

Full-Level 691

Chapter 691: His Proposal

“Yes, you are just like that!” Ye Lengan nodded solemnly, acknowledging the statement. Then, with a serious expression, she nodded again. “Don’t you have any self-awareness?”

Watching her, Huangfu Ruiling’s eyes revealed a hint of fondness. He extended his hand, lightly tapping her forehead. “Mischievous!” Ye Lengan stuck out her tongue but remained silent.

Amidst the joyful atmosphere, the two finished their dinner.

Ye Lengan was quite content with the meal, appreciating the chefs remarkable skills.

“Shall we take a stroll outside?” Huangfu Ruiling suggested, looking at Ye Lengan with a smile. “The scenery is still lovely.”

Glancing outside, Ye Lengan remarked, “It’s already dark. What can we see?” “You’ll know when we go out!” Huangfu Ruiling chuckled.

They soon left the room and headed to the garden through the corridor.

Upon entering the garden, Ye Lengan was momentarily stunned by the sight.

The garden, originally shrouded in darkness, was now adorned with starlight. The radiant flowers, complemented by the starry glow, became even more enchanting. Notably, amidst the flowers, fireflies danced, adding a touch of mystery to the beautiful scene.

“The scenery here is truly wonderful!” Ye Lengan took a deep breath and smiled. “Although we’re in the outskirts, finding such views in the capital city is indeed rare!”

Huangfu Ruiling smiled. “That’s why I suggested you could come here whenever you like! ”

“It’s indeed a place worth visiting regularly.” Ye Lengan smiled. “Great food and beautiful scenery make it very pleasant.”

“Do you like the flowers here?” Huangfu Ruiling asked with a smile. “The boss specially orders these flowers from abroad. Planting them took quite some effort! ”

After a glance, Ye Lengan nodded with a smile. “I like them! Are you planning to create a flower sea for me too?”

“As long as you like it.” Huangfu Ruiling nodded and continued, “But before that, let me pick one for you.”

With swift movements, Huangfu Ruiling plucked a flower.

Observing his quick action, Ye Lengan wanted to intervene but was too late, She sighed and said, “We came here to eat, and now we’re destroying the flowers. Do you think the boss will blacklist us?”

“It won’t happen,” Huangfu Ruiling assured, handing the flower to Ye Lengan,
“This is a one-time thing. I believe the boss won’t mind. Take it. See if you like it. ”

Accepting the rose from Huangfu Ruiling, Ye Lengan rolled her eyes playfully.

“Come to think of it, this seems to be the first time you’ve given me flowers!

It’s truly a day worth remembering!’

She moved closer, intending to smell the flower. However, upon getting closer, she was taken aback. There was a gleam inside the flower.

Extending her hand towards the shimmer, she discovered a ring on her finger.

The ring appeared to be an ordinary diamond ring, but its design was unique, Yet, what made it special was the spiritual energy emanating from it.

“What’s this?” Ye Lengan looked up at Huangfu Ruiling with a hint of confusion but anticipation in her eyes.

Huangfu Ruiling took the ring from Ye Lengan, then knelt on one knee, looking up at her with deep affection. “Anan, will you marry me? In fact, I’ve considered many ways to propose and read numerous guides online. However, in the end, I decided to propose to you in the simplest way. Just as I love you because you’re you, without any additional factors. The first time I saw you, I just thought you were interesting. But at some point, my eyes and heart belonged entirely to you. All your emotions influence mine. Although the future is long, as long as I think of you by my side, I’ll never feel lonely. I hope you’ll entrust your future to me. From now on, I’ll only cherish you. I’ll be there for your happiness and sorrow, witness the world’s prosperity and life’s changes, and accompany you through every season.”

Listening to Huangfu Ruiling’s words, Ye Lengan’s heart felt sweet, and her eyes sparkled.

She hadn’t expected such a surprise from him. While discussing engagement before, she had mentioned it, but it was more of a casual mention. She never imagined that Huangfu Ruiling would propose to her on the day of her college entrance examination.

The proposal wasn’t grand, and lacked witnesses, but her heart swelled, and even her eyes became a bit teary.

This formidable man, who never bowed to anyone, was kneeling in front of her today, expressing his sincerity. Such genuine intentions were enough to move her.

Huangfu Ruiling didn’t rush for Ye Lengan’s answer, maintaining a quiet kneel, waiting patiently.

Ye Lengan extended her left hand, a radiant smile appearing on her face.

A simple response was like a blooming array of flowers before Huangfu Ruiling’s eyes. Despite being confident that Ye Lengan wouldn’t refuse, the wait had made him uneasy.

His proposal wasn’t grand or romantic – rather, it was simplistically absurd. Thus, he was uncertain whether Ye Lengan would appreciate this approach.

Certainly, he could have opted for a more romantic method. Yet, in the end, he chose to convey his sincerity through the simplest means.

Now, with Ye Leng'an's affirmative response, the anxiety that hung in his heart finally dissipated..

Chapter 692: A Grand Firework Display

Not sure if it was due to nervousness, but Huangfu Ruilings hands trembled a bit as he placed the ring on Ye Leng'an's left index finger. After a few attempts, he successfully slid the ring onto her finger.

Observing his demeanor, Ye Lengan found it amusing. She extended her hand, pulling Huangfu Ruiling up.

Even after standing up, Huangfu Ruilings steps were somewhat unsteady. He swayed a few times before finally steadying himself.

Ye Lengan couldn't help but smirk, "Looks like you're really nervous!"

"Of course." Huangfu Ruiling gazed at Ye Lengan. He wasn't being insincere but spoke calmly, "This is my first time doing something like this. I don't know if you'll agree, so I must be nervous."

Hearing this, Ye Lengan rolled her eyes, saying in a mockingly annoyed tone,

"The first time? Don't tell me you're expecting a second or third?"

Looking at her, Huangfu Ruiling calmly added, "Actually, I've prepared several plans. If you don't like this proposal, I have other options to try."

Ye Leng'an's eyes widened. "You've prepared several plans?"

"Yes." Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "Because I'm not sure what kind of approach you'd prefer, I naturally had to prepare alternatives."

Ye Lengan couldn't help but burst into laughter. , "Well, I guess you're quite lucky. Because on your first attempt, I accepted your proposal."

Initially a jest, Huangfu Ruiling surprisingly nodded earnestly. "Indeed, I am very lucky."

Observing Huangfu Ruilings response, Ye Lengan found herself truly at a loss for words.

At that moment, the sky suddenly echoed with a series of bangs.

Ye Lengan looked up, witnessing a burst of fireworks unfolding across the sky.

The myriad colors of the fireworks intertwined, creating a dazzling display, and turning the sky into a radiant sea of light. After a while, they transformed into gem-like stars embedded in the night, gradually descending as a beautiful starlight waterfall.

"This is..." Ye Leng'an's eyes held a hint of surprise.

"To celebrate the successful proposal." Huangfu Ruiling reached out, placing his hand on Ye Leng'an's shoulder. His voice, magnetic and deep, resonated. "It's also a token

of gratitude for accepting my proposal. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your future.”

Ye Lengan beamed.

The fireworks spectacle delighted the entire capital city.

The dazzling display illuminated half the sky, captivating nearly everyone in the city. The event even received coverage on television, sparking speculation about which tycoon could have orchestrated it, possibly emptying an entire fireworks factory!

The spectacle continued for a full hour, leaving many curious about the cause behind such a grand fireworks display.

Some even capitalized on the moment to confess or successfully propose, turning the night into a memorable one for many couples.

The fireworks display promised to be a topic of conversation for a long time.

Yet, joy for some brought sorrow for others. Despite the captivating display, some couldn't find joy in the moment.

One such person was Yuan Silei.

In her room, Yuan Silei wore a gloomy expression, paying no attention to the fireworks outside. Regardless of their beauty, they failed to capture her interest.

Earlier, Ye Lengan had mentioned severe damage to her uterus, suggesting she might be unable to conceive in the future. Initially hopeful, she had visited various renowned hospitals in the capital for a cure.

After extensive examinations, the results echoed Ye Lengan's statement.

Frustratingly, all the doctors unanimously declared her condition untreatable.

Now, she knew Ye Lengan was her only lifeline. Yet, she hesitated to seek her help, fearing further humiliation. Even if she did, Ye Lengan wouldn't extend assistance; her actions might only invite more disgrace.

Her predicament left her torn.

While Ye Lengan represented her only hope, Yuan Silei resisted approaching her again, anticipating scorn. Yet, her future seemed bleak without her health. No affluent family would accept an infertile woman. Even if she concealed it and married into a prosperous family, a childless life loomed unhappily.

More distressing than her health was her family's indifference.

Despite her visible distress, no one in the family noticed. Even her mother didn't inquire. Her family's apathy stung, given her sacrifices for their well-being. She questioned if her efforts were worthwhile.

Lost in her contemplation, a sweet ringtone jolted her back to reality. Answering instinctively, she heard the familiar voice, sparking an intense surge of hatred.

“Did you do what I asked?”

Despite her resentment, Yuan Silei fought to maintain composure. In the calmest tone possible, she responded, "I've placed the medicine in a protective talisman and given it to Ye Lengan. I instructed her to wear it constantly."

After a brief silence, the voice returned. "Will she really wear the talisman you gave her? Yuan Silei, are you trying to deceive me? Remember, your family's fate remains in my hands. If you can't fulfill it, don't blame me for being harsh.."

Chapter 693: A Threat

The nonchalant tone at the other end of the phone reignited the hatred Yuan Silei had struggled to suppress. Without much thought, she blurted out, "Will the medicine you gave me have any impact on my body?"

However, the moment the words left her mouth, regret washed over her. She covered her mouth, desperately wishing to take back what she had just said. She feared the other party might grow suspicious after hearing that.

Sure enough, a prolonged silence followed her impulsive remark, leaving Yuan Silei on edge.

"What do you mean?" she asked.

After a considerable pause, the female voice asked again, "What are you suspecting? Or do you want to know something?"

"No," Yuan Silei quickly denied. She realized she had been too hasty and adjusted her tone, saying, "I just find it a bit peculiar. You asked me to find a way to deliver the medicine to Ye Lengan, but she doesn't need to ingest it. You just want her to keep it with her for a while. Does that mean the medicine has an effect as long as it's nearby? I've been carrying this medicine for some time. Will it affect my body?"

She added, trying to maintain a calm tone to avoid arousing suspicion. Despite her deep-seated hatred for the other party, she knew she couldn't afford to provoke them now.

If she genuinely desired retaliation, the only option was to wait for Ye Lengan to retaliate against the other party. She couldn't do anything herself. If she was detected, it might bring disaster to her family instead.

The female voice responded indifferently, "This won't affect your body. No need to worry. However, are you sure Ye Lengan will wear that talisman? Don't forget our deal. If you can't make it happen, then..."

Interrupting the other party, Yuan Silei rushed to assure, "Ye Lengan has already promised to wear it. But, you know, I can't control whether she'll actually wear it! I can't be with her 24/7, keeping an eye on her!"

"That's not my concern," the cold female voice replied. "If you couldn't fulfill it back then, you shouldn't have agreed. Since you promised, you must follow through. I can't let all my efforts go to waste!"

Despite her intense resentment upon hearing the earlier words, Yuan Silei managed to control her anger at the other party's shamelessness. There was a clear issue with her health, yet the other party continued to lie through their teeth. If Yuan Silei hadn't visited the hospital for a check-up, she might have been deceived.

Taking a deep breath to calm herself, Yuan Silei questioned, "I've done what you asked. You're not renegeing on our deal, right? If you do anything to my family, I won't just sit idly by."

A cold laugh echoed from the other end. "Are you threatening me? Do you think you have the ability to threaten me?"

"I may not have much ability, but I'm not an ignorant girl," Yuan Silei retorted.

"I don't know the nature of your relationship with Ye Lengan, but I doubt you want her to know someone is trying to harm her secretly!"

The response from the other side included infuriated panting sounds, indicating the other party's anger.

"You've decided to be my enemy, haven't you?" The other party's tone turned colder. "Do you really believe you can resist my revenge?"

Although fear gripped her, Yuan Silei forced herself to remain calm. "I have no intention of becoming your enemy. You've helped our family, and you're considered a benefactor. I'm grateful. But if you want to harm my family, I can't just watch. As long as you don't harm my family, I promise not to reveal anything about you to Ye Lengan."

With a sense of guilt, Yuan Silei nervously awaited the other party's response. Despite her firm words, she knew the other party's influence far surpassed her family's.

"Hehe, as long as you do what I say, I won't touch your family." The cold laughter continued. "If you dare utter a word to Ye Lengan, I won't just retract

my assistance. I'll also demand interest. Should anything happen to your family then, don't regret it."

Yuan Silei felt as though she had plunged into an ice cellar. She hadn't expected the other party to be so ruthless. Any action on her part would not only result in the withdrawal of assistance but also put her family's lives at risk.

"How dare you..." Yuan Silei's voice trembled. "This is a society governed by law. If you act recklessly, the police won't let you off."

"A society governed by law?" the other party scoffed. "Do you think what you've done for me aligns with the law? You can't even abide by the law yourself, yet here you are, threatening me. Go ahead, see if this so-called society governed by law can protect your family."

Fear consumed Yuan Silei. She regretted her impulsive words. She hastily assured, "I won't say anything to Ye Lengan. Not a word. But you mustn't harm my family either, or we'll face it head-on."

“As long as you know what’s good for you, I don’t want to harm your family.

But if you fail to appreciate my kindness, don’t blame me for being ruthless..”

Chapter 694: The Bargaining Chip

Even after ending the call, Yuan Silei was left with lingering trepidation.

The resentment she harbored before the phone call had now transformed into sheer panic. She hadn’t anticipated the ruthlessness of the other party, using the lives of her entire family as leverage.

She had no doubt that the other party was capable of such actions. The drugs they provided were evidence enough that they were no ordinary individuals.

If they could procure such potent substances, taking the lives of her family would be a simple task for them. Just a bit of poison from the other party, and her entire family would perish silently.

Her foremost concern now was the possibility that the other party knew she had disclosed everything to Ye Lengan. If that were the case, her family would be genuinely at risk. The other party wouldn’t spare them, and it wouldn’t merely result in the bankruptcy of their family enterprise; it might cost them their lives.

Absolutely not. She couldn’t let that woman find out that she had already confided everything to Ye Leng’an.

It seemed that she could no longer procrastinate. Tomorrow, she would seek out Ye Lengan. Firstly, she must ensure that Ye Lengan didn’t reveal the information she shared with that mysterious woman. Secondly, with her current ailment, only Ye Lengan could offer any assistance.

Therefore, regardless of the probable futility of this trip, she had to undertake it – for her family and for herself.

Even though she was well aware that this visit might only result in humiliation, having knelt before Ye Lengan last time without any effect, she anticipated a similar outcome this time.

Nevertheless, even in the face of potential failure, she had to proceed – for her family and, above all, for herself.

That night, Ye Leng’an expected difficulty falling asleep. Surprisingly, after getting into bed, she quickly slipped into a dreamless sleep, undisturbed until morning.

Upon waking up the next day, a sweet smile adorned her face. Glancing at the ring on her left index finger, a warm sensation filled her heart.

However, good moods were fragile.

As she descended the stairs after getting out of bed, Sister Li informed her that someone had come looking for her – the girl who visited her house two days ago.

Upon the girl’s arrival, Sister Li informed her that Ye Lengan was still sleeping and suggested she leave and return later. However, the girl insisted on waiting inside, and since she dared not grant unauthorized permission, she stood waiting at the doorstep.

Upon hearing Sister Li's report, Ye Lengan surmised that the visitor was Yuan Silei. She furrowed her brows, uncertain why Yuan Silei sought her at this hour.

After all, they had only met two days ago, engaging in a particularly unpleasant altercation.

After some contemplation, Ye Lengan instructed, "Let her in!"

In no time, Sister Li led Yuan Silei into the living room.

Upon entering, Yuan Silei saw Ye Lengan reclining lazily on the sofa, radiating good health. Her already stunning face gained an extra touch of liveliness, presenting an overall vibrant appearance.

In contrast, Yuan Silei, originally possessing delicate features, now looked particularly worn out. Recent events had left her unable to savor meals and deprived of sleep, rendering her appearance several years older.

Observing Ye Lengan's flourishing state, Yuan Silei couldn't help but feel a pang of jealousy.

"You better control your emotions." Ye Lengan's indifferent voice echoed. "I know you envy me, but at least restrain your expression. It's annoying to look at."

"Lengan, what are you talking about?" Yuan Silei's smile froze upon hearing this. "Why would I envy you? Although we can't be considered friends now, I am genuinely happy to see you doing well."

"Save the formalities," Ye Lengan, unlike Yuan Silei, spoke directly. "Why don't you directly state your purpose for coming today? No need to beat around the bush; I don't have that much time."

"I didn't..."

"Yuan Silei, no need to act here," Ye Lengan cut off Yuan Silei. "You caused a scene here just two days ago. It's a short time, and you're still young. You shouldn't be so foolish as to forget what happened that day, right?"

Yuan Silei felt instantly awkward at the revelation.

Observing this, Sister Li promptly turned and left

In this situation, as a mere servant, her presence would be inappropriate. She understood her place and promptly withdrew.

Faced with Yuan Silei's awkwardness, Ye Lengan had no intention of offering her a seat or resolving the discomfort. In fact, she had no intention of easing the tension. "Yuan Silei, to be blunt, if you have something to say, say it quickly. Otherwise, leave my house. I don't have time to waste on idle chatter with you."

If possible, Yuan Silei truly wished to turn around and leave immediately, sparing herself further humiliation. However, as she lifted her foot, she found herself unable to turn away.

It wasn't that she lacked the will to stand her ground; the current circumstances simply left her powerless to do so.

After a considerable pause, she spoke again, "I've already undergone a medical examination, but all the doctors said my uterine damage is too severe, beyond any hope of recovery. Lengan, you're my only hope for salvation now."

"Hold on." Ye Lengan felt exasperated. "I've said it before; I won't help you. So, please leave!"

Taking a deep breath, Yuan Silei raised her head and looked at Ye Lengan. "I remember. However, Ye Leng'an, we can make a deal. What do you want for curing me? I'm willing to pay any price."

Since Ye Lengan wasn't willing to assist her outright, they could engage in a fair transaction.

Hearing Yuan Silei's confident words, Ye Lengan found it amusing. "Do you think there's anything about you that I desire? You don't even have any bargaining chips. What right do you have to negotiate with me?"

Furious, Yuan Silei held her ground. "It's about Ye Xiyuan. As long as you're willing to help me cure my illness, I'm willing to be the weapon in your hands, assisting you in dealing with Ye Xiyuan.'

This was the only bargaining chip she could think of that might sway Ye Lengan..

Chapter 695: The Greatest Compensation

"Haha, Yuan Silei, what kind of joke are you telling?" Ye Leng'an's face was filled with mockery. "Who do you think you are? What makes you believe you can sway me? Moreover, you're not qualified to deal with Ye Xiyuan!"

Even though Ye Xiyuan's IQ wasn't exceptionally high, she was cunning. Being reborn gave her an edge over Yuan Silei. Moreover, unlike Ye Xiyuan, she didn't need anyone else's help to deal with her. She could handle it perfectly on her own.

"I can do it," Yuan Silei said anxiously. "Ye Xiyuan trusts me. If you truly want to deal with her, I can assist you."

Yuan Silei couldn't fathom that Ye Lengan harbored no resentment towards

Ye Xiyuan. Given Ye Xiyuan's actions – usurping Ye Leng'an's position in the Ye family and repeatedly scheming against her – she believed there was no way Ye Lengan could tolerate it.

"Yuan Silei, no wonder you and Ye Xiyuan are friends! It turns out you are cut from the same cloth!" Ye Lengan found it amusing. "She thinks you're my best friend, enabling her to get close to you. Now, for your own gain, you're betraying Ye Xiyuan here."

Every word from Ye Lengan was humiliating for Yuan Silei. She wanted to escape, but for the sake of her body and future, she had to endure the humiliation.

"Ye Lengan, this is a fair deal!" Yuan Silei hurriedly spoke. "You must hate Ye

Xiyuan now. Helping you deal with her would make things easier for you, isn't it?"

"Do you genuinely believe you hold such an important place in Ye Xiyuan's heart?" Ye Lengan looked at Yuan Silei. "She never considered you a friend; you're just a prize she won from me. Don't overestimate yourself. Moreover, Ye Xiyuan's thoughts run much deeper than yours. Unless she wants you to know, you won't know anything by her side. Yuan Silei, understand your limits. You can't outplay Ye Xiyuan."

Yuan Silei's face alternated between pale and red as she struggled to respond to Ye Lengan's cutting remarks.

"Yuan Silei, don't waste time on me," Ye Lengan said coldly. "We have no friendship. Remember, your current health issues are a result of your attempt to harm me backfiring. Do you not feel shameless seeking my help now?"

"I..." Yuan Silei's face turned red. After Ye Lengan's harsh words, she felt ashamed and angry. Yet, she suppressed her feelings and pleaded earnestly, "This is my fault, but I'm willing to compensate. If you help me cure my illness, I'll do anything you ask."

"Do you truly acknowledge your mistake?" A cunning glint appeared in Ye Lengan's eyes. "There's something I want you to do."

Yuan Silei's spirits lifted at Ye Lengan's words. Urgently, she asked, "What is it? I'll agree to anything I can do."

"You can certainly do it," Ye Lengan said calmly. "Leave immediately and don't appear in front of me to disturb me again. That's the greatest compensation you can offer."

Yuan Silei's hope turned to despair. Infuriated, she accused, "Ye Lengan, you did this intentionally! You're toying with me."

"Yuan Silei, you brought this upon yourself," Ye Lengan replied coldly. "We never had any friendship. Even without Ye Xiyuan's interference, we couldn't be lifelong friends. We were never on the same side. I don't blame you for agreeing to harm me for your family's sake. We have no connection. Every man for himself. You chose the path beneficial to you. But now that you've chosen, bear the consequences. There's no having the best of both worlds. If you want something, pay the price. It's only fair, isn't it? Your current predicament is the price you pay after receiving that huge sum of money. Accept the outcome. Don't be shameless, seeking help from the victim. Isn't what you're doing now truly shameless? Put yourself in my shoes. Would you help someone wanting to harm you for their gain?"

Yuan Silei was left speechless. She couldn't refute but remained unwilling to let go.

"My stance is clear, Yuan Silei," Ye Lengan continued. "Perhaps I've been too lenient, making you think I'm easy to bully. Hence, you keep coming to me! I'll warn you now. If your family's business encounters a setback once, it can happen again. I wonder if

anyone will come to help you the second time." Yuan Silei's face turned pale. Trembling, she expressed fear, "Ye Lengan, you can't...'

"I can," Ye Lengan interrupted without hesitation. "If you persist and affect my mood, I might complain to Huangfu Ruiling. I can't guarantee the consequences then."

She was genuinely fed up with Yuan Silei's pestering. However, it wasn't to the extent of wanting to destroy her. Therefore, she used Huangfu Ruiling to deter her..

Chapter 696: Contempting the Rules

"No, Ye Leng'an. You mustn't inform Master Hhuangfu," Yuan Silei pleaded urgently. She even attempted to reach for Ye Leng'an's hand, but she skillfully avoided her. Looking at Ye Lengan, her tone softened compared to before, "If you tell him, our family is truly done for."

"The fate of your family rests entirely on your decision." Ye Lengan gazed at Yuan Silei and calmly stated, "I've said it before, treat me as a stranger. However, it seems you haven't taken my words to heart. You've caused me trouble, so I should gain some interest in return."

"Ye Lengan, I promise I will never appear before you again." Yuan Silei quickly grasped Ye Leng'an's meaning. Her expression showed no fear, but she still assured her, "Even if I see you from a distance, I'll avoid you. Is that acceptable?"

Though she was aware that Ye Lengan might be the only one capable of curing her illness, when it came to the survival of the family business, she had no choice but to yield.

Without the family business, her future would be bleak. If the family enterprise persisted, even if she couldn't have children in the future, she would still have a refuge.

Most importantly, she could sense that Ye Lengan had no intention of assisting her. Her current plight was all in the pursuit of resurrecting the family business. If, in the end, the family business faced problems, all her struggles would be utterly meaningless.

Thus, she had no alternative but to agree.

"As long as you keep your promise, I can treat it as if we never met," Ye Lengan calmly stated. "Yuan Silei, we can't deny that we may have been friends in the past, even if there was an ulterior motive. From now on, let's be strangers! "

Despite her internal discontent and frustration, the current circumstances did not permit her to act willfully. Yuan Silei could only nod in agreement.

“Ye Lengan, now that we’re strangers, there’s one thing I hope you’ll promise.” Yuan Silei looked at Ye Lengan. “I want you to swear that you won’t disclose the information I shared about that mysterious woman.”

“Are you saving...” Ye Lengan squinted. her expression inscrutable.

“You must promise me this,” Yuan Silei urgently implored, “If you reveal it, our entire family will be in jeopardy. Since we’re strangers now, can’t you leave us with a way out?”

After hearing Yuan Silei’s words, a trace of understanding flashed in Ye Lengan’s eyes. She nodded. “I won’t divulge this information.

Evidently, Ye Wanwan had used Yuan Silei’s family’s lives as leverage to threaten her. That explained Yuan Silei’s fear. However, even though Yuan Silei had assisted Ye Wanwan in harming her this time, it didn’t amount to sacrificing her entire family.

Cultivators emphasized karma. If Yuan Silei’s family faced calamity because she leaked information to Ye Wanwan, it would impede her future cultivation.

Therefore, agreeing to Yuan Silei’s request was acceptable. However, other matters were non-negotiable.

In the end, Yuan Silei could only leave in despair.

She looked back repeatedly while walking, but in the end, there was still no hope. At this moment, she couldn’t help but think that if she hadn’t stood on Ye Xiyuan’s side in the beginning, all of this wouldn’t have happened today! If she and Ye Lengan were still friends, then if something happened to her family, Ye Lengan would definitely not turn a blind eye. That mysterious woman wouldn’t have taken advantage of the situation, and she wouldn’t have ended up like this.

Not only that, Ye Lengan was also the girlfriend of the head of the Huangfu family. If she was still Ye Lengan’s good friend, she could also get to know the people of the four major families through Ye Lengan. She might even have the chance to marry into the four major families.

However, there were no ifs in this world.

The reality was that she had fallen out with Ye Lengan. Her body was crippled, and she no longer had the possibility of becoming a mother.

Most importantly, she had to be on tenterhooks every day, worried that the mysterious woman would come looking for trouble with her.

On the other side, after Yuan Silei left, Ye Lengan frowned.

She hadn’t expected Ye Wanwan to be so audacious. Not only did she dispatch people to the mortal world to exploit Yuan Silei, but now she was openly and brazenly threatening Yuan Silei. If the information were leaked, it would cost the lives of Yuan Silei’s family.

Ye Wanwan’s actions were simply defying the Hidden World’s rules.

Thinking of this, Ye Lengan called Huangfu Ruiling directly.

It only took a few seconds for the call to be picked up.

“Why are you looking for me at this time?” Huangfu Ruilings deep voice came from the other end of the phone. “Did you miss me?”

Although she was mentally prepared, when she heard Huangfu Ruilings voice, she could not help but think of the proposal from the previous night. For a moment, her heart beat a little faster, and she felt a hot breath on her face.

Huangfu Ruilings voice sounded again as if he heard the heartbeat on the other end of the phone, “An’an, are you nervous?”

“How is that possible?” Ye Lengan subconsciously retorted, “It’s not a big deal.

Why would I be nervous?”

That was right, it was just a proposal. What was there to be nervous about? The one who proposed wasn’t nervous, so why should she be nervous? Besides, she and Huangfu Ruiling had been dating for some time, so it was natural.

After hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, Huangfu Ruiling laughed softly. “Alright, you’re not nervous. I’m the one who’s nervous.”

“That’s right, it’s you.” Ye Lengan’s eyes darted around, and her tone carried a hint of slyness. “I wonder who it is. He even prepared several plans for a marriage proposal! ”

“It’s me.” Huangfu Ruilings tone was filled with endless pampering. “So, Mrs.

Huangfu, are you calling now to check on me?”

Ye Lengan could not help but roll her eyes. However, when she realized that the other party could not see her at all, she immediately restrained herself. Then, she said, “Ling, when are we going to the Hidden World? I think it’s better to settle this matter as soon as possible..”

Chapter 697: Cancel the Engagement

Sensing that Ye Leng’an’s mood was off, Huangfu Ruiling sat up straight, his tone losing its earlier relaxation. “Has something happened?”

Ye Lengan didn’t hold back and disclosed everything about Yuan Silei to Huangfu Ruiling. Only then did she continue, “Ye Wanwan’s actions should be forbidden, right?”

“Exactly.” Huangfu Ruilings tone carried a hint of caution. “Her current conduct blatantly violates the rules of the Hidden World. The most crucial rule is not to casually interact with the mortal world and, more importantly, not to harm ordinary people in the mortal world without reason.”

“That’s why I want to go to the Hidden World as soon as possible,” Ye Lengan said. “If her identity is exposed, she should, at least, restrain herself.”

“Then I’ll make arrangements. I’ll go over in two days.” Huangfu Ruiling decided after a moment of contemplation. “Regarding Ye Wanwan’s situation,

I'll have the Enforcement Team issue a warning promptly. With their intervention, she definitely won't dare to act recklessly again."

"Alright." Ye Lengan nodded. "Although I don't like Yuan Silei, I still find Ye Wanwan's actions too arrogant."

"Don't worry," Huangfu Ruiling reassured her. "Yuan Silei won't face trouble because of Ye Wanwan."

"Are we going to the Huangfu family this time?" Ye Lengan suddenly asked. "If we are, what identity will you use?"

"Go as Huangfu Ruiling." Huangfu Ruiling decided after a moment of thought. "If we go to the Hidden World and don't return to the family, it will seem abnormal."

"Moreover, if the Grand Elder finds out, he'll surely object. He practically wishes you could stay permanently in the Hidden World!"

Hearing Ye Lengan's words, Huangfu Ruiling couldn't help but picture the Grand Elder's agitated reaction and found it amusing.

"However, returning to the Huangfu family as Huangfu Ruiling, you'll undoubtedly encounter Huangfu Ruixiang," Ye Lengan teased. "By then, staying quiet might be a challenge for you!"

"In the Huangfu family, one speaks with their abilities," Huangfu Ruiling stated calmly. "As long as someone has the strength, they can obtain what they desire. If they lack strength, it's better for them to return to the mortal world and not waste cultivation resources."

"Heartless, indeed!" Ye Lengan said with a mocking tone.

At this moment, Huangfu Ruixiang, the subject of their conversation, wasn't faring well in the Huangfu family of the Hidden World. Due to Zhong Yating's matters, he couldn't concentrate on cultivation. Despite being an inner sect disciple for a considerable time, his cultivation hadn't progressed.

He sensed his teacher's impatience, but due to numerous concerns, he found it challenging to focus.

"Ruixiang, are you there?"

As Huangfu Ruixiang remained in his room, Zhong Yating's voice echoed from outside.

Since their engagement in the mortal world, Zhong Yating asserted her dominance, making everyone aware she was Huangfu Ruixiang's fiancée.

Although Huangfu Ruixiang initially wanted to keep the engagement secret, he couldn't dissuade Zhong Yating, forcing him to make it public. As a result, Zhong Yating had free access to the inner sect to find Huangfu Ruixiang at will.

Reluctant to open the door, Zhong Yating continued shouting. To avoid becoming a spectacle, Huangfu Ruixiang had no choice but to rise and open the door.

Even after opening the door, his expression remained unpleasant upon seeing

Zhong Yating. "Why do you come here every day? Don't you need to cultivate?"

"I miss you!" Zhong Yating showed no shyness, ignoring Huangfu Ruixiang's cold words. She stepped forward, held his arm, and smiled. "I'm your fiancée, of course, I have to visit you often! Otherwise, what if someone takes advantage when we least expect it!"

Now engaged to Huangfu Ruixiang, she wouldn't let go of this wealthy son-in-law. After going to the mortal world, she wasn't as fixated on entering the inner sect. She even hoped to return to the mortal world with Huangfu Ruixiang and enjoy a life of luxury.

"Let's go in first!"

As he spoke, Huangfu Ruixiang brought Zhong Yating into the room. Some matters weren't suitable for others to hear. After all, walls had ears.

Once inside, Zhong Yating immediately wanted to embrace Huangfu Ruixiang, but he pushed her away.

Zhong Yating pursed her lips and said nothing.

"Zhong Yating, are you playing with me?" Huangfu Ruixiang looked at her. "I've done everything you asked for. We're engaged now, and we've held an engagement ceremony. But you haven't kept your promise."

Since their engagement and return to the Hidden World's Huangfu family, although Zhong Yating had been asserting her dominance and frequently visiting him, she hadn't shared anything about Huangfu Ruiling.

Now, he began to doubt whether everything Zhong Yating said before was a lie.

"Ruixiang, why are you in such a hurry?" Zhong Yating wore a charming smile. "I'm already your fiancée. We'll be together through thick and thin. Do you really think I would harm you?"

"Then why do you keep delaying?" Huangfu Ruixiang's sharp gaze focused on her. "Or were you lying to me? You know nothing, and you engaged me just to deceive me?"

"How could that be!" Zhong Yating instinctively refuted. "I..."

"If that's not the case, tell me now," Huangfu Ruixiang interrupted her. "Don't beat around the bush. You promised to tell me once we were engaged."

"Ruixiang, don't be anxious! I..." Zhong Yating tried to say something, but Huangfu Ruixiang cut her off.

“Tell me now, or we’ll cancel the engagement.” Huangfu Ruixiang issued an ultimatum..

Chapter 698: Playing Around

Suddenly confronted with Huangfu Ruixiang’s firm stance, Zhong Yating found herself momentarily bewildered.

Throughout their interaction, she had been adept at procrastination, and although Huangfu Ruixiang consistently pressed for answers, today marked a departure with his particularly assertive approach.

As she opened her mouth to respond, Huangfu Ruixiang lifted his hand, signaling her to stop.

“Zhong Yating, if you’re still intent on delaying, there’s no need for further words,” Huangfu Ruixiang asserted, his gaze unwavering. “Let’s just call off the engagement.”

“No,” Zhong Yating exclaimed, a genuine sense of urgency in her voice. “Ruixiang, we’ve only recently become engaged. Announcing the annulment now would be a blow to your family’s reputation.”

“My family can bear such a loss of face,” Huangfu Ruixiang declared coldly. “Zhong Yating, you know why we had the engagement ceremony. Yet, you’ve never provided any concrete information. How am I to know if you’re deceiving me?”

“Fine, I’ll tell you.” Zhong Yating relented through gritted teeth. “But you must promise, under any circumstances, not to annul our engagement.”

Sensing that further delay would likely result in the termination of the engagement, Zhong Yating sought an additional layer of protection.

In her heart, however, there lingered a genuine concern. While she had used her limited knowledge to coerce Huangfu Ruixiang into the engagement, the truth was that her information was scarce. She clutched this secret tightly, fearing that what she revealed might not align with Huangfu Ruixiang’s expectations. Moreover, she was apprehensive about him reneging on their agreement. She was well aware that her dealings with Huangfu Ruixiang were laced with an element of deceit.

Huangfu Ruixiang remained vigilant. “Are you hiding something from me?”

“I’m merely seeking assurance,” Zhong Yating insisted. “If I reveal everything and you turn your back on our engagement, I’d be at a disadvantage.”

Under Huangfu Ruixiang’s scrutinizing gaze, Zhong Yating felt a tightness in her chest. However, she persevered in forcing herself to remain calm, ensuring that the other party wouldn’t detect any hint of unease.

After a considerable silence, Huangfu Ruixiang withdrew his gaze and spoke, “Now that we’re engaged, I won’t casually annul the engagement. Of course, all of this is contingent on you not deceiving me.”

Despite being threatened by Zhong Yating, Huangfu Ruixiang, being a member of the Huangfu family, possessed a certain upbringing, albeit inferior to Huangfu Ruiling's. Zhong Yating understood that his commitment was the most substantial he could offer, even if she found it less than satisfactory.

"Alright, I'll tell you now." Zhong Yating conceded.

"Huangfu Ruiling holds a prominent position within the family. I once witnessed him engaged in discussions with the family elders," she revealed. "Though I couldn't discern the details, it was evident that the elders highly esteemed him and valued his opinions. So, as long as Huangfu Ruiling is willing to assist you, you could practically wield influence within the Huangfu family."

Looking directly at Huangfu Ruixiang, she continued, "Ruixiang, now that I'm your fiancée, can you persuade your brother to allow me entry into the inner sect for cultivation? My lagging cultivation would tarnish your family's prestige, wouldn't it?"

Having laid out everything, she sought to negotiate some benefits for herself.

Though she desired a luxurious life in the mortal world with Huangfu Ruixiang, his current disposition suggested otherwise. Staying in this realm with him, she hoped to gain entry into the inner sect.

Listening intently, Huangfu Ruixiang frowned. After Zhong Yating concluded, his frown deepened, as though he could crush a mosquito between his brows.

"You've only revealed this much?" he questioned skeptically. Zhong Yating's information seemed insufficient and potentially inconsequential. He suspected that she might be withholding more critical details.

Previously, Zhong Yating had been constantly trying to delay matters, and he was under the impression that she might be concealing even more crucial information. He suspected that she intended to keep something significant hidden to maintain leverage over him in the future.

"This is all I know," Zhong Yating insisted upon hearing Huangfu Ruixiang's doubts. "As an outer sect disciple, my knowledge about Huangfu Ruiling is already exceptional. Additionally, others wouldn't divulge such information even if you asked."

While she harbored some guilt, she projected confidence externally. Now Huangfu Ruixiang's fiancée, their dealings remained unknown to outsiders. To the world, they appeared as a loving couple, which would cast Huangfu Ruixiang in a negative light if he abruptly broke off the engagement.

"Zhong Yating, are you playing games with me?" Huangfu Ruixiang raised his

head abruptly, eyes bloodshot. His gaze bore into Zhong Yating, a look of impending violence on his face. "You've shared so little about Huangfu Ruiling, and yet you've used this to secure our engagement. Do you consider this a fair deal?"

In this moment, he felt like a fool, manipulated in circles by the woman in front of him. If the information was as insignificant as it appeared, he questioned why he had subjected himself to engagement with Zhong Yating.

Now, he genuinely had the impulse to do away with Zhong Yating.

Faced with Huangfu Ruixiangs rising anger, Zhong Yating instinctively shrank back, urging, "Ruixiang, calm down first.."

Chapter 699: Cancellation of Engagement

"Calm down, how do you expect me to stay calm now?" Huangfu Ruixiang yelled at Zhong Yating, "You've been using this so-called information to manipulate me, and now you're telling me that you only know a tiny bit. Zhong Yating, do you really think that the little information you have is worth me marrying you?"

He felt like he was about to explode. If not for the sliver of reason left, he might have strangled Zhong Yating by now.

"How can you say that?" Zhong Yating said with a touch of sadness, "I dare say, besides me, you wouldn't have found this information anywhere else.

Moreover, our engagement was consensual. I've never deceived you."

"You still claim you didn't deceive me?" Huangfu Ruixiang was ready to burst.

"With your so-called news that hardly qualifies as news, you're forcing me into marriage. Zhong Yating, how shameless can you be?"

He regretted it deeply. If he had known Zhong Yating was playing him, he would never have agreed to the engagement. Though not officially married, they had a grand engagement ceremony, known to many in the Huangfu family.

"Ruixiang, how can you say that about me?" Zhong Yating accused, "Moreover, you were merely curious about Huangfu Ruiling's status in the family. Haven't I told you everything now? How is that deceit?"

"Zhong Yating, you know exactly what I mean!" Huangfu Ruixiang pointed at her with frustration. "Let me make it clear, our engagement is off. In a few days, I'll discuss canceling this engagement with my parents. Also, don't claim the title of my fiancée within the family. I won't acknowledge it."

Since Zhong Yating had deceived him, there was no point in upholding the engagement. He never intended to marry her anyway. Now was the opportune moment to end it.

"Impossible, I won't agree." Zhong Yating panicked, pulling on Huangfu Ruixiangs sleeve. "Ruixiang, we're already engaged. I must marry you. Marriage is no joke; I won't consent to calling it off."

Huangfu Ruixiang shook off her hand coldly. "I'm not negotiating; I'm informing. We're done. Leave."

"Ruixiang, you can't treat me like this." Zhong Yating was desperate, "We're engaged, and I'm already yours. How can you break it off?"

Not long after the engagement, they had been intimate. She feared Huangfu Ruixiang would back out, so she wouldn't let him abandon her now.

Hearing Zhong Yating's direct words, Huangfu Ruixiang's face changed. Back then, she willingly came to him, and they were engaged. He hadn't resisted much, and they ended up sleeping together.

Who would have thought Zhong Yating would say such things now? "Zhong Yating, don't act like some virtuous woman."

Collecting himself, Huangfu Ruixiang continued with disdain, "What happened between us was mutual."

"Our engagement was also mutual!" Zhong Yating retorted, "So, you can't cancel it now. I've kept my promise, telling you everything. You can't burn the bridge after crossing it, right?"

It had come to this; she couldn't lose the title of Huangfu Ruixiang's fiancée.

Moreover, she would be his wife in the future.

"Zhong Yating, you..." Anxious, Huangfu Ruixiang said, "Don't force me. I was deceived from the start. Dreaming of entering our Huangfu family with such a lie."

"Ruixiang, since we're engaged, and I'm already yours, I won't agree to cancel the engagement," Zhong Yating said firmly. "If you want to abandon me, I won't sit idly."

"Zhong Yating, what do you mean?" Huangfu Ruixiang narrowed his eyes with vigilance. "I won't let you get away with any tricks."

"At this point, do you think I have anything left to fear?" Zhong Yating's face held a sarcastic smile. "My fiancé wants to cancel the engagement for no reason. Do you expect me to accept it calmly? You overestimate me."

"I'm not doing this for no reason." Huangfu Ruixiang gritted his teeth. "If you hadn't lied, I wouldn't have engaged you. Canceling the engagement is your fault."

"Do you dare to tell others the real reason?" Zhong Yating asked directly. "Tell them you engaged me to find out Huangfu Ruiling's true status in the

Huangfu family. Then, to gain more benefits, you planned to use Huangfu

Ruiling in our family. Do you dare? If you do, I'll spread it all, including to

Huangfu Ruiling. Let everyone know your intentions."

"Shut up."

Zhong Yating's words seemed to expose Huangfu Ruixiang's shameful thoughts, making him irritable. He couldn't control himself, advancing and slapping Zhong Yating.

A loud smack silenced the room.

For a while, neither Huangfu Ruixiang nor Zhong Yating spoke..

Chapter 700: Killing Intent

It was unclear how much time had passed before Zhong Yating spoke again. Her tone remained calm. "Have you vented your anger now?"

In her composed voice, there was no trace of resentment or bitterness, almost as if nothing had transpired.

However, this demeanor, rather than soothing, sent shivers down the spine.

Observing Zhong Yating's demeanor, Huangfu Ruixiang felt a growing unease. After a deep breath, he continued, "Zhong Yating, don't assume that this will make me compromise. Let me make it clear, I will never marry you."

Zhong Yating offered no support to his future; she was not the kind of wife he could accept. The previous engagement had been a mistake, and now he aimed to rectify it.

"No, you will marry me." Zhong Yating looked at Huangfu Ruixiang, her composure chilling. "Huangfu Ruixiang, at this point, we are bound together. If you abandon me now, you won't have an easy life. Since we are engaged, we must get married. If you dare to break the engagement, I'll expose you as a scoundrel to everyone. You won't have a face in either the Hidden World or the mortal world.'

At this, Zhong Yating's lips curved into a sinister smile. She leaned towards Huangfu Ruixiang, continuing, "If you dare to suggest canceling the engagement, I will immediately report you to the elders for misconduct. Then, let's see if you can continue to be part of the Huangfu family. Besides, imagine what your brother, Huangfu Ruiling, would think if he knew his brother was trying to manipulate him."

"You..." Huangfu Ruixiang felt an overwhelming frustration. "Zhong Yating, are you deliberately trapping me?"

"Ruixiang, why so angry?" Zhong Yating reached out, touching his chest, smiling as she spoke. "In the eyes of outsiders, we are engaged because of mutual affection. In that case, we should naturally make a good couple."

Huangfu Ruixiang forcefully pushed Zhong Yating away, his eyes filled with disgust and disdain. "Zhong Yating, you're certain I won't harm you, aren't

As he spoke, a hint of killing intent flashed in Huangfu Ruixiang's eyes.

"I know you want to kill me now," Zhong Yating said without fear. "But, Ruixiang, how do you know I haven't left a backup plan? I'm fully prepared. If something happens to

me, all suspicions will point to you. Then, even if Huangfu Ruiling is your brother, he won't be able to protect you."

Huangfu Ruixiang's eyes turned red, and the killing intent intensified. Unable to restrain his inner turmoil, he reached for Zhong Yating's neck, squeezing tightly.

His appearance, veins popping and filled with killing intent, suggested he wanted to end Zhong Yating's life.

Zhong Yating allowed Huangfu Ruixiang to strangle her without resistance. Even as her face turned ashen due to lack of air, she remained motionless, silently observing Huangfu Ruixiang.

Under Zhong Yating's gaze, Huangfu Ruixiang inexplicably felt more and more guilty. Finally, he released his grip, letting Zhong Yating fall to the ground.

"Cough, cough, cough..."

Zhong Yating slumped on the ground, coughing incessantly, greedily inhaling fresh air.

"Zhong Yating, let me tell you, we can temporarily keep the engagement, but you're not qualified to marry me.

Watching Zhong Yating on the ground, Huangfu Ruixiang showed no pity. His tone was cold. "If you want to continue dragging this out, we will. Let's see in the end who will suffer a loss."

"Fine." Zhong Yating stood up, facing Huangfu Ruixiang. Though her face was pale, her expression exuded confidence. "Huangfu Ruixiang, one day, you will willingly marry me."

Huangfu Ruixiang looked at Zhong Yating coldly. Finally, brimming with anger, he said, "Get lost!"

With the confirmation that the engagement wouldn't be canceled, Zhong Yating didn't linger. She turned and left the room.

Once Zhong Yating departed, Huangfu Ruixiang couldn't contain himself. He swept everything off the table, venting his anger.

He never expected that, despite his intelligence, he would be deceived by Zhong Yating. Not only that, Zhong Yating had become an inescapable nuisance.

No, he couldn't let Zhong Yating continue to be his fiancée. He needed to find a way to make her agree to cancel the marriage. He refused to let Zhong Yating be his future wife.

Despite Zhong Yating's deception, he gleaned some information – his elder brother, Huangfu Ruiling, held a high position in the Huangfu family.

It seemed he needed to cultivate a good relationship with his brother. He also had to inform their parents to treat his brother better. After all, his future status in the Huangfu family depended on Huangfu Ruiling.

He didn't anticipate that his brother, despite being disabled, held such a high position in the Huangfu family.

After establishing a good rapport with his brother, he would promptly dispose of Zhong Yating. With his brother on his side, no one would believe Zhong Yating.

On the other side, Zhong Yating, now relieved from the situation, sighed deeply.

She had anticipated that revealing what she knew might anger Huangfu

Ruixiang. However, she never expected he would attempt to take her life.

Luckily, she maintained her composure; otherwise, she might have perished here today.

Although Huangfu Ruixiang had agreed not to cancel the engagement temporarily, she knew he harbored deep resentment towards her.

Hence, she needed to find a way to marry him soon. Otherwise, she lacked confidence in becoming Huangfu Ruixiang's wife.

With no bargaining chips left, she had to figure out a solution to her current predicament swiftly. Losing Huangfu Ruixiang, her wealthy prospective husband, would confine her to a life as an ordinary outer sect disciple..