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Chapter 701: Their Biological Daughter

In the reception hall of the Ye family at night, Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan were seated inside, sipping tea, with no servants around.

However, they appeared unusually relaxed, as if they were in their own home, completely devoid of any restraint.

Surveying the surroundings, Ye Lengan found it intriguing. "Ling, you've probably never experienced this kind of treatment before!"

As the head of the Huangfu family, if Huangfu Ruiling came to the Ye family, he wouldn't be in the side hall; he would definitely be in the main hall. And the least accompanying him would be the Ye family's steward waiting to take orders, not the current situation where they were left alone here.

Nevertheless, the two of them seemed unperturbed, adapting effortlessly to the environment.

"I anticipated this," Huangfu Ruiling said casually. "Let's take our time here! Due to the matter of Ye Wanwan, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu probably have some opinions about us."

Ye Lengan nodded in agreement. "In their eyes, we are the ones who humiliated their biological daughter!"

Having prepared mentally before coming to the Ye family, they had no complaints, even facing such cold treatment.

Subsequently, they engaged in continuous conversation, showing no signs of boredom.

After an uncertain amount of time, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu walked in leisurely. Their faces weren't pleasant, and their movements were sluggish as if they hadn't noticed Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan waiting in the side hall.

Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan remained seated without any movement.

Seeing their impolite behavior, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu's already displeased expressions darkened further. They took their seats at the main table.

Huangfu Ruiling sat beside Ye Lengan, holding her hand and playing with it. Even as Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu entered, he didn't cease his actions.

Witnessing this, Ye Hongxuan's expression turned even darker. He spoke impatiently, "Huangfu Ruiling, you dare to come here, Are you challenging the Ye family?"

During the conversation, Ye Hongxuan struggled to control his emotions and forcefully slammed the table.

Although he knew that Ye Wanwan was also responsible for the incident, in his eyes, Huangfu Ruiling was equally at fault. Due to previous events, they already held a strongly negative opinion of Huangfu Ruiling.

Unexpectedly, Huangfu Ruiling dared to visit today and to make matters worse, he brought Ye Lengan along. It felt like a direct insult to the Ye family, and not immediately kicking the two of them out was considered a display of remarkable restraint.

Lian Mengzhu's expression was equally unfavorable, filled with hostility when looking at Huangfu Ruiling.

However, for some unknown reason, when she turned her gaze to the girl beside Huangfu Ruiling, she couldn't summon any feelings of disgust.

She knew the girl was Huangfu Ruiling's girlfriend – Ye Lengan. Earlier, she had heard Ye Wanwan mention Ye Lengan and was aware that this girl had once humiliated Ye Wanwan. Logically, she should despise her.

Yet, inexplicably, she couldn't harbor any aversion towards her. Moreover, when she saw Ye Lengan, she felt an unexpectedly warm and familiar sensation.

In contrast to Ye Hongxuan's demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling appeared much calmer, almost indifferent. He raised his head, looked at Ye Hongxuan, and said, "Master Ye, I came here today to discuss something with you regarding your biological daughter."

"Do you still have the nerve to mention Wanwan here!" Ye Hongxuan couldn't contain the anger unleashed by Huangfu Ruiling's words. "Your Huangfu family is simply too audacious. Wanwan was utterly blind to have fallen for you back then."

He genuinely wished he could kill the man before him right now.

Ignoring the atmosphere, Ye Lengan calmly remarked, "Master Ye, there's no need to be so angry. We never claimed it was about Ye Wanwan!"

"Shut up!" Ye Hongxuan directed his anger at Ye Lengan. "Do you have the right to speak here?"

He expressed strong dissatisfaction with Huangfu Ruiling's girlfriend, unable to fathom how Ye Lengan could compare to Wanwan. Moreover, Ye Lengan had previously humiliated Wanwan.

Ye Lengan was unfazed by Ye Hongxuan's attitude.

On the other hand, Lian Mengzhu sensed something amiss. "What do you mean? Weren't you just talking about Wanwan?"

For an inexplicable reason, she felt a sense of panic, as if something beyond her control was about to happen. Although she didn't desire such an uncontrollable change, there was a feeling urging her to know. Otherwise, she might regret it.

Huangfu Ruiling raised his head, addressing Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu, and said calmly, "I never said Ye Wanwan is your daughter."

This statement was like thunder, leaving Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu stunned.

Ye Hongxuan couldn't believe it, standing up immediately. He glared at Huangfu Ruiling, teeth gritted, and said, "Huangfu Ruiling, what do you mean?"

Lian Mengzhu lost her composure, accidentally knocking over a teacup in her excitement.

The teacup crashed to the ground with a clear sound, but she paid it no mind. Standing up, she opened her mouth to speak, but it felt as if her throat was blocked, rendering her speechless.

Huangfu Ruiling appeared much calmer than Ye Hongxuan and his wife. He stated, "Ye Wanwan is not your biological daughter. Your biological daughter was swapped by Lian Zixin. Ye Wanwan is Lian Zixin's child."

"Impossible," Lian Mengzhu instinctively refuted. "Zixin isn't that kind of person. She would never do such a thing. Besides..."

At this point, Lian Mengzhu's voice abruptly stopped. She seemed to have realized something, her face draining of color, turning completely pale..

Chapter 702: Her Indifference

Ye Hongxuan seemed to recall a similar matter, his expression filled with uncertainty.

However, at this moment, he would never reveal it. "Huangfu Ruiling, I don't know why you're spouting nonsense at my Ye family, but empty words without any evidence. If anyone can just come and claim to be part of the Ye family, and everyone accepts them as such, wouldn't chaos ensue in our family? What is your true purpose? And why should we believe your words?"

Lian Mengzhu, standing on the side, wore a troubled expression. However, she continued to persuade herself that Zixin wouldn't do such a thing. Wanwan was undoubtedly their daughter, the product of their love.

"In fact, you've probably found it strange in your daily life, but just haven't considered it in this way," spoke Ye Lengan. "Now, think about how Lian Zixin treated Ye Wanwan. Was it the attitude of a normal aunt toward her niece?"

Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu exchanged glances, sensing emotional turmoil in each other's eyes. However, their thoughts were genuinely chaotic for a moment.

Throughout, in their hearts, Ye Wanwan was their daughter, nurtured and cherished. They had never considered the possibility that Wanwan might not be their daughter. Uncertain about the other's motives, their resolve wavered, especially considering Lian Zixin's consistent attitude towards Wanwan. They didn't want to believe it, but if Wanwan wasn't their daughter, then who was their biological daughter? Where was she?

"Do you know something?" As the head of the family, Ye Hongxuan quickly regained his composure. His sharp gaze focused on Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Lengan. "What is your purpose in coming here today?"

Lian Mengzhu was most eager to know if the other party's revelation indicated knowledge of the whereabouts of their biological daughter.

She wanted to ask but was silenced by her husband's gaze. She had to restrain the impulse and watch as her husband engaged with the others

“Our purpose here is straightforward.” Ye Lengan looked at Ye Hongxuan and his wife with a calm expression, but the words were unsettling. “We came today to seek revenge on Ye Wanwan. I’ll handle her the way she wants to handle me – I’m fair that way.”

“Is there any grudge between you and Wanwan?” Ye Hongxuan quickly discerned the hidden meaning. His expression grew more serious, and his gaze towards Ye Lengan turned more vigilant. “So, everything you said earlier was to retaliate against Wanwan, is that right?”

If that were the case, the words of the other party would need careful investigation before they could determine their veracity. He couldn’t simply doubt his daughter, whom he had cherished for many years, based solely on the words of the person before him.

“You could say that.” Ye Lengan pursed her lips and nodded. “However, what I said is true. The tangled fate between me and Ye Wanwan is indeed quite deep! Because I am the unfortunate one swapped with her at birth.”

Despite the casual tone, it seemed like a complete denial of any family connection. Yet, the spoken words were profoundly shocking.

The calm demeanor that Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu had worked hard to maintain shattered instantly. They stared at Ye Lengan as if trying to read something from her expression.

“Are you saying...” Lian Mengzhu’s voice trembled. “You are our daughter?”

Although phrased as a question, her tone carried an involuntary certainty. She didn’t know if Ye Lengan’s words were true, given her indifferent tone.

However, upon seeing Ye Lengan and the unexplained sense of familiarity, along with the overwhelming sadness after hearing her words, everything seemed to confirm the truth.

Ye Hongxuan’s gaze also focused on Ye Lengan. There was scrutiny, suspicion, and a peculiar, incomprehensible emotion.

The couple waited for Ye Lengan’s response.

Under their scrutinizing eyes, Ye Lengan nodded calmly. “In terms of blood ties, it’s true. I am your daughter.”

However, emotionally, she couldn’t acknowledge them as her parents. If it were her first life, she might have been excited and eager to acknowledge her family upon learning the truth.

Yet, the world had changed, and the passage of time had eroded her yearning for family. Now, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu were merely two people she was connected with by blood.

Observing Ye Lengan’s composed demeanor, the initially agitated Ye Hongxuan felt as if a bucket of cold water had been poured on him. He couldn’t help but speak, “How can you say these things so calmly? If everything you said is true, and you’re our daughter, why are you so composed?”

“What should I do then?” Ye Leng’an frowned after pondering for a moment. “Do you expect me to shed tears and stage a family recognition drama with you here? Besides, shouldn’t you investigate whether what I said is true? No matter how much I say, you will still doubt, right?”

If she were in their shoes, she would do the same. If someone claimed at her doorstep that her parents were fake, she wouldn’t immediately believe it!

So, even though she came to tell the truth today, she didn’t expect Ye Hongxuan and his wife to believe her immediately.

If they did believe everything she said and recognized her as their daughter on the spot, she would question their intelligence.

Ye Hongxuan turned to Ye Lengan and continued, “So, you must have come prepared today. What evidence do you have to prove that what you said is true?”

Ye Lengan didn’t beat around the bush. She retrieved a USB flash drive and a stack of documents from her bag. “Here’s a recording of Lian Zixin’s journey to the mortal world and my detailed information. Take a look. Of course, you can send someone to investigate to verify my claims..”

Chapter 703: Silence

After finishing her statement, Ye Lengan produced another bottle. With a swift motion, she unsheathed a dagger, slicing her own finger, and allowing the crimson blood to drip into the container. Immediately, she sealed the lid.

On the sidelines, Huangfu Ruiling, intending to intervene, found himself too late. He looked disapprovingly at Ye Lengan, clearly reluctant to see her harm herself, even if it was just a minor wound.

Sensing Huangfu Ruilings discontent, Ye Lengan offered a placating smile. She then turned her gaze to Ye Hongxuan, handing over the bottle. “Of course, the most crucial part is the DNA test. Though I’m uncertain whether the Hidden World conducts DNA tests, they likely require my blood as well. You’ve witnessed me extracting blood; surely, you won’t suspect any foul play!”

Hearing Ye Leng’an’s forthright words, Ye Hongxuan was left momentarily speechless. Resignedly, he reached out and accepted the bottle she proffered.

Once Ye Hongxuan had the bottle in hand, Ye Lengan asked further, “Master

Ye, how long will your confirmation process take?”

Facing Ye Leng’an’s composed demeanor, Ye Hongxuan struggled to articulate his feelings. After a moment’s thought, he asked, “We’ll know by tomorrow. When did you find out about this?”

In truth, he was more curious about Ye Leng’an’s thoughts. Her attitude was calm, almost indifferent. There was no trace of yearning for familial ties or affection toward parents in her eyes.

“It’s been some time,” Ye Lengan responded nonchalantly.

“Why didn’t you come sooner?” Lian Mengzhu interjected immediately. “You clearly knew we were your parents, and you could find the Ye family!”

Although the verification was pending, Lian Mengzhu had already placed full trust in Ye Leng’an’s words. Ye Lengan wouldn’t have come if she wasn’t certain. Moreover, the sight of Ye Lengan triggered a deep-seated feeling of familiarity and warmth.

“Why should I have come looking for you?” Ye Lengan retorted. “I’m not a child anymore, and I don’t need so-called parents to dictate my actions. If that’s the case, why invite trouble?”

Upon being labeled as trouble, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu struggled to express their feelings. For a moment, they regarded Ye Lengan with complex gazes.

They were unsure of what experiences had shaped Ye Lengan into her current state. However, witnessing her demeanor, they couldn’t help but feel a heavy sense of foreboding.

“In fact, the reason I came and revealed this information is to seek revenge on Ye Wanwan,” Ye Lengan declared, gazing at the couple before her. “You probably don’t know! She knew about this long ago and even dispatched individuals to the mortal realm to harm me. So…”

“Impossible! Wanwan isn’t that kind of person.”

Before Ye Lengan could finish, Lian Mengzhu interrupted, only to realize her mistake. When she looked at Ye Lengan, her eyes evaded contact. “I… I didn’t mean anything else, I just think you might have misunderstood Wanwan.”

Even though they had just learned that Wanwan might not be their daughter, the emotions they had shared over the years were genuine. Wanwan might be a bit wilful, but she wasn’t a malicious person.

Unfazed by the denial, Ye Lengan wore a mocking expression. “Whether you believe me or not is inconsequential. I came here today merely to inform you, not to persuade you.”

With that, Ye Lengan stood up, heading towards Huangfu Ruiling. “Since we’ll know the result tomorrow, I’ll return then!”

Preparing to leave, she pushed Huangfu Ruiling to exit the Ye family residence.

Observing Ye Leng’an’s departure, Ye Hongxuan promptly stood. “Are you leaving just like that?”

He found it increasingly challenging to comprehend Ye Leng’an’s intentions. She disclosed shocking news, yet took no action. Even after revealing everything, she stood up and left without displaying any excitement.

“Yes,” Ye Leng’an affirmed. “Since I’ve conveyed what I needed to, it’s time to leave.”

Did she need to stay for dinner?

Moreover, whether Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu believed her or not was uncertain. They needed time to verify the truth before deciding their next steps!

Therefore, after uttering these words, Ye Lengan disregarded Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu, pushing Huangfu Ruiling to leave the Ye family.

Left alone in the side hall, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu sat in silence, neither daring to speak first.

After an extended period, Ye Hongxuan finally raised his head, glancing at Lian Mengzhu with a strained tone. "Mengzhu, if what Ye Lengan said is true, then I won't spare Lian Zixin."

Aware of how much his wife cherished her sister, he intended to convey that if Lian Zixin had indeed committed such deeds, he wouldn't be lenient. Even if his wife pleaded in the future, he wouldn't be swayed.

"If Zixin really did this, then..." Lian Mengzhu's tone carried a weight of sorrow, yet she gritted her teeth, continuing, "I won't care about sisterly bonds anymore. She must pay the due price."

Even if she were her biological sister, causing separation from her daughter for so many years was unforgivable.

Ye Hongxuan nodded. After a pause, he spoke again, "If what Ye Lengan said is true, then Wanwan..."

Hearing Ye Hongxuan's words, Lian Mengzhu lapsed into silence.

Now, learning abruptly that the daughter she had doted on for years might not be her biological child and that Ye Wanwan was the actual daughter of Lian Zixin, the perpetrator, left them unsure how to face Ye Wanwan.

After an indeterminate period, Lian Mengzhu finally uttered, "Wanwan, can't she stay with us? Back then, she was just a little baby, completely ignorant of anything.."

Chapter 704: Ye Wanwan's Worries

In reality, Lian Mengzhu was also in a deep struggle. Although aware that Ye Wanwan had replaced her biological daughter for many years like a viper had taken over a magpie's nest. However, humans were emotional beings; she had spent numerous years treating Ye Wanwan as her own daughter, showering her with love and care. Even knowing that Ye Wanwan wasn't her real daughter, clearing her emotions in an instant was impossible.

Upon hearing Lian Mengzhu's words, a subtle movement passed over Ye Hongxuan's brow, ultimately choosing not to say much. He simply remarked, "Let's discuss this later! I'll go verify it now! Besides, we need to inform Father about this matter and let him make a decision."

His considerations surpassed those of Lian Mengzhu. Although Ye Wanwan's reputation had suffered recently, she had just entered into an engagement with Murong Xingrui. Now, this matter wasn't solely about the Ye family; it also entangled the Murong family. Mishandling it would be detrimental to the relationship between the two families.

Hence, the only person capable of making the final decision in this matter was his father.

Lian Mengzhu nodded without dwelling on it too much.

“Alright, go back and rest for now!” Ye Hongxuan sighed. “I’ll head to the alchemy room first. Once Ye Leng’an’s words are confirmed, I’ll head straight to Father’s place.”

Lian Mengzhu nodded again and stayed silent.

After leaving the side hall, the couple went their separate ways.

On the other side, Ye Wanwan, still in her courtyard, was genuinely anxious. She had just heard that Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng’an had come for a visit.

As she heard their names, her heart skipped a beat. She wasn’t sure of the purpose behind their visit, but her emotions were in disarray.

Her mind raced with speculations about why Ye Leng’an chose to visit at this particular time. She desperately wanted to confront her and drive her away. However, she forced herself to stay calm; any disturbance now would raise suspicions.

It wasn’t until she heard that Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng’an had left that she truly sighed in relief. Their departure indicated they weren’t aware of the switch. Otherwise, leaving so easily wouldn’t make sense.

Furthermore, after their departure, she noticed no unusual activities from her parents. Her father continued with his routine in the alchemy room, and her mother went back to rest.

If Ye Leng’an truly knew about the swap thing and came to reveal the truth, she wouldn’t be so composed. Also, if she knew, she wouldn’t remain so calm. She couldn’t believe anyone would be disinterested in the position of the Ye family’s young lady.

Thinking about this, she temporarily relaxed. However, she couldn’t entirely let go of her concerns. As long as Ye Leng’an was around, her identity could be exposed at any moment, risking her position as the Ye family’s daughter.

Moreover, despite learning from Yuan Silei that the medicine had been placed beside Ye Leng’an, it hadn’t been enough time. She didn’t know its current effectiveness. Only when Ye Leng’an completely lost her cultivation talent could she truly relax.

At this moment, Ye Wanwan truly wanted to go to her parents and inquire. However, she restrained her impulsive urge.

After Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng’an left the Ye family, they returned to the Huangfu family.

However, as he didn’t return under the name Huangfu Ling this time, the two didn’t stay in the main courtyard. Instead, they lodged in another relatively quiet courtyard.

Unlike the previous visit, only the Grand Elder came. The other elders didn’t come, understanding that Huangfu Ruiling preferred a low profile.

As for others in the Huangfu family, they were somewhat curious about Huangfu Ruiling’s arrival. In the Huangfu family, only a few elders knew that Huangfu Ling and Huangfu Ruiling were the same person. So, they didn’t know the other’s identity, only curious about their status in the family to receive such high courtesy.

Upon returning to the courtyard, Huangfu Ruiling didn’t continue sitting in the wheelchair but stood up.

Observing Huangfu Ruiling's expression, Ye Leng'an couldn't help but smile. "Ling, you're fine. How long do you plan to stay in the wheelchair?"

"Don't like it?" Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow. "If you don't, I can stop using the wheelchair anytime."

"No need for that." Ye Leng'an shook her head, sat on the sofa, poured tea for both of them and continued, "But why did you use a wheelchair in the first place?"

"Because of the murderous aura." Huangfu Ruiling had nothing to hide, explaining straightforwardly. "Back then, the murderous aura on my body was too heavy, and my body couldn't bear it. So, I had to force all of it onto my legs. Otherwise, my body would have exploded due to unbearable pressure."

Hearing Huangfu Ruiling speak of these matters so casually, a hint of pity flashed in Ye Leng'an's eyes. After considering for a moment, she asked, "Can you tell me what's going on with the murderous aura on your body?"

She had always been curious about Huangfu Ruiling's murderous aura.

Huangfu Ruiling could cultivate, and his cultivation was exceptionally high. She couldn't see through him at all. However, she was very aware that Huangfu Ruiling's most formidable aspect wasn't his high cultivation but the hidden murderous aura on his body.

The malevolent aura was so dense that it could consume everything. She felt the need to retreat when faced with it. If an ordinary person had the murderous aura enter their body, all their organs would have been destroyed long ago, and they would have died from exhaustion.

However, Huangfu Ruiling could control the murderous aura in his body and release it freely. Even at her peak, she wouldn't dare claim she could achieve that.

Thus, she sometimes wondered if Huangfu Ruiling, like her, had been to the cultivation world. In other words, was he a mighty figure reborn in the cultivation world?

Chapter 705: The Past

Looking at Ye Leng'an's demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling couldn't help but find it amusing. He reached out, ruffling her hair before speaking with a smile, "What's going on in your head?"

"Nothing." Ye Leng'an snapped out of her reverie and continued, "You still haven't explained the origin of the murderous aura on your body."

Huangfu Ruiling began narrating in a composed tone, "I was around seven at that time. Huangfu Ruixiang and I were kidnapped together. The captors demanded a ransom of two billion. However, Huangfu Jingzhang only paid one billion to free Huangfu Ruixiang. Enraged, the kidnappers threw me into a tropical primitive forest. While in that forest, I accidentally entered a peculiar place. Upon entry, the murderous aura directly entered my body. It took nearly three years to barely suppress it. Later, at thirteen, the murderous aura went out of control again. I had no choice but to temporarily confine it to my legs; otherwise, my entire body would have exploded."

Huangfu Ruiling's tone was calm, describing an evidently perilous situation as if it were a simple matter.

However, Ye Leng'an understood the grave dangers involved. The murderous aura had the potential to consume everything. One careless move, and a person could become its sustenance.

Huangfu Ruiling had integrated this murderous aura into his body, a fact that outsiders were oblivious to, causing immense suffering.

Thinking of this, sympathy filled Ye Leng'an's eyes. She expressed even greater resentment towards Huangfu Ruiling's parents, "Why wouldn't your parents contribute an extra billion? The Huangfu family is immensely wealthy. One billion is trifling for them!"

As one of the four major families, it was inconceivable that the Huangfu family couldn't produce a mere two billion. Why did they choose to save only one son?

In response to her question, Huangfu Ruiling's lips curved into a sardonic smile. "At that time, Huangfu Jingzhang wasn't the head of the Huangfu family. The decision-maker was my grandfather. He intended to bypass my father, passing the family head position directly to me. So, why would my father let go of such an excellent opportunity to eliminate me?"

Ye Leng'an remained composed, a sharp glint flashing in her eyes. "And your grandfather? Does he not care?"

"By the time my grandfather found out, it was too late." Huangfu Ruiling's sarcasm heightened. "Besides, it's his own son. What else could he do?"

Compared to a grandson of uncertain fate, the son in front of him was more crucial. Hence, upon his return, shock and fear prevailed, but joy was absent.

Yet, this held no significance for Huangfu Ruiling. He never cared about those people's feelings. Even before that incident, he lacked profound sentiments for his supposed family.

Formerly, he believed himself to be emotionless. In his world, emotions had no place.

It was only after encountering Ye Leng'an that he realized he wasn't devoid of emotions. However, all his emotions were merely anticipation for Ye Leng'an's presence.

Pondering this, Huangfu Ruiling gazed at the girl before him with increased tenderness.

"Your father is truly shameless!" Ye Leng'an scoffed, "He treats you like this and still dares to pose as a father before you."

"So, if he acts like a father in front of you, you don't need to pay him any mind." Huangfu Ruiling smiled. "Just confront him."

"Even if I didn't know about this matter, I wouldn't comply with Huangfu Jingzhang." Ye Leng'an pursed her lips and continued, "I'm not the obedient elder-respecting type."

Certainly, she wouldn't show respect to elders unless they deserved it. This applied even to her own parents, let alone Huangfu Ruiling's parents who were, to her, scum.

Huangfu Ruiling indulgently smiled, reaching out to ruffle her hair. "That's good."

Regardless of her personality, he found her adorable. Furthermore, he believed that this vengeful nature would not lead to any disadvantage.

Moreover, he knew that this was Ye Leng'an's expression of concern for him. So, hearing these words made him very happy.

"What about the Ye family now?" Ye Leng'an smiled, shifting the topic. "I wonder how Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu will react to such explosive news!"

"The one truly in charge of decisions in the Ye family is not Ye Hongxuan." Huangfu Ruiling stated, "Although Ye Hongxuan is currently the head of the Ye family, the actual decision-maker is Ye Yikun – Ye Hongxuan's father and your grandfather."

"So, Ye Hongxuan is just a puppet?" Ye Leng'an widened her eyes in surprise. "I really couldn't tell!"

"It's not accurate to call him a puppet," Huangfu Ruiling pondered before saying lightly, "Ye Yikun is, for the most part, uninvolved now. However, Ye Hongxuan cannot make decisions on such significant matters."

"What kind of person is Ye Yikun?" Ye Leng'an asked curiously.

"His cultivation isn't low; he should be in the Nascent Soul Stage now," Huangfu Ruiling explained, "Moreover, he's an advanced alchemist. Since stepping down as family head, he rarely involved himself in affairs. Nevertheless, he is a very qualified family head."

A qualified family head prioritized the family's interests above all. In his eyes, nothing was more crucial than the family's well-being, not even blood relations.

With a single glance, Ye Leng'an immediately grasped Huangfu Ruiling's meaning. She nodded, understanding. "So, as long as Ye Wanwan has utility, he will continue recognizing her as his granddaughter, right?"

Chapter 706: Ye Yikun's attitude

Huangfu Ruiling nodded. "Ye Wanwan has consistently behaved well, making it seem like Ye Yikun truly cares for his granddaughter. If you can present greater benefits to him, he might readily abandon Ye Wanwan."

"No need for that." Ye Leng'an shook her head. "I'm not interested in the Ye family. I just can't let Ye Wanwan's arrogance go unchecked. Moreover, I have to avenge Lian Zixin."

Huangfu Ruiling raised an eyebrow. "So, you've resolved not to return to the Ye family?"

“I won’t return,” Ye Leng’an affirmed. With a hint of irony, she continued, “Didn’t you notice just now? Even Lian Mengzhu is reluctant to part with Ye Wanwan. I’d rather not interfere with their mother-daughter relationship.”

She had discerned that Lian Mengzhu, despite knowing the truth about Ye Wanwan being Lian Zixin’s biological daughter, had no intention of abandoning her.

Huangfu Ruiling’s eyes revealed a hint of darkness. “Their judgment is flawed. You need not concern yourself.”

While Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu paid no attention to Ye Leng’an, Huangfu Ruiling did. If they harmed An’an due to Ye Wanwan, he wouldn’t let them off easily.

“No need to console me; I’m not that fragile.” Ye Leng’an chuckled. “As you know, I’m indifferent to them. So, even if they choose Ye Wanwan, it won’t sadden me.”

Watching Ye Leng’an’s calm demeanor, Huangfu Ruiling felt an inexplicable discomfort. He wondered what experiences had led Ye Leng’an to be so indifferent to her biological parents.

“Let’s not dwell on this.” Ye Leng’an smiled, shaking her head. “We still have to visit the Ye family tomorrow! I’ll be sure to collect my due interest.”

Huangfu Ruiling remained silent. Internally, she resolved that if Ye Hongxuan continued to defend Ye Wanwan the next day, she wouldn’t stand idly by. Ye Wanwan had to face the consequences of her actions.

While Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng’an had a calm conversation, life seemed undisturbed, appearing no different than usual.

On the contrary, at the Ye residence, especially with Ye Hongxuan, tranquility eluded him. Though he held the truth, the complexity of his feelings persisted even after verification.

He had never anticipated that Ye Wanwan, whom he cherished and cultivated, was not his biological daughter but the offspring of the culprit, Lian Zixin. Despite this revelation, the bond they had formed over the years couldn’t be easily dismissed. Knowing Ye Wanwan was not his biological daughter didn’t make it easier for him to let her go.

Observing Ye Leng’an’s confrontation earlier, he realized the conflict between the two was significant. Uncertainty lingered about what would transpire the next day.

He truly wished to avoid a deep-seated conflict between his biological and adopted daughters. He found himself at a loss on how to handle the situation.

Yet, he had to inform his father promptly. His father had always adored Wanwan, and he wasn’t sure how he would react.

Without hesitation, Ye Hongxuan immediately headed to his father’s courtyard and revealed everything.

After hearing Ye Hongxuan’s account, Ye Yikun’s expression remained unchanged. Indifferently, he asked, “What are your plans?”

Considering for a moment, Ye Hongxuan responded, “Regardless, Ye Leng’an is our child, part of the Ye family’s bloodline. She must return. As for Wanwan... If Ye Leng’an can accept it, let Wanwan stay. If not, send Wanwan away!”

Despite his affection for Wanwan, his biological ties with Ye Leng’an took precedence, especially considering years of neglect. Thus, Ye Leng’an became his priority.

He believed the conflict between Ye Wanwan and Ye Leng’an could be resolved, as they were not mortal enemies. Additionally, Wanwan was a sensible child, capable of peacefully coexisting with Ye Leng’an.

In his optimistic thoughts, Ye Hongxuan had forgotten Ye Leng’an’s previous declaration of not acknowledging her biological parents or returning to the Ye family.

“Ye Leng’an can return,” Ye Yikun stated calmly. “But Wanwan cannot leave. If Ye Leng’an can’t accept Wanwan, she shouldn’t return.”

“Father!” Ye Hongxuan couldn’t believe his ears. “Leng’an is your biological granddaughter!”

Acknowledging Leng’an’s importance, he still considered Ye Leng’an, his biological daughter, superior. However, from his father’s perspective, if Ye Leng’an couldn’t accept Wanwan, she wouldn’t be recognized as his biological granddaughter.

“I understand.” Ye Yikun remained composed. Lifting his head, he fixed his sharp gaze on Ye Hongxuan. “But don’t forget, Wanwan is not just your daughter; she’s also Murong Xingrui’s fiancée. In the future, she will become the matriarch of the Murong family. With Wanwan here, the connection between the Ye family and the Murong family remains solid. But what can Ye Leng’an do? As you said, she grew up in the mortal world. Whether she possesses the talent for cultivation is unknown. Wanwan, however, is the successor you’ve cultivated. Tell me, who is more qualified to hold the position of the young lady of the Ye family?”

He had not just one son, so other granddaughters existed. Even though Ye Leng’an was his biological granddaughter, she couldn’t surpass Wanwan’s importance in his heart. Wanwan, by maintaining ties between the Ye and Murong families, held a special place.

Ye Hongxuan, hearing his father’s words, displayed disbelief on his face. “Father, how could you...”

While he knew his father prioritized family interests, he didn’t anticipate his father would abandon his granddaughter for this reason.

Chapter 707: Young Lady of the Ye Family

“Ye Hongxuan, you need to recognize your identity.” Ye Yikun’s expression became more serious. “Don’t forget, you are the head of the Ye family. Every decision you make must be in the best interest of the Ye family.”

“Father, Leng’an is my biological daughter,” Ye Hongxuan couldn’t help but speak up, “Are you suggesting I disown my own daughter? Besides, she has been wandering for so many years, and I owe her. If I abandon her now for Wanwan, am I even human?”

“I haven’t asked you to abandon Ye Leng’an.” Ye Yikun’s voice turned cold. “You can acknowledge this daughter, but compared to Ye Leng’an, a child raised in the mortal world, Wanwan is clearly more suited to be the Ye family’s young lady. As for Ye Leng’an, I won’t object to how you choose to care for her.”

Hearing these cold words, Ye Hongxuan felt a bit agitated. “Father, Ye Leng’an...”

Before he could finish, Ye Yikun interrupted, “You don’t need to persuade me here. I’m clear about my stance. You may think I’m cold-blooded, but everything I do is for the family. Hongxuan, remember, you are the head of the Ye family, and you must make concessions for the family’s benefit. If Ye Leng’an can prove she’s more suitable to be the Ye family’s young lady than Wanwan, then I can acknowledge her identity.”

Ultimately, as long as Ye Leng’an could bring sufficient benefits to the Ye family, he could replace Ye Wanwan at any time.

Finding it hard to accept his father’s attitude, Ye Hongxuan nodded reluctantly. “Father, let me think about it.”

Though he understood his father’s actions were for the family, acceptance was challenging.

An old fox, Ye Yikun saw through Ye Hongxuan’s thoughts. He continued, “Hongxuan, you’re my chosen successor. However, if you feel unfit as the family head, feel free to bring it up. Once you’re no longer the head, I won’t interfere with your decisions.”

As long as Ye Hongxuan was the head of the Ye family, he had to consider the family.

Knowing his father intended to strip him of the family head position, Ye Hongxuan, who had been arguing, gave up.

Being a man, he valued power, especially realizing losing the family head position would make his life in the Ye family difficult. He might not even be able to protect himself, let alone his family.

Seeing Ye Hongxuan’s realization, Ye Yikun didn’t press further. “Have you told Wanwan?”

“Not yet.” Ye Hongxuan shook his head. “Ye Leng’an is coming tomorrow, and I plan to tell them together.”

“Wanwan will stay.” Ye Yikun’s eyes flashed coldly. “But we can’t let Lian Zixin off. Notify them, stop all help to the Lian family from today, and fully suppress the Yan family.”

“What?” Ye Hongxuan was shocked. “Father, Lian Zixin did something like that, and the Lian family is unaware. Moreover, they are Mengzhu’s family, and we...”

“It’s precisely because they are Lian Mengzhu’s maiden family that I’m lenient,” Ye Yikun said coldly. “I only stopped helping them; I didn’t suppress them.”

Ye Hongxuan had wanted to plead for the Lian family, but seeing Ye Yikun's cold expression, he dared not say more.

He wondered how he would tell his wife.

"Let me know when Ye Leng'an comes tomorrow. I'll also go and see." Ye Yikun wanted to see what kind of person his granddaughter was. He admired her courage.

However, this was the Hidden World, where courage alone was useless. One had to rely on strength to succeed. A child raised in the mortal world could not compare to Ye Wanwan.

Leaving Ye Yikun's courtyard with worry, Ye Hongxuan prepared for the next day.

Early the next morning, Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu were in the main hall. They didn't know when Ye Leng'an would arrive, but they were eager to meet her.

In the main hall, along with Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu, was Ye Wanwan.

Before breakfast, her parents had informed her to come to the main hall. Not knowing what was happening, seeing her parents' serious expressions, she felt an ominous feeling, as if something was beyond her control.

The atmosphere in the main hall was heavy. Ye Wanwan didn't dare to be playful. However, she couldn't help but ask, "Father, Mother, who are we waiting for?"

Ye Hongxuan glanced at Ye Wanwan with a complicated expression. "You'll know when they arrive."

Ye Wanwan obviously didn't want such an answer. She pretended to smile innocently. "Father, Mother, who is it? So mysterious and grand, requiring all of us to wait here."

"Wanwan..." Lian Mengzhu turned to Ye Wanwan, wanting to say something, hesitated, and finally spoke, "In any case, it's an important person. When the time comes, you have to get along well!"

After all, she raised the child. Even though she knew Wanwan wasn't her biological child, she couldn't abandon her. Moreover, Ye Yikun showed no intention of letting Wanwan leave.

However, when she saw Wanwan, she couldn't help but think of Lian Zixin. She never expected that her sister, whom she loved dearly, would swap her own child and let her daughter grow up in such an environment.

If Ye Leng'an could grow up in the Ye family like Wanwan, receiving their full nurturing, could she be as outstanding as Wanwan, or even more so?

Thinking of this, she shook her head as if to dispel those thoughts. Everything was set in stone. No matter how much she thought about it, she couldn't change anything.

Chapter 708: Telling the Truth

Upon hearing Lian Mengzhu's words, Ye Wanwan's heart involuntarily skipped a beat. The ominous premonition deep within intensified. She parted her lips as if contemplating words, yet in the end, she remained silent.

Lian Meng Zhu paid no attention to Ye Wanwan's lack of response. Her thoughts were entirely occupied by the impending arrival of Ye Leng'an. As time ticked away, the tension within her heightened.

The revelation that Ye Leng'an was her biological daughter left her at a loss on how to face her. The unsettling feelings she had harbored towards Ye Leng'an due to Ye Wanwan, especially the doubts that arose after Leng'an disclosed the truth, left her feeling utterly discomposed.

Simultaneously, there existed a yearning to meet Ye Leng'an as soon as possible. She was, after all, her daughter – a child inheriting her and her husband's bloodline, invoking a profound sense of guilt within her.

As time passed, uneasiness crept over Ye Wanwan. A tickle in her throat resulted in an involuntary cough.

Her incomplete recovery from the injuries sustained during the Family Competition lingered. Had her parents not summoned her today, she would be resting in her room.

“Wanwan, are you alright?”

Alarmed by Ye Wanwan's cough, Lian Mengzhu instinctively turned her gaze toward her, expressing concern. “Wanwan, are you alright? Didn't they say you were much better? Why is it still like this?”

“It's nothing, just a bit fatigued from the lack of rest these past two days,” Ye Wanwan replied with a smile. Tentatively, she suggested, “Father, Mother, I'm not feeling well. How about I go back and rest first?”

She believed her parents wouldn't refuse, given their evident concern. Regardless of the identity of the impending visitor, in her parents' eyes, she remained the most important.

“Let's wait a bit longer!” Ye Hongxuan furrowed his brow. “The person coming today is crucial. If you can't endure, I can have someone fetch some medicine for you. Wait a moment; we still have something important to discuss with you.”

“That's right, Wanwan, hang in there!”

Although Lian Mengzhu felt for Ye Wanwan's plight, leaving under these circumstances was out of the question.

“Alright.” Ye Wanwan nodded, smiling. Despite her tired appearance, she offered no significant resistance, appearing compliant.

Internally, her demeanor belied the turmoil she felt. The day's events had thoroughly overturned her understanding of things.

Amidst this internal struggle, Ye Wanwan finally laid eyes on the person she awaited.

The entry of two figures almost prompted a scream from Ye Wanwan. The unexpected visitors were none other than Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng'an.

Had she not forcefully restrained her inner panic, she might have already rushed out.

At this juncture, she comprehended all that needed understanding. Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng'an must have been informed; hence, their abrupt visit yesterday. Clearly, her parents had already confirmed the truth, evident in the present gathering.

This realization sent shivers through Ye Wanwan. What awaited her next? Would her parents still regard her as their daughter once aware of the circumstances? What about her standing within the Ye family?

Despite these concerns, she remained convinced she wouldn't be ousted from the Ye family.

If they intended to expel her, she wouldn't be seated there. Moreover, her mother had implied she should get along with Ye Leng'an, hinting at a harmonious relationship.

"Well, everyone's here!" Ye Leng'an ushered Huangfu Ruiling inside. Observing the individuals in the living room, she raised an eyebrow and sarcastically remarked, "So many people waiting for me – I'm truly flattered!"

In the past, Ye Wanwan would have retorted sharply to Ye Leng'an's sarcasm. Today, however, she remained silent, refraining from expressing any opinion.

Though Ye Hongxuan's expression darkened, he refrained from speaking.

Lian Mengzhu rose immediately. Addressing Ye Leng'an, her demeanor mixed nervousness with anticipation. Nonetheless, joy prevailed. "Leng'an, you're here! Quickly, have a seat!"

Without hesitation, Ye Leng'an pushed Huangfu Ruiling forward, occupying a seat beside her.

Seated, she turned her attention to Ye Hongxuan and asked directly, "How's it going? Master Ye, I presume you're aware of the outcome by now!"

Ye Hongxuan nodded and turned towards Ye Wanwan. Deliberating for a moment, he began, "Wanwan, there's something I need to tell you. What I'm about to say might be profoundly unsettling, but I hope you'll listen calmly. Wanwan, you're not my biological daughter. You were switched by Lian Zixin. Ye Leng'an is my true biological daughter. And Lian Zixin is your biological mother."

"What?" Ye Wanwan's expression suggested a profound blow. She vehemently shook her head, seemingly attempting to deny the revelation. "Impossible, Father. Are you joking with me?"

As she spoke, tears welled up in her eyes. When she gazed at Ye Hongxuan, her pitiful demeanor resembled that of an abandoned creature – both yearning and cautious.

Witnessing this, Ye Hongxuan's heart softened. He wanted to offer words of comfort but found himself at a loss.

On the side, Lian Mengzhu couldn't contain herself. She promptly reassured, "Wanwan, though you're not our biological daughter, we've always treated you as such for so many years. Even with Leng'an's return, you're still our daughter, and we'll treat you equally."

"Really?" Ye Wanwan raised her head, looking at Lian Mengzhu. She cautiously asked, "Mother, you and Father won't really forsake me, will you?"

“Of course not.” Ye Hongxuan affirmed, “Regardless of the circumstances, you’re still our daughter.”

Chapter 709: The funniest joke

At this heartwarming moment, a mocking voice disrupted the atmosphere.

“Your performance is truly impressive!” Ye Leng’an gazed at Ye Wanwan with an entirely sarcastic look when speaking. “Why pretend now? You were well aware of it long ago. You even let Yuan Silei present me with such a generous gift! Didn’t you give her the Soul Dissipating Powder, instructing her to destroy me?”

Upon hearing Ye Leng’an mention Yuan Silei, Ye Wanwan’s heart skipped a beat, though she maintained an innocent facade. “Ye Leng’an, I have no idea what you’re talking about. I just learned about this matter recently. It’s a significant blow to me, and I never imagined I might not be the child of my parents.”

Uncertain if Yuan Silei had revealed something, Ye Wanwan knew people in the mortal world were often fools. Even such a small matter couldn’t be handled properly, and Ye Leng’an had found out. The money was wasted. In hindsight, she should have directly taken action; it would have been more reliable.

Yet, irrespective of whether Ye Leng’an knew she orchestrated this, she could never admit it. Even if exposed eventually, there would be individuals willingly accepting the blame for her.

“Whether you admit it or not holds no significance to me,” Ye Leng’an stated casually. “As long as I’m convinced it was you, I don’t need evidence.”

Hearing Ye Leng’an’s words, Ye Wanwan’s expression turned despondent. “I know you resent me for occupying your position for so many years, but I never wanted any of this! You can’t accuse me of harming you just because of that!”

Her appeasing demeanor evoked sympathy from Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu, who had raised her. Despite knowing she wasn’t their biological child, their emotional attachment remained.

“Leng’an, there may be some misunderstanding.” Lian Mengzhu smiled, attempting to mediate. “We’ll investigate the matter you mentioned. If someone truly aims to harm you, we won’t stand idly by.”

“That’s right,” Ye Hongxuan added. “Although Wanwan is a bit indulged, she isn’t so ruthless.”

As the Ye family’s patriarch, he was well-acquainted with the Soul Dissipating Powder. Therefore, he doubted Ye Wanwan would commit such an act. He believed there must be a misunderstanding.

“Master Ye and Mrs. Ye are truly magnanimous!” Huangfu Ruiling sneered, his tone dripping with mockery. “You don’t believe your biological daughter’s words but

readily trust an adopted one. If it's not one's own upbringing, there's no attachment, right?"

Fortunately, An'an lacked emotions and expectations for her parents. Otherwise, facing such a situation would be heartbreaking. The pair in front of her didn't deserve to be An'an's parents.

Huangfu Ruiling's words made Ye Hongxuan and Lian Mengzhu's expressions awkward. They wanted to explain but were at a loss for words.

"What audacity!"

At that moment, an elderly voice resonated, and Ye Yikun entered. As he did, he emanated his own aura, directed towards Huangfu Ruiling. "This is an internal matter of our Ye family. What qualifies you to intervene?"

With Ye Yikun's entrance, a potent aura spread through the living room. Even Ye Hongxuan struggled to breathe, let alone Lian Mengzhu and Ye Wanwan. They felt a tangible difficulty in catching their breath.

Only Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng'an, facing the pressure, remained unaffected.

Observing Huangfu Ruiling and Ye Leng'an's reactions, Ye Yikun found their responses surprising.

When his gaze landed on Ye Leng'an, a hint of regret flashed in his eyes.

The fact that she remained unaffected under his pressure, without an increased heartbeat, highlighted her formidable psychological resilience. If Ye Leng'an had grown up in the Ye family, given her courage and capabilities, she would likely have achieved more than Ye Wanwan. Unfortunately, she grew up in the mortal world. Even if nurtured now, she couldn't surpass Ye Wanwan.

Furthermore, the critical factor was that Ye Wanwan was already engaged to Murong Xingrui, maintaining the relationship between the Ye and Murong families.

Hence, Ye Wanwan must not lose her status as the Ye family's young lady.

"You are Ye Leng'an," Ye Yikun stated, looking at her seriously. "Since you are part of the Ye family, return. From today, the Ye family will dedicate efforts to nurture you. However... The Ye family absolutely cannot become a joke with a secretly swapped child. Therefore, Wanwan's status won't change. I will announce that due to frail health, you were sent elsewhere for recovery and only recently returned. You will be recognized as the second young lady of the Ye family."

Ye Wanwan's heart finally settled.

She knew her grandfather's authority in the family was absolute. Even though her father was now the head of the family, her grandfather's orders still couldn't be disobeyed. With her grandfather personally acknowledging her identity, even if Ye Leng'an returned, it wouldn't affect her position.

With this in mind, a subtle smile appeared on Ye Wanwan's lips. When she looked at Ye Leng'an, her eyes carried a hint of provocation.

Sensing Ye Wanwan's provocation and hearing Ye Yikun's benevolent words, Ye Leng'an found it amusing. In fact, she burst into laughter. "You truly enjoy joking. This is by far the funniest joke I've heard."

"Shut up." Seeing Ye Leng'an's expression, Ye Yikun's face darkened. When he gazed at Ye Leng'an, his expression turned considerably colder. "Ye Leng'an, don't think that because you have Ye family blood, I'll show leniency. Let me make it clear, as long as I'm unwilling to acknowledge you as my granddaughter, even if you're Hongxuan's daughter, you won't enter the Ye family."

"I've never considered returning to the Ye family," Ye Leng'an retorted, resting her chin on her hand and looking at Ye Yikun with a mocking smile. "Who told you I wanted to return?"

Chapter 710: Standing Up

Upon hearing this, Ye Yikun furrowed his brows even tighter. "Ye Leng'an, what do you mean? Do you want me to hire eight palanquins to carry you back? Let me tell you, if you continue to be ungrateful, you'll never return to the Ye family."

"Father, please calm down," Ye Hongxuan quickly intervened. "Leng'an just needs some time to adjust. She didn't mean to defy you. Please forgive her this time."

"Leng'an, apologize to your grandfather," Lian Mengzhu urged, casting meaningful glances. "Your thoughtless words angered him. Apologize and seek his forgiveness."

Ignoring the others, Ye Leng'an looked directly at Ye Yikun. "Old Master Ye, you might have misunderstood. I didn't mention this to return to the Ye family. Didn't Master Ye inform you?"

Ye Yikun's arrogance blinded him. He believed the Ye family was superior, and everyone desired to join them.

"What do you mean?" Ye Yikun's displeasure showed. He turned to Ye Hongxuan with a sharp gaze. "Explain, what happened?"

Not trusting Ye Leng'an's words, Ye Yikun demanded an explanation. If she had no intention of returning, why disclose this matter here?

"Leng'an is speaking out of turn," Ye Hongxuan hurriedly defended. "She needs time to adjust. Please forgive her, Father."

Ye Yikun's face darkened. He warned Ye Leng'an, "Regardless of your past life in the mortal world, now that you're back, learn the rules."

"You all seem to enjoy talking to yourselves!" Ye Leng'an sighed. "I've said it before, I won't return to the Ye family. Can't any of you understand that?"

“I came to the Ye family this time for two reasons: firstly, to prevent Ye Wanwan from taking advantage and nesting too comfortably. Secondly...”

At this point, Ye Leng’an’s expression turned icy. “My guiding principle is simple. I believe in retaliation. If someone wishes to harm me, I won’t let them off.”

Facing Ye Leng’an’s cold gaze, Ye Wanwan felt a pang of guilt. Ye Yikun, unaware of the details, recognized that Ye Wanwan had offended Ye Leng’an.

With a smirk, Ye Leng’an stood up abruptly, approaching Ye Wanwan. She channeled spiritual power into her hand and aimed for Ye Wanwan’s dantian.

Unexpectedly, Ye Leng’an possessed cultivation. Others, unaware of her abilities, were shocked by the sudden revelation.

Before Ye Wanwan could react, Ye Leng’an struck, and Ye Wanwan’s resistance proved feeble.

“Ahh!” Ye Wanwan’s screams filled the air, conveying immense pain. She writhed on the ground, feeling the agony in her dantian, along with a pervasive weakness.

Realizing Ye Leng’an had ruined her cultivation, Ye Wanwan knew she could no longer heal herself.

“Ye Leng’an, how dare you!” Ye Yikun bellowed, launching an attack. Witnessing Ye Wanwan losing her cultivation worried him. She was not just a Ye family member but also engaged to Murong Xingrui. If she lost her cultivation, the Murong family might break off the engagement.

Ye Leng’an’s actions not only harmed Ye Wanwan but also jeopardized the alliance between the Ye and Murong families.

Driven by anger, Ye Yikun sought to kill Ye Leng’an. In his eyes, she was no longer his granddaughter but the one who had shattered the family alliance.

“Father, no!” Ye Hongxuan rushed to intervene. Although Ye Leng’an’s actions were inappropriate, she was still his daughter, and he couldn’t bear to see her harmed.

Faster than anyone, Huangfu Ruiling stood in front of Ye Leng’an, directly facing Ye Yikun’s attack.

Ye Yikun paid no heed to Huangfu Ruiling, attacking with full force. However, the unexpected happened – Huangfu Ruiling sent Ye Yikun flying after a brief exchange.

Indeed, he was sent flying.

Ye Yikun barely stabilized himself, sensing a metallic taste in his throat. He struggled to swallow it back.