

Hidden 1451

Chapter 1451: My Dear, You're Amazing

"I don't dare to." Liu Yan obediently lowered his hand, but his body was tensed up like a strung bow.

"That's more like it..." Yun Huang sounded like the devil who had deceived countless girls. Her tone turned gentle and not even a saint could escape from those flirtatious eyes of hers...

Finally, she closed in and slowly kissed the man's lips.

As Yun Huang closed her eyes and kissed Liu Yan, teardrops fell out of her eyes. Her expression the moment she closed her eyes was impactful enough to make anyone share the pain.

That wild unruliness was just a thin protective shell of hers; the female devil had true feelings too.

Guo Qisheng clapped excitedly with the script in silence as he closely watched and did not stop them.

Then, the camera zoomed in on Liu Yan.

Liu Yan acted as a human weapon in the series and had no emotions of his own. The only thing he grasped was his loyalty towards his master.

However, at this moment, when his master kissed him, the man's cold eyes turned scorching hot as if a hidden beast inside him was struggling to be uncaged...

Deep inside Liu Yan's heart, the uncontrollable feeling he knew he should not have aside from loyalty towards his master was trying to surface.

Liu Yan did not know what he was feeling as he had never experienced love before. At that moment, he felt the strange emotions bubbling...

This scene was not just Yun Huang's turning point. It was Liu Yan's too.

However, of course, a small character like Liu Yan was not important, but with Ke Mingyu's acting, no one could ignore him. People would just be more interested in his feelings towards Yun Huang...

Suddenly, Yun Huang's poison reacted and anguish filled her face. Liu Yan finally acted. The man turned around and carefully placed his master down, his fingers stopping for a while on his master's waist. Then, he swiftly undid her belt.

"Oh, crap!" Jiang Muye was too focused on watching and did not realize that the cigarette in his fingers was finishing. It burnt his finger.

Damn! Why was he here to watch his ex shoot a sex scene with his uncle!?

He was looking for torture for himself!

But his... His legs just would not budge!

Her crimson outfit was peeled off layer by layer. Each layer removed only increased the tension in the room as everyone gulped while awaiting the upcoming steamy scene...

At that moment, Liu Yan looked at the cave entrance with a sharp gaze, then there was an odd sound. Liu Yan's finger moved silently and a small stone bounced off the vines near the entrance.

Swishhh! The vines then covered the entrance, blocking them.

Everyone was confused.

This seemed different from the script!

Guo Qicheng's eyes lit up after he looked down at his viewing monitor for a while. He indicated to the videographer to continue.

There were some tiny gaps in between the vines, and the people outside could barely see what was happening inside. Ning Xi and Ke Mingyu could not take directions from Guo Qisheng, so they were free to perform by themselves...

Mmm, they were free to perform by themselves...

Ning Xi was longing for this!

She had been holding it in for too long. She quickly clasped her hands around the devil's neck and gave him a solid kiss. She lowered her voice, "My dear, you're amazing..."

That little stone throw was way too accurate!

Chapter 1452: Clearly I Forced Myself Onto Him

Lu Tingxiao's expression changed slightly.

Was she saying things like "you're amazing" to him right now?

This girl was terribly reckless!

"Sigh, my dearest, what position do you like? Mmm, based on Yun Huang's personality, this position is probably better," Ning Xi said as she flipped over and pushed Lu Tingxiao back. Her fine black hair hung down as she slowly kissed the man's thin lips.

Lu Tingxiao did not restrain himself anymore. He held the girl's head steady and kissed her back hard.

Outside the cave, everyone looked so nervous that they were about to puke blood. Bloody hell! This was like scratching an itch through one's boot. They were practically torturing them to death!

Even though they knew everything inside was fake and was probably an illusion of position, it was as if half her face hid behind a pipa, making it 100 times more seductive than just letting one see it clearly...

With the vines separating those ambiguous and tantalizing movements, Jiang Muyue expressed that he had suffered ten thousand points of injury.

These two people were completely crazy and ridiculous!

Mo Yuxiu looked extremely upset. He swiftly got up and left.

Immediately after that, there was a sound by his ear. Jiang Muyue seemed to have heard the familiar sound of a teacup being crushed to pieces.

He carefully looked to the side. Well, Yun Huang's father's teacup had indeed been crushed in his hands.

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This part of the plot would have roughly 30 seconds of music and flashbacks slotted in, so Guo Qisheng waited 30 seconds later before he called it to a stop. "Cut! Pass!"

Moments later, Ning Xi and Ke Mingyu walked out. Both their clothes were tidy as if the tantalizing situation earlier had been an illusion.

"Eh? Did we pass just like that? Director Guo, are you sure?" Ning Xi quickly asked.

"I'm sure! Don't worry, that shot earlier was perfect! You and Ke Mingyu performed really well!" Guo Qisheng was not stingy with his praises.

Facing Guo Qisheng's compliments, Ning Xi was oddly not happy. Instead, she sounded slightly regretful as she muttered, "Oh, okay..."

She hardly had the chance to shoot an intimate scene with the devil, yet she had succeeded with only one take. What a waste! Such a mistake!

Guo Qisheng looked at Ning Xi weirdly. Why did he feel like this girl's reaction was not very right? Still, she could not figure out what was wrong, so he could only shake his head and forget it. He continued to prepare for the upcoming scenes.

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The next scene involved Ning Xi, Ke Mingyu, and Yun Shen.

The storyline of this set was about Yun Haotian having realized that his daughter had done it with Liu Yan. He flew into a terrible rage and wanted to kill Liu Yan.

Mmm, it was rather intense too...

Jiang Muye braced through his severe injury and continued to stay behind, all because he wanted to continue watching this scene among the three of them.

At the start, Guo Qisheng was still quite worried about this boss of his. After a few interactions though, he realized that Yun Shen's acting was unexpectedly quite solid, thus he was now much less worried. He shouted to start after briefing the three of them.

"All departments, get ready! Action!"

Yun Haotian stood opposite as he looked at his daughter and the black-clothed shadow guardian beside her. His expression did not change, but the aura around him and the air he exuded completely changed within a second.

That overbearing force was like a huge mountain omnipresently pressuring the two of them. With that gaze that could almost make one tremble from the depths of one's soul, it was definitely a performance method that was a thousand times better than straight up stomping with fury.

Even the crew members present did not dare to utter a single sound. It was simply too frightening.

Yun Shen waved his sleeve firmly, then Ke Mingyu bit the blood capsule in his mouth open. For a moment, his figure wavered and he spat out blood.

Yun Haotian's expression was increasingly dark akin to the Grim Reaper's making his way closer to Liu Yan's direction step by step.

Yun Huang instantly jumped out to block Yun Haotian. "Father! What are you doing?!"

"He touched you."

"Father, wait! Father, can't you speak more sense? Clearly, I forced myself onto him! Father, why would you hit him for nothing?" Ning Xi called him "father" in every sentence, saying it ever so reflexively.

"You..."

Yun Shen just did a bad take.

Chapter 1453: Sharp Eyes!

"Tang Xi!" An angry shout between gritted teeth was heard.

What? Who was Tang Xi? Yun Shen seemed to have called out the wrong name.

Guo Qisheng had no choice but to yell "cut".

As he watched Yun Shen who had been so outraged by Ning Xi that he did a bad take, Jiang Muye felt as if his heart had just received a huge consolation.

If even such a conniving, scheming monster as Yun Shen with a terrifying background could be angered by Ning Xi to this extent, he was really nothing.

At the same time, Jiang Muye looked at Yun Shen and suddenly remembered who he was. Tang Xi... There were not many who knew this name of Ning Xi's!

Plus, with that shocking head of white hair...

When they were abroad, he knew that Ning Xi always disappeared for long periods of time. He was not sure what she did either. Sometimes, he would see her with a unique group of people, and one of the few who left a particular impression on him was a curly-haired man who wore gold-rimmed spectacles, and one more had white hair.

Because he had seen Ning Xi in a male outfit, he could recognize her then. Could Yun Shen be the white-haired man from back then?

It looked like Yun Shen and Ning Xi's relationship was indeed complicated...

At this moment, some of the crew members and background actors lowered their voices to whisper.

"Oh, what to do? I'm a loyal fan of the Xi Ye party, but now that I've seen two scenes, I've suddenly fallen in love with Yun Huang and Liu Yan as a couple!"

"Actually, I've always been a fan of the Bro Xi and Ke Mingyu couple. When I watched 'Dream Chaser', I already liked the coupling of Ji Feixue and Ling Yu even though this pairing is quite unpopular..."

"Hehe, that's nothing. I'd say that I've taken a liking to the Yun Huang and Yun Haotian father-daughter pairing!"

"It could be my imagination but I feel like the way Yun Haotian looks at Yun Huang is not ordinary!"

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Jiang Muye thought to himself, "Silly human beings, it is not that Yun Haotian's look towards Yun Huang is out of the ordinary. It's the way Yun Shen looks at Ning Xi!"

After a short rest, the shoot began again.

Ning Xi, Ke Mingyu, and Yun Shen's scene had to be shot five times in a row before it finally passed.

Finally making a comeback, Ning Xi hummed a tune. She was mentally and physically free from worry, so her mood was especially great.

Lu Tingxiao walked out from the washroom. The moment he stepped out, he saw someone leaning on the shiny wall opposite him.

The man's white hair covered the thin scar on his eyebrow bone and there was a cigarette between his fingers. When he saw Lu Tingxiao come out, he looked up ever so slightly and smiled faintly to say, "CEO Lu, such a pleasure..."

Even though his identity had been exposed, there was no reaction on Lu Tingxiao's face at all. He only looked at the man with a poker face. "Likewise."

On the other side, Jiang Muye had a bladder emergency and was about to go to the toilet when he saw these two deities at the washroom entrance. He instantly emergency braked and hid in a corner.

Then, he listened to their conversation.

Wow, how did Yun Shen recognize Lu Tingxiao? His eyes were really sharp!

Also, the two of you should not talk to each other anymore! Both of you are real senseless!

Both of you aren't at your companies to be tyrannic CEOs, yet you have come to this drama set to snatch the other's rice bowl. What are you trying to do?!

Jiang Muye thought to himself, "Fight! How awesome if these two could fight each other!"

That way, would he not be the fisherman that caught both when the sandpiper and the clam waged a war against each other? Even if he did not benefit, he would still be happy to watch the show!

Yun Shen looked Lu Tingxiao and was about to say something when he noticed the hovering figure from the corner of his eye as if marking the person hiding there. He smiled and then unhurriedly turned around to leave.

Chapter 1454: Thanks For Your Trouble, My Wife

At a certain high-end wedding dress studio in Imperial.

Fingers shrouded in a white-laced mitten softly pulled open the curtains. Ning Xueluo's magnificent pure white wedding dress appeared before everyone's eyes.

Continuous exclams of admiration were instantly heard outside the curtains.

"Oh my God! Incredibly beautiful!"

"Miss Ning, this wedding dress really suits you very well!"

"Indeed, Mr. Su's eye for class is outstanding! He picked out this style that fits Madam Su the best!" Quick-witted shop assistants immediately changed their address of Ning Xueluo to Madam Su.

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At this moment, Su Yan stood there waiting in his superior, tailored to fit, hand-stitched tuxedo. The second he saw Ning Xueluo walk out in her wedding dress, a dazed expression flashed across his face.

Ning Xueluo was clearly extremely satisfied with the man's reaction. She stood there elegantly and said shyly, "Bro Yan, does it look nice?"

Su Yan had a gentle expression as he replied her, "It's nice."

Ning Xueluo immediately revealed a happy expression. She snuggled up into the man's embrace with a dependent and yearning look on her face. "Bro Yan, I can finally be your bride! Do you know how long I've waited for this day?"

Su Yan looked at the dreamy girl in the sacred wedding dress. The girl looked as if she was looking at her entire world. That sliver of distracting thoughts that he should not have was pushed back into the recesses of his mind as he caressed the girl's hair lightly. "Me too."

There were a few shop assistants, stylists, and the store manager on the side. When they saw the two of them being so loving, they all had envious admiring expressions. "Madam Su, there's still the matching set of accessories. Why don't you put it on and see the effects?"

"Okay, I'll have to trouble you then!"

"Of course not! It's our honor that Madam Su would come to our store to custom make your wedding dress!" The store manager spoke courteously.

This had come by after a long competition with quite a few of the shops in Imperial. Ning Xueluo's huge wedding would definitely be the largest and grandest occasion in the entire city, and its promotional effects would be far greater than any amount of commercials.

Next up, Ning Xueluo tried on all of the matching accessories.

These accessories had been custom-made in advance overseas by Su Yan. There were none other like them globally, especially the crown on her head, which originally belonged to the English royal family. Previously, it had been bought by a private collector at the auction, then Su Yan had bid for it at a high price. Compared to the Queen's crown from the charity banquet the last time, even though it had not been exaggeratively bid at \$100 million, this one cost a staggering total of \$60 million, double the price of the Queen's actual market price.

All of them were praising him on the side, and Ning Xueluo's face was full of contented happiness.

After everything was settled, Ning Xueluo clung onto Su Yan's arm and considerately said, "Bro Yan, I will check the outfit, accessories, and some other things one last time, then I'll go straight to the beauty parlor for a spa. You don't have to accompany me. If you're busy, then go ahead and settle your stuff!"

"Okay, thanks for your trouble, my wife!" Su Yan lowered his head and kissed Ning Xueluo's lips before he left.

Ning Xueluo watched the man's slender and firm figure depart, the man who was about to be completely hers. Her eyes were full of delight. Ha! Such a man should belong to her. That was right...

Ning Xueluo was discussing some additional details with the staff when her phone rang. It was Su Yan's mother.

Ning Xueluo frowned. She went to the balcony before picking up. "Hello, Auntie..."

"Xueluo, are you looking at wedding dresses with Su Yan today?"

"Yes, we just finished and Su Yan has already left for the company."

Chapter 1455: Su Family's Eldest Daughter-In-Law

"Satisfied? If there's anything you're not happy about, feel free to let me know. I will have him satisfy all of your requests. After all, getting married is a once in a lifetime occasion. You definitely cannot skimp!" Su Yan's mother's tone was extraordinarily affectionate.

When she heard the gentle generosity in her voice, Ning Xueluo already knew that she might have something else to say. Something flashed in her eyes, then she quickly spoke in a tone that seemed overwhelmed by the affection, "Auntie, I'm very happy! Actually, it really doesn't have to be so troublesome. As long as I can be with Bro Yan, everything else doesn't matter! Weddings are just a matter of formality!"

"That can't do. You're our eldest daughter-in-law. Obviously, we cannot make you feel guilty at all! Whatever it is, as long as you're happy, that's good..." Su Yan's mother assured. Indeed, the topic changed and she continued, "Xueluo, how about the thing that I talked to you about the last time? Is anyone from the Zhuang family coming over?"

Ning Xueluo's expression turned broody, but she maintained her obedient and sweet tone to say, "Auntie, don't worry. Things are already starting to look up. I will do my best to invite them. It shouldn't be too much of a problem!"

When she heard Ning Xueluo's answer, Su Yan's mother was satisfied and she reminded her to invite the Zhuangs for a few times again before hanging up.

Su Hongguang's bastard, Su Xun, had married the third daughter of the Zhao family, Zhao Shanshan. The Zhao family was increasing in their dominance recently, and their threat to Su Yan was increasingly huge as well. At such a time, such a huge slip-up had occurred on Ning Xueluo's side too. She had to plan for Su Yan's future.

Ning Xueluo took a deep breath as she took out her phone and made a call. "Have you ordered the bracelet?"

The other end of the phone was Chang Li's voice. "I did, I just retrieved it from the store. Should I deliver it over to you now?"

"Send it straight to the beauty parlor."

"Okay."

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Ning Xueluo walked back into the room after her call.

The store manager quickly walked over and spoke nervously, "Madam Su, it looks like they forgot to prepare the bracelet!"

"No worries, I will arrange it myself here."

"Oh, okay, okay..."

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After she left the wedding dress studio, Ning Xueluo drove to a membership-based beauty parlor that all the top rich daughters and socialities loved to frequent the most.

At the entrance, Chang Li was already waiting there with a black velvet box in her hand. When she saw Ning Xueluo walk over, she quickly delivered the items to her.

Ning Xueluo opened it up to take a look. After she confirmed that there was no problem, she said, "Is everything ready on the media's end?"

"Don't worry, it's all been prepared. They have even written the articles in advance. It won't be a problem to hog the entire month's hot topic," Chang Li confirmed with a confident tone.

Quite a few days ago, the media had already begun to promote the wedding of the century. From Ning Xueluo's wedding dress, the ring, and the crown to the hotel dishes and the door gifts, every step was to lay the foundations for the day that the wedding officially happened.

"Mmm, that's enough. You can go home."

Ning Xueluo nodded, then she walked into the beauty parlor.

Chang Li looked suspiciously at Ning Xueluo's direction, not understanding why she had secretly bought such an expensive bracelet for herself.

Weren't all the accessories used during the wedding prepared by the Su family?

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The membership to the beauty parlor that Ning Xueluo arrived at was only open to Imperial's socialities, thus even if Ning Xueluo used her A-list female artiste identity, she would not be able to go in.

However, she was the daughter of the Ning family and the future Madam Su, so naturally, she managed to become a prestigious member.

Ning Xueluo was greeted with a familiar store assistant's smile and congratulatory wishes the moment she arrived.

"Miss Ning, you're here! I'd like to congratulate you in advance!"

"Congratulations on the big wedding! May you live a long and happy life together!"

Chapter 1456: My Mother

"Thank you!" For the past few days, Ning Xueluo had clearly gotten used to such congratulatory wishes, so she thanked the salesgirl politely, then she quietly observed the surroundings.

Finally, Ning Xueluo's eyes lit up when she saw the objective that she had come for today.

Zhuang Keer strolled in with a cool elegant aura in her high-heeled shoes, wearing a champagne tailor-made Spirit dress.

Ning Xueluo looked at the Spirit outfit on Zhuang Keer, and the light in her eyes dimmed for an instant, then she very quickly reined herself in. She pretended that she had not seen her as she put her handphone into her bag and walked towards the direction up front.

Just as she walked past, a photo had inadvertently fallen out of her handbag, and coincidentally brushed against Zhuang Keer's leg.

Zhuang Keer subconsciously bent down to pick up the photo and was about to call out to the person in front, but her expression changed slightly when she had a clearer look at the picture...

This photo seemed to have been taken quite some years ago just by looking at the background, but the photo was newly refurbished. Most importantly, among the five people in it, there were four that she knew!

In the middle was her grandfather. On the left of her grandfather was her second aunt, third aunt, and on the right was her father. There was also one other woman...

Even though the people in the photo were much younger, she could confidently recognize them. However, who was that woman beside her father?

Why would she appear in such a photo that seemed like a family portrait?

When Zhuang Keer finally regained her senses after being distracted and wanted to call out to the person in front, Ning Xueluo had already walked around the corner.

"Hi, I'd like to ask who was that lady that just walked over there?" Zhuang Keer could only ask the staff beside her.

"That... That's the lady of the Ning family, Ning Xueluo!" The staff answered enthusiastically.

"Ning Xueluo?" Zhuang Keer's expression changed.

Xiao Xi's sister?

She had only found out that Ning Xi was the foster daughter of the Ning family after getting close to Ning Xi. Otherwise, she did not know anything else about the Nings.

However, why would Ning Xueluo have such a picture?

After a moment's pondering, Zhuang Keer said, "Help me arrange for me and Ms. Ning to be in the same private room."

"Okay."

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After Ning Xueluo entered the room, she laid down comfortably on the genuine leather recliner, waiting for the beautician's service... and Zhuang Keer...

Indeed, it had not been more than three minutes before the clacking of high heels was heard.

Zhuang Keer passed her the picture, then said to probe, "Ms. Ning, you seemed to have dropped something."

When Ning Xueluo saw the picture in Zhuang Keer's hand, her expression instantly changed and she nervously took it back. "Ah! Yes, it's mine... Thank you, thank you! Thank you so much, really!"

Then, she caressed the photo in her hand lightly like she greatly treasured it.

Zhuang Keer observed Ning Xueluo's expression as she said apologetically, "I'm sorry, Ms. Ning, may I ask why would you have this picture? Even though it's a little random, the people in this picture of yours is of my grandfather, my father, my second aunt, and my third aunt."

Ning Xueluo immediately revealed a troubled expression when she heard her as if she had not expected this picture would be exposed to Zhuang Keer.

At the same time, she had confirmed one thing. It looked like Zhuang Keer was not aware of the fact that she still had one more aunt.

Ning Xueluo seemed to hesitate for a while. Finally, she ordered the two beauticians, who had just entered, to leave first, then she looked helplessly towards Zhuang Keer and said, "I didn't think that you would accidentally see this picture. Actually, one of the people in this photo is my mother!"

Chapter 1457: Third Daughter

"The one beside my father?" Zhuang Keer instantly revealed a shocked expression.

"Yes."

"How could this be?!"

When they got to this juncture, the two had gone with the flow and sat down to begin talking.

Ning Xueluo looked at the picture and sighed, "My mother's name is Zhuang Lingyu."

When she heard Ning Xueluo say her mother's surname was "Zhuang", Zhuang Keer instantly reacted, "She also has the surname Zhuang... Could it be...?"

"Yes, my mother is the youngest daughter of the Zhuang family," said Ning Xueluo.

"Why have I never heard of this before?" Zhuang Keer frowned.

Grandfather had a third daughter? She had never heard anyone in the family mention this before!

Ning Xueluo chose her words carefully, then she said, "Actually, I didn't know about it from the start either. I only discovered this when I grew up. Obviously, I didn't know any specifics either. I only roughly heard that back then, my mother and my father loved each other. However, because their families did not match in terms of statuses, Grandfather wouldn't agree no matter what. In order to be together with my father, my mother fought multiple times with Grandfather. Misunderstandings and conflict deepened. At last, it reached the stage of severing father-daughter ties. They had not been in contact for more than 20 years... So, now almost no one knows about this incident from back then!"

After she had shared so much, Ning Xueluo's face was full of gloom. "Actually, I know that my mother especially regretted hurting Grandfather then, and she missed her family too. Sadly, my mother is too stubborn, so she wasn't willing to give in all this while..."

When Ning Xueluo reached this part, she looked at Zhuang Keer with a slightly pained expression. "I'm actually sad that my mother's like this, so I tried to resolve the misunderstanding between my mother and Grandfather... But it's too hard for me to contact and meet Grandfather, so in that period of time, I tried to contact you, Ms. Zhuang. Unfortunately, I didn't think that because of some small misunderstanding, I would've missed the opportunity to speak to you..."

Ning Xueluo's words were no doubt hinting at the incident of Zhuang Keer standing up for Ning Xi previously in History's store, even implying that Ning Xi had been obstructing her from speaking to her from the start.

Zhuang Keer looked at Ning Xueluo again, and asked suspiciously, "Why would you bring this photo around with you?"

"I found this photo at my mother's bedside. Probably because of long-term fingering, the wear and tear have already been pretty severe, then I secretly brought it to be restored at a shop. Today, I just collected it... Actually, I've come to the beauty parlor today also with a mentality of trying out my luck, thinking about whether I would meet you, Cousin. Who would have thought that God has finally helped me out?" Ning Xueluo did not deny it at all. She just admitted her purpose and intention, even pretending that she had unconsciously changed her address towards Zhuang Keer as "Cousin".

Indeed, when she heard Ning Xueluo speak like that, Zhuang Keer's expression softened quite a bit. She had already begun to believe Ning Xueluo's words.

After all, Ning Xueluo did not need to lie to her. For such a matter, she just needed to go home and ask to find out whether it was real or not.

She did not expect that she would have three aunts and that one of them had run away from home and severed ties with her family for so many years...

Now that she recalled it, Grandfather always had a worried expression on his face. She thought that it was only because he missed Grandmother. Could it have also been because of this youngest daughter who had left home for many years?

"It's not good for us younger generation to interfere with the older generation's matters, yet I can't bear to see my mother continue to look so haggard every day. That's why I presumptuously rambled on so much to you," Ning Xueluo said apologetically.

Chapter 1458: Did She Really Say That?

If Zhuang Lingyu was really her aunt, then Ning Xueluo would be her cousin.

However, Zhuang Keer did not feel very comfortable about being addressed as "Cousin" by Ning Xueluo.

Something still did not feel right. Just because Grandfather did not like the person she married, they had just ignored each other for over twenty years?

"Is it possible for me to keep this picture?" Zhuang Keer asked.

Ning Xueluo nodded with a positive heart as Zhuang Keer finally showed interest in this matter. "Of course, I made a few copies for safekeeping."

"Thank you."

"Actually, my mother has been trying to make up with Grandfather, but she didn't do it because of her personality. Another reason is that there hasn't really been a right time to do so..."

Afterwards, Ning Xueluo told Zhuang Keer about how much Zhuang Lingyu had missed her family so much in the past years. She also mentioned a little about her marriage, and they left the beauty parlor together after they were done.

They both waited outside the entrance for their transport.

Ning Xueluo received a call out of the blue. "What? The car battery died? But I have to attend an event next. It's going to start in half an hour..."

Sending another car here would take too long a time and it would be inappropriate for her to take a taxi due to her identity as a public figure, so Ning Xueluo was anxious.

Zhuang Keer's car arrived. Before she got in, she asked, "Where are you going?"

"The exhibition center!"

"It's on the way. I'll send you there."

"Thank you, Cousin!" Ning Xueluo boarded the car gratefully. In the car, she took the chance and indirectly invited Zhuang Keer to attend her wedding.

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At the Zhuang Residence.

After Zhuang Keer went back, she looked at the picture multiple times.

Should she ask them?

Then again, the elders in the house never mentioned Zhuang Lingyu before, so it should be a taboo topic of the family. Would it be a bad idea for her to ask?

It would definitely be a big no to ask Grandfather. As for her mother, she might not know very well...

Then, Xiao Xi?

That would not work as well... Xiao Xi was just the foster daughter of the family and probably would not know about something so hidden. Plus, she had never mentioned it before...

As she was struggling with what to do, familiar footsteps came by.

"Father, you're back!" Zhuang Keer stood up.

"Mmm, where's your grandfather?" Zhuang Liaoyuan was wearing his military uniform, his expression stern.

"He went fishing and isn't back yet." Zhuang Keer hesitated, then asked, "Father, how many daughters does Grandfather have?"

Zhuang Liaoyuan's cold face frowned when he heard this question. "Why are you suddenly asking about this?"

"I heard someone said today that Grandfather has three daughters. There's another one called Zhuang Lingyu?" Zhuang Keer tried to ask carefully.

As expected, Zhuang Liaoyuan's expression changed the moment he heard that name. "How did you find out? Who told you?"

"So, it's real after all!" Zhuang Keer was surprised. She handed the picture she over. "I met the girl from the Ning family, Ning Xueluo, when I was at the beauty parlor today. I picked up this picture that she dropped. We talked for a little... She said that her mother has been missing Grandfather a lot..."

"Did she really say that?" Zhuang Liaoyuan looked oddly at her.

"Yeah, she also said this picture has always been by her mother's bedside. It was damaged because of her frequently touching it, so she went to get it restored..." Zhuang Keer nodded.

Chapter 1459: I'll Surely Come

Zhuang Liaoyuan did not have any sign of being touched or any sadness on his face when Zhuang Keer told him about it. Instead, he seemed well and thoroughly pissed off. His expression turned even colder. "This shouldn't be any of your concern. Just act it as if you've heard nothing about it. Don't mention it in front of your grandfather."

Because Zhuang Liaoyuan looked so afflicted, Zhuang Keer skipped the part where Ning Xueluo had extended her wedding invitation.

While her father did not say much about this matter, surely there was more to it. She could not just believe everything Ning Xueluo said, but she would not simply interfere either.

For Xiao Xi's sake, she would not want to get too close to this cousin who had just suddenly appeared.

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At Platinum Palace, Lu Tingxiao was cooking dinner that night. Little Treasure was helping him. Ning Xi had been chased out of the kitchen as they ordered her to just wait.

Ning Xi looked through the entertainment news feed. Nearly everything was about Ning Xueluo and Su Yan's wedding, so she turned off the feed and peeked at the little bun and the big bun.

The moment Ning Xi put down her phone, it suddenly rang.

The incoming call was from Tang Nuo.

Could something have happened at home again?

Ning Xi quickly picked up the call. "Hello, Xiao Nuo? Did something happen back home again? Those people went back looking for trouble?"

"No, no! Sis, they didn't come back. Oh, wait, they did come once, but they came to give us flowers and fresh fruits, and they were really nice to us as well..."

They were probably afraid of Ning Xi. It seemed like her decision to be harsher on them was correct.

"Oh, that sounds great then!" Ning Xi was relieved and she smiled broadly. "Young man, your exams are in a few days' time. Do you want me to accompany you?"

"No, please. No, don't come at all, let me just be by myself!" Tang Nuo quickly said.

Ning Xi laughed lightly. "Okay! All the best, I'm waiting for you to come to Imperial!"

"Sis, just wait, I'll surely come!"

"How ambitious!" Ning Xi teased him, but Tang Nuo always had good grades, so it would not be a problem for him to get into a school in Imperial.

"Right, sis... I called you for something else..." Tang Nuo seemed embarrassed to tell her, and he hesitated for a while. "Sis, you left too soon after helping us big time. We didn't have time to thank you at all. Father and Mother said that... We should treat you to a meal. When are you free, can you come back home? Sis, it's been a long time since our family gathered together..."

Tang Nuo sounded really pitiful with that last sentence.

The sister he had grown up with since he was a young child had left him so suddenly until she ended up becoming someone totally unrelated, Tang Nuo did not feel comfortable about it as well, but too many people were involved. His parents were against him getting too close to Ning Xi. No matter how much he missed her, he could only endure it until this incident was settled and Ning Xi went back home. However, the strangled situation was starting to unravel...

Ning Xi hesitated as well, but she was not cruel enough to reject the young man. "Alright, I'll go when I'm free..."

"Really? Sis, you promised! You can't go back on your promise!"

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"Fine, fine, I promise. Don't be distracted now. Focus on your exams!"

"Mmm, I got it. I'll definitely make you proud!"

"Good!" Ning Xi smiled warmly.

After a short chat, Tang Nuo then sounded odd again. He asked, "Oh, is that woman getting married soon?"

Ning Xi then realized he was talking about Ning Xueluo. She nodded. "Yes."

Tang Nua sneered, "She never called us. We found out about it on the TV. I'm really worried that Mother is going and will get rejected. Fortunately, Mother didn't say anything this time and she didn't mention that she's going... Before that, she kept on pestering me to buy some local specialties and send it to her wedding. I tried to convince her but failed, then suddenly she stopped..."

She was probably was rejected when she called Ning Xueluo, but Ning Xi did not say it out loud.

After Ning Xi was done talking to Tang Nuo, Lu Tingxiao and the little bun were done with dinner.

"Mommy, dinner's ready!" The little bun quickly led his mother to the dinner table.

Ning Xi saw four dishes and a bowl of soup on the table. There was a fresh tomato salad, roast meat, cola chicken, and pork rib soup with herbs. There was also Lu Tingxiao's best dish, fried cabbage.

It was much more than she expected and the dishes looked delicious.

"Taste it." Lu Tingxiao passed her a pair of chopsticks.

Ning Xi took the chopsticks and tried all of them.

The big bun and the little bun looked at her anxiously.

After a while, Ning Xi's eyes brightened and she gave them a thumbs-up. "Not bad at all! Delicious!"

Both the buns were relieved. The little bun looked especially vibrant. Lu Tingxiao pulled out Ning Xi's seat for her. "Let's eat!"

"Mmm..." Ning Xi saw a blister on the back of Lu Tingxiao's hand, then she held onto his hand to examine closely. "What happened?"

"I just got splashed by some oil. It's alright, I've taken care of it," Lu Tingxiao replied.

Ning Xi blew some cool air on his hand. "Does it still hurt? Let me blow the pain away!"

Lu Tingxiao looked at Ning Xi's childish behavior and laughed as warmth flooded his heart.

The ignored little bun looked at his father angrily. His face seemed to say, "How could you use such a cheap tactic behind my back to catch Mommy's attention?!"

"Mommy, Little Treasure wants it too!" The little bun spoke up.

Ning Xi chuckled and she quickly gave the little guy's fair hand a light puff of air as well.

The little bun was satisfied now.

Look, I got it even without any tricks!

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After finishing dinner and putting the little bun to sleep, Ning Xi and Lu Tingxiao sat in the garden and had a little chat.

"Dear, why are you treating me especially nicely today?" Ning Xi asked.

Actually, it was not just today. This had been going on for the past few days as well.

Lu Tingxiao was already treating her kindly enough, but the past few days had been way off the charts. She felt like she was becoming a good-for-nothing.

Lu Tingxiao would never admit that it was because of his guilt.

"I'm afraid that you might be sad." Lu Tingxiao quickly came up with an excuse.

"Sad? You mean about Su Yan's wedding?" Ning Xi raised her eyebrows. "If it's about that, you're overthinking. They suit each other, so it's a blessing for them!"