

## Hidden 1851

### Chapter 1851: The Missing Person Returns

Liu Wenliang's expression darkened as he harbored his rage inside him after being annoyed for the whole day.

How was that my fault?

If Liang Feixing is professional, then get him over here!

"CEO Wang, if it wasn't for Zheng Anru leaking the photo on her own accord and promising me that things wouldn't go wrong, today wouldn't have happened! When did she ever see me as the PR Director? Now that trouble has arisen, what can I do?"

"What do you mean by that, Liu Wenliang? If it wasn't for your incompetence, would I need to think of ideas myself? You didn't say anything back then when the feedback was positive, did you?"

"What else could I have said when you've already gone ahead to do it? I told you that such compact rounds of promotion would make the fans get tired. Keep a suitable distance and mysterious aura around her, but did you listen to me?"

"I brought Zixuan up to this point. Do you think I need you to teach me? You know nothing about promoting at all!"

"You..."

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As the people of Starlight were having a war between themselves...

At the same time, at Glory World Entertainment.

A group of interns and artistes who were available watched the live streaming of the press conference of "The World" together. They were so excited that they almost jumped.

No matter if it were those who were on amicable terms with Ning Xi or those who did not like her, they were all really excited to see Ning Xi appear again.

If Ning Xi's debut could save Glory World, then they would be saved too!

"Oh my God! Bro Xi! It's really Bro Xi! Bro Xi is back!"

"So, Glory World has hope now?"

"Maybe not? Glory World is a lot more different than before as Bro Xi has retired for a year after all..."

"So what? Bro Xi was really cool, messing up that press conference! She totally overpowered Han Zixuan! Now, it's just a matter of time!"

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As the group of artistes was discussing it, someone looked in the front and screamed.

"Ah!!!"

The crowd then saw Xu Tao leading a person into the company. The person beside Xu Tao was exactly the person they were discussing.

"Bro Xi!"

"Bro Xi, we missed you! Where have you been for the past year?"

"Bro Xi, you're really back!"

"Bro Xi, is your manager Bro Tao now?"

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Ning Xi looked at the familiar and strange faces and smiled at each and every one of them as she replied everybody.

"Yes, Bro Tao is my manager now."

"No way! You have to reconsider, Bro Xi! If he misleads you..." The people around started to tease Xu Tao, not really meaning ill at all.

Xu Tao's mouth twitched. "Hey, you bastards! What are you guys talking about in front of my queen? Do you guys want to die?"

Everyone laughed.

As Ning Xi was surrounded by everyone, a person rushed out from the group and snatched Ning Xi like a kidnapper.

"Ah, Bro Xi! Who's that?! What's happening?"

"Stop him!"

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"It's alright. It's Senior Jiang."

Ning Xi turned her head around and explained as Xu Tao almost kicked the person.

Everyone was speechless.

The missing person Lei Ming had been crying for had finally returned...

## **Chapter 1852: Not So Thirsty**

In an empty corridor, they both stared at each other.

Ning Xi gawked at Jiang Muye's haggard features and laughed, "Tsk, time is really a killer..."

Jiang Muye's heart was racing when he saw the girl's smile. Blood rushed to his head and he was dumbfounded.

Ever since Ning Xi had fallen into a coma, he had never seen her again after that time at the sanatorium.

Despite it being a year, the girl in front of him still reminded him of the first time he had seen her in America.

The feeling of his first love...

Jiang Muye scratched his head in annoyance and pressed his chest. Stop, heart! You useless thing!

After calming himself down, Jiang Muye clenched his teeth. "Damn you, Ning Xiao Xi! What are you talking about?! I've been staying cool for way too long and I just wanted to experience what it's like being a mortal, okay?"

Ning Xi tried not to laugh and nodded sagely. "As expected of your wisdom, Senior Jiang!"

Jiang Muye was blinded by the girl's smile, so he avoided her eyes and cursed to himself. "You... When you did wake up?"

"Uhh..." Ning Xi sounded a little hesitant and then replied, "Well... It has been some time..."

Jiang Muye was incensed "What?! You've woken up for some time already and you didn't tell me about it? Ning Xiao Xi, do you take me as your brother?"

Ning Xi smiled cheekily. "If I'd told you earlier, you'll never be surprised!"

"I'm not happy with the surprise at all!"

His butt had almost broken into half when he had seen her on the screen!

"Also, I never thought of you as my brother, but I'm taking you as my nephew!"

Jiang Muye's features twisted. "Stop that nephew nonsense!"

Jiang Muye suddenly went silent as he thought about something.

After a while, he spoke up, "I saw the live stream just now, and Chen Mian's Weibo..."

Jiang Muye looked a little frustrated. "I don't need a woman to clean up my mess! What did you promise that old fox Chen Mian?"

Ning Xi replied, "I just said I'll pay him back with a movie."

Jiang Muye's expression changed. "Damn! No wonder! That sly fox!"

"I suggested it myself. I have to star in movies after coming out of retirement anyway. Plus, it was great working with him the last time too."

Jiang Muye's expression did not look very good when he listened to Ning Xi's explanation.

Ning Xi smiled and said, "Senior Jiang, when I just joined in the industry... I know you never said it and always messed with me, but you've helped me a lot behind my back. What happened this time was mostly because of me too... It's time for me to help you back this time, Senior Jiang!"

Jiang Muye blushed and he turned his face away. "Bastard, why are you suddenly reminiscing about the past? I'm having goosebumps!"

Jiang Muye then asked doubtfully, "You... How did you know those photos were fake? Did Lei Ming tell you?"

Ning Xi raised her eyebrows. "Do I need Bro Ming to tell me?"

"Then, how did you know?"

It was solid proof after all. A lot of fans gave up on him after they saw the photo.

Ning Xi spread her palms open. "I think... although you don't have much integrity, you wouldn't be this thirsty."

Jiang Muye was speechless.

Who was the one who had poor integrity!?

### **Chapter 1853: Be Good, Call Me Aunt!**

As Jiang Muye and Ning Xi were talking, a hefty person rushed over at the speed of light.

"My Lord! You're finally back! Oh my God, why are you like this? If your fans saw you..."

Lei Ming felt his heart ache when he saw Jiang Muye's miserable look at that moment.

You need to look good for your career, my Lord!

"What if they saw me?" Jiang Muye narrowed his eyes as he demanded threateningly.

"Um, they'll surely still love you as always!" Lei Ming changed his tone quickly.

Lei Ming then told Jiang Muye happily, "Muye, did you see Weibo? Chen Mian clarified the truth on behalf of you. The Internet is in a chaos now. Everyone is apologizing to you and saying that you're a real man for keeping promises.

"Your fans were crying because they misunderstood you. They were heartbroken about what you've through!

"The best part was that Director Liang had arranged for his team to lead the discussions and targeted Han Zixuan..."

"Targeted her?" Jiang Muye raised an eyebrow.

"Yes! Think about it! Chen Mian made the movie in secret, so who would've leaked it?"

Ning Xi then said, "The biggest beneficiary, of course."

"Yes! And the biggest beneficiary here is Han Zixuan!" Lei Ming said.

Jiang Muye did not seem impressed. "Would the fans believe it? That woman is kinda normal at acting, but she's an expert at tricking her fans!"

Lei Ming sounded confident. "With Director Liang behind this, they'd at least think about it even if they don't believe it fully. It'd be enough as long as someone doubts it!

"Most importantly, it's impossible for Han Zixuan to get away from this unscathed. She's the main cast after all and knew about the movie, but she hid the truth and let everyone misunderstand your relationship with her all for her own benefit. She even allowed the organizers to demand a public apology from you. It's a severe issue of her character; more like she's just shameless!"

"At least, for now, your rumor with her has been cleared!"

Jiang Muye looked better when he heard the bit that he wanted to know the most.

Lei Ming then went closer to their ears and whispered quietly, "That's not all! I heard the latest update about Chen Mian's Weibo attracting so much attention that the higher-ups invited him over. His movie is probably done for! Han Zixuan's going to reap what she sowed!"

"Ning Xi, I'm really grateful for you this time!" Lei Ming thanked her with teary eyes, almost worshipping Ning Xi as his God.

He had thought he was really going to die this time!

Unexpectedly, Ning Xi had just solved all the critical issues in just a few hours!

Ning Xi beamed at Jiang Muye, then she replied Lei Ming, "You're welcome, Bro Ming. We're family after all."

Lei Ming thought Ning Xi meant that they were in the same company, thus they were a family. "Right, right, a family!"

Jiang Muye was speechless.

"Muye, although your fans love you, you should take a shower right now! I'll go talk to Director Liang about what happens next!" Lei Ming then went away happily.

Strike while the iron is hot.

Jiang Muye's image was too wild and not mature enough, so what had happened this time was advantageous towards his change.

More and more young men were appearing in the industry, and at Jiang Muye's age, he should have changed his style a long time ago!

It just showed how lucky they were to have Ning Xi!

"Who's family with you?!" Jiang Muye's expression darkened and tried to argue with Ning Xi when Lei Ming left.

Ning Xi took the wedding ring out from the necklace. "Be good, call me Aunt!"

## **Chapter 1854: The Real Phoenix Was Back**

When he saw the ring, Jiang Muye almost puked blood but it was stuck in his throat.

This bastard had kept saying back then that she definitely would not become his aunt. The memory was still vivid in his mind.

In the end...

Bloody hell! The past was painful to recall!

After Ning Xi finished bragging, she then carefully kept her ring and said in the tone of an elder, "Forget it! Nephew, I'll give you some time to adapt!"

Jiang Muye was speechless.

Adapt, his ass!

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At the same time, at the Su residence.

Ning Xueluo had sat through meetings the whole night and she had also contacted people everywhere. She was in terrible shape from the office till she reached home. The extravagant and beautiful gown on her was already wrinkled.

Today was supposed to be the most perfect day for her, the final part of her victory.

However, now, in just one night, her initially flawlessly perfect world had started to crumble...

This feeling was thoroughly terrible!

Ning Xi! Ning Xi! Ning Xi!

This nightmarish name had unexpectedly reappeared!

"Xueluo is back!" When Zheng Minjun, who was sitting on the living room sofa, saw Ning Xueluo, she immediately beamed and walked over.

"Mother, you're not asleep yet?" Ning Xueluo forced herself to greet her.

"I was just worried and was waiting for you to come home!" When Zheng Minjun saw that Ning Xueluo looked strange, she frowned. "Why do you look so pale? Didn't you have an important social event today? Did something happen?"

"Mother, I'm fine. I'm just a little tired."

"Then, quickly sit down and rest. I got the kitchen to make some chicken soup. I'll call for the servant to get you a bowl!" Zheng Minjun said with concern.

Initially, Zheng Minjun's relationship with her had been stiff because the scandal of Ning Xueluo being a foster daughter had been exposed.

However, with Ning Xueluo's business doing very well in the past year plus Ning Xi's disappearance, it had cut her thoughts of wanting to connect to the Zhuang family through Ning Xi short. Obviously, Zheng Minjun's attitude towards Ning Xueluo changed as well. She was even nicer to her than before. To say that she was utterly providing for her in submission would not be an exaggeration.

When she saw Zheng Minjun's eagerly attentive way towards Ning Xueluo, Zhao Shanshan slowly walked downstairs and looked mockingly as she said in an extremely jovial mood, "Haha, tired? I think it's more

like your heart's tired! After all, the real phoenix, Ning Xi is back! Your fantasies of becoming the phoenix have been shattered again!"

In this past year, as she watched Ning Xueluo do better in life and increasingly win the hearts of her in-laws, she and Su Xun were surprised to the point that they did not even have time to take a breather. When Ning Xueluo was there, she had to take the long way around. It was living hell!

And now, Ning Xi had returned!

This was remarkably fortunate news!

"What? Ning Xi is back?" When Zheng Minjun heard this, her expression changed.

Ning Xueluo's gloomy gaze shot Zhao Shanshan a fierce look, her brows furrowed.

Once that slut Ning Xi was back, even Zhao Shanshan dared to speak to her like this.

Now that Zheng Minjun knew Ning Xi was back, would she have thoughts that she should not have again?

Zheng Minjun had returned to her senses very quickly, then she ordered the servant to get the chicken soup from the kitchen. "So what if she's back?! What's there to make a fuss about?! She's just an actress who was taken as a mistress!"

She had somewhat analyzed the pros and cons of the situation and decided that she would not offend Ning Xueluo for Ning Xi.

When Zhao Shanshan saw Zheng Minjun's attitude, she was suddenly anxious. "Mother, what mistress? Those are just rumors from the external parties. Ning Xi is the granddaughter of the Zhuang family! She wouldn't have done such things!"

### **Chapter 1855: My Daughter-In-Law Is Capable Like That**

Zheng Minjun looked disapproving. "There's no smoke without a fire. If there really wasn't something, could such rumors have gone wild? If not, then you tell me what other reasons could she have for disappearing for so long?"

Zheng Minjun's tone was incredibly certain. She had especially asked around and even had pictures as proof. In fact, she had confirmed that in this past year, Ning Xi did not have any contact with the Zhuangs.

If Ning Xi was really related to the Zhuangs, how could she be willing to be someone else's mistress?

Indeed, the Zhuang family would not even acknowledge Zhuang Lingyu, so why would they acknowledge Ning Xi?

When she saw that Zheng Minjun did not believe her at all, Zhao Shanshan was so angry that she was about to stomp her feet.

Damn it, Zheng Minjun had already been completely brainwashed by the slut, Ning Xueluo!

When Ning Xueluo saw Zhao Shanshan's exasperated expression, she smiled slightly without batting an eyelid.

Want to drive a wedge between us? Not that easy!

She had already completely made Zheng Minjun believe the truth about Ning Xi becoming someone's mistress and not having any contact with the Zhuang family at all.

She had already said that even if Ning Xi was back, it would not change anything.

All of this was still hers!

As for those tiny hiccups, even though they did annoy her, it would only take her the slightest effort to surpress them. With the current Glory World, did she still want to go against her?

No matter what Zhao Shanshan kept saying, Zheng Minjun had completely ignored her. She took the bowl of chicken soup from the servant and walked to Ning Xueluo as she consoled lovingly, "Xueluo, don't be affected by those wretched people! Come, quickly have this soup! This is very nourishing for the body. I'm still waiting to carry a chubby grandchild!"

"Thank you, Mother!" Ning Xueluo looked moved, yet she sneered in her heart.

She had been married for more than a year and still had not gotten pregnant. If it were not for the fact that she currently controlled the finances of Ning International, while History and Starlight became more prosperous with each passing day, just based on this fact, Zheng Minjun definitely would not have been so kind to her.

"Right..."

Ning Xueluo took out a red invitation from her bag and passed it to Zheng Minjun. "Mother, are you free tomorrow? I got an invitation from Heavenly Spring Resort. If you're free, we can go together and meet Madam Li."

"Really?" Zheng Minjun was overjoyed at the unexpected good news as she took the invitation.

"Recently, I heard that Minister Li and his wife have come to Imperial. Many high officials and noble people, big shots, and the celebrities want to meet them but couldn't find the right connections. Xueluo, how did you get the invitation?"

"It's nothing, I just have my own connections," answered Ning Xueluo.

Zheng Minjun grinned from ear-to-ear. "My daughter-in-law is so capable! Yesterday, even Madam Qiao was grumbling to me about not getting an invitation! She always brags about how her brother is some high official in the province, but she still didn't have a way in!"

Zhao Shanshan stood on the side. As a daughter-in-law too, hearing Zheng Minjun say "my daughter-in-law is so capable" felt like a slap to her own face.

Yes, this daughter-in-law Ning Xueluo was capable and she was just dispensable trash!

"What are you so happy about?" At this moment, Su Hongguang had walked out of the room.



Zheng Minjun immediately walked over, waving the invitation to show off. "Hongguang, Xueluo managed to get an invitation from Minister Li's wife!"

"Really?" Su Hongguang was pleasantly surprised too. "If we can get connected to Minister Li, it'll definitely be hugely beneficial to our Yifeng Corporation!"

Any of the country's projects would be worth huge checks of several billion!

"Exactly! Xueluo is really capable! Now the entire Imperial is envious that we have such a competent daughter-in-law!" Zheng Minjun looked proud.

"Xueluo, thanks for your trouble!" Su Hongguang was gratified too.

When Zhao Shanshan saw her father and mother-in-law surrounding Ning Xueluo, her nostrils flared. She was so angry that she just turned around and left.

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### **Chapter 1856: Changed At Lightning Speed**

The next morning in Deer Town.

Ning Xi slept until she naturally woke up. There was already no one beside her on the bed. However, from downstairs wafted the tempting, sweet scent of porridge.

Even though she had already officially come out of retirement, she was not that busy.

Her priority of resolving Jiang Muye's matter was done and whatever came after that did not need that much fretting about.

"You're awake? Come over and have breakfast." Lu Tingxiao had prepared breakfast as always.

Under the morning sun, her heart raced as she watched the way the man looked in his apron as he beckoned her to go over for breakfast.

Even though she was an expert at cooking, when she was with Lu Tingxiao, she cooked less and less frequently, while Lu Tingxiao's culinary skills had become increasingly better. It would not be exaggerating on to say that his skill was advancing by leaps and bounds.

Especially after she had woken up from her coma, she had not stepped into the kitchen even once.

At this moment, Little Treasure carefully carried a bowl of porridge to her. "Mommy, Little Treasure will feed you."

Ning Xi quickly said, "Thank you, Little Treasure, Mommy can eat this myself."

"But Mommy's hand is hurt." Little Treasure glanced at Ning Xi's wrist, which had been slathered in medication, and was still slightly red and swollen. His little face looked exceptionally serious.

When he said this, Ning Xi suddenly sneaked a guilty peek at Lu Tingxiao.

How could she have known? Yesterday, on stage, she had just simply played around with the pike. She really had not felt anything then and there, yet after she returned home at night, her wrist had actually become swollen.

Thankfully, it was not a huge problem, but the father and son duo had still scolded her.

"Okay, okay, okay, thank you, baby Little Treasure!" Ning Xi instantly did not dare to say anything more and obediently cooperated.

It was the weekend.

After finishing her breakfast, Ning Xi was playing with Little Treasure when suddenly a guest appeared.

When she saw who it was, Ning Xi was shocked. "Madam Zhuang... Why have you come?!"

Meng Linlang studied the girl before her, her face revealing heartache and love for her. "I've come to see you. Actually, I wanted to come earlier, but I was afraid of disturbing you."

"No, Madam Zhuang, please come in!" Ning Xi quickly said.

Once again, Meng Linlang heard Ning Xi address her as "Madam Zhuang" and she suddenly looked unhappy and got angry, "Xiao Xi, what did you just call me?"

"Uhh..." When Ning Xi heard this, she was at a slight loss.

She had already heard from Lu Tingxiao that the Zhuang family wanted to acknowledge her as family, but to change the way she addressed her in a short time and all so suddenly was something she needed to get used to.

It was still fine with Zhuang Keer and Zhuang Rongguang. After all, it was the same as being friends, but when it came to an elder, then it seemed to be a little awkward.

She had been used to operating alone, so she really had no idea how to interact with elders.

Just as Ning Xi was wondering what to do, there was suddenly a crisp voice from behind. "Grandaunt!"

When Meng Linlang saw the adorable little guy behind Ning Xi, she could not hold up her pretense of being angry. She broke into a smile and squatted down to hug the little guy. "Aye, good boy, Little Treasure!"

At first, she was taking out her anger on someone else, so she detested this illegitimate child of Lu Tingxiao's, but later on, after they interacted more, she could not help but start to fancy this child more and more.

At the same time, there came a man's downcast voice. "Aunty."

Ning Xi looked at Little Treasure, then at Lu Tingxiao... She was stupefied!

The two of them had changed too quickly, had they not?!

However, based on the way they called out to her so naturally, they had probably already started addressing her like this when she was still in a coma.

Jeez...

The big bun and the little bun had already changed sides, thus obviously, Ning Xi could not be unreasonable. She could only follow Lu Tingxiao and address her politely, "Aunty."

"Good!" Meng Linlang was finally satisfied.

### **Chapter 1857: A Title**

Meng Linlang was chatting happily with Lu Tingxiao after entering the house.

Ning Xi was impressed. As expected of his sweet tongue!

Look at her darling! How obedient of him to call her "Aunty" the moment he saw Meng Linlang.

Unlike someone...

Until now, she had yet to hear the word "Aunty" from him.

After a short chat, Meng Linlang dragged Ning Xi aside to talk to her in private.

Meng Linlang took Ning Xi's hand and asked in a serious tone, "Xiao Xi, let me ask you how are Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan treating you?"

She was alright with Lu Tingxiao now, but she could not put her trust in the two elders of the Lu family.

Xiao Xi was married to Lu Tingxiao after all, so it was no longer just a matter of the both of them anymore. Xiao Xi would need to face the whole Lu family. If Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan treated her the same way as before, how could she continue living in the Lu family?

She had gone through a lot of tough times to be alive now. She would never allow her to suffer again.

"They are treating me well," replied Ning Xi quickly.

Meng Linlang looked doubtful. "Really? You don't have to speak well for them."

Ning Xi said helplessly, "It's true. They invited me over to their place and talked to me. They apologized and have been treating me really well!"

Meng Linlang was slightly relieved when she saw Ning Xi's genuine expression. "That's good then. At least, they still have their conscience intact."

Ning Xi nodded. "Mmm, don't worry about it, Aunty!"

Meng Linlang's heart almost melted when Ning Xi called her "Aunty". She spoke gently, "Xiao Xi, what's your plan for the future? About your career and family?"

Ning Xi gave it some thought. "I've thought about this before. I was prepared to retire after I woke up this time. I want to spend more time with Tingxiao and Little Treasure because I've been busy working and had too little time with them. Tingxiao has been really supportive of me doing anything I want..."

Meng Linlang nodded. "Then? I heard from Keer and Rongguang that you're coming out of retirement."

"Mmm." Ning Xi replied, "Something happened because of me. The most troublesome part is settled for now. While I'm coming out of retirement, I'll make sure my workload isn't as much as before, so I'll be able to balance both my career and my family."

Meng Linlang looked satisfied. "That's great! I'm actually against you retiring completely. A woman needs to have her own career."

Meng Linlang finally brought up her largest concern. "Then, when are you having your wedding with Lu Tingxiao? And when are you going to announce your relationship to the public? Don't blame me for being so concerned. It was a special situation before, but the marriage between you two was too rushed! Marriage is a huge milestone for a woman!"

Ning Xi was a little guilty. "Actually, shortly after I met Lu Tingxiao, he already proposed to me. We've just been delaying it because of my career. Not publicizing it was also due to my work."

"But it's different now. My fanbase was still unstable when I just started out. News about a marriage might affect me a lot, so I wanted to wait until my career plan had settled down, then I'd be able to announce the news of my marriage. It shouldn't take too long."

"I want to be together with him officially too!"

Her darling had been waiting for this title for a very long time...

#### **Chapter 1858: Head Lady**

Seeing that Ning Xi had planned for everything, Meng Linlang was finally relieved. "As long as you have a plan. If you ever feel unhappy or you're bullied, tell me immediately! We don't have to care about the Lu family! You can always come back home!"

Come back home...

Ning Xi had an indescribable feeling when she heard that phrase.

Ning Xi felt a warm, fuzzy feeling rise within her when she saw that Meng Linlang was so protective of her. "I got it, Auntie. I'll remember that."

"That's more like it!" Meng Linlang beamed as she patted the girl's hand.

As she suddenly thought about something, Meng Linlang said happily, "Recently, a close friend of mine came to Imperial. I mentioned to you to her and she's been longing to see you. This is a good opportunity. I'll bring you to see her tonight!"

Ning Xi sounded a little troubled. "Hmm... to meet your close friend?"

Meng Linlang quickly explained as she saw Ning Xi's troubled expression, "You don't have to be so reserved. She's a really good friend of mine! You have to think more about yourself. You're now the head lady and you have to face the whole family on your own. Making contacts with powerful people is beneficial to you! How else would you be able to step on top of the twisted people among the family?"

Meng Linlang felt her heart ache when she realized the girl never thought about it. "This should've been taught by your mother, but... whatever! That blind creature! I'll stop mentioning her! If you trust me enough, listen to me. I'd never trick you!"

Ning Xi was really touched when she noticed Meng Linlang was so considerate. She could not reject her offer, so she quickly nodded. "Of course, I trust you! I get it. I'll go!"

Meng Linlang was satisfied. "Then, I won't bother your family time now. I'll come over and pick you up tonight!"

"Let me see you off!"

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Little Treasure went over when he saw Meng Linlang was leaving. "Grandaunt, are you leaving?"

"Mmm, Grandaunt is leaving. I'll come and visit Little Treasure THE next time."

"Then, Grandaunt, please come back soon."

"Okay, okay..." Meng Linlang looked really pleased.

From the beginning, she was very upset with Little Treasure even before Xiao Xi got injured for his sake. Lu Tingxiao had a child before marriage after all, which was an unacceptable fact for Meng Linlang who came from a military family.

Back then in the hospital when the elder suddenly wanted Little Treasure to go to the sanatorium as well, it was not only her husband who could not accept it; she could not sit well with the decision either.

Afterward, Little Treasure was so obedient and understanding that everyone's opinion of him changed.

Her husband was a straightforward person and did not think much about it, but she gave it some thought after that. She felt like something was not right.

The elder was a brilliant person, so just what did Lu Tingxiao tell him that could make him accept Little Treasure's existence and even treat Little Treasure this well?

In addition to the intimacy between Little Treasure and Ning Xi, she could guess, but she never dared to confirm it.

The elder must have had his reasons for not telling them. She did not want to force her way to get the truth as well.

She was just curious. If things were as she guessed, why did Xiao Xi not know about it?

### **Chapter 1859: We're A Family**

"What did Auntie say?" Lu Tingxiao asked after Meng Linlang left.

At this point in time, Ning Xi could somewhat guess what Lu Tingxiao was thinking about even when he did not show any emotions.

Ning Xi could sense that his question was not as simple as it seemed.

She carefully comforted him, "Don't worry, she's not trying to do anything weird. Aunty is really happy with both you and Little Treasure!

"She just asked me how Father and Mother treating me. I told her everything's fine. She also asked... when are we having our wedding... and when to announce our relationship to the public..."

Lu Tingxiao raised an eyebrow when he heard her.

Ning Xi closed in and murmured, "I said soon! With the current situation, I just need good timing!"

Lu Tingxiao grinned. "Thank you, my wife, for the title."

Ning Xi coughed guiltily. "You're most welcomed! I swear it's real this time! Oh, I'm meeting a friend of Aunty's tonight. She said that I should make contact with more powerful people."

"Aunty is right. She's genuinely good to you."

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In the evening, Meng Linlang went over to pick Ning Xi up. Her eyes brightened when she saw the dress on Ning Xi.

"Xiao Xi, your outfit looks great."

Ning Xi was relieved. "Really? I was wondering if it might be too simple."

Meng Linlang shook her head. "Not at all. It's great. The fashion sense in Imperial lately has been so weird. The overly colorful style is in trend, and they claim that it's true Chinese fashion."

"While it does look nice, it can get annoying after some time. Seeing a dress like yours among them is really refreshing!"

Especially on a beautiful girl like her niece, this simple outfit made her look like a fairy straight out of a painting.

"If my designer heard your remarks, he'd surely be overjoyed!" Ning Xi said happily.

"This is your own brand? Spirit?" Meng Linlang asked in awe. She remembered that Keer liked this brand.

"Yes, my designer went into a slump a while ago and the company wasn't doing so well. This dress I'm wearing is from a new series my designer did recently. The theme of the series is 'back to the origins'," replied Ning Xi.

"Back to origins indeed! Your designer is really talented. While everyone is using all kinds of colors extravagantly, he jumped out of the box and reached a new level!" Meng Linlang was an expert on fashion herself, so she analyzed and explained her opinion to Ning Xi.

"If your designer is available, can he custom make one for me too?"

Ning Xi quickly replied, "Of course, as long as you don't mind!"

Soon, the car reached the venue.

Meng Linlang wore an elegant beige qipao. Her well-maintained appearance hid her real age and Ning Xi did not seem like a youngster beside her; they were more like a pair of siblings.

"Xiao Xi, Madam Li You and I grew up together in the same military zone and we're really good friends. Don't be too shy towards her. Just think of her as family."

"Mmm, I got it, Auntie." Ning Xi nodded obediently.

Ning Xi understood her aunt's goodwill and was also clear about Meng Linlang's intention of bringing her here.

Just a few steps ahead was the Heavenly Spring Resort.

The resort was located in a quiet area with beautiful surroundings. There was a naturally-formed river right in front and it was a comfortable place with the cool breeze gently blowing.

### **Chapter 1860: Enemies On A Narrow Road**

The Heavenly Spring Resort was a high-class private clubhouse, where high officials and nobility gathered, and it was only opened at specific times.

The resort had just been newly refurbished a few years ago, but it still looked ancient as the artistic aspect was not ruined at all.

As Meng Linlang led Ning Xi to the resort entrance, her phone suddenly rang.

Meng Linlang took a look at who it was, then she said to Ning Xi, "Xiao Xi, I have an important call. Wait for me here for a moment."

"No worries, Auntie. You get the call," said Ning Xi, understanding.

Meng Linlang was of an extraordinary status, and many of her important calls were state secrets, so it was inevitable that she would need to step aside for a while.

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When Meng Linlang left, Ning Xi strolled around and admired the scenery surrounding the resort.

At this moment, at the entrance, two tall, sweet-looking female receptionists were evaluating Ning Xi from time to time.

"What does that woman do? I've seen her walk around the resort for a long while. Based on her aura and looks, could she be some high official or prominent person?" One of them wondered.

"Doesn't look like it." The other receptionist shook her head. "Recently, the resort has been lacking servants, so they're hiring. She's probably here to interview for the job."

She would recognize the high officials and big shots of Imperial, and those who frequently came to the Heavenly Spring Resort.

However, as she observed this girl, she was rather unfamiliar and she had never seen her.

Actually, because of the resort's reputation, many pretty girls and even those from respectable family backgrounds would try to make their way in. For receptionists, they knew they lacked the academic qualifications and family background, so this position was a very reliable pedestal to move upwards.

"Indeed, she isn't a guest here, but she looks somewhat familiar like a very popular female celebrity from a long time ago," the female receptionist was staring at that beautiful face far away that could make any woman resent her as she said with hesitation.

"Huh, even if she's popular now, she wouldn't be worthy of coming to the Heavenly Spring Resort, much less if she's outdated!" The other person scoffed with disdain.

The two receptionists were used to seeing these kinds of people, so they did not pay any more attention to her.

A short while later, a white Maserati stopped nearby.

The elegant car door opened and a woman in a sapphire blue evening gown and a Chanel handbag in hand stepped down from the car.

"Ms. Ning!"

Even though the woman wore sunglasses, the two female receptionists could still immediately recognize her, so they quickly went up to greet her.

Ning Xueluo walked to the front passenger seat, opened the car door and helped a middle-aged woman down the car.

When they saw the middle-aged woman, one of the female receptionists whispered softly, "That's Ms. Ning's mother-in-law, Madam Zheng..."

Receptionists like them knew almost all of Imperial's high society like the back of their hands.

"Sorry to trouble the two of you to wait for such a long time. This is my invitation," Ning Xueluo said courteously and thanked them.

The few people made small talk for a while and were just about to walk in when...

At that moment, Zheng Minjun suddenly saw a familiar figure from the corner of her eyes, far away by the river.

That person over there was...

At once, Zheng Minjun frowned and tugged on Ning Xueluo. "Xueluo, quickly look over at that person. Is that Ning Xi?"

What? Ning Xi?!

When she heard the dreaded name, Ning Xueluo immediately scanned the river.

Then, her pupils abruptly shrank!

It really was her!



"Mother, it's Sister alright!" Ning Xueluo said, her eyes instantly darkening.

Who would have thought that she would really bump into that slut here!?

What was she doing here?

Ning Xueluo thought about it for a while and immediately understood. She was probably there to curry favor with people and make connections!

Could that rotten old man have abandoned her so she could not continue and wanted to find a new patron again?

Delight flashed across Ning Xueluo's face as she arranged her delicate skirt and said to Zheng Minjun, "Mother, let's walk over and greet her! I haven't seen Sister for so long. Now, I finally bump into her here!"