

God-tier Farm

Chapter 8: A Fool

Lu Wen was also dumbfounded. After a while, he said with uncertainty.

“This... this can’t be dyed, right?”

This Ice Lantern Jade Dew was truly too beautiful. It was so beautiful that it seemed like a fake. It was like a work of art.

Liang Qichao, Lu Ping, and Ling Qingxue raised their heads in unison and said.

“Nonsense!”

Ling Qingxue snorted.

“Don’t talk nonsense if you don’t know anything. This is obviously an extremely rare mutated supreme-grade ice lantern!”

Lu Ping shook his head and said.

“Lu Wen, from my experience, there’s nothing wrong with this Ice Lantern Jade Dew. It’s even prettier than the pictures on the Internet.”

Because of Ling Qingxue, these people had done some research on succulent plants. Liang Qichao even opened a succulent plant cultivation base.

In fact, Lu Wen had a vague feeling that the Ice Lantern Jade Dew wasn’t fake. However, he couldn’t help but say those words out of indignation. He hadn’t expected to incur public wrath.

Xia Ruofei did not take it to heart. There was still a faint smile on his face.

At that moment, Liu Minghao looked at Xia Ruofei, then at Ling Qingxue. His eyes darted around as he said.

“Little Xia, you’re selling this ice lantern, right? How about this? I’ll offer 80,000 yuan! Sell it to me! A pot of succulent plant for 80,000 yuan, you’ve earned a lot. You’ve been a soldier for so many years, but your retirement fee is probably not even that much!”

Liang Qichao immediately jumped up and said.

“Liu Minghao, what do you mean?! I was the one who contacted Mr Xia. If he is going to make a deal, he will have to do it with me!”

Lu Ping also said.

“Liu Minghao, you’re a little unreasonable! How dare you give a price of 80,000 yuan? This is just the price of an ordinary supreme-grade Ice Lantern. The one that Mr Xia has is a mutated variant! How about this, I’ll offer 100,000 yuan. Mr Xia, are you willing to part with it?”

Lu Ping seemed soft-spoken, but how could these rich second-generation heirs be simple? His words also mocked Liu Minghao, and he pretended not to hear Liang Qichao’s words, still preparing to fight for the Ice Lantern.

“You...” Liu Minghao was furious.” I’ll pay 120,000! ”

“130,000! Sell it to me!” Lu Wen also joined in the fun.

These people wanted to buy this pot of Ice Lantern Jade Dew for Ling Qingxue to win her favor, so they naturally wouldn’t back down.

And this supreme-grade Ice Lantern in fact was worth this price.

“You guys are too shameless!” Liang Qichao shouted. Then, he looked at Xia Ruofei pitifully and said, “Mr. Xia, Master Bloodwolf... you promised to sell it to me...”

Before Xia Ruofei could speak, Ling Qingxue spoke first.

“One million! I want this Ice Lantern. Who wants to fight with me?”

Liang Qichao and the rest were dumbfounded while Xia Ruofei did not know whether to laugh or cry.

Before he came, he had roughly checked the price. Although a supreme-grade mutated Ice Lantern was valuable, it was definitely not worth as much as a million. It was not even a fifth of a million.

Ling Qingxue's bid was clearly not only because she liked the Ice Lantern.

In reality, when Ling Qingxue saw that Xia Ruofei's outfit added up to less than 200 yuan and that he had just retired from the army and had no job, it could be said that he was in dire straits. Hence, she thought of helping Xia Ruofei.

However, smart as she was, she knew that she had to take into account a man's pride and was considering how to get the best of both worlds! Then, Xia Ruofei took out this pot of jade dew and prepared to sell it.

Thus, Ling Qingxue did not even think about it and gave an exaggerated price.

Liu Minghao quickly said.

"Qingxue, no matter how good this Ice Lantern Jade Dew is, it's not worth a million. I know you like this pot of Jade Dew. I'll buy it for you later..."

Lu Ping adjusted his gold-rimmed glasses and said.

"Qingxue! This price is too high..."

Ling Qingxue snorted.

"I like it and I'm willing. It's hard to buy my favorite thing with money. What can you do about it?"

"This..." Liang Qichao did not expect things to turn out this way. He could not help but look at Xia Ruofei pleadingly.

Xia Ruofei's gaze was like a torch, and he had already seen the situation clearly. Furthermore, he more or less understood Ling Qingxue's thoughts. However, Xia Ruofei could only appreciate her good intentions.

He had no impression of Ling Qingxue at all. How could he accept such a large sum of money? To put it nicely, it was called cheating her feelings. To put it bluntly, it was the act of a gigolo who was living off a woman!

Xia Ruofei thought about it and said.

“Director Liang, since everyone is so enthusiastic, let’s bid! The highest bidder wins, fair and just! However...”

At this point, Xia Ruofei looked at Ling Qingxue and smiled.

“My classmate Ling Qingxue shall not participate in the bidding!”

At first, Liang Qichao thought that Xia Ruofei’s words were as good as not saying anything. Ling Qingxue had already offered one million. How was he going to bid? Besides, who would dare to bid against Ling Qingxue? Fortunately, Xia Ruofei add the sentence afterwards, and Liang Qichao’s worries turned into joy.

However, Ling Qingxue could not take it. She pouted and said to Xia Ruofei.

“Why can’t I bid? It’s not fair!”

Liang Qichao and the others couldn’t help but stare blankly. They had known Ling Qingxue for so long, but this was the first time they had seen her reveal such a feminine side. They couldn’t help but feel envious and jealous.

Liu Minghao and Lu Wen were especially furious.

Xia Ruofei looked at Ling Qingxue helplessly and said.

“Stop fooling around. I’m doing something serious! If you like succulent plants, I’ll find you another one...”

Ling Qingxue immediately became happy.

“Then you have to keep your word!”

“Definitely, definitely...” Xia Ruofei said half-heartedly.

Liu Minghao couldn’t stand it anymore and quickly said.

“Since that’s the case, let’s start bidding! Little Lu will bid 130,000, right? I’ll bid 150,000!”

Liu Minghao added another 20,000 yuan.

In fact, this price was already considered very high. The rare Ice Lanterns on the market were only worth about 100,000.

“160,000!” Lu Ping gritted his teeth and added 10,000 yuan.

“170,000!” Liang Qichao was not to be outdone. He was the owner of this place, and he had not made a bid just now!

Lu Ping shrugged and said.

“I quit!”

He had always been a calm person. Now that the price had exceeded the actual value of this ice lantern, he decisively chose to stop.

The money of these rich second-generation heirs didn't come from nowhere. Their fathers were indeed billionaires. However, they didn't have any businesses on their own. Basically, they were living on their monthly allowance. If they took out a few 100,000 or 200,000 yuan at once, they would have a hard time surviving the month.

Lu Wen thought about it and shook his head.

Liu Minghao sneered and said.

“180,000!”

He wasn't on good terms with Liang Qichao, and the two families were competing with each other for enterprises, so he had the intention to fight.

Liang Qichao snorted and said.

“Then I'll pay 200,000!”

Liu Minghao's expression changed slightly as he said angrily.

“Liang Qichao, are you crazy?! This ice lantern isn't worth that much money at all! Are you just bent on competing with me?”

“Am I crazy to bid higher than you?” Liang Qichao said disdainfully, “Qingxue even offered a million just now!”

Liu Minghao was shocked and quickly looked at Ling Qingxue. As expected, Ling Qingxue's expression had turned a little ugly.

He hurriedly explained.

"Qingxue, I... That's not what I meant..."

Ling Qingxue said coldly.

"If you want to buy it, then continue bidding. If you can't afford it, then give up. Why are you talking so much nonsense?"

This was intolerable!

What was the most important thing in front of the woman he liked? Of course, it was the dignity of a man. Tens of thousands was nothing!

Liu Minghao shouted with bloodshot eyes, as if he had been injected with chicken blood.

"250,000! I bid 250,000! Liang Qichao, do you still dare to raise the bid?"

Xia Ruofei knew that Ling Qingxue was purposely trying to arouse Liu Minghao's competitive spirit so that he could sell his Ice Lantern Jade Dew for more money. He did not expect Liu Minghao to be so cooperative and foolishly increased the price by 50,000 yuan.

Xia Ruofei looked at Ling Qingxue reproachfully. Ling Qingxue blinked at Xia Ruofei as if they were telepathic, revealing a mischievous look.

Liang Qichao was also beginning to feel troubled. This price was at least twice the actual value. It would be unwise to raise the price further, but the issue of face was also very important!

At that moment, Liang Qichao saw Xia Ruofei secretly giving him a look, so he quickly came back to his senses.

He laughed and said.

"Liu Minghao, a gentleman doesn't take what others like. Since you like this pot of Ice Lantern Jade Dew so much that you're willing to pay twice the price, I'll fulfill your wish!"

With that, Liang Qichao shrugged his shoulders, indicating that he had given up the competition.

Liu Minghao also calmed down, and he couldn't help but feel a trace of regret—this amount of money could buy a lot of precious succulent plants.

Then, Ling Qingxue said.

“Since no one is bidding anymore, Liu Minghao, pay up!”

“Ah? I... I didn't bring so much cash!” Liu Minghao said hesitantly.

“I have a payment machine here!” Liang Qichao laughed. “If you swipe your card here, I'll get the finance department to transfer the money to Mr Xia's account!”

Liu Minghao knew that it was impossible to go back on the payment, so he could only take out his card resentfully and watch Liang Qichao transfer 250,000 yuan.

Liang Qichao asked for the card number from Xia Ruofei and walked out of the office to look for the financial personnel at the store. After a while, the finance personnel transferred 250,000 yuan into Xia Ruofei's account.

“Thank you, Director Liang,” Xia Ruofei said.

“Haha! You're welcome!” Liang Qichao laughed heartily. “It's a pity that I didn't buy this supreme-grade ice lantern this time. I hope we can still work together in the future!”

“Of course,” Xia Ruofei said with a smile.

Among these rich second-generation heirs, other than Lu Wen and Liu Minghao who kept making things difficult for him, Liang Qichao and Lu Ping were still not bad. Ling Qingxue, on the other hand, looked at him with stars in her eyes.

Liu Minghao looked at Xia Ruofei and Liang Qichao, who were chatting happily, and felt as if he had eaten a fly.

His eyes fell on the bowl of Ice Lantern Jade Dew that he spent 250,000 to buy. His eyes suddenly lit up and he quickly brought it to Ling Qingxue.

“Qingxue, this supreme-grade ice lantern is for you. I hope you like it.”

Ling Qingxue coldly glanced at the Jade Dew and said.

“If I want it, won’t I buy it myself? I appreciate your kindness, but keep it for yourself!”

Initially, although Ling Qingxue had a cold personality, at least she spoke appropriately. However, when she saw Liu Minghao targeting Xia Ruofei, she did not hold back.

Liu Minghao was stunned. He spent half a month’s pocket money to buy this thing to win the hearts of this beauty! How could it be like this? Didn’t he become a fool then?

Xia Ruofei laughed and said.

“Director Liang, since the transaction is completed, I won’t disturb you any further. I’ll take my leave first!”

“I’ll send you off!” Liang Qichao said hurriedly.

“No need. You should accompany your friends! I can go out myself,” Xia Ruofei said.

Then, he gave Liang Qichao a look and said.

“I’ll contact you later.”

Liang Qichao immediately understood and nodded.

Hence, Xia Ruofei walked towards the door.

Ling Qingxue suddenly spoke.

“Ruofei, I have to go back too. Let me send you back!”

With that, Ling Qingxue strode towards Xia Ruofei, leaving Liang Qichao and the rest looking at each other. Liu Minghao’s expression was the ugliest.

9 Preliminary Plan

At the entrance of the Immortal Succulent Store, Xia Ruofei said helplessly.

"My dear classmate Ling Qingxue, I still have matters to attend to, so I shan't trouble you to send me off..."

Ling Qingxue smiled and asked.

"What matters are you attending to?"

"Of course I'm going to the bank to check the transactions!" Xia Ruofei said.

"This is the first time I've earned so much money! How can I feel reassured if I did not check?"

Xia Ruofei purposely put on an unscrupulous look. Unexpectedly, Ling Qingxue did not show any disgust. Instead, her eyes lit up as she said.

"I happen to be going to the bank to settle some matters too! We're heading in the same direction! You should take my car!"

Xia Ruofei could only smile bitterly and nod.

He was not a blockhead and could naturally tell Ling Qingxue's feelings. However, he had no impression of this beautiful girl at all. Moreover, he had contracted a terminal illness, so he did not want to have any more emotional entanglements.

However, Ling Qingxue was so proactive that Xia Ruofei could not bear to reject her.

Soon, Ling Qingxue drove the latest Porsche 911 sports car over and smiled at Xia Ruofei.

"Get in!"

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The Porsche 911 sped through the streets of Three Mountain City like an orange bolt of lightning, attracting many attention along the way.

In the car, Ling Qingxue kept looking for a topic to chat with Xia Ruofei about. Xia Ruofei could only reply casually to each sentence she said, making the atmosphere a little awkward.

Actually, Xia Ruofei's mind was not on Ling Qingxue at all. His mind was spinning non-stop as he thought about his next step of plan.

Xia Ruofei already had a basic plan in his mind, which was to cultivate the succulent plants.

Succulent plants had always been popular in Japan and Korea. Perhaps it was due to their cute and cute appearance that attracted people, or perhaps it was due to the intentional hype by the merchants, but in any case, succulent plants had inexplicably become popular in China these few years.

The price of many succulent plants rose as well. Since Xia Ruofei had a "killer tool" like the Spiritual Map Space in his hands, his "money path" to cultivating succulent plants must be very bright.

Xia Ruofei had initially decided to sell the seedlings of the succulent plants.

This was mainly out of safety considerations. Even though the Spiritual Map Space was in his hands, and it was not difficult for Xia Ruofei to cultivate the plants to their mature form, everyone knew that the growth period of succulent plants was very long. If he sold a large number of mature and rare succulent plants, it would definitely attract the attention of people and cause unnecessary trouble.

Comparatively speaking, it was much safer to sell the seedlings. There were also quite a number of businesses on the Internet that do the same, but the quality of their seedlings was not always great.

As for the sales model, Xia Ruofei planned to rely on online platforms.

Now that e-commerce was so advanced, people's shopping habits had already changed. Moreover, most succulent plants grew well in shade and dry environment, so long-distance transportation was not a problem.

Furthermore, the quality of the products would definitely be very high. Xia Ruofei was confident that he could create a well-known e-commerce brand. It was not impossible for him to monopolize the market of high-end succulent plants.

Of course, the most important thing was that he could conceal the fact that he didn't have a piece of land or a large shed, yet he was able to cultivate many rare succulent seedlings.

If he had to do transactions in real life, it would be very difficult to cover it up. Instead, if he was doing online sales, these troubles could be avoided.

"Looks like I'll have to research how to open a shop online when I get back..."
Xia Ruofei thought to himself.

Ling Qingxue, who was driving, suddenly asked.

"Actually, you don't remember me at all just now, right?"

As he thought about his own matters and dealt with Ling Qingxue, Xia Ruofei was naturally distracted.

Hence, Xia Ruofei nodded subconsciously and said.

"Yeah!"

After he said that, Xia Ruofei finally reacted to it and turned to look at Ling Qingxue awkwardly.

"Uh... you... how did you know?"

Ling Qingxue smiled and said.

"I'm not stupid, how could I not tell!"

After saying that, Ling Qingxue smiled sweetly again. With one hand on the steering wheel and the other reaching out to Xia Ruofei, she said.

"Let's get to know each other again! My name is Ling Qingxue, and I graduated from Three Mountain City No. 2 High School. I'm now the financial manager of the Ling Ji Restaurant chain!"

Three Mountain City No. 2 High School was both Ling Qingxue and Xia Ruofei's alma mater. It was when Ling Qingxue was studying at No. 2 High School that the seed of love sprouted in her heart and Xia Ruofei's figure was engraved in her mind.

Xia Ruofei reached out to shake Ling Qingxue's hand and smiled.

"This is the first time I've heard someone introduce herself with her high school..."

Ling Qingxue playfully stuck out her tongue and smiled.

"Isn't this to remind you of the past?"

After she made a small joke, Xia Ruofei was not as awkward as before. His mind did not wander off again and he started chatting with Ling Qingxue.

Even though Xia Ruofei did not have any other intentions, her beauty was still very pleasing to the eye. It was precisely because Xia Ruofei's thoughts were pure that he did not feel pressured by the difference in wealth and status between the two of them. He had always been very calm.

Unexpectedly, this made Ling Qingxue award additional impression points to him.

Soon, the car arrived at the bank. Xia Ruofei opened the car door and got out. He turned around and said.

"Qingxue, thank you for sending me here! Goodbye!"

"Oh, right, Mr Xia. Why have you returned to look for me? Could it be... that you still have some 11:48

high-quality succulents like the Ice Lantern Jade Dew for sale?"

After saying that, Xia Ruofei prepared to walk into the bank. Ling Qingxue quickly stopped him.

"Ruofei, we haven't seen each other for so many years. Shall we find a place to catch up later?"

"I really have something on today. Let's find another chance next time!" Xia Ruofei said.

It was the hardest to accept a beauty's kindness! Xia Ruofei practically ran into the bank.

Ling Qingxue looked at Xia Ruofei's retreating figure and could not help but laugh. Then, she wrinkled her nose and said.

"This time, God let me meet you again. Don't think of running away from me again!"

Ling Qingxue then stepped on the accelerator and drove the Porsche 911 away from the bank.

After driving a few meters away, Ling Qingxue patted her forehead and muttered to herself.

"Aiya! I can't believe that I forgot to ask him for his phone number... Hmph! Liang Qichao definitely has it. I'll get it from him..."

Recalling how awkward Xia Ruofei was when she exposed his lie, Ling Qingxue could not help but burst into laughter. Her pretty face looked even more radiant.

Through the glass window of the bank, Xia Ruofei saw Ling Qingxue's car drive away. He let out a long sigh of relief and walked out of the bank quickly. He just made up a lame excuse to check his accounts. He had set an automatic notification from the bank, so he had received a text message when the transaction was made earlier.

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An hour later, Xia Ruofei appeared at the Immortal Succulent Store again.

The moment he entered Liang Qichao's office, Xia Ruofei looked around subconsciously. Liang Qichao could not help but laugh.

"Don't worry! Ling Ji's little princess has already left. Liu Minghao and the rest also left not long after you left."

Xia Ruofei heaved a sigh of relief and smiled sheepishly.

Liang Qichao hesitated and said.

"But... Mr Xia, Qingxue called to ask for your contact number... I didn't ask for your permission before giving her your number. I'm really sorry! I really can't reject her request..."

Xia Ruofei smiled and waved his hand.

"It's okay. Since she wants to obtain my number, even if you don't give it to her, she can still find it."

"It's good that you don't mind..." Liang Qichao heaved a sigh of relief.

Then, he asked with a hint of anticipation.

"Oh, right, Mr Xia. Why have you returned to look for me? Could it be... that you still have some high-quality succulents like the Ice Lantern Jade Dew for sale?"