

## Hidden 1191

### Chapter 1191: Your Boss Needs To Work Too!

The next day, History called for another press conference to explain that they met with a slight mishap the day before, hence they had to postpone the announcement.

At Spirit studio, Gong Shangze looked at the headlines on his computer screen showing History's announcement on their highlight piece as something cold flashed in his eyes.

"Director Gong, is this your design too?" Han Momo asked.

Gong Shangze nodded. There was not much anger in his eyes. "In fact, it was one of my earliest works..."

Even though his earlier works were immature, they had the childishness and innocence that old designers did not have. This was something that could not be imitated with experience or practice, and it was this very vibe that made the design much rarer and precious!

Indeed, based on the comments online, even though it did not have the breathtaking and overflowing beauty of Spirit, the comments for History's design were not too shabby.

Ning Xi laughed. "This guy has kept quite a lot of stock of drafts. The days to come will only get harder for him..."

"If I remember correctly, there're still some backup drafts that I consider my best work. He's probably keeping them to use at critical times!" Gong Shangze said.

"Oh, Director Gong, even if you can't remember all of your previous designs, you should be able to remember the more impressionable ones, shouldn't you? Can't we just release those before he does?" Han Momo suddenly suggested.

Gong Shangze shook his head. "My backup drafts and digital drafts are all with him, and there are dates on them, so if I release them before he does, we'd only be called plagiarizers! Not only that, I still need to break away from those styles and elements so as not to clash with my stolen designs..."

"Jeez...this is evil!" Han Momo was very mad.

Ning Xi wanted to say something when her phone rang. It was Ling Zhizhi.

"Hello, Sis Zhizhi?"

"There's a celebrity charity dinner banquet tonight. You should join it and remember to prepare some suitable items for the charity auction. It doesn't need to be too expensive or outstanding. I will have Xiao Tao accompany you to it."

"Okay, got it!"

Ning Xi hung up, then looked to Gong Shangze and the rest. "My babies, continue to push onwards and upwards. Your boss needs to work too!"

"Boss, you too!" Han Momo cheered her on, "Oh yes, Boss, when did you say your new movie will be screening in theatres again?"

"Because of some scheduling problems, it's being temporarily pushed back, but it should be quite soon!"

"Mmm, I'll definitely get everyone around me to support you then!" However, Han Momo could not have guessed that it would be hard for her to even get one ticket; not only could she not support her, she had to ask Ning Xi for some backstage passes instead...

"Thank you!"

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The charity banquet was organized by a huge luxury brand. They had invited the big shots in the entertainment industry as well as public figures in the political and the business world. This was one of the year's largest charity banquets. The entire venue was glistening with starlight and many prominent figures were present...

Ning Xi brought her item for the charity auction, and behind her was Xiao Tao. The moment they walked in, they noticed a familiar figure...

Yun Shen? How could it be?

Ning Xi's eyes passed through the crowd and she fixed her gaze on the figure that had just walked over. She wanted to catch the color of that man's hair, but he had very quickly immersed in the crowd, accompanied by his bodyguards...

#### **Chapter 1192: Next Time I'll Go For Sure**

"Sis Xi, what are you looking at?" Xiao Tao asked suspiciously.

Would that guy come to such a charity banquet?

Is this a joke?

Ning Xi shook her head. She decided to forget it. "Nothing, let's go!"

Currently, Ning Xi wore Spirit's clothes for many occasions. Because this occasion was more important, Ning Xi did not choose a ready-made piece and went for a high-grade bespoke design instead.

Han Momo had initially urged her to wear the store's highlight piece, but Ning Xi refused to. With her current identity, she could not pull off the highlight piece, whether it was Luoshen or Beings, but there would be one day when she would need it.

Ning Xi walked in and bumped head-on into Ning Xueluo.

The piece on Ning Xueluo was obviously the highlight piece that History had just announced the day before.

With Ning Xueluo was Su Yan. Ning Xueluo wore a long gown embellished with handcrafted flower petals that looked like they came from the fairytale Garden of Eden. It complemented her entire pure and innocence, while by her side, Su Yan wore an elegant white tuxedo. It made him look as gentle as a jade. The two of them looked like the ideal couple.

"Xiao Xi, you're here too!" Ning Xueluo obviously recognized the outfit on her. "Are you wearing Spirit today? It looks really detailed! Bro Yan, don't you think so?"

The last time Ning Xi had gone to the Ning residence, she had worn Spirit's clothes as well. She had then been scolded by Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua for helping outsiders.

If the last time had been a coincidence, Ning Xi donning Spirit's outfit again this time could be said to have been completely intentional.

Ning Xueluo had also deliberately said these words while looking sad as part of her performance for Su Yan.

However, Su Yan, who was usually attentive, had not noticed Ning Xueluo's feelings. Instead, his gaze fell upon Ning Xi.

Ning Xi wore a white Oriental long gown with blue and red embroidery. The gradual change in the embellishment of colors, the embroidery of corals, and the translucent gentle chiffon made her look as if she was surrounded by a magical aura...

The person before him was within reach, yet it made him incredibly distant from her like she could not be touched...

This feeling made his heart tighten...

Su Yan only returned to his senses after a while. He nodded and said, "Mmm, it's very nice..."

Ning Xueluo had probably noticed the absent-mindedness in Su Yan's gaze too, and a coldness flashed across her eyes before she smiled slightly and held onto Su Yan's arm to say to Ning Xi, "Xiao Xi, apart from celebrities donating items for the charity auction today, there're quite a few organizers who have prepared auction items for the event climax too. One of it is a crown called 'Queen'. I fancy that especially and Bro Yan said he'll get it for me to use for the wedding... Ah, right, Bro Yan and I are getting engaged soon. Sis, you must make it for the engagement banquet then!"

Engaged?

Ning Xi raised her brows when she heard the news. So, her sister had unexpectedly disregarded that her career was in its rising phase and was getting engaged so soon?

It looked like she was really compelled by the issue with the will...ha...

When Xiao Tao heard Ning Xueluo called Ning Xi "sis", she could not help but look on suspiciously.

Why did she feel like there was a weird vibe between the three of them?

Also, Ning Xueluo was actually getting engaged soon! She had unexpectedly found out such huge news!

"An engagement banquet?" Ning Xi muttered.

"Yes, sis, you'll come, won't you?"

"I'm sorry, I'm quite busy recently. Next time, next time, I'll go for sure!" Ning Xi said while beaming before turning around to leave.

Xiao Tao was stunned for a moment, then she almost blurted out laughing.

Behind them, Ning Xueluo face had turned green...

An engagement banquet the next time? Damn it! She was clearly cursing her to get divorced!

### **Chapter 1193: Bidding Up The Prices**

Su Yan was stunned for a moment, then he reacted miserably.

Ning Xueluo was just about to whine to Su Yan when a group of reporters surrounded them, so she gathered her emotions and smiled to face the questions from the reporters.

"Xueluo, did you prepare anything special for the auction today?"

"It's nothing special, just a few personal accessories."

"Ooh, Xueluo's personal accessories. I'm sure it will have everyone bidding madly. We remember that last year, Xueluo, you just untied a ribbon from your wrist and that fetched a bid of a hundred thousand!" All of the reporters spoke highly of it.

"Well, everyone's just doing it for charity!"

"Xueluo, is there anything you want to bid for today then?"

"There is one thing, but everyone will know later!"

"It's been quite long since Mr. Su successfully proposed. I wonder when we'd be able to attend your wedding?"

Ning Xueluo looked shyly at Su Yan beside her and said, "Soon, we'll inform everyone then!"

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After Ning Xi entered the hall, all the big shots and public figures were networking with small talk and chit-chat. In front of the stage, the host and auctioneer were preparing for the auction.

"Sis Xi, I'll deliver the items for auction!" Xiao Tao said.

Ning Xi nodded. "Okay."

Because of her clout, it was not suitable for her to bring an item that was too expensive, so Ning Xi chose to donate a jade bracelet worth \$ 30,000.

Ning Xi fixed her skirt and then found a place to sit down. Moments later, Xiao Tao returned and passed her a numbered bidder's card. Every guest had one for the auction later, but there was nothing she particularly wanted, so she probably would not get to use it.

When all the guests had arrived, the hosts started the event passionately on stage. "To all the honorable guests present here today, welcome to our annual LA celebrity charity banquet. Our theme for this year is 'let charity be fashionable'."

After some simple opening remarks and speeches from celebrities and philanthropists, the banquet entered the auction segment of the night.

The first round was to bid for the items donated by the celebrities.

Some of the items donated by the celebrities included branded handbags they were spokespersons for, some clothing of sentimental significance, and some accessories. Basically, there were all sorts of things put up for sale.

Because they were items donated for charity, all of them did not have a starting price, but overall, the last bid would usually be higher than the original price, and the prices would be associated to the celebrity's status and reputation.

Because of her schedule, Glory World Entertainment's artiste, Su Yimo, was not present, thus all the attention fell on Ning Xueluo.

She was Starlight Entertainment's rising star and Ning family's daughter, while Su Yan was from Imperial's most powerful family in the upper-class circle, so naturally, the two of them attracted everyone.

"The next item is Miss Ning Xueluo's own diamond bracelet. There's also no starting price. Everyone can begin to bid for it!"

The moment Ning Xueluo's item appeared, there were continuous bids.

"\$ 100,000!"

"\$ 120,000!"

"\$ 180,000!"

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"\$ 500,000!" A beer-bellied tycoon had just straight up called, causing quite a commotion.

The original price of Ning Xueluo's bracelet was only \$ 300,000 at the most, yet that tycoon had not started from the bottom. Instead, he just bid for a price several times more than the original.

#### **Chapter 1194: For The Beauty's Liking**

Despite so, the passionate bidding did not seem to slow down. In fact, it had started to increase by the hundreds of thousands...

"\$ 600,000!"

"\$ 700,000!"

"\$ 1 million!"

"\$ 1.1 million!"

"\$ 1.2 million!"

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Even though Ning Xueluo and Su Yan were a well-known couple, Ning Xueluo still had many suitors and admirers. When they saw Ning Xueluo appear at the event with Su Yan, many men started to compete

for the bidding out of jealousy and hatred. To add on, because of those who were supporting the Ning and the Su family's reputations, the bidding prices had unexpectedly broken into the millions and continued to go up, breaking Ning Xueluo's own record from the previous year...

Many of the female celebrities looked on enviously at the situation. "Pfft, it's nice to have a solid family background... People will support and protect them wherever they go, even getting a husband who's a public figure with a well-matched social status. Unlike us, despite all of the hard work and training we do, we are just toys in their eyes..."

"Well, who let them excel at reincarnation!? They were rich the moment they were born, unlike us..."

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"\$ 5 million!"

At this moment, bidder number 60 raised their card.

"60! Mr. Su raised his card! \$ 5 million! Mr. Su called for \$ 5 million! Is there anyone who would like to challenge this bid?! Anyone?" On the stage, the auctioneer was already excitedly shouting as he looked below the stage.

The person who had bid was Su Yan!

For \$ 5 million!

He caused quite a commotion.

Her rightful owner had come out and called for such a high price at a go, so all those supporting earlier obviously stopped bidding. As for Ning Xueluo's admirers, they were all reputable people and it was enough; they would not want to look too obnoxious at such an occasion by being jealous, so they could only unwillingly keep their cards.

"Would anyone else like to bid higher? No? Calling once! Calling twice! Calling...three times!"

The auctioneer asked three times in a row. When he saw no one else was contesting, he slammed the mallet down. Bam! "Mr. Su is now the recipient of Ms. Ning Xueluo's diamond bracelet! Congrats, Mr. Su!"

All of the guests laughed and teased, "Hahaha... Master Su, general's fury for the lady herself!"

Ning Xueluo looked at the man beside her with adoration. "Bro Yan, why did you..."

Su Yan gently gazed at her and said, "I was already planning to bid for it. How could I let someone else have your personal item?"

Many people remembered that Ning Xueluo's personal accessories were also bid by Ning Yaohua last year, but this year it was Su Yan, so they could not help but lament to themselves about Ning Xueluo's good fortune...

On the stage, the auctioneer teased her for a bit, then gave his well wishes to the lovely young couple, Ning Xueluo and Su Yan. He continued, "Okay, our auction goes on! The next item up for auction is..."

The auctioneer paused, then said, "The next item for auction is a donation from Glory World Entertainment's Ms. Ning Xi - a jade bracelet!"

When she heard the auctioneer's voice on stage, Ning Xi's brows raised from the corner she sat in.

Was her item put right after Ning Xueluo's?

Beside her, Xiao Tao looked at Ning Xueluo's direction and looked resentful. "How could it be so coincidental that we're right after Ning Xueluo!? This is probably someone's intentional arrangement!"

Ning Xueluo had been in the limelight just now, so whoever was right behind her would just look bad.

### **Chapter 1195: Want To Attempt Courting Her**

"Ms. Ning Xi has acted in Director Guo's popular ancient costume film, 'The World' with our Xueluo. She was the second female lead, Meng Changge, in the film, and the audience was very fond of her character," the auctioneer briefly introduced Ning Xi.

"The World" had indeed been a hit, yet she still had to be compared to Ning Xueluo as one female lead and one supporting role, making her future seem bleak. Almost no one in the celebrity circle knew this artiste who played the role of a co-lead.

After the auctioneer finished the introduction, Ning Xi stood up and greeted everyone.

When they saw Ning Xi in person, many of them exclaimed and gasped in surprise instead.

"Yo! Since when did we have such an exquisite woman in the circle? She's damned pretty!"

"There are many beautiful female celebrities in the circle, one after another are coming in. Could you possibly catch them all?"

"This is different! This one is really beautiful! Look at that body... Has she only gotten secondary roles so far? It looks like she's not taken!"

"What? CEO Sun, are you thinking of something?"

"Hehe, I am..."

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Of course, there were many in the circle who recognized Ning Xi too. The few socialities beside Ning Xueluo started to discuss when they saw her.

"Isn't this Ning family's adopted daughter?"

"Ning family's adopted child? You mean the one they brought back from the village?"

"Yeah! The last time, I saw her at Elder Ning's birthday banquet. I'm sure it's her!"

"No way! Such a huge change? Back when I first saw her years ago, it was still Xueluo's coming-of-age party, and she was so unsophisticated that she even wore an imitation outfit..."

"I heard that she was chased out of the family for stealing Xueluo's boyfriend and seducing Su Yan, then she got plastic surgery elsewhere and now uses her vixen face to enter the entertainment circle! This chicken wants to become a phoenix. Why don't you take a piss and look at yourself?"

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"Okay, everyone can begin bidding!" The auctioneer said.

Unfortunately, the moment he said that, the crowd had weirdly quieted down. Suddenly, no one bid anything.

On such an occasion, there definitely would not be a situation whereby no one would bid, unless...someone had intentionally manipulated the results in the dark...

Xiao Tao gritted her teeth. "I knew someone would intentionally play such a trick. It's a good thing we're well prepared!"

"Prepared with support?" Ning Xi leaned in to ask.

Xiao Tao nodded. "Exactly, to prevent such situations! I'll immediately inform him!"

To avoid this sort of awkward situations whereby no one would bid, or to intentionally raise the bid, many people would prepare some backup. That's exactly what Ling Zhizhi had already prepared in advance.

Xiao Tao was just about to inform their people to act when someone suddenly raised their card in the crowd. "One dollar!"

At this juncture, the crowd instantly burst into laughter.

Someone had bid one dollar. Who was it?

The auctioneer broke into laughter too. "Number 17, CEO Qian's bid...one dollar! CEO Qian is quite humorous..."

CEO Qian was also the tycoon that had bid most vigorously when Ning Xueluo's bracelet was auctioned.

"Hey! Such a bully!" Xiao Tao was furious. CEO Qian was definitely Ning Xueluo's fan!

Thankfully, at this moment, another CEO bid, "\$ 100,000!"

"Number 39! CEO Sun bids \$ 100,000!" The host looked at the plump middle-aged man not too far away.

When the crowd heard CEO Sun helping Ning Xi out, all of them looked on with a thought. Everyone knew that this infamous pervert was just playing the hero saving the beauty card. He was obviously interested in Ning Xi's beauty and wanted to attempt courting her...

### **Chapter 1196: Such A Dumb Backup**

When Su Yan saw CEO Sun bid, he looked upset and his hand inched up to raise the card, but the back of his hand had been expressionlessly covered by Ning Xueluo.



At this occasion today, many people knew about the dispute between them and Ning Xi. If Su Yan helped Ning Xi, who knows what gossip might come out of it?

Ning Xueluo quickly said, "Bro Yan, don't worry. Based on Ling Zhizhi's way of working, there will definitely be someone else to help Sis from her side..."

Su Yan temporarily suppressed his impulse. However, when he saw CEO Sun's salivating demeanor that he did not even bother to hide, an irritation remained in his heart.

"CEO Sun called for \$ 100,000! Anyone else?" The auctioneer asked.

"\$ 100,001!"

From a seat in the corner where there was no light, a person had indistinctly raised his bidding card.

"Pfft...\$ 100,001? This is hilarious! You don't bid like that!"

"They only added one dollar!"

"Who's that?"

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The host did not know whether to laugh or cry either, but the person had not gone against the rules, so he could only continue, "The man from number eight bid \$ 100,001!"

CEO Sun frowned and raised his card. "\$ 200,000!"

Number eight continued to bid, "\$ 200,001!"

CEO Sun gritted his teeth. "\$ 300,000!"

Number eight continued, "\$ 300,001!"

The competition between the two of them attracted sneers from the crowd. "Hahahaha... This is cracking me up! Who's this number eight? Could it be Ning Xi's backup?"

"This backup is so unprofessional! Who raises prices like this? How embarrassing!"

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Ning Xi's mouth twitched. "Number eight...is our backup?"

Xiao Tao's face was stunned for a moment, then she shook her head like a rattle-drum. She replied emotionally, "No way! Why would Sis Zhizhi hire such a stupid one? I've just called, but I'm not sure why I suddenly couldn't contact our guy! I don't know who this guy is either! Damn it! Could it be Ning Xueluo's person slotted in to cause trouble? It must be! This is too much!"

Xiao Tao was about to explode from anger.

Ning Xi thought things were a little weird instead, so she turned slightly to look at number eight, but it was just too far and she could not see clearly who the person was.

At last, even CEO Sun was unwilling to continue bidding so embarrassingly, so he just gave up on bidding. Naturally, no one else would not bid as well. At last, Ning Xi's jade bracelet had been bought by number eight with the price of \$ 300,001.

The original price of Ning Xi's bracelet was thirty thousand\$ 300,000, and the bid had just nicely exceeded it by one dollar...

Everyone looked at Ning Xi with condescension. "I told you! Adopted children are like that! She's even worse at getting a backup! They actually bid like that! How hilarious!"

"Hahahaha...exactly!"

"Those from the village really don't know much! To hire a backup and not wanting to spend too much! This is how it will turn out! It's understandable, understandable, hahaha..."

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Ning Xueluo turned to look at Chang Li delightedly and lowered her voice to say, "You arranged for this person? Good job!"

Chang Li had finally done something right!

Chang Li was actually confused. She did not know where this number eight had popped up from, but when she heard Ning Xueluo put it that way, she did not deny and just smiled along.

### **Chapter 1197: Intense Bidding**

"Bro Yan, I told you that Sis would have her own arrangements! Her bracelet fetched a pretty decent price, and it shouldn't be too far from the original price!" Ning Xueluo looked innocently at Su Yan.

Su Yan could not help but feel slightly relieved that he had not presumptuously bid earlier, or else, the person who would be humiliated now would not be CEO Sun, but him...

Xiao Xi was still not experienced and careful enough in dealing with these things.

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Xiao Tao still felt indignified all the way till the celebrity donation auctions had ended. She almost wanted to leave the banquet and rush to see who the troublemaker number eight was. At last, she was stopped by Ning Xi. If Xiao Tao had walked to number eight now, it would only further prove that that person was someone they had arranged.

Next up, the second round began.

The second round was the auction of ten items that were considered the climax of the event. These few items were the treasures collected from the elite members of society. The margin of the bid price that exceeded the original price would go to charity

There were many public figures from the political and business scene aiming for these rare treasures. The entire atmosphere became lively again. The bids were unstoppable and the final prices of the items were all very impressive as well.

Ning Xueluo had bid for a pure gold pen, intending to give to her father as a gift. She won praises from the crowd for being such a filial daughter.

As for Su Yan, he had not bid for anything all the way up to the ninth item, so the crowd was curious and started to question.

"What's up? There're so many valuable babies today, but none that have caught Master Su's eye?"

"There is something. I'm waiting for it." Su Yan looked at Xueluo beside him and smiled.

Ning Xueluo smiled shyly back at him.

As soon as he said that, the host's voice was heard from the stage. "Now, we will exhibit the final item. It's also the rarest treasure in this auction. It's called Queen, and it is a crown that is embellished with 12 Colombian pear-shaped emerald gems. The gems weigh 600 karats, which is an astonishing weight. It was specially customized by Country Y's King Charles for Queen Eugenie to represent his faithful love for the queen. It was once sold as a private collector's item by an anonymous person for \$ 30 million. This time, we are auctioning it off for the anonymous person for charity..."

Once the introduction was heard, the crowd all realized that this was the item that Su Yan had been waiting for. The couple's wedding was happening soon, and this crown was clearly meant to represent a token of their love that he wanted to get for the happiness of his belle!

"Sigh! My wife took a fancy to this too and told me that I must bid for it, but it looks like I don't have a good chance!" One of the rich lads glanced at Su Yan with a helpless expression.

The other few rich public figures, who were aiming for this crown, laughed too. "No matter what, I must at least try!"

Many people were interested in this item. All of them were eager to give it a try while Su Yan maintained a calm expression, his determination clear on his face.

With the Ning and the Su families joining hands strongly together, their business expanded greatly, especially for the latter. Their business had grown to the overseas market and they were astonishingly strong in terms of their finances, so it was no wonder why he was this confident. Of course, there were many others with the same capabilities in the auction room too. The fight for this item would probably be extraordinarily intense...

Even the auctioneer's tone was abnormally emotional. "Now, the auction begins! Everyone, please place your bids!"

"\$ 20 million!"

"Okay! Now, CEO Zhao of number 31 opens with \$ 20 million! Anyone else?!"

"\$ 21 million!"

"Number 56 bids for \$ 21 million!"

"\$ 23 million!"

"CEO Sun has bid \$ 23 million! Everyone knows that this crown of ours is very rare and precious. There's still some time to continue bidding... Would anyone like to place their bids?"

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### **Chapter 1198: Ask My Wife For Instructions**

Because this item was incredibly expensive, everyone was still quite conservative when bidding, so not only was it lower than the base price, it only had increments of one or two million. The further it went on, the range of increment reduced too, especially after the bid had crossed the base price of \$ 30 million as everyone started to bid more cautiously.

The reason for the slow climb was because if the bid went past the base price, it meant that the bidder might suffer a loss compared to the actual item value.

Of course, because this item had such a stellar reputation, even if the bidding price went over slightly, the bidder would not suffer too much of a loss. Besides, at such an occasion, whether or not something could be successfully sold depended on the bidders wanting to prove their reputation. No one wanted to show that they were weak in terms of resources, so the bidding continued...

"\$ 38 million!" CEO Sun shouted in a hoarse voice.

When they heard CEO Sun's bid, everyone looked at each other in shock. Moments later, someone shouted, "\$ 40 million!"

Once it passed \$ 40 million, the crowd started to shift around restlessly because it had surpassed the base price by a large amount. Even if one were to successfully bid for it now, it would not be worth it. Thus, the remaining bidders were the richer people or those with an extraordinarily strong interest in the item.

Su Yan was one of them. "\$ 45 million!"

In such a situation, his bid caused a commotion instantly.

The auctioneer's voice was shaking at this point. "Number 60's Mr. Su Yan calls for \$ 45 million! Is there anyone else who would like to continue? Even though the base price of this crown is \$ 30 million, it's a rare treasure of the world..."

To encourage higher bids, the auctioneer started to introduce the fame and value of the crown.

There were only four bidders left in the competition. Apart from Su Yan, there was still CEO Sun, the rich merchant who had coveted Ning Xi earlier, CEO Zhao Haisheng, who wanted to give it to his wife, Ling Fei, as a gift, and another person's identity who was a little unique. It was Su Yan's half-brother, Su Xun, who shared the same father but had a different mother.

The reason Su Xun was bidding was obviously to simply compete with Su Yan.

Those in the circle who were up to date with the gossip would know that because Su Yan had a lung disease and was ill when he was young, the Su family was afraid that he would not make it into adulthood, thus they took Su Xun in. The idea was to raise him to be Su Yan's replacement; if Su Yan died, Su Xun would take his spot.

Unfortunately for him, after Su Yan recuperated in the village for a few years, but not only did he not die of sickness, he had even slowly recovered and was finally brought home to the Su family. On the other hand, Su Xun, who had initially been raised to be the heir, had suddenly become an awkward existence.

Today, these two brothers were fighting in the Su family. Su Yan was still the eldest son and was born in wedlock, so he was deemed right and proper. Su Xun's current circumstances were very awkward, but because of the connections he had accumulated in his adolescence, he still had some power to fight back.

The two brothers had started to compete on such an occasion. It was going to be an interesting show to watch...

"\$ 46 million!" Su Xun followed Su Yan's bid.

"\$ 47 million!" Su Yan shouted.

"\$ 48 million!" Su Xun again.

"\$ 50 million!" Su Yan retorted.

"Fifty... \$ 55 million!"

When Su Xun's bid rang out, the crowd looked at him with their jaws dropped. The Second Master of the Su family was really going all out just for vindication.

"Mr. Su Xun bid \$ 55 million! Are there any more bids? Mr. Zhao, do you still want to continue?" The auctioneer looked at Zhao Haisheng's direction.

Zhao Haisheng scratched his head uncertainly. "Um...hold on, I need to call my wife to ask for further instruction!"

The entire crowd roared with laughter and teased him mercilessly.

### **Chapter 1199: Spending Money Recklessly**

"Hahaha...then I'll wait for you!" The auctioneer howled.

Very quickly, Zhao Haisheng put down his phone and smiled apologetically, "The wife says that it's too expensive, so we won't bid on it further. Please continue!"

"Madam Zhao is indeed a good wife!" The auctioneer concluded, then looked to CEO Sun. "What about you, CEO Sun? Would you like to continue?"

"\$ 56 million!" Sun Zhanpeng looked at Ning Xi as he said as if he was trying to brag about his wealth to the beauty.

"\$ 56 million! CEO Sun bid \$ 56 million! The two Mr. Sus', would you like to continue?" The auctioneer's eyes shone as he looked at the brothers, Su Yan and Su Xun.

Su Xun looked miserable. He had reached his limit. If he continued to bid, even if he managed to get it, he would have suffered a great loss just for this vindication! His remaining supporters would also have opinions about his irrational behavior.

At last, Su Xun could only gloomily say through gritted teeth, "I forfeit my bid!"

The entire crowd sneered at him and Ning Xueluo looked at him with ridicule too. He was just a bastard child, yet he wanted to fight with Su Yan for the limelight. How funny!

Because the contest in this auction was so intense, Xiao Tao was getting frustrated in a corner. Due to her anxiety, she had forgotten all about her anger earlier as she pulled on Ning Xi's sleeve to ask, "Sis Xi, who do you think will win this crown?"

Ning Xi was bored stiff as she yawned. "Who knows? It has nothing to do with us anyway..."

What charity banquet? She was done watching all these so-called rich tycoons and public figures pretending to be cool.

She might as well just donate the money directly to those who need it, but this was how it was in the industry. One had to put up a show. Even if she had privately donated a lot and done tons of charity, others would not know about her deeds or praise her. Nevertheless, of course, she did all those out of her conscience and did not need any praise.

The maximum threshold of the bid was \$ 60 million. They were probably about to determine the winning bidder soon, so Ning Xi packed up her bag and was ready to leave to catch up on sleep.

Xiao Tao was still mumbling to herself excitedly, "Even though I really wish it wasn't him, I've already predicted that it would be won by Su Yan in the end. Before this, Ning Xueluo already said that she was here for the crown... Furthermore, the Sus are so wealthy..."

The moment she said that, Su Yan jumped the gun and shouted, "\$ 60 million!"

"S-sixty million?!" The auctioneer's eyes flew wide. "Mr. Su has bid for \$ 60 million! Would anyone like to continue? CEO Sun, do you want to continue? CEO Sun?"

Sun Zhanpeng was red in the face. He did not say anything for a while. Obviously, this price was way more than what he could swallow.

It was not that he could not pay for it, but as a businessman, even if he wanted face, he would not spend \$ 60 million for such a trinket.

The auctioneer knew that such a high price was very rare, so he knew it was time to end the auction and he shouted out, "Mr. Su, \$ 60 million once!"

At this moment, there were already sounds of admiring exclamations, congratulatory remarks, and praises off-stage...

"They are the Su family, after all. Indeed, he who has wealth speaks the loudest! Even Sun Zhanpeng declared that it's game over!"

"Ning Xueluo is terribly lucky. If someone would spend so much money to buy me a crown, I would really wake up from my dream laughing..."

"Congratulations, Master Su! You really went all out for your belle!"

"It's not all out. This small sum of money is like a drop in the ocean for Master Su!"

"Hahaha, you're right..."

"Remember to invite us to your wedding banquet!"

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Su Yan humbly responded to everyone's praises. Truthfully, he also let out a sigh of relief as he knew in his heart that \$ 60 million was his maximum. If Su Zhanpeng continued to bid, he would probably not be able to follow.

However, as he listened to the crowd's compliments, he felt a great sense of satisfaction, while Ning Xueluo intimately clung on to his arm and beamed sweetly at him.

On the stage, the auctioneer started his second confirmation, "\$ 60 million, twice!"

"\$ 60 million...thrice!" As these words fell, the auctioneer raised the auction mallet in his hand high. Once the hammer fell, the auction would be complete.

The entire crowd held with bated breath to watch, waiting for the hammer to fall.

Unexpectedly, as the auctioneer's hand fell halfway, in the silently tense air, from the inconspicuous corner behind, a card with the number "8" was slowly raised up.

"\$ 100 million!"

### **Chapter 1200: Spend Money Like Nothing!**

One...one hundred million dollars?!

The auctioneer almost mistakenly flung his hammer in sheer shock. After he calmed himself down, he took a deep breath. "Eight...number eight just offered \$ 100 million! Mr. Eight offered \$ 100 million! Gosh!"

Many people who attended the auction were anonymous, and number eight was one of them, so the auctioneer only knew that the bidder was a man. He did not know anything else about him, hence the auctioneer merely addressed him by his number.

There was a dead silence across the room. After a while, the crowd returned to their senses. Some people even stood up and strained to look back at the quiet corner, but they could only see a dark figure sitting there alone. The light was too dim to see his face, so they could only see his elegant pale white hand...

"Wow! Did I hear wrongly? \$ 100 million? Did someone just offer \$ 100 million? Is he crazy? Who exactly in Imperial has this amount of wealth to waste? Moreover, is this how you're supposed to bid? This is like throwing money away!"

"It's as though money is nothing to him! \$ 100 million, just for an accessory!"

"Wait! This isn't right... If I'm not wrong, number eight is the one who raised the offer? Wasn't number eight with the new artiste called Ning Xi just now?"

"Right! I remember as well! He was raising the price dollar by dollar for an earlier item, then suddenly his bid has now jumped to \$ 100 million! What's happening!?"

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Not just the crowd, the auctioneer himself was startled. After being an auctioneer for so many years, it was his first time seeing an auction like this. The price had leaped from \$ 60 million to \$ 100 million as if money meant nothing to him!

In the end, the host wiped the sweat off his forehead while he went up to remind the auctioneer to continue his job. He took a deep breath.

"Everyone, please settle down, settle down. The auction is still in progress! Just now, Mr. Su offered \$ 60 million before the third call, but it's not validated yet, and now guest number eight has offered the crazy high price of \$ 100 million for the crown we know as 'Queen'! Yes! \$ 100 million! Anyone else going to challenge this bid?" The auctioneer rattled this off in a single breath out of excitement.

He actually bid for an item at a price that was ridiculously higher than the original price. This would definitely be one of the proudest moments of his career!

The crowd returned to pin-drop silence after the auctioneer's short speech.

The auctioneer glanced at Su Yan. Because he thought the crown was already his, his expression darkened. Having his item being snatched away all of a sudden and at such a high price, anyone would feel unhappy about it...

Ning Xueluo felt embarrassed, then she turned to Chang Li. "What happened? Isn't number eight one of your men?"

Chang Li was really confused but she had to be honest with her right now. "N-no... Actually, I've been meaning to tell you just now. Number eight isn't one of ours... I don't know who he is as well..."