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Chapter 371: Who's The One Getting Her Out Of The Pinch?

"Eh, doesn't your newspaper has a food column? Quickly summon your food journalists here! What a fabulous chance for a scoop!"

"I'll call him right away! The editor of the food column is a die hard fan of Elder Cai. Even the wallpaper and screensaver on his computer are pictures of food prepared by Elder Cai! I told him that William Fee would be here tonight and invited him to come, but he didn't care at all. Had he known that Elder Cai would be here, he'd have regretted it big time, haha..."

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In the corner, Xiao Tao was so excited that she almost broke Ning Xi's arm, tugging on it, "Ahhh! Elder Cai, Elder Cai! It's really Elder Cai! Sis Xi, you're the best! You're like Doraemon! You can just summon whoever you want! When did you make the phone call? How did I not know anything?"

Ning Xi herself was speechless beyond words.

She had not touched her phone at all, and what in the world was a Doraemon?

When Cai Fengxian appeared, she was just as surprised as everyone else in the room. She thought that she was hallucinating...

What she knew now was that he was definitely not invited by YS. Aside from the fact that he might or might not have been able to invite him, that guy was only interested in teasing her and would not have done something like this to get her out of a pinch...

Then, who was the one helping her out?

No way...

Ning Xi's heart raced a little as the image of a certain man's cool face appeared in her mind.

The one who could have invited Mr. Cai Fengxian might have been him...

Seeing the two famous faces at the door, the hotel owner quickly went up and welcomed them warmly, "Elder Cai, why didn't you let me know when you were coming? I could have sent someone to get you! This...this is terribly inhospitable of us!"

Cai Fengxian waved his hands casually, "There's no need for the trouble."

Cai Cheng explained, "Father had a request from someone so he came here on short notice."

"I see..." The hotel owner looked at Ning Xi.

As everyone heard, most people thought that it was Ning Xi who gave the orders to invite him over, or else there would not have been such a coincidence.

"Hmph, so what? We have Mr. He Xin! Mr. He Xin is the top one chef here, alright?" Fang Ya said in a very disrespectful tone.

"Right, Mr. He Xin is the founder of the best eatery, Green Lotus!"

The few crew members went along to agree with her.

Some food bloggers and food journalists looked at them with disdain as if they were looking at idiots. They were already doubting how silly those people were but this further confirmed that Fang Ya and the few other actresses were real idiots, morons from their head to their toes. They did not know anything but acted so ignorantly, what an embarrassment!

"Master Cai..." He Xin went up to Cai Fengxian and greeted him respectfully.

"Mmm, we meet again!" Elder Cai nodded.

"I didn't expect that Master Cai would be here, I was a little reluctant to come here initially but now I think I've come to the right place. If Master Cai has some time, I'd hope that I can learn something from you," He Xin smiled.

Fang Ya and the crew members were shocked to see He Xin's attitude towards Elder Cai, and they were rendered speechless.

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On the other side, Danial walked towards Cai Fengxian from the VIP area.

Both of them looked at each other for some time.

Danial broke out into a wide grin, "Old pal, long time no see!"

Chapter 372: Battle Of The Century

Cai Fengxian let out a long sigh, he recalled the old times, "It has indeed been a long time, our last meeting was 10 years ago at Country F!"

"Yes, that's right."

"At our age, I'm afraid that we might not have another 10 years. Since it's a rare occasion that you come to China, do you want to pick up where we left off 10 years ago in the battle which ended in a tie?" Cai Fengxian's eyes shined.

"Of course!" Danial agreed instantly.

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The hotel owner was very excited when he heard their conversation.

At first, he was planning to boost the hotel's popularity using Su Yan's proposal to Ning Xueluo, and the development of the events that night was way unexpected, benefiting him.

A proposal gimmick would be no comparison to "The Battle of the Century between the Masters of Western and Chinese Cuisines at the Royal Jazz Hotel".

What a great deal!

He would really like to thank Ms. Ning Xi in person. Although she was quiet, she was not stingy at all!

Suddenly, a big crowd of journalists came rushing in, trying to get into the banquet hall.

The hotel's security team and the waiters helped to block them, "Where are all of you from? This is a private banquet, you can't enter without invitation!"

"I'm XX food channel's reporter!"

"I'm a photographer from XX newspaper!"

"I'm an editor from XX magazine!"

"I heard that both Mr. Danial and Elder Cai are here tonight and I purposely made my way here! Let us in!"

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The journalists begged tirelessly.

The security team and waiters were troubled, "Well, we can't! It's our rule!"

"Rules are set by people, be more lenient!"

"Yeah! We're all experienced journalists, not just your random news reporter! You could go on and ask your manager, he would definitely agree!"

"This...uh, please wait for a while, I'll go ask."

The number of journalists was extraordinary and even with the additional security, they could not fend off the journalists' passion.

One of the waiters went to quickly consult the manager.

"This is good publicity for the hotel! But the two masters tonight are too important, we simply can't decide!"

The manager was not able to make a decision, he then proceeded to talk to the owner.

"There are a lot of journalists outside now wanting to come in. Boss, what do you think?"

The hotel owner was delighted but he could not make this decision himself as well, so he then went to look for the organizers from the crew.

Knowing the owner's intention, Wang Tai and Guo Qisheng had a short discussion with the team. They all thought that it would be a good opportunity to promote their movie, so they agreed on the spot.

And now, what was left were the opinions of the two involved party.

The hotel owner rubbed his hands and walked towards the two masters, explaining the situation to them, and he asked nervously, "These journalists are here for the both of you. I was wondering if you'd welcome their attendance here."

Danial and Cai Fengxian looked at each other, then looked at Ning Xi together.

Danial spoke first, "I'm here for the beautiful Ms. Ning Xi and her honorable guests. If they are her guests, then I have no objections!"

Which meant that unless the journalists were invited by Ning Xi as her guests, Danial would reject their presence.

"This..." The hotel owner looked troubled, he then looked at Cai Fengxian, "Elder Cai, what about you?"

Chapter 373: Completely Flawless

"I'm of the same opinion as Danial," said Elder Cai.

"Uhh..." Okay! I guess, at this point I can only ask Ning Xi?

The hotel owner rushed towards Ning Xi. "Miss Ning Xi, you heard what Mr. Danial and Elder Cai had to say. They will only accept recording by your guests. There are so many reporters waiting outside, what do you think?"

Ning Xi deliberated when she heard this. Since this was a joyous occasion for many parties, she would offend many people if she rejected now. Actually, there was no issue to do those reporters a favor, only...

Ning Xi chose her words carefully and said, "This banquet is to launch 'The World', and it's not my personal banquet. Since Producer Wang and the director are okay, then so am I! However, Boss Fong, please do filter all the reporters outside. Make sure they're of substance before letting them in. Also, they must not affect the flow of the banquet, or else we will need them to leave!

"Both chefs have come from afar, we wouldn't want any unhappy incidents. What do you think?"

Ning Xi's reasoning had no flaws to it. Boss Fong's eyes revealed a light of respect that could have easily gone unnoticed. He was the one that had hoped the most for this banquet to go as planned, so naturally, he agreed. "Definitely! I will let them know and increase security to control the flow. It definitely won't affect tonight's agenda and our honorable chefs!"

Very quickly, a huge group of reporters swarmed in from the outside.

The reporters were quite cooperative. They were professional food journalists after all, and acted respectfully purely based on the fact that they were in the presence of two top chefs. After they gave Ning Xi a look of gratitude, everyone quietly found a corner to set up their cameras.

A battle of Chinese and Western delicacies officially began...

Boss Fong was anxiously rushing for people to prepare the table when a waiter came over with a list, "Boss, these are the ingredients both chefs need!"

Boss Fong had a look at the list and was dumbfounded, "Aiyo, how could I forget the most important thing! Previously, I would not have expected this situation but now our hotel definitely did not prepare enough ingredients! Mr. Danial did prepare his own ingredients, but now they are changing the menu, and they need a lot more other ingredients!"

"In fact, I think it would be too late to deliver them now. What can we do?!" The manager was anxious as well.

As he saw that both chefs had begun preparing, unaware that their hotel did not have enough ingredients, the hotel owner became increasingly worried.

When they saw that the owner's anxious face, the guests started to whisper to one another...

"What's wrong with the owner? He looks pale."

"I think it's because there aren't enough ingredients. Because now they're about to battle, they will definitely need double the amount of ingredients! In fact, both chefs have very high standards for their ingredients, the regular ingredients won't do!"

"Pfft! No way, we've all been looking forward to this. Don't tell me that it's not going to work out in the end?"

"What's going on?"

"Also, so many reporters have come over. We can't just tell everyone to go home because of this mishap."

"This is going to be hilarious!"

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"Hah! It'd be best if it didn't work out!" In a corner, Fang Ya grumbled softly to herself. However, this time she had learned her lesson and she dared not speak loudly.

Ning Xueluo pretended to be calm on the outside, when inwardly she was very tense. Naturally, she hoped that everything would not work out in the end too.

Chapter 374: The Spotlight Of A Joke

Unfortunately, tonight was destined not to be as they wished...

As the hotel owner was anxious, a waiter from the outside rushed in and whispered something into his ear.

It was not sure what the owner had heard but his face clearly showed instant shock and then he quickly went out.

Just as he stepped outside, he saw two rows of well-trained waiters holding fresh ingredients in their hands. It seems like it had been directly air flown over...

Such generous expense, who could it be?

Could it be...could it really be him?

The owner's mind only entertained this thought briefly then stopped and quickly let them deliver the items.

The ingredients are more important!

When one after another cooler boxes of ingredients were slowly delivered, the entire crowd was stunned at this scene.

The last hope Ning Xueluo had in her heart vanished too. She sat looking crushed on the chair...

Damn it...

The remaining time was torture to her. Whenever there was a camera or phone camera pointing at her, she had to gather herself together.

She should have been the center of attention tonight, and yet, she really was in the spotlight, but the spotlight of a joke...

Danial's sous chef was Alain, and Elder Cai's sous chef was his eldest son, Cai Cheng. The rest of the assistants came from their own team of elites. Both parties' began intensively cooking...

As time passed, the banquet hall started to be filled with the fragrant smell of food. Everyone was under the spell of the irresistible smell of the food and how delicious they looked, as their mouths involuntarily salivated.

At last, both sides prepared ten dishes each, including two desserts.

On Elder Cai's end, he had prepared Hibiscus Jelly Rolls, Golden Shark Fin Soup, Five Flavored Abalone, Manchu Pearl Meatballs, Royal Bird's Nest, Tai Qi Vegetable, First Class Ginseng, Snow Crab, Sweet Potato Cake, and Durian Puff.

Danial, on the other hand, had prepared Hudson Valley Duck Liver Pate, Grilled Squab with Mixed Herbs, Fresh Abalone with Jellyfish, Sweet Sauce Roast Pork, Zhenjiang Vinegar Crisp Eel, Cherry-Apple lobster, Garlic Oyster Tempura, Baked Vegetables with Mussels, Plum Champagne Float, and Gregor Cheese Puff.

Both parties' delicacies looked unique, clearly translating and representing the food culture of their respective home countries.

An actress who was recording live turned her phone camera to point at the table full of food in front of her and started telling the fans, "Fans of mine, look! I'm going to start eating! You guys can just watch. haha..."

The fans who were watching live immediately cried.

"Releasing such poison at night, and the worst kind of poison too. How mean of you!"

"I'm so angry that I started eating spicy strips!"

"Please point the camera at my Goddess Ning! No wait, I had better clarify, it's Goddess Xi! I want to see how a goddess eats!"

"Same here! Goddess Xi is too cool tonight!"

"Hahaha...exactly! I'll watch you be cool quietly, I'd never disrupt you..."

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In the next second, the cameras turned towards Ning Xi in the corner as the public had requested.

Ning Xi was focused on tasting the food. As if she instinctively felt someone shooting her, she looked up and smiled out of politeness...

"Oh! I was electrified! Electrified by the goddess' smile!"

"She's so pretty, I'm crying!"

"No wonder Mr. Danial kept emphasizing 'the beautiful and honorable Miss Ning'! Indeed, only Goddess Xi deserves these two adjectives!"

"Ning Xi is elegance radiating from within her bones! I'm going to switch stands!"

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Chapter 375: Hard To Compare

As she listened to the comments from the food critics around her, Xiao Tao said with her mouth full of food, "My God! It's all so delicious, and too hard to choose between the two! What about you, Sis Xi? Which do you think tastes better?"

Ning Xi held her chin and thought, "Indeed, it is quite hard to compare the both cuisines. In terms of the dessert and the appetizer, the Western cuisine seems to fare better than the Chinese dishes. The desserts by Mr. Danial not only show delicate craftsmanship, but the texture is also really good. However, the main course for the Chinese cuisine might win by a little. As what the food journalists previously said, you get a taste of the human touch of Chinese food. Just by listening to the names of those dishes, you'd know that every dish has a special meaning to it..."

Xiao Tao nodded, "If you put it that way, it really is too hard to compare..."

Under the crowded yet peaceful atmosphere plus the joy that good food brought, the banquet slowly came to an end...

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After the banquet ended, Ning Xi went to use the restroom while Xiao Tao waited for her outside.

Just as she was browsing Weibo, someone called out for her, "Hello, are you Miss Ning's assistant?"

Xiao Tao looked up and was surprised to see that it was the hotel owner speaking to her. "Yes, Boss Fong, is there anything I can help you with?"

"Ahh, yes, here is a small gift for Miss Ning from me. Please accept it on her behalf if it's not too shabby!" Boss Fong said as he passed her a small card sincerely.

Xiao Tao took a look at the gold-plated card and asked, "What's this?"

Boss Fong explained, "This is our Royal Jazz Hotel's Platinum card! Royal Jazz Hotel has three types of cards: Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Platinum is the highest ranking card. Not only would you get up to 60% in discount, you will even enjoy the most honorable treatment. The hotel will exclusively reserve a VIP suite for Platinum card holders. So no matter when you come by, we will definitely have room for you!"

Xiao Tao was shocked when she heard all of this but she tried to maintain some calmness. From her experience following Leng Manyun, such occurrences were common. She knew that if she acted too emotionally, people would view Ning Xi lightly. She was currently not only representing herself, but Ning Xi too.

Thus, Xiao Tao acted nonchalantly and said, "However, one only gets rewarded if one deserves it well..."

"Miss Assistant, you're too kind. Thanks to Miss Ning this time around, our hotel was lucky enough to host two big chefs such as Danial and Elder Cai themselves. I am thankful beyond comparison!" Boss Fong gushed as something flashed in his eyes. He lowered his voice to add on, "Please ask Miss Ning to thank those two big shots as well!"

Xiao Tao blinked, she was confused. Which big shots? Who was he talking about?

Xiao Tao did not understand, so she just ignored the question, "In that case, thank you, Boss Fong, for your kindness!"

Seeing that Xiao Tao did not give him an assertive answer, Boss Fong was slightly unwilling to leave. However, he knew that he should not ask too much, so he just nodded and left.

Before leaving. Boss Fong turned around to look at the little assistant again. He had even more suspicions now.

Pfft, I can't believe I still didn't get it out of her...

Were the figures behind Ning Xi's grand show the two that he had in mind?

Never mind. No matter what, it was never wrong to be courteous!

As soon as Ning Xi came out of the restroom, Xiao Tao immediately let go of the calm facade she put on and happily skipped over, "Sis Xi, let me show you something!"

"What is it?" Ning Xi asked suspiciously.

"Royal Jazz's Platinum card for you! Boss Fong just gave it to me!"

Chapter 376: Xiao Xi Xi! You're The Bomb!

"Boss Fong? Why is he giving us this?"

"Thanks to you, their hotel was able to be involved in this popular event, saving them a lot of advertisement fees! A platinum card is nothing compared to that!"

Ning Xi sighed as she could not explain what happened tonight to anyone, so she just accepted it, "Fine, then you should keep it!"

"Ah? Me?" Xiao Tao was surprised.

"Of course, my matters in the future will be handled by my loyal assistant: you. It'd be much easier if you kept it!"

Xiao Tao's face reddened, "Then...then I shall!"

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Regal Riveria hotel.

When Ning Xi got back to her apartment, she just threw herself onto the bed without doing anything else.

Tonight was really tiring...

Her heart was tired...

She had been worried since yesterday with various conflicts popping up incessantly...

At this point, she just had no more strength.

As she lay on the bed and tried to go to sleep, the doorbell suddenly rang.

Ning Xi was exasperated, it was very late already, who could it be? She was starting to develop a phobia for the doorbell!

It was none of her concern, she thought.

Ning Xi continued lying on her bed and did not move an inch, but the doorbell kept on ringing persistently as if it was ringing for its life.

Finally, Ning Xi got up and opened the door with a gloomy face.

She heard a really urgent voice from outside, "Xiao Xi Xi! Open the door! Xiao Xi Xi! Quickly open the door! Xiao Xi Xi! Quickly open the dooooooor!"

Ning Xi finally opened the door, angrily coming face to face with Lu Jingli, "Second Master! Stop being so loud! It's very late already, what do you want?"

Lu Jingli barged in without hesitation and he excitedly said, "Xiao Xi Xi! You're the bomb!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes, "You're the one who's the bomb..."

Lu Jingli paced around the living room, mumbling, "Crap! I really, really, really regret it!"

Ning Xi massaged her temples, "Stop circling around! What are you trying to say?"

Lu Jingli said with a painful expression, "What I want to say is, why did I go to that boring business cocktail party?! It made me miss such a cool event! And now I can only search for live videos and cry while watching it!"

Ning Xi was annoyed, "Because these boring cocktail parties are bringing you profit! How is gossip more important than profit?"

Lu Jingli justified himself, "How is profit more important than gossip?"

"...right, I forgot that you're filthy rich! Money is just a number to you. Indeed to you, gossip is more important!"

Lu Jingli put a hand to his chest dramatically, "And...and Danial was there tonight! And Cai Fengxian! Do you know how difficult it is to have a meal prepared by these two? I actually missed it! Missed it! Not just one, but two of them! I really want to die right now!"

Ning Xi was annoyed, "Then you should run over to Royal Jazz hotel now. Maybe you'd get to have some leftovers! What are you doing here at my place?"

Lu Jingli did not say anything and he just stared at her with eyes full of hatred and jealousy.

Ning Xi could not stand him anymore, "Fine, fine. You really are my boss! I knew you couldn't make it and that you really like them, so I brought back something for you."

Ning Xi took out an exquisite dessert from the fridge, "The others were too difficult to bring back, I've only got this sweet potato cake here!"

Chapter 377: Cabbage Lu And Carrot Yun

Lu Jingli flew over, "Oh! Sister-in-law, my dear sister-in-law..."

Ning Xi's face darkened, "If you speak any more nonsense, you'd better give it back to me!"

Lu Jingli quickly took his dessert as far away as possible, "It's not nonsense!"

Then he started eating it with his bare hands, and kept on talking while he did so, "Xiao Xi Xi, please learn how to make this! Then I'd be able to taste it regularly!"

"It's not difficult to make this. I do know how to, but how is it comparable to what Elder Cai made! Don't think too much!" Ning Xi discouraged him.

Lu Jingli ate the dessert in anger, "My brother is really too much..."

"How is this suddenly related to you brother?"

Lu Jingli stared at Ning Xi, and then replied, "I don't know who invited Danial, but as for Cai Fengxian, I saw with my own eyes my brother leaving the cocktail party halfway to make the call and to personally invite him over! I've begged him a few times before but he wouldn't invite him for me!"

Ning Xi was speechless.

Cai Fengxian...

Was invited by Lu Tingxiao...?

She did have an inkling it might have been him but she did not expect it to really be him!

Then, the emergency food sourcing was his arrangement as well...?

Such an perfectly thought out way of handling things, as expected of the devil...

Lu Jingli was satisfied looking at Ning Xi's surprise, and of course, he had some important questions for her...

After he finished the dessert, Lu Jingli stood in front of Ning Xi and asked in the tone of a petulant, little child, "Xiao Xi Xi! I'm really curious about something! If Mr. Cai Fengxian was invited by my brother, who invited Danial then?"

Ning Xi could not hold it in anymore, "Second Master, you wouldn't be able to get yourself a wife if you keep being such a busybody!"

"Wasn't expecting one!" Lu Jingli replied naturally.

Ning Xi was exasperated.

"Say it, say it! Tell me who it is! I promise to not tell anyone!" Lu Jingli was persistent.

Ning Xi rolled her eyes, who could believe him?

As Ning Xi was annoyed by Lu Jingli's begging, her phone rang twice.

She looked to see two new messages.

She unlocked her phone to check what it was.

Ning Xi was stunned to see the new messages...

[YS: How was the dinner?]

[Lu Tingxiao: How was the dinner?]

Ning Xi was shocked.

What was this coincidence? Even the timestamps of their messages were exactly the same!

As she was still shocked, two more rings followed:

[YS: Which one was the best? This is a compulsory question ^_^]

[Lu Tingxiao: Which one did you like the most?]

They sent it at the same time again...

Could there possibly be any less teamwork here?!

Lu Jingli saw Ning Xi's weird expression and asked, "Xiao Xi Xi, what's happened? Who's texting you at this hour?"

"Uhm, it's nothing..." Ning Xi was shocked and hid her phone.

What a close shave! Lu Jingli almost saw it.

To avoid any misunderstanding, she was going to change the contact names of these two people...

Ning Xi thought about it while touching her chin. She intentionally avoided Lu Jingli and started changing the names on her phone.

YS became Carrot Yun...

Lu Tingxiao became Cabbage Lu...

Chapter 378: A Sleepless Night

Lu Jingli's eyes were sharp. When he went into gossip mode, his eyes transformed into the all-seeing eagle's eyes. He actually already saw what the contents of the messages and he touched his chin contemplatively.

YS...

As expected it was that fellow!

Tsk! Good, tonight's mission was accomplished!

Of course, it could have been done better!

Li Jingli started his questioning again, "Xiao Xi Xi, which dishes from the two masters did you think tasted better?"

Ning Xi was going to collapse in frustration; it was her third time facing this question in a short span of time!

Do not ask these trap questions again, please!

This was not a compulsory question, it was more of a question with a dead end...

Ning Xi stared at him harshly, "Shut up! No more questions! It's late now! You've eaten your fill, and you've got your gossip! Go back quickly! If not, I'm going to complain to your brother that you're still troubling me in the middle of the night!"

Lu Jingli backed off with fear, "How could you do this to me, Xiao Xi Xi? You've changed!"

"So are you leaving or not? I'm going to call him right now!" Ning Xi threatened him by holding up her phone.

Lu Jingli's eyes went teary but for his own personal safety, he ran away quickly!

When she saw that Lu Jingli had finally left, Ning Xi was relieved.

She was still sleepy earlier, but after Lu Jingli's visit and the few messages she received, it seemed like tonight would be a sleepless night...

But it would not just be Ning Xi having a sleepless night alone...

Platinum Palace.

Lu Jingli opened the door to the study room and panted while leaning on the door frame, "Bro! I'm back! I risked my life to get you some information!"

Lu Tingxiao looked up from a pile of documents, raising his eyebrow at the sight of the traces of dessert on Lu Jingli's face.

"Uhh..." Lu Jingli quickly cleaned it up with his sleeves, "Ah, it was sister-in-law, she's just too nice and brought back a box of desserts for me. I didn't want to eat it actually, but she insisted!"

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

"Hehehe, bro! I've got some really important information here! Do you want to hear about it?" Lu Jingli gave a cheeky expression, "If you invite Elder Cai to make a meal for me, I'll tell you immediately!"

Lu Tingxiao ignored him and continued to work.

"What! Bro, you really don't want to know? Really? Then I won't talk!"

One second...

Two seconds...

Three seconds passed...

"Fine! Since we're brothers, I'll tell you!" Actually, he just could not contain himself, not even for three seconds...

Lu Jingli quickly said, "Bro, I'll tell you, the person who wrote the embarrassing love letter, prepared the surprise for Xiao Xi Xi and invited Danial over was as expected, the coward alphabet man YS! Oh, right, you sent Xiao Xi Xi a message just now, didn't you? That fellow sent her a message at the same time as well, and the content was the same! Both of your hearts sure resonate together..."

Lu Jingli sighed and mumbled, "That guy is already starting to take action, and I am sure he will continue courting her. This time he invited a chef, the next time he might be reviving a person! Bro, your future of getting yourself a wife doesn't seem too bright!"

Chapter 379: Miss Was Wronged Tonight

As Lu Jingli said this, he revealed a cunning grin, "However, you have two things that can immediately defeat him! Firstly, you're closer to her. It's not that easy for that guy to return to this country. Secondly, is, of course, our Little Treasure!"

Lu Tingxiao lightly knocked his knuckles on his armrest, "How is Little Treasure's school registration coming along?"

"It is I who is handling it, don't worry about it. He can start school anytime!"

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Ning Family Bungalow.

"Aiya, Xueluo is home! Were you happy tonight? Tell Mother about it!" Zhuang Lingyu knew about Su Yan's marriage proposal tonight and she purposely waited for her daughter to get home.

When she saw Zhuang Lingyu's face full of expectations, Ning Xueluo forced a smile and replied, "Mother, I'll tell you all about it later. I'm kinda tired, I'll go rest first..."

"Ah? Tired?" When she saw her daughter walk straight to her room and close the door, Zhuang Lingyu looked at her husband in confusion. "What's wrong with Xueluo?"

Ning Yaohua put the newspaper in his hands down and knew something was amiss too. He called over the maid who usually looked after Ning Xueluo.

"Master, are you looking for me?"

"Xiao Ling, go find out what happened tonight. Why did Miss lock herself in as soon as she got back?" Ning Yaohua ordered.

Zhuang Lingyu added, "Exactly. In fact, she doesn't look too good. Didn't Su Yan propose tonight? Logically, shouldn't she be really happy? Unless she's just being shy?"

This was when the maid quickly said, "Master! Madam! That's not it! Miss was wronged tonight!"

Ning Yaohua's expression immediately changed. "What? Wrong? Who would dare wrong my baby girl? Is it that punk Su Yan?"

The maid shook her head, "How could it be Master Su? Master Su loves Miss!"

"Then what happened? Tell us clearly!" Zhuang Lingyu rushed her.

"Master, Madam, tonight's incident is much too complicated, there's no way to explain it briefly. You...you should watch it and understand it yourself!" the maid said as she took out her phone and clicked on a broadcast.

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu looked at each other, then quickly took over the phone to watch.

Both of them quickly watched the broadcast and their faces started to look increasingly unhappy by the moment...

The maid angrily said, "Master, Madam, you see for yourself now! Tonight was actually a banquet for Master Su's proposal to Miss, which he had prepared for so long!

"Ning Xi kept ruining things! Luckily, our Miss has such a good temper that she tolerated one incident after another. She couldn't hold it in any longer when she reached home!

"Miss was so sad at that time! It should have been one of her happiest moments, and yet it was ruined! At last, she was laughed at by so many people present and it was even broadcasted onto the Internet! It's now all over the Net, that's how I saw it..."

In reality, the broadcast was actually downloaded from the Internet and edited. The parts where Fang Ya picked fights with Ning Xi over and over again had been edited out...

Just as Xiao Ling was complaining, Ning Xueluo's serious voice was heard from behind, "Xiao Ling! Who gave you permission to spurt nonsense here!?"

Xiao Ling received the hint from Ning Xueluo and pretended to be pitiful, "Miss! I...I'm sorry! But I'm only telling the truth! I'm only angry for you..."

Chapter 380: Bad Jinx or Lucky Star?

"Xueluo, why are you blaming her, Xiao Ling is did nothing wrong!" Zhuang Lingyu pulled her daughter's hand over and looked at her pale little face, her heart aching. "I can't believe something like this would happen, you've really suffered!"

Ning Xueluo revealed a face full of tolerance and vulnerability and said, "Mother, I don't feel like I've suffered. I actually don't mind what happened tonight at all. As long as Bro Yan is sincerely good to me, I don't care about other people's attitude or how they see me! I truly love Bro Yan, and I was not using him as a tool to show off! Only big sister...the way she acted tonight...really made me too sad...I really don't know why she has to treat me like this..."

Xiao Ling quickly added from the side, "Miss, is that even a question? Master Su proposed to you tonight! It would be weird if she did not try to ruin it. She just can't stand seeing you happy!"

Ning Yaohua's face darkened when he heard this, "That girl is really too much! People don't know that they are sisters now, but if they did and they saw them being jealous of each other and fighting with each other, how would that reflect on us?"

Ning Xueluo held back her tears, "It was indeed my fault for misunderstanding her for the previous incident, but I've already what I could've done and I've tried my best to help her. Yet, I am rejected by her every time. Now, her misunderstanding of me is only getting worse, I really don't know what to do..."

Zhang Lingyu sighed, "Haih, stupid girl, Mother has told you many times...why do you care about what she thinks? Aren't you aware of her personality by now? Just don't deal with her!"

Ning Xueluo's face immediately turned serious and said, "Of course I must care, she's your daughter. As much as I care for the both of you, that is how much I must care for her! I would not hope that I am the reason the both of you would be in any sort of dilemma!"

Ning Yaohua was touched, "Xueluo, I don't really know what to say. If only Ning Xi was half as mature as you are, I...sigh..."

Ning Xueluo revealed a pitiful face and said, "Sometimes I really think I should return to the Tang family."
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Zhuang Lingyu held her hand anxiously when she heard this, "Xueluo! How could you say something like this? Do you want to abandon your mother?"

"But maybe if I left, sister would be willing to come home. I feel like I'm a bad jinx, preventing the family from reuniting..." Ning Xueluo said as she started to cry and blame herself.

Zhuang Lingyu quickly hugged her to console her, "Xueluo, how could you say something like this? You're my most precious daughter, our Ning family's lucky little star. Since you were born, our Ning family's business expanded and our family became increasingly prosperous too. It was you who introduced Boss Wang to us so we could seal the deal the last time, remember?"

When Ning Yaohua heard that Ning Xueluo wanted to return to the Tang family, he became tensed as well, "You're not allowed to say things like that about yourself anymore! How could the fate Medium

Long predicted of you be wrong? You're our Ning family's lucky star! No one's allowed to chase you out!"

Zhuang Lingyu helped her wiped away her tears and said, "Xueluo, we know that you've suffered today. Not another word, tonight was just a marriage proposal. Wait till the both of you have an official engagement banquet, that's when you'll really be in the limelight!"

"Right, we definitely won't let anyone compare to you then! Later, I will personally discuss this with the Su family!"

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