

Life Changing 131

Chapter 131 Beating The Killer

In the flurry of knife thrusts, Bai Chen's heart was beating fast with caution. His eyes were fixed on Hei Chang's every movement.

At the same time, he was dodging all Hei Chang's attacks easily.

"How in the world?!?" Hei Chang's patience ran out. He stopped his attacks and jumped back a few steps.

"How did he evade all my attacks?" His lips trembled before exclaiming this with extreme confusion.

Hei Chang's heart was filled with disbelief. He could not accept that the technique with which he had killed dozens of targets could do nothing to Bai Chen.

'This is not good. I can't complete this task today,' Hei Chang thought to himself and prepared to run.

He knew now that with Bai Chen here, he would never be able to kill Xu Xin Tong.

It was obvious since his skilled knife attacks could be avoided by Bai Chen without him receiving a single injury.

When he decided to run, Hei Chang did not hesitate. He looked to the alley beside the coffee shop, then started sprinting towards it at a relatively high speed.

With his strong physical condition, he reached the inside of the alley in the blink of an eye.

'Even if the assassination failed, it won't be that easy to stop me.'

Hei Chang laughed to himself confidently. His two feet moved swiftly, taking his body into the small alley in a flash.

Who could have known that when he arrived at the entrance, a hand swept over from the side and hit the side of his head?

Bam!

Hei Chang flew aside like a piece of paper. His eyes widened; his ear hurt, the side of his head went numb while his body fell to the ground, bounced a couple of times, and landed in front of a clothes shop.

"Argh!" Hei Chang, the skillful assassin, howled painfully.

Bai Chen did not care. He ran towards Hei Chang, who was rolling around in pain and prepared to stomp his face hard.

"D... don't!" Hei Chang's eyes almost popped out of their sockets. His paper-white face showed clear panic.

However, his voice was simply like a gust of passing wind. Bai Chen paid it no mind at all.

Smack!

An entire foot bashed into Hei Chang's face violently. Hei Chang's nose broke; blood poured out. Four teeth in his mouth broke off. The blood covering his mouth flowed out like water.

The force of Bai Chen's foot made Hei Chang's head hit the ground hard. He fell unconscious because of all the pain his face had received.

Bai Chen was panting a little. He let out a sigh. He was relieved he had rendered Hei Chang, a very competent assassin, unconscious.

"W... what is this?" Xu Xin Tong who was watching from not too far away could not help but exclaim.

She had been frightened since she had seen Hei Chang throw himself at Bai Chen and wield his knife with frightening skill.

She had really been concerned for him at the time. But she did not expect that Bai Chen would both escape uninjured and knock Hei Chang unconscious.

Because Bai Chen was the one who jumped in to save her life from Hei Chang, it was normal that she might feel stressful and afraid he would injure.

Once he dodged from Hei Chang's knife, everyone who witnessed the event seemed to be relieved when they saw that Bai Chen could handle Hei Chang.

Ding!

[Mission Complete!]

Mission 21: Create a debt of gratitude. (Success)

Reward: You have received 30 points and the opportunity to receive special skills or items at random!

Bai Chen looked at Hei Chang for a while before he heard a notification sound in his mind. The mission window popped up again.

He looked at the window showing the mission's success with satisfaction. He felt that it was worth the fatigue and the risk he had had to take.

"Thank you very much for saving my life..."

Bai Chen was looking at the mission window when a voice sounded behind him.

He quickly turned to look. It was from the pretty lady with a cold expression. The one Mission 21 had asked him to save.

Though it was thanks, it did not carry with it the warmth of gratitude at all. On the contrary, it was stiff and was even rather cold. It was very unlike thanks.

Her pretty face did not show any emotions, either. It was as coldly expressionless as the first time he saw her.

“No problem. That was nothing.” Bai Chen still replied to her, even though her outward manner was like that.

Xu Xin Tong looked at Bai Chen. The pretty pair of eyes moved back and forth. She knew she should have thanked him in a friendlier manner, but she could not. She was not one for caring about others. She hardly ever smiled, nor laughed, no matter the situation.

She was only proficient in expressing anger and coldness.

This was how she had been since childhood. It was not something that could be easily changed.

“It was not nothing,” Xu Xin Tong said, shaking her head. “He came here to kill me. He was a professional killer, and a good one at that.”

Bai Chen did not expect her to say that. But in any case, he agreed with her. Hei Chang was really a good assassin. If it had not been for the low-grade martial arts technique, they both might have already been dead by Hei Chang’s hands.

“That is true,” Bai Chen said. He saw a lot of people start to gather around the crime scene. His brows furrowed as he thought it was time to leave this place.

“You’ll have to excuse me. I have important matters to attend to after this.”

Bai Chen certainly did not want to attract any attention, so he wanted to leave the scene as quickly as he could.

After saying goodbye, he turned around to leave, but Xu Xin Tong grabbed his arm.

“Wait. Take this. If you run into any trouble, call me,” Xu Xin Tong said quickly before pushing her business card into his hand.

Bai Chen had to accept it with a nod before running at top speed into a back alley.

Xu Xin Tong watch his back disappear with a particular feeling that was hard to explain.

Initially, she had wanted to buy him a meal as thanks. But when she saw that he did not want attention, she no longer wanted to stop him. She could only hope that he would call so she could pay him back.

Even though Xu Xin Tong might seem heartless, she would never think to not pay back a person who had saved her from mortal danger.

Not long after, a police car siren rang out from afar. The scene of the incident was flooded with a huge crowd in an instant.

Chapter 132 Chin Fei’s Rage

Bam!

Inside a luxurious hotel, a palm was slammed hard onto a table.

The person who did that was no one else but Chin Fei.

“Uncle Feng, are you saying that Hei Chang not only failed at killing Xu Xin Tong, but also got himself arrested?”

Chin Fei’s face was extremely dark. He looked at the elderly man in front of him and asked to make sure.

At the same time, he was trying to calm his rage.

“It is so. Hei Chang failed and got captured by the police,” the old man said with a calm voice. His face was wrinkly, and his hair and his beard were white.

A careless look would mark him as just an ordinary old man.

But if one were to look deep into his eyes, one would find monstrosity hidden within.

His name was Feng Dong. He was a close friend of Chin Fei’s father from the drug gang. After the latter’s death, he had taken care of Chin Fei.

“Damn it!” Chin Fei cursed. He felt very regretful now for paying Hei Chang. Now, not only Xu Xin Tong was still alive, but he was also down 10 million yuan.

“I thought he was the top killer of the Shei You Assassin Guild. He’s just a piece of garbage!” Chin Fei sank down onto the sofa angrily.

“It’s no surprise that Hei Chang failed. Xu Xin Tong apparently had a very skilled bodyguard,” Feng Dong said.

As he was saying that, the old man thought of Bai Chen’s face. He was at the scene as well when the two had fought.

Yes... Feng Dong had been watching from afar to confirm Xu Xin Tong’s death.

But what Feng Dong said was not quite correct. Bai Chen was not Xu Xin Tong’s bodyguard. He saved her from a top assassin such as Hei Chang because it was a mission that the Life Changing System had given him.

“A skilled bodyguard?” Chin Fei’s brows furrowed. He repeated the old man’s words.

Feng Dong nodded. “Yes, the bodyguard took care of Hei Chang. If it wasn’t for him, that girl would’ve died.”

“Xu Xin Tong!” Chin Fei clenched his jaw, both hands tightening into fists. “When will you stop being so lucky? After you moved all the way to Xing Zhou, you still got a skilled protector!”

Feng Dong could only shake his head at Chin Fei’s display of rage. The old man sighed deeply. He knew very well of Chin Fei’s resentment towards Xu Xin Tong because he was the one who had taken care of him since his father’s passing.

“What are you thinking of doing next, young master?”

“I will find a way to kill that evil wench, no matter what!” Chin Fei’s eyes filled with the desire to kill. There was a great desire to kill in his eyes.

There was no need for words to explain the extent of his anger towards Xu Xin Tong.

“Uncle Feng, do you have any good assassins? I want one who can surely kill that scum, Xu Xin Tong!” Chin Fei asked as he looked at Feng Dong.

The old man looked down and thought for a bit before looking up.

“The Hell Shadow International Assassin Association.”

“What you are speaking of is probably not the association...” Chin Fei’s expression changed slightly. He had quickly blurted this out.

He did not get to finish because the old man cut him off.

“But if we were to hire them, we might need more than 100 million yuan.”

“I need some time to consider this...” Chin Fei could not help but shake his head. He had heard of this Hell Shadow Association before.

It was an organisation of international assassins who killed people for a fee. They would be on the hunt until the target was dead. Failure was not an option for them!

Due to that guarantee, the fee for the Hell Shadow International Assassin Association was very high.

“I understand.” Feng Dong nodded.

If they were to spend more than a hundred million yuan to kill off Xu Xin Tong, they would instantly be in trouble financially.

All the money they had now was what Chin Fei’s father had left behind. It was enough to easily last them a lifetime.

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At the same time, in an interrogation room at the Xing Zhou police station. Hei Chang sat there with his swollen face. His face at the moment was not a very pleasant sight.

Both of his wrists were handcuffed.

Other than that, his feet were shackled with thick metal chains.

Because he was a skillful assassin, the police could not treat him like the usual prisoner. That was why he was in this state.

This was not odd, though. Because with only handcuffs, Hei Chang might break out and go on a rampage.

If a professional killer broke free and went on a rampage, some officers might get hurt.

In front of him was a desk with a lit lamp. This room was quite dim actually, so the lamp was its only light source.

Across from him was Xu Xin Tong. She sat there with her usual cold expression, her eyes were no less cold. She stared fixedly at Hei Chang.

Behind her were Lieutenant Jong and Captain Cao. They both were also staring at Hei Chang with cold eyes.

They did not expect that within days of Xu Xin Tong's arrival, an assassination attempt would already have been carried out.

"Tell me. Who sent you to kill me?" Xu Xin Tong's voice was icy, like ice at the North Pole.

Hei Chang lifted his swollen face and looked at Xu Xin Tong without care. "I don't have to tell you that!"

As Hei Chang was a killer, he knew very well that he was finished. He had gotten caught and had nowhere to run—he could only live the rest of his life in prison.

Why, then, would he say who hired him? It was one of the assassins' principles—to not expose their employers' names under any circumstances.

"You won't?" Xu Xin Tong furrowed her brows a little before saying that with an even colder voice.

"Very good. Even if you don't say it, I have ways to make you talk. Lieutenant Jong, Captain Cao, please take care of the rest. Get him to say who hired him. There is no need to hold back. I'll take full responsibility for this!"

"Yes, Inspector!"

Both officers acknowledged the order. Lieutenant Jong had a hesitant expression on his face. The interrogation was not his strong suit. But since it was an order from the inspector, he could not refuse it.

Captain Cao was different. He smiled ruthlessly at Hei Chang who was sitting down.

p Hei Chang's face turned pale the moment he heard Xu Xin Tong. His body trembled with rage.

"How dare you?!?"

The killer did not expect Xu Xin Tong to give a direct order to the two officers to torture him to make him give up who had hired him to kill her.

"Why would I not dare?" Xu Xin Tong replied coldly before she got up and left the room.

Chapter 133 A Happy Family

Bai Chen got home that evening, chatted briefly about dinner with his parents, and went back to his room. He showered and got changed.

After that, the young man came back down to the table to have dinner with his mum and dad.

“Little Chen, you might need to wait for a bit. Your mother is cooking and I’m to drop by Uncle Chuan’s store. Do you need anything?”

Bai Chang who had just walked out of the kitchen asked this of his son.

Bai Chen smiled at him and shook his head. “You go ahead, dad. I don’t want anything.”

When he heard that, Bai Chang asked nothing further and left for the store.

Uncle Chuan’s store was a convenience store located in the Xing Seng Business District. Even though it was no match for other big supermarkets, there was still a plethora of goods for the people in the district and neighbouring ones to pick from.

Bai Chen sat and waited happily. He had completed his mission with ease; how could he not be in a good mood?

In his mind, right now he had 30 points, he was only 70 points short of reaching Level 5 and Mission 22 would yield the big amount of 50 points.

If he succeeded, he would level up within a matter of days.

But Bai Chen did not plan to do it now. He would wait until after Li Lin’s parents’ anniversary party to do it, so he could be free to do the mission as he pleased.

He did not want to look at the new missions now either, so he decided to wait until after Mission 22 to look at them all together.

And of course, he planned to wait to use the roulette bonus he had just gotten yesterday, too. It would be better if he used it together at one time.

How was that better? Easy. He would get two chances for acquiring new skills or items consecutively. Just like how he had gotten the thousand-face and stargazing walker skills before.

While waiting for his mother to make food, Bai Chen took out his phone and checked his contacts.

His contact list now contained six numbers, which were belonged to Long Xu In, Xu Xue Ning, Qian Bei, Li Lin, his father; the last one was Xu Xin Tong’s, which he had just gotten.

When Bai Chen took a good look at the business card she had put in his hand before he had run into the back alley, he was quite shaken.

He had not thought the pretty lady was a cop, let alone a police lieutenant general!

With that information, he could now understand why she had had a killer like Hei Chang after her.

She was a lieutenant police general. She must have arrested numerous criminals. Maybe those people associated with them had been enraged with her so they had hired a skilled assassin like Hei Chang to kill her.

This was what he thought. And Bai Chen’s thought was quite close to the truth.

“If I ever run into problems with the police, I might need her help,” Bai Chen murmured to himself. He had helped Xu Xin Tong after all. It was only proper for her to repay the debt.

Surely, he could only ask for her help after using the thousand-face skill to change into his 30-year-old face.

If he went to her as his current self, an 18-year-old boy, Xu Xin Tong would not recognize him. Other than not helping him, she might even get angry.

From the coldness she had displayed, Bai Chen could already see that her usual self was a cold person who did not care about anything nor anyone.

Even more than that, she was not a regular cold person—she was extremely cold.

“Little Chen, come help me carry the food to the table.”

While Bai Chen was staring at a list of phone numbers on the phone screen, his mother’s voice sounded from the kitchen.

He quickly put his phone into his pocket before replying, “Yes, mum.” Then he walked in to help his mother carry the food out from the kitchen.

His mother had cooked fancier food than usual today. There was Peking duck with a sauce, red roasted pork, fried rice, and a few other stir-fried vegetable dishes.

“What’s going on today, mum? Why are did you buy and cook a whole duck?” Bai Chen could not help but ask his mother. A duck was quite extravagant for his household.

Bai Yu smiled kindly at her son. “Nothing special. I just want you to eat nice, tasty things.”

Bai Chen almost cried at his mother’s response.

He could tell how loved by his parents he was just from what his mum had said to him.

Bai Chen wanted to hand them all the money he had so that they did not have to struggle so much. But since he could not explain the origin of this wealth, that was out of the question.

He was afraid they were going to think he had stolen it. That was why he did not give the money he won from San Hai Casino to his parents.

“Thank you, mum. I will study hard and make a lot of money. I will not let you down!” Bai Chen said with earnestness in his eyes.

Bai Yu nodded at her son happily. “That’s good. Just hearing that makes me happy.”

Bai Chen said nothing more. He sat down at the dinner table to wait for his father to come back so they could eat together.

But while he was waiting, he could not help but think. His expression turned solemn.

‘My warm family—I will not let you wretches destroy it a second time, Wang Chengye, the Wang family!’

Bai Chen was clearly thinking about what he had experienced in the future before he returned to his past once more. His two hands under the table clenched into tight fists. They were shaking uncontrollably.

“Oh, little Chen. Don’t forget to ask Li Lin to eat with us sometime.”

Amid his emotions which had been stirred up by thoughts of the past, Bai Yu’s voice calmed him down instantly. His serious expression disappeared; the two hands relaxed. Bai Chen lifted his face to his mother.

“Yes, mum.” He said yes with no hesitation.

“Now, do not hurt her, understood?” Bai Yu said, her voice getting a little sterner.

Bai Chen could not help but give a big smile. It seemed his mother liked Li Lin a lot. She was not even anything to him yet. She had just visited his house once and his mother was already on her side.

If she became his girlfriend and married him, he was afraid there would no longer be a place for him in this household!

Only a few minutes had passed when Bai Chang came back with a few types of beverages.

The family sat down to dinner merrily. The sound of happy chatter rang out occasionally.

After dinner, Bai Chen excused himself to rest up in his room.

Chapter 134 A Feeling

On Sunday morning, Bai Chen was woken up early by his mother. It was even before sunrise.

He got up drowsily to look at Bai Yu with confusion in his eyes. He did not understand why she had woken him up at such an early hour.

“Little Chen, your father and I are going to visit Auntie Chu in Xing Yang. Do you want to come along?”

Bai Chen then remembered that before he had traveled back in time, this was a regular occurrence. His parents were going to visit his Aunt Chu, his mother’s sister, in Xing Yang district.

It was dozens of kilometers away from Xing Seng business district but was still within Xing Zhou City.

Bai Chen rubbed his eyes while shaking his head as an answer. “No, mum. I’ll look after the house.”

“All right, then. We will leave now and be back tomorrow morning.”

Bai Yu did not complain about him not wanting to come along. She said a few more words, then left.

‘If I did not have an appointment with Li Lin, I would have gone with them, just like before.’

Bai Chen said this to himself whilst thinking about the times before he was imprisoned and traveled back in time.

Many minutes passed before he got up to take a shower.

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Five p.m. arrived in the blink of an eye. Bai Chen put on the suit Long Xu In had bought for him. In his hand was a gift basket he had bought from Xing Yuan Department Store. He had stopped by there before coming here.

Of course, 'here' was... a road close to Li Lin's villa. Bai Chen stood beside an electricity pole. He felt slightly hesitant.

He did not know how to behave if he met Li Lin's parents. They were going to become his in-laws in the future.

This was even though he had met them before when he used his thousand-face skill to change into Xi Dong to cause trouble.

But at that time, he had gone as Xi Dong. It was vastly different from now when he was going as himself.

'It's all right. I'm not even dating her yet. I will just act normal,' Bai Chen decided at that moment.

At the same time, he was heading straight to the entrance of the villa which was Li Lin's home.

Today was very different from when he last came. At the entrance of the villa were several guards checking everyone's invitation cards.

There were many cars parked outside the villa. It was clear that there were not enough parking spots inside the villa.

But that was no surprise. An anniversary party of Li Cong Tian, the wealthiest man in Xing Zhou—how could there not be a crowd?

Bai Chen walked up to the entrance where multiple guards were stationed.

"Your invitation please, sir. I cannot let you in without one," a guard stopped Bai Chen and said with a stern voice.

Bai Chen paused and scratched his head.

An invitation? How could he have one?

Li Lin had not given him any, but Bai Chen did not care much. He stepped to the side of the villa and called her immediately on his phone.

Some of the guards looked at him without much care. Their job was to inspect those who went into the villa strictly. Those without an invitation, which came in the form of a card, could not even dream of passing through.

Bai Chen did not have to wait long for Li Lin to pick up.

“Bai Chen, where are you?” she asked as soon as she picked up.

“In front of the villa. I cannot enter though,” Bai Chen said, relaxed. He knew she would come out to fetch him.

“Just wait there. I’ll send someone to get you.”

“...” Bai Chen went quiet because his expectation was inaccurate. She was not going to come get him herself but would send someone instead.

It seemed like he was, in her mind, not somebody important.

Bai Chen was deeply saddened by this. He could not help but wonder if he was the only person who thought of her as more than a friend.

If he was important to Li Lin, she would have come out herself.

‘Even Long Xu In came to pick me up herself every time.’ Bai Chen could not help but think of Long Xu In.

One of the reasons he thought Li Lin did not think anything of him was because of Long Xu In. This was because she would come to pick him up every time and never let anyone come to pick him up.

“Bai Chen?” Li Lin said curiously as he had suddenly gone quiet.

“Never mind. I’m leaving,” Bai Chen said in a gloomy manner.

It seemed like his plan of asking her out, then marrying her might have to be shelved.

When he came to think of it, she had only let him kiss her because she had lost bets. Not because she felt anything for him.

A bitter smile appeared on Bai Chen’s face, but thankfully, it was gone quickly.

“Why would you leave?” Li Lin asked impatiently.

“I’m feeling a little unwell,” Bai Chen said. “Goodbye now.”

“Wait!” When she heard Bai Chen was hanging up and leaving, she shouted out loud. The people around her turned to look at her all at once.

Li Lin was in front of the entrance to the hall where the party was taking place. She had come to help her parents welcome the guests.

This was why she was going to send someone else to get Bai Chen instead of going herself. It was clear she didn’t want to excuse herself.

“What’s wrong, Little Lin?” Li Yu asked her daughter with confusion on her face.

“You wait there. I’m coming to see you.” Li Lin did not reply to her mother. She spoke to Bai Chen through the phone before turning to say to her parents who were standing beside her, “I’ll be right back.”

When she finished speaking, she started running instantly, in the midst of the confused gazes of Li Cong Tian, Li Yu, and other people who were at the entrance.

Bai Chen put his phone away after hanging up. He decided to wait there as Li Lin had told him to. He did not feel any better though, because he already thought Li Lin did not feel anything for him.

“Bai Chen.” He not waited even five minutes before a cute tiny voice cried out from afar, accompanied by a tiny body with a cute doll-like face.

She was wearing a pretty light-yellow dress which made her look even cuter and more charming than usual.

Her short hair swung back and forth while running.

“Young miss!”

Many guards quickly saluted her. At the same time, they were quite shocked when she came out to see the young man whom they had been demanding to see an invitation from earlier.

They did not expect this average looking young man would cause their young miss, who was like a priceless treasure to their master and mistress, to come all the way out here to personally receive him.

Li Lin did not pay any attention to the guards. She stopped in front of Bai Chen, panting. It was clear that she had sprinted there, so she was tired.

Bai Chen looked at her, his heart trembling. She looked especially lovely today—much more than any of the other times they had met.

Chapter 135 Let Me Introduce You

Bai Chen looked at Li Lin for a long while. He did not dare say anything because of how adorable she looked.

Li Lin wore light make-up and a blue flower barrette in the hair to the right of her forehead. She panted for a short while before looking up at him.

When she saw him in a nice-looking suit, which was different than his usual casual clothing, she paused before the tiny pair of eyes started blinking and surveying him more carefully.

Li Lin found that Bai Chen looked quite good that day. His cleanly handsome face fit oddly well with the suit.

All of a sudden, she blushed uncontrollably. Her little heart trembled as well.

Li Lin was falling very hard for the suit-wearing Bai Chen.

Truthfully, she had seen what he was wearing since when she was running. But because she had been running, she had not gotten a good look. Now that she had gotten a clear look at him, it was not odd that she would feel this emotion.

It was certain that Li Lin realized she had been falling for Bai Chen since the day before. After meeting up with him, she had come home and reevaluated her feelings, until finally, she confirmed that what she felt for him was more than friendship.

They both looked at each other without saying a word. They were very emotional.

‘I must have misunderstood things,’ Bai Chen thought when Li Lin came to see him herself.

It seemed like he had been imagining things earlier. The fact that she had come to see him after she had heard that he was leaving was enough to confirm her feelings for him.

Having realised this, Bai Chen relaxed and smiled.

“What are you smiling at?” Li Lin asked. She calmed herself down.

“Nothing. I’m not smiling at anything,” Bai Chen replied as he continued to smile.

“Sorry, I was busy earlier, so I could not come out to fetch you myself.” Li Lin said. She felt like it was a necessary thing to say.

Bai Chen stopped short instantly. He had not expected her to say that. However, those words made him really happy. He quickly shook his head. “It’s all right. I should be the one apologising. I should have known you were busy.”

Li Lin smiled in an adorable manner. “Let’s go inside. I’ll introduce you to my parents.”

Once he heard that sentence, Bai Chen paused once more. He did not know what to do. Before this, he had decided to act normally when he met Li Lin’s parents. Now that he was put on the spot, he was not sure anymore.

“Okay,” Bai Chen answered before taking a deep breath.

Li Lin’s heart pounded fast. It was not like she did not feel anything about introducing Bai Chen to her parents. Introducing Bai Chen to her parents was a big deal for her too!

It was like introducing them to a young man she was interested in or a young man who would be her future boyfriend.

Of course, if it was like this, it would be odd if she did not feel something about it!

Li Lin shook her blushing face back and forth for a bit. She tried to act normal and led Bai Chen into the villa.

All the guards were staring with different emotions. However, all of them thought one thing in common, and that was Bai Chen must be Li Lin’s boyfriend!

Bai Chen had one important reason he could not ask Li Lin to be his girlfriend yet. That reason was he had to take revenge on Wang Chengye and the Wang family, one of the five biggest families of Beijing!

If that had not yet been accomplished, Bai Chen could not develop a serious relationship with Li Lin.

For Li Lin, she was a pretty lady from the biggest family in Xing Zhou. She could never be the one to ask a boy to be her boyfriend.

She had pride in herself and, of course, it was also because of shyness.

In only two to three minutes, they arrived at the entrance to the anniversary party.

The venue was decorated beautifully. Various flowers had been put up all along the red carpet leading to the large reception hall where the party was.

The people Li Lin led him past were all well-dressed. They also looked really wealthy.

It was clear they were all the rich and powerful people in Xing Zhou that had been invited to join this anniversary party.

“Little Lin, this is...”

When Li Lin and Bai Chen arrived at the entrance to the hall, Li Cong Tian’s eyes widened and stared at Bai Chen blankly for a bit before turning to his daughter and putting the question to her.

Li Yu’s reaction was not so different. She stopped smiling and turned to stare at her daughter.

Li Lin did not really know how to react to her parents’ gazes. She quickly introduced Bai Chen to them.

“Dad, mom, this is Bai Chen. He is a friend from school. I invited him. I hope you will make him feel welcome.”

Li Cong Tian took a deep breath when he heard his only daughter’s words.

To his eyes, their relationship was more than that of just friends.

She had gone out to fetch him herself. How could they be just friends?

Li Cong Tian opened his mouth like he was about to say something. But he could not say anything because his wife spoke up first.

“It is very nice meeting you. I’m Li Yu, Li Lin’s mother. You can call me Auntie Yu. This is Li Lin’s father. You can call him Uncle Cong Tian.”

Her words came with a smile. Certainly, she also shared her husband’s thoughts that this boy was not a mere ‘friend’ to Li Lin.

But she chose not to ask her daughter about it now. She would wait to ask her daughter after the party.

If her daughter really had feelings for this boy, Li Yu was not going to stop her or interfere. After all, she had already decided not to do so.

If Li Lin liked someone or wanted to marry someone, Li Yu would give her support—no matter how rich or poor the person might be.

The only necessary thing was that her daughter liked the person and was happy with him.

The reason she thought this was because she and Li Cong Tian had previously picked a terrible fiancé like Xi Dong for their daughter.

Little did Li Yu know, the Xi Dong who had caused trouble was...the boy who was standing right in front of her!

This was the fake Xi Dong who had caused trouble!

Chapter 136 An Apologetic Bow

When he heard his wife's words, Li Cong Tian could only smile and swallow the words he had been about to say.

What he had been going to ask was who Bai Chen was, where he was from, and what his family's financial background was like.

But when he heard Li Yu, he also remembered that he would no longer get involved with who Li Lin loved, liked, or would marry.

Li Cong Tian intended for her to choose by herself. He did not want a repeat of the Xi Dong situation—the person he had thought was the perfect match for his daughter. It turned out horribly wrong when Xi Dong showed his true colours.

If it had not been for his sworn brother General Huang Qian, the Li family of Xing Zhou would have already met its end.

Due to all these reasons, it was only sensible for him to swallow down what he had planned to say.

A smile shone on Li Cong Tian's face. He nodded to welcome Bai Chen warmly.

"It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm Li Cong Tian. You can call me Uncle Cong Tian like my wife just said."

Li Lin was very incredibly happy. She was really pleased with how her parents welcomed Bai Chen. It seemed like what they had said that day was the truth.

"Good evening, I'm Bai Chen, Li Lin's friend." Bai Chen smiled back, trying to act as normal as he possibly could.

But it was quite surprising that Li Cong Tian and Li Yu could be this friendly with him. They did not know his background, the person who had come along with their only daughter.

But their friendly manner made Bai Chen very pleased with them.

"Okay, Little Lin, you don't need to help us welcome the guests anymore. Just take your friend inside."

Li Cong Tian turned to look at his daughter before he spoke. He was also thinking that after this, he would send someone to dig up information on Bai Chen's background.

It was clear when he said no matter who Li Lin loved, he and his wife would allow it. But that did not mean that he would not check up on the status and character of the person his daughter was interested in.

He needed to be sure that the boy was worthy of his daughter.

The financial aspect was not a concern. Li Cong Tian needed to do this was purely because of Xi Dong—one could not judge a book by its cover!

“I know,” Li Lin said merrily before turning towards Bai Chen.

Bai Chen nodded lightly before handing Li Lin’s parents the gift he had prepared.

Then, he followed Li Lin through the open door that was a short distance from where Li Cong Tian and Li Yu were standing.

“Hello, Cong Tian, Yu, here is your anniversary present.”

Bai Chen had only just taken a few steps when a well-dressed middle-aged man handed his gift to the couple. Beside him was a middle-aged woman, who was dressed up equally well.

The lady’s face, though, was abnormally pale and thin. The middle-aged couples were none other than Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien from the Tang family, one of Beijing’s five biggest families.

They had been very disappointed a few days back when they went to see Long Xu In at the Long vacation home but had not met Bai Chen.

Bai Chen, who had a vaccine that could treat GT-2, had already left with Xu Xue Ning.

As they had not seen him, it was not strange that the couple was disappointed. Not being able to meet with Bai Chen, they had been unable to strike a deal to buy the vaccine from him.

Afterwards, they came back to Xing Zhou and kept calling Long Xu In for updates. She had not told them anything.

These past few days had made Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien feel rather hopeless. If they could not get their hands on the vaccine, in a few months from now, Tang Yien would undoubtedly die from the GT-2 disease.

The reason they had come to this anniversary party is that they had received an invitation from Li Cong Tian.

Since Li Cong Tian was a sworn brother to General Huang Qian and Li Yu was also his sister, the Tang couple needed to show up. It was a way to honour the general.

“It’s Zi Cheng and Yien. Thank you for attending our anniversary party,” Li Cong Tian said politely before accepting the gift.

Li Yu also welcomed the Tang couple with a smile.

Tang Zi Cheng stopped smiling and looked where his wife was looking.

At that moment, his body shook hard, as though he had been struck by lightning.

That back, that suit—he remembered them very well. It was Bai Chen!

The hearts of the Tang couple were bursting with excitement.

Li Cong Tian and Li Yu showed curiosity on their faces. They did not know what Tang Yien was so excited about, so they had to turn and look. But they saw nothing that would cause such panic as to cause that utterance to be made in a shaky voice.

The only thing they saw were the backs of Bai Chen and their daughter walking into the hall.

“B... Bai Chen. Mr. Bai Chen, please wait!” Tang Zi Cheng shouted out loudly.

Bai Chen stopped in his tracks. He turned around to look because the voice was very familiar. Li Lin did the same as him. She turned back to look as well.

“...” Bai Chen could not help but fall silent when he saw the Tang couple.

He had not expected to see the two of them again here. They were the reason why he had failed a mission for the first time!

His brows furrowed slightly, but he did not say anything.

“Mr. Bai Chen, we are so sorry about that day. My wife and I were the ones who were rude to you. We hope you could find it in your heart to forgive us.”

When he saw Bai Chen knit his eyebrows and not say anything, Tang Zi Cheng started to panic. He spoke quickly with his head slightly bowed to Bai Chen.

Tang Yien also bowed her head down to Bai Chen apologetically.

Li Cong Tian, Li Yu, and Li Lin were all shocked when they heard the Tang couple's words and saw their actions.

Who were Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien?

They were members of the Tang clan, one of the biggest families in Beijing!

Seeing their heads bowed in apology to a young man like this, there was no way the Li family would not be completely shocked and astonished by this act.

It was clear that Li Lin also knew Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien.

Bai Chen was still silent. No words came out of his mouth. It was clear that he did not care for their apologies at all.

In his mind, the only reason they were apologizing was undoubtedly to get their hands on the vaccine for GT-2.

Of course, he would not give it over. He had already said there would be no second or further chances. Also, Bai Chen had already decided that even if they said sorry, he still would not help them!

All of this was because of Tang Zi Cheng's actions that day. Bai Chen remembered them very clearly!

Chapter 137 A Big Surprise

There was no response from Bai Chen. Tang Zi Cheng's face helplessly paled.

The fact that Bai Chen did not reply made him able to guess that Bai Chen did not plan to forgive him and his wife.

Tang Yien's already pale face became even whiter. Her heart was filled with regret that she had not accepted the vaccine from Bai Chen that day.

After mere seconds passed, Tang Zi Cheng took a deep breath, looking at his wife's face from the corner of his eye.

All of a sudden, his heart constricted; he blamed himself completely. He had been much too rude to Bai Chen that day.

He thought it was reasonable for Bai Chen to not forgive him. No matter what though, he could not just let his wife, who had been beside him for better or for worse for twenty long years, die.

He took another breath. The gears in his head were turning frantically. He tried to think hard.

Tang Zi Cheng tried to come up with something to say to Bai Chen but could not.

If the young man would not forgive them, the thought of trying to negotiate the purchase of the vaccine for the GT-2 illness had to be shelved.

As for the idea of taking the vaccine by force, Tang Zi Cheng had abandoned it long ago—solely because of Xu Xue Ning's words, Tang Zi Cheng did not dare try.

If the Tang family was destroyed, he would be the sinner who had brought doom upon his own family!

He did not want any of that. But when he could not come up with anything, Tang Zi Cheng's expression darkened. He could only stand there with his head hung in shame. Not a single word came to be uttered from his mouth.

It was like Tang Zi Cheng today was totally different from Tang Zi Cheng from the other day.

From a man from a big family who took pride in his power, to a man who could do nothing; Tang Zi Cheng had only himself to blame. There was nothing else he could do.

“Bai Chen, what is all this? You know Uncle Zi Cheng and Auntie Yien?”

After having quelled her surprise, Li Lin tugged on Bai Chen's suit lightly before asking this.

Her big, bright eyes blinked repeatedly in confusion. She did not understand why the Tang couple, who were from one of the five biggest families in Beijing, had to bow and apologise to Bai Chen like this.

When she asked this, Li Cong Tian and Li Yu also left their astonished trance. Their faces still showed unending curiosity and surprise. They both turned to look at Bai Chen.

They were wondering who this Bai Chen was that he could make Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien be in such an apologetic state.

Bai Chen was quiet for another while, but he had to answer Li Lin's question because he liked her. He did not want her to feel bad for not getting an answer to her question.

“I do know them a little,” he said while looking at her face. “Let’s go inside.”

From his words, it was clear he would rather not be in the presence of the Tang couple.

Li Lin blinked as though she was still confused. But she chose not to ask. It seemed like he did not really want to talk about it.

Thus, she nodded before turning to greet the Tang couple. Then she took Bai Chen and walked through the open door into the hall where her parents’ anniversary party was taking place.

“Zi Cheng, what was that about?”

Seeing Bai Chen walked away without saying any words. Li Cong Tian was stunned and curious, frowning.

Not only he who wanted to know, his wife, Li Yu, also wanted to know.

Tang Zi Cheng blinked before sighing for a long moment before he put his arm around Tang Yien’s shoulders to comfort her slightly.

Certainly, he was not planning on giving up. Even if he had to kneel in front of Bai Chen to get the vaccine, he would!

It could not be said that Tang Zi Cheng was not a man of unwavering love!

If one was to ignore his actions that day, Tang Zi Cheng could be said to be a decent man.

He sighed deeply before closing his eyes. His face showed fatigue.

“Zi Cheng...” Li Cong Tian saw that Tang Zi Cheng had not paid attention to his words. He coughed once before speaking quietly.

This time, Tang Zi Cheng turned towards the Lis.

But all of the sudden, his eyes opened wide, his heart thumped hard, and his breathing got heavy. A thought suddenly came into his mind. It was as though the gods in heaven had given his wife a chance at survival.

Tang Zi Cheng hurried over and quickly grasped Li Cong Tian’s hand. “Cong Tian, you must help me!”

Tang Zi Cheng’s voice was loud, as he was filled with excitement.

Li Cong Tian was stunned. He did not understand at all. In fact, both Li Yu and Tang Yien did not understand Tang Zi Cheng either.

Tang Zi Cheng did not care about anything. He quickly asked, “Bai Chen...no, Mr. Bai Chen is Li Lin’s boyfriend, right?”

Li Cong Tian’s face twitched a little. He pulled his hand free from Tang Zi Cheng’s before shaking his head in denial. “No... But it seems that their relationship is quite unusual.”

Clearly, Li Cong Tian knew that Li Lin and Bai Chen were not dating, because if they were, his daughter definitely would have told them.

“But who is Bai Chen? Why would you...erm, have to call him ‘mister’, as well as bow your head and apologize to him?”

Li Cong Tian asked this after having answered Tang Zi Cheng’s question, as he was curious.

Tang Zi Cheng went quiet before recalling that Bai Chen and Long Xu In’s relationship also seemed also unusual. But he did not have time to think about this.

When he thought back to before, of how close Bai Chen was to Li Lin, he was filled with hope.

His idea was to ask Li Cong Tian for his daughter’s help, to have Li Lin persuade Bai Chen for them.

He was sure that Bai Chen would agree because of Li Lin. There would be no refusal and no hesitation, unlike when he had apologized previously.

And because of that, he needed to give a brief account of the situation.

Li Cong Tian and Li Yu were shocked, trembling.

Li Lin’s parents did not want to believe that Tang Yien had a disease as deadly as the GT-2 disease and that Bai Chen had the vaccine for it.

And they were in greater disbelief as to how scary Bai Chen’s background must be for even people of the five biggest families of Beijing to not want to wrong him!

Chapter 138 Tang Zi Cheng Pleads

“I... is this true?”

A long while had passed. Li Cong Tian breathed in deeply, filling his lungs. His eyes on Tang Zi Cheng and Tang Yien were alarmed. His face still showed traces of shock from before.

Not only him, but his wife’s face was the same. She was breathing hard as though she could not believe what she had just heard from Tang Zi Cheng’s recount.

Tang Yien sighed. The Lis’ reactions upon hearing her husband’s account did not surprise her.

This was because anyone who heard the story would all react the same way!

Tang Zi Cheng nodded, his face pleading.

“Cong Tian, this older brother can only ask you to help. Can you ask Li Lin to talk to Bai Chen to forgive us? I beg of you. If we got the vaccine, I... no, the whole Tang family will owe you one big favour.”

After hearing these words from Tang Zi Cheng, Li Cong Tian and Li Yu could not stop their thumping hearts. It was clear that all of this was true!

‘N... no wonder Little Lin did not want to marry Xi Dong when we had no idea he was just scum.’

Li Cong Tian breathed in deeply before thinking back to a few days ago.

At that time, he had not considered these reasons at all. Why would his only daughter not want to get engaged to and marry Xi Dong, who was the Xi family's heir? Both his status and looks were superb beyond comparison.

But now, he understood. His daughter did not care for Xi Dong because Bai Chen who had accompanied her was much greater than that!

Even though he might not be as good-looking, his background was much greater. Even one of the five big families did not dare to have a dispute with him!

Her daughter's eyes in choosing a man were as sharp as fine blades!

Li Cong Tian could not help but think this way. He knew very well that the big families in Beijing were not the most powerful in the country.

They could not just wield their power any way they saw fit.

General Huang Qian was the one who had told him this. But what power was bigger than that of the five families, he did not know.

Power great enough to rival that of the five big families was limited. Surely, one force was the military. Other than that, there were the police and the government!

Li Cong Tian looked down whilst pondering things before looking up at the Tang couple again. His eyes showed that he had decided to help them.

"We are not strangers, Zi Cheng. Let me talk to my daughter. I cannot promise anything, though."

Li Yu, who was standing beside him had also decided to help, even though she had not said anything. Because her relationship with Tang Yien could be considered a friendship.

Regarding Bai Chen, she had the same thoughts as her husband.

'Our daughter has such good taste in men.' Li Yu could not help but be happy.

She was happy being a mother with a daughter who knew how to select a good man for herself.

"Thank you so much, Cong Tian!"

Tang Zi Cheng was happy and relieved yet still slightly worried. After all, nothing could guarantee that Bai Chen would forgive them.

Anyway, this was already much better than before.

Tang Yien shared that sentiment. She was dying, so of course, she was afraid. When a tiny ray of hope shone through, she could not help but feel relieved.

"Thank you in advance, Cong Tian, Yu." Tang Yien expressed her gratitude.

"This is nothing. Let's all go inside," Li Cong Tian replied with a smile.

He thought that this matter was more important than welcoming guests, so he decided to go inside to speak to Li Lin.

The four of them entered the hall where the anniversary party was taking place.

Meanwhile, Bai Chen was sitting at one of the forty-odd tables in the hall with food and wine. It was clearly one of Li Lin's parents' anniversary party's tables.

The hall was enormous. There were quite a few guests as well, more than at Liu Ze's party which Bai Chen had attended with Long Xu In that other time.

Beside him was Li Lin. She looked at him very sternly.

"You should not be drinking wine!"

Bai Chen looked at her and gave her a half-smile. A glass of wine was in his hand.

"Why not?" he asked, then took another sip.

He had drinking skills, so no matter how much he drank, he would not get drunk.

"I don't want you to!" Li Lin looked at him again. She still seemed cute to him even though she was in a bad mood.

Bai Chen set his glass down. There was only one-third of the glass left.

"It's just a few drinks. There is no harm in that."

He was weirdly happy when he got to spend time with Li Lin. It appeared Bai Chen liked her more every time he met her.

"Hmph." Li Lin let out a sound from her nose. She looked at him angrily again before giving up. "Up to you!"

She turned to look at the food on the table before picking up a piece of fried beef with her chopsticks.

"Is it good?" Bai Chen asked.

"Of course it is. All these dishes were prepared by a top chef my family hired." Li Lin was chewing the piece of beef. She looked quite lovely doing it.

She showed a pride-filled expression to Bai Chen. "You must have never had anything like this before!"

Bai Chen could not help but laugh. Of course, he had never tried these foods before.

But after he met Long Xu In, he had gotten a chance to eat at a top restaurant where the dishes were prepared by top chefs.

Li Lin did not care about his laughter. She continued eating. She shared the happiness that Bai Chen felt in her heart.

She felt the same way about him. Each time she met him, she liked him more and more.

Both of them were feeling the same way.

“Bai Chen, you scum!”

While the two of them were enjoying the moment, a voice rang out from a few tables away. A pair of eyes filled with rage were fixed upon Bai Chen.

Chapter 139 Vengeance

The vengeful eyes that were looking at Bai Chen belonged to none other than Ao Song.

He had obviously also received an invitation to this party.

“That damn kid!” Beside Ao Song was Ao Suan, the bald middle-aged man who was his father.

Ao Suan was also looking at Bai Chen with murder in his eyes.

Of course, the cause for this rage was from a few days ago when the duo had been dragged off to beat up badly. There were still some bruises on their faces right now.

The reason for that was Bai Chen. How could they not despise him intensely then?

“I’ll make him pay!” Ao Song clenched his fists. There was only him and his dad at the entire dinner table. Thus, he could be as angry as he wanted to.

“Calm down, son.”

Even though he was equally angry, Ao Suan was still calm. He knew very well that if they caused trouble at a party hosted by Li Cong Tian, who was the leader of both the economic world and the top family of Xing Zhou, it would translate to big trouble for him.

It was not something he could bear.

He then tried to calm his son down. They had paid a lot of money to get this invitation. If they caused any trouble, they might risk getting beaten up again.

“But he...” Ao Song did not want to listen to his father, but Ao Suan cut him off.

“No buts,” Ao Suan said, his face solemn. “No need to rush. We can wait to take care of him after the party.”

“Yes, dad. I understand now.”

Ao Song finally listened to his dad. He started to realize the consequences of causing a scene here. However, his emotions would not settle down that easily. He still looked at Bai Chen with hatred.

But suddenly, it was as though his body was hit by lightning. His eyes opened wide before he went still with his mouth wide open. It was as if someone had hit him in the head with a metal pipe!

“H... he’s with Li Lin!” Ao Song’s lips parted before his trembling voice sounded.

“What is it?” Ao Suan saw his son’s reaction, so he asked before turning to look where Ao Song was looking.

“That is...”

Ao Suan had to squint as soon as he saw it. His reaction was quite different from that of Ao Song.

“How is he with Li Lin? Was she the one who brought him here?!?”

It was as if Ao Song had just woken up from what gripped him. His expression changed drastically. It became uglier than before.

Earlier because of his rage towards Bai Chen, he had forgotten to wonder how a person from a poor family such as Bai Chen’s could come to be at the Li Cong Tian’s anniversary party.

When he saw Li Lin, Ao Song realized it right away. There was a high likelihood that Li Lin had brought Bai Chen.

Even then, he did not want to believe that Li Lin, the only daughter of Li Cong Tian, would lower her standards to get involved with someone like Bai Chen.

But whether he wanted to believe it or not, the scene in front of Ao Song reaffirmed the truth.

“Damn it! Bai Chen, you scum!” Ao Song got angrier and angrier. Li Lin was the girl he wanted to ensnare so that he could have a better life and his family could raise their status.

He could not calm his anger when he saw Bai Chen with her like that.

“I’ll kill him today!” Ao Suan said. A grim smile flashed upon his face.

Ao Song turned to look at his father, his enraged face becoming much more relaxed. “Thank you, dad.”

Ao Suan nodded a little. “I’ll call Mr. Tu. He will take care of this man. If Mr. Tu strikes, even if Bai Chen had ten lives, they would not be enough!”

“Mr. Tu!” Ao Song was surprised when he heard that name.

This Mr. Tu was Tu Hou. He was quite a famous figure in Xing Zhou’s underworld.

He had established the Black Monkey Gang many years ago. His talent had helped the gang grow to become a big one. Even if it was not as big as the White Tiger Gang, it was still quite influential. It was not strange that Ao Song was shocked by hearing about Tu Hou.

Rumours had it that Tu Hou loved killing targets by himself. If the gang received a job, no matter who the target was, they would perish by his hands. He had killed plenty of people by himself!

“Even if we had to pay quite a sum, it will be worth it!” Ao Suan told his son. No matter how angry he was due to the incident a few days back, he had not had any intention of killing Bai Chen.

But now everything had changed. The fact that Bai Chen was with Li Lin was a threat. And Ao Song wanting to trap Li Lin was an idea that was received support from Ao Suan.

Now Bai Chen was a threat. Even though it was not a big one now, but if he remained alive, he might become one later.

Just like how the saying went: ‘Dead people cause the least problems!’

Therefore, Ao Suan was willing to pay a hefty sum just to have Tu Hou kill Bai Chen.

All of this, Ao Suan did not only do it for his son but also for himself.

If Ao Song could trap Li Lin, he would also have a better life. The Li family was the wealthiest family in all of Xing Zhou. Their wealth would guarantee the Ao duo happy lives.

“Bai Chen, your time has come!”

Ao Song smiled coldly. He looked towards Bai Chen’s profile as though he was looking at a corpse.

The fact that his father was going to hire Tu Hou to kill Bai Chen made him certain that the latter’s life would end tonight.

It would be a miracle if he survived!

That was Ao Song’s thought.

While he was looking coldly at Bai Chen, Ao Song seemed to realize something. He turned towards his father then said, “Dad, I want to see him die with my own eyes.”

Ao Suan paused for a second before smiling cruelly once more.

“That is no problem. I’ll call Mr. Tu right now. After this party, we shall go see him get killed together!”

Chapter 140 Speaking On Another’s Behalf

Bai Chen was eating with Li Lin. He did not feel the malicious gazes full of vengeance from Ao Suan and Ao Song even a little.

It was not strange that he did not notice those gazes as he did not look around the hall. His eyes were fixed only on Li Lin, the girl who was as cute as a doll. She was now chewing on a piece of fried beef.

“What are you looking at?” Simply feeling that she was being stared at, Li Lin looked up and blushed right away.

She had never been stared at when eating in such close proximity. Not to mention she was being stared at by Bai Chen, the person she fancied.

“Nothing...” Bai Chen answered with a smile.

But he had not yet finished his sentence when he saw Li Lin’s parents walking towards their table.

He saw all the people at the tables in their path get up to cordially greet them.

‘So, this is the richest family of Xing Zhou.’

Bai Chen could not help but think that.

When he thought that, he turned to see Lin Lin, who had a blushing face, looking at him with slight annoyance.

‘I will have to get richer!’

This thought appeared in Bai Chen’s mind quickly. If he wanted to become Li Lin’s boyfriend and marry her, he needed to become wealthier and more well-known.

If he could not do that, there was no way Li Cong Tian and Li Yu would allow their only daughter to marry him.

‘I can do this!’ Bai Chen believed that with the power of the Life Changing System in his hands, he would be able to accomplish that goal for sure.

This could be considered another goal aside from killing Wang Chengye and completely destroying the Wang family, one of the five largest families in Beijing.

“Little Lin.”

At that time, Li Cong Tian and Li Yu arrived at the table where Bai Chen and Li Lin were sitting.

When she heard her father’s voice, Li Lin turned away from Bai Chen to look at her father. “What is it, dad?”

“We have something we need to talk to you about,” Li Cong Tian opened his mouth to say. He then turned to smile at Bai Chen. He seemed politer and friendlier than before. **“Bai Chen, I would like to borrow my daughter for a minute.”**

Bai Chen fell silent for a second. He did not understand why they needed to take her away like this. But he nodded then replied shortly after, **“Of course. Feel free.”**

In reality, Li Lin also shared his thoughts. She did not understand, so she wanted to ask about it.

But she saw her mother’s eyes which were telling her that she should just follow them.

Li Lin turned to Bai Chen then said, **“I’ll be right back.”**

“Okay,” Bai Chen responded. He watched as Li Lin got up and walked away alongside her parents.

Before they left, Li Yu smiled at him warmly. Her smile was almost identical to that of Li Cong Tian.

Bai Chen was wondering what was going on with Li Lin’s parents. They had changed their behavior into all smiles with him. It was quite different from how they had been before.

Bai Chen furrowed his brows. But the more he thought about it, the more confusing it got. In the end, he stopped caring.

The young man had no idea that now many pairs of eyes were fixed upon him. All of them belonged to people at the party.

They had just seen Li Cong Tian and Li Yu walking towards Bai Chen. And they then suddenly realized the cute little girl in the yellow dress was Li Lin, Lis' only daughter.

She hardly ever appeared at any social gatherings, so it was quite possible for these people to not remember her.

Even though she had been seen welcoming guests earlier with Li Cong Tian and Li Yu, the guests did not see her when she walked back inside with Bai Chen because they were busy greeting other guests. Some of them, however, saw Li Lin and Bai Chen, but they thought they were just friends.

But now, with Li Cong Tian and Li Yu walking over to him themselves, the other guests could not help but wonder who Bai Chen was and what his relationship with the Li family was like.

That caused a lot of eyes to look at him curiously.

In any case, no one dared to ask him even though they were curious about Bai Chen and the Li family's relationship. They could only watch with interested and curious eyes.

At the same time, in the control room next door, Li Cong Tian and Li Yu stood in front of Li Lin. Their faces were serious.

When she looked at them, Li Lin frowned. She then asked, "What have you called me here for, mom and dad?"

"Little Lin, you must have already seen Zi Cheng apologizing to Bai Chen. But he would not forgive him. Zi Cheng asked me to ask you to help him," Li Cong Tian said. He only spoke of this issue.

The other information Tang Zi Cheng had told him, he did not say it, because he thought Li Lin likely already knew.

It was not odd that he thought so was because Li Lin seemed rather close to Bai Chen. Their relationship was out of the ordinary in his eyes.

"You want me to go speak on their behalf?" Li Lin pointed at herself, her face confused. "Why me?"

"Are you not close to him? Is he not your boyfriend?" Li Yu, who was standing beside Li Cong Tian, said.

"W... what boyfriend?!?" Li Lin blushed instantly. Her voice sounded anxious.

When they saw their daughter act like that, Li Cong Tian and Li Yu exchanged a glance, smiling. Judging from the way she acted, they must already be boyfriend and girlfriend!

They thought the two were already dating. But because Li Lin was shy and was afraid they would not accept Bai Chen, she denied it.

"Little Lin, I won't prohibit from dating him. But please talk to him for Uncle Zi Cheng. Think of it as a favour to me," Li Cong Tian said.

When she heard her father's words, Li Lin wanted to deny them again. She really was not dating Bai Chen at the moment.

In any case, she realised that they would get together in the future anyhow. The thought of her parents not getting in the way made her drop the will to resist.

Li Lin considered hard for a moment then nodded. "All right, I will speak on behalf of Uncle Zi Cheng!"