

Little Brat's 1001

Chapter 1001: I Like You No Matter What

In the quiet and spacious room, her voice seemed ethereal and clear. It fell on his ear and burned all the way to the bottom of his heart.

Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened.

As their eyes met, their breaths intermingled.

In the next moment, he embraced her slender and soft waist and lowered his head to kiss her.

His cool thin lips fell upon hers, and he quickly nibbled her. The cool smell of cedar also seemed to flow into her lips and teeth, wrapping around her.

She raised her arms and wrapped them around his neck as she raised her head slightly to meet his kiss.

Their bodies were so close together that the hot temperature quickly spread.

The intertwined breathing gradually became rapid. He pressed his lips to her lips and teeth, gentle and strong.

An indescribable numbness surged out from the depths of her body and spread down again.

She gradually fell into his kiss, and her entire body went soft. She could only helplessly tighten her arms and hug him even more tightly.

Closer.

Closer.

Not the murmurs in her vague consciousness, not the phantoms in her dreams at midnight.

He was here.

He was here.

Her chest seemed to be filled with something, sour and sweet, almost washing away all her thoughts.

Only he was left, all of her breath had been swallowed up by him, all her breath not had traces of him, and all of the blank space was occupied by him.

Her legs were so weak that she could not stand any longer. She slid down and found herself picked up by him again.

“Hold on tight.”

He finally let go of her and leaned down beside her ear, letting out a low and hoarse voice.

She did not have the energy to think further. She could only follow his instructions and hug him tightly.

Then, his hand slid down from her waist and landed on her thigh.

In the next moment, her body suddenly seemed to soar into the air as she was picked up by him just like that.

She suddenly lost her strength and panicked. She subconsciously lifted her legs and wrapped them around his slender waist. She pushed her chest even closer to his and leaned on him like a koala.

Worried that she was about to fall, she moved again and instinctively burrowed further into his arms.

Following this action, the soft undulations of her chest pressed tightly against his flat and tough chest muscles, causing his body to be filled with fire.

He took a step forward and pressed her against the wall. He lowered his head and anxiously searched for her lips.

Hot and powerful kisses fell from all directions, not giving her any time to catch her breath. It was not until her breathing became more and more rapid, and her small hands clutched his shirt helplessly, that he finally let go of her.

She tilted her head slightly. It was not easy for her to get a chance to catch her breath, but in the next second, she suddenly stopped breathing.

He let her go and kissed her chin, neck, and collarbone bit by bit.

She could not help but raise her head. Her fair and slender swan neck tightened into a perfect curve, and a sweet and faint whimper came out from her throat.

“... Hmm...”

It was only a very, very soft sound, but it instantly destroyed the self-control and restraint that Lu Huaiyu had always been proud of.

Almost uncontrollably, he increased his strength, leaving a red mark on her smooth, creamy skin.

The slight tingling pain was mixed with the burning kiss, and her thoughts were easily covered.

She instinctively felt the danger and subconsciously struggled, trying to escape.

Lu Huaiyu was already on the verge of losing control, and being tortured by her was extremely uncomfortable.

He raised his head from her chest, and without thinking, he patted her round and perky buttocks as a warning. His voice was rough and husky.

“Don’t move.”

She looked at him, her small face having gone completely red.

Lu Huaiyu’s Adam’s apple moved up and down. He carried her and walked into the house.

She had nothing else to rely on, so she could only lean on his shoulder.

They went past the corridor, the living room, and the guest bedroom.

Finally, they came to the master bedroom.

The curtains were half-closed, making the half-bright, and half-dark.

They embraced each other as they walked through the intersecting lights and shadows.

After that, he placed her on the soft bed.

He stood in front of her with his head bowed and his waist bent. He placed one hand on the side of her leg and looked her in the eye.

His eyes were extremely dark. His gaze seemed to be tempered with fire as it swept over her face bit by bit.

The room was extremely quiet, but it also seemed to be filled with extremely warm and humid air. Even his breathing became lingering.

He did not touch her, afraid that his rationality would collapse in the end.

However, he could not bear to leave, so he could only maintain a close distance like this.

Looking into her eyes, he coveted her sweetness.

They continued to gaze at each other like this. It might have only been for a few seconds, or it could have been for a very long time.

Her peach blossom eyes seemed to be shrouded in a layer of misty fog. It was clear and pure, but it was soul-stirring.

Finally, his throat was dry and tight. He asked in a low voice, “Miss Shen, do you still want to continue?”

She did not say anything. She raised her head slightly and kissed his lips.

This was her answer, an answer that was enough to make all his rationality collapse.

She did not need to say anything. He was willing to bow down to her.

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The sunlight cast a bright light on the floor. The breeze blew the curtains, and the shadow swayed with it.

On the spacious bed, two figures overlapped.

Shen Li's body sank into the soft mattress, and her long hair spread out on the pillow.

Lu Huaiyu bent his legs and half-knelt, bending over to kiss her.

She hugged him, and soon could not stand such a strong and passionate kiss. She raised her head slightly, and her slender waist unconsciously arched. She ran her pale fingers through his black hair, not giving a clear indication as to whether she wanted him to stop or continue.

She was almost entirely in his embrace, and only a faint and sorrowful moan could be heard occasionally.

At a certain moment, the phone on the table suddenly vibrated a few times.

Lu Huaiyu's movements suddenly stopped.

He buried himself in her neck. After a long while, he kissed the side of her face and then stood up again to help her tidy up her messy shirt.

His jaw was taut, and there were fine beads of sweat on his forehead. The deep desire in his eyes had not completely faded. Even just a glance from him seemed to be able to set a person on fire.

However, his actions were gentle and precious, with extreme restraint and forbearance.

He almost...

He had almost completely lost control of his rationality.

But now was not the time.

He held her face, and his rough fingertips gently brushed against her lips, which were already faintly red and swollen. His voice was very low and a little hoarse.

“Does it hurt?”

Shen Li shook her head.

Only then did Lu Huaiyu feel slightly relieved.

But in the next moment, Shen Li nodded again.

“It... hurts a little...”

Lu Huaiyu kissed her lips very gently.

Shen Li said in a low voice, “It doesn’t hurt like this...”

She knelt on the bed and leaned forward. She lowered her head slightly, not daring to look into his eyes. She only held his hand gently and intertwined her fingers with his.

“... You should be more gentle...”

“...”

The fire that she had finally suppressed seemed to be on the verge of rekindling.

Lu Huaiyu tilted his head slightly and let out a breath.

After a while, he looked at her again, looked at her crimson ears and neck, and said in a low voice, “It wasn’t intentional.”

The little girl looked up at him.

"I couldn't help it," he said.

This time, the little girl's face turned even redder.

Lu Huaiyu coaxed her, "Allow me to apologize to you, alright?"

The little girl shook her head, her peach blossom eyes sparkling and clear.

Then, she kissed him lightly on the lips.

"I like you, no matter what. So... there's no need to apologize."

Chapter 1002: As Long as It Is You

'I like you, no matter what.

'Whether it's sunny, rainy, or snowy.

'Whether you're smiling, crying, or angry.

'Whether you're cold, gentle, or out of control.

'Whether you're awake or sick.

'As long as it's you.

'As long as it's you, Lu Huaiyu.'

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Lu Huaiyu lowered his eyes and looked at the little girl in front of him. After a long time, he chuckled softly.

"Since when did you become so good at coaxing people?"

Shen Li played with his fingers.

"Because you're very difficult to coax."

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly. This answer clearly pleased him.

Shen Li thought of something and raised her eyes to look at him.

"Second Brother, do you want to rest?"

He always had to take a nap in the afternoon.

She had not thought of it before, but now that she thought about it, it had to have something to do with his mental state.

Lu Huaiyu said, "You should go to sleep first."

Shen Li was stunned.

"Does Second Brother have something to do?"

Lu Huaiyu paused, and his deep phoenix eyes fixed on her.

After a moment, he laughed.

“I’m going to take a shower.”

It was clearly a very ordinary sentence, but when it came out of his mouth, it sounded very languid. The last syllable had been dragged out slightly, and it inexplicably carried a hint of ambiguity.

Shen Li’s face was slightly red. She obediently let go of his hand and answered softly, “Oh.”

Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips lifted slightly.

“Shen Tangtang, why are you blushing?”

Shen Li immediately denied, “I’m not blushing.”

Lu Huaiyu pretended to come over to help her.

“Why don’t I carry you over to look at yourself in the mirror?”

When he mentioned the “mirror”, some of the past scenes that made people blush and their hearts beat also surfaced in her mind.

Shen Li’s face turned even redder. She shook her head and pushed his hand away, afraid that he would really bring her over. She gave him another round of punishment.

“There’s no need, I’m going to sleep.”

Lu Huaiyu was only teasing her. He did not dare to rashly touch her again.

Otherwise, he really did not dare to say if he could still restrain himself.

“Did your phone ring just now?” He asked.

Only then did Shen Li remember this. She picked up the phone on the bedside table.

“Yes, it’s a message from my aunt. She said that she will go back to Hong Kong City with me tomorrow.”

She was going back to Hong Kong City for her birthday. The Gu family had already made preparations, and even Gu Tingfeng and the others would be going back with her.

Lu Huaiyu caressed her hair.

“Have a good rest.”

Shen Li nodded.

Lu Huaiyu then got up and left.

Click.

The door closed.

Shen Li replied to Liang Su’s message, put down her phone, and sat on the bed for a while.

After a while, she realized something: the master bedroom had its own bathroom, but Lu Huaiyu had still gone to the bathroom that was outside.

Her cheeks, which had just cooled down, seemed to heat up again.

She lay on the bed, where the familiar cool air of his body was also present.

She rested her head on the soft pillow and pulled up the thin quilt.

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At first, she had wanted to wait for him, but after waiting for a while, Lu Huaiyu had not come back, so she had actually fallen asleep.

When Lu Huaiyu came back in, he saw that the quilt on the bed formed a large curved bump. She was hidden under it, only revealing her small face.

He walked over.

Her head was tilted slightly and her eyes were closed as she breathed quietly and regularly. She looked quiet and well-behaved.

Lu Huaiyu sat down on the bed, making a slightly dent in the mattress.

As if sensing something, she turned around and slowly opened her eyes.

It took her a few seconds to regain her consciousness. Her eyes were still misty and hazy.

Lu Huaiyu bent his head and kissed her on the forehead.

“Did I wake you up?”

Shen Li looked at him in a daze, nodded, and muttered, “You took a long shower.”

Lu Huaiyu paused, stared at her, and said with a half-smile, “Long?”

Shen Li did not sense the danger and said, “Mhm.”

Lu Huaiyu’s chest shook, and he chuckled. He did not continue the topic and said, “Then why don’t you sleep a little longer?”

Shen Li nodded again.

Lu Huaiyu pulled the quilt up for her and was about to get up.

Shen Li grabbed his wrist.

“Second Brother, where are you going?”

Lu Huaiyu stared into her eyes for a few seconds.

They had been together for so long that he did not need to say anything. He could understand her thoughts just by looking into her eyes.

Thus, he gave up on the idea of going next door. He said in a low and gentle voice, “I’m not leaving. I’m right here.”

Shen Li seemed to be relieved. Then, she automatically moved back to make room for him.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows. “What do you mean?”

Shen Li reached out again and gently patted the empty space beside her.

“Doesn’t Second Brother also need to rest?”

Lu Huaiyu narrowed his eyes dangerously. After a long while, the tip of his tongue touched his upper jaw and he smiled.

“Shen Tangtang, you’re really not afraid.”

Shen Li lay on the bed and looked at him. Her peach blossom eyes were black and pure.

Lu Huaiyu really could not resist her.

Even if he knew that he would be the one who would suffer in the end and that he was the one who would be tortured, he really could not help but relent.

Finally, he laid down beside her and reminded her, “Sleep.”

Shen Li nodded and gave him half of the quilt.

Lu Huaiyu paused and turned to look at her with a warning look in his eyes.

“Behave yourself.”

The little girl blinked and quickly slipped into his arms, wrapping her arms around his waist. Through the thin fabric, she could still feel his well-defined and firm abdominal muscles.

“Alright.”

As she spoke, she nuzzled against his chest again and found a comfortable spot for herself.

“I’m going to sleep now.”

The entire process was smooth, not giving Lu Huaiyu any time to react or reject her.

His Adam's apple moved, and finally, he resigned himself to his fate and closed his eyes.

He had spent so much effort to bring back this girl back, so of course, he had to provide for her.

The room finally quieted down.

Shen Li leaned against Lu Huaiyu's chest. The temperature of his body seemed to always be higher than hers, and his heartbeat could be heard clearly.

After an unknown amount of time, she slowly opened her eyes. Her eyes were clear, and there was no hint of sleepiness in them.

She quietly looked at Lu Huaiyu, who was lying beside her.

His black hair was a little messy, which made his skin look cold and white. His nose bridge was high, and his eyelashes were long.

He had been born with perfect three-dimensional facial features. Even in his sleep, there was still a sense of coldness and nobility between his brows.

In fact, she rarely accompanied him when he was resting in the afternoon.

And after learning about the existence of the medical record, his state of mind had also undergone a subtle change.

Why did he sleep at this time in the afternoons?

Did he dream?

How long had he been like this? Had it been since he was in Yunzhou, or earlier?

Why Yunzhou?

Since he had not mentioned it, naturally, she would not ask.

However, at such a time and looking at him like this, she could not help but feel curious and doubtful.

In her previous life, Lu Huaiyu should have had the same problem.

What happened after that?

Had he been cured?

Or...

Lu Huaiyu's brows suddenly furrowed, and there was a hint of a struggle between his brows, as if he had fallen into a nightmare.

Shen Li's heart tightened. Just as she was about to touch his brows, she suddenly felt the arms Lu Huaiyu held around her waist tighten.

She was stunned for a moment. Something suddenly flashed through her mind.

Chapter 1003: The Galaxy is a Gift to Me

She did not know why, but she felt that this moment was very familiar.

It seemed that... a similar scene to this had happened before...

But she thought about it carefully, but could not recall it, no matter how hard she tried.

It was at this moment that she saw the space between Lu Huaiyu's eyebrows gradually relax.

He hugged her tightly, like a drowning person who had finally found a piece of driftwood to save his life, and gradually calmed down.

He exerted so much strength that she felt a slight pain.

She fixed her eyes on him.

What exactly was it...

Such a person like Lu Huaiyu was proud and untamable. How could he have such a serious psychological problem that he needed to look for Gu Tinglan?

That medical record...

Suddenly, Lu Huaiyu seemed to sense something. His eyelashes moved slightly, and he slowly opened his eyes.

His eyes were particularly dark.

Shen Li and he looked at each other, feeling as if there was a vortex below that was about to devour everything.

However, in the blink of an eye, this feeling quickly dissipated.

“Ah Li.”

Perhaps it was because he had just woken up, but his voice was still a little hoarse.

Shen Li’s hand gently pressed against his firm chest, and she softly responded, “Mm.”

After confirming that she was in his arms, Lu Huaiyu wrapped his arms around her waist and hugged her even tighter. Then, he lowered his head to look for her lips.

This kiss was very light, but it was extremely gentle. It was as if he was holding a treasure and was being extremely careful with it.

He kissed the corners of her lips, her cheeks, and the side of her ears. Finally, he kissed her eyes.

“When did you wake up?” He asked in a low voice.

Shen Li’s raven’s feather-like eyelashes trembled slightly.

“I only just woke up a little earlier than Second Brother.”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyes and looked out of the window. It was already evening.

A large amount of warm orange light shone down, casting the entire house price with a layer of warmth.

He looked at the young girl in his arms.

“Are you hungry?”

Shen Li shook her head.

“Then, do you still want to sleep?”

Shen Li shook her head again.

Lu Huaiyu laughed.

“Then shall we go take a look at the gifts first?”

Previously, Shen Li had brought back a bunch of exquisite gift boxes from the Lu family, but Lu Huaiyu’s gift had not been among them.

He must have deliberately separated them from the others, waiting for them to be specially given to her.

Shen Li nodded. “Sure.”

Lu Huaiyu got up and carried her out of the quilt.

“Follow me.”

Shen Li stepped into her slippers, feeling a little strange.

“Are the gifts outside?”

A normal gift box should be something that could be brought over, right?

Lu Huaiyu held her hand and walked out.

“You’ll know when you see it.”

The two of them walked out of the master bedroom. Lu Huai then led her to a guest bedroom on the other side.

Rongyue Mansion had a large floor area of more than 300 square meters. In addition to the normal bedroom, kitchen, living room, and dining room, it was also equipped with a study, a gym, a huge balcony, and an open-air swimming pool.

He usually stayed in the master bedroom. Shen Li used to stay in the guest bedroom here, right next to the master bedroom.

But this time, Lu Huaiyu led her to another room.

Lu Huaiyu stood by the door.

“Let’s go in and take a look.”

The door was not locked. Shen Li looked at him blankly, then pushed the door open and entered.

When she saw the appearance of the room clearly, she was suddenly stunned.

This had originally been a guest bedroom, but now it had been converted into... an art studio.

There was an easel, chairs, a desk, and a transparent cabinet filled with all kinds of tools and paints...

It was simple and elegant, but also full of care.

Shen Li was stunned for a while.

Lu Huaiyu actually... specially converted this room into an art studio?

“Do you like it?”

Lu Huaiyu’s voice came from behind.

Shen Li turned around.

Lu Huaiyu was leaning against the door frame with a lazy posture. The corners of his lips carried a casual smile.

Shen Li came back to her senses.

“Second Brother, how did you... I already have a studio...”

“That was prepared for you by Teacher Shen.” Lu Huaiyu tilted his head slightly and looked at her with a smile. He raised his eyebrows slightly and said, “Besides, this is also convenient. In the future, you can paint anytime and anywhere you want.”

Of course, a person did not need so many art studios. Moreover, what kind of situation could painting here be considered “convenient”?

Of course, only when she lived here could it be called “anytime and anywhere”.

Her ears became slightly hot.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her, paused for a moment, and then said with a smile, “I hope that one day, Miss Shen can give me this opportunity.”

Shen Li's heart was pounding.

His words could not be more reserved, but they could not be more straightforward.

The room fell into silence. There seemed to be a layer of invisible aura circulating in the air.

Lu Huaiyu walked over.

Shen Li suddenly felt a little nervous.

Lu Huaiyu stood in front of her and bowed slightly.

"You haven't said yet. Do you like the style of the decoration of this studio?"

Shen Li felt a little relieved and nodded.

"I do."

She had never expected Lu Huaiyu to give her this gift.

Lu Huaiyu held her hand again.

"There's another gift."

Shen Li was surprised and her peach blossom eyes widened slightly.

There was a spacious balcony outside the bedroom. Lu Huaiyu led her there.

When she opened the sliding door, Shen Li saw that there was an astronomy telescope on the balcony.

It was very familiar... It was the one that Lu Huaiyu had placed in Yunding Fenghua when they lived in Yunzhou.

Shen Li was stunned for a moment and asked hesitantly, "Second Brother, this astronomy telescope... is for me?"

This astronomical telescope was of extremely high specifications. Shen Li had only seen it in the National Planetarium before. Other than that, only Lu Huaiyu had this one.

Not to mention its value, just its rarity alone was already astonishing.

Lu Huaiyu walked over to test it out. After a moment, he waved to Shen Li.

"Come and take a look."

He stepped aside as Shen Li walked over to his side.

In the camera, the night sky and the galaxy were within his line of sight.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her beautiful and clean side profile and said, "Do you see it? It's a gift."

Shen Li's heart suddenly felt as if it had been hit hard by something.

It turned out that his second gift was not only this telescope, but also the galaxy that filled the sky.

She could clearly hear the sound of her heart beating rapidly.

Then, she slowly stood up and turned her head to look at him.

Their eyes met.

She said, "I saw it."

The corners of Lu Huaiyu's lips curved slightly. He lowered his head and leaned closer. His deep and lazy voice resounded in her eardrums.

"Then, Miss Shen, you haven't given me an answer to my question just now."

'I hope that one day, Miss Shen can give me a chance.'

"If it's possible," Lu Huaiyu looked at her with deep eyes and asked with a low smile, "Can you treat this as a gift for returning to me tonight?"

The night sky stretched out like a blanket made of thick black ink. The bright stars twinkled and the night wind blew.

The girl's answer fell in the wind.

"Okay, Lu Huaiyu."

Chapter 1004: Do You Like Me a Lot?

The lights reflected off the two figures who were standing next to each other.

After Shen Li answered, she looked at the man standing in front of her and sighed again.

Lu Huaiyu's eyebrows raised slightly.

"What's wrong? Shen Tangtang, you can't go back on your words."

Shen Li walked over and pulled on his sleeve. She buried her head in his neck and whispered, "I'm not going back on my word. But... compared to the present that Second Brother gave me, mine is too ordinary."

She had given him a tie and cufflinks. Although she had taken a long time to choose the tie, and the cufflinks had been custom-made by her, but—

Lu Huaiyu's chest trembled as if he was laughing. Then, he stepped back and cupped her little face, making her raise her head.

He asked with a smile, "Shen Tangtang, are you nineteen or three years old? Is this something you have to compete in?"

Shen Li's cheeks puffed up slightly.

Lu Huaiyu continued, "Besides, didn't I already get my gift back from you just now?"

Shen Li still minded. "How can it be the same?"

"How can it be different?"

Lu Huaiyu slightly relaxed the strength in his hands and cupped the side of her face.

"Shen Tangtang, to me, nothing is better than this gift. Do you understand?"

He smiled as if he was teasing or comforting her. However, his eyes were serious and every word was sincere.

Shen Li was quiet for a while. She lowered her head slightly as her lips moved.

Lu Huaiyu did not hear her clearly, so he bent down and asked with a smile, “Hmm? What?”

Shen Li looked at the handsome face that was in front of her. She held his hand and whispered, “... that opportunity... was only ever given to you first.”

Even if he did not say it, even without this studio and this brilliant galaxy, he did not even need to ask that question.

Some things had long been thought of.

So, there would only be that one answer.

Lu Huaiyu held his breath slightly.

He maintained that posture for a while before stepping back slightly to look at her.

He fixed his gaze on her for a long time before he asked with a smile, “Shen Tangtang, do you like me a lot?”

Shen Li’s eyes met his gaze.

She had long known of his love on this day a year ago.

No, it had been earlier, much earlier.

So now, she wanted to be the one to confess.

“Lu Huaiyu.”

Shen Li looked at him, as she enunciated each word clearly.

“Ning Li, Shen Li, Shen Tangtang... All of them like you a lot.”

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On the day of their one-year anniversary, it was simple to say that it had been grand, ordinary, and precious.

In the end, they had taken a nap together, had dinner together, and given each other gifts.

They had enjoyed being in each other’s embrace, but under the starry sky, they had expressed all of their love.

He had asked for a promise, and she had made a confession to him.

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At ten o’clock in the evening, Lu Huaiyu sent her back to Skyleaf City.

When Shen Li returned home, she saw that Shen Zhijin was sitting in the living room. There was a computer in front of him, as if he was in the middle of his work.

However, Shen Li knew that he had been waiting for her.

“Dad, it’s so late. Why aren’t you resting?”

Shen Zhijin looked up.

“Soon.”

Shen Li took a few steps forward and saw a large pile of gift boxes on the cabinet next to her. Those were the birthday presents that Old Master Lu and the others had given her.

Shen Zhijin noticed her gaze and said, "Fang Qingyun passed them to me this afternoon."

Shen Li nodded.

"They were given to me by Grandpa Lu and the others."

Shen Zhijin knew that Fang Yunyi had given Shen Li a present previously, so he was not surprised to see so many today.

His gaze fell on her face.

"Did you have fun at the Lu family's house today?"

Shen Li turned her head to look at him, her peach blossom eyes curved beautifully.

"Yes. Aunt Fang cooks very well."

Chapter 1005: A Simple Celebration

Shen Zhijin raised his hand and gently touched her head.

"As long as Tangtang is happy."

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The next morning, Shen Li had an exam.

The exam hall was very quiet. As the two invigilators stood in front of each other, the only sound was the rustling of a pen on the exam paper.

Ten minutes after the exam began, someone walked in from the corridor and stopped at the front door of the exam hall.

The invigilator who was standing on the podium noticed something and turned his head to look. He saw three people standing outside the door.

The person in front was dressed in a crisp suit, with straight shoulders, looking handsome with a cool look in his eyes. It was Shen Zhijin.

The two behind him had work badges, indicating that they were the invigilators.

It seemed like they were here for an inspection.

The invigilator could not help but feel a little nervous. He immediately walked out in small steps to greet them.

Her lips moved as she prepared to say hello.

Shen Zhijin shook his head, indicating that she did not need to do this, so as not to affect the students as they took the exam.

The invigilator immediately shut up before suddenly remembering that Shen Li was in this exam room.

It was no wonder that Shen Zhijin had come over personally.

She nodded and retreated.

Shen Zhijin looked into the classroom.

Shen Li sat in the row at the end of the classroom, leaning against the wall, in the second-to-last row.

She sat there lazily, her eyes slightly drooping. She propped one hand at the side as she wrote on the paper with the other hand.

Her whole body exuded a lazy energy.

When other people took exams, they were usually at their most nervous, but she was different. Every time she took an exam, she was extremely relaxed and casual. She seemed to take it even less seriously than when she washed the bottles in the laboratory.

Just then, Shen Li seemed to have finished writing on one side and flipped the paper over.

In the quiet examination room, this sound was particularly clear.

Some students could not help but look in her direction.

It had only been ten minutes since the start of the exam! She had actually finished half of the exam papers!

Although they knew that they could not be compared to the god of learning, it was still very refreshing to experience the feeling of being crushed up close in an examination room.

As Shen Li was writing, she suddenly felt someone walking in from the corridor.

She was unbothered.

Then, that person stopped beside her as if he was looking at her paper.

It was normal for the invigilator to occasionally look at the students' papers and answer cards.

She turned her pen and continued to write down the answer to another question.

Suddenly, she felt something and stopped moving.

It was as if...

She finally looked up and saw an extremely familiar face.

Shen Zhijin was standing beside her desk, looking at her test paper.

Shen Li was speechless.

Subconsciously, she straightened her shoulders.

Although this test paper was not difficult, it was still a little tricky to be stared at by her own father while writing down the answers to the questions in the examination room.

Shen Zhijin's lips curved into an extremely faint curve, before he continued to walk back.

He walked around the examination room a little longer before leaving.

Shen Li looked up and saw that two inspectors were accompanying him outside the examination room.

He had not mentioned that he would come to the examination room today...

With this thought in mind, Shen Li lowered her head and sped up her writing.

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The two invigilators were whispering something to Shen Zhijin.

“There are a total of six examination rooms on this floor. Vice Principal Shen, would you like to go over and take a look at the remaining five?”

The first one they had looked at was naturally the one where Shen Li was.

Shen Zhijin said, “I still have some other matters to attend to later, so I won’t be going.”

The two inspectors looked at each other in surprise.

Shen Zhijin had canceled all of his scheduled work for the day. It was said that he was preparing to return to Hong Kong City with Shen Li.

Other than this matter, surely there wasn’t anything else that he needed to do, right?

But wasn’t Shen Li still taking the exam? What could he possibly have—

Suddenly, the sound of a chair being dragged across the floor came from the exam hall.

The two inspectors subconsciously looked over and saw that Shen Li had already walked to the podium and handed in her papers.

Then, she returned to her seat, packed her things briefly, and came out.

“Dad, let’s go.”

The inspectors were speechless.

Oh, excuse me.

They had forgotten that this father and daughter pair were true gods of learning, dominating the examination venue.

One of the inspectors looked at the time without batting an eyelid.

This was amazing. The examination had only started twenty-one minutes ago, yet Shen Li had already handed in her papers.

It was no wonder that Shen Zhijin had come directly this way when he came up.

If he had come a little later, he probably would not even have been able to see Shen Li's papers.

Shen Zhijin nodded.

"Okay."

He gave a few instructions to the two inspectors before he left with Shen Li.

At the end of the semester, almost all of the students' classes had been suspended. Most of the classrooms in the complex were used as exam rooms.

The exam had only just started twenty minutes ago, and the entire complex was very quiet.

Shen Li followed Shen Zhijin down the stairs. As they walked, she asked, "Dad, why did you suddenly come here today?"

Shen Zhijin said, "To pick you up."

Of course, he had also wanted to observe her take the examination.

Actually, this was not the first time he had watched her take an examination. However, it was still different to observe from outside the examination hall as compared to the inside of the examination hall.

Shen Li deliberately asked, "Then when you looked at my paper just now, what did you think of my answer?"

Shen Zhijin smiled.

Even though she knew the answer, she still asked him.

"It was well written."

He said.

Shen Li's eyes curved as she smiled.

"I think so too."

...

Shen Zhijin's car was parked downstairs.

Because she was only going back for a day this time, Shen Li did not bring much.

She got into the passenger seat, fastened her seatbelt, and took out her phone to send a message to Liang Su, saying that she and Shen Zhijin would be there soon.

Gu Tingfeng was not in the Capital today, so Liang Su and Gu Siyang would be with them.

Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng had sent several messages to her.

[Cousin! Have you finished your exam?]

[Cousin! Have you set off with Fourth Uncle yet?]

[Cousin! Be sure to let us know when you arrive!]

...

The excitement of the two brothers could be felt through the screen.

Shen Li replied to them.

[I've finished with my exam. I'll be going back with my first aunt and the others later.]

As soon as this message was sent, the brothers made a video call.

Shen Li answered the call, and two handsome and cute little faces squeezed together immediately appeared in the camera.

"Happy Birthday, Cousin!"

"Cousin! I've prepared a birthday present for you!"

“And me! Mine is even cooler! You’ll definitely like it!”

Without giving Shen Li a chance to speak, the brothers chatted excitedly.

Shen Li could not help but laugh.

“Thank you, Siqi, Sicheng. I’m sure to like anything you give me, but I’m just going back to celebrate my birthday. There’s no need to go through so much trouble.”

Being able to celebrate this birthday together was already the best present for her.

“It’s no trouble at all!”

Gu Sicheng’s eyes sparkled.

“Brother and I are only giving small gifts!”

“Siqi, Sicheng, are you guys talking to Ah Li?”

Gu Tingchuan’s voice suddenly came from out of the camera frame.

The two brothers nodded in unison.

Gu Tingchuan continued.

“Ah Li is right. This time, it’s mainly for the whole family to have a meal together. The rest doesn’t matter.”

Immediately after, Gu Tingyun's gentle and smiling voice came from the side.

"Exactly. Ah Li still has other exams coming up. She's quite busy. This time, let's just have a simple celebration and just be happy."

Chapter 1006: Giving a Gift, the Most Important Thing is to Put in the Effort

Shen Li's heart relaxed slightly.

This time, she had really only wanted to accompany Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu to have a meal together.

The last time she had returned to Hong Kong City, it had indeed been very lively and she had felt moved by everything, but too much fuss had been made.

This time, she did not think she would have to worry.

She greeted Gu Tingchuan and Gu Tingyun in turn. Seeing that they were about to arrive at Jinshui No. 1 Courtyard, she ended the call.

The two brothers put down their phones reluctantly.

"Are you done? "Gu Tingchuan glanced at them. "It will only take two or three hours for her to get here. What's the hurry?"

"I haven't seen cousin for a long time..." Gu Sicheng said bluntly.

"Isn't it normal for them to miss Ah Li? Speaking of which, the last time they saw Ah Li was during the May Day holiday, right?" Gu Tingyun smiled slightly. "By the way, it seems that Second Brother personally took them there at that time."

Gu Tingchuan coughed.

“The two of them went to the Capital for a long time. At that time, Ah Li was on holiday, so they were taken there for a visit. Actually, they didn’t have much fun—”

“Cousin took us to the LY base! She even personally showed off her driving skills!” Gu Sicheng was still full of excitement as he mentioned this. “Our cousin looked so cool!”

Gu Siqi nodded seriously.

“It’s really different from watching a video. Besides, our cousin’s cooking is so delicious!”

Gu Tingyun paused slightly and his smile deepened.

“Ah Li cooked for you guys?”

He said this while looking at Gu Tingchuan.

Gu Tingchuan picked his teacup up and took a sip. “When we were at Big Brother’s house, she helped sister-in-law cook some—”

“Our cousin made sweet and sour pork ribs and spicy garlic shrimp! They were both super good!” Gu Sicheng looked nostalgic. “I want to eat them again!”

The air was silent for a moment.

Gu Tingyun looked enlightened, then he suddenly laughed.

“Second Brother’s dietary standards are really getting higher and higher.”

If this was considered as just a casual meal...

Ah.

Gu Tingchuan gave the brothers a warning look before turning to look at Gu Tingyun.

“Oh right, I heard that you arrived here early this morning. Isn’t Gu Media holding a board meeting today?”

Gu Tingyun’s expression remained gentle as he gave a faint smile.

“The company doesn’t have sweet and sour pork ribs and spicy garlic shrimp to eat.”

Gu Tingchuan was silent.

Was it interesting?

Third Brother, was it that interesting for you to be so calculative?!

Wasn’t it just a meal?!

He snorted lightly.

“Big Brother has now settled down in the Capital, and Tinglan has also opened his private clinic there. Compared to them, what am I? If you have the time, you should go look for them.”

“Second Brother is being modest.”

Gu Tingyun smiled.

“You have Sicheng and Siqi. You won’t lose.”

Gu Tingfeng had already shifted his focus to the Capital. Gu Tinglan was free, but he was different from Gu Tingchuan.

The two of them were responsible for the family business, so they were destined to stay in Hong Kong City.

He could not be compared to his eldest brother and Tinglan, so there was nothing he could do about it. However, losing to his second brother was indeed intolerable.

Gu Tingchuan simply ignored him and continued to drink his tea.

Gu Tingyun suddenly asked, “What gift did Second Brother bring for Ah Li this time? I don’t think I saw it.”

Gu Tingchuan waved his hand.

“Didn’t I say the celebration would be simple? It’s just a family dinner. I didn’t really prepare anything, just little things.”

Gu Tingyun smiled.

“Yes, I agree.”

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Shen Zhijin and Shen Li soon arrived at Jinshui No. 1 Courtyard. Liang Su and Gu Siyang were already waiting there.

The group boarded the plane and flew to Hong Kong City.

Two hours later, the plane landed at the landing area of the Gu family mansion.

All the members of the Gu family had arrived.

The courtyard just outside the front and the front hall had been decorated with many fresh flowers that had specially been flown in. There was also a huge wall of flowers, which had been arranged into a beautiful birthday banquet scene. It was gorgeous and lively.

Just these flowers alone were worth a lot of money.

However, in terms of the Gu family's assets, the scale of this could indeed be considered "simple".

At the very least, it was much simpler than the time when she had been acknowledged into the family.

Shen Li was relieved. She accompanied Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu for a while. Then, in the afternoon, she went to Seven Treasures Mountain with Shen Zhijin.

The weather was rather hot, but the trees on the mountain were shady and the breeze was cool, which made it much more comfortable.

The mottled sunlight shone on the path between the mountains. It swayed with the wind, and the leaves rustled. It was quiet and peaceful.

Finally, they came to Gu Tingyin's grave on the mountain. Shen Zhijin put down the red camellias that he was holding in his arms.

Shen Li had brought an exquisitely beautiful square glass box with a piece of cake inside.

"Mom, this is the birthday cake I made myself. The first piece is for you."

Shen Li put down the cake, took out a piece of candy from her pocket, and placed it beside the cake.

“Dad said that you like candy too, so this is for you too.”

Then, she stood up, took a step back, and stood beside Shen Zhijin.

A gentle breeze blew.

Shen Zhijin looked at Shen Li and gently stroked her hair. His brows relaxed and a faint smile appeared on his face.

“Tangtang, Happy Birthday.”

The corners of Shen Li’s lips curved slightly, as if there was a bright sun shining in her eyes.

“Thank you, Father and Mother.”

...

By the time she returned to the Gu family home, it was already evening.

Just as Shen Li stepped into the living room, the twin Gu brothers rushed over together and mysteriously pulled her in.

“Cousin! The present we prepared for you is over there! Go and see if you like it!”

Seeing the way the two of them were presenting their treasures, Shen Li and Shen Zhijin followed them.

Soon, she saw a large transparent glass cover.

She was stunned for a moment.

Inside, there was a Lego model of a galaxy.

There were planets as well as a spaceship revolving around it. It was both mysterious and resplendent.

“Cousin, this is my birthday present to you!”

Gu Siqi looked at her expectantly.

“What do you think? What do you think? Do you like it?”

Gu Sicheng hurriedly said, “And me! I helped put it all together as well!”

Gu Siqi compromised a little. “I put two-thirds of it together, so it can still be considered as a gift from me to Cousin! But Sicheng did help out!”

Gu Sicheng took a photo album from the side.

“Cousin, I made this photo album!”

Shen Li took it and opened it.

It was full of pictures of her. Some were at the show, some were at the track, some were at home, some were at school, and there were even pictures of her coming out of the milk tea shop.

There were many of them.

Some of them were taken by them while some of the others must have been found on the Internet.

They must have put in a lot of effort to collect all of them.

There were also some cute hand-drawn drawings and words on the album. All of these had clearly been added by Gu Sicheng.

“Cousin? Do you like this gift?”

Shen Li came back to her senses. She blinked and smiled.

“I like them all. Thank you, Siqi and Sicheng.”

Gu Sicheng said happily, “It’s good that you like it! Dad said that the most important thing is to give a gift with care!”

At that moment, Gu Tingchuan called out to her.

“Ah Li.”

Shen Li turned her head.

Gu Tingchuan had obviously heard their conversation. It was rare for him to show a satisfied expression towards the brothers. “It’s good that you still remember this.”

As he spoke, he looked at Shen Li.

“Ah Li, I bought you a boat.”

Chapter 1007: Simple and Unadorned Birthday Banquet

Shen Li was completely stunned.

This turn of events was too sudden.

She opened her mouth.

“Second Uncle, actually there’s no need—”

“So this is what Second Brother is giving Ah Li as a present.”

Gu Tingyun’s smiling voice sounded.

“You’re very ‘attentive’.”

Gu Tingchuan could obviously hear the sarcasm in his words, but he did not mind. Instead, he nodded very naturally.

“I didn’t know what kind of things Ah Li likes. I asked a few friends for their opinions and finally decided on this.”

Shen Li was still at a loss for words.

Gu Tingyun smiled and nodded, then sighed.

“Then, Second Brother must have put in a lot of effort. I couldn’t possibly compare to him.”

For some reason, Shen Li’s eyebrows twitched, and she felt a little uneasy.

Then, she heard Gu Tingyun continue to speak.

“Ah Li, the construction of the gallery is progressing quite quickly, but I think that it’s too far from home. In the future, it’ll be inconvenient for you to just come and go. It just so happens that there’s a plot of land next to it, and it’s also a little closer to Dutian Villa. I’ll be building a lounge for you there as well.”

Shen Li did not know what to say.

She struggled for a moment.

“Third Uncle, I think it’s not too far—”

Gu Tingchuan snorted.

“So that’s what you ‘agreed’ with, huh?”

Just something little?

How could he have the nerve to say such a thing?!

Gu Tingyun did not mind at all. His smile was gentle.

“Yes, the area of that plot of land is indeed a little small, but the advantage is that it’s a pretty good location. However, if Ah Li doesn’t like it, just wait another six months or so. There’s another plot of land next to it—”

“Third Uncle.”

Shen Li hurriedly called out to him.

"I think it's pretty good!"

Gu Tingyun looked at her in surprise. "But Ah Li hasn't even looked at it yet."

Shen Li choked.

"... How can your judgment be wrong?"

These words really succeeded in making Gu Tingyun give up on the idea of changing to another piece of land.

He said, "Actually, I looked at a few locations in the vicinity before, but I wasn't very satisfied. In the end, I waited until this one was available so I'm quite satisfied."

He looked at Shen Li with a gentle expression on his face.

"Speaking of which, I remember the day I bought that piece of land. I even ate a serving of sweet and sour pork ribs. Unfortunately, that restaurant didn't do a good job. I got gastroenteritis after eating it."

Gu Tingchuan's eyelids twitched.

Wasn't he being shameless?

Gastroenteritis? ? Why didn't he just say that he had undergone a gastrectomy?!

Shen Li was stunned.

"Gastroenteritis? Was it serious?"

Gu Tingchuan finally could not help but scoff.

“Third Brother, I can see that you don’t look too good. Are you sick? If you are sick, you should hurry up and get it checked out. Don’t delay.”

Gu Tingchuan pretended not to hear him. He looked at Shen Li and said gently, “Ah Li, don’t worry. It’s not a big problem. It’s just that sometimes your stomach doesn’t feel too good after being hungry for a long time. It’s not a big deal.”

Shen Li said, “Then you’ll have to pay more attention to your diet in the future.”

Mei Yanqing’s stomach condition was quite painful.

She looked in the direction of the kitchen.

“Then let me help by preparing you some porridge. Previously, master’s stomach wasn’t good, so I occasionally helped out with the cooking.”

She was quite experienced in this aspect.

“There’s no need to go through so much trouble. Besides, it’s your birthday today,” Gu Tingyun rejected very straightforwardly.

Gu Tingchuan snorted in his heart. At least you know—

“Let’s wait for another opportunity,” Gu Tingyun said.

Gu Tingchuan kept quiet.

Seeing his attitude was firm, Shen Li agreed.

“Okay.”

“Sister!”

Gu Siyang quickly walked in from outside,

“The car I booked for you has arrived! Come and take a look!”

Shen Li was stunned.

“Car? Didn’t you already give one to me before?”

“The model this time is different!”

Gu Siyang was in high spirits. He waved the car keys at her and raised his chin.

“You’ll definitely like it if you see it!”

Unable to persuade him otherwise, Shen Li had no choice but to walk over.

In the courtyard, a red convertible supercar had been parked.

The car’s body lines were extremely smooth and the car’s paint was glossy. The whole thing was extremely beautiful.

“The interior was also specially chosen by me!”

Gu Siyang had a proud look on his face as he raised his eyebrows.

“What do you think? Are you satisfied?”

It had to be said that although Gu Siyang’s own car was extremely flashy, his aesthetic judgment was still very on point. Moreover, when it came to such matters, he had the rare ability to be very good at figuring out people’s preferences.

The car that he had customized, from the inside out, was indeed very suitable for Shen Li’s taste.

The corners of her lips curled up.

“Thank you, Cousin.”

Gu Siyang snapped his fingers and handed the car keys to her, his eyes wide open.

“I chose it. What could be wrong with it?”

Gu Tingfeng happened to walk in from outside. When he heard Gu Siyang’s words, he looked at him and frowned.

“All you do is make things fancy.”

When Gu Siyang heard this, he was unhappy.

“Dad, I’m giving my sister a car. In what way is it fancy? Besides, my sister likes this too.”

“Huh?”

Gu Tingfeng looked at Shen Li.

“Ah Li likes this?”

Shen Li nodded. “I do. Cousin must have put in a lot of effort.”

Gu Tingfeng chuckled.

“As long as you like it! You’re usually too busy and tired. When you have time, you should take a drive out to relax.”

Gu Siyang was puzzled.

He said faintly, “... I was just getting somewhere. Second Uncle and Third Uncle even gave her a boat and land...”

Gu Tingfeng stopped in his tracks and looked at Gu Tingchuan and Gu Tingyun who were standing behind him.

The three of them looked at each other. The atmosphere was delicate.

Gu Tingfeng frowned slightly.

“Didn’t you say that it would be a simple celebration? Ah Li will only be back for a day and will be leaving tomorrow. She won’t be able to see the gifts that you gave her this time.”

Gu Tingchuan did not say anything. Gu Tingyun was unmoved and asked with a faint smile, “I don’t think I saw Big Brother’s gift today either?”

Gu Tingfeng paused and looked at Shen Li. He said hesitantly, “Ah Li, it’s indeed too late this time. Can you come back next time to see it?”

Shen Li said, “... First Uncle, the gift you gave is...”

"It's nothing," Gu Tingfeng said. "Do you remember the building on Wulin Road?"

Shen Li did not say anything.

Gu Tingchuan sneered.

Gu Tingyun smiled slightly.

It was really embarrassing to have a pot calling the kettle black.

Shen Li felt a little headache coming on.

"First Uncle, I remember that the building is a commercial building. You—"

"Yes, it's convenient," Gu Tingfeng said.

Shen Li was at a loss:

"Convenient for what?"

How could a commercial building be convenient for her—

"Ah Li, why are you all standing outside?"

Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu saw that everyone had gone outside, so they walked out as well.

Shen Zhijin had been chatting with Old Master Gu before, but now he had come outside with them.

Shen Li turned her head.

“Grandpa, Grandma.”

Gu Tingfeng said, “It seems that Ah Li still doesn’t know?”

Shen Li was stunned. What should she know?

Old Master Gu also smiled when he saw her rare look of confusion.

“I haven’t had the chance to tell Ah Li yet.”

Old Madam Gu walked over and held Shen Li’s hand. She smiled gently and said, “Ah Li, would you like to take a look at the present your grandfather gave you?”

Shen Li nodded.

“Okay.”

However, just as she was about to help Old Madam Gu back into the house, she was stopped by Old Madam Gu.

“It’s in the backyard,” Old Madam Gu said with a smile.

Backyard?

What kind of gift would be placed in the backyard?

Old Master Gu quickly gave her an answer.

“Ah Li, go and see if you like that plane.”

Chapter 1008: A Family Should Be Warm

Old Master Gu had given her a private plane.

In the backyard of the mansion, Shen Li looked at the “Tangtang” that was emblazoned on the side of the plane and was silent for a moment.

Gu Tingfeng explained with a smile, “There’s a landing pad on the roof of the building on Wulin Road so it’ll be convenient for you to use it.”

Shen Li was speechless.

So that’s what he meant by “convenient” ...

Old Master Gu said, “That means that you can come back here anytime you want.”

Shen Li felt something stirring in her chest. After a moment, she said softly, “Thank you, Grandpa and Grandma.”

Gu Tinglan stood by the side with one hand in his pocket.

Gu Siyang turned to look at him and lowered his voice.

“Uncle, where’s your present?”

Without waiting for Gu Tinglan to speak, he said to himself, “Sigh, forget it. In any case, given the current situation, I definitely wouldn’t be able to win anyway.”

As he spoke, he let out a long sigh filled with melancholy.

“Sigh, this family is really getting more and more difficult to live in!”

He had originally thought that his present was quite ingenious! One had to know how carefully he had selected the color of the car’s body, the rims, the material of the seats, and even the color of the interior lights!

In the end, he had instantly been reduced to dust.

Gu Tinglan nonchalantly said, “What you give is not the most important thing. The most important thing is that Ah Li likes it. Moreover, trying to win Ah Li’s attention and liking by giving her a gift... this mentality is not advisable, otherwise, it will be easy to lose balance.”

Gu Siyang secretly glanced at the sullen Gu Tingchuan and the smiling Gu Tingyun. He was deeply convinced.

“Hey... that’s true!”

It was obvious that the two of them had not known that Old Master Gu would be giving her a private jet.

Otherwise, it wouldn’t be his father’s turn to give them a private jet!

Second Uncle aside, on Third Uncle’s side, the landing pad at the top floor of the Gu Media building was bigger than the one on the building on Wuling Road...

“Besides, looking at Ah Li’s character, the thought behind the gift is more important than whether the gift is valuable or not. Look at the gifts given by Siqi and Sicheng. Doesn’t she like them too?”

This was true.

Gu Siyang gave him a thumbs up.

“Uncle, you’re truly a professional!”

Gu Tinglan smiled.

It was at that moment that Qi Yang came to invite them back for dinner.

Just as Shen Li turned around, Gu Tinglan raised his voice slightly and called out to her.

“Ah Li.”

Shen Li turned around. “Uncle?”

Gu Tinglan smiled.

“Today is your birthday. Would you like to drink some wine to celebrate? I specially brought back a few bottles of wine from the Bai City winery this time.”

Compared to his brothers, the fifth master of the Gu family was much more free-spirited. He did not interfere much in the family business and kept a low profile.

Compared to the status of the fifth master of the Gu family, Doctor Gu’s reputation was more prominent.

At the same time, he was also a person who knew how to enjoy life.

Just because he liked wine, he was qualified to be a WM level one wine taster. There were less than twenty people in the world who had this qualification certificate.

The largest winery in Bai City was his.

Shen Li blinked and subconsciously looked at Shen Zhijin.

She had a dark history of drinking with Shen Zhijin. Without his approval, even if it was wine, she would...

A faint smile appeared on Shen Zhijin's handsome and clear face. There was an indulgent look in his eyes.

"Today is your birthday. If you want to drink, you can drink, but be careful of the amount."

Of course, Shen Li's alcohol tolerance not very high so the last half of the sentence was basically meaningless.

However, this already represented his attitude.

Shen Li smiled at him. "Thank you, Dad."

Then, she looked at Gu Tinglan. "Little Uncle, I can drink a little."

Gu Tinglan smiled and nodded.

"Okay. This time, I brought back five bottles of wine from three wineries. Later, you can decide which one suits your taste the best and that winery will be your birthday present today."

Shen Li was shocked.

Gu Siyang's eyes suddenly widened as he looked at Gu Tinglan in disbelief.

“Uncle?”

What had he just heard?

His uncle wanted to gift her a winery?

Wait, then why had he spouted out so much nonsense earlier?!

Sensing his gaze, Gu Tinglan finally gave him a look.

“What’s wrong?”

Gu Siyang pointed at Shen Li and then at him, his expression slightly distorted.

“Uncle, didn’t you say that with Ah Li’s personality, giving her a thoughtful gift would be best?”

This was too sudden!

Gu Tinglan nodded.

“Yeah, but I’m not her.”

He still had to pay more attention to other things when he gave gifts.

Gu Siyang was dumbfounded.

After a long time, Gu Siyang finally snapped back to reality and could not help but mutter, “... Uncle, I thought you were a clean stream in the family, I didn’t expect you to also...”

Gu Tinglan smiled gently.

“We’re all part of the same family. What are you talking about?”

Gu Siyang was at a loss for words.

What a waste of emotion!

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At the dining table, Shen Li’s eyelids twitched as she looked at the five-layer cake being carried up.

Old Madam Gu smiled and urged her, “Ah Li, come and cut the cake.”

Shen Li did not have time to think too much and started to cut the cake according to Old Madam Gu’s instructions.

After distributing the cake to everyone in turn, Shen Li already felt tired.

To be honest, she was not even this tired after a race on the track.

In the end, everyone even took a family photo together.

Old Master Gu showed the photo to Old Madam Gu.

“Ah Qing, look at this photo. Isn’t it a good photo? Ah Li is back today. Although this birthday party is a little simpler, everyone is very happy. Not bad.”

Old Madam Gu also smiled and nodded.

“That’s right. When a family is together, even if it’s just an ordinary meal, it’s still very warm. Ah Li, don’t you think so?”

Shen Li did not say anything.

Today, she finally understood the word “simple” again.

She raised her glass and drank the half glass of wine in one gulp.

Chapter 1009: Why Haven’t You Come to Pick Me Up?

Outside the window, the night sky was thick, and the bright fireworks were blooming one after another. The view was extremely beautiful.

The room was bustling with noise and excitement.

The mellow and fragrant wine flowed down smoothly, and a burning flame burned in his chest.

Shen Zhijin was sitting next to Shen Li. Seeing her drink her whole glass of wine in one gulp, his handsome brows furrowed slightly.

“Ah Li, you should drink less.”

Shen Li nodded, and the corners of her lips curled up playfully.

“Dad, aren’t you, Grandpa, and Grandma here?”

After all, they were not just anywhere but in her own home.

Seeing her smile, Shen Zhijin felt as if his heart had been hit by something. His heart softened instantly, and he did not try to persuade her any further.

Gu Tinglan looked over and smiled.

“Ah Li, they all said that you can only drink one glass, but I think you can hold your liquor a little better?”

Shen Li’s gaze swept over the few bottles of wine in front of her, and she chose another bottle of white wine with a lower alcohol content.

“It’s okay if I drink less.”

As she spoke, she poured some more into her own glass.

She was still aware of the level of her alcohol tolerance, so she only poured a little this time so that it barely covered the bottom of the glass. However, she intended to taste it.

Shen Zhijin asked, “What do you think?”

“How about this?”

Shen Li took a sip.

“The previous one tastes better.”

Then, one by one, she tried the remaining three bottles. Except for the first bottle, which she had poured half a glass of, she drank all of it. The rest was just a symbolic taste.

In the end, she chose the bottle she had drunk first.

“This one is the best.”

Gu Tinglan smiled.

“You sure know how to pick one. Then this is it.”

This was one of the most profitable wineries under his name.

When Gu Siyang heard the commotion over here, he also came over and picked up the bottle to take a look.

“Let me see, which one did my sister pick— F*ck!”

When he saw the name of the winery on the bottle, Gu Siyang’s heart ached.

“Uncle, in the past, when I asked you for a few bottles of wine from this winery, you weren’t even willing to give them to me!”

Now, all Ah Li had to say was “This is the best”, and he had given the winery away without any hesitation!

Gu Tinglan leaned against the chair.

“Have you been to Big Brother’s wine cellar many times?”

The corner of Gu Siyang’s mouth twitched, and he looked at Gu Tingfeng guiltily.

When he was a teenager, he had sneaked in to get some wine to drink, but Gu Tingfeng had found out and given him a good beating.

As a result, he had developed a psychological trauma about his old father's wine cellar.

Fortunately, Gu Tingfeng was talking to Liang Su and did not notice them.

Gu Siyang lowered his voice.

"... It's such a good day. Why are you bringing up such a bad memory?"

Then, he looked at Shen Li and said, "Sister, for the sake of our brotherly and sisterly love, can you send me a few bottles of wine in the future?"

The production of truly top-notch wine was very small. Sometimes, if the vintage was not good, the wine produced from the entire winery might not end up of good quality.

However, the wine that Gu Tinglan had given to Shen Li was very old. Not to mention the annual production, just the quality of the wine that the winery had collected in the past alone was already a considerable amount.

Shen Li nodded.

"Alright."

Gu Siyang was instantly moved to tears. "I just knew that you're the one who treats me the best in this entire family!"

Gu Tinglan reminded, "Ah Li, I'll send you the winery's price list later. Just give Siyang a discount."

Gu Siyang was flabbergasted.

Shen Li's eyes curved in a smile.

Gu Tinglan poured himself a glass of wine. After all, he was the fifth master of the Gu family. Such a simple action by him would add a bit of nobility.

Shen Li's gaze fell on him, and the case suddenly appeared in her mind.

Her eyes moved slightly, and the hand holding the glass unconsciously tightened.

It was not only Lu Huaiyu, but Gu Tinglan had never revealed anything in front of her as well.

If she had not seen that the case was from Gu Tinglan's private clinic, she would never have thought of this.

In fact, she felt that it was a little strange.

In the past, both she and Gu Tinglan had only been as good friends. It was normal that he would not tell her about this.

However—

Later on, he became her youngest uncle.

The relationship between him, her, and Lu Huaiyu had undergone subtle changes.

Even so, he still had not revealed anything to her.

Of course, out of a doctor's professionalism, Gu Tinglan wanted to protect the patient's privacy, so he could not tell anyone.

But...

Based on Shen Li's understanding of Gu Tinglan, the reason he had not chosen to tell her was probably not just for this reason.

However, she was not sure exactly what the reason was.

Sensing her gaze, Gu Tinglan looked over and met her gaze. He smiled.

"Ah Li, why are you looking at me like that?"

Shen Li came back to her senses and shook her head.

"I think I drank a little too much."

Gu Tinglan saw that her fair cheeks were already suffused with a faint blush. He smiled helplessly.

"I was just praising your alcohol tolerance. Did you drink two glasses just now?"

As he spoke, he took the wine glass from her hand and stopped her from drinking.

Shen Li let him take the cup without minding at all.

The fireworks outside the window were still going off. She looked over.

The smell of alcohol surged up. The faint smell of wine filled the air, making people feel even more intoxicated.

Her body seemed to be getting hot as well.

She leaned against the chair and used the back of her hand to touch her face and found that it was a little hot.

Shen Zhijin looked at her.

“Ah Li?”

Shen Li shook her head, indicating that she was fine.

“I’m going to sit on the sofa for a while.”

Shen Zhijin saw that although she was drunk, she was still speaking coherently and her eyes were clear, so he let her go.

“Okay.”

Shen Li got up and went to the sofa in the living room to sit down.

She vaguely felt a little dizzy. She closed her eyes and pressed her temples.

Bang!

The sound of fireworks was heard.

Shen Li opened her eyes and looked out of the window. The fireworks were brilliant.

She looked for a while and felt that her body and face seemed to be getting even hotter.

Then, she touched her forehead. It was boiling hot.

Was she... having another fever?

She thought in a daze and stared at the back of her hand.

On the back of her fair hand, the green veins were extremely clear.

But what about the eye of the needle?

She looked for it for a while, but could not find it, so she gave up.

Anyway, getting a fever was a common thing, so it was not necessary to take medicine every time.

Sometimes, it would pass after a few days.

She sat there for a while, while there was a loud noise behind her. She could not hear it clearly. It was as if she did not even have the strength to look back.

The fireworks seemed to have ended, and the sky was covered in darkness, leaving only a panic-inducing silence.

It was extremely similar to that completely sealed, deathly silent space.

Her heart was racing, and her lips had gone slightly pale.

She hurriedly fumbled in her pocket and took out her phone. Her fingers trembled slightly as she dialed a number.

“Where’s Ah Li?”

Liang Su noticed that Shen Li was not around, so she asked casually.

Gu Tinglan pointed to the sofa in the living room. "Over there."

Liang Su glanced at it and smiled.

"Who is Ah Li talking to on the phone?"

Without thinking, Gu Siyang said, "Who else could it be? It has to be Second Master Lu!"

Gu Tingfeng glanced at him in annoyance.

Old Master Gu said, "Zhijin, tell Ah Li to go upstairs and rest early."

Shen Zhijin lowered his chin slightly in acknowledgment and got up to walk over to Shen Li.

Just then, Shen Li's voice was heard.

Holding her cell phone, she said in a low voice, "Lu Huaiyu, why haven't you come to pick me up?"

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By this time, the fireworks had ended. The dining room and the living room were facing each other, so Shen Li's voice was heard by everyone, not just Shen Zhijin.

Almost in an instant, the atmosphere quieted down.

Everyone's eyes turned to Shen Li, who was sitting on the sofa and talking on the phone. No one spoke, and the atmosphere became delicate.

Shen Zhijin stopped in his tracks.

Shen Li's back was facing them, so she did not see the reaction of the crowd.

After a moment, Old Master Gu looked up and calmly asked, "What did Ah Li say just now?"

No one answered.

If he had not heard it, then it'd be fine. Why make Old Master Gu unhappy?

If he had heard it, then there was no need to answer.

Gu Sicheng gently tugged at Gu Siyang's sleeve and said in a low voice, "Cousin, why do I feel a little cold?"

Gu Siqi also leaned over.

"Me too..."

Gu Siyang felt a headache coming on.

How could he not be cold?

Shen Li had called Lu Huaiyu. It was not really a big deal, but the important thing was what she had said!

She was in her own house, yet she had asked Lu Huaiyu why he had not come to pick her up yet??

Could she see not see the way the men of the Gu family were looking now?!

He could not see Shen Zhijin's face, but it probably was not any better.

Feeling the almost frozen atmosphere, Gu Siyang had a headache.

How would it end this time?!

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The Capital, Rongyue Mansion.

Lu Huaiyu had just come out of the bathroom. His hair was still half wet when he received the call from Shen Li.

He had just called her name when she asked in a low voice, "Lu Huaiyu, why haven't you come to pick me up yet?"

Her voice was very low, but the tone of her voice was slightly tense. There was also a hint of grievance that was not easily discernible.

The hand that Lu Huaiyu was using to wipe his hair paused for a moment, and his brows furrowed slightly.

"Ah Li, what's wrong?"

She had returned to Hong Kong City with Shen Zhijin today, and the Gu family was accompanying her on her birthday. Logically speaking, she should be in a happy mood. Why had she suddenly called him?

Especially, with such a tone of voice?

When Shen Li heard his voice, the tight sense of oppression finally eased a little, but the stifling pain remained.

She gripped the phone tightly, her knuckles turning white as she muttered helplessly, "Are you not coming?"

Yes.

Actually, she was not sure if he would actually come or not. After all, their relationship was not that close.

Why would he come over just because of a phone call?

But...

But if he did not come...

Lu Huaiyu rarely heard her speak in such a tone.

He turned around and opened the closet. As he took his shirt, he said, "Wait there obediently. I'll be there soon."

Hearing his words, Shen Li's heart finally relaxed.

"Okay."

Lu Huaiyu continued to ask, "Who are you with now?"

Shen Li shook her head.

“No one, it’s just me—”

“Ah Li.”

Shen Zhijin’s voice suddenly came from the other end of the phone.

Hearing his words, Lu Huaiyu’s heart relaxed slightly.

Since Shen Zhijin was by her side, there should not be too much of a problem.

Hearing this, Shen Li’s heart jumped, and she subconsciously looked behind her.

When she saw Shen Zhijin’s handsome and clear face, she was momentarily stunned. For some reason, she also felt a lot more at ease. The sense of alertness that she had felt all over her body had dissipated quite a bit.

However, her hand was still holding the phone tightly.

She hesitated, not knowing how to speak, her mind seeming to be a little muddled.

Shen Zhijin reached his hand out and said, “Ah Li, give me the phone.”

Shen Li did not move.

Shen Zhijin looked at her with a slight frown.

Her expression was somewhat similar to when she had gotten drunk previously, and she did not seem to recognize him.

Lu Huaiyu had roughly guessed the situation over there, so he coaxed her in a lowered tone of voice.

“Ah Li, give the phone to Teacher Shen.”

A hint of hesitation flashed across Shen Li’s face.

“Be good.”

Shen Zhijin was standing close by, so he could clearly hear Lu Huaiyu’s last two sentences.

In the next moment, as he looked at the phone that was slowly being handed to him, a dangerous and cold look flashed across Shen Zhijin’s eyes.

He finally took the phone. When he spoke, his voice was extremely clear.

“Lu Huaiyu.”

“Teacher Shen.” Lu Huaiyu paused for a moment. “How is Ah Li now?”

“She’s drunk.”

As expected—

Lu Huaiyu had vaguely guessed this possibility, but after hearing Shen Zhijin personally say it, he finally felt at ease.

“That’s good. I’ll be there soon.”

Shen Zhijin wanted to say no, but before he could say anything, he met Shen Li’s gaze.

He paused, and finally said “Hmm.”

At this time, Gu Tingfeng had also walked over.

“Ah Li, it’s very late. Would you like to go upstairs and rest?”

Shen Li looked at him with a dazed expression on her face, but then she continued to look at Shen Zhijin... the phone in her hand.

Gu Tingfeng frowned and asked in a low voice, “Ah Li is drunk. Does she not recognize anyone?”

Of course not.

At the very least, she recognized Lu Huaiyu, and it was obvious that she only recognized Lu Huaiyu.

Shen Zhijin did not say anything. With a calm expression, he returned the phone to her.

Of course, Lu Huaiyu had also heard what was happening on the other end. However, without bothering about anything else, he concentrated on coaxing her first.

“Ah Li, it’s late. Would you like to sleep for a while?”

She could not sleep.

She could not sleep.

Shen Li stubbornly shook her head.

“No.”

Lu Huaiyu withdrew slightly.

“Then be good. I’ll be there soon, okay?”

Only then did Shen Li nod.

“Okay. Then hurry up.”

After saying that, she ended the call and continued to sit on the sofa.

Gu Tingfeng’s eyebrows twitched in disbelief.

“She’s... really waiting for that kid from the Lu family to come over?”

After he said that, Shen Zhijin, who was beside him, did not answer.

Subconsciously, Gu Tingfeng looked at him and saw that Shen Zhijin’s expression was calm, so he did not say a word.

Only his eyes were filled with a faint chill.

The scene before him really reminded him of some very unpleasant memories.

Gu Tingfeng stayed silent.

This scene...

On the other side, although the people who had been paying attention to the situation had not heard the contents of the phone call, it was not difficult to deduce what had happened from Shen Zhijin's words and Shen Li's series of actions.

Very good. When she was drunk, the first person she wanted to look for was Lu Huaiyu.

She did not listen to anyone else's words and only listened to Lu Huaiyu's coaxing.

Amidst the silence, Gu Tingyun was the first to react. He smiled and said, "It seems that Ah Li and that kid from the Lu family have a good relationship."

Gu Siyang shivered.

Third Uncle had always been the best at showing off, but now he was not even willing to call Lu Huaiyu's name. It was obvious how serious this matter was!

Gu Tingchuan suddenly sneered.

"He's really good."

Gu Siyang pulled the two brothers and silently retreated.

So, so scary...

Old Master Gu said emotionlessly, "Lu Qishan is really good at teaching his grandson."

Gu Siyang began to search frantically in his mind for any evidence that he had ever had a close relationship with Lu Huaiyu.

They had only had a few meals together, and the rest did not seem to matter much, right?

At this level, wasn't he just a stranger?

Yeah, he didn't know him! He didn't know him!

Old Master Gu suddenly asked again.

"Who asked Ah Li to drink just now?"

Gu Tinglan's whole body stiffened!