

Little Brat's 501

Chapter 501: Was the Most Beautiful

Gu Siyang nodded.

“Yes, it’s true.”

The identity of an SSS member was absolutely confidential. Even the Gu family might not know who it was.

However, the relevant information about the Jockey Club was relatively open, especially since two top members had won this amount of money at the same time, which had shocked everyone even more.

They had already become an extremely hot topic of discussion in private.

“D*MN! So, it’s really true?!”

Hearing Gu Siyang’s answer, they could not hide their shock.

After all, this amount was extremely shocking.

However, Gu Siyang seemed to have thought of something interesting.

“Actually, come to think of it, although both of them won money, their methods were very different. One of them bet 10 million US dollars on the third day and won alone on the fifth. After the competition ended, the prize money was doubled. The other one—”

He snorted and showed his index finger.

“Only one bet per day for three days in a row. Every time they won, the next bet was made with all of the money and prize money again. Just like that, the initial amount of 10 million US dollars had been multiplied by 10 times.”

The small group of people gasped.

It was already very rare to win one round, let alone three?

More importantly, they had chosen to bet all of their money every single time?!

“They bet that much?”

“Their mental fortitude is really strong... Were they really not afraid of completely losing everything?”

“They probably don’t lack money. After all, that’s an SSS member!”

Gu Siyang clicked his tongue.

“Whether he’s short of money or not is one thing. Whether he can afford to play or not is another question.”

Anyway, if he had not been asked to come if he was not capable of it.

He recalled the conversation he had with Gu Tinglan and made a speculation.

“He’s probably an old gambler.”

Ning Li put down the cup and took a few steps to the side. She took a strawberry pudding as if she was not very interested in what they were saying.

“Miss Ning?”

A familiar voice came from the side.

Ning Li turned around. It was Yan Fei and the others.

It was the first time that Yan Fei had seen Ning Li at such a close distance.

Although the private room had been next to each other, she had not paid much attention to it until Old Madam Gu and the others had gone over.

However, there were many people around at that time, so she had not gone forward. Thus, she had only seen her side profile.

Now that she was standing close to her, that perfect and beautiful face was displayed before her eyes without any reservations.

Ning Li was usually dressed very simply and casually. Now, that she had changed into this outfit, the impact was even greater.

The smile on the corner of Yan Fei’s lips froze for a moment, but it quickly returned to normal.

“Hello, Miss Ning. I’m Yan Fei.”

Zuo Ling and Zhuo Qianqian also sized up Ning Li and greeted her with a smile.

Ning Li’s expression was polite and indifferent.

“Hello.”

Yan Fei smiled.

“I heard that Miss Ning’s horsemanship is very good. Even Old Madam Gu praised her. If there’s an opportunity, let’s meet up.”

Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly.

It seemed that many people already knew that Old Madam Gu had seen her riding a horse that day and mistaken her for the Fourth Miss of the Gu family.

Otherwise, this Miss Yan Fei would not have said such things on purpose.

She must be afraid that others would forget that she had relied on this point to win Old Madam Gu’s favor.

She gave a faint smile.

“The horse race event has ended. I don’t think I will be able to stay here for long. Let’s talk about it next time when we have time.”

She did not have the slightest interest in riding a horse with Yan Fei.

Yan Fei was slightly taken aback. She had probably not expected Ning Li to reject her so directly.

However, she was the youngest first-class auctioneer in the Carlsberg Auction House, after all. She was good at judging others.

She immediately smiled and nodded.

“Okay, then we’ll see when it’s convenient for Miss Ning.”

Zuo Ling was displeased when she saw her lowering herself to talk to Ning Li like this.

With Ning Li’s background, she probably did not have the right to come here and attend the same dinner party with them, even if she worked hard for her whole life.

She was really taking herself seriously just because she bore a little resemblance to the Fourth Miss of the Gu family.

She glanced at Ning Li from head to toe again and said with a smile,

“Miss Ning Li, this little black dress of yours is the latest design from the T family, right? It’s really beautiful on you. But—”

She paused for a moment, holding her elbow with one hand and her chin with the other, as if she was considering something. There was a hint of regret in the tone of her voice as she spoke.

“However, it’s a little too monotonous. It would be more suitable if it was paired with a necklace or a bracelet.”

Ning Li was wearing this little black dress without a single piece of jewelry tonight.

Zuo Ling’s words seemed to be a kind suggestion, but her eyes were overflowing with contemptuous mockery.

Could Ning Li not have even brought out a decent piece of jewelry on such an occasion?

Ning Li’s expression remained calm.

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The Banquet Hall's door was pulled open once again.

A clear and tall figure appeared just outside the door.

Almost at the same time, the entire banquet hall fell silent.

At this moment, Sheng Yan and the others were following behind him.

However, everyone's eyes were subconsciously attracted to that one figure.

Lu Huaiyu.

The custom-made high-definition pure black suit outlined his perfect figure, making him appear even wider and narrower, tall and straight.

All the surrounding scenery seemed to fade until he was the only one anyone could see. He was cool and noble, with a sense of abstinence and coldness.

Yet, there was a fatal attraction about him that made people fall in love with him.

Everyone was looking at him.

Some were amazed, some were adoring him, some were happy, and some were shy...

Sheng Yan was standing next to Lu Huaiyu. Seeing this scene, he sensed that the atmosphere had suddenly become warm and flirtatious, so he teased him with a smile.

“Second Master Lu, it’s rare for you to come to Hong Kong City. However, I wonder how many hearts you have stirred.”

Lu Huaiyu did not respond to him. Instead, his eyes fell upon a tall and slender figure.

Sheng Yan followed his line of sight and looked over.

“That seems to be... Miss Ning Li?”

Since she was connected to the Gu family, it was naturally different.

He smiled and said, “I’ve heard rumors that Miss Ning Li is very liked by Old Madam Gu. Now that I’ve seen her today, she’s indeed beautiful.”

The corner of Lu Huaiyu’s lips curled up.

“She is indeed the most beautiful.”

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Chapter 502: This Watch Suits You Very Well, Miss Ning

Sheng Yan looked at Lu Huaiyu in astonishment.

This master had always been aloof and untamed, ascetic and noble. From Capital City to Hong Kong City, countless socialites and daughters had never been able to win his favor.

He was truly like a flower of the highest mountains, completely unattainable.

It was surprising for him to say such words about a girl without any reservations...

He was momentarily stunned and said jokingly, "Oh, it seems that Second Master Lu... is very interested in Miss Ning?"

He had merely been joking, but in the next moment, Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows and walked directly in that direction.

Sheng Yan's heart jumped.

Was Lu Huaiyu really going to seek Miss Ning out?!

The other executives behind him were also shocked and subconsciously looked to Sheng Yan.

"Vice President Sheng, this—"

What on earth was going on?

There were many bigwigs from all walks of life present, yet Lu Huaiyu did not go to meet with any of them. Instead, that was the first person that he was heading towards!

"Could it be that Second Master Lu has really taken a fancy to Miss Ning?"

"She's beautiful. Indeed, she's extremely beautiful. However, Second Master Lu... doesn't seem to be that kind of a person..."

There were too many women who were interested in Second Master Lu. There were all kinds of women who pursued him, but unfortunately, he had never shown any interest before.

What was happening today?

Sheng Yan was also at a loss.

However, at this moment, he did not have the time to carefully think about all this. Seeing that Lu Huaiyu had already gone inside, he hurriedly followed him in.

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In the luxurious and lively banquet hall, countless gazes fell upon Lu Huaiyu.

After a short period of silence, the crowd became restless.

“Is that Second Master Lu of Capital City? I’ve only heard rumors before, but after seeing him today, I know what it means to be worthy of his name...”

“Just his face alone is already stunning. Coupled with his hands, waist, and legs... It’s no wonder that he’s capable of attracting the attention of so many women who can’t wait to pounce on him...”

“Tsk, it’s fine just to look at such a man. There’s definitely no hope for ordinary people.”

“Ah! He seems to be coming this way!”

This commotion had already attracted everyone’s attention.

Naturally, that included Yan Fei and the others.

They all turned around and looked in that direction.

Zuo Ling gently pulled on Yan Fei’s arm. She could not hide the excitement in her voice.

“Feifei, it’s Second Master Lu!”

Zhuo Qianqian also lowered her voice, her eyes filled with envy.

“He seems to be coming this way! Feifei, is he here to look for you?”

Yan Fei blushed a little as she softly replied, “Not necessarily. There are so many important people here. Why would it be me?”

“Vice President Sheng and the others are also accompanying him!” Zuo Ling looked around. “On our end, I reckon that only you and Young Master Gu are acquainted with him. If he’s not looking for you, could it be that he’s looking for Young Master Gu?”

Gu Siyang spent most of his time in the Capital, so it was normal for him to be familiar with him.

However, no matter what, Lu Huaiyu would surely not be looking for Young Master Gu first on this occasion.

In that case, it could only be...

Yan Fei’s face turned even redder, but she did not say anything. She only took a glass of champagne from the side as she tried hard to calm her racing heart.

However, the more she tried, the more she could not do it.

She took a sip of the champagne, as a burning flame seemed to ignite within her chest.

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Ning Li looked up.

She was standing a little further inside the room, so she was a little far from the door.

However, when Lu Huaiyu had appeared, she had immediately known.

She had no choice, it had been too obvious.

He had become the focus of the entire banquet hall.

Listening to the commotion beside her, Ning Li secretly sighed.

This man, this face... Indeed, he could never keep a low profile.

She used a small fork to pick up a piece of strawberry pudding, lazily putting it into her mouth and slowly nibbling on it.

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Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows when he saw this scene.

In the eyes of a certain someone, was he less attractive than a strawberry pudding?

Sheng Yan followed by his side, pondering as he walked.

He was quite familiar with Lu Huaiyu, but this was the first time he had ever seen him like this.

He raised his eyes to look at Ning Li.

Yes, she was indeed beautiful, and her temperament was clean and pure.

It was surely rare for a man not to like her, right?

It was no wonder that Second Master Lu, who was usually cool and ascetic, was also interested...

After all, he was the Vice President of the Carlsberg Auction House, so he still had a discerning eye.

Sheng Yan collected his thoughts and explained to Lu Huai in a low voice, "By the way, Miss Ning is also from the mainland. I heard that Gu Tinglan personally invited her to accompany Yu Pingchuan."

With his status, he would not normally have cared about such a small matter.

However, who asked Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu to become involved?

Now, the whole of Hong Kong City knew that Miss Ning was extremely favored by the Gu family.

"I heard that Old Madam Gu personally took Miss Ning to the Tea Tasting Hall this afternoon."

The Gu family had deliberately not hidden this matter, and the news spread quickly.

Lu Huaiyu replied lazily, "Hmm."

She had gone to the tea appointment.

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It was for this reason that she had even rejected him.

Sheng Yan was momentarily stunned, but he quickly came back to his senses. He had only casually mentioned a few things that he knew, yet this person had already agreed. Did that mean that he was probably really interested?

He was encouraged to continue to scour his mind for information related to this Miss Ning.

Unfortunately, he did not know much and that was all that he had to say.

Fortunately, a young staff member following behind him was very perceptive and immediately added, "Oh right, Miss Ning seems to have just taken the college entrance exam this year, and she's the top scorer in science in M Province!"

The corners of Lu Huaiyu's lips curved slightly.

He continued to walk forward, getting closer and closer to her.

However, suddenly, a figure came forward and stopped him.

"Second Master Lu."

Yan Fei had a decent smile on her face, and her voice was sweet and soft, with a hint of familiarity.

Everyone was looking at them.

Ever since Lu Huaiyu had come in, this was the first woman who had talked to him.

It was not that the others did not want to, but they did not dare to.

Admittedly, there were many people who were interested in Lu Huaiyu. However, his aura was very strong, and he always exuded a languid and arrogant aura. Therefore, if they were not familiar with him, most people would not dare to rashly approach him.

Many women's eyes showed a hint of jealousy.

There had long been rumors in Hong Kong City that Second Master Lu treated Yan Fei differently.

Last year, he had bought a watch worth 130 million at the auction in Hong Kong City.

Today, he had bought another watch at the auction for the sky-high price of 170 million, setting a new record once again.

The auctioneer of these two auctions had been Yan Fei.

Now, it seemed that the rumors were true—

Lu Huaiyu's footsteps came to a stop, and his eyes finally landed on her.

Yan Fei met his deep and cold gaze, and her heart beat even faster.

In the next moment, a man's deep and cold voice rang in her ears.

"Excuse me."

The smile on Yan Fei's face instantly froze.

For a moment, she almost suspected that she had heard wrongly.

He had not even called her name. Instead, only these few words had been said, which were extremely indifferent.

The people around them were also stunned.

The expectant and excited expressions on Zuo Ling, Zhuo Qianqian, and the other people's faces froze, and they were at a loss for words.

Didn't he say...

Perhaps it was because Lu Huaiyu's gaze was so cold, and Yan Fei's mind was still in chaos which caused her to subconsciously step back.

Her lips moved.

"Lu—"

Lu Huaiyu walked past her without looking back.

However, he soon stopped again.

He was now standing before someone.

"Miss Ning."

Lu Huaiyu looked at Ning Li and saw that she was still holding the strawberry pudding in her hand. He raised his eyebrows slightly.

"Could you do me a small favor and lend me your hand for a while?"

Countless pairs of eyes were filled with shock and disbelief as they looked over.

Ning Li was slightly stunned, but she still put down the small plate. After thinking for a moment, she reached out her left hand.

The very next moment, everyone saw the man, who had always been cool and reserved, take a box out from the pocket of his suit.

Click.

A watch lay quietly in the box. Diamonds and sapphires were inlaid with each other. The light was so bright that it seemed to gather starlight from the Milky Way.

Someone gasped.

The Mond Mille... That was the watch that had sold for the sky-high price of 170 million today!

He took the watch out and placed the box next to her plate of strawberry pudding.

Then, he took her hand.

He lowered his head and wrapped the watch around her slender wrist with a focused expression.

The little black dress she was wearing today was the purest of colors.

Her skin was delicate and porcelain white. Even if there were no jewelry on her, she was already extremely beautiful.

However, at this moment, the watch around her slender white wrist looked like the Milky Way across the dark night, a sprinkling of thousands of stars.

The Night of the Milky Way was quiet and brilliant.

After fastening the watch strap, the tip of his brows raised slightly as he looked into her eyes.

His thin crimson lips curled up, and a casual smile appeared on the handsome and noble man's face.

He chuckled and said, "This watch suits you well.

"Miss Ning."

Chapter 503: Return My Girlfriend to Me

The entire banquet hall was dead silent.

Everyone looked at this scene in disbelief, unable to come back to their senses.

Lu Huaiyu... put the watch that he had just bought that afternoon on Ning Li's hand?!

Even Sheng Yan and the others were dumbfounded.

Even if this master was interested in Ning Li, wasn't it too shocking for him to do this?

That was a nine-figure collector's item! Yet, he had actually given it away just like that?

Ning Li blinked her eyes lightly.

So, he had come to Hong Kong City to buy this watch... with the intention of giving it to her?

Many of the people around gradually came back to their senses and surreptitiously looked at Yan Fei.

It had been said that Second Master Lu had bought this watch at a sky-high price to show favor to her. However, who would have thought that he would actually give it away just like that?

Not only had he given this watch away in public, but he had even placed it on that person himself.

Truly, he had spent a lot of money just to make this beauty smile.

What did that have to do with Yan Fei?

Thinking of those rumors again only made people feel that it was quite laughable!

Standing not far away, when Yan Zhen saw this scene, she could not help but let out a cold laugh.

Then she said meaningfully, "So, Second Master Lu bought this watch with the intention of giving it away."

In what way did he have the slightest intention of supporting Yan Fei?

When this sentence reached Yan Fei's ears, she felt like it was extremely ear-piercing.

Her face had gone red and she felt as if it was burning with pain. However, her limbs were ice-cold, as if she had lost all feeling. Her entire body was frozen in place.

No one could have seen more clearly than her. When Lu Huaiyu had said those words to her, the expression in his eyes had been indifferent and calm.

He had looked at her as if he was looking at a stranger.

In the past, she had always thought that it was just the way he was, aloof and noble.

But now, when she saw the way he looked at Ning Li, she realized that everything had just been because he did not care.

At this moment, she suddenly realized that when such a man liked and cared about a person, that was what he was really like.

He held Ning Li's hand and helped her put on the watch. He smiled and his eyes were gentle.

It was as if the girl's hand was thousands of times more precious than the watch.

She felt as if someone had poured a bucket of cold water into her throat. From the outside in, she felt completely cold.

Zuo Ling and Zhuo Qianqian were also looking at her in a daze.

This...

What was going on?

There were so many beautiful women present. Why had Lu Huaiyu chosen this one and given her this watch?

With difficulty, Yan Fei pulled herself together, the corners of her lips twitching.

She was professionally trained, so she knew what kind of smile was most appropriate.

However, at this moment, her smile was stiff.

“Miss Ning is very lucky.”

She looked at Ning Li and tried her best to keep her voice calm. However, the slight change in the tone of her voice showed that she was not as calm as she appeared to be.

“Second Master Lu just bought this watch this afternoon. It’s worth 170 million.”

She was still smiling, but she emphasized the last few words.

Everyone heard it clearly.

For a moment, there were many gasps of shock from the crowd.

Out of the many people who had come tonight, not everyone recognized the Monde Mille watch.

Now that she had announced the price, the crowd was shocked again. They stared at Lu Huaiyu and Ning Li again, their expressions becoming even more complicated.

For a moment, they really did not know whether to say that this Second Master Lu of the Capital was overly extravagant or to say that this Miss Ning Li...

It would have been fine if she had accepted the watch without understanding the value of this watch.

But now... knowing that it cost a total of 170 million, was she actually accepting it that easily?

Ning Li looked up at Lu Huaiyu.

“It’s so expensive.”

Lu Huaiyu laughed and took a lollipop from his other pocket.

“There was no other way. Their auction house’s rule is that you can only exchange for this gift after you bid on something.”

Sheng Yan and the others were speechless.

Since when did they have such a rule?!

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Spending 170 million just to exchange for a lollipop??

As Lu Huaiyu handed the lollipop to Ning Li, he said, “Miss Ning, do you want it?”

Ning Li took it.

Lu Huaiyu had already removed the lollipop from its packaging. The candy was wrapped in a transparent sugar coating, its azure color could clearly be seen through it.

That was the color of the earth.

She had just drunk fruit juice and eaten a strawberry pudding, so she was not really in the mood to eat it now.

Looking around, she could see that there were no pockets on her dress.

After searching for a while, she finally focused her gaze on Lu Huaiyu again.

“I would like to ask Mr. Lu for a small favor.”

Lu Huaiyu nodded with a smile.

“Okay, go ahead.”

Ning Li took half a step forward and raised her hand to reach for the left breast pocket of his suit.

Her fingers were exceptionally slender and soft. With a slight hook of her fingertip, she easily pulled the pocket open.

A part of her fingertip gently pressed against his chest. Her warm, soft touch could faintly be felt through the thin fabric of his clothes.

The closer she got, the more intense the sweet and soft fragrance from her body became.

Lu Huaiyu lowered his eyes and looked at the young girl who was so close to him.

She was almost leaning into his arms as she seriously stuffed the lollipop into his pocket.

“Please hold it for me first. I’ll eat it later.”

She said softly.

As she said this, she stopped and patted the pocket lightly as if she was worried.

It was unclear whether she was patting or caressing him.

Lu Huaiyu suddenly felt a little restless, his throat going a little dry.

The tip of his tongue pressed against his palate, and after a long while, he could not help but laugh.

She had really grown capable.

“Sure.”

He agreed simply and raised his eyebrows slightly.

“It’s your candy. Of course, you can eat it whenever you want, whenever you want.”

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Everyone could hear the indulgent tone in his words.

Everyone was still in shock.

Wait, what was this?

Lu Huaiyu had actually given the 170 million yuan watch to Ning Li and she had accepted it so easily!

Then, she had asked Lu Huaiyu to help her get the candy which she then said that she would eat later?!

No, Lu Huaiyu was the one who had given it to her!

Ever since Yan Fei saw Lu Huaiyu give Ning Li the candy, her mind had become completely muddled.

She recalled what Lu Huaiyu had said that afternoon.

There was only one of her. Of course, Lu Huaiyu doted on her.

One... What?

A strong sense of unease welled up in her heart. It was as if a tidal wave had swept over her, swallowing her up and making it impossible for her to break free.

Finally, Zuo Ling was the first person who was unable to hold herself back any longer. Unable to hide her jealousy, she whispered, "What's going on with this Ning Li? Does she really dare to take that watch just like that?"

If she wanted to rely on other people to earn money, it would not be appropriate to do so in front of so many people, right?

Yan Fei's face turned pale but she did not say anything.

Just then, Old Master Gu and the others also came over.

Old Madam Gu's gaze fell upon Ning Li's hand and she could not help but laugh.

"I was wondering why the atmosphere had gotten so lively. It turns out that an important guest has arrived."

Lu Huaiyu greeted them.

"Old Master Gu, Old Madam Gu."

Old Master Gu narrowed his eyes as he looked at the couple who were still holding hands. He snorted in a moderate tone.

"Ah Li, there will be a new batch of horses coming to the horse farm next month. Would you like to go and look at the brochures first?"

Before Ning Li could speak, Lu Huaiyu spoke up first.

“Old Master Gu, Old Madam Gu, it’s been a while since I’ve seen Ah Li.

With a smile on his face, he said, “For tonight, can the two of you return my girlfriend to me first?”

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Chapter 504: Miss Ning is Hard to Catch Up With

The man’s deep and languid voice rang out in the quiet banquet hall, instantly shocking everyone!

At that moment, everyone looked at him in disbelief.

What did Lu Huaiyu just say?!

His girlfriend?!

Ning Li... was his girlfriend?!

This sentence was like throwing a huge rock on the calm surface of the lake, causing huge waves!

Countless people’s eyes kept wandering back and forth between Ning Li and Lu Huaiyu, finally landing on their joined hands.

Ever since Lu Huaiyu had come in and put the watch on Ning Li, he had not let go of her hand.

Previously, people had thought that he was merely interested in Ning Li, but who knew...

Girlfriend?!

Sheng Yan and the others were all dumbfounded.

His mind went blank for a moment before he quickly remembered what he had said to Lu Huaiyu, which made his eyelids twitch.

What the hell had he said?!

He had only thought that Second Master Lu had impulsively developed an interest in Miss Ning, but in actuality, she was actually his girlfriend?!

Sheng Yan almost wanted to die.

With great difficulty, he said, "Lu... Second Master Lu... Miss Ning is... is your... girlfriend?"

He stumbled over this short question.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows and answered with a smile.

"Of course, my woman is the most beautiful."

Sheng Yan's brain felt like it was about to explode.

He had asked Lu Huaiyu directly if he was interested in Ning Li...

However, she was a serious girlfriend! She was his favorite!

The people around him did not react much better.

The impact of this news was too great.

Who would have thought that Second Master Lu, who had always behaved in a cool and ascetic manner, actually had a girlfriend?

Then, a thought seemed to come to Lu Huaiyu's mind. He tilted his head slightly, looked at one of them, and said with a smile, "What you said just now was accurate. Our Ah Li did indeed do exceptionally well in the college entrance examination."

We, our, Ah Li.

Just these few words were enough to explain everything.

The staff member who was being praised did not know how to react for a moment. Cold sweat broke out on his forehead.

At the moment, he was secretly glad that he had praised Ning Li just now and not said anything else!

Sheng Yan finally found his reason and forced himself to adjust his state of mind as quickly as possible. He laughed dryly.

"... So, it turns out that Second Master Lu's trip to Hong Kong City was to bid for this watch and give it to Miss Ning. Second Master Lu is truly devoted to Miss Ning..."

Lu Huaiyu's thin lips curved slightly. He nodded casually and smiled.

"Yes, Ah Li likes to look at the stars."

Sheng Yan, “...”

Everyone, “...”

The watch was also known as— The Night of the Milky Way.

His thoughts were crystal clear.

After the shock, everyone present had complicated expressions on their faces.

Those who still harbored some hopes over Lu Huaiyu did not know what to say, now that they had seen this scene.

It was because Ning Li liked to look at the stars that he had specially come to Hong Kong City to bid for this watch and present her with the Night of the Milky Way.

At the same time, he had also given her the starry lollipop.

If she wanted to eat it, he would give it to her. If she did not eat it, he would carry it around with him.

He had given her a priceless collector’s item, as well as a sweet candy.

What was this...? How much did he like her that he was willing to do this?

In the crowd, someone muttered under his breath.

“So... did Second Master Lu target Zhong Haoqi in that way because he had offended Ning Li?”

This voice immediately woke many people up, and they were all shocked.

That's right!

In the afternoon's auction, Lu Huaiyu had bid 100 million twice just to ensure that he had an unpleasant experience.

Many people had wondered in what way Zhong Haoqi had offended him.

Now it seemed... all of it had been was for Ning Li?

At that time, Zhong Haoqi wanted to use his money to suppress Ning Li and force her to sell Qingfeng to him.

Therefore, the first thing Lu Huaiyu had done after his arrival in Hong Kong City was to double back on Zhong Haoqi with even more forceful means.

In terms of money, the Lu family naturally was much better off than the Zhong family.

"But didn't Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu already stand up for Ning Li at that time... ?"

Someone murmured softly, but he did not finish his words.

Even though these two had already supported Ning Li, Lu Huaiyu had still felt that it was not enough.

The Second Master of the Lu family in the Capital City was arrogant, aloof, and noble. He had always been extremely picky and difficult to serve.

He had also always been tough and unyielding in the business world.

Now, it was the same for his girlfriend.

What he had wanted was to completely humiliate Zhong Haoqi in public!

Yan Zhen held her handbag tightly. She felt depressed when she heard people mention Zhong Haoqi again. However, she still felt a burst of pleasure when she saw Yan Fei's pale face.

She sneered.

"I see. This whole time, Second Master Lu had been doing this for his girlfriend... I really don't know how some people had no shame and took themselves so seriously."

Many people overheard what she said. Who didn't know that she was mocking Yan Fei? Then, all of them looked at Yan Fei with various expressions.

"Second Master Lu was in a hurry to give his girlfriend a gift, but there was someone who was so blind that she wanted to block the way." Yan Zhen ridiculed even further, "I'm afraid that Second Master Lu doesn't even know your name, right?!"

Yan Fei gritted her teeth and her shoulders trembled slightly.

She had impulsively taken the initiative to take that step just now, but who would have known that she would become the laughing stock of everyone in the blink of an eye!

In fact... several people had even encouraged her in front of Ning Li earlier.

Now that she thought about it, in Ning Li's eyes, were they not any different from clowns?

Clearly, she had deliberately allowed them to make fools of themselves!

She could not help but glance at Ning Li.

How proud was she, knowing that Lu Huaiyu was in love with her?

Thinking of this, she forced a smile.

“So, Miss Ning Li is Second Master Lu’s girlfriend... Miss Ning is truly enviable to have Second Master Lu like her so much.”

Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly.

These words...

“There’s no need to be envious.

Lu Huaiyu suddenly laughed.

“You don’t know how hard it was to chase after Miss Ning.

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The corners of his lips curled up slightly, and he said with a slow smile, “I definitely faced a hard time trying to catch up to her.”

Chapter 505: Don’t Seduce Me, Ah Li

Yan Fei shut her mouth.

Everyone was also speechless.

From the Capital to Hong Kong City, there were countless women who were interested in Lu Huaiyu.

As long as he showed any interest, was there any woman he could not have?

Now, however, he had just said that Miss Ning had been very difficult to woo, and it had not been easy for him to catch up.

At first, she had thought that Ning Li had won the Second Master of the Lu family's favor by virtue of her looks, but now it seemed that it was the complete opposite.

It was Lu Huaiyu who had pursued her first, and it seemed that he had spent a lot of effort on it.

His heart had been set on her.

He was in love with her.

She was his heart's desire.

It was all Ning Li.

Hearing this, Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly and glanced at him.

This man's words were really...

Back then, he had only asked her if she wanted him, and she had nodded her head.

Now, was he actually saying that she had been difficult to pursue?

As if sensing her gaze, Lu Huaiyu also looked over at her with a smile on his face.

“However, as long as Miss Ning is willing to nod, all of this is nothing.”

Ning Li gently pinched the palm of his hand.

Lu Huaiyu wrapped her hand tightly his hand and leaned in slightly. Using a voice that only the two of them could hear, he let out a soft chuckle.

“Don’t make a fuss. We’ll talk about it later when we get home.”

Ning Li, “...”

This man was never going to stop!

She glared at Lu Huaiyu. Unfortunately, her peach blossom eyes appeared to be sparkling and moist, without the slightest bit of intimidation.

Lu Huaiyu’s eyes darkened slightly. His slightly calloused fingertip gently stroked the back of her delicate hand.

The two of them were exchanging blows over such a trivial matter. However, in the eyes of everyone, it appeared to be an extremely intimate gesture.

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Lu Huaiyu’s fondness and indulgent manner could not be clearer.

Had anyone ever seen him treat a person with such care and pampering?

Old Madam Gu saw this and felt quite satisfied.

She had seen Lu Huaiyu before and had some understanding of his personality.

Seeing how far he was willing to go for Ning Li, she was satisfied with the depth of his feelings for Ning Li.

She smiled.

“Why not? This afternoon, Ah Li refused to go to the auction with you in order to drink tea with me. Now that you’ve chased her here, how can I not return this person to you?”

Lu Huaiyu’s smile deepened.

“Thank you, Old Madam Gu.”

Old Madam Gu raised her chin.

“Then you should accompany Ah Li and have some fun.”

There were many important people here tonight, but it was obvious who Lu Huaiyu had come here for.

Since it was rare for the young couple to meet, they could just let it be.

She watched as this kid from the Lu family seemed to really wish he could just put the girl in his pocket.

As she said this, she turned around to go to the other side of the room.

Old Master Gu did not move.

“Aren’t you going to say farewell, Brother?”

She called out.

Old Master Gu then withdrew his gaze. Before he left, he could not help but glance back at Lu Huaiyu.

Lu Huaiyu met his gaze and raised his eyebrows slightly.

Why did he feel that... Old Master Gu did not like him very much?

In the past, when he had come to Hong Kong City, this person had clearly admired him. Why had his attitude changed so suddenly now?

“Second Brother, have you eaten anything tonight?”

Ning Li asked.

He had probably not had the time after the auction had ended.

Lu Huaiyu came back to his senses.

“Not yet.”

Ning Li’s gaze swept across the table.

Most of the things here were desserts and drinks. It was probably not—

She chose a small piece of mousse cake.

“Second Brother, would you like to try this first?”

Lu Huaiyu had already picked up the strawberry pudding that she had just put down.

Ning Li was slightly stunned.

“Second Brother, I already ate that before—”

Lu Huaiyu did not seem to care. He used the fork that she had used before and ate the remaining half of the strawberry pudding.

As he ate, he raised his eyebrows slightly and looked at Ning Li. He moved closer and asked with a smile, “Ah Li, you seem to like eating strawberries a lot now.”

Ning Li’s ears turned red.

“No.”

“Really?”

“Yes.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“What about it? I like eating it very much.”

Gu Siyang was standing nearby.

He had long known that the two of them were together, so compared to the other people's shocked and numb reactions, he was taking everything in stride.

Hearing the two of them talking, he walked over and curiously asked, "Hey, Second Master Lu, what delicious food are you talking about?"

He had vaguely overheard Lu Huaiyu mention that he had not eaten anything yet.

Lu Huaiyu straightened up slightly.

Gu Siyang also glanced at the table and asked, "Would you like them to prepare something else to eat?"

This Bansen Hotel belonged to the Gu family, so of course, it was their home ground.

Although Gu Siyang was usually jumped the gun, he was still a member of the Gu family and he would never miss out on a chance to do a good job.

Lu Huaiyu shook his head.

"There's no need."

Gu Siyang smiled warmly.

"It's no trouble! It's rare for you to come to Hong Kong City—"

Lu Huaiyu's lips twitched slightly.

"It's really not necessary. I'll just eat the rest of Ah Li's food."

Gu Siyang, "..."

He finally stopped walking and swept his gaze over the two of them. With a complicated gaze, he asked, "Um... Should I leave now?"

Lu Huaiyu shot a glance at him.

At that moment, silence prevailed over words.

Gu Siyang retreated, as he silently excused himself.

Ning Li, "..."

She raised her eyes to look at Lu Huaiyu. She wanted to say something but hesitated.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

"What? I like to eat the leftovers of my girlfriend. Is there a problem?"

Ning Li, "..."

Lu Huaiyu's gaze fell on her hand.

"This looks good."

Ning Li handed it over.

However, Lu Huaiyu refused to accept it, merely looking at her with a faint smile.

After a moment of confrontation, Ning Li finally could not hold it in anymore. She grabbed his arm, grinding her teeth in frustration.

“Lu Huaiyu, do you know that you’re being so ostentatious?”

Lu Huaiyu followed her movements and leaned over slightly.

He looked into her eyes and said with a smile, “Ah Li, do you know that you’re really beautiful today?”

So beautiful that he wanted to hide her.

All the amazed and greedy gazes that fell on her could easily magnify his desire to have her all to himself.

He wanted everyone to understand that this person was his.

He was not willing to share even a tiny bit of her with others.

It did not matter what means were used, no matter what method he used, as long as he achieved this goal.

He wanted everyone to know that she belonged to him alone.

Everything else was not important.

He could not help but gently kiss the side of her face, smiling as though he was begging her.

“Stop seducing me.... Ah Li.”

Chapter 506: Taught His Grandson Well

The banquet hall had regained its liveliness, but the atmosphere was subtly different from before.

The crowd continued to mingle, but in tacit agreement, they would throw glances in a certain direction from time to time.

Lu Huaiyu and Ning Li were standing together.

Both of them were good-looking people. Now that they stood side by side, one was tall and straight, while the other was slender and tall, it was clear that they matched each other very well.

There seemed to be an invisible aura surrounding the pair. It surrounded them alone, making them easily distinguishable from the others.

It was a kind of tacit understanding and closeness that could not be expressed with words. The others could only watch from afar and could not blend in.

“There are so many socialite daughters around. Second Master Lu did not even take a fancy to any of them. I did not expect that he would choose such a person in the end...”

Someone was still feeling indignant and could not help but mutter in a low voice.

“Other than that, it’s clear that Miss Ning is really beautiful. Besides, she was able to win the Second Master Lu’s heart and the Gu family’s favor. No matter what her background is, just being able to do this is already much better than the others.”

“That makes sense. She’s really capable. There’s no need to be jealous.”

“I think this Miss Ning is pretty good. At least Second Master Lu really likes her. It’s better than some self-indulgent people.”

At this point, the group of people looked at each other and laughed in a low voice.

“Isn’t that so? Second Young Master Lu’s visit to Hong Kong city this time was to make a rare high-profile appearance at the auction. He even put the watch on Ning Li in public. Wasn’t he deliberately telling everyone that Ning Li was his woman? Since he likes her so much, there’s nothing left to say. It could only be said that Ning Li has a good life, so it’s useless to be envious. On the other hand, there are some people...”

In a corner of the banquet hall, Yan Fei was holding a wine glass in her hand, her knuckles turning white.

Of course, she could hear what those people were saying.

She had so looked forward to this event with so much joy in the beginning. How embarrassing and humiliating was it now!

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Zhuo Qianqian asked worriedly, “... Feifei, are you okay?”

Yan Fei forced a smile.

“I’m fine.”

Zuo Ling looked angry. “Feifei, don’t take what happened today to heart! That Ning Li is just relying on the fact that Second Master Lu likes her now to get what she wants. In the future, without a good family background, if Second Master Lu doesn’t feel the same for her anymore, what else will she be able to do?”

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Yan Fei did not say anything, but her chest felt even more stifled.

This might have been true if it was someone else, but... that person was Lu Huaiyu.

The Lu family had been distinguished for generations, and he was extremely outstanding. He was truly unattainable.

Over the years, many women had chased after him, but he had always remained aloof and unmoved.

But this time... he was the one who had taken the initiative to pursue her. He wanted to hold that person in the palm of his hand.

Ning Li did not have a good background, so he had changed his usual low-key style and publicly supported Ning Li on such an occasion tonight.

He was Ning Li's biggest backer.

Wasn't that enough?

She looked over there again and saw Lu Huaiyu bending his head and talking into Ning Li's ear.

She did not know what he was saying, but Ning Li pulled on his hand.

He chuckled and kissed the side of her face as if no one else was around.

All he could see was that girl.

Yan Fei put down her wine glass.

"My stomach doesn't feel well, so I'll go home first."

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On the other side of the banquet hall, several bigwigs were standing together.

“That was truly unexpected. This one from the Lu family doesn’t usually make a move, but the moment he does... he makes it really extraordinary,” a middle-aged man said with a smile, “Countless families have been eyeing him as a marriage prospect, but who knew he already had a girlfriend?”

Lu Huaiyu’s actions tonight would be enough to ensure that those people would give it a rest.

Gu Tingfeng looked over and muttered, “Yeah, who would have thought that Lu Huaiyu was her boyfriend...”

The person who spoke was stunned.

Why did he sound like what he said had a different meaning?

Gu Tingyun looked over with a smile on his face.

“Oh, it seems like Big Brother doesn’t know about this either? Siyang didn’t mention it?”

Gu Tingfeng frowned.

“That kid has always been unreliable!”

This was such a big piece of news, yet he had not told him about it!

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He needed to be taught a lesson again!

In the distance, Gu Siyang sneezed fiercely.

“Achoo!”

He rubbed his sore and swollen nose, his eyes having glazed over.

“Who is this person who misses me that much...?”

Gu Tingyun advised gently, “Father and Mother seem to know about it. He just probably forgot to mention it, Big Brother.”

It would have been better if he had not mentioned it. Gu Tingfeng became even more depressed when he mentioned it. He raised a glass of wine.

Gu Tingchuan’s face was gloomy.

“Didn’t you say that she only took the college entrance exam this year? Lu Huaiyu said that he had chased after her for a long time. When did that happen?”

The Second Master of the Gu family was famous for his fierce temper. Now, he looked even more fierce with a cold face and sullen voice.

The big shots at his side exchanged glances.

No, why did this person’s focus seem to be different?

Gu Tingyun thought of something and looked to the side.

Yu Pingchuan was not far away, chatting with a few people.

Gu Tingyun took a few steps over and began to chat with them with a smile. Then, seemingly unintentionally, he asked, "Teacher Yu, about Ning Li and Lu Huaiyu... you must have known about this a long time ago, right?"

Hearing this, the smile on Yu Pingchuan's face instantly faded a little.

He snorted coldly.

Seeing his reaction, Gu Tingyun was slightly stunned.

Why did it seem like... Yu Pingchuan had quite a strong opinion regarding this matter?

Just then, Gu Tingfeng's raised voice suddenly came from behind.

"What did you say?"

Everyone looked over and saw Gu Tingfeng holding his cell phone. It was unclear who he was on the phone with, but his expression did not look too good.

Noticing these gazes, he immediately hung up.

On the other end, Gu Siyang sneezed twice.

The person beside him asked, "Siyang, what's wrong?"

Gu Siyang scratched his head.

"Nothing. It's just that my dad suddenly called. It's fine, it's fine. Don't worry about it!"

Gu Tingfeng looked at Lu Huaiyu again.

After a long while, he sneered.

Everyone was perplexed.

Gu Tingyun asked, "Big Brother, what's wrong?"

Gu Tingfeng's lips moved without any sound. After a long while, he sneered.

"Nothing. I just realized that that kid from the Lu family is not very concerned with human decency."

Everyone was even more confused.

The Second Master of the Lu family... how had he offended this person?

Old Master Gu seemed to have heard the commotion and casually asked, "What's wrong with him now?"

Gu Tingfeng paused and said expressionlessly, "When he got together with Ning Li, Ning Li was only seventeen."

Old Master Gu's expression changed.

Gu Tingchuan put his wine glass down with a bang.

Gu Tingyun's smile disappeared.

The atmosphere suddenly became tense.

The other big shots were at a loss.

The first one who spoke laughed.

“Then... If that’s the case, Second Master Lu has been in love with Miss Ning for a long time. Haha—”

Before he could finish, he was interrupted by Old Master Gu’s cold snort.

“Lu Qishan has really taught his grandson well.”

The other person consciously swallowed the rest of his laugh and coughed awkwardly.

This...

How did this involve the old man from the Lu family...

After a while...

Gu Tingfeng said, “Heh.”

Gu Tingchuan said, “Hmph.”

Gu Tingyun said, “Oh.”

Chapter 507: Never Lose Out to Lu Huaiyu

Lu Huaiyu sensed something and turned around to look.

However, because they were quite a distance away, they could not see the expressions of the Gu family members clearly.

However, he was sure that they were indeed looking at him, and they did not seem to be very friendly.

He raised his eyebrows slightly.

Seeing this, Ning Li asked curiously, "Second Brother, what's wrong?"

Lu Huaiyu withdrew his gaze and smiled.

"Nothing, It's just that I feel that... the Gu family does seem to like me very much."

Ning Li recalled the incident at the horse racing area the other day and explained it to him briefly.

"... It's probably because of that. Old Madam Gu probably misses the Fourth Miss Gu too much, and when she saw my back view while riding the horse, she mistook me for her."

She sighed softly as she spoke.

Actually, Old Madam Gu was quite a pitiful person.

She did not want to get too involved with the Gu family for such a reason, but whenever she recalled the memory of Old Madam Gu looking at her with tears in her eyes, she could not bear it.

Anyway, she would not be staying in Hong Kong City for long, so it would be good for her to accompany Old Madam Gu while she was here.

Lu Huaiyu nodded.

Actually, he had already heard the rumors, but coming from Ning Li, it was different.

Ning Li sipped her orange juice, her eyelids drooping slightly.

There was actually something else that she had not mentioned.

She was a little envious of the Fourth Miss Gu.

Although she did not know how the Fourth Miss Gu had passed, her mother had been missing her for so many years.

Not everyone in this world was lucky enough to be doted on by her mother.

Although she had already seen a lot in life and was not easily affected by such emotions, she was still touched when she thought of Old Madam Gu and the Fourth Miss Gu.

Lu Huaiyu lowered his eyes and looked at her quietly. After a moment, he gently pinched her cheek and said with a smile, "My Ah Li is such a good person. Of course, she feels everyone's pain."

Ning Li's heart moved slightly, and her thick and curly eyelashes trembled slightly.

Then, she took Lu Huaiyu's hand.

Her soft and tender fingers slipped through his fingers and intertwined with his ten fingers.

Lu Huaiyu could not help but laugh.

"Ah Li is so smart. She learned it after being taught once."

Ning Li's ears were tinged red. She looked up at him, her peach blossom eyes shining brightly.

She knew that she was not a very good person, and she did not have many people who loved her.

However, she had Lu Huaiyu.

This was probably all due to her luck.

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Gu Tinglan soon realized that something was wrong with his father and his brothers.

He quietly observed them for a while, before finally coming over to Gu Tingfeng's side.

"Big Brother, what's wrong?"

Gu Tingfeng glanced at him.

"You and Lu Huaiyu have a good relationship, right? Why didn't you tell me about him and Ning Li before?"

Gu Tinglan was momentarily stunned, but then he laughed.

"I was a little busy before, so... Big Brother, you seem to be very concerned about Ning Li."

As soon as he said this, Gu Tingchuan and Gu Tingyun looked over at the same time.

Gu Tingfeng frowned.

"But, she is Siyang's friend, after all! Besides, wasn't it you who personally invited her?"

Gu Tinglan nodded. This was a legitimate reason.

Then, he looked around and hesitantly asked, "Then, why do Second Brother and Third Brother seem to be... angry too?"

Gu Tingchuan immediately raised his eyebrows and said loudly, "In what way am I angry?!"

Gu Tinglan, "..."

Gu Tingyun gave a slight smile.

"Fifth Brother, don't talk nonsense. Regardless, it's really inappropriate for him to chase after a seventeen-year-old girl like that."

Gu Tinglan rubbed the space between his eyebrows.

"This... Actually, the two of them are in a special situation..."

Lu Huaiyu had not been well. Now that he had finally recovered, it was not appropriate for him to say anything more.

Moreover, from the beginning to the end, Lu Huaiyu had always been extremely disciplined.

The more he had liked Ning Li, the more care he had taken with her.

The only exception was that he could not help himself on the day before Ning Li's eighteenth birthday, and he had revealed his feelings to her.

This matter was neither too big nor too small.

He was familiar with both Lu Huaiyu and Ning Li, so he knew them better than anyone else. When this matter had been brought up, his thoughts were naturally not the same as others.

He looked around and asked, "By the way, where's father?"

Gu Tingfeng said, "He went upstairs."

Looking at his expression at that time, if he had stayed any longer and looked at Lu Huaiyu any more, he would have been unable to hold himself back from cursing him.

In fact, he was probably cursing him upstairs now.

Gu Tinglan was silent for a moment.

A thought came to his mind and his expression changed. After hesitating for a while, he asked, "Big Brother, I forgot to ask. When Ning Li changed into riding clothes and rode a horse... did she really look like Fourth Sister?"

Unlike his three older brothers, he had been ten years younger than Gu Tingyin. All of his memories of her were actually very distant.

Gu Tingfeng and the others could still roughly remember the way Gu Tingyin had ridden a horse when she was Ning Li's age. However, he only had vague memories of her.

That was why this thought had never crossed his mind before when he looked at Ning Li before.

When he mentioned this, Gu Tingfeng went quiet for quite a while before he nodded.

"The back view looks very similar."

Gu Tinglan was slightly startled.

“... Is that so?”

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After the banquet ended, everyone dispersed and left.

However, what had happened that night was simply too exciting.

Lu Huaiyu had a girlfriend, and he had given away the 170 million Monde Mille watch which he had personally placed on her.

It had been announced publicly in an ostentatious manner.

And, that girl's name was... Ning Li.

Almost overnight, this news spread throughout the whole of Hong Kong City.

At the same time, it had also spread back to the social circle in the Capital.

The entire city was in an uproar.

It was not known how many socialites had their hearts broken overnight.

More and more people began to dig up information related to Ning Li, wanting to know what kind of woman could have captured this person's heart.

They wanted to know exactly what she had done to cause the always aloof and noble Lu Huaiyu to be willing to subject to her.

However, other than the public content, such as information about her high school, her relationship with the Ye family, her college entrance exam results, and so on, nothing else could be found.

It was as if there was an invisible hand covering the sky above her, shielding her from all the wind and waves.

Even though she was at the center of the vortex, she remained the most calm and peaceful.

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The next day, Ning Li woke up at nine o'clock in the morning.

She looked at her phone and found that a piece of news had just been released.

— The Zhong Group in Hong Kong City had suffered a huge loss in the last quarter and was under suspicion of tax evasion. The relevant departments had received the report and were already preparing to investigate.

After all, this was one of the top three financial groups in Hong Kong City. Once this news had been released, it had become a big deal.

Ning Li raised her eyebrows slightly and put down her phone. She did not seem surprised or concerned.

She ordered breakfast.

Lu Huaiyu did not come over.

She sat alone at the table and smashed a hot spring egg.

As she slowly peeled off the skin, the clock on the wall pointed to ten o'clock.

Dong.

She took a bite of the egg, which was soft and fragrant.

After eating the egg, she picked up her phone again.

This time, it was 10:03 am.

As soon as the Hong Kong stock market opened, a large number of major forces had sold off their shares from the Zhong Group, causing panic in the market.

In just three minutes, the Zhong Group shares fell by the daily limit, and the market value of the Zhong Group disappeared by one billion..

Chapter 508: Wife

The Zhong Group had been caught off guard and had immediately called for an emergency board meeting.

When the board members of the Zhong Group looked at the stocks that had fallen so badly, their faces were even redder than the market.

“So, who leaked the news? Why did it have to be at this time?!”

Zhong Yue's face was extremely ugly.

He had just returned from abroad that morning. Who would have thought that he would hear this news right after he got off the plane?

Without even having any time to rest, he had immediately come to the company.

Everyone was silent.

Zhong Yue slammed the table.

Slam!

“What are you all doing?! Even after such a huge explosion, you guys don’t even have any news at all?!”

The entire meeting room became even quieter.

Finally, one of the directors broke out into a cold sweat and said, “Chairman Zhong, we tried to refute the rumors at the first possible moment, but the news came too suddenly and spread too quickly. We were too late to settle matters before the opening of the market... and more importantly, someone reported us. Regardless of whether it’s true or not, the relevant departments will definitely investigate...

“Of course I know that!”

Zhong Yue almost threw the cup down.

It was precisely because of this that the situation had become even more troublesome!

This investigation needed time. Who knew what would happen during this period of time?

Even if the Zhong Group’s finances were fine, there would still be a lengthy delay!

And these losses, who knew how long it would take to recover?

Seeing that Zhong Yue was furious, the other board members quieted down again.

Zhong Yue took a deep breath and asked again, “Also, even if this news broke out, with our foundation in Hong Kong City, it shouldn’t have become such a serious matter. What exactly is going on?”

The news that had broken out this morning, whether it was a major loss or tax evasion, was a major negative for the Zhong Group.

This would cause panic in the market, and it was normal for them to sell their stocks.

However, today’s situation was completely bizarre.

In just three minutes, the Zhong Group’s stocks had fallen by the daily limit, and so had the other stocks that were related to the Zhong Group.

It was a complete mess.

The Zhong Group was a veteran financial group in Hong Kong City. How could they fall to such a state just because of a piece of unconfirmed news?

Everyone looked at each other.

After a long while, someone hesitantly opened his mouth to speak.

“... Chairman Zhong, perhaps this matter has something to do with Young Master Zhong...”

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At Bansen Hotel, Lu Huaiyu was sitting on the balcony sofa, talking on the phone with Cheng Xiyue.

“Second Master Lu, this move of yours was really amazing.”

Cheng Xiyue clicked his tongue.

“A piece of news usually means nothing, but with just one sentence from you and a hundred million just to ensure an unpleasant experience for Zhong Haoqi, made many people follow suit to look down on the Zhong Group. Just as the market opened, it directly pulled the limit, throwing away one billion. Wasn't it enough to spend a hundred million to cause Zhong Haoqi some discomfort? Now, you're making the entire Zhong Group vomit blood too.”

Lu Huaiyu took a sip of black coffee, his brows slightly raised.

“If all I wanted was just to cause him some unhappiness, why would I think so much? Ah Li suffered at his hands, so of course, I have to get back at him.”

Cheng Xiyue snorted.

Listen, was he even speaking like a human being?

“You're famous for never being at a disadvantage, being astute to the end. I believe you when you say that you're doing this to help little sister Ning Li vent her anger, but do any of the other big shots believe you?”

Lu Huaiyu was tough and decisive.

In the eyes of the other big shots in the business world, Lu Huaiyu was extremely good at scheming.

On the surface, he seemed to be targeting Zhong Haoqi for the sake of a woman. Ordinary people might believe such rumors, but those big shots who controlled the Capital would never believe it.

In addition to the news that had broken out this morning, Lu Huaiyu's actions seemed to finally have a reasonable explanation.

There had to be a problem with the Zhong Group. Otherwise, why would Lu Huaiyu have intentionally suppressed them in such a ruthless manner?

Thus, three minutes into the trading session, the Zhong Group's shares fell all the way down, directly breaking the cliff's limit.

Lu Huaiyu smiled indifferently.

"It doesn't matter whether they believe it or not. As long as they've done what needs to be done, it's fine."

Cheng Xiyue cursed this man in his heart for being so sly.

That group of big shots had used their usual way of thinking to consider Lu Huaiyu's actions this time, but they did not know that he had been waiting for this.

They thought that he was shrewd in his calculations and would not wake up early without benefits. Hence, they also followed suit and targeted the Zhong Group, throwing out the stocks in their hands one after another.

Little did they know that this time, Lu Huaiyu's first thought had really only been to help little sister Ning Li.

Of course, the rest of this was clearly under his control.

"I was just saying that even if you wanted to make Zhong Haoqi unhappy, there were plenty of other ways to do so. Why did you choose this one? Furthermore, even if you wanted to bid for the collection that he had taken a fancy to, you could have just increased the bid. There was no need to double the price. You spent 100 million just like that. Did you really think that it's not real money? So now, you're waiting here for others to jump into the pit."

Cheng Xiyue was anxious.

What kind of good could come out of going against Lu Huaiyu?

Lu Huaiyu suddenly laughed.

“That 100 million was indeed money that I hadn’t planned on spending. It’s good to be able to earn it, but it doesn’t matter if you throw it away.”

Cheng Xiyue was stunned.

“What do you mean?”

Lu Huaiyu put down his coffee cup, his brows slightly raised.

“Nothing much. I just happened to receive a debt that I thought I couldn’t get back.”

He had treated this money as a windfall. It didn’t matter how he dealt with it or whether he made a profit or not.

Cheng Xiyue was speechless when he heard that.

“... A debt of 100 million, you really... don’t think much of it?”

Lu Huaiyu crossed his legs and tapped lightly with his fingertips.

“On the Zhong Group’s end, they were the ones who had taken the initiative to send the money over. I had no other choice.”

Cheng Xiyue, "... Lu Huaiyu, you're too ruthless."

Lu Huaiyu sighed lightly.

"Ah Li dislikes me spending money so extravagantly.. If I don't work hard to earn money to support my family, I won't even be able to support my wife."

Chapter 509: Black-Hearted

Cheng Xiyue, "..."

He calmed down for quite a while before he resisted the urge to smash his phone and said faintly, "Lu Er, do you know that the matter of you giving Sister Ning Li a watch worth 170 million has already exploded in the Capital?"

The moment the news came out, the entire Capital's circle was in an uproar.

Even he, who was far away in Yunzhou, had been affected and received countless calls to inquire about the news.

It was not difficult to imagine what the situation in the Capital was like now.

The Second Master of the Lu family in the Capital— Lu Huaiyu.

Aloof and noble, unreachable.

From the time he was young until now, the people who were secretly in love with him were like fishes that were swimming upstream.

Whether it was because of that overly pure and perfect face, or because of his overly intelligent and outstanding ability, or because of the Lu family, which had a deep background and powerful background...

He was impeccable.

So many people had used every effort and means to chase after him, but he had not even given them a single glance.

Yet, he suddenly had a girlfriend now.

She was a young girl from an extremely ordinary background who had just finished her college entrance exam.

How could those people not explode?

Lu Huaiyu asked, "So, everyone knows?"

Cheng Xiyue asked back, "What else?"

The corners of Lu Huaiyu's lips twitched slightly.

"That's fine then."

Cheng Xiyue, "..."

Young Master Cheng hung up the phone in a fierce temper.

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The Capital.

In a private bar in the west of the city.

The lights were dim, and the sound of the music almost drowned the people out.

Men and women had gathered together, but they were all talking about the same thing.

The news of Lu Huaiyu having a girlfriend had already spread rapidly.

Also, he had spent a lot of money to gift his little girlfriend the Mond Mille watch at an extremely high cost, which had also shocked countless people.

“Lu Huaiyu quietly got a girlfriend even though he’s still so high-profile? And that watch cost 170 million! He gave it away just like that?”

“Not many people can do such a thing. Tsk, I used to think that Second Master Lu was cold-hearted. So many women came after him, yet he had no interest in any of them. So... when he finally met someone he liked, he really went straight for it.”

“What’s that girl’s name? Ning Li? What’s her background?”

“I’m not sure. She seems to be from Yunzhou. The situation at home is quite complicated. Anyway, she’s not a lady from a prestigious family.”

“Yunzhou? So, she’s someone that Second Master Lu met in Yunzhou over a year ago? I think she’s only eighteen this year. She just took the college entrance exam. I really can’t tell... She’s pretty amazing.”

“Hey, wasn’t it said that Second Master Lu likes men? Previously, he had a falling out with Xu Yini over a hand-drawn portrait, and he almost forced her out of the entertainment industry. Now he has this little girlfriend, what’s going on?”

“Who knows then? It’s all just rumors anyway. Second Master Lu has never come out to admit it. Besides, a hand-drawn portrait... Can that be compared to that 170 million?”

Everyone was discussing this matter.

Some were curious, some were sad, and some were unwilling.

The strong smell of alcohol spread.

In the booth in the corner, Xu Yini was sitting with another man and woman.

The words of the people beside her could be heard from time to time.

Xu Yini’s eyes were red, and she did not say a word. She just frantically poured wine into her glass and drank one glass after another.

It was actually Ning Li...

It was actually Ning Li!

Lu Huaiyu had actually... liked her from such an early age?!

The two people on the opposite side of her looked at each other with troubled expressions.

“... Yini, don’t think about it. Maybe he’s just playing around. Is it really possible that the Lu family would accept a person of such a background to be with Lu Huaiyu?”

Xu Yini thought of the hand drawing and suddenly sneered.

“She thinks he likes her...”

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She knew Lu Huaiyu too well.

The person in the hand-drawn portrait was definitely his ultimate person!

Ning Li... what was that?

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At 2:30 pm, the Hong Kong stock market opened.

Seven minutes later, the Zhong Group's shares fell by the daily limit again.

At this point, Zhong Group's market value had already evaporated by more than two billion.

Old Master Gu took an afternoon nap. When he heard the news, he couldn't help but snort coldly again.

He had long expected Lu Huaiyu to use this trick. At first, he had thought that Lu Huaiyu was smart, but now, no matter how he looked at it, he did not like it.

Old Madam Gu looked at him with a smile.

“Why is Brother Ci angry again?”

Old Master Gu was displeased.

“This kid is thinking too much.”

Old Madam Gu comforted him.

“I think he treats Ah Li very well.”

Old Master Gu endured it.

Wasn't Lu Huaiyu's main focus all on Ah Li?

Otherwise, why else would Ah Li have agreed to be with him at the age of seventeen?

He changed the topic.

“Oh right, I heard that Ah Li will return to Yunzhou tomorrow.”

Old Madam Gu was stunned. She was silent for a while before giving a faint smile.

“Well, after all, Hong Kong City is not her home. She has to go back eventually.”

Old Master Gu patted her hand.

“Just invite her to come again another time.”

Old Madam Gu nodded.

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Ning Li stayed in her room. She took a look at the market and left.

A message was sent.

[The Lu family is secretly buying the Zhong Group's stocks. The Second Master of the Lu family has reaped a huge sum of money from the Zhong family. It's estimated that he's accumulated enough for him to buy a few more paintings. What a good method. Compared to the time when you were tricked by Saint, it's not much worse.]

Ning Li stared at the short text for a while before she finally replied.

[Don't talk nonsense.. Saint is much more evil than Lu Huaiyu.]

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Chapter 510: How Could He Let Go of a Fish in the Net

Knock, knock.

There was a knock on the door.

Ning Li held her phone and went to open the door.

It was Yu Pingchuan.

Ning Li let him into the house.

“Teacher Yu? Why are you here now?”

Yu Pingchuan said, “I think you’ll have to return to the Capital with me in advance.”

Ning Li was slightly stunned.

Yu Pingchuan waved his phone.

“What happened here... Jinse Bay already knows about it.”

Ning Li said, “Are you talking about the matter of your money loss while betting on horses?”

Yu Pingchuan immediately flew into a rage out of embarrassment.

“No way! It’s about your relationship!”

Ning Li, “... Cough, but I already mentioned it before...”

Yu Pingchuan frowned. He was filled with anger at the mention of this matter and said in a muffled voice, “Who told him to be so high-profile about it?”

Ning Li sheepishly rubbed her nose.

Although she was not the one who had done this, it did seem like she had something to do with it...

“I’ll accompany you back to Yunzhou tomorrow. After you’ve tidied up your things, we’ll bring them to the Capital together. When we get there, you’ll stay at Shuiyuan Shijia until school starts.”

It was the same as the last time Ning Li had gone to the Capital.

Ning Li nodded.

“Alright.”

In any case, the matters in Yunzhou had basically been dealt with.

Going to the Capital ahead of time would not delay anything.

Yu Pingchuan said again, “Oh, by the way, there’s no need to let that kid go with us this time.”

He felt annoyed just to look at him now.

Ning Li, “... Oh.”

Yu Pingchuan gave a few more instructions before leaving.

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That evening, after dinner, Ning Li brought up that matter.

Lu Huaiyu paused in the act of holding his teacup.

“So, you’re not coming with me?”

Ning Li nodded.

“But we’ll be going to the Capital soon, and we’ll still be staying at Shuiyuan Shijia.”

Lu Huaiyu swallowed back the rest of the sentence concerning the “place of residence”.

The corners of his lips curled up.

It was indeed a pity that he could not accompany her.

Fortunately, however, he would be going to the Capital.

It would also be good for her to stay at Shuiyuan Shijia, which was not far from his place anyway.

“Grandpa seems to have been missing you lately,” he said.

Ning Li thought of the 59-second long voice message that Old Master Lu had sent her on the phone, and fell silent for a moment.

“Well... I guess so... I’ll visit him when I get to the Capital.”

Lu Huaiyu suddenly glanced at her.

Ning Li was surprised.

“Second Brother, what’s wrong?”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“If Grandpa misses you, you say you’ll visit him. Don’t you have anything to say if I say that I miss you?”

Ning Li, "..."

She glanced at their current location.

They were in her room, and Lu Huaiyu had ordered room service for their dinner.

After dinner, they had sat on the sofa.

Because it was a small suite, there was only a small coffee table and two Italian cream-colored couches.

They sat opposite each other.

Ning Li gestured to the distance between them and reminded him in a serious tone, "Second Brother, I'm only 50 centimeters away from you now."

They were so close, yet he still wanted to compete with Old Master Lu?

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the back of the sofa with one hand propped up. He tilted his head slightly and lazily said, "Well, it's still so far away."

Ning Li, "..."

The corners of Lu Huaiyu's lips curled up slightly.

"Come sit over here."

Ning Li said calmly, "Second Brother, that's a single-seater sofa."

Lu Huaiyu nodded indifferently.

“Ah, then I’ll sit on your side?”

Ning Li stood up.

“Then, I’ll let you have this seat.”

Just as she was about to leave, Lu Huaiyu grabbed her wrist.

“Ah Li.”

Just as Ning Li was about to break free, he lowered his voice, seeming to laugh and sigh at the same time.

“I didn’t sleep well this afternoon.”

Ning Li’s heart softened, and she turned to look at him.

She was still standing, while he was sitting. From this angle, he needed to raise his head to look at her.

He had been born with naturally handsome and outstanding looks. From this angle, it seemed that his brows and eyes seemed to look more intense, while his jawline was sharp and smooth.

She could see his raised Adam’s apple and his defined collarbone hidden under the collar of his half-open shirt.

Perhaps it was because she rarely looked at him from such a high angle, or perhaps it was because the light in the room was too warm. Or perhaps it was because he really had not slept well that afternoon, at the moment, Lu Huaiyu actually seemed to have lost his usual arrogance... Instead, there was an extremely rare...

It was hard to say what kind of feeling it was.

A faint tiredness rose to the corners of his eyes and brows, yet he looked at her stubbornly.

It was as if he could not bear to let her go, no matter what.

Ning Li felt something stirring in her heart.

In the next moment, she bent down slightly and kissed his lips lightly.

Like a dragonfly skimming over water, his lips parted at the touch.

However, her lips were too soft, and her entire body exuded a sweet fragrance.

Even if it was just a momentary touch, that sweet smell seemed to be a part of her bones and blood.

Lu Huaiyu's eyes darkened.

He restrained his impulse and still held her hand loosely. He laughed and asked, "That's it?"

Ning Li looked at him, still feeling a little hesitant.

After a while, she stood closer.

Her calves came close and brushed against his pant legs.

The jeans she was wearing were wrapped around her long, slender legs, and felt warm and soft to the touch.

Lu Huaiyu's mind drifted away as his fingertips gently brushed against the back of her soft hand, but he refused to do anything else.

Ning Li kissed him again.

This time, one of her hands gently pressed against his shoulder.

She kissed the corner of his lips and kissed the side of his face.

Lu Huaiyu was still looking at her with a smile.

"Miss Ning, you have to be a little sincere when you want to coax someone."

Ning Li's ears were tinged slightly red.

She knew that gentleness was not this man's true nature. More often than not, what he hid inside was not very innocent or easily satiated.

But even though she knew this, she still—

She hesitated, took half a step to the side, and walked around to him.

Lu Huaiyu was still lazily leaning against the back of the chair, holding her hand with one hand and supporting it with the other. He tilted his head and looked at her with half a smile.

He seemed unmoved.

Then, Ning Li gently propped her hand on his knee and bent down to approach him.

Her palm was soft and warm. Almost at the moment that she touched him, Lu Huaiyu's whole body tensed up.

In the next moment, his breath seemed to become stifled.

Ning Li kissed his lips.

When she felt that his thin lips were slightly cold, she furrowed her brows slightly. Then, she opened her lips slightly and lightly nipped at his lips.

There seemed to be a touch of moist heat that brushed past his lips.

Lu Huaiyu's Adam's apple rolled for a moment, before he then raised his head slightly in coordination.

The light and shadow outlined the man's perfectly smooth jawline. From the Adam's apple to the collarbone, and then down to the black shirt, where nothing in the slightest could be seen.

This man had always been fastidious about his clothing. This time, he was also fastidious from top to bottom, with his cold and ascetic aura.

Only the chaotic and hot breathing, interspersed with some vigorous and messy movements.

Since she did not have much experience, it was him who had mostly taken the lead in the past.

It was rare for her to take the initiative today, so she revealed some clumsiness and unfamiliarity.

However, for some reason, even though she tried for a while, the man only responded intermittently, as if he was lost in his thoughts.

She gradually became a little annoyed, and finally bit him hard.

His chest shook a little as he chuckled softly before he was willing to release his lips and teeth.

She turned the tables, and without thinking, she probed inside and accidentally touched the tip of his tongue.

It was a little hot, which made her start to retreat.

The tip of Lu Huaiyu's brows raised slightly. Suddenly, he pressed down on her waist, pulled her into his arms, and began his counterattack.

Now that he had caught this fish in the net, how could he let go?