

## Little Brat's 1071

### Chapter 1071: Try To

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly.

This was unlikely to be her first time going to Leland, but she seemed to be particularly persistent in asking him to take her there to have fun.

However, since the young girl looked at him and begged softly, of course, he could not refuse.

He held her hand tightly and stopped her from causing trouble. Then, he answered with a low chuckle, "Okay."

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After getting on the plane, everyone was still quite excited. One moment, they were talking about how they would deal with a certain team or a certain driver during the race, and the next moment, they were talking about the interesting places they would visit when they reached Leland.

Shen Li sat by the window, Lu Huaiyu beside her.

"Sister Li, I heard that there will be prize money for the top three teams in the World Championship!" Lu Siyu looked expectant. "Do you think we're capable of winning it?"

Ji Shu gave him a kick.

"If we don't get the bonus, what are we going there for? Do you really think this is some kind of holiday?"

Lu Siyu grimaced.

“The bonus for the team’s third place is seven million US dollars!”

Who would not be tempted by so much money?

Besides this bonus, the Domestic Racing Association also had other rewards, not to mention the commercial contracts that would follow.

In short, as long as they obtained outstanding results, the whole of LY would stand to make a lot of money.

Shen Li paused.

“How much is the first?”

Lu Siyu clicked his tongue and made a gesture.

“18 million, USD.”

Shen Li nodded. “That’s still alright.”

Lu Siyu’s expression instantly froze, and the rest of the people in the cabin also fell silent for a moment.

After a moment, Lu Siyu swallowed with difficulty.

“... Sister Li, what do you... mean?”

Shen Li said calmly, “The prize money is worth the trip.”

“...”

That's not what they were asking!

Ron tried to sound her out.

"Sister Li, aren't you going with the intention of the team... winning the championship?"

Shen Li frowned slightly and asked in return, "What else? I even asked the school for eight days of leave for this competition."

This was the first time she had asked for such a long leave since she came to Xijing University.

She had not even taken leave for this long for the previous Bai City Fashion Week.

If she was not going for first place, could it be that she was thinking of the elimination?

Everyone was speechless.

That meant that her eight days of leave was really expensive...

"My sister is right!" Gu Siyang was in high spirits. "It's no fun if we don't get first place. Besides, the prize money isn't important. It's mainly about the word 'champion'— it sounds good!"

Everyone was speechless.

Sure enough, they shouldn't talk about money with the Gu family!

"Hey, speaking of which, our coach's team got second place! Coach, how much did you guys get?" Someone asked curiously.

Wen Xiao leaned back in his chair and said lazily, "Ten million USD."

Everyone was in an uproar.

That was ten million USD from ten years ago!

Usually, this amount of money would be distributed according to the points each driver had contributed. In theory, no driver would get that much on their own.

But the key was... after they received the results, they got more than that.

Wen Xiao had been the driver's champion at that time, so there was no doubt that he had gotten the most. In addition, his signing bonus had been very high, and there were all kinds of endorsements and activities...

"Coach, you must have at least this amount in your hands, right?" Lu Siyu made a gesture.

Although he had retired in a rush and chosen to retire at the peak of his career, what he earned at that time must have been a very shocking figure. He must have at least achieved wealth and freedom.

However, after hearing these words, Wen Xiao's expression instantly changed.

He glanced at Shen Li, then simply leaned back, closed his eyes, and said irritably, "I don't have any money. So this time when you go to Leland, do your best, understand?"

At least he'd be able to count on his retirement fund this time!

Hearing his words, everyone was momentarily stunned before bursting into laughter.

If anyone else said that they did not have money, they would believe it, but if Wen Xiao said it, they definitely would not believe it.

But they still decisively agreed.

“Okay! Coach, don’t worry! I’ll definitely try to earn back some bonus for you!”

The flight this time would take seven hours. Shen Li took out an eye mask and put it on.

Seeing that she was ready to rest, everyone suppressed their excitement and stopped talking.

The cabin quieted down.

Lu Huaiyu looked at the young girl beside him and saw that she was tilting her head. He raised his hand to support her head and led her to lean against his shoulder.

The way she slept was as if she was still awake. She gently rubbed against his shoulder as she tried to find a suitable angle to continue sleeping.

The bright golden sunlight penetrated through the white clouds and shone in through the porthole, giving her a layer of warm light.

Her soft hair carelessly brushed against his chin, tickling him slightly. On her soft and fair cheeks, even the fine hairs could be clearly seen.

She breathed quietly and regularly. Her entire person was as well-behaved as a furry little animal and was extremely lovable.

Lu Huaiyu’s gaze slowly moved down and paused on her plump red lips for a moment. His eyes became the color of a deep, dark ink.

However, in the end, he only slightly bent his head and planted a gentle kiss on the top of her hair.

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After a long flight, their flight finally arrived at Leland International Airport in the afternoon.

By the time the plane was about to land, Shen Li had already woken up.

The atmosphere in the cabin was warm and the excitement of the team members could be felt in the air.

It was not only because this was the first time most of them had come to Leland, but also because they were here to represent China in the competition!

Young people always had great enthusiasm and expectation for these things.

Shen Li took off the eye mask and put it into her bag. Then, she looked out of the window.

The scenery below came into view. From the general outline to the detailed appearance, it was getting closer and closer.

The image that was hidden deep in the depths of her mind and the thought that she would never be able to find it again gradually overlapped. The colors became clearer and more vivid.

Soon, the plane landed steadily, and everyone got up one after another.

Lu Huaiyu looked at Shen Li and saw that she was looking out of the window, seemingly in a daze.

His heart moved slightly. "Ah Li."

Shen Li came back to her senses and turned around to look at him.

Lu Huaiyu's thin lips curved slightly.

"We're here. Let's go."

Shen Li put away her thoughts and nodded.

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One after another, the group of people got out of the plane and could not help but sigh.

"I didn't expect the Leland International Airport to be so beautiful!"

"Didn't they say that this is the art capital of the world? It really has a sense of design."

"Indeed..."

"But this place is too big. Which way is the exit?"

Shen Li raised her chin.

"Go ahead and turn right."

Gu Siyang, who was about to point the way, was stunned.

"Hey, Sis, you know it?"

Shen Li's footsteps paused for a moment, then she turned to the side and pointed.

"There's a signboard."

Gu Siyang and the others understood.

“Yes, yes, it’s over there. We can leave after we take our luggage!”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly.

When she had walked over, she had been looking at her phone and had not looked in the direction of the signboard.

Chapter 1072: Sunset

However, the others did not notice this and walked forward one after another.

Shen Li pressed down the baseball cap on her head, slowed down her footsteps, and walked behind them.

There were people coming and going at the airport. It was probably because their team was too eye-catching that many people were looking in their direction.

Ji Shu’s short silver-gray hair was very eye-catching. In addition to his originally rough and tough appearance, his entire body exuded an unrestrained and unruly aura, which made him even more eye-catching.

All the group of team members following behind him were tall and handsome.

Not to mention Lu Huaiyu, who was walking at the end.

He was extremely tall, with wide shoulders and a narrow waist. His well-fitted black shirt and trousers made his head and body look even more perfect, his clothes showing off the impeccable lines of his body.



His black hair fell over his forehead, faintly covering his brow bones, which made his eyes appear even more profound and dark, cold and ascetic.

What was more interesting was that he was holding a girl's hand.

The girl was slender and tall. She wore a simple white t-shirt, blue jeans, white shoes, and a baseball cap on her head. One could vaguely see that the lines of the profile of her face were exquisite and perfect, and her skin was clear and fair.

When the group of people came to the exit, the bus that Yang Tao had arranged to pick them up had arrived.

Everyone got on the bus and sat down.

The bus headed towards the hotel where they were staying.

It was the first time that most of the team members had ever come to Leland. They could not help but be curious and they kept looking at the scenery that flashed past the window.

Leland was indeed a city that was filled with an artistic atmosphere. The gothic-style cathedral was solemn and classical. There were crowds of pigeons standing in the square with centuries-old sculptures. All kinds of art galleries and museums could be seen everywhere.

The streets and alleys were filled with a rich historical and cultural atmosphere. The combination of long-standing ancient buildings and the bustling crowd created a very lively and beautiful scene.

Even Ji Shu and the others, who had never had much of an interest in such things, had to admit that Leland was indeed a city full of unique charm.

Although the seven-hour flight had been very tiring, the novelty of being new to the city diluted the tiredness. Some of the team members even raised their mobile phones and took photos of the scenery outside the bus.

Shen Li, on the other hand, put her phone away after sending a message to Shen Zhijin. She sat back in her seat and closed her eyes to rest them, as if she was not interested in these things.

Gu Siyang was introducing the scenic spots to Ron and the others. When he turned around and saw Shen Li close her eyes again, he asked, "Sister, are you not feeling well?"

Shen Li opened her eyes and shook her head.

Gu Siyang saw that her expression was normal and her eyes were bright. She did not seem to have any problems, so he was relieved.

He pointed out the window.

"Look, that's the Vito Clock Tower over there."

Shen Li followed his line of sight and looked over.

"That's one of the famous landmarks in Leland. From there, follow Phil Street all the way west and you'll reach the Victoria Velodrome. That's also the venue for the championship."

Victoria, which was the Spanish word for "Victory."

Giving the velodrome this name had a profound meaning.

Shen Li nodded.

Gu Siyang felt that it was a little strange.

"Sis, why do I feel that... you don't seem to be very interested in these things?"

Wasn't this her first time here?

Not to mention other things, seeing the venue of the upcoming competition should have made her curious and excited, right?

However, she had been extremely calm and collected from the beginning to the end, as if she did not care about these things at all.

However, the importance of the competition venue was self-evident, especially in such an unfamiliar venue. She needed to familiarize herself with and understand it as soon as possible, otherwise, it would very likely affect the final result.

Shen Li tilted her head.

"No, it's probably because I'm a little tired from flying."

That was true.

After all, it had been such a long flight.

Gu Siyang quickly said, "Then let's head to the hotel. Then you can rest well first. Shall we just train together tomorrow?"

It was already evening. This was the arrangement that they had already made anyway.

Shen Li nodded in agreement.

Yang Tao, who was sitting next to him, also smiled and said, "We're here today to get adjusted to our jet lag. There's no other mission. Everyone just needs to relax. July and August are the rainy seasons in Leland. There's a lot of rain, and the weather is always gloomy. It'll be much better in September."

Shen Li looked out of the window.

At this moment, they were passing by a bridge. The warm orange sunset was reflected in the river water, sparkling.

Yang Tao said, "Today is a sunny day. The sunset is very beautiful. Everyone should take a good look at it."

Gu Siyang had already raised his phone.

Shen Li leaned against the back of the chair, her expression calm and unperturbed.

After taking pictures of the scenery, Gu Siyang turned on the front camera of his phone again. He planned to take a selfie with Shen Li, who was sitting at the back.

"Sister, look over here. I'll take a picture and report it to my parents."

Shen Li turned her head to cooperate. There was a distant look in her beautiful eyes and brows and there was a hint of a smile on her face.

Click.

"Okay! I'll Photoshop the picture a little!"

After Gu Siyang finished taking the picture, he lowered his head and started to fix the picture.

After fiddling with it for a while, Yang Tao finally could not help from leaning over to ask.

"Master Gu, why is it taking you so long to fix this photo?"

He paused and looked at Gu Siyang, who had already obviously improved his appearance by several levels in the photo, in silence.

Well, with such a huge amount of work, it was no wonder it was taking him so long to fix it...

"To post it to the family group chat, of course, it has to look better!"

In Gu Siyang's opinion, this was the first time he was out "alone" with his sister. It was a rare opportunity, so of course, he had to cherish it. He had to show off more.

After that, he finally sent the enhanced photo to his family group, and at the same time, he sent a photo of the setting sun.

As soon as he sent it, someone immediately replied.

Gu Siqi: [ Wow! Cousin is really beautiful! But who's the person next to her? ]

Gu Sicheng: [ Cousin, is this the team member that you guys went to Leland to participate in the competition together? He's quite handsome! ]

Gu Siyang's face instantly darkened.

However, the brothers clearly did not notice his current emotions on the other end of the screen.

Gu Siqi: [ This sunset looks good too! ]

Gu Sicheng: [ Cousin, why didn't you send a photo of you and cousin together??? ]

A moment later, a notification appeared in the group: Gu Siyang has withdrawn a message.

Gu Sicheng quickly added: [ Cousin, why did you withdraw our cousin's photo? I want to see it! ]

Gu Siyang gritted his teeth and turned around.

"Sister, those two rabbits... I mean, those two brats asked you to send a photo."

Shen Li then opened the family group chat and saw a bunch of chat logs on it. She was silent for a moment.

Gu Siyang let out a long sigh and comforted himself.

"Forget it, forget it. I won't argue with them. At least the picture of that sunset that I took was beautiful!"

Yang Tao smiled and said, "Yes, in this world, a sunset on a clear day is indeed the most beautiful."

Hearing his words, two voices suddenly spoke at the same time.

"No."

The car was silent for a moment.

Everyone looked over at the same time.

Yang Tao's slightly surprised gaze swept over Lu Huaiyu and Shen Li and smiled.

"Oh?"

Chapter 1073: Sunset After the Rain

Gu Siyang also asked curiously, "No? This isn't it? Then when will it be?"

Shen Li's lips moved slightly.

She had been a little distracted just now, so when she heard Yang Tao's words, she had subconsciously answered. She had not expected to say it at the same time as Lu Huaiyu.

After a moment, she said, "I used to... I heard that the most beautiful sunset in Leland always appeared after a heavy rain."

Yang Tao was momentarily stunned but he could not help but laugh.

"It was Lu Er who said that, right? He said the same thing when he was in Leland."

Lu Huaiyu paused for a moment and tilted his head to look at Shen Li with his brows slightly raised.

He had not told her these words before.

The corners of Shen Li's lips curved, but she did not say anything. As if she was too lazy to explain too much, she looked out of the window again.

That's right.

These words had indeed been spoken by Lu Huaiyu.

In her previous life, during an interview, a reporter had asked him why he was particularly fond of Leland and would make time to go there for a vacation every year.

Lu Huaiyu had always kept a low profile and rarely appeared in public. He would never answer such a personal question.

But only that time, he had faced the camera and thought silently for a long time before giving an answer.

“It’s because the sunset after the rain in Leland is very beautiful.”

This answer had sounded official and even a little strange.

Who would like a city for such a reason?

Especially this person, who was the ruthless and decisive Lu Huaiyu in the business world.

Such a romantic answer was really out of place for him.

But she knew that what he said was true.

After the rain, in the evening, the soft gray cumulus clouds hung in the sky. The afterglow of the setting sun colored a large area with warm colors. Light shone out from behind the clouds, clear and clean, it was as if one could touch it with one’s hand and hold it in the palm of one’s hand.

She had seen it before.

Indeed, it was very beautiful.

Seeing that she did not speak, Yang Tao thought that she had tacitly agreed. He smiled and said, “It’s a pity that the rainy season this year has passed. The next half a month will be sunny. During the time that we are here, I don’t think we will be able to see such a scene.”

Shen Li said, “The sunny weather is pretty good too.”



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After another half an hour, the bus arrived at the hotel.

This was the nearest five-star hotel to the Victoria Velodrome. It was right across from the entrance so it was very convenient to go back and forth.

Other than LY, the other eleven teams that participated in the race had also checked into this hotel.

After Shen Li and the others checked in, they went upstairs.

Lu Huaiyu had a property here, but for convenience's sake, he had specially asked for an extra room, right next to Shen Li's.

Then, Lu Huaiyu pushed her suitcase and sent her to her room.

After swiping the key card, Shen Li entered the room first.

She took her phone out to take a look. It was already past six o'clock in the morning.

She frowned slightly.

Since they had set out in the morning, Lu Huaiyu had not rested for more than ten hours.

If it were anyone else, it would not be a big deal, but he was different.

He had to sleep every afternoon. Adding to that, he would also be experiencing jet lag—

She turned around and looked at Lu Huaiyu, who was standing at the entrance.

“Second Brother, you should go back and rest. I can handle these myself.”

As she spoke, she was about to pick up her suitcase.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows and observed her, his eyes filled with a sense of scrutiny.

“Ah Li.”

He pushed the suitcase to the wall, took her hand, and pulled her to him. He bent down slightly and asked with a low smile, “It seems like you care a lot about my sleep lately?”

#### Chapter 1074: Who Coaxed Who

In fact, it was not that she had not cared about it in the past. For example, whenever she contacted him, she would intentionally avoid his afternoon break.

It was just that... recently, it seemed a little more obvious.

Lu Huaiyu was smart, and he was always extra attentive to her. Naturally, he would sense that slight change.

Shen Li’s gaze met his dark phoenix eyes, and her heart began to beat harder.

Up until now, Lu Huaiyu had never mentioned his illness to her.

If he did not want her to know, then she could never know.

She took a step forward, held his shoulder, raised her head, and kissed a corner of his lips. She asked in return, "I care about my boyfriend. Is there a problem with that?"

The soft touch on his lips separated the moment they touched, but it left a small burning warmth.

Lu Huaiyu used the strong palm of his hand to hold onto her waist, pressing her tightly into his embrace.

Their bodies were pressed against each other, and their breaths could be heard.

He lowered his eyes slightly and looked at the young girl in his embrace. His thin lips curled into a lazy smile.

He did not answer her question, and—

"Shen Tangtang, are you bribing me in an attempt to get away with it?"

She would understand what he meant by asking, but she just had to give such an answer that did not count as an answer.

The young girl shook her head and said seriously, "No, Lu Huaiyu, I'm just coaxing you."

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly.

What a good-for-nothing.

He lowered his head and leaned closer to her ear, his voice low and gentle.

"Then... I don't think that your sincerity seems to be enough?"

He leaned in very closely, and when he spoke, his boiling-hot breath landed on the side of her neck.

She could not help but shrink away slightly.

“I didn’t... Um—”

The rest of her words were swallowed back. Only a faint moan escaped from her throat.

He did not give her a chance to explain herself. He opened his thin lips slightly, curled the tip of his tongue slightly, and lightly her fair and tender earlobe.

She could not help but tighten her grip on his shoulder. She wanted to say something, but when she recalled the sound she could not hold back just now, she bit her lips again with a red face and refused to open her mouth again.

Lu Huaiyu placed her in front of the hallway cabinet. He held her waist with one hand and the back of her head with the other, continuing to kiss her.

He kissed her very gently, very slowly, and very patiently.

He was even extremely focused and only kissed that spot.

However, her ears were extremely sensitive. He only touched her slightly, and an indescribable feeling of numbness emerged one after another.

What was even more hateful was that this man could actually have so many tricks up his sleeve for such a small matter.

Soon, she was utterly defeated, and her legs were weak. If it were not for his hand still holding her waist, she might have already lost her balance and slipped down.

She pushed him away, and the hand holding his shoulder became increasingly more forceful. His good-quality black shirt was wrinkled by her.

However, it was futile.

Lu Huaiyu nibbled her ear and comforted her as he whispered, "... Honey, I won't leave any mark on you this time..."

Shen Li's small face was flushed red.

Lu Huaiyu stepped back slightly and placed his hand on her forehead. He held her cheek with one hand and placed his thumb on the side of her lips. He pressed his slightly calloused finger gently on it.

He lowered his eyes and looked at her. Sparks seemed to be burning in his deep eyes. He was just inches away from her.

"Or... do you want me to kiss you somewhere else?"

Shen Li's body felt like it was burning up.

As he spoke, his lips brushed against hers, intentionally or unintentionally. They seemed to touch each other, but they were close and far away.

Ticklish.

He had done it on purpose. Of course, he had done it on purpose.

She could not help but bite her lips, and her pearly white teeth sank into her soft lips.

Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened.

He wanted to coax her to voluntarily come over, but he really did not have any restraint in front of her.

His Adam's apple bobbed, until finally, he took the initiative to approach her. His voice was hoarse.

"Open your mouth."

The sun was setting, and the light in the room had also dimmed. In the quiet space, only a few faint moans and deep breaths could be heard.

Two figures were close to each other, and the tall and straight figure of the man almost completely enveloped the young girl in his arms.

Only a pair of fair and slender hands were left clinging to his shoulders. From the initial push and rejection, they gradually embraced him, and the beautiful and soft fingers slowly sank into his neat black hair.

Time seemed to be stretched infinitely at this moment.

After an unknown amount of time, the doorbell rang, and a familiar voice was heard.

"Sister, it's time for dinner!"

Shen Li was suddenly startled. She seemed to wake up from the groggy and seductive entanglement and acted as if she was going to push the man that was in front of her away.

Being suddenly disturbed, Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened, showing a hint of impatience.

Seeing that the young girl was about to run away, he used a little strength and bit her lips, whispering, "... Tell him that you won't be going."

Shen Li felt the pain and let out a soft groan. Then she immediately glared at him.

She did not know that her cheeks were blushing furiously and her eyes were moist, and her thick, curly black eyelashes were damp. At this moment, she looked extremely seductive.

The fire in Lu Huaiyu's body burned even more fiercely. His eyes were dark. He scooped her back into his arms, held her waist, and pressed her against him.

Shen Li's ears turned completely red this time.

... It was too hot.

This was his silent and dangerous warning.

"Sister? Are you asleep?"

Gu Siyang called out again.

Shen Li had no choice but to say, "I don't have an appetite right now. You guys go ahead and eat."

Her voice was still covered with a layer of sand and a layer of sweetness, but the hotel's soundproofing effect was very good. Through the thick and heavy door, she could not explain herself.

When Gu Siyang heard her answer, he remembered that she had not seemed to be in a good mood the entire day, so he quickly agreed.

"Alright, you rest first. We'll go over first, alright?"

Shen Li felt slightly relieved.

"Okay."

Gu Siyang took a step forward and thought of something.

“By the way, Sister, I rang the doorbell in Second Master Lu’s room, but no one answered. He—”

Shen Li’s heart seemed to be gripped by something.

She did not know why, but both she and Lu Huaiyu were clearly in a relationship, so it was normal for them to be together. However, at this moment, in this situation, she actually felt a little nervous for some reason.

“Is he asleep?” Gu Siyang asked.

After knowing him for so long, he also knew about this habit of Lu Huaiyu’s.

Shen Li looked at the man in front of her.

“... Probably.”

Gu Siyang understood.

“Oh, okay, then I won’t disturb him for now.”

After saying that, he finally left.

After waiting for a while and confirming that he had indeed left, Shen Li finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Lu Huaiyu approached her and rested his chin on her shoulder. He could not help but chuckle.

“Shen Tangtang, why are you so nervous?”



Shen Li pinched his slender waist.

But this time, she only felt the man's tough and perfect muscles.

Lu Huaiyu grunted and tilted his head slightly. The tip of his tongue touched his upper jaw. After a moment, he gritted his teeth and said, "... I think you don't want to go out tomorrow either."

Shen Li immediately let go and looked at him accusingly.

Regret.

Now, she was very regretful.

This man really could not be controlled.

Lu Huaiyu carried her to the hallway cabinet. He supported her with one hand and cupped her face with the other. She accepted her fate.

"I was wrong, okay?"

She did not know who was trying to coax who anymore.

Chapter 1075: How Unlucky

Shen Li pursed her lips as she turned her embarrassment into an accusation against him.

"It hurt when you bit me just now."

As she spoke, she frowned slightly and licked the corner of her lips.

It was swollen, and— if he had used more strength, he might have broken through the skin.

Lu Huaiyu knew that he was in the wrong, but he really could not be entirely blamed for this matter.

After all, she was the one who had said that she wanted to coax him first, so he had to see some sincerity in her words.

Moreover, he had already been quite restrained.

However, it was obvious that he could not say these words now. He merely kissed her a few more times to acknowledge that this little ancestor of his had been wronged.

If she felt that it hurt now, he did not know what would happen in the future—

He stopped and kissed the space between her eyebrows.

“Does it still hurt?”

Shen Li stayed silent.

Lu Huaiyu picked her up and carried her over to the sofa.

“Are you hungry? What would you like to eat?”

He did not continue to pursue the initial topic, which showed that he had coaxed her quite successfully this time.

Shen Li leaned on his shoulder and shook her head.

"I'm not hungry now."

Lu Huaiyu placed her on the sofa.

"Then we'll eat later."

Seeing that he did not seem ready to leave, Shen Li felt a little strange.

"Isn't Second Brother going back?"

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyes slightly and looked at her.

Of course, he understood the subtext of her words. She was asking him why he was not going back to his room to get some rest.

He smiled and said playfully, "Now?"

It would be strange if he could still sleep at this time.

Realizing that she was the culprit, Shen Li said, "... Oh."

Just then, her cell phone rang.

She picked it up to take a look and realized that it was a call from Ronai.

She sat up slightly and picked it up.

"Mr. Ronai?"

“Ah Li,” Ronai’s voice sounded very friendly with a hint of a smile. “You should be in Leland by now, right?”

Shen Li was a little surprised.

“Yes. But... how did you know?”

The list of the twelve teams for the race had been released a few days ago. The news that she would be participating as the captain of LY had long spread.

However, not many people had known about her arrival in Leland today. She had not expected Ronai to call her directly.

“About that...” Ronai explained with a smile, “It’s because the hotel you’re staying in is under the Berkshire family.”

Shen Li did not know what to say.

She had almost forgotten about that.

Ronai was the person in charge of the Berkshire family. He was born in Leland. Although he spent most of his time in Bai City, this was his homeland after all. The Berkshire family still had a great influence in Leland.

“I’m still in Bai City. I’ll be going back to Leland to watch your match in a few days. By the way, after the match, you should take a good look around Leland.”

Ronai’s invitation to her was sincere so Shen Li had no reason to refuse.

“Okay.”

“When you have time, you should go to my gallery to take a look.”

Shen Li paused.

“Of course.”

Ronai was very happy to hear her answer. He reminded her to rest well and wished her well in her preparations for the competition before hanging up.

“Was it Mr. Ronai who called?”

Lu Huaiyu, who was beside her, also heard it.

Shen Li nodded.

A smile appeared on Lu Huaiyu’s lips.

“Mr. Ronai really likes you.”

He had taken care of her during their time in Bai City, and he was also showing concern for her now that she had come to Leland.

Ordinary people really did not get such treatment.

“He’s inviting me to visit his gallery after the competition,” Shen Li said.

This was not the first time that Ronai had invited her. She had declined before, but now that she was in Leland, there was no reason to refuse any longer.

Lu Huaiyu nodded in agreement and said with a smile, “Not everyone is qualified to visit Mr. Ronai’s private gallery. It’s indeed a rare opportunity. Besides... after the competition ends, it’ll be time to relax.”

As he spoke, he gently caressed her hair.

“There are many fun places here. It’d be a pity to miss them.”

Shen Li looked up at him, the corners of her lips curving into a faint smile.

“Yeah, I think so too.”

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On the first day they arrived in Leland, everyone basically stayed in the hotel to adjust their jet lag.

The next morning, LY gathered all its members and prepared to go to Victoria Velodrome to familiarize themselves with the venue.

Their cars had already been sent there.

Victoria Velodrome was huge, and its facilities were world-class. To be able to participate in an international race here was a lifelong dream for many drivers.

Even Ron, who had a calm personality, had a rare look of excitement on his face. The atmosphere in the team was very warm.

The velodrome was right across from the hotel, so it was very convenient for them to go there.

However, because the internal venue was not open to the public, only the official racers, substitute racers, a coach, and a manager in each team were allowed to enter together.

Other people needed to apply for special permission to enter and exit the racetrack.

Therefore, Lu Huaiyu did not go with them this time. He stayed in the hotel to deal with his company's affairs.

And because LY had two other presidents besides the manager, the responsibility of going with them fell upon Yang Tao's head.

Gu Siyang had originally wanted to go, but considering that the competition was about to start, there would definitely be a lot of things to deal with there. Yang Tao had been in charge of external affairs for the past few years, so he was more experienced. Thus, in the end, Gu Siyang had to bear with the pain and give in.

After all, there were only three training days left before the competition. He hoped that LY would try their best to seize the time and opportunity to adjust their state of mind.

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At eight o'clock in the morning, Shen Li and the others arrived at Victoria Velodrome.

Yang Tao led the team in the front and introduced the place as they walked.

"Victoria Velodrome covers an extremely large area. It can accommodate close to 100,000 spectators at the same time."

This was a top-tier racing venue in the world of racing. The scale was astonishing. Other than the live audience, there were also a large number of fans watching the television broadcast and the live webcast. The coverage was extremely wide.

"The 12 teams each have their own lounge. The 12 marked in front is our position."

As Yang Tao spoke, he pointed forward.

Everyone looked over and found that it was around the corner. Compared to the other lounges in front, which could be considered as facing the racetrack, it seemed rather remote.

When the drivers came out from there, no one would pay much attention to them.

“Ours is No. 12. How was this arranged?”

Ji Shu asked as his eyes narrowed slightly.

Yang Tao paused. Before he could speak, a mocking voice came from behind him.

“Of course, it’s been arranged according to the overall strength of the team. The better the strength, the higher the ranking. The weaker the strength, naturally, the ranking would be lower. So, you guys are from LY of China? Then... this lounge is indeed a good match for you guys.”

Ji Shu’s expression turned cold.

When the other team members heard this, their expressions also changed, and they turned around to look.

Only Shen Li heard this somewhat familiar voice, and her brows furrowed impatiently.

It was only her first day here, and she had not even had the time to check the condition of her car before she even met this person.

This was bad luck.

Chapter 1076: Who the Hell is He?



Ji Shu took a step forward and said coldly, “You’d better watch what you say.”

The other party sized him up from bottom to top and sneered.

“You’re the one with the best results in LY, the 61st-ranked driver, Ji Shu?”

There was no hiding the mockery in his words.

The way he said “the 61st”, especially in that accent, was full of disdain.

In fact, Ji Shu was now the highest-ranked Chinese driver in the world championship, and Ron was ranked 78 behind him.

They were also the only two Chinese drivers on the list.

Although their results were very outstanding in China, this ranking was not high.

After all, the drivers who came to participate in the world championship were all top drivers.

This was why LY had been given the lowest-ranked lounge— their overall driver performance was indeed much worse than the other teams.

If it were not for the fact that China already had a spot for a participating team, they might not even have had the chance to come to Leland.

“Isn’t that Crowe?”

Lu Siyu whispered.

Crowe was one of the top drivers in the world. He had been ranked in the top ten for three consecutive years. This year, he had even made it to fifth place. His strength was astronomical.

With such a result, it was no wonder that he looked down on Ji Shu, who was ranked 61st, and even more so, on LY, who was ranked first.

When Crowe heard this, he glanced at Lu Siyu with disdain on his face.

In the whole of LY, only Ji Shu was ranked the highest. He did not have any respect for him, let alone the others.

Then, he turned his gaze to the girl standing beside him with her back facing him.

She was wearing a blue and white racer's uniform and was holding a helmet with one hand. Her long, wavy hair fell behind her shoulders. She was tall and slender, clean and neat.

Even just from the back, the view was enough to show her heart-moving beauty.

His lips curled as he raised his voice slightly.

"Shen Li?"

There would be twelve teams competing this time. Out of a total of sixty racers competing on the same field, Shen Li was the only female racer among them.

After the competition list was announced, this incident had caused quite a stir in the racing circle.

No one had expected a female racer to be representing China in LY's first race. She was even the captain of LY!

Everyone's first reaction had been: 'Was there no one else suitable from China? Was LY crazy? They had actually found a 19-year-old girl to lead the team!

It was simply ridiculous.

This was really the only concern the other teams had about LY.

Hearing this, the girl finally turned around.

When he saw her clean and beautiful face clearly, a hint of surprise flashed across Crowe's eyes.

In fact, they had seen Shen Li's ID photo when the driver's list had been released.

However, seeing her with his own eyes, he realized that she looked much better in person than in that photo.

Her facial features were exquisite and perfect, her skin was clear and fair, and the cold temperament between her brows made her look even more beautiful and refined.

Even just by standing there, she seemed to be enshrouded in a thin layer of valiant aura that made people unable to take their eyes off her.

As Crowe was sizing up Shen Li, Shen Li was also looking at him.

The man in front of her looked to be in his mid-twenties. He was wearing a black racer's uniform. He had angular facial features with brown hair and blue eyes.

There were a few people standing behind him and they were wearing the same racer's uniform as him. They were obviously from the same team.

Crowe whistled.

"I didn't expect you to be so beautiful in person. It seems that you are LY's only attraction in this competition."

This short sentence completely insulted LY and Shen Li at the same time.

Ji Shu's expression immediately darkened.

"F\*ck you."

The other party did not understand his curse, but from his expression, it was not difficult to tell that it was definitely not a good thing.

The expressions on Crowe and the others' faces who had been lightly provoked also became dangerous.

"What did you say?"

Ji Shu moved to step forward.

"Ji Shu."

Shen Li stopped him and said calmly, "Why do you bother with such a person?"

Ji Shu looked over with a cold expression and frowned.

"Sister Li?"

The other party was already trying to bully them, so why should they have to endure it?

Shen Li reminded him, "If you gather a crowd to fight before the competition, you will be disqualified from the competition."

She had specially asked for eight days of leave to come over. She did not want to come here in vain.

Ji Shu clenched his fists tightly. In the end, he still listened to her. "I know."

Although the other party did not understand their conversation, they could roughly tell that Shen Li had persuaded Ji Shu to stop. They looked at each other for a few moments and became even more mocking.

Crowe looked at Shen Li again and smiled.

"I heard that you are also the captain of LY? I can't understand it, but do your team members... actually listen to you?"

When Shen Li heard his voice, she became more and more frustrated.

It had been three years, why was he still so talkative?

Moreover, listening to him say these things here, it was better to hear him shout in shock and panic when his car had crashed into the inner wall of the tunnel.

At the very least, he could still say that he was in high spirits.

"Why, are you envious?"

She said impatiently, "It's a pity that LY is full. There's no place for you."

As soon as she finished speaking, there was a moment of silence.

Then, someone on LY's side burst out laughing.

This sound seemed to have turned on a switch, and everyone burst out laughing together.

Sister Li ended up having the last say! A single sentence had almost choked him to death!

Look at how interesting his expression was!

Crowe's expression quickly turned gloomy and cold.

He had never expected Shen Li to retort back with such a strong attitude.

However, Shen Li could not be bothered to waste time with him. She turned her head to look at Ji Shu and the others.

"Let's go. Everyone, go check the condition of the cars. We'll go on the field to get used to it later."

Everyone replied in unison, "Understood!"

After saying that, Shen Li did not give Crowe and the others another glance. She immediately walked forward.

Just as she took a few steps forward, Crowe's cold laughter came from behind her.

"Since the competition hasn't started yet, enjoy yourself here for the next few days. After all, with your strength, it's already your great fortune to be able to come here once in your life and compete with us!"

Shen Li's footsteps paused slightly. She turned around and looked at him quietly with her dark and quiet eyes.

For some reason, at this moment, Crowe suddenly felt a chill crawl up his spine.

The disdainful sneer on his face froze slightly.

Then, he saw the young girl in front of him curling her lips into a smile.

“Mm, I also feel that this opportunity is quite rare.”

Who would have thought that she would have the opportunity to defeat him twice in this lifetime, and it was still so open and above board?

Just thinking about it made her happy.

Crowe did not understand why Shen Li was smiling, and he was momentarily stunned.

However, after Shen Li said this, she turned around and continued walking forward.

He cursed softly.

“Wait until the day of the race, there will be people who will regret it!”

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“Sister Li, the race hasn’t started yet. Isn’t it... not too good for us to be like this?”

A member of the team asked softly, “Crowe is ranked fifth on the driver’s rankings. I heard that there is another member of the World Championship Committee who is his uncle. If we offend him, then during the race—”

Shen Li's expression was indifferent.

"This is a public competition. No one can interfere. What's the point of worrying so much?"

In any case, she had already offended him a long time ago.

Besides, she had offended so many people. Who was Crowe compared to them?

Chapter 1077: Do You Think She's L?

No one knew what Shen Li was thinking. Seeing her calm expression, everyone calmed down.

Shen Li was the youngest among them, but she was also the calmest of all of them.

Lu Siyu and the others had talked in private more than once. They felt that Shen Li's temperament really did not seem like that of a young girl who was only eighteen or nineteen years old.

No matter what kind of trouble she encountered, no matter what situation she was in, she always seemed to remain calm.

As long as she was around, they felt reassured.

A group of people drove their cars out one after another and entered the race track.

Shen Li's car was at the back of the line, a beat slower than the others.

Wen Xiao came to her side and helplessly lowered his voice.

"Great-aunt, there are still a few days before the competition. Please take care of yourself. Especially since... Crowe is also here."



Shen Li nodded. "I know."

She had come today to check on the condition of the car, familiarize herself with the competition stage, and carry out the final pre-competition adjustments.

As for the other people and matters, none of that mattered to her.

Hearing her say this, Wen Xiao finally relaxed.

"That's good. I thought you would be affected by that idiot."

Crowe had verbally provoked her and the whole of LY. With her temperament, this matter would definitely not be easily resolved.

God knew that what he was most afraid of right now was that she would be in a bad mood. Once that happened, he really would not be able to control the situation.

Fortunately, it did not seem to be a big problem at the moment.

Shen Li said lazily, "He doesn't deserve it."

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Crowe and the others did not leave. Instead, they stood by the side of the field and looked at Shen Li and the others.

After their earlier explosive confrontation, their disgust toward Shen Li and the others had increased, even though they had not actually had much interest in LY earlier.

“They only got a pass to the championship because they were lucky. Do they really think they’re that powerful?”

“The highest ranking of the team’s drivers is only a 61. I really don’t know where they got their confidence from...”

“I guess they won’t be able to be complacent for the next few days. When the competition starts, let’s see how they can continue to have that arrogant attitude despite being ranked last.”

“It’s just that our captain doesn’t want to lower himself to Shen Li’s level. Otherwise... heh.”

“That’s right! Our captain’s temper is just a little too good. Shen Li may be pretty, but she really needs to be taught a lesson!”

Crowe laughed without care.

“Why bother with women—”

His voice suddenly stopped.

A few of the team members felt a little strange. “Captain, what’s wrong?”

Crowe looked at the figure on the track with his brows tightly knitted together. His heart seemed to be gripped tightly by something.

On the field, Shen Li came to stand in front of a pure black race car.

Then, she put on her helmet.

Looking at her back, she seemed so tall and thin, her whole body exuding an indifferent and cold energy.

Crowe could not help but tighten his fists.

This back view really made him unable to restrain himself from thinking of some very unpleasant past events.

As if sensing something, Shen Li, who was sitting in the car, suddenly turned her head and looked in this direction.

At this moment, most of her face was covered by the helmet. When she put down the windshield, only her dark eyes could be seen.

From such a distance, it was actually impossible to see her facial features clearly.

However—

At this moment, Crowe still felt a sense of déjà vu, an extremely strong sense of unease welling up in his heart.

It was as if... It was as if he had seen such a pair of eyes before!

And this back view also made him unable to restrain himself from thinking of a particular person.

“Captain? Captain?”

The people beside him raised their voices and called out a few times before Crowe finally regained his senses.

He turned his neck a little stiffly. “What’s the matter?”

“... Captain, what are you thinking about? Why are you in such a daze? And you don’t look too good either...”

The team member spoke tactfully, feeling a little apprehensive.

In fact, the expression on Crowe’s face could no longer be described as just “not too good.”

They did not know what he was thinking about. His face turned pale, and his lips turned white.

They had been by his side for such a long time, yet they had never seen him like this before. Something was really not right.

Crowe probably also noticed that his current state was not quite right, so he adjusted his expression.

“... It’s nothing.”

Since even he himself had said so, it was naturally not appropriate for everyone to continue asking questions. After secretly looking at each other for a few moments, all of them shut their mouths.

Crowe did not care. He only felt uneasy and looked back at the field.

The pure black race car had already sped out!

Crowe’s heart suddenly jumped, and the feeling of panic grew stronger.

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During the adjustment phase, everyone did not run very fast. In addition, it was their first time running this track, so their overall speed was much slower.

On the other side of the track, there were a few people looking over.

They were wearing red driver's clothing and were obviously from another team.

In the middle stood a young man in his late twenties. He had brown hair and brown eyes. He had a handsome face, and there was a hint of high spirits in his eyes.

He looked at the few racing cars on the track and chuckled.

"Doyle, is this the team you chose to coach before? It doesn't seem like... anything special."

Doyle was standing behind him on the left. When he heard this, his expression darkened.

"The others don't matter, but that Shen Li... you really need to be careful."

The two of them had a good relationship. It was just that Doyle was a little older and had retired earlier.

After being fired by LY, Doyle had returned to Leland and joined this team.

With his strength, he was definitely qualified to return to the racing circuit. Moreover, he already had a lot of connections here, so naturally, he had easily been able to settle in again.

"You're talking about Shen Li?"

He stared at the pure black race car for a few seconds and smiled noncommittally.

"I've seen the video of her racing. She's quite talented, but it's still far from enough to win a race here. Moreover, her team members are really limited."

Doyle paused for a moment and said in a deep voice,

“That was half a year ago after all... her current strength might be improved since then. In fact, I think she might even beat you—”

“Doyle, I know you went to China but, how did you become so timid and conservative? She’s just a nineteen-year-old girl... Her beat me?”

The man interrupted him and laughed again, but that smile was a little cold.

“Do you think she’s L?”

Chapter 1078: First Capital

Upon hearing this name, Doyle frowned and fell silent.

In fact, in the past few years, they had rarely mentioned that person or the match that night.

It was really not a good memory, and they had a tacit understanding not to mention anything related to it.

He was a little annoyed after Mervyn said this.

If Doyle had not mentioned that Shen Li might win against him, he would not have said those things.

No one liked to admit that they had lost.

Doyle paused and looked at the field again. Thinking of the previous few encounters with Shen Li, he still felt an unspeakable unease in his heart.

“But... she really does look a little like L.”

“You mean her back view?”

Mervyn responded as if he had heard a joke.

“That’s about it.”

Even though they were of different genders, it was a shame that Doyle linked them together.

As he spoke, he turned to look at Doyle a few more times.

“And... you’re really being a little too cautious now. Is it because you haven’t been on the field for too long?”

This made Doyle seem really timid.

Doyle knew what he meant, and his expression darkened.

If it were not for the fact that the two of them had a good relationship and that Mervyn was indeed stronger than him, he would definitely be angry to hear this.

“I’m just reminding you. After all, it’s always good to be careful on the track. Also, don’t forget that her coach is Wen Xiao.”

Mo Wen laughed.

“Wen Xiao? I know he’s good, but wasn’t that ten years ago? And I heard that he’s been making a living by running his own auto repair workshop all these years. Is such a person even worth your attention?”

There was a time limit to a racing driver’s career. A person could not always be at the peak. Moreover, Wen Xiao had not been on the track for the past ten years.

How good could the drivers he trained be?

Doyle wanted to say something but stopped.

It was difficult for him to explain to Mervyn. The reason he was afraid of Shen Li was because he had watched her race live.

When he had been coaching LY, he had watched Shen Li train. At that time, Shen Li had easily been able to catch up with Ji Shu and get into the top two positions of the team. She was indeed very talented.

However, when he saw her actually compete, he realized that he had completely underestimated her. Her strength was definitely above Ji Shu's!

In that race, almost everyone's attention had been on Ji Shu.

But in fact, Shen Li had been LY's biggest trump card!

The reason why she had not ranked in the top 100 on the racing board was not because her standard was not good enough, but because she had not participated in enough races!

From start to finish, she had only participated in the last rally race in the country.

This World Championship was the second race that she would officially be participating in!

She was completely different from when she was on the training ground, especially when she was competing.

At that time, when he had been at the scene, he had looked at the pure black racing car in a daze several times.



Even though Shen Li's level at that time could not be compared to L, he could not help but feel nervous.

Even he himself did not know how this could have happened.

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Shen Li finished a lap and stopped the car.

Ji Shu followed closely behind.

Shen Li got out of the car and took off her helmet.

Suddenly, she seemed to have sensed something and turned her head to look at the front right.

Two men in red race uniforms were standing outside the track, looking over.

Shen Li narrowed her eyes slightly.

Today's luck was really...

"Doyle?" Ji Shu also spotted the two people and immediately recognized the one on the right. "The one on the side seems a little familiar too..."

"Mervyn," Shen Li reminded him lightly.

Ji Shu suddenly understood.

"Ah, yes! That's him!"

Mervyn was currently the number one driver in the world.

In the past few years, he had won the title of champion driver several times in the major international races. Ral, where he was, was also an old-brand racing club in Leland with numerous honors.

Mervyn was one of the shareholders of Ral and also the captain of their team.

This championship was considered Ral's home ground, and they were also the favorites to win the championship.

Ji Shu had seen related photos and videos before, but this was his first time seeing him in person, so it was no wonder he had not recognized them at first sight.

"Why are they so free? Are they just here to watch us run laps?"

Ji Shu's eyes were filled with impatience.

He, as well as all the LY members, hated Doyle to the extreme. Even now, he still felt as if the sight of Doyle hurt his eyes.

Ron had already reached the finish line and was walking over.

When he saw Doyle and Mervyn in the distance and heard Ji Shu's words, he smiled and teasingly said, "Perhaps it's been too long since you last met. Do you miss him?"

Ji Shu turned around and threw a glove at him.

"D\*mn you, how can you say that?"

Shen Li's lips curled into an extremely shallow arc.

“I think what Ron said might be possible. After all... it has indeed been a long time.”

With Shen Li supporting him, Ron proudly raised his chin at Ji Shu.

Mervyn's gaze paused on Shen Li for a moment before he quickly withdrew it.

“Let's go.”

There was no need to waste time and energy on them.

Doyle took one last look at Shen Li before he turned around and left with Mervyn.

Although he did not say anything, Mervyn's expression was one of disapproval. Ji Shu and the others could clearly feel it.

In fact, it was not just Crowe and Mervyn. Almost everyone had shown the same attitude ever since they had arrived.

The Chinese team had been at the bottom for the past ten years, and the results and rankings of the drivers were in a mess.

It was no wonder that they received such treatment when they came to Leland.

“They haven't even gone on the track yet, what's there to be arrogant about!”

Ji Shu sneered.

Ron patted his shoulder and sighed.

“Brother, although I don’t like them either, they’re ranked first. They do have the right to be arrogant!”

Subconsciously, Ji Shu looked at Shen Li and sneered.

“... After this, if he can still keep his first place, it’s not too late to say that!”

Ron followed his line of sight and pressed his temples.

Shen Li was very powerful. This was indisputable, but compared to Mervyn, who was ranked first, there should still be... some difference, right?

Of course, such words to boost others’ morale and destroy one’s own prestige could not be said at this crucial stage before the competition.

But even if he did not say it, Shen Li could see it from his expression.

She laughed and nodded.

“What Ron said makes sense. Number One, after all, is number one. Of course, he has the right.”

Mervyn and the others should have understood this principle three years ago.

It had been so long. Hopefully, they had not forgotten this point.

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At the hotel.

In the room, Lu Huaiyu took out a bottle of ice water from the fridge. His cell phone suddenly rang.

He took it out to take a look and answered the call.

“Hello.”

A respectful man’s voice came through the receiver.

“I heard that you have returned to Leland?”

Lu Huaiyu replied with a faint “Hmm.”

The other party asked again, “Then, do you plan to come over this time?”

“I don’t have time over the next few days. Besides, I have not made such an arrangement this time,” Lu Huaiyu said.

The other party seemed to be a little regretful, but he still said respectfully, “Okay, I understand.”

Lu Huaiyu was about to hang up the phone when he suddenly remembered something.

“By the way, has Gambler been there recently?”

Chapter 1079: Blacklist

The man on the other end of the line was obviously shocked when he suddenly heard this name. He was silent for a few seconds before he finally reacted.

“No.”

Lu Huaiyu's eyebrows raised.

"Is that so?"

Hearing the half-smile in his voice, the person on the other end of the line tried to think quickly, but he still could not figure out his thoughts.

In the end, he could only ask carefully, "This... Gambler hasn't been here since he lost to you three years ago. Why did you... suddenly think of him today?"

Although it had already been a few years, whenever the name was mentioned, all the people who had experienced that night together could not help but feel their hearts tremble.

This moment seemed particularly surprising, since this sentence came from Lu Huaiyu's mouth.

"It's nothing, I just suddenly remembered," Lu Huaiyu said casually.

This answer made the other party heave a sigh of relief and said, "Don't worry, Gambler has been blacklisted since that match three years ago. The moment he reappears in Paradise, our people will immediately monitor him and report it as soon as possible."

Paradise was the largest underground casino in Leland, and all gamblers were welcome. However, Gambler was not in the scope of their welcome, and could even be considered as the customer they were least willing to receive.

That was because he knew how to count cards.

When Gambler had entered the casino with 10,000 US dollars, he had only played blackjack. That whole night, he had won all the bets, and every time, he had bet all of the money he had won in the previous round again. He forcefully increased the initial 10,000 US dollars by a thousand times, which had shocked the whole of Paradise.

If it had not been for the last game...

Gambler would have really become rich overnight, since he had easily been sitting on tens of millions of US dollars in assets.

Although it had not worked out in the end, he had still been dragged into Paradise's blacklist. Once he entered Paradise's territory, his every move would be paid special attention.

Paradise had its own set of rules. Gambler had broken the rules, so of course, he was not welcome.

In fact, at that time, he had been able to leave safely, which meant that Paradise had given him enough face.

As long as Gambler was tactful, he should not ever step into Paradise again.

Lu Huaiyu replied with an "Hmm." After hanging up the phone, he leaned against his seat once again with his long legs slightly bent.

The bottle of ice water was left outside for a while. The bottle's body was already covered with cold water droplets that silently slid down, leaving a small water stain on the marble table.

Of course, he had not asked because it had just come to his mind.

Previously, in Hong Kong City, the other party had clearly still not been convinced of his defeat.

The fact that Gambler had paid back his debt in advance that day was the best proof.

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According to his understanding of the other party, he would not just let it go.

He picked up the bottle of water to drink, and let the cold liquid flowed down his throat. The frost almost spread throughout his body.

He tilted his head slightly and raised his eyebrows slightly.

Gambler would come again, but he did not know when exactly he would come.

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In the next three days, LY and the other eleven teams took turns to train on the racetrack according to the arrangements of the Championship Committee.

During these few days, the teams got to know each other a lot better.

Of course, many of them already knew each other.

LY was the only one who received a cold reception.

The best training time was in the morning, followed by the evening because the temperature and light conditions were good.

However, LY's training times were always arranged to be at noon.

It was still very hot in September in Leland. It was a test for the drivers to wear the driver's uniform and helmet to train at this time.

Yang Tao went to complain once, but was ultimately rejected.



LY was ranked last among the twelve teams, and it had been too many years since the Chinese region had shown any results. Everyone thought that they were the same as the Chinese representatives who had come to participate in the competition before. They came here only to “focus on their participation.”

In the end, it was still Wen Xiao who said that since this was the arrangement, they would practice like this. After all, it was not like they had never practiced in this kind of environment before.

Wen Xiao did this not because he was afraid of getting into trouble, but because he could not be bothered.

He had always followed one principle: in the competition, as long as you were outstanding, the first place that belonged to you would still belong to you, and vice versa.

Of course, he knew what was going on, but he did not want to care.

In fact, after he came to Leland, he did not even show much care for his team members.

Every time he trained, he would stand outside the track and watch them do their runs on their own with his arms crossed.

After they finished, he would just give a few cursory notes, then lead the team back to the hotel to allow them to rest.

There was no meeting, either big or small.

Just like that, three days passed. On the fourth day, everything went along as usual.

Looking at the number of cars speeding past on the track, Yang Tao thought for a long time before finally speaking.

“Coach Wen, the official competition is tomorrow. Today is their last training. Don’t you have anything to say to them?”

Wen Xiao’s behavior seemed a little strange.

“What should I say?”

Yang Tao choked for a while. Sorting out his thoughts, he said, “Just... for example, technical advice, track arrangements, or even just a few words of encouragement?”

He was going to go on the track tomorrow. As the chief coach, why was he not nervous at all?

This was the team he had brought here.

When Wen Xiao heard this, he snorted and raised his chin.

“We’ve already said what we should have said during the training. There’s no need to waste our breath now. Just let them adjust themselves. Anyway, this competition is their competition. Whether they perform well or not, the outcome will be their own responsibility.”

Yang Tao was stunned, but he gave a helpless smile.

Wen Xiao was still the same as ever.

Although it had been ten years, he was still extremely proud and aloof.

Even at such a critical moment, he was still able to behave in such a carefree manner.

His temperament was really not something that few people could compare to.

“What Coach Wen said is true.”

He nodded in agreement and did not continue to persuade him.

As they were talking, Shen Li and the others had already completed the race and reached the finish line.

Shen Li walked over with her helmet in her arms. Ji Shu and the others followed behind her.

Wen Xiao snapped his fingers.

“That’s enough. Today’s training is over. Now, go back to the hotel and have a good rest. The race will officially start at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Everyone will gather at the race track at 9 a.m. Don’t be late!”

Everyone was stunned.

Speaking out of the corner of his mouth, Ji Shu said, “Coach, tomorrow is the race day. Who would be so stupid to be late at such an important time?”

He had not given any advice, and the only thing he said was... Don’t be late?

Wen Xiao stared at him coldly.

Ji Shu felt a chill run down his spine as he stayed silent.

Shen Li calmly added, “Back then, Uncle Wen was late. Fortunately, it didn’t affect the race in the end.”

Everyone was speechless.

As expected of him.

Sensibly, Ji Shu immediately changed the topic.

“Sister Li, after the competition ends tomorrow, shall we go out for a meal together?”

After the competition ended, of course, they had to relax.

Moreover, many of them were here for the first time. It was a rare opportunity, and they could not miss it.

In any case, they had already agreed that no matter what the result was, they had to go out for a good gathering!

The corners of Shen Li’s lips curled up in a smile.

“We’ll see.”

Chapter 1080: Need to Be Taught a Lesson

The next morning, at the Victoria Velodrome, there was a sea of people and a boisterous atmosphere.

As the top professional racing event in the racing world, this race had attracted a lot of attention from the very beginning.

The media from all sides had also arrived early and were waiting inside and outside the racetrack with their cameras.

Shen Li and her group had gathered and were heading to the racetrack together.

Just as they reached the entrance, they heard a wave of enthusiastic cheers from inside.

“Crowe! Crowe!”

Ron looked ahead.

“It looks like AMG has entered the venue.”

AMG was the team that Crowe was in, and they were also the favorites to win the championship this time.

Lu Siyu mumbled, “I didn’t expect them to be so popular...”

Shen Li said lightly, “It’s Crowe who is popular, not AMG.”

Lu Siyu was a little puzzled. “Huh? What does Sister Li mean by that? This... Crowe is AMG’s captain, what’s the difference?”

Ji Shu shrugged and smiled.

“Not only is there just a difference, but it’s a huge difference. Sister Li is saying that the whole of the AMG team is distracted and there’s nothing to worry about.”

Lu Siyu widened his eyes in shock.

He had heard every word Sister Li said, but why had he not understood what she meant?

Ron was stunned at first, but then he quickly understood.

“This year, Crowe is ranked fifth on the list of drivers, and he’s AMG’s best performer. The others aren’t as highly ranked as him, but there’s not much difference either. Especially since one of their team

members is ranked seventh, and his strength is about the same as Crowe's. But Crowe's popularity is high. His signing fees are also much higher than theirs."

This was all thanks to Crowe's rather handsome face. In addition to his flamboyant personality, he always did things in a high-profile manner. There were many people who liked him, and there were also many people who disliked him. He was the kind of person that you either loved or hated.

However, whether he was loved or hated still meant that there was still a lot of buzz on him. To a certain extent, this greatly increased his business value.

There were actually not many people who wholeheartedly supported AMG. Most of their fans could only be considered as Crowe's fans.

It was also because of this that Crowe became more and more assertive. The whole of AMG was practically under his influence.

Under such circumstances, the unity of the team was negligible. Naturally, there was no need to worry during the race.

Lu Siyu and the others all looked enlightened.

Was there actually... such a thing?

As they spoke, they arrived at the entrance.

As the team leader, Shen Li led the team as they walked.

This time, five people from LY were participating in the race. Other than her, there was Ji Shu, Ron, Lu Siyu, and Zhao Chenguang, who had improved a lot recently.

Yang Tao and the others could not continue to walk forward with them, because further ahead was the competition zone.

They needed to change direction and hand over the reins to them.

Gu Siyang clenched his fists and tried his best to suppress his excitement. "Sister, do your best! If you can win the championship this time, feel free to raise the conditions in your contract!"

Shen Li laughed.

"Sure."

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In the racing field, there was a hubbub of voices.

Countless pairs of eyes once again looked in the direction of the entrance.

"Who's the next team to enter the field?"

"It looks like... LY?"

As soon as these words were said, many people around quieted down and looked at each other.

In fact, it was not difficult to guess because out of the twelve teams, ten teams had already appeared one after another, leaving only two that had yet to appear.

One was LY, and the other was Ral.

This time, the venue was Leland, and Ral was considered the host. According to the rules, they should be ranked last.

Then, who should appear now was LY!

Just as they were thinking, a tall and slender figure wearing a blue and white racer uniform appeared at the entrance!

The six huge electronic screens scattered throughout the entire race track instantly showed a young and beautiful face.

Black hair, black eyes, snow-white skin, and red lips.

She seemed to have sensed something and raised her eyes slightly to look over.

Her clear black peach blossom eyes were calm and calm. When she looked over, they carried a sharpness that seemed to be able to penetrate through everything!

There was a moment of silence in the entire race track. Countless people's faces were filled with astonishment.

As the only female racer in this race, Shen Li had received a lot of attention from the very beginning.

It was recognized that she was beautiful.

However, at this moment, seeing her wearing a driver's uniform and holding a helmet on the field with her own eyes, one could clearly feel the indescribable impact of her beauty!

In this silence, Shen Li walked forward.

The other team members followed behind her.

This silence continued and gradually stretched, as if even the air was frozen, almost suffocating.



In the huge venue, there were countless spectators, but almost no one cheered for LY.

In the eyes of the vast majority of people, LY was not qualified to appear here.

Therefore, they used such a response to express their rejection and disdain.

Shen Li was beautiful, and the other members of the team were also very attractive. However, at the Victoria Velodrome, weakness was the original sin!

Crowe and the others, who had already entered the racetrack, turned around and did not hide their mockery.

At this moment, the deathly silence was a huge contrast with the noisy and lively scene just now.

“If I were a driver from LY, I would really leave in shame and indignation.”

Someone sneered, “It’s already so embarrassing to be thrown into this level, yet they’re still persisting in finishing the race?”

Obviously, there were quite a number of people who had this thought.

Lu Siyu and Zhao Chenguang both felt a little uneasy.

Just then, a burst of enthusiastic cheers suddenly came from the rear entrance.

Shen Li’s footsteps paused slightly, and she turned her head to look.

Ral was here.

As the team leader, Mervyn walked at the front, followed by Doyle.

They seemed to have noticed something and looked over.

Their gazes intersected.

The huge difference between the two teams was so obvious.

Mervyn shrugged at Shen Li and the others and smiled, clearly showing off.

Shen Li raised her eyebrows slightly. Her expression was indifferent and proud, and there was only a faint, cold smile at the corner of her lips.

It seemed that time could not change everything. For example, some people were still the same as before—

Owe, collect, collect.