

Little Brat's 1221

Chapter 1221 Wedding

The Capital.

17th of August.

In the morning, someone posted a picture on Weibo.

[I'm stunned! On the way to work, I found that the whole of Feng'an Street was occupied by a fleet of wedding cars! Whose marriage is this? It's such a big deal!]

The photo seemed to have been taken on a bridge. The sky was clear and the sun was shining brightly. On Feng'an Street, which was wide and straight, a convoy of several top luxury cars slowly drove by.

Feng'an Street was an extremely important main street in the Capital. It was long, flat, and wide. However, at this time, the convoy seemed to be even longer than this already long street.

As soon as the photo was released, it immediately attracted the attention of countless people.

[I saw this convoy too! I've been counting for a long time yet I still haven't finished! Most importantly, all of them were very expensive! Usually, I'm only lucky enough to see one or two of these types of cars on the roads of the Capital. Aren't these... a little too much?]

[Don't you guys know? Today is the wedding day of the second young master of the Lu family, Lu Huaiyu, and the young miss of the Gu family, Shen Li! That's the wedding convoy of the Lu family! It's said that there are 99 cars in total, and all of them are worth tens of millions. The wedding car in the front was produced by the Farley Group. There is only one of it in the world, and its price is unknown.]

[The Lu family of the Capital has requested a marriage, and the Gu family of Hong Kong City is marrying off a daughter. This is a marriage between two top-class families in the south and the north. No wonder there's such a big crowd. It's especially so because Shen Li is the only princess of the Gu family!]

Someone soon posted another picture in the comments section. On the huge electronic display outside a G&S storefront, there was a visual of a crown of thorns on the snow, and below it was a gilded 'NING'.

[Don't you guys know? In order to celebrate Ning's wedding, all G&S stores have changed their big-screen advertisements to visuals from her past showcases. From the "Flower and Moon" series to the "Embrace of a Star" series!]

[By the way, the fashion week that was originally scheduled for the middle of the month has also been postponed. It's said that the big shots of the Fashion Association will be attending Ning's wedding.]

[Didn't anyone hear that the Art Association's headquarters building is almost empty today? It's all because of the wedding. Tree's Shadow is Mei Yanqing's most beloved last disciple. With her seniority, more than half of the people in the art world have to greet her respectfully!]

[Hahahahaha, Lin Fengmian's fans already knew! Younger Brother has deliberately pushed back all the events for the next few days and has not even shown his face in public. Moreover, someone bumped into Director Liang Yue at the airport yesterday. She had been busy filming overseas, but she had specially rushed back. Director Ge has even applied for leave from the production team to return to the Capital a few days ago.]

[The person in front... Wait! Ge is the director. What will the crew do if he takes leave?]

[Oh, the crew will also be on holiday. Anyway, the film's investor is Shengguang Media.]

[Oh, excuse me.]

[I was wondering why I ran into a group of big shots from the Academy of Engineering and the Academy of Science at the Yishuijian Hotel. There are also a few top foreign physicists in there. I thought they were here for a seminar!]

[It's the Lu family's second master's wedding. Almost all of the top aristocratic families in the Capital are there, right? It's no wonder that the road from Feng'an Street to Boyue Manor was cleared.]

[When I passed by Boyue Manor this morning, I was surrounded by bodyguards in black suits. I could only look from afar, so all I saw was a sea of flowers that even extended a few kilometers outside the main gate.

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Boyue Manor.

The retro and elegant auditorium stood quietly.

The roses and camellias that had been air-flown over from Leland formed a dense sea of flowers.

The sun shone on the surface of the surrounding lake, making it shimmer.

In the hall, the bright chandeliers hung down and reflected the dazzling light, which complemented the champagne tower.

The fragrance of the flowers and wine intermingled.

The place was full of guests.

A tall and handsome figure stood in front of them.

He seemed to be particularly suited to the color black. The well-tailored suit on him made his broad shoulders and long legs appear even more slender and tall.

His black hair fell over his forehead, and his skin looked cool and fair.

The lines from his brow to his nose were smooth and perfect, and his eyes were deep.

Cold and noble, he truly looked like the snow on the mountain peak or the moon in this world.

“Next, let’s welcome the bride onto the stage!”

The emcee’s voice rang out.

He turned around.

The light in the entire hall suddenly dimmed, and then, a beam of light shone down.

The heavy door was slowly pulled open.

Everyone looked in the direction of the beam of light.

The entire hall fell silent immediately. At this moment, everyone seemed to be shocked by her unparalleled beauty.

The young lady was wearing a white strapless wedding dress. Her white and slender neck was like a swan’s. The skirt of her gown was fluffy, the long layers extending into a long train behind her.

Her long black hair had been styled into an updo, and she had a sparkly tiara on her head. She had a white veil over her face, so her beautiful face was only faintly visible.

When the light fell on her, she was even more dazzling than the light.

Lu Huaiyu’s dark eyes stared at her, and in that instant, his heart stopped for her.

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Lin Fengmian's long, slender fingers touched the black and white keys of the piano, and melodious piano music started playing.

He had dyed his hair back to black today. His long eyelashes were lowered, his lips were red, and his side profile looked exquisite and beautiful. The diamond earring on his left ear was bright, and it reflected the mole at the corner of his eye.

Ji Shu moved closer to Wen Xiao.

"Tsk, Uncle Wen, I used to think that Sister Li looked best with short hair. I only found out today that she doesn't."

Wen Xiao raised his eyebrows.

"You only just realized this?"

She was at her most beautiful today.

Shen Zhijin stood beside Shen Li.

He tilted his head slightly.

"Tangtang."

Shen Li held his arm and walked forward with him.

It seemed as if there was a whole galaxy on her dress which flickered with each sway of her skirt as she walked.

There was an intense look in Lu Huaiyu's phoenix-like eyes as he walked forward.

She was walking towards him.

He moved forward to receive her.

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As Shen Zhijin looked at him, his face was elegant and distant, and his eyes were clear and calm.

“Lu Huaiyu, I’ll hand Tangtang over to you today, but she’ll always be Yin Yin’s and my Tang Tang.”

Lu Huaiyu met his gaze.

“Don’t worry. I’ll take good care of her and love her.”

He reached his hand out to her.

“Ah Li.”

She finally took his arm and walked forward with him.

In the auditorium, light and shadow intertwined.

At first glance, the guests felt as if they were in the middle of the starry night sky of the universe, vast and bright.

They stood together.

Old Madam Gu’s eyes were slightly red, and Old Master Gu patted her hand.

“It’s a day of great joy, you should be happy.”

Old Madam Gu’s eyes were still filled with tears as she looked in that direction and smiled gently.

“Yes, I’m happy.”

Fang Yunyi raised her head slightly and lightly pinched Lu Zheng’s hand.

“Lu Zheng, did you see that? Isn’t my daughter very beautiful?”

Lu Zheng looked into her eyes for a while and laughed.

“Yes, she’s our daughter. How could she not be beautiful?”

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“Miss Shen.”

Lu Huaiyu held her hand and looked into her eyes.

“I used to think that there was no difference between day and night... until I met you.

“I used to think that everything in the world was pre-destined and that we should let nature take its course. There was no need to force anything to happen... until I met you.

“I see the stars shining bright in the night that passes by slowly and I want fate to return you to me.”

He put the ring on her finger.

“Mrs. Lu, please take care of me for the rest of my life.”

It seemed as if there were stars floating in her eyes, which were more brilliant than the starry night.

“Mr. Lu.

“You are the only star in my lonely night.

“From now on, please forgive me.”

Life was long, spanning across life and death.

It was at this point that they finally embraced each other.

Chapter 1222 Side Story 1: Newlyweds

The wedding between the second master of the Lu family in the Capital, Lu Huaiyu, and the young lady of the Gu family in Hong Kong City, Shen Li, immediately became a hot topic.

In fact, the entire area from Feng'an Street to Boyue Manor had been cordoned off. Hundreds of bodyguards were deployed at the wedding venue. The security measures were extremely strict, and not a single photo of the wedding venue was leaked.

However, this still could not stop the wedding from becoming a hot topic among the people.

On the related topic square, countless passers-by posted.

Some were taking photos of the luxurious wedding cars on Feng'an Street, and some of them were taking photos of the sea of flowers outside Boyue Manor.

That was until the official Weibo accounts of the Lu Corporation and Shengguang Media jointly posted a photo.

In the photo, both light and shadow intertwined in the solemn and retro auditorium, showcasing the perfect couple.

The man was dressed in a black suit. He looked handsome, cold, and abstinent, and his figure was tall and slender.

The young lady was wearing a white wedding dress, and the skirt seemed to be covered with starlight. The long train spread out behind her, and the tiara on her head was bright and resplendent. She was beautiful beyond compare.

She could be seen placing a ring on his finger as he looked down at her with a gentle and loving smile on his lips.

There was only her in his eyes and heart.

Among the cosmic universe, they embraced each other tightly.

As soon as the photo was released, Weibo was immediately paralyzed.

[Ahhhhhhhhhh! What kind of godly looks is this? What a dream wedding! It's so beautiful, it's just too beautiful... Oohhhhhh! I'm going to cry!]

[Oh my god, oh my god, oh my god! Big Sister is more beautiful than me! As expected, only a peerless handsome man like my brother-in-law is worthy of my sister!]

[I'm stuck! I got stuck on Weibo just now! However, this photo is enough for me to stare at my screen for a hundred years!]

[Oooooooooooooohhhh... Ning has designed so many haute couture gowns and I love every single one of them. But today, I finally found out that her wedding dress is the most beautiful one!]

[Really, anyone can tell how much he loves her just from this photo. This is amazing.]

[This is a Xijing University student's personal anecdote. Even though Senior Lu graduated many years ago, he came back to accompany Shen Li in class. I even saw them eating at the school cafeteria together. I heard from the Physics Department that he often accompanies her to the laboratory. As long as a man loves you, he will always spare the time and energy for you. [Spread your hands]

[That's nothing. When Shen Li was in her third year of high school at the Yunzhou Second High School, her family didn't care about her. So, Second Master Lu went to the school to attend the parent-teacher meeting on her behalf. Now that I think about it, he must have liked Shen Li back then and had been protecting her. He had just been waiting for her to grow up.]

[Let's go to Shen Li's fan page! It's like a collective New Year's Day over there! A big shot has edited their video, and that big Sister Carp is holding a lucky draw today!]

This comment quickly received a response from the public, and countless people quickly rushed to Shen Li's page.

A Weibo post by a blogger named "Dear Ah Li " had already reached the top of the hot search list.

It was a video that had been edited to include several photos.

On the sun-dappled campus boulevard, the man's jacket was on his arm while the girl was in her school uniform. The two of them were standing together. The man's head was lowered slightly and he smiled as he seemed to be saying something to her.

In another photo, people could be seen coming and going in a bright and colorful square. The man stood tall and smiled casually. The girl raised her small face as she accepted the small cake balloon from his hand.

In yet another photo, the exit of the airport was packed with people. The man was pushing a suitcase with one hand as he held her hand with the other as he walked forward.

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It's always been you.

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The comments and likes on this Weibo post skyrocketed. At the same time, Sister Carp's recent post was also pinned at the top of the Superchat.

[Is Carp Married Today: I am.]

There was a picture attached below. It was a cartoonish version of the photo.

Sister Carp had always been a high-profile fan. This was the first time she had made a Weibo post that was about something other than a lottery.

Oh, the lucky draw had been placed in the comments section, and the prize was so dazzling that it blinded everyone's eyes.

[F*ck!]

[Sister Carp, this lottery draw is worth more than all the previous ones combined, right? This is so extravagant!]

[I'm already tired of saying the word 'envious'. Please, please let me win a prize this time!]

[Sister... Carp?! This is the number one fan of Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu's romance!]

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The wedding was extravagantly grand. When Shen Li finally returned to the wedding room that night, she was exhausted.

She sat in front of the dressing mirror and looked at her blushing face.

She touched it with her hand, and felt that it was extremely hot.

During the toasts, Lu Huaiyu had blocked most of them for her. However, when Cheng Xiyue and the others were messing around in the nuptial chambers, he had urged them to drink some wine in the manner of a 'cross-cupped wine' which was by interlinking and crossing their arms. It was something they could both not avoid.

The sound of footsteps came from behind.

She turned around and saw Lu Huaiyu walking over.

He leaned over and put his arms around her. The smell of alcohol fell on her slender and fair neck along with his warm breath. His voice was low and lazy, and because it was a little husky, it seemed especially sexy and attractive.

"What are you thinking about?"

He had drunk a lot today. Yet, even now, his phoenix eyes were still dark and clear. He did not appear to be the slightest bit drunk.

Shen Li had known him for a long time, yet she had only found out about the high level of his alcohol tolerance today.

She thought about how she had once misunderstood that he had actually passed out after having just one glass. How naive of her.

“I was just thinking about the wine,” she said, “I thought you would help me change the wine to fruit juice in advance.

Lu Huaiyu was watching her very closely.

That was why she was surprised when she had smelled the clear smell of wine today.

Lu Huaiyu chuckled.

“Shen Tangtang, you have to be sincere when drinking in the style of a ‘crossed-cup wine’.”

She nodded in agreement and pulled his hand to cover her face.

“But isn’t the alcohol content of that wine a little high? I’m feeling a little hot.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“Is that so?”

She looked into his eyes and nodded seriously again.

“Yes.”

Lu Huaiyu asked, “If you’re feeling hot, you’ll feel cooler after you take off your clothes.”

She was stunned for a moment, as if she was thinking about the logic of his words.

He was not in a hurry, so he just waited.

Cheng Xiyue had specially brought that bottle of wine over, so he had known how strong it was with just one glance.

However, he had not asked them to change it.

Of course, he would not.

After a while, she said, “Alright.”

As she spoke, she lowered her head to undo the buttons on her cheongsam.

However, the hooks seemed to be particularly difficult to undo. She tried for a long time but was still unable to undo it.

She frowned slightly, feeling slightly depressed. In the end, she could only look up at him for help.

Lu Huaiyu’s gaze slowly swept across her.

Cheongsams always suited her, especially red ones.

She had a slender waist, and further down, under the hem of her shirt, her creamy white legs were faintly visible.

She was so fair.

He laughed, "Do you want me to help you?"

She pulled his hand.

"Second Brother?"

He looked at her with a smile and did not move.

She was a little anxious.

"Lu Huaiyu?"

He raised his eyebrows slightly and leaned over to look at her.

"Shen Tangtang, do you know how you should address me?"

She looked at him in a daze.

She had already asked him for help, but why was he ignoring her?

After a long while, she called out, "Brother?"

He pressed his finger on her lips and coaxed her in a low voice, "Call me hubby."

The tips of her ears immediately turned red, but she was feeling a little dizzy and she could not think so much. She could only open her mouth and obediently call out, "Hubby."

Her was soft and seductive.

Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened.

He wrapped his arms around her waist and lifted her up in his arms.

It was not until her back was pressed against his strong chest that she realized that something was wrong and started to struggle.

"My, my clothes... Didn't you say you would help me take them off? ... I'm hot..."

He cupped her chin and forced her to turn around. He kissed her soft lips and said in a hoarse voice, "Be good. Just wait a moment."

The night was long, and even the smell of the wine was sweet.

Chapter 1223 Side Story 2: Alcohol Tolerance

The bright sunlight flowed in through the window, casting a dazzling light on the ground.

Shen Li slowly opened her eyes.

A warm feeling came from her side, mixed with the cool scent of cedar and a faint sweetness.

Like a ripe peach that had fallen to the ground, with its juice splashed everywhere, a sweet fragrance seemed to fill the air.

She was still feeling a little drowsy and her head ached, so she frowned.

Sensing her movements, the man lying beside her, who had already woken up, kissed her between her brows.

“You’re awake?”

His voice was low and husky, sounding lazy and attractive.

Subconsciously, she snuggled into his arms and answered in a soft, seductive voice, “Yes...”

With just this movement, she felt a soreness and pain all over her body.

She immediately frowned.

It hurt!

Her entire body felt as if it had been repeatedly taken apart and crushed repeatedly. It even hurt to move her fingers.

She finally found a trace of rationality.

Lu Huaiyu heard her gasp and placed a hand on her waist.

“Does it hurt?”

She nodded and looked up at him with an aggrieved expression.

When that pure, noble, and cold face appeared before her, she was momentarily stunned before she suddenly remembered something.

The scenes from last night came rushing back into her mind!

Her face suddenly turned red!

“Lu Huaiyu!”

This man was really...

Lu Huaiyu’s brows raised slightly.

“Yes, I’m here.”

She immediately tried to sit up, but as soon as she moved, she felt a soreness in her waist and fell back down.

Lu Huaiyu chuckled.

“Are you getting up?”

Shen Li clutched the blanket tightly with one hand and pointed at him with the other. Even her ears were red.

“You!”

Lu Huaiyu sat up, his gaze falling on her white, tender finger.

Shen Li’s mind exploded, and the images became even clearer. She immediately withdrew her hand as if she had been scalded!

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“It looks like you didn’t lose your memory this time?”

Shen Li’s eyebrows twitched, and she retorted without thinking, “No! I don’t remember anything!”

“Is that so?”

Lu Huaiyu put his hand to his side, as if he did not really believe it.

Shen Li quickly realized that her words were not convincing enough.

If she really could not remember anything, why would her reaction be so big now?

However, it was impossible for her to admit that she did!

She gritted her teeth.

“I... I really did forget everything! I don’t remember a thing!”

Because she had cried out a long time the night before, her voice was still a little hoarse. Moreover, her whole body was feeling sore and weak, so even her protestations sounded soft and sweet.

Not to mention that her small face was red, her peach blossom eyes were dark and lustrous, and the corners of her eyes were a little red, as if her tears were about to fall.

It did not deter him at all.

A faint smile appeared on Lu Huaiyu’s face.

“Well, it doesn’t matter even if you forget. You’ll have plenty of opportunities to learn in the future. You’ll be able to remember it after you do it a few more times.”

“ ... ”

She realized that it had been a huge mistake for her to try to compete with him in this aspect.

She took a deep breath and glared at him.

“You did that on purpose!”

It was not a question, but an affirmation.

Although her alcohol tolerance was very low, after having drunk it a few times, she would not become drunk now from just one drink unless the alcohol content was too high.

How could Lu Huaiyu not know that?

But yesterday, he had even pretended to say...

“Didn’t I only let you drink one cup?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled and hugged her as he kissed her on the lips.

“Does your head still hurt badly?”

In fact, after the initial period, it was not that painful anymore.

However, she was still unable to accept it for the moment, so she could only keep silent as she blushed.

Lu Huaiyu knew her too well, including her alcohol tolerance.

Seeing her like this, he immediately understood the general situation.

He cupped her face and chuckled.

“You can drink and forget at any other time, but on this day... you can’t.”

It took Shen Li a while to understand what he meant, and her eyes slowly widened.

In other words, this man had deliberately let her drink until she was somewhere between being half-drunk and half-alert!

She had been drunk, but not completely unconscious.

She had been sober, but the fine line between being sober and drunk had gradually been eroded.

He pressed his forehead against hers, his scorching breath falling upon her. His voice was even lower as he laughed and coaxed, “Actually, I was a little drunk yesterday too.”

Shen Li placed both her hands on his chest. She did not believe a single word that this man said.

“It’s true,” said Lu Huaiyu sincerely.

“You should know how much I drank.”

Only then did Shen Li cast a dubious look upon him.

Lu Huaiyu had indeed drunk a lot yesterday.

Even though he had not looked drunk at all, it was impossible to say that he had not been affected at all after drinking so much.

He had been in high spirits last night.

Seeming to have thought of something, Shen Li blushed even more furiously. She turned her head away and refused to look at him.

She was still not mentally prepared to face this man in the usual manner after what had happened the night before.

Lu Huaiyu knew that she was easily embarrassed, so he caressed her waist with one hand.

“Do you want me to give you a massage?”

How could this be something that she could recover from with just a simple massage?

She was even more embarrassed.

“Well, why didn’t you just treat me more gently?!”

Lu Huaiyu thought about it seriously for a moment.

“That’s a little difficult.”

“...”

Another memory assailed her and her little face scrunched up.

“I still have to go back to the Lu family home today!”

Lu Huaiyu knew what she was worried about. He gave her a peck on her soft cheek to comfort her before gathering her up in his arms.

She wanted to struggle, but she did not have any strength left, so she could only let him do as he pleased.

As Lu Huaiyu held her in his arms, his eyes swept over her neck.

“There shouldn’t be any problems.”

He carried her to the bathroom and raised his chin.

“Isn’t it?”

Shen Li looked into the mirror.

The girl in the mirror had red cheeks, bright eyes, and a few red marks on her neck.

However, compared to the marks he had made in the past, it was much more restrained. She should be able to cover it with some concealer.

Although Lu Huaiyu had gone crazy yesterday, he still cared about her the most. Knowing that she still had to meet people the next day, he had been particularly careful in this area.

However, further down...

She immediately covered it and gritted her teeth.

“Lu Huaiyu!”

This man was never willing to suffer losses. If he let go of one place, he would naturally take it back elsewhere.

In fact, the further down she looked, the worse it was.

Not only had he gotten back his capital, but the interest had doubled.

Lu Huaiyu helped her lift the straps of her nightdress, but the two thin shoulder straps hung on her slender shoulders, making her look very helpless.

He hugged her and coaxed her for a while. He helped her brush her teeth, wash her face, and fed her. Only then was he done coaxing her.

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The Lu family home.

The atmosphere at the dinner table was joyous and harmonious.

A thought suddenly came to Old Master Lu's mind and chuckled, "By the way, Ah Li, do you remember the prize I won on Weibo? Have you thought of where you would like to go?"

He was talking about the family luxury tour.

Shen Li paused and looked up at Fang Yunyi, who was sitting with her back straight.

"Not yet."

Old Master Lu said excitedly, "I've thought of a few places! How was Bai City? Although you've been there before, it was all for fashion week and so on. You probably didn't have the time to enjoy the place. It's a good opportunity now... Oh right, I heard that you have a few wineries over there as well?"

Old Master Lu was quite fond of drinking, and he was a little excited at the mention of this.

"Since everyone will be with you, especially Huaiyu, you can train your alcohol tolerance!"

Shen Li started coughing.

Chapter 1224 Side Story 3: Princess Ah Li and the Little Princess

Everyone at the table looked over.

Fang Yunyi quickly asked, "Ah Li, are you okay?"

Lu Huaiyu's warm and strong palm fell on her back, stroking her gently.

Shen Li's face turned red and she waved her hand, "I-I'm fine..."

Lu Huaiyu waited for her to finally calm down before he raised his thin lips and said, "Grandpa, alcohol tolerance isn't something that can be trained in a day or two. It needs to be done step by step, don't you think?"

He paused, filled her cup with water, and handed it to her before adding, "Also, you have to take Ah Li's health into consideration. It's not good to drink too much at once or too often."

Shen Li was speechless.

Under the table, she used her foot to step hard on his foot.

Lu Huaiyu paused his movements to raise an eyebrow at her.

Her eyes were fixed on the cup in front of her, and her ears had turned red. The stomp she gave him seemed to be so weak that she did not know if it came across as a threat... or an alluring move.

When Old Master Lu saw Shen Li's face was flushed from coughing, he felt his heart ache. He nodded, "Right! Right! Huaiyu's words make sense!"

Everyone in the family knew that Ah Li could not hold her liquor well. It really depended on one's physique and experience.

Originally, he had thought that everyone could go on a trip together where Ah Li could practice, but seeing how nervous she was at the mention of drinking, how could he bear to pursue this any idea further?

"Actually, it's fine. If Ah Li doesn't like it, then you shouldn't drink! In any case, Huaiyu is here, just let him help you block it!"

She was the daughter-in-law of the Lu family and the little princess of the Gu family. Unless she was willing, who had the right to persuade her to drink?

"I've heard that the scenery in Bai City is very beautiful in autumn. I'll look up a strategy guide first, then we'll go together? "

Although Old Master Lu wanted to have a family vacation, he still planned to give them some time for their honeymoon considering that they were newly married.

At this point, Shen Li obviously had no way to resist.

She took a sip of water to moisten her throat and nodded obediently.

"I'm fine with anything. I'll go with Grandpa's suggestions."

When Old Master Lu heard her say this, he was extremely happy.

“Alright! Ah Li, you don’t know this, but I won the lottery again!”

Everyone at the table fell silent for a moment.

Shen Li paused, then slowly looked up and smiled.

“Is that so?”

“Yup! It was from the same person! You know that big fan of yours, right? She organized a lucky draw recently, and I won the second prize!”

Old Master Lu felt that his luck at winning the lottery was really good, especially after he had become a fan of Ah Li.

“It must be thanks to Ah Li! Oh right, the prize should be sent to our house in two days. The only pity is that it’s not the first prize. I heard that there were surprise eggs in the gift box set for the first prize!”

However, the second prize was already very good. Old Master Lu merely sighed as he looked at her earnestly.

“I’ll show it to you when I’ve received it.”

Ever since Shen Li had discovered the bookmark, Old Master Lu had decided to go all out and began to openly collect the cartoon Ah Li merchandise at home. Cups, pillows, postcards, and so on, all with the cartoon Ah Li printed on them could be seen everywhere.

Shen Li had wanted to reject him, but when her gaze met Old Master Lu’s eyes that were filled with anticipation, she changed her mind and changed the words that were about to come out of her mouth.

“Anything is fine, as long as it’s convenient for you.”

Convenient?

Every day was convenient for him!

Old Master Lu mumbled, “However, I don’t know what the surprise egg is. It seems like only that set has it. I don’t know if I’ll have another chance to win it again in the future.”

Many people were speculating, but Sister Carp had returned to her usual noble and cold demeanor and was unwilling to reveal anything.

Old Master Lu was anxiously waiting.

“Yunyi, look, I told you to pay more attention to Ah Li’s Weibo page! You use Weibo anyway, so you should repost it. Maybe you’ll win the lottery next time!”

Fang Yunyi coughed lightly.

“Dad, I’m not as lucky as you when it comes to winning.”

As she spoke, she picked up a piece of sweet and sour fish for Shen Li.

“Ah Li, please try this. I made it myself!”

Shen Li looked at the sweet and sour fish in the bowl, which was definitely beautiful and fragrant, and a touch of surprise flashed across her face.

She had seen Fang Yunyi’s cooking skills, which were on par with Elder Yu’s.

But now—

She picked up the sweet and sour fish and ate it.

Fang Yunyi looked at her with excitement and anticipation.

“How is it? How is it?”

Shen Li looked up, with her bright peach-shaped eyes curved into a beautiful arc.

“It’s delicious. Thank you, Mom.”

Fang Yunyi felt as if her heart had exploded.

“Ah!”

She was so cute!

She took a light breath and tried to put on a dignified smile.

“It’s good that Ah Li likes it. I learned this sweet and sour fish recipe from a food blogger on the Internet. It’s very simple. Since I had the time, I studied the recipe and attempted to make it today. I didn’t expect to succeed in one try.”

As she spoke, she pushed back the loose strands of hair by her ear. Then, calmly and nonchalantly, she then continued to speak.

“There’s also beef with celery, cumin lamb chops, and shrimp congee with abalone and apricot mushrooms. Ah Li, please have a taste of all of them.”

Shen Li's lips curved.

"Alright," she said.

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After lunch, Shen Li was dragged by Old Master Lu to play chess.

"Ah Li, Mei Yanqing said that you used to play chess with him. If you were him, what would he do?"

Old Master Lu pointed at the chessboard that had already been set up.

Shen Li took a look and was silent for a moment.

It looked like this was where Old Master Lu had lost previously...

She picked up a chess piece, and after thinking for a moment, she placed it.

Old Master Lu came to a realization.

"Argh! So it was this! Why didn't I think of— Cough!"

He then looked at Shen Li guiltily. She probably had not heard it, had she?

Lu Huaiyu pinched the bridge of his nose and got up to help her get some juice.

However, after walking for a while, he heard Fang Yunyi's voice from behind the screen.

“Lu Zheng! Did you hear that? Did you hear that? My daughter said it was delicious! She even said “Thank you, Mom”!”

Her efforts all this time had not been in vain!

Lu Huaiyu stopped in his tracks.

Following that, she heard Lu Zheng say with a smile, “Yes, hard work can make up for it,”

Fang Yunyi clutched her chest, but she did not hear the teasing tone in his words.

“I’m going to cook for her for the rest of her life!”

The two men on either side of the screen fell silent at this.

Lu Huaiyu walked over.

Fang Yunyi and Lu Zheng both looked over at him.

Lu Huaiyu restrained himself and said, “Mom, let me remind you again. That’s my wife.”

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Fang Yunyi was unconcerned about her son’s reminder.

What a joke. How could he control her daughter?

In her high heels, she walked around the screen, looking like the noble and beautiful Mrs. Lu again.

“Ah Li.”

She walked toward Shen Li with a bag in her hand.

“I saw a loose diamond a while ago, and it should be delivered here soon. When do you have time to go and pick a design with the designer? Or maybe you can design it yourself.”

As she spoke, she took out her phone from her bag.

“Let me show you the photo first...”

Thud.

Something had fallen out.

Shen Li looked over and her eyebrows twitched.

It was a car key, but the main point was the keychain hanging on it.

It was a figure of Ah Li in a princess dress.

But that was not the main point.

The main point was that Ah Li was wearing a princess dress with a small crown on her head. She was also holding another hand...

The hand of another tiny princess.

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Silence.

The air seemed to have frozen at this moment.

Shen Li did not know if she should continue to place the chess piece in her hand.

Fang Yunyi clenched her small handbag.

Lu Huaiyu slowly raised his brows.

Lu Zheng closed his eyes.

Only Old Master Lu was stunned as he stared at the exquisite and beautiful figurine that had fallen to the ground.

“Yunyi, is that... Ah Li?”

Fang Yunyi was silent for a moment, then she took a deep breath and immediately picked up the keychain, revealing an elegant and dignified smile.

“I believe you’re mistaken.”

As she spoke, she was about to put the keychain back into her bag.

Old Master Lu quickly said, “Hey! Don’t worry, I’m pretty sure that’s Ah Li!”

How could he not recognize his own granddaughter-in-law?

Besides, as an experienced collector of Ah Li’s surroundings, he could tell at a glance that it was Ah Li.

“Yunyi, let me see it.”

As he spoke, he reached out his hand.

At this point, there was no other way.

Fang Yunyi took a deep breath and handed the keychain over.

Old Master Lu held it in his hand and examined it carefully. He laughed and said, “You see! I knew it! This is Ah Li! Eh, but even I haven’t seen this one before! Yunyi, where did you get this?”

He was definitely the one who had collected the most merchandize of Ah Li in the super chat. He had collected almost everything that had appeared before.

However, this was the first time he had seen this particular item.

Fang Yunyi did not speak.

The more Old Master Lu looked at it, the more he liked it. He could no help but sigh, “And yours just looks so good! Look at this crown! This dress! This hair! And this little kid...”

He suddenly stopped speaking.

A new round of deathly silence fell upon the room, and it was even worse than before.

Then, Old Master Lu slowly and stiffly turned to look at Fang Yunyi. After hesitating for a moment, he asked, “Are you... Sister Carp?”

Fang Yunyi’s breath seemed to stop for a few seconds.

But in the end, she still decided to save herself.

“Dad,” he said.

She pushed her hair behind her ear and smiled elegantly.

“Weren’t you always curious about the surprise in the first prize box? Here, it’s in your hands! You think it’s very good as well, don’t you?”

Everyone was stunned.

Shen Li quietly put the chess piece back into the chess jar.

She really could not continue this game anymore...

Old Master Lu had not expected her to admit it so easily. Also, he had not expected that the Sister Carp who could call the wind and summon the rain in Shen Li’s name was actually Fang Yunyi.

The impact of this discovery was too great for him. So much so, that he could not recover from the shock, even after some time.

If it had been anyone else, they probably would not know how to continue in such a situation.

However, Fang Yunyi was still Fang Yunyi.

It only took her a few seconds to adjust her state of mind quickly.

After she answered Old Master Lu’s question, she looked at Shen Li first.

“Ah Li.”

She coughed lightly and said in a gentle tone, “Please don’t misunderstand. Mom is definitely not trying to push you into having a baby yet! I just think that this princess dress suits you very well!”

Shen Li’s gaze silently swept across the two little princesses who were holding hands.

These words did not seem to be very convincing.

Fang Yunyi seemed to have realized this as well. She quickly walked in front of her and held her face.

“Our Ah Li is still so young. There’s no hurry, really!”

Fang Yunyi felt like crying.

Thousands of wise men had been destroyed in one fell swoop!

How much effort had she put in to protect her character?

She had kept a set of all the special items that she had used for the lottery draws.

Worried that she would be found out, she had even arranged for someone to clear out a house to store those things and had never brought those things here. She had been especially careful.

But this time, she really had not been able to hold back.

Wasn’t Ah Li already married today?

—It was done!

She had not been able to stop herself from thinking of Ah Li and a mini... a mini Ah Li!

Hence, this figurine had been created.

After she had gotten it, she had liked it so much that she could not bear to remove it immediately. Who knew that she would be discovered so soon?

Shen Li could only nod her head when she saw the expression on her face.

Yes, she believed it. She really did believe it.

Only then did Fang Yunyi relax a little. She was worried that she would overthink things, so she added in a serious tone, "Ah Li, don't worry. In our family, boys and girls will be considered the same! They're all little babies, after all!"

It had not been easy to bring this daughter into the house, so how could she give her any pressure?

Lu Yang's heart skipped a beat.

He had never heard such words from her mouth in his life. Today, he had truly learned something new.

Shen Li could only nod again.

"Yunyi."

Old Master Lu looked over and said faintly, "So, it was because of you that I always won..."

Fang Yunyi said seriously, "Absolutely not! Dad, my lucky draws were all very fair! You always reposted a lot each time, so naturally, your chances of winning were high. As for the top three prizes in the comments section, you won them every time because you praised Ah Li so well-"

"Ahem!"

Old Master Lu forcefully coughed.

"That... that... there's no need to go into detail. I'm just quite... quite surprised..."

At first, Old Master Lu had wanted to ask her why she had been so secretive about this matter. Every time he had mentioned Weibo, she would say that she did not understand it.

However, after thinking about the situation on Weibo, Old Master Lu felt that it was better not to ask.

After all, he and Fang Yunyi were the same.

Thinking of this, he quickly changed the topic.

"T-then, could you give that keychain to me?"

Fang Yunyi's heart ached.

However, she could not refuse.

She took a deep breath and forced a smile.

"... Okay."

She would make another order as soon as she got back!

"I didn't expect you to be so interested in this."

Lu Huaiyu suddenly said, "Since that's the case, I wonder if you have any more to give me as well?"

Fang Yunyi turned around in shock.

When did this kid...

Lu Huaiyu met her gaze and smiled.

"Oh, by the way, I should be a part of this figurine, shouldn't I? Don't forget it when you bring it over."

Fang Yunyi was flabbergasted.

Where was he?!

Wasn't he just making things difficult for her?

However, she could not say this out loud.

Fang Yunyi's smile became even more forced.

"Of course there's you. I'll give you a whole set later."

Lu Huaiyu's thin lips curled up slightly.

"Thank you, Mom."

Fang Yunyi slowly let out a breath. Surely, this matter had finally been settled now...

“Yun Yun.”

Lu Zheng suddenly called out to her.

“I suddenly remembered that I forgot to tell you something. Please come here.”

Fang Yunyi was taken aback. After everything that had just happened, she wanted to quickly make an exit as well, so she hurriedly agreed.

“I’m coming.”

The two of them went behind the screen again.

Fang Yunyi looked back. Although she could not see anything beyond the screen, she felt much better now that she could avoid the gazes of the others.

“Hu-”

She gently stroked her chest.

She had finally gotten away with it!

She then turned to Lu Zheng.

“Lu Zheng, what did you want to talk to me about?”

Lu Zheng looked at her and raised his eyebrows.

“Nothing. You just said that it’s the same whether it’s a boy or a girl?”

Fang Yunyi’s heart skipped a beat and she looked away guiltily.

Lu Yang said, “Then, how about we settle the score on those scoldings that you aimed at me a few years ago?”

Fang Yunyi knew that she was in the wrong, so she quickly explained, “I... I did that so as not to put pressure on Ah Li! Besides... Lu Zheng, do you dare to say that you don’t want to have a granddaughter?”

“I’d rather it be as soon as possible.”

Lu Zheng turned around and snorted, “That will depend on whether your son is willing or not.”

Chapter 1226 Side Story 5: My Wife Has Been Very Busy Recently

At the beginning of September, a new semester started at Xijing University. The campus was very lively with people coming and going.

Shen Li had also completed her undergraduate studies this summer and officially had become Shen Zhijin’s Ph.D. student.

Today was the first day for her to report in.

She was wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, low-waisted jeans, a baseball cap, and a black backpack slung over one shoulder.

The bright sun cast speckles of light on the shady road.

“Classmate? Classmate?”

A voice came from behind.

Shen Li stood still and turned around. She saw a tall and handsome young man walking towards her with a suitcase.

“May I ask—”

Seeing Shen Li’s face, the young man was suddenly at a loss for words.

“What’s the matter?” Shen Li asked.

The teenager looked at her in a daze, and he suddenly blushed.

“No, no, it’s just that... May I ask where the registration office for the physics department is? ”

Shen Li said, “You’re at the wrong entrance. The physics department’s registration office is at the west gate square. Walk along this road to the end, turn left, and go straight.”

The boy quickly said, “Thank you! Thank you!”

“There’s no need to thank me.”

Shen Li continued to walk forward.

Seeing that she was about to leave, the boy panicked and subconsciously called out again, “Wait! Senior... sister?”

Shen Li turned around.

Seeing that she did not refute him, the boy's guess was confirmed. She was indeed a senior!

Today was the day of registration for the new students, and the campus was full of new students dragging along their suitcases.

This girl was only carrying a backpack, and it did not look like there were many things in it. He had guessed that she was probably a senior from Xijing University.

He found that it was really true.

He took two quick steps forward, a bright and handsome smile on his face.

"Senior Sister, I'm Chu Heng! You've helped me so much, yet I don't even know your name! Why don't we add each other on WeChat and I'll treat you to a meal later?"

He spoke frankly and generously, and his eyes were bright, but in fact, he was extremely nervous.

As he stood closer to Shen Li, he felt his face which had only just cooled down, begin to burn again.

Shen Li's expression was indifferent as she replied.

"It's not necessary."

With that, she turned around and left.

Her response had been extremely straightforward and clear.

Chu Heng was so stunned that he was frozen to the spot.

In the past, it was always the girls who took the initiative to ask him for his contact information. This was the first time he had taken the initiative himself, but he had failed.

It took him a while to come back to his senses, but by that time, she had already disappeared.

He did not know which department... she was from.

He was a little upset. He had been so nervous when he met her just now that he had not managed to ask her anything.

After feeling dejected for a while, he walked toward the west gate square.

She was so beautiful that she had to be very famous at Xijing University.

Was she from the art department? Or broadcasting?

Or perhaps it was the foreign language department?

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12th of September, Xijing University's opening ceremony.

The sports field was already filled with students from various departments. It was bustling with noise and excitement.

Chu Heng lowered his head slightly, not knowing what he was thinking.

A boy beside him poked him.

"Hey, hey! Brainiac, why are you in such a daze? You're going to be the freshman representative today!"

Chu Heng raised his head.

“Yes.”

Another boy smiled and teased, “Don’t call him that. On the day he reported in, he fell in love with a senior, but he doesn’t even know her name or which department she was from. He’s been walking around Xijing a few times these days, but he hasn’t seen her again. That’s why he’s so absent-minded, right?”

As soon as he said that, it immediately aroused the interest of the boy who had asked the earlier question.

“Really? What kind of senior sister could make our new recruit miss her so much? Tell me!”

Chu Heng did not speak.

Another boy laughed and said, “Don’t ask anymore. He used to ignore the outside world, but now that his heart has been moved, he’s not willing to tell you even if you ask!”

“Alright,” he said.

After all, this was Chu Heng’s private matter, so the boy did not ask for more details. A thought came to his mind and clicked his tongue.

“I heard that Senior Sister Shen Li from our school is very pretty. It’s a pity that I haven’t met her yet.”

“Chu Heng.”

The counselor waved at him.

The opening ceremony was about to begin, and he had to go and make preparations.

Chu Heng gathered his thoughts and walked over.

As he walked up the stairs, he silently recited the speech he was going to give.

Suddenly, his eyes focused.

A young girl was standing not far away from them, talking to two teachers.

Chu Heng was stunned for a moment. Why was she here?

Apart from the school leaders and outstanding alumni, only the student representatives were allowed to be here.

She—

The counselor beside him noticed his gaze and explained with a smile, “That’s Shen Li. I’m sure you should know her, right? She’s this year’s Ph.D. representative. She’ll be the first one to speak, and since you’ll be the representative of the freshmen, you’ll be the third one, understand?”

Shen Li?

So she was Shen Li?

Of course, Chu Heng had heard of this name before. He had also read several of her papers and admired her greatly.

However, he was the kind of person who only focused on his studies and research. That was why it was only today that he found out what Shen Li looked like.

“She’s already finished her degree studies?” Chu Heng’s throat was dry.

“Yes.”

The counselor sighed.

“And now, she’s even studying under Dean Shen for her Ph.D.! After all, she’s already published four articles in Universe alone, and she’s also a researcher at the Capital branch of the Fino Laboratory, so naturally, she’s the most suitable to follow Dean Shen.”

Basically, no one else was qualified enough or suitable for her.

A voice came from the broadcast.

“Next, let’s welcome this year’s PhD representative, Shen Li, to speak.”

Shen Li walked up to the podium and everyone’s eyes were on her.

Chu Heng pursed his lips.

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After giving his speech, Chu Heng stepped off the stage and looked around for that particular figure.

Very quickly, he saw her stand up and seemed to be preparing to leave.

His heart tightened. He was not able to care about anything else and immediately chased after her.

“Senior Sister Shen Li!”

Shen Li turned her head and looked over.

Chu Heng stopped a few steps in front of her and met her gaze. He became nervous again.

“Senior Shen Li, I haven’t thanked you properly for the last time.”

Shen Li’s expression was calm as she replied, “It’s nothing.”

Anyone could tell that this was still a rejection.

Chu Heng had never pursued anyone before, so he felt frustrated after being rejected twice.

But he still took a deep breath.

“I... I’ve read the two papers on the detection of gravitational waves by Senior Sister and I really admired it greatly. Actually, I’m also very interested in this subject. I don’t know if it’d be convenient for you to add me on WeChat, Senior. I have some questions to ask—”

Before Shen Li could speak, a cold and deep voice came from the side.

“It’s not convenient.”

That voice seemed to be quenched in ice and snow, exuding a faint chill.

Chu Heng felt an inexplicable chill and turned his head to look.

A young man with a tall, straight posture and a clear complexion walked over. He had one hand in his pocket and a lazy posture, but he also carried himself with a noble and lazy air.

This was...

The man seemed to have noticed his confusion, and his thin lips curled up slightly.

“My wife has been very busy recently. She probably... Doesn’t have much free time to do this kind of thing.”

Chapter 1227 Side Story 6: Favorite

There was a new view at Xijing University recently.

Every morning, the students in the Physics Department would see Lu Huaiyu sending Shen Li to the laboratory.

After dinner, they could often be seen taking strolls on the lively field of Xijing University.

The two of them were extremely good-looking and the sight of them together was extremely eye-catching.

This incident even caused a heated discussion on the school forum.

Someone posted a post, and a photo of the two was posted on the first level.

[Senior Lu and the school’s goddess take a photo together in the town building!]

The photo had been taken in the evening. The warm orange glow of the sunset covered the sky, and the lush branches and leaves swayed with the early autumn wind. On the wide sports field, some people were running, some were playing football, and the crowd was in groups of three to five. It was a very lively atmosphere.

Not far away, two people could be seen walking side by side.

The man was elegant and abstinent. His black shirt fluttered in the wind, outlining his perfect figure and the lines of his muscles under the shirt. His shoulders were wide, his legs were long, and he was tall and straight.

The young girl was beautiful and pure. Her white skirt, which just covered her knees, fluttered in the wind and silently rubbed against the man's trousers.

It was an extremely intimate gesture.

As soon as the photo was posted, it quickly attracted everyone's attention, and the number of replies quickly increased.

[Ahhhhhhhh! Absolutely beautiful! [Senior Lu and Sister Li are forever my idols!]

[Today is also a day to cry for such a peerless beauty!]

[I heard that no matter how busy Senior Lu is, he will personally come to pick her up and send her off. Sob sob sob. I'm not jealous at all!]

[A senior who graduated many years ago has stated that God Lu has been appearing at Xijing University more frequently than when he was at university.]

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"Tsk."

He Xiaochen swiped down and sighed.

“Second Brother is indeed Second Brother. With this, everyone in Xijing now knows that you two are married. When this cold and abstinent flower gets jealous, its lethal power is really not on the same level!”

Just look!

Without even a word to explain anything, just one photo was enough to shut down any of his rivals!

Shen Li was barbecuing some meat when she heard that and she paused.

The man was obviously very concerned about what had happened at the opening ceremony.

Although he had maintained the usual lazy and noble air of the second young master of the Lu family at that time, he had not even attended the luncheon after the ceremony and had immediately taken her home.

Just thinking about it now made her waist ache.

Actually, no one was at fault in this matter. It could only be considered a misunderstanding.

But she really could not control this man.

In the end, this photo had been created.

He Xiaochen clicked on the photo again, as she rested her chin on her hands while looking infatuated.

“But then again, this shot was really well taken!”

Ordinary people might not be able to see such magnificent beauty in real life, but now, not only could they see one, but they were able to witness two at the same time!

This was extreme luck for those who greatly admired beauty! It was nothing more than this!

Shen Li looked up at her and finally could not help but say, "You've been looking at that photo for 15 minutes."

Was she still not tired of looking at it yet?

He Xiaochen looked smug.

"Actually, it hasn't been just 15 minutes. I downloaded and saved the photo as soon as I saw the post yesterday!"

Shen Li was left dumbfounded.

He Xiaochen looked up and gave her a modest smile. She waved her hand.

"Oh, this is the basic quality of us who admire great beauty!"

Shen Li was speechless.

She silently picked up a piece of roasted streaky pork with her chopsticks, knowing that she had never been able to respond to this kind of statement.

He Xiaochen looked at the photo a few more times before suddenly letting out a whimper.

"What's the matter?" Shen Li asked.

He Xiaochen tilted her head slightly as she said dreamily, "If the two of you had a child, I really don't know how beautiful it would be!"

That vision would be just like a dream!

“...”

Shen Li placed the piece of meat on her plate.

“Eat it while it’s hot.”

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The scientific research tasks of a Ph.D. student were heavy. Generally speaking, people who had just entered their first year of their Ph.D. studies would need some time to adapt.

However, Shen Li was an exception.

She had taken two years to complete the credits for her undergraduate course, but the courses for her doctoral degree were much fewer.

As for the laboratory, she had followed Xu Yin for a long time, before eventually following Shen Zhijin, so she was already used to it.

In addition, she was extremely efficient, so in comparison, she had more free time than before.

She spent most of her time attending classes and conducting experiments at Xijing University. She spent a small part of her time at the Capital branch of the Fino Laboratory, where she was responsible for the measurement and processing of some key data.

Jiang Ran had chosen to leave Fino Laboratory the previous year in order to join a domestic company.

Although Fino Laboratory had sufficient funds, she had been unable to get any big projects on her own, and she had not made any obvious breakthroughs in scientific research. Thus, the salary that she was entitled to was very limited.

In this case, one would be able to get a good salary elsewhere.

Scientific research as a whole was very boring and uninteresting. It required patience and perseverance, which was not suitable for everyone.

Even if it was a smart person.

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in January, at the end of the first semester for the doctorate course, it began to snow heavily in the Capital. Thus, Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu returned to Hong Kong City together.

Since she had stayed at Xijing University to study for her Ph.D., she was only able to go back to spend time with Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu during the holidays.

This time, it was her winter vacation, so Lu Huaiyu accompanied her.

The two of them went to Dutian Villa early in the morning.

Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu walked side by side. The air was still filled with the fragrance of freshly trimmed grass.

She raised her hand and pointed somewhere in front of her, "Bright Moon has always been kept here, but it was at Grandmother's suggestion that Qingfeng was also sent here."

Lu Huaiyu followed her line of sight and saw two horse trainers, each holding onto a horse. One horse was white while the other was green, and both of them were grazing on the grass together.

The corners of his lips curved up slightly.

“It looks like they’re well taken care of here.”

Shen Li smiled and nodded.

“That’s right. Bright Moon has a willful temper, and Qingfeng is also a little arrogant. Initially, I was quite worried that they wouldn’t get along.”

However, it turned out that she had been overthinking things. Bright Moon and Qingfeng had a good relationship.

She began to walk over to them.

Hearing the footsteps, both Bright Moon and Qingfeng looked up.

When Qingfeng saw her, he immediately wanted to come over.

The two horse trainers also quickly called out a greeting, “Miss Li, Second Master.”

Qingfeng began to struggle with the reins and quickly rushed to her side, almost causing the tamer to stumble.

Shen Li could not help but laugh.

“Leave Qingfeng to me.”

The horse tamer steadied himself and immediately handed over the reins.

Shen Li touched Qingfeng’s ear and said, “Do you want to go for a run?”

Qingfeng affectionately rubbed his head against her shoulder. When he heard her words, he used his hoof to scratch the ground, obviously looking forward to it.

However, just as Shen Li was about to get on the horse, Bright Moon suddenly walked over and blocked Qingfeng.

Shen Li was stunned.

“Bright Moon, what’s wrong?”

Was it... unhappy?

That should not have been the case. Usually, when she came over to take Qingfeng out for a walk, Bright Moon would never act like this.

Bright Moon seemed to be annoyed. She forcefully squeezed between her and Qingfeng, pushing Qingfeng away with her head.

Qingfeng was a much stronger horse, but this time, he was caught off guard. He was unable to resist and immediately retreated two steps.

“Bright Moon?”

Shen Li looked at it in surprise.

Bright Moon met her gaze with eyes calm, as her long eyelashes fluttered.

After that, it tilted its head and gently rubbed against her shoulder. Its actions were extremely dependent and gentle.

Shen Li thought for a moment before asking, “Does Bright Moon also want to go and run two rounds?”

However, Bright Moon was too old, and this was not very appropriate.

Bright Moon lowered her head and bit on the reins, breaking free from her hands.

Shen Li was stunned.

Bright Moon seemed to be...

As Lu Huaiyu walked over and saw her stunned face, he took a look at Bright Moon and his brows suddenly twitched.

“Ah Li.”

Shen Li turned around.

He stared into her eyes for a few seconds before he slowly said, “It looks like... you’re three days late?”

Chapter 1228 Side Story 7: Tangtang

Shen Li was momentarily stunned.

When she understood what Lu Huaiyu was asking, her eyes widened slightly.

Her period had always been regular, but three days was too short, so she had not paid much attention to it.

A thought that had never occurred to her before appeared in her mind.

Could it be...

“But we’ve always been careful...”

She suddenly stopped.

No.

Last month, Lu Huaiyu had indeed...

“But, it was only that one time... ” she mumbled.

It could not be such a coincidence, right?

“I won’t be riding today.”

Lu Huaiyu walked over and stood in front of her. He lowered his head slightly and looked at her.

His dark and deep eyes were fixed on her, and his eyes gradually filled with a smile.

“Mrs. Lu.”

He said with a smile.

“This time, it’s your turn to give me a little candy.”

...

A red supercar drove into the grounds of the Gu residence.

Gu Siyang jumped out of the car, picked up the bags of various sizes that were in the front passenger seat, and rushed straight in.

“Uncle Qi, have my second uncle and the others returned yet?”

Qi Yang came forward.

“Young Master Siyang, the second master hasn’t arrived yet.”

Gu Siyang heaved a sigh of relief.

That was good, that was good! It was a good thing that he was ahead!

He had been at a training session at the race track, but he had rushed home as soon as he had received the news.

This time, he would definitely be the first!

Thinking of this, he quickened his pace. Then, he suddenly remembered something and shouted to Qi Yang, “By the way, Uncle Qi, I haven’t finished unloading my things. There’s still more in the car! Please help me bring them in!”

Qi Yang glanced at the car and smiled. “Alright, Young Master Siyang.”

With great difficulty, Gu Siyang struggled to find a small gap between the gift boxes that were stacked up high. Finally, he managed to find the door and walked in.

“Little Sister!”

When Shen Li looked up and saw Gu Siyang, who was bearing all kinds of gift boxes, her eyelids twitched.

Gu Siyang walked over and put the pile of gifts down one by one, quickly covering up every surface of the sofa.

There were still a few pieces that he could not put down due to the lack of space, so he had to place them on the carpet.

“Huh!”

He sat down and heaved a sigh of relief. He pointed behind him and said, “Sister, there’s still more behind me!”

Shen Li’s eyes swept across the room and she hesitatingly said, “These are...”

Gu Siyang was in high spirits. Hearing her question, he immediately sat up and excitedly explained, “These are the nutritional supplements I bought for you! It’s a pity that time is too tight, so I’ve only managed to bring these back for now. There are still some more that will be sent over later!”

Shen Li was at a loss for words.

Just then, Qi Yang also walked over with the remaining items.

Shen Li hesitated for a moment and said, “There’s so much. I’m afraid I won’t be able to finish all these by myself.”

“Why can’t you finish it?” Gu Siyang’s eyes widened. “It’s also for my niece!”

Shen Li was speechless.

Gu Siyang chuckled. "I asked my mother about this and she said that different periods of pregnancy require different supplements. I bought all of these according to her suggestions!"

Oh, so it had been her first aunt's idea.

Shen Li silently swallowed back the words, 'Won't it be too wasteful?'

"... Then... I'll have to convey my thanks to First Aunt..."

"Hey, both she and my dad are in Bai City right now. They couldn't make it back in time, so they asked me to come as a representative first."

Long-distance guidance was very good.

Fortunately, he had managed to come here first before everyone else!

As he spoke, he poured himself a cup of tea.

He had rushed here as fast as lightning, and his throat was dry.

"Huh? What's that?"

He sat forward, only then catching a glimpse of something that seemed to be behind the screen.

"Did Sicheng and Siqi buy toys again?"

As he asked that question, he looked around and found it a little strange.

The color of those things... why did they look a little pink?

Suddenly, his heart skipped a beat and he immediately stood up!

A pile of gift boxes for all kinds of dolls came into his sight.

Gu Siyang was shocked.

“F*ck!”

Old Madam Gu smiled and said, “Sicheng and Siqi happen to be staying at home these two days.”

Gu Siyang was speechless.

“Then why aren’t they here?”

He thought he was first!

In a helpless and gentle tone of voice, Old Madam Gu said, “They said that the stores they often go to sell toys that are more suited to boys, so they asked Jingrou to take them to other stores.”

Gu Siyang was flabbergasted.

He had miscalculated!

Before he had come, he had asked around and found out that his second uncle was out at sea today, his third uncle had two meetings today, and his youngest uncle was on a business trip abroad.

He had thought that he would win for sure, but who would have known that those two little brats would gain an advantage?

He took a deep breath.

It was fine, it was fine. Being second was fine too!

Just then, someone else came through the door.

It was Gu Tingyun.

He did not bring anything with him.

Gu Siyang heaved a sigh of relief.

“Ah Li.”

Gu Tingyun walked over and looked around indifferently. How could he not know what was going on right now?

He smiled.

“Congratulations.”

After all, the Gu family’s third master was the Gu family’s third master. His style of doing things had always been mature and steady.

Shen Li was relieved and her eyes curved up.

“Thank you, Third Uncle.”

“I was busy at the company, so I came back late.”

Of course, Shen Li did not mind.

“It’s not closed...”

“These are the three pieces of land that have yet to be bid on. Take a look and see which one you like.”

Gu Tingyun said as he handed his phone over.

Shen Li was speechless.

Meeting her puzzled gaze, Gu Tingyun explained considerably, “The theme park’s blueprint is still in the design phase, and we’ll only get the first draft in about a week. You can choose a place first.”

Shen Li did not know what to say.

Before she could say anything, her phone suddenly rang.

It was Gu Tinglan.

She picked it up.

“Uncle?”

“Ah Li, I just went to the largest horse farm in Leland and picked a few miniature horses. I’ve already arranged for them to be taken for a physical examination. I’ll send you the photos later so that you can choose.”

“...”

She was at a loss for words. Suddenly, she heard Gu Siyang's voice from the side.

"Hello? Hello? Dad, I'm telling you, something about the situation doesn't seem right!"

She slowly turned her head and saw Gu Siyang standing in front of the floor-to-ceiling window making a phone call, looking very anxious.

"Yeah! I was going to let Ah Li pick a villa, but Third Uncle is building an amusement park for her!"

Shen Li was stunned.

She closed her eyes.

Ding dong.

There was a notification sound from her phone.

"Thank you, Uncle. I'll go and take a look."

With that, she ended the call.

However, she soon realized that it was not a message from Gu Tinglan, but from Fang Yunyi.

It was a photo.

It was a photo of a small diamond crown.

Her eyelids twitched.

Ding dong.

Ding dong.

Ding dong.

Following that, there was a long string of messages.

At first, it was jewelry, but then what gradually appeared were things like mini tutu skirts, mini leather shoes, and mini cloaks.

She finally could not help but look at the man sitting beside her.

Lu Huaiyu's gaze fell on her phone, and his brows raised slightly.

"They look pretty good."

He had already helped to screen through the choices once.

Shen Li was stunned into silence.

Just then, a familiar set of footsteps could be heard.

Sensing something, she looked up and was instantly shocked.

She stood up.

"Dad, aren't you in Haicheng for a meeting today?"

He must have come in a hurry because he looked a little anxious, but it still did not hide his elegant and aloof demeanor.

He walked over and stood in front of Shen Li. He looked at her for a long time and finally stroked her hair as a smile appeared on his face.

“Tangtang.”

Chapter 1229 Side Story 8: Twins

This year, Old Master Lu had thought of bringing Ah Li back to the Lu family home for the Spring Festival.

However, with news of her pregnancy, Old Master Lu waved his hand and decided that she should stay in Hong Kong City so that the baby would be taken care of!

The next day after receiving the news, Fang Yunyi and Old Master Lu flew to Hong Kong City.

Along with them, they brought all kinds of gifts that almost filled the entire room.

Shen Li’s physical condition was very good. Even her morning sickness was not that serious so she had advised them several times not to do this.

However, no one listened to her.

Therefore, she had no choice but to stay in Hong Kong City.

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In the quiet room, the sound of typing rang out.

The sun shone through the window and onto her face, making her skin look even more fair and clear. Her eyes were dark and calm.

Lu Huaiyu walked over with his suit jacket slung over his arm.

“Ah Li.”

His eyes swept across the computer screen.

“It’s time to go.”

Without even turning her head, Shen Li merely nodded.

“Okay, right away. Just let me finish processing this data first.”

She was scheduled to go for a pregnancy test today.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows before reaching out to close the laptop.

Shen Li raised her head and looked at him, “Second Brother?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“I’ll handle this data, or...”

Shen Li immediately stood up.

“I’ll go and change my clothes now!”

Lu Huaiyu did not need to make his words any clearer for her to know what he meant.

Either he would do it, or Shen Zhijin would do it.

At first, she had thought that she was doing well in all aspects and would continue to do whatever she should do, but it was obvious that she was the only one who thought so.

Previously, when she had worked until 11 o'clock at night to process the data, not only had Lu Huaiyu confiscated her computer, but he had also complained about it to Shen Zhijin the next day.

Then—

Shen Zhijin merely said one sentence: She was to transfer the rest of the work to him.

She could not forget the calm and distant expression on his face at that time.

It was truly...

So much so that she did not want to experience it a second time. After Lu Huaiyu's warning, she immediately got up obediently.

She quickly changed her clothes.

"Second Brother, let's go."

Lu Huaiyu held her hand.

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It was almost the Spring Festival, and decorations had already begun to be set up on both sides of the street. The streets were full of people, and it was very lively.

At this time of the year, the Lu family was always very busy.

Old Master Lu and Fang Yunyi had stayed here for more than a week and only left the day before after being urged many times by various parties.

Shen Li looked at the scenery outside the window and blinked her eyes. She turned to look at Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, I actually thought that I would be spending the New Year with the Lu family this year.”

However, the plan could not keep up with the changes.

Not only had she not expected that she would have to stay in Hong Kong City again this year, but she would also be carrying a little one in her belly.

“Fengmian will come in a few days.”

At the end of the year, Lin Fengmian usually had a lot of jobs.

In fact, it had been a few years since the two of them had been able to spend a satisfactory New Year together.

It was one thing during the time he had been a trainee abroad. However, upon his return to China, he had worried that exposing their relationship would bring her a lot of unnecessary trouble, so he had been very careful.

Each time, he would either come early or late, which was the only time he could find the time to meet her and have a meal together.

However, it was different this year.

He had specifically postponed all his appointments before and after the Spring Festival to make preparations to go to Hong Kong City.

“But if that’s the case, then the people in the Capital will be...”

“Don’t worry,” Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips curled up slightly. “My eldest brother will be spending the Spring Festival at home this year. He’s taken a long leave so he’ll probably be staying for a long time.”

“Really?”

Shen Li was surprised.

Lu Yuxiao was usually either on a mission or on the road to a mission all year round. Comparatively speaking, the army could be said to be his home.

This time...

Lu Huaiyu chuckled.

“Grandpa has given an uncontestable order for him to come back and be set up on blind dates. They’ve been lined up from the twelfth lunar month to the first lunar month.”

“...”

Shen Li silently swallowed her words in her mouth.

She thought that Old Master Lu had already given up on this idea...

As if guessing her thoughts, Lu Huaiyu's gaze fell on her lower abdomen, and a smile flitted across his lips.

A little baby was already here, but there was not even a shadow of a girlfriend on his brother's end. It would be strange if the old man were not anxious.

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Half an hour later, at the Gu family's private hospital.

Shen Li asked, "Two gestating sacs?"

The doctor was a woman in her forties with a gentle smile.

"That's right, Miss Li, Second Master Lu. Congratulations."

Shen Li did not react for a long time.

That was until Lu Huaiyu walked over and leaned over to look into her eyes.

He held her hand with one hand and placed the other on her flat stomach.

"Two little candies?"

He looked at her steadily, and something seemed to be surging in his deep eyes.

After a long time, he kissed the back of her hand and chuckled.

"Ah Li, thank you."

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At the Gu residence.

Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng were overjoyed.

“Twins! Cousin is pregnant with twins!”

Gu Siyang was excited.

“It’s the same as us!”

Gu Tingchuan, who had just reached the door, looked over and squinted his eyes.

“What do you mean by the same as you?”

These two were boys, those two would be girls. In what way would they be the same?

The two brothers nodded in agreement.

Oh, right!

“I’m going to be an uncle! Hahahaha!”

Gu Siqi thought of something and patted Gu Sicheng’s shoulder.

“Oh right! Those dolls that we had before will have to be replaced!”

Gu Sicheng nodded vigorously at first, but then he felt a headache coming on.

“Ah, but a few of them are no longer being produced worldwide and only one was produced!”

“What’s so difficult about that?”

Gu Siqi shouted at Gu Tingchuan, “Dad!”

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“Yes, we’ll keep the one we previously chose for now and find another pair of the same kind, preferably twins.”

Gu Tinglan was on the phone in the living room on the first floor. He said in a gentle tone, “Okay, try to choose as many as you can. I’ll go over to make my selections in a few days.”

Gu Tingfeng and Gu Tingyun were sitting on the sofa beside him.

Gu Tingfeng picked up the teacup with one hand and blew on it. He then looked up at Gu Tingyun, who was sitting opposite him and clicked his tongue.

“Ah, although the villas next to each other are still there, the decor is different. I think they’ll have to be changed in the future. Not like you, Third Brother! It’s an amusement park where it doesn’t matter if one child or two children can play. It’ll save you a lot of trouble.”

Gu Tingyun smiled.

“Yes, thank you for your concern, Big Brother.”

Gu Tingfeng sipped his tea in satisfaction.

“No, no, it’s only right!”

Gu Tingyun’s phone rang. He glanced at it before picking it up.

“Hello,” he said.

Gu Tingyun did not know what the other party was saying, but after listening for a while, he said in a gentle voice, “I think it’ll be better if it’s a ski resort. The weather in Hong Kong City is warm, and they will probably like it in the future. Hmm, just let me have the blueprint later and I’ll let Ah Li choose.”

Pfff-!

Gu Tingfeng spat out his mouthful of tea.

“Third brother!”

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The Capital.

Fang Yunyi sat up straight with an elegant posture.

The store managers sitting opposite her were all shocked.

“You want doubles of everything?”

Fang Yunyi nodded.

“Yes.

“Also, prepare the things that were previously listed as soon as possible and send them to Hong Kong City.”

That was meant for Ah Li alone.

A store manager asked hesitantly, “Then, the parent-child matching sets you ordered earlier...”

Fang Yunyi revealed a bright smile.

“Just double all of them.”

Chapter 1230 Side Story 9: Double Standard

Hong Kong City, end of April.

The breeze was warm, and the weather was clear.

As the first of May approached, Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu went back to Hong Kong City.

An umbrella had been set up in the courtyard. Shen Li sat under the umbrella as she observed a group of people not far away who were busy setting up a swing.

Two people.

However, this was not the main point, the main point was...

“Second Brother, I think that this swing could be set up in a more simple way. What do you think? ”

Shen Li could not help but look at the vine that was wrapped around the frame and the rope.

Lu Huaiyu looked in that direction for a few seconds and raised his eyebrows slightly.

“I think it’s pretty good. Girls will like it, right?”

Shen Li, “...”

The gender of her children was still unknown, but everyone seemed to be certain that they would be sisters.

There were two sets of every toy in the house— Yes, they were just like dolls.

The same went for their clothes and shoes.

Shen Li had thought that after finding out that Fang Yunyi was Sister Carp, she would understand the girl’s heart that she had hidden under her bright and elegant appearance.

However, it was not until those little clothes, shoes, wreaths, scepter, and crown were sent to her that she realized that she was still too naive.

When she thought of that, Shen Li’s head started to hurt again.

“Toys aside, there are too many clothes and shoes. I think they won’t fit anymore before they can all be worn. Moreover, everything is in two identical sets, and they’re all for girls. What if...”

Hearing this, Lu Huaiyu looked at her with a faint smile.

Shen Li coughed.

This man obviously did not like the words “what if.”

“Miss Ah Li, Second Master,” said Qi Yang as he walked over, “The car is ready, we can leave now.”

Lu Huaiyu stood up and came over to take her hand.

Shen Li’s pregnancy was already showing, so she was wearing a loose dress today.

Most importantly, the gender of the fetus could already be determined by this month.

This was also the main purpose of the pregnancy test today.

Initially, Shen Li had not really thought about it. She had thought that she would just know if it was a boy or a girl once the babies were born.

However, seeing that the situation at home was getting bigger and bigger, she had no choice but to put this matter on the agenda.

Aside from Gu Tingyun and Gu Tinglan, Gu Tingfeng had already arranged for people to start work on the renovation of the villa.

As for Gu Tingchuan—

Shen Li massaged her eyebrows and slowly let out a breath.

She really did not think that a pink yacht would look good.

So, she had to go to this appointment today!

If she really waited till October when she gave birth, the extra clothes and shoes would be enough to occupy another villa.

Just thinking about that scene gave her a headache.

“Second Brother, let’s go.”

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At the Gu family’s private hospital.

The room was very quiet. The doctor looked at the screen and observed it for a while before smiling.

“Congratulations, Second Master, Miss Ah Li. This is a young master.”

Shen Li’s eyes widened.

Lu Huaiyu’s eyebrows twitched.

“Doctor Zhang, please take a look again. Are you sure you’re not mistaken?”

Doctor Zhang smiled and pointed at the screen.

“You two can also take a look for yourself. Basically, it’s possible to mistake a boy for a girl, but it’s unlikely to mistake a girl for a boy.”

She had been in this line of work for 20 years and had a lot of experience. How could she be wrong?

Shen Li lay on the bed and closed her eyes helplessly as she thought about the situation at home.

“I told everyone not to buy those things first...”

Lu Huaiyu did not give up.

“What about the other one?”

The image on the screen moved slightly.

Doctor Zhang was pleasantly surprised.

“This one is a young lady. Congratulations to you two. Twins are rare.”

Lu Huaiyu heaved a long sigh of relief.

It was still alright.

“Ah Li, do you have a nickname in mind?” He thought for a moment. “Can I call her Guoguo?”

Shen Li thought that this nickname was quite cute, but-

“What about the other one?”

Lu Huaiyu’s mood had just gone through a roller coaster ride so when he heard this, he said, “As you wish.”

Shen Li was shocked.

Perhaps her reaction finally reminded Lu Huaiyu that this child was also his. He paused, then ruffled her hair and said in a gentle tone, "What I mean is that we can't claim... both children. Let's leave one for their grandparents. What do you think?"

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At the Gu residence.

Young Master Siyang, since Miss Li is pregnant with twins, don't you think... you should make some changes to the swing?"

The maid looked at the half-completed swing that was covered with flower vines and felt a little conflicted.

Gu Siyang crossed an arm across his chest and touched his chin with the other.

"No need! Let's do it according to the previous plan!"

The maid was stunned.

"But... young master..."

"Add more here. Yes, right here." Gu Siyang raised his finger and pointed, raising his eyebrows smugly. "My niece will definitely like it!"

The maid was speechless.

"Just do as Young Master Siyang says," said Qi Yang as he walked over with a smile on his face.

The maid looked to the left and then to the right. Seeing that they had indeed made up their minds, she replied, "Yes, sir."

Qi Yang looked at the pile of flower vines, the flowers and leaves swaying in the wind, and shook his head with a smile.

Sigh, they were still so young.

In this house, who would care about the young master?

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A black car drove into the grounds of the Gu residence. Gu Tingfeng got out of the car and ran into Gu Tingyun.

The atmosphere was delicate.

Gu Tingyun smiled.

"It looks like there'll be no need to change the decoration of the villa this time. It'll save Big Brother a lot of effort."

Gu Tingfeng gritted his teeth.

"Yes. However, you should probably change the design style of your amusement park and ski resort, right?"

He had seen it once by accident before, and the design was purely one of a little princess' castle.

Gu Tingyun thought for a moment.

"That is indeed a problem."

Gu Tingfeng smirked.

However, Gu Tingyun continued, “However, it’s only right for a boy to take care of a girl. So that kid will just have to make do with it.”

Gu Tingfeng was stunned.

He pointed at Gu Tingyun with a pained expression.

“Third Brother! You can’t be an uncle with such double standards!”

Gu Tingyun paused.

“Big Brother, don’t you know that both of Second Brother’s yachts have already entered the port?”

“...”

“Also, there’s our father...” he smiled gently. “He’s on the phone with Old Master Lu.

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The Capital.

“Twins? Why is there one less daughter and one more boy?”

Old Master Lu really could not figure it out.

“Didn’t we agree on two daughters?”

Old Master Gu said simply, “Your family may name the boy and we’ll name the girl.”

Old Master Lu’s voice instantly rose an octave.

“What!”

“Gu Ci! You’re too much! Is there anyone like you?”

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Fang Yunyi looked at the photo that Lu Huaiyu had sent with one hand on her chest.

“Lu Zheng! Look at Lil Tang! She’s so beautiful!”

Lu Zheng stared at the blurry image.

“...”

He paused for a moment and asked, “What about the one beside her?”

Fang Yunyi waved her hand dismissively.

“Oh, how can I possibly see that one clearly?”

Lu Zheng was left speechless.