriage. This Murong Xingrui was truly deeply devoted to Ye Wanwan!

Huangfu Ruiling spoke lightly, “In a family, the most crucial capital for settling down is one’s own strength; everything else is just superficial.”

Ye Leng’an nodded in agreement. “I just wonder if Ye Wanwan, after learning about her background, can calm down and focus on cultivation.”

Huangfu Ruiling refrained from commenting.

Inside the banquet hall of Huangting Hotel, the atmosphere was lively and extraordinary. Meanwhile, in one of the rooms at the ancestral mansion of the Huangfu family, Li Yiran was filled with resentment and anger.

Unaware that tonight was Huangfu Ruixiangs engagement ceremony, she stumbled upon this information when inquiring about the whereabouts of the Second Auntie. The servant unintentionally let it slip.

Upon hearing the news, Li Yiran felt the world spinning. Were it not for her persistent concern about the child in her belly, she might not have been able to endure.

The servant seemed to realize her mistake after speaking. Although the Second Madam hadn’t explicitly given orders, she knew that such information shouldn’t come from a servant’s mouth.

In a daze, Li Yiran returned to her room. Later, after contemplating the situation, she briefly adorned herself and intended to go out to intervene. Yet, before stepping out of her room, she halted. She remembered she had no way to leave this villa.

On ordinary days, she already had no means of leaving. On a day like today, she didn’t believe she could step out. Nangong Xiyu wasn’t a fool; she wouldn’t allow her to disrupt Huangfu Ruixiangs engagement ceremony.

In fact, Nangong Xiyu was quite satisfied with the fiancée Huangfu Ruixiang had chosen. Coming from a humble background, it was not suitable for grand occasions. Therefore, she had never considered ruining Huangfu Ruixiangs engagement ceremony. On the contrary, she was concerned that if Li Yiran were to really disrupt it, the next time Huangfu Ruixiang sought a young lady from a prestigious family, it would be even more disadvantageous for her.

So, she had long given orders that no matter what happened, even if Li Yiran was about to give birth, she couldn’t step out of the door. Even if there was a genuine issue, calling a doctor to the house would suffice.

Li Yiran sat dejectedly on the sofa. She felt powerless. She didn’t anticipate that just learning about Huangfu Ruixiangs new fiancée would result in an immediate engagement ceremony.

From the looks of it, Huangfu Ruixiang's chosen fiancée was indeed a formidable opponent. For Huangfu Ruixiang to willingly hold the engagement ceremony so swiftly, it must be either because of an illustrious background or genuine love. Regardless of the reason, it wasn't a good situation for her.

Thinking this, Li Yiran couldn't help but touch her belly.

Her only bargaining chip now was the child in her stomach. It would be fine if it were a boy, but if it were a girl, then she would truly have no status beside Huangfu Ruixiang in the future.

No, it couldn't be a girl. It had to be a boy. Otherwise, she truly would have nothing to say for the rest of her life.

Huangfu Ruixiang's engagement ceremony concluded smoothly.

After the ceremony, Huangfu Ruixiang and Zhong Yating returned to the Hidden World together.

Life seemed to return to normal.

In the subsequent days, Ye Lengan dedicated most of her time to preparing for the college entrance examination. Typically, she spent the majority of her time attending classes at school, just like any ordinary high school student.

Time passed swiftly, and in the blink of an eye, the college entrance examination arrived.

However, on the day before the examination, an uninvited guest arrived at Ye Lengan's home.

As the next day was the college entrance examination, Ye Lengan chose not to go out on a date with Huangfu Ruiling but stayed at home to rest. Despite her confidence in achieving good results, she preferred not to draw too much attention.

Coincidentally, Huangfu Ruiling had traveled to Jin City for a business trip yesterday and would only return tomorrow, the day of Ye Lengan's examination.

The college entrance examination was a crucial day in a person's life. Although Ye Lengan wasn't overly concerned, Huangfu Ruiling didn't want to miss it.

After a video call with Huangfu Ruiling, Sister Li came upstairs to inform Ye Lengan that someone was looking for her.

Sister Li was the new house helper in Ye Lengan's villa. Initially, Huangfu Ruiling had also found her a military family member. However, due to family matters, that person ceased employment after two months.

Later, Huangfu Ruiling found Sister Li.

Among all the people, Ye Lengan was most satisfied with Sister Li. This was because Sister Li was not only diligent and adept at cooking but, most importantly, had some knowledge of medicine. Typically, she would help Ye Lengan organize medicinal herbs.

Upon hearing that someone was looking for her at this time, Ye Lengan felt somewhat surprised.

Although she was taking the college entrance examination the next day, not many people knew about it. In everyone's eyes, she was just an ordinary first-year high school student.

When she came downstairs and saw the visitor, Ye Lengan couldn't help but furrow her brows. The person was none other than Yuan Silei.

"Why are you here?" Ye Lengan walked over to the sofa and sat down. She looked at Yuan Silei, seated across from her, and frowned. "I thought we had already reached an understanding."

Ever since their last falling out, she had ignored Yuan Silei, even when they encountered each other at school. Unexpectedly, Yuan Silei had come knocking at her door.

"Lengan, why are you so sharp?" Unlike Ye Lengan's indifference, Yuan Silei had a smile on her face, as if nothing had happened. "I came here today purely to offer my blessings. Aren't you taking the college entrance examination tomorrow? I hope you open up a new chapter, excel in your studies, and get into the university of your dreams.."

Chapter 683: A Safety Talisman

After hearing Yuan Silei's words, Ye Lengan couldn't help but be stunned for a moment. She then frowned, asking, "Who told you that I was going to take the college entrance examination?"

Although her intention to take the college entrance exam was not a secret, not many people in school were aware of it. Even her classmates were unaware that she was set to take the exam the next day. However, Yuan Silei seemed to know.

Furthermore, she harbored suspicions about Yuan Silei's purpose for visiting today. Even if Yuan Silei knew about her exam, it seemed unlikely that she came merely to offer well-wishes.

Yuan Silei's face betrayed a hint of awkwardness, but she quickly masked it with a smile and continued, "Hehe, I happened to overhear some teachers from Class F discussing it. I've been wanting to wish you good luck, but I never found the chance. Tomorrow is your college entrance exam, Lengan, and I believe you'll perform exceptionally well."

Ye Lengan leaned back on the sofa, arms crossed, looking at Yuan Silei with a probing gaze. "Yuan Silei, there's no need to act here. Although I don't know your exact purpose for coming, I don't believe a single word you just said."

Yuan Silei's face showed a touch of sadness after Ye Lengan's response.

"Lengan, how can you say that? Even though you refused to help me last time, I didn't blame you. In my heart, we're still good friends."

Ye Lengan coldly chuckled. "Such words, would you believe them if spoken to others? Yuan Silei, why put on a show here? Just state your purpose and save everyone's time."

Confronted with Ye Lengan's unyielding attitude, Yuan Silei found herself at a loss for words.

“If there’s nothing else, please leave!” Ye Lengan was direct. “After all, as you know, I have the college entrance exam tomorrow, and I need to rest early tonight.”

Yuan Silei, feeling a sense of urgency, hastily pulled out a safety talisman from her bag and handed it to Ye Lengan. “Lengan, I know you have misunderstandings about me. However, I still consider you my best friend. I can’t offer much help for your exam tomorrow, but I got this talisman from the Confucius Temple. It’s a small gesture and my best wishes. I hope you accept it.”

Ye Lengan narrowed her eyes, a dark glint appearing. She silently observed the so-called safety talisman but made no move to take it.

Undeterred, Yuan Silei persisted in extending the item. However, with Ye Lengan refusing to accept it, the situation became increasingly awkward. Yuan Silei, nonetheless, stood her ground.

The two remained in a standoff, and the atmosphere in the living room grew tense.

After a prolonged silence, Yuan Silei spoke again. “Lengan, I know you’ve misunderstood me due to Ye Xiyuan’s incident. However, I came here this time solely to give you this talisman. I have no ulterior motives. If you’re worried that I tampered with it, you’re welcome to inspect it.”

Her sincere demeanor lent an air of righteousness to the situation.

Despite Yuan Silei’s explanation, Ye Lengan’s expression remained unrelenting. She looked up at Yuan Silei and asked coldly, “Where did you get this?”

This question almost made Yuan Silei’s expression change dramatically.

However, she quickly composed herself and said with a smile, “Lengan, didn’t

I say it earlier? I specifically went to the Confucius Temple to obtain this.”

“Yuan Silei, I’m not joking with you.” Ye Lengan’s eyes gleamed with a cold light. “I’m not referring to the safety talisman; I’m talking about the medicine soaked into the talisman. Where did you get it?”

“Lengan, what are you talking about!” Yuan Silei appeared upset at the

misunderstanding. “I can assure you that I didn’t tamper with this talisman. If you don’t believe me, you can have it checked by a doctor. Despite our previous misunderstanding, I never blamed you, nor did I have any intention of harming you. How can you think so poorly of me?”

Ye Lengan remained unfazed, her expression unchanged. “I know a doctor won’t find any issues. Not just a doctor, even the most advanced instruments can’t detect it. Because this medicine doesn’t exist in this world.”

Yuan Silei’s eyes widened, her heart racing. Nevertheless, she forced herself to remain calm.

“Lengan, what are you saying? Why can’t I understand a word you’re saying? What medicine doesn’t exist in this world? This isn’t a TV drama. You’re overthinking it.”

“Yuan Silei, I only said it doesn’t exist in this world, but I didn’t deny the existence of this drug.” Ye Lengan sneered at Yuan Silei. “Moreover, while I don’t know where you got this medicine, it seems the person who gave it to you doesn’t think highly of you!”

Yuan Silei was taken aback, but she dared not show it. “Lengan, this is truly just an ordinary protective talisman. I specifically got it from the Confucius Temple to wish you success in tomorrow’s exam.”

She didn’t understand what Ye Lengan meant, but she had an ominous feeling. The medicine given to her by that person seemed peculiar.

Earlier, she had asked Ye Lengan for help to get her family through a crisis, but Ye Lengan coldly rejected her. She harbored resentment and dissatisfaction towards Ye Lengan, but she had no other options.

Unexpectedly, a man appeared and gave her a call. Subsequently, she began conversing with a woman on the other end.

She didn’t know who the person was, but she knew they must have some grievances with Ye Lengan. The person was willing to offer her a substantial amount of money, enough to help her family through the crisis. However, there was a condition. She had to assist in placing a particular medicine near Ye Lengan. It wouldn’t take long, just two to three days.

Yet, she hadn’t figured out how to place the medicine on Ye Leng’an. At school, Ye Lengan treated her like a stranger, not even acknowledging her.. How could she put anything on her?

Chapter 684: Soul Dissipating Powder

In fact, she had considered an alternative – why not secretly act against it? After all, the other party wasn’t sure whether she had truly placed the drug on Ye Lengan.

However, before this idea could fully take root, she received a mysterious phone call. The caller explicitly informed her that failure to adhere to the agreement would result in dire consequences for her family. The caller claimed the capability to either help her family overcome their challenges or plunge them into further distress.

It was only then that she realized her every move was under surveillance.

This revelation left her with no room for wishful thinking. She couldn’t risk gambling with her family’s company. If the other party indeed wrecked her family’s business due to her inaction, she would forever be condemned by her family.

Subsequently, she explored every possible avenue but couldn’t find an opportune moment.

Finally, she stumbled upon a solution when she unintentionally learned about

Ye Leng’an’s upcoming participation in the college entrance exam from Qian Tong.

As Ye Lengan sat up and fixed her gaze on Yuan Silei, a cold smile played on her lips. “Yuan Silei, do you think I’m merely trying to scare you? If so, you’re overestimating yourself. I believe you’ve been carrying this medicine with you for quite some time!”

At this point, Ye Lengan’s smile widened. “Do you want to know what kind of harm this drug will cause to your body?”

Yuan Silei, upon hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, felt her breath quicken. She had noticed that Ye Lengan used the term “harm” instead of “effect.”

Could this drug genuinely harm her body?

She refrained from dwelling on it, fearing that she might inadvertently spill the beans. In doing so, she wouldn't only offend Ye Lengan but also the woman lurking in the shadows.

Observing Yuan Silei's forced composure, Ye Lengan's gaze moved downward from her face and settled on her abdomen. "I think you've been feeling it recently. Pain in your lower abdomen, a chilling sensation, and your menstruation has been irregular lately, hasn't it?"

With each sentence uttered by Ye Lengan, Yuan Silei's complexion grew

increasingly pallid. Every word hit the mark, accurately describing the recent issues with her body. Though not severe, she hadn't paid much attention, planning to consult a traditional Chinese medicine doctor and recover in due time.

Observing the pallor on Yuan Silei's face, Ye Lengan, however, showed no signs of relenting; she continued, "Under the influence of this substance, your uterus has developed issues. I reckon, for the rest of your life, having your own children is likely out of the question."

As Ye Lengan continued, detailing the damage to her uterus, Yuan Silei's composure shattered. Her pupils contracted, panic filled her eyes, and her complexion turned ghostly. She looked on the verge of collapse.

Attempting to speak, her lips trembled, but no sound escaped her throat. The shock had left her in a state of disarray.

Yuan Silei's deeply affected appearance did not elicit a shred of mercy from Ye Lengan. She was well aware that this substance was initially intended for use on her. Even if Yuan Silei might be unaware of its medicinal properties, she surely knew that the substance would have adverse effects on Ye Lengan.

So, she didn't feel sorry for Yuan Silei; she just thought that the other party had brought this upon herself.

Yuan Silei, hearing this, was dealt a severe blow and almost leaped in shock. She looked at Ye Lengan, her voice trembling as she spoke, "Lengan, are you joking? Are you lying to me because you're angry? Right?"

Unable to accept the reality that she, the one who assisted in applying the drug, was now the victim.

"Didn't you insist it was just a simple safety talisman earlier?" Ye Lengan laughed, mocking Yuan Silei. "Why aren't you denying it now?"

Yuan Silei, clinging to a lifeline, retorted, "So, everything you said was a lie, right? You're trying to scare me for revenge."

Despite her words, panic still gripped her.

"No, I didn't lie to you. Everything I said was true." Ye Lengan shattered Yuan Silei's hope without hesitation. "If you don't believe me, you can go to the hospital for a check-up."

This drug was highly detrimental to the body. Apart from damaging the uterus and causing infertility, its main characteristic was annihilating a person's cultivation talent.

Such drugs were generally used by prominent families to punish disciples who betrayed them. However, they were usually administered directly for faster and more intense effects. Nevertheless, even if not ingested, keeping them close for a period also produced similar results.

This type of drug was called Soul Dissipating Powder. Although it wouldn't truly disperse one's soul, it was more than enough to destroy a person's foundation. Typically, even when stored, extreme caution was necessary. It must be sealed and preserved without any leakage, as even the slightest exposure could lead to adverse effects.

However, if not sealed for an extended period, the medicinal effects would gradually leak out and weaken. The substance on the talisman in Yuan Silei's hand had already weakened somewhat. Yet, for ordinary individuals, particularly those with cultivation potential who had yet to commence training, the impact on their potential was significant.

Yuan Silei, lacking cultivation talent, had likely kept the medicine with her all along. Her body must have been significantly affected, rendering her incapable of becoming a mother again in this lifetime.

Ye Leng'an's words plunged Yuan Silei into a figurative hell. She felt an all-encompassing chill, seeing no hope ahead, exuding an air of utter despair.

Observing Yuan Silei's distress, Ye Lengan remained unsympathetic. Clearly, Yuan Silei had been manipulated, and the manipulator cared little for her well-being..

Chapter 685: Harming Others Will Eventually Harm Yourself

Suddenly, Yuan Silei seemed to have a revelation. She lifted her head abruptly, looking at Ye Lengan with a faint glimmer of hope in her eyes. "Lengan, since you've seen through it, do you have a way to help me?"

Just moments ago, Ye Lengan had discerned the deception behind the safety talisman with a single glance. Did this mean she had a solution? Yuan Silei couldn't accept losing her qualification as a mother at such a young age. If she couldn't bear children in the future, how could she ever get married? What family would accept a daughter-in-law or wife unable to conceive?

"Are you joking with me?" Ye Lengan rested her hand on the sofa's armrest, her chin supported by her palm as if she had heard the most absurd joke. "Don't forget, the so-called safety talisman you gave me today was meant to harm me. Why do you think I'd save you? Do I look like a saint?"

Yuan Silei attempted to approach Ye Lengan, but under Ye Leng'an's cold gaze, she halted and stood before her. With a mournful expression, she pleaded, "Leng'an, I beg you, please save me! If I truly can't bear children in the future, my life will be ruined."

She couldn't fathom how she had ended up in this situation. Initially, she only sought to improve her family's circumstances. However, the cost turned out to be her own deteriorating health.

"You initially planned to use this medicine on me. Isn't that also a way to ruin me?" Ye Lengan looked at Yuan Silei with a nonchalant smile. "Now you're just harming yourself in the end. What's there to be resentful about?"

“No, that’s not the case.” Yuan Silei shook her head repeatedly. “Lengan, I genuinely didn’t know the effects of this medicine. If I had known...”

“If you knew, you wouldn’t have used it on me?” Ye Lengan interrupted her. “I believe the person behind this must have offered you considerable benefits! Otherwise, you wouldn’t have desperately used a haphazard method like a safety talisman. So, even if you knew the effects of this medicine, you probably wouldn’t have given up!”

Yuan Silei was left speechless. She wanted to refute it, but the reality was undeniable. Even if she knew the medicine would harm Ye Lengan, she wouldn’t have declined at that time.

Back then, she had no other option. If she refused, she could only watch her family go bankrupt. She would transition from a wealthy young lady to a girl in the slums. Moreover, at that time, Ye Lengan had just rejected her request, intensifying her resentment.

However, had she known the medicine’s effects, she would have been cautious, ensuring not to fall victim to it.

Seeing Yuan Silei’s silence, Ye Lengan continued, “Who is the person behind you?”

As she spoke, Ye Leng’an’s sharp gaze focused on Yuan Silei, seemingly capable of penetrating her thoughts.

Startled, Yuan Silei involuntarily took a step back. However, she quickly composed herself, halting in place.

Even so, she didn’t dare meet Ye Leng’an’s eyes, sensing that all her scheming would be laid bare under her piercing gaze.

“If I tell you, can you help cure my ailment?” Her voice was low, but Ye Lengan heard it clearly. She scoffed, “So, are you bargaining with me?”

“No, I’m not.” Perhaps feeling the weight of her guilt, Yuan Silei softened her tone.

“Lengan, no matter what, you didn’t suffer any harm this time. I’ll reveal who’s behind this, and you’ll help cure my illness, alright?”

“No, Yuan Silei, don’t make it sound so noble. The reason you didn’t harm me wasn’t due to a lack of intention but a lack of capability. Repaying kindness with kindness doesn’t apply here. I’ve never been that kind of person. If you don’t want to disclose it, then please leave!”

After speaking, Ye Lengan gestured towards the direction of the door.

Caught in a dilemma, Yuan Silei felt trapped.

From Ye Lengan’s words, she understood her body was indeed ailing.

However, Ye Lengan claimed there was no such medicine in the world. Could the hospital truly cure her if she sought medical help? Moreover, her biggest concern was that if she went to the hospital, word might spread, jeopardizing her future. Hence, she could only act against Ye Lengan.

Evidently, Ye Lengan was unwilling to assist her under any circumstances. If she divulged everything now, she would be left without any bargaining chips.

Yet, if she remained silent, Ye Lengan wouldn't be willing to continue the conversation.

Considering this, Yuan Silei suddenly asked, "Ye Lengan, can you truly cure my condition? But you're unwilling to help, right?"

She never doubted Ye Leng'an's words. Despite her dissatisfaction and resentment, having grown up together, she knew Ye Leng'an's character well. Therefore, she was certain Ye Lengan wouldn't lie about such matters.

"That's right. Because I truly can't find a reason to help you." Ye Lengan shrugged nonchalantly. "My character isn't benevolent enough. If you try to harm me and I help you instead, that's not kindness but foolishness."

Gritting her teeth, Yuan Silei suddenly knelt in front of Ye Lengan. Lowering her head, she pleaded, "Leng'an, I beg you, please help me! If my body truly can't bear children in the future, then my life will be ruined."

"What does that have to do with me?" Ye Lengan acted as if it had no relevance to her. "How about I give you a suggestion? Go to the person who gave you this medicine. Wouldn't that be better?"

Upon hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Yuan Silei was stunned. It was apparent she hadn't considered this before. Yet, she wasn't certain if she could truly obtain help from that woman..

Chapter 686 - 686. Her Resentment

She wasn't foolish. Judging from the other party's actions, it was evident they didn't care about her at all. Otherwise, there wouldn't be a complete lack of reminders.

"Ye Lengan, what exactly do you want for you to be willing to help me?" Yuan Silei raised her head, gazing fixedly at Ye Lengan, and spoke, "As long as it's something I know, I'm willing to tell you everything, as long as you assist me."

"If you have something to say, say it. If not, forget it." Ye Lengan looked at Yuan Silei coldly and continued, "As for the person behind you, I can definitely find out if I want to. Regarding you, not retaliating against you is already generous. Do you still expect me to waste my energy helping you? I'm not a saint. "

These words left Yuan Silei's face alternating between pale and flush. For a moment, she remained kneeling, uncertain of what to say.

"Yuan Silei, although I'm not aware of the deal between you and the other party, but..." Ye Lengan continued, "However, what the other party wanted you to do was

probably to place this drug on me, right? Now that you've been exposed so quickly, you better figure out how to explain it to them!"

After hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Yuan Silei's heart skipped a beat, and a wave of panic started to spread within her. She had almost forgotten about this matter.

The woman behind her had given her a substantial sum, intending to use her to harm Ye Lengan. However, before she could even begin, she was already discovered.

Earlier, that woman had mentioned that if she failed, her family would once again face the risk of bankruptcy.

Thinking of this, she lost her composure instantly. She had already reached this state, and if there were additional problems at home, she would truly collapse.

Abruptly, Yuan Silei raised her head and looked at Ye Lengan. She spoke immediately, "I don't know who's behind this. She always contacts me by phone. I've never seen her, only knowing that she's a young girl. However, her health doesn't seem to be good. Several times, her voice sounded somewhat weak."

Subsequently, Yuan Silei narrated the entire situation, without daring to conceal anything.

"I've disclosed everything I know. Leng'an, you..."

"I can't." Knowing what Yuan Silei was about to say, Ye Lengan directly interrupted her. "So, please leave! I have an exam tomorrow! I plan to rest early."

Hearing Ye Leng'an's words, Yuan Silei stood up abruptly, her face carrying an accusing expression. "Are you truly this heartless? I've already acknowledged my mistake and told you everything. Why are you still treating me like this?"

"Don't portray yourself as so virtuous." Ye Lengan chuckled coldly. "Do you think I don't understand your intentions in saying all this out loud? You just want me to deal with the mastermind so that you can escape?"

Yuan Silei's expression immediately became unnatural. Clearly, her thoughts had been fully seen through.

She wanted to say something, but Ye Lengan directly called Sister Li to see her off.

As they left the villa, Yuan Silei's complexion turned even darker.

She hadn't anticipated that even after completely abandoning her pride and sincerely kneeling to beg her, Ye Lengan would remain indifferent. She was unwilling to help her at all.

Now, it seemed that her only option was to go to the hospital. Despite the worry about others finding out, she had no other choice.

However, despite having decided to go to the hospital, she remained very anxious. For some reason, she had a vague feeling that the hospital might not be able to help her.

Beyond her own health, her greatest concern was the mysterious woman coming to cause trouble. She hadn't forgotten that the mysterious woman had assisted her family through the crisis to use her against Ye Lengan. But now, she had failed.

No, she hadn't failed.

Yuan Silei's eyes gleamed with determination.

In any case, the mysterious woman didn't know if she had given the item to Ye Lengan. She just needed to insist that she had given it to her.

If the other party truly found out, she could just claim that Ye Lengan had noticed it herself. Moreover...

Thinking of this, Yuan Silei's eyes flashed with intense hatred.

She hadn't forgotten that her body was now facing issues. Because of the drug, her uterus had been damaged, and she might not be able to be a mother in the future.

The cause of all this was not just Ye Lengan but also that mysterious woman. If the mysterious woman hadn't given her this sinister drug, not telling her to take protective measures, she wouldn't have paid the price with her health.

Whether it was Ye Lengan or the mysterious woman, she wished for their demise.

Now that she had revealed everything, even if Ye Lengan couldn't discover the identity of that mysterious woman, the head of the Huangfu family behind Ye Lengan would undoubtedly be able to.

After all, the Huangfu family's strength was so formidable that uncovering the person behind the scenes would be an easy task. Once they knew who it was, Ye Lengan would undoubtedly not let them go.

At that time, regardless of the kind of conflict that would unfold between Ye Lengan and the mysterious woman, she would find satisfaction in the outcome.

Of course, if both of them ended up harmed, she would be even happier.

Thinking of this, Yuan Silei couldn't help but quicken her pace.

She intended to return home and rest well, then go to the hospital early the next morning for an examination before deciding the next course of action.

After Yuan Silei left, Ye Lengan didn't immediately go upstairs. She sat on the sofa, gazing at the protective talisman on the coffee table, her eyes dark.

From Yuan Silei's words, she already had a rough idea of who was behind all this.

She hadn't expected that her inaction would provoke such impatience. Nevertheless, since the other party had taken action, they shouldn't blame her for not holding back.

It seemed that some matters needed to be resolved promptly.

After the college entrance examination, she should revisit the Hidden World to address the issue that should have been resolved long ago..

Chapter 687: The College Entrance Examination

Yuan Silei's matter had no impact on Ye Lengan whatsoever.

The next day, she energetically attended the college entrance examination.

For her, the college entrance examination was a straightforward affair. In the following two days, she remained focused solely on the examination, dismissing any other thoughts.

Ye Leng'an's participation in the exam was discreet, and most students in the school were oblivious to that.

On the contrary, Ye Xiyuan was far from discreet. She was, in fact, quite conspicuous.

Originally a first-year student that year, Ye Xiyuan unexpectedly skipped to the third year in the second semester. Furthermore, she consistently ranked at the top of her class. Almost the entire Shengan High School was aware of her presence.

Despite previous disruptions caused by Li Qiaomeng's incident, which exposed many aspects of her life, Ye Xiyuan's outstanding grades continued to attract significant attention.

This college entrance examination represented a chance for Ye Xiyuan to reverse her fortunes. Due to preceding events, her position within the Ye family seemed precarious. If not for her association with Nangong Riming, her standing in the family would likely have diminished.

Throughout her time in the third year of high school, she consistently excelled in joint exams. Having experienced this in her past life, the details were somewhat forgotten, but diligent recollection during this period allowed her to perform well each time.

A month before the college entrance examination, she diligently began recalling past questions. Anything that came to mind, she immediately transcribed and sought answers. She was now entirely confident that she could achieve the best results. She aspired to secure the top spot, and even if that eluded her, a place in the top ten was well within her confidence. With Ye Xiyuan's impressive academic record and top rankings in joint exams, the Ye family had already begun widespread promotion before the college entrance examination. They believed this examination posed no challenge for

Ye Xiyuan.

Both Ye Li and Lin Wanqin, whether intentionally or unintentionally, promoted Ye Xiyuan's favorable reputation. Praise from others would significantly satisfy their vanity. Consequently, many were eager to see the results of Ye Xiyuan's performance in the college entrance examination.

After completing the first day of the examination, Ye Lengan calmly left the hall and boarded Huangfu Ruiling's car.

"How did it go?" Huangfu Ruiling handed Ye Lengan a water bottle and asked, "Were the questions difficult?"

"Quite simple." Ye Lengan considered for a moment before adding, "Probably a bit more challenging than the set of questions from my memory!"

She possessed a good memory. Even though she took the college entrance examination two years later in her previous life, she had practiced previous years' questions. To ensure fairness, she had Huangfu Ruiling intervene to make this year's questions entirely different.

She believed that having advance knowledge of the questions was unfair to other candidates. After years of arduous study for the college entrance examination, she aimed to foster fair competition.

Upon hearing Ye Lengan's response, Huangfu Ruiling chuckled. "Seems like you're very confident about becoming the top scorer in this college entrance examination."

"Absolutely." Ye Lengan was self-assured. "Let's not dwell on this. Let's go eat!

I'm hungry."

Observing Ye Lengan's expression, Huangfu Ruiling shook his head with amusement.

Meanwhile, Ye Xiyuan, emerging from another examination hall, presented a contrasting picture. Her complexion was unsightly, almost pallid.

She felt an icy chill throughout her body as if plunged into an ice cellar.

Recalling the recently completed exam, Ye Xiyuan felt distressed. The questions on the paper were entirely different from what she remembered.

Confronted with these unexpected questions, she was at a loss. Picking up the pen, she had no idea how to proceed. At that moment, her mind was a blank slate, incapable of coherent thought.

Upon regaining composure, she realized the test's difficulty surpassed those she had practiced before. Her recent focus on memorizing answers had left her unprepared for the rigorous revision required. Consequently, she was clueless about answering many questions.

Leaving the examination hall, she sensed weakness in her steps. She had even forgotten what she had written on the paper.

"Xiyuan, what happened?" Lin Wanqin, who had come to pick her up, noticed her pale countenance and asked with concern, "You don't look well. Did something happen?"

As she spoke, her gaze involuntarily fell on Ye Xiyuan's left hand.

Ever since Li Qiaomeng's attack, Ye Xiyuan's left hand had suffered lasting effects. Until now, it remained weak, barely functional. Despite visiting numerous hospitals, including prominent ones overseas, there had been no improvement.

"I'm fine." Sensing Lin Wanqin's gaze, Ye Xiyuan's eyes flashed with displeasure. She subtly shifted her body, saying, "I just finished the exam, and my brain is exhausted. I feel a bit lightheaded."

Since the incident with her left hand, she preferred not to have it brought up. Lin Wanqin's overt focus on her hand made her uncomfortable. Yet, as it was her mother, she refrained from voicing her discomfort.

Lin Wanqin also noticed Ye Xiyuan's evasion. She appeared somewhat uneasy and smiled. "So, was today's test challenging? How did you fare?"

Chapter 688: An Eye for An Eye

Upon hearing Lin Wanqin's inquiry, a flicker of guilt crossed Ye Xiyuan's eyes. She maintained a calm demeanor and replied, "It's just like that. Can't say it was too challenging."

She sensed that today's exam was a disaster, but admitting that was out of the question. She understood the high expectations her parents held for her, especially given the recent attention on her. Many awaited eagerly to see her stellar performance in the college entrance exam.

She found herself in a precarious situation, unable to disclose any vulnerabilities. As for the future, she decided to deal with it when the time came. The exam results wouldn't be out so quickly, allowing her some time to strategize.

"That's fantastic." Lin Wanqin beamed with joy. "Xiyuan, I knew you'd achieve great results. I'll make sure everyone sees what an outstanding daughter I have."

Ye Xiyuan wore a smile, but her inner turmoil was palpable.

"Let's not dwell on this. We should head back soon!" Ye Xiyuan urged, "I'm quite tired and would like to rest."

"Alright, alright, let's head back immediately," Lin Wanqin said with a beaming smile. "Make sure to tell your dad tonight that you did exceptionally well. He'll surely be thrilled."

She could almost envision the congratulatory messages she would receive when the exam results were out. Soon, everyone would envy her for having such an exceptional daughter.

Ye Xiyuan grew even more anxious but had to maintain a facade of composure. 'Got it, let's go!'

Lin Wanqin readily agreed, patting Ye Xiyuan on the shoulder and continuing, "Rest well, Xiyuan. You have two more exams tomorrow! Recharge your energy and give your best."

Upon hearing Lin Wanqin's encouraging words, Ye Xiyuan felt as if she had plummeted to the abyss.

The thought of tomorrow's exams evoked a strong impulse to escape. She harbored no hope now; the test papers today differed from her recollections. What about tomorrow's papers?

Ye Xiyuan boarded the car in a daze, her entire body cold, yet she dared not show any sign of distress.

On another front, Ye Lengan and Huangfu Ruiling had reached the restaurant. As they entered the private room, dishes were promptly served.

"Did you pre-order these?" Ye Lengan asked as she savored the food that Huangfu Ruiling had placed in her bowl. "You're quite considerate!"

"I knew you'd be hungry." Huangfu Ruiling chuckled. "Moreover, you have exams tomorrow! Finish your meal early and go back to rest!"

Ye Lengan nodded, changing the topic. "The college entrance exams will conclude tomorrow. Let's find time to visit the Hidden World after that!"

Hearing this suggestion, Huangfu Ruiling was momentarily taken aback. He nodded, asking, "Sure. But why the sudden change of heart? Weren't you planning to postpone it?"

"Humph," Ye Lengan sneered. "Because some people couldn't restrain themselves; they've nested like a magpie in someone else's nest for so long that they now consider it their own and want to oust the original owner."

Huangfu Ruiling furrowed his brow and asked directly, "Did something happen?"

Ye Lengan hadn't informed Huangfu Ruiling about the events of that night, so he remained unaware.

Furthermore, Huangfu Ruiling had never contemplated monitoring Ye Lengan's life. Unless she voluntarily shared details, Huangfu Ruiling would remain oblivious to what transpired around her.

Ye Lengan recounted everything that occurred that night.

After listening, Huangfu Ruiling's eyes betrayed a cold gleam. "It was Ye Wanwan."

His unequivocal tone indicated that he had already ascribed the mastermind role to Ye Wanwan. No reasoning or evidence was required.

"I believe so. Besides her, I can't think of anyone else willing to go to such lengths to harm me." Ye Lengan laughed coldly. "And using such methods, no less."

"Are you planning to reveal the truth to Ye Hongxuan?!" Huangfu Ruiling raised his eyebrows. "This will undoubtedly stir up a storm in the Ye family."

"The bomb is already planted; it will inevitably detonate." Ye Lengan shrugged, nonchalant. "Besides, after all these years, Ye Hongxuan has raised someone else's daughter. He needs to know the truth!"

As for the reactions of Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu, she cared little.

Huangfu Ruiling nodded and continued, "And what about Ye Wanwan? Do you intend to let her off?"

Ye Lengan, no matter how one looked at her, wasn't one to tolerate such setbacks.

"Do you think I'd swallow this loss?" Ye Lengan curled her lips into a cold smile. "I'll give her a taste of her own medicine. She wanted to ruin my cultivation talent and my body. It's only fair that I use the same method on her, isn't it?"

She evaded the situation due to her ability. If Ye Wanwan possessed the capability to avoid this incident, then their debt would be considered settled.

Huangfu Ruiling understood. "So, what identity do you plan to use?"

Would it be Ye Lengan's identity or the fiancée of Huangfu Ruiling, Ye An'an?

"I'll use Ye Lengan's identity." Ye Lengan made a swift decision. "Moreover, when Ye Wanwan found out about me, she only knew me as Ye Lengan, right?"

Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "Then I'll use Huangfu Ruilings identity to accompany you! I'll inform the Grand Elder first and arrange everything." Ye Lengan nodded. Suddenly, as if recalling something, her expression turned serious. She asked, "By the way, any progress on the matter with that evil cultivator?"

Upon hearing her question, Huangfu Ruilings expression changed. He shook his head, replying, "The evil cultivator is operating very covertly. The major families have started investigating the missing disciples, but there's been no progress. Moreover, most of those missing are rogue cultivators or outer sect disciples. Tracing them won't be easy."

"It seems that the evil cultivator is quite cautious!" Ye Lengan frowned. "No wonder it remained undiscovered for so many years. If it weren't for Li Yiran's incident and our trip to the southern boundaries, this matter might not have come to light.."

Chapter 689: A Surprise

"The Enforcement Team has been investigating." Huangfu Ruilings eyes glinted with a hint of mystery as he continued, "It's just that the evil cultivator is well hidden. Moreover... I have a feeling that he might be more active in the mortal world, doing things that defy common sense."

Ye Leng'an nodded in agreement. "Indeed, operating in the mortal world provides better concealment, making it less likely to be discovered."

After all, individuals from the Hidden World rarely paid attention to mundane affairs. The Hidden World was not overly concerned with the disappearances in the mortal world.

Therefore, persecution in the mortal world was likely more prevalent than in the Hidden World.

Clearly, Huangfu Ruiling had considered this. "The Enforcement Team has initiated investigations across the mortal world. Once any clues are discovered, they will be reported immediately."

Ye Leng'an nodded without further comment.

Perhaps due to the weightiness of the topic, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan fell into a thoughtful silence. They quietly finished their dinner without exchanging more words.

After the meal, Huangfu Ruiling escorted Ye Lengan back home. The car was parked at the villa entrance, and the two bid their farewells.

"Don't dwell on it. Take a good rest." Huangfu Ruiling looked at Ye Lengan, extended his hand to tousle her hair, and smiled. "After tomorrow's exam, let's celebrate."

Hearing this, Ye Lengan chuckled. "What's there to celebrate? It's just an exam."

"Trust me this time." Huangfu Ruiling gazed at Ye Lengan, continuing, "Do well in the exam. Tomorrow night, I'll have a surprise for you."

"Sure!" Ye Lengan nodded, then blinked, looking at Huangfu Ruiling curiously.

"What's the surprise?"

“I said it’s a surprise!” Huangfu Ruiling reached out and playfully flicked Ye Leng’an’s nose, smiling as he said, “If I tell you in advance, it won’t be much of a surprise!”

Despite feeling intrigued, Ye Lengan refrained from further questions.

Watching Ye Lengan enter the villa, Huangfu Ruiling’s warm expression immediately turned cold. He glanced at Li San in front of him and ordered, “Let’s go!”

After Ye Lengan returned home, she took a shower and went straight to bed to rest.

While Ye Lengan enjoyed a peaceful night’s sleep, Ye Xiyuan, another character, tossed and turned in bed, unable to fall asleep.

Though lying down, sleep eluded her, especially when contemplating the impending exam. The uncertainty of what awaited her after the college entrance exam results haunted her thoughts.

She dared not imagine what kind of storm awaited her when the college entrance exam results were released. Many people around her were closely monitoring her performance, especially considering that she had skipped from the first year directly to the third year to participate in this year’s college entrance exam. If her results were not satisfactory, everything she had done would become a substantial joke.

Almost until daybreak, Ye Xiyuan struggled to fall asleep. However, shortly after managing to doze off, she was abruptly awakened by the alarm clock.

With a weary face, Ye Xiyuan yawned her way to the dining room.

Breakfast was already prepared, and Ye Li and Lin Wanqin were waiting at the table. Clearly, they attached great importance to Ye Xiyuan’s college entrance exam.

Ye Li frowned upon seeing Ye Xiyuan’s exhausted appearance, reproachfully remarking, “Xiyuan, did you stay up late last night?”

Startled by Ye Li’s question, Ye Xiyuan hesitated for a moment before forcing herself to appear alert. “No, I went to bed early.”

Though she had indeed gone to bed early, sleep had eluded her.

“Early to bed?” Ye Li’s tone was less than favorable. “Look at those dark circles.

You could be mistaken for a panda.”

“Honey, that’s enough. Don’t say more,” Lin Wanqin quickly interjected. “Xiyuan did go to bed early. Perhaps she couldn’t sleep well due to nervousness. She has an exam today!”

This was a subtle reminder to Ye Li not to make reproachful comments that could affect Ye Xiyuan’s mood, especially on the day of her exam.

Ye Li paused, and his tone softened. “Alright, let’s not talk so much. Hurry and have breakfast! After that, we’ll accompany you to the exam venue.”

Hearing this, Ye Xiyuan was momentarily taken aback. She looked up with an unnatural expression. “No need, Dad, Mom. I can go alone. It’s just an exam. Nothing serious.”

Had this proposal been made yesterday, Ye Xiyuan would have been thrilled. It signified her parents' value for her. However, today she felt a tinge of guilt. If she didn't achieve good results, what her parents did might become a basis for blaming her!

"No problem; we have time." Lin Wanqin smiled. "Besides, your college entrance exam is a big deal! Once the results are out, we'll celebrate and let everyone know that I have such an outstanding daughter."

Ye Xiyuan initially intended to refuse but was cut off by Ye Li.

"Finish your breakfast quickly!" Ye Li said directly, "Don't delay the exam." The words of refusal lingered on her tongue, but she couldn't utter them.

Ultimately, Ye Xiyuan could only silently eat her breakfast, making a concerted effort to compose herself for the impending exam.

Time passed swiftly, and the college entrance exam concluded.

Outside the exam hall, the third-year students, regardless of their performance, breathed sighs of relief. After all, they were well aware of their usual academic standing. Miraculous transformations during the college entrance exam were rare.

When Ye Xiyuan exited the exam hall, her steps were feeble. Despite expecting differences in today's questions, she clung to a glimmer of hope.

However, when she received the exam questions, all her hopes were dashed. The questions were different and more challenging than she remembered.

Given her subpar revision and the heightened difficulty of the questions, coupled with inadequate rest the previous night, she felt completely lost during the exam, unable to conjure any answers.

She believed her performance was worse than the previous day.

Yet, upon spotting Lin Wanqin waiting at the entrance, Ye Xiyuan swiftly adjusted her emotions, approaching with a smile..

Chapter 690: A Private Restaurant

Unlike Ye Xiyuan's guilt, Ye Lengan felt no different after stepping out of the exam hall than on any other day. For her, the college entrance exam was just a routine test.

Exiting the exam hall, she spotted Huangfu Ruiling sitting in a wheelchair beside a Rolls-Royce not far away, patiently waiting.

Approaching, she greeted, "Have you been waiting long?"

"Not at all, just arrived," replied Huangfu Ruiling with a smile. "Shall we go? I'll take you for dinner."

Quickly boarding the car, Ye Lengan observed the changing scenery outside and asked Huangfu Ruiling, "Where are we going for dinner?"

The route didn't seem to lead to the bustling center of the capital city but rather to the outskirts. She wondered if there were any dining places in the suburbs.

Huangfu Ruiling smiled mysteriously and said, "Today, we're going to a special place to celebrate the end of your college entrance exam."

Raising an eyebrow at his enigmatic demeanor, Ye Lengan refrained from further questions.

Thirty minutes later, the car stopped outside a courtyard on the outskirts.

Huangfu Ruiling exited the car, walked to the other side, and opened the door, extending his hand. "My princess, please step out!"

Ye Lengan found his actions amusing, but she was not. "This is a renowned private restaurant," explained Huangfu Ruiling. "The owner is said to be the descendant of a royal chef, serving only one table of guests daily."

Interlocking hands, they entered the courtyard.

Li San did not follow.

"Why not use the wheelchair today?" Ye Lengan asked curiously as they walked.

"Aren't you afraid of being seen?"

"There are no outsiders here," Huangfu Ruiling explained, smiling. "And I don't necessarily need the wheelchair."

"Huh?" She found it strange. "Then why have you been using it?"

"Out of habit," replied he. "Initially, I couldn't stand up. Later, it was to keep a low profile. And eventually, it became a habit. Besides, this is a private restaurant, and we are the only guests today. No outsiders."

After this explanation, Ye Lengan felt a bit speechless. She had speculated about why Huangfu Ruiling, who had no leg problems, always used a wheelchair. She had considered many reasons but never thought it was out of habit.

The courtyard's scenery was beautiful, with a garden filled with precious flowers and a small pond in the center. At dusk, the setting sun's glow cast a serene atmosphere.

While Ye Lengan admired the view, Huangfu Ruiling led her through a corridor to an elegant room.

In the room's center was a table, but the most eye-catching elements were the decorations.

"This owner is really wealthy!" Ye Lengan sighed as she looked around. "Are these vases and paintings antiques? Each one must cost at least a million! Is he not afraid of them getting damaged here?"

"This private restaurant is selective with its clientele. How else could they have only one table of guests daily?" Huangfu Ruiling said. "The diners here are cultured; they won't do such things. And if something breaks, the customers are willing to compensate."

Understanding, Ye Lengan nodded. "True. But this boss has quite the personality!"

Huangfu Ruiling smiled without responding.

The two sat down quickly.

Since it was a reserved private restaurant, the dishes arrived promptly upon their arrival.

As Ye Lengan beheld the meticulously arranged, aromatic dishes on the table, she felt her taste buds awakening. She picked up a piece of meat and tasted it.

After savoring it, her eyes widened, and she immediately put a piece of meat in Huangfu Ruiling's bowl. "Ling, try it! It's really delicious! No wonder this boss has such a personality; his skills are impressive!"

She considered it the most delicious dish she had ever tasted. When she heard it was prepared by the descendant of an imperial chef, her interest had already been piqued. Now, she was certain she had made the right choice coming here.

Observing Ye Lengan sharing the delectable food, Huangfu Ruiling's eyes softened with a gentle smile. "Alright, if you like it, we can come here more often in the future."

"But didn't you say there's only one table per day?" Ye Lengan blinked and smiled. "It must be hard to book!"

"As long as you want, you can come and dine anytime," Huangfu Ruiling spoke casually, stating a fact. "I'll arrange it."

"No need." Ye Lengan shook her head. "Although the food is delicious, it's not something I'd want to indulge in regularly. Besides, the boss is quite principled. It's better not to break his rules."

If she were to come, wouldn't she take someone else's reservation? That wouldn't be fair!

After hearing Ye Lengan's words, Huangfu Ruiling smiled and shook his head. Then he said, "I won't break the boss's rules. Even if you come, you won't take someone else's reservation."

"Huh?" Ye Lengan was momentarily stunned before bursting into laughter. "I thought the boss here was very principled!"

Turns out, she had overthought.

"What were you thinking?" Huangfu Ruiling smiled, explaining, "I used to help the boss here. So, as long as I like it, I can come for dinner anytime. I'll let the boss know. You can come whenever you want."

Ye Lengan stuck out her tongue, rolled her eyes at Huangfu Ruiling, and said, "Why didn't you say so earlier? I thought you were trying to take advantage of others!"

"What nonsense!" Huangfu Ruiling extended his hand, lightly knocking on Ye

Lengan's forehead. "Am I that kind of person?"