

Little Brat's 691

Chapter 691 Candy for Him

Shen Li, "..."

She quickly glanced at Shen Zhijin and noticed that his eyes had darkened.

Fortunately, there were quite a lot of people around them, so they did not say anything about Lu Huaiyu's uninvited move.

Zhang Yao was very happy.

"Hey, Huaiyu, you can try all the things I told you just now! They taste amazing!"

Lu Huaiyou nodded with a smile.

"Okay."

As he spoke, his gaze fell on Shen Li. He lowered his head slightly and asked softly, "Ah Li, which one do you want to eat?"

Shen Li instantly felt that many people around her were looking over at them.

Lu Huaiyu had previously publicly declared his feelings for her during the school's anniversary. After that, he had always accompanied Shen Li to class. All the teachers and students at Xijing University were clear about their relationship.

Today, he had even accompanied Shen Zhijin and Shen Li to the staff canteen for a meal...

Didn't that prove that he had already been acknowledged by Shen Zhijin?

On one hand, Shen Zhijin had a proud and aloof temperament, and his standards were extremely high. On the other hand, Lu Huaiyu was also impeccable in all aspects.

Only he could have been able to so smoothly be regarded well by Shen Zhijin, right?

Zhang Yao watched from the side with a loving expression. He smiled and said to Shen Zhijin, "Zhijin, Huaiyu used to be such a difficult boy to tame. I didn't expect him to be so considerate when it comes to dating!"

The teachers of Xijing University had not been able to do anything to him. Even in the entire Capital, the Second Master of the Lu family was famous for his undisciplined temperament and arrogance.

When he said this, he had not lowered his voice, so everyone around him heard him.

When they heard him, they all laughed and echoed him.

"That's right. I heard that this semester, Huaiyu has been accompanying Professor Fang in Advanced Mathematics, and he even handed in his homework."

"This is the time just after the class again today, right?"

Regardless of whether it was Lu Huaiyu or Shen Li, both of them were extremely outstanding, and the teachers also appreciated them.

Not to mention, Shen Li was actually Shen Zhijin's biological daughter.

Now that they saw her and Lu Huaiyu together, everyone was happy to see them together.

Moreover, Shen Zhijin had brought them here. Didn't that mean that his attitude was agreeable?

Thus, everyone was happy and chatting happily. No one paid any attention to Shen Zhijin's expression.

"Hey, I was sitting next to him on the day of the school anniversary. When Ah Li gave the speech as the student representative, I had specially explained to him that this was the student representative of this year and that she was exceptionally outstanding. Only later did I find that the two of them were already in a relationship! This kid deliberately didn't say anything at that time. He was just waiting for people to praise Ah Li!"

A teacher said with a sigh.

Hearing this, Shen Zhijin finally turned around and quietly glanced at Lu Huaiyu.

Lu Huaiyu immediately sensed that something was wrong. They met Shen Zhijin's gaze and immediately said with a smile.

"Ah Li's speech that day was really good."

Then, he quietly changed the topic.

"Ah Li, do you want to eat braised pork ribs? Teacher Shen, what about you?"

Shen Li handed over her meal card and blinked her peach blossom eyes.

"My dad and I like it very much. Please make it two servings. Thank you, Second Brother."

Lu Huaiyu's smile deepened. "Sure."

Everyone took their seats one after another, finally getting past this issue.

Shen Li sat next to Shen Zhijin while Lu Huaiyu sat opposite her, and Professor Yang from the Institute sat opposite Shen Zhijin.

Professor Yang had already read Shen Li's opening report.

He had done some research on related subjects before, so he chatted with Shen Li quite a bit.

Shen Li was greatly inspired.

Lu Huaiyu sat there, listening as he placed the prawns that he had peeled into her bowl.

He was an extremely beautiful man. As he did this kind of action, his every move carried a noble air in his bones, and it was natural and smooth. It was clear that he was already used to it.

Shen Li said, "Thank you, Second Brother."

Shen Zhijin looked over and helped her pick out the onions and ginger. Then, he handed her a piece of tissue paper.

Shen Li said again, "Thank you, Dad."

Professor Yang looked at this scene and vaguely felt that he was a little redundant.

To be honest, the atmosphere at the dining table was not quite the same as what he had thought at the beginning...

Suddenly, Lu Huaiyu's phone vibrated.

He took off his disposable gloves and took the phone out to have a look. He raised his eyebrows slightly, crossed out the message, and put down his phone.

Shen Li glanced at him but did not pay much attention to it.

Soon, another message came.

He glanced at it and crossed it out again.

Then, another message came.

Shen Li finally could not help but ask, "Second Brother, who is it?"

Lu Huaiyu lifted his eyelids slightly. His gaze lingered on Shen Zhijin for a moment before he smiled and said, "The second master of the Gu family."

"Second Uncle?"

Only then did Shen Li remember that Shen Zhijin was still sitting next to her when she had said this out loud.

She paused for a moment.

"Is Second Uncle looking for you for an urgent matter?"

She remembered that Lu Huaiyu and Gu Tingchuan had never had much contact with each other previously. Why did they seem to be so closely connected now?

Oh, she could not really say that either.

It was Gu Tingchuan who was looking for Lu Huaiyu. Apparently, Lu Huaiyu had not replied yet. What... was going on?

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“It’s not an urgent matter. The second master of the Gu family is looking for me to discuss a project. However, it’s not convenient for me to reply now. I plan to call him directly later.”

Shen Li nodded in understanding.

It made sense. To be able to connect the two of them, it should be a pretty big project. It was indeed not very appropriate to send a message during dinner.

She did not ask any more questions and started chatting with Professor Yang again.

Lu Huaiyu lowered his eyes to look at their phones, raising their eyebrows slightly.

After the meal was finally over, Shen Li had to return to the Institute’s Laboratory to prepare for tomorrow’s experiment.

Shen Zhijin and Professor Yang walked together.

After leaving the cafeteria, Shen Li said goodbye to Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, you can go back first. I’ll be going to the laboratory.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“I can stay awhile longer.”

He had accompanied her to the institute before, so there was no reason for him not to send her off now.

Hearing what he said, Shen Li let him accompany her.

The small group of people walked towards the institute together. Professor Yang and Shen Zhijin were in the front, talking as they walked. Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu followed behind them.

At this time, the campus was very lively. They met many students on the way. Seeing this scene, they cast a lot of gossip and excited gazes.

When they returned to the downstairs area of the institute, Professor Yang smiled and said, "The weather is cold. The time for the school street lamps to light up has been brought forward."

The moment he said this, the surroundings went quiet.

Shen Zhijin stared at a street lamp downstairs and responded with an emotionless "Mmm."

The atmosphere quickly became subtle and tense.

Professor Yang had a blank look on his face.

What's wrong?

Had he not been fine just now?

This... Why did it suddenly seem like something was not right?

Shen Li followed Shen Zhijin's line of sight and was silent for a moment.

Lu Huaiyu coughed lightly.

"Teacher Shen, Teacher Yang, I'll be taking my leave first."

Shen Zhijin responded indifferently and walked upstairs.

Shen Li moved closer to Lu Huaiyu and stuffed something into his hand.

“Goodbye, Second Brother.”

After saying that, she turned around and followed them.

Lu Huaiyu waited for them to enter before lowering his head to look.

A milk candy with the same temperature as her fingertips was lying quietly in his hand.

Chapter 692: Miss Gu

He raised his eyebrows and chuckled.

The little girl had kept her word. It was just that this candy... was a little different from what he had expected.

He put away the candy and took out his phone to call Gu Tingchuan back.

The call was picked up very quickly.

“Second Master Gu.”

Lu Huaiyu’s tone was sincere.

“I’m sorry, I was having dinner with Ah Li just now and my phone was muted so I didn’t see your message.”

Gu Tingchuan frowned.

“Was it just the two of you?”

“No, Teacher Shen was there as well,” Lu Huaiyu said with a smile. He automatically ignored the fact that they had been having a meal with a lot of people at the staff canteen of Xijing University.

Gu Tingchuan heaved a sigh of relief, but at the same time, he felt a little unhappy.

Shen Li was currently studying at Xijing University, and Shen Zhijin and Lu Huaiyu were both in the Capital. It was very convenient for them to accompany her.

Not to mention the two of them, even his brother’s family was close to her and they were able to do much more than him!

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He was handling matters in Hong Kong City. Even if it was a round trip by plane, it would be much more troublesome for him than for them.

Forget it. Now was not the time to be calculative.

“Have you given some thought to what I told you?” Gu Tingchuan asked.

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“Second Master Gu, everything else would be fine, but I really can’t agree to this.”

Gu Tingchuan had already expected that he would not be so easy to talk to, so he was not surprised.

“As I said, the price is up to you.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“I know that Second Master Gu has always been generous with his money, but Ah Li’s paintings have been limited in the past few years so I really can’t part with them. I hope you can understand.”

Although there was a smile in his voice, the tone of his voice was firm and determined. It was clear that there was no room for negotiation.

Gu Tingchuan gritted his teeth.

“I don’t want all of them. Just three paintings would be fine, right?”

Lu Huaiyu did not speak.

“Two?”

Lu Huaiyu still did not move.

“... One!”

Lu Huaiyu finally opened his mouth.

“Second Master Gu.”

He sighed softly.

“It’s not that I want to monopolize Ah Li’s paintings. It’s just that... if I give them to you, then Third Master will need to be treated equally, right?”

Gu Tingchuan was stunned.

“Did he look for you as well?!”

Lu Huaiyu said gently, “Actually, if you just wanted a few paintings, I could directly send someone to deliver them to the Gu family. However, the problem is that I don’t have many of them. If I give them all away just like that, I really wouldn’t be able to keep any of them. What do you think?”

Gu Tingchuan paused for a moment and finally said in a deep voice, “I just remembered that I still have something else to deal with, so I’ll hang up first.”

Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips twitched slightly.

“Okay, please go ahead.”

Gu Tingchuan hung up the phone call.

Lu Huaiyu looked at his phone and raised his eyebrows.

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Hong Kong City.

At night, Hong Kong City was brightly lit and bustling.

In Gu media headquarters, Gu Tingyun was sitting in his office with a booklet in his hand.

He flipped through the pages and chose carefully.

The secretary stood respectfully at his desk, waiting for his decision.

“Are all the galleries in Hong Kong City listed here?”

Gu Tingyun asked.

The secretary said, “Yes. Including the three that are still under construction and have yet to be completed. Those have also been listed. The renderings are attached to the back page.”

Gu Tingyun replied with a “hmm”, but there was no change in his expression.

The secretary gradually became a little nervous.

There were so many galleries listed. Could it be that Third Master did not like any of them?

Just then, Gu Tingyun’s phone rang.

He picked up the call, but before he could speak, Gu Tingchuan’s voice came from the other end.

“So, you went to ask that kid from the Lu family for Ah Li’s painting?”

Gu Tingyun paused and laughed.

“It looks like Second Brother talked to him on the phone.”

Gu Tingchuan was furious when he heard Gu Tingyun admit it so directly.

“When I was talking to you about Ah Li’s paintings, you didn’t say anything. But now, you turned around and tried to snatch them without saying a word?”

How long had he been working with Lu Huaiyu for those paintings?

In the end, Third Brother had not followed any rules!

If Lu Huaiyu had not told him, he would not have known until now!

Gu Tingyun looked at the booklet in his hand.

“Okay, since Second Brother wants it, then I won’t take it. That’s fine, right?”

Gu Tingchuan had not expected him to be so easy to talk to and immediately felt uneasy.

“Are you serious?”

Gu Tingyun nodded with a smile.

“It’s true. On one hand, it wasn’t easy for Lu Huai to collect Ah Li’s paintings. On the other hand, Second Brother has been negotiating for a long time. I shouldn’t have interfered halfway. I promise that I won’t argue about this anymore. Can Second Brother rest assured?”

Gu Tingchuan confirmed it again and again before hanging up.

Gu Tingyun leaned against the back of his chair and continued to flip through the booklet in his hand.

Even if he did not argue, it would be strange if that kid from the Lu family had relented.

From the very beginning, he had never thought of fighting for those paintings.

He tapped on one of the pages of the booklet.

“Forget it. It’s almost January. Let’s set this one first.”

The secretary was relieved and quickly said, “Yes. Then I’ll inform them to make preparations immediately.”

Gu Tingyun put down the booklet.

“Go.”

The secretary took the booklet back, took a few steps back, and was about to leave.

Gu Tingyun stood up, stood in front of the French windows, and looked out.

Standing here, he could almost overlook half of Hong Kong City.

Under the starry night, the traffic was heavy, and it was bustling.

In the distance, one could vaguely see hills rising and falling, silently spreading in the night.

“Wait.”

He suddenly called out.

The secretary stood still and looked back. “Third Master?”

Gu Tingyun raised his hand and pointed.

“It looks like the land at Miro Mountain still seems deserted?”

The secretary was a little surprised. He did not understand why Gu Tingyun would suddenly mention this, but he still nodded.

“Yes.”

Gu Tingyun nodded.

“Alright, let’s build an art gallery then.”

The Gu residence.

After Gu Tingchuan hung up the phone, he felt that something was not right.

After thinking for a long time, he called for his assistant.

Ten minutes later, the assistant came out of the study. He took a deep breath and was filled with shock.

Second Master was really...

He barely suppressed the waves in his heart and quickly walked out to make a call.

“Second master’s orders have changed... Yes, yes. Pick some first and send them to the young miss to see which one she likes. Yes, yes.”

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Of course, Shen Li did not know about the things that happened outside.

She followed Shen Zhijin upstairs and entered Room 601 together.

This was the first time the two of them had come here at the same time since their relationship had been made public.

As soon as she stepped through the laboratory door, she immediately felt three pairs of burning eyes staring at her.

She stopped in her tracks.

“Junior Sister!”

Chapter 693: Painter

Hearing this passionate shout, the corners of Shen Li’s eyes twitched. She looked up at the laboratory and saw Yan Qiu and the other two looking at her with excitement, as well as at Shen Zhijin who had followed her in.

“Boss!”

Shen Li, “...”

She was sure that this was the most enthusiastic that they had called out “Boss” since she had come to the laboratory.

“Senior Brother.”

She walked in and greeted the three of them one after another.

It was as if Yan Qiu and the other two were seeing her for the first time. Their eyes kept darting back and forth between her and Shen Zhijin.

Normally, they would not have the guts to look at their boss so impudently.

But now, it was different.

In just a few days, their boss and the Little Junior Sister had become biological father and daughter. How could they be indifferent to such a big matter?

Shen Zhijin seemed to be more tolerant than usual. He did not say anything about their reaction and merely nodded to them.

He looked at Shen Li. "You can think more about what Professor Yang said just now. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me."

Shen Li nodded.

Shen Zhijin then walked further in and entered his office.

Shen Li came to her seat. Just as she sat down, Yan Qiu and the other two quickly surrounded her.

"Junior Sister! When you left with the boss, did you go to investigate this matter?"

"Please tell me quickly, what happened exactly?"

"I thought the boss would never post something like this in his WeChat moments. I didn't expect the first post to be so, so..."

Yan Qiu was racking his brain to think of a phrase when the office door opened again.

Shen Zhijin walked out with a book in his hand.

Yan Qiu and the other two immediately fell silent and stood properly.

Shen Zhijin placed the book on Shen Li's desk. It was the experiment record book that she had left at home earlier.

"Thank you, Father."

Shen Li said.

The moment she said that, Yan Qiu and the other two held their breaths.

Knowing was one thing, but seeing it with one's own eyes and hearing it with one's own ears was another!

Just a few days ago, Little Junior Sister had still been addressing him as 'Teacher Shen' along with them. However, in the blink of an eye, the way she addressed him had changed. How could this not be exciting?

"Yes," Shen Zhijin replied. Then, his gaze fell on Yan Qiu and the others, and froze for a moment.

The three of them immediately became nervous.

Ah, had their questions just now been heard by the Boss?

Could it be that he felt that they were too gossipy and idle...

Just as they were full of worry, they heard Shen Zhijin say, "Your allowances will be doubled this month."

Yan Qiu subconsciously said, "Yes, Teacher... Shen?"

He finally realized what Shen Zhijin had said, and the last syllable that he said suddenly rose. He was dumbfounded and shocked.

What had the boss just said? Their allowances would be doubled?!

This, this... So suddenly?!

Fu Niannian was momentarily stunned, but he immediately gave a response.

"Thank you, Teacher Shen!"

Tang Yi followed closely behind.

"Thank you, Teacher Shen!"

Shen Zhijin lowered his chin slightly, then turned around and returned to his office.

Until the door closed again, Yan Qiu and the others were still in a state of shock, unable to regain their senses.

After a long while, Yan Qiu could not help but ask, "... Junior Sister, what's going on?"

Their Junior Sister had become the boss's daughter, and now the boss suddenly wanted to double the allowance?

Shen Li thought for a moment and smiled.

“Consider it as a red packet for all three of you Senior Brothers. Speaking of which, we have to thank all three of you Senior Brothers for this matter of our recognition.”

Then, she briefly recounted the entire incident to them.

“... So, that’s basically it.”

Yan Qiu came to a realization.

“In that case, it’s fortunate that we asked a few more questions that day, and that Teacher Shen happened to overhear it. So, that’s why Teacher Shen started to suspect your identity?”

Shen Li pondered for a moment, and a faint smile flashed across her lips.

Actually, he should have noticed many hints from a long time ago.

That included her appearance, her allergy to peanuts, her talent in physics and painting...

However, for various reasons, he had not dared to entertain his suspicions.

Until Ning Haizhou had gotten a heart attack.

“So, I have to thank my Senior Brothers.”

Tang Yi suddenly clapped his hands.

“I knew it! I told you that Little Junior Sister and Teacher Shen looked alike. At that time, I thought that she was the boss’s relative. I didn’t expect—”

To think that she was actually his biological daughter, a blood relative.

Yan Qiu looked at her with a complicated expression.

“... Is that so? At that time, I even said that Little Junior Sister and the boss look exactly the same when they are angry...”

Father and daughter, how could they be different?!

“No matter what, for Little Junior Sister and the boss, it can be said that everyone is happy!” Fu Niannian rubbed his chin and chuckled, “In the future, if the boss gets angry, we can just send little junior sister to face him at any time. What’s there to worry about?”

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Shen Li, “...”

“That’s right!” Tang Yi’s eyes lit up. “In the past, the boss took special care of Little Junior Sister, but in the future—”

He looked at Shen Li with gratitude, as if he could already see the bright days ahead.

“Little Junior Sister, thank you, thank you! Originally, I thought that I wouldn’t be able to graduate. But now, don’t you think that the boss will definitely let me graduate smoothly because of this matter?”

Shen Li, “...”

She glanced at the laboratory table behind him and reminded him seriously,

“Senior Brother Tang Yi, your data seems to be running. Don’t you... need to keep an eye on it?”

The smile on Tang Yi’s face instantly disappeared. “Oh!”

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At 10 pm, Shen Li and Shen Zhijin left the laboratory together and returned to their home in Skyleaf City.

After Shen Li had washed up, she sat on the chair and dried her hair, bit by bit.

The phone on the table lit up. She looked at it and her gaze froze.

[The identity of the artist who copied your painting has been preliminarily confirmed.]

Chapter 694: Premiere

The highly imitated painting that had been on display at One Gallery had imitated almost 80% of her technique and style, and was extremely deceptive.

If she had not personally revealed her identity, those people probably would not have believed that the painting was fake.

Of course, being able to fool the many examiners in a gallery had already proved that the painter of the painting was definitely of high quality.

Otherwise, they would definitely not be able to achieve such a degree of authenticity.

In the painting market, fakes had never stopped being produced.

The higher the value, the more imitators there were.

As long as a fake painting could be sold, there would be huge profits.

This kind of temptation was something that many people could not resist.

Shen Li replied.

[Send me the results of the investigation.]

Three minutes later, she received a reply.

[Name: Mu Xinye. Gender: Male. Age: Unknown.]

Staring at this line of words, Shen Li frowned.

There was only one name, and the gender was confirmed. The rest of the information was unknown?

[There's nothing more?]

[Yes. The other party tasked a third party to send the high-quality imitation painting to One Gallery, so the information was very limited. That's all that we have been able to find out for now.]

Shen Li narrowed her eyes.

The other party had obviously come prepared. From the moment they had made their move, they had made thorough preparations. They had even specially entrusted a third party to conceal themselves well.

Moreover, this name might not even be the true name. Or perhaps, this was not the real painter of the painting.

“Where did that painting come from?”

This was also very important.

To be able to transport such a large painting to an art gallery, involved a lot of processes.

This time, the other party replied very quickly.

[According to the information from the art gallery, that painting came from the Capital. However, according to the clues we found later, it is very likely that it came from overseas. We still need to investigate further.]

Overseas?

Shen Li’s eyebrows twitched slightly.

The name Tree’s Shadow only started to show itself in the domestic art circle in the past two to three years.

If the painting had really been sent from overseas, then what was the identity of the artist?

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She sat and thought for a while before replying to another message.

[Continue to investigate. Also, send me a copy of the information from One Gallery, including the founder of the gallery and so on. Try to be as specific as possible and give me all of it.]

Half a minute later, the other party sent an ‘OK’ emoji.

It was not an easy task to sort out the information.

After Shen Li received the reply from the other party, she knew that it would take some time, so she put her phone down. She wiped her hair a few times and went to bed to rest.

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The next day was a Saturday, so Shen Li did not have to wake up very early.

However, because she had just started a new project and had a bunch of experiments to do, she woke up very early.

However, Shen Zhijin had woken up earlier than her.

As soon as she came out of the bedroom, she saw Shen Zhijin standing by the dining table with breakfast on the table.

“You’re up?”

Shen Zhijin looked up at her.

“I wanted to let you sleep more, so I didn’t wake you up.”

Shen Li walked over and saw that the breakfast was exceptionally sumptuous.

She looked at Shen Zhijin in surprise.

“Dad, what’s happening today—”

Shen Zhijin helped her set the dishes, then pulled out a chair and sat down.

"I'm going back to Bai City for a business trip this afternoon. It'll take about three days."

Shen Li was stunned for a moment before she understood.

Actually, Shen Zhijin would spend more than half of his time abroad every year. During this period of time, he had been busy with their research team and matters involving her. He had not left the capital for a long time.

"I see. Then, shall I send you off?"

Shen Zhijin did not really want to go on this trip.

He had only just reclaimed his daughter, so of course, he wanted to spend as much time with her as possible.

However, this part of the related work had been delayed for a long time. He really could not put it off anymore, so he decided to go over.

"There's no need. There are two other researchers at Fino Lab who will be going with me."

Although Shen Zhijin was reluctant to part with her, he did not want to burden her with such a task.

"Just stay at home and rest."

Shen Li's eyes curved as she smiled.

"I know, but I do still plan to go to the lab later."

Shen Zhijin knew that she had always been diligent in this aspect, so he merely nodded and let her go.

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After lunch, a car sent by Fino's laboratory personally came to pick Shen Zhijin up and he left with them.

Shen Li spent almost the entire day in the laboratory.

At around five in the afternoon, Fu Niannian returned.

"Junior Sister, your express delivery."

Shen Li turned around and saw that Fu Niannian was holding an express delivery letter in his hand.

He handed it over.

"Here."

Shen Li took it. "Thank you, Senior Brother."

Fu Niannian smiled.

"I don't know what it is. It's very light."

Shen Li looked at the address on it and was able to make a guess.

"It should be from Mian."

Fu Niannian was instantly surprised.

“... Lin Fengmian?”

“Mm.”

As Shen Li spoke, she opened the delivery letter.

Fu Niannian was not the only who had reacted. Tang Yi, who was also in the lab, was looking at the computer as he changed his thesis. When he heard Lin Fengmian’s name, he looked over curiously.

Then, they saw Shen Li take out an invitation card.

It was black and gold in color, simple and exquisite.

Shen Li opened it and pulled out two thin sheets of paper.

They were... two tickets for a movie premiere.

Chapter 695: Seven Days Without Reason

“So, those are tickets for a movie premiere!”

Fu Nian understood, his interest now peaked.

“Since the theme song was sung by Little Junior Sister’s brother, then we should at least support it, right? Little Junior Sister, when will this movie be released?”

Shen Li looked at the tickets.

“The premiere is tomorrow night, and the official release will be on Christmas Day.”

“Alright, I’ll book a ticket first.”

Fu Niannian took his phone out as he spoke.

After searching for a while, he let out a “Huh” sound.

“The two closest cinemas to us are not scheduled for any screenings?”

Tang Yi also came over to take a look.

“From Christmas to New Year’s Day this year, a lot of films are competing with each other. The competition is probably very fierce. I’ve never heard of this film before, is their publicity not very good?”

Fu Niannian looked at the movie lineup carefully, touched his chin, and suddenly realized something.

“Ah, I remember now. The reason why I remember this name is because I heard my sister mention that Lin Fengmian was in this movie.”

His sister was a fanatic fan of Lin Fengmian. She listened to songs, followed the charts, and bought everything connected to him.

Otherwise, he would not have been nagged until he had to ask Shen Li for Lin Fengmian’s autographed album.

“At that time, I thought that he was only going to make a cameo, but I didn’t expect—”

He had not expected that he would be singing the theme song.

Well, from a certain point of view, his sister’s statement could not be considered wrong.

— Wasn't the theme song also a part of the movie?

"Wait, the director is Ge?"

Tang Yi caught a glimpse of the name in the director's column and was instantly stunned.

Fu Niannian asked curiously, "What's wrong? Is there a problem?"

"That's not it. It's just that this director..." Tang Yi looked at Shen Li with a conflicted expression. "He has quite a personality."

Fu Niannian was puzzled.

"What do you mean?"

Tang Yi explained.

"Ge made his first film, "Inside and Outside the City Walls" seven years ago, and won the Golden Deer Award, the highest award at the Bai City Film Festival. It was the first film in the country to win this award. Ge Shi became famous from then on and eventually became the hottest director in the country at that time. However—"

He shrugged.

"For the next seven years, he made three films, but all of them flopped, and he received no awards at all."

This had made Ge fall into an extremely awkward situation.

On one hand, he had an extremely brilliant record and could definitely be considered a first-rate director in the country.

On the other hand, in the past seven years, he really had not made any outstanding films.

In the eyes of many people, it was undoubtedly a waste of talent.

Many people privately ridiculed that his talent and luck in his life had all been dedicated to his first film seven years ago.

After so many years, his fame had long since been exhausted.

“The movie he made last year had such extremely poor box office earnings that it only had a three-day run at the cinema.”

Tang Yi liked Ge’s “Inside and Outside the City Walls” a lot. Otherwise, he would not have known him so well.

But Ge’s later movies had indeed been terrible.

Fu Niannian was speechless.

“... Then, why did someone still ask him to make a movie?”

Tang Yi glanced at his phone again.

“I’ve never heard of this distribution and production company before. Shengguang Media... is a small company, right? The main actors are all newcomers, and there’s been very little publicity. It’s probably just a small production company.”

It was not hard to understand if that was the case.

Fu Niannian paused.

“That’s true... Lin Fengmian seems to be the most famous one here...”

Tang Yi could not help but look at Shen Li and ask,

“Junior Sister, with his status, surely there would be many producers that would want to hire him, right? Why did he choose this one?”

It was not that the film was not good. However, the production team really did not match up to Lin Fengmian’s current status.

Even if Lin Fengmian chose to focus on his music career without venturing into movies, there were still plenty of people who would hire him.

Yet, he had chosen the smallest and most transparent one.

Even if Lin Fengmian’s fans were to rush to the box office for the sake of his reputation, this movie “Hibiscus” would probably fail.

After all, whether a movie succeeded or not, was not decided by one’s fans, but more by the general audience.

Shen Li, on the other hand, did not seem to care about this. She smiled and said, “It seems that saw the script of this movie before. He said that he liked it and that he had written the theme song with the inspiration he got from the movie.”

Fu Niannian and Tang Yi looked at each other.

If that was the case, then there was nothing much to say.

"I think the movie theater on Fengyuan Road has two more scheduled screenings." Fu Niannian swiped at the bottom. "Let's book this first!"

Tang Yi nodded.

"Senior Brother, please help Senior Brother and me book tickets as well so that we can go together."

Fu Niannian simply nodded.

"Okay."

This was the first time Lin Fengmian would be singing the theme song for a movie. Naturally, they had to buy tickets to the cinema to support it.

"Don't worry, Junior Sister. I'll ask my siblings to go together!"

Shen Li smiled.

"Thank you, Senior Brother."

Shen Li's gaze fell on the two tickets.

These were probably meant for her and Shen Zhijin.

However, the timing was not too good. The premiere would be held tomorrow night at seven o'clock, but Shen Zhijin was not around.

She thought for a moment, before going out to call Lu Huaiyu.

Beep, beep—

The phone rang a few times before it was picked up.

The low and unhurried voice carried a hint of hoarseness and tiredness, which made it sound indescribably sexy and seductive.

“Ah Li?”

It was as if a feather was gently tickling her heart, causing her to feel tingly.

Only then did she remember that he should still be resting at this hour.

She lowered her voice.

“Second Brother, did I wake you up?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“No, I just woke up. What’s wrong?”

Shen Li said, “Ah Mian sent two tickets for a movie premiere at 7 o’clock tomorrow night. Is it convenient for you?”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“A ticket... for me?”

Shen Li paused and said honestly, “My dad is on a business trip.”

Sure enough.

Lu Huaiyu could not help but laugh when he realized that this ticket had not been meant for him.

“Okay, send me the location. I’ll pick you up tomorrow.”

Shen Li hung up the phone, took a photo of the tickets, and sent it to him

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The next evening, Shen Li went out at the appointed time.

Just as she went downstairs, she saw the black Bentley parked downstairs.

She got into the passenger seat.

“Second Brother.”

Lu Huaiyu sized her up.

It was cold, so she was wearing a white down jacket. Her fluffy collar was wrapped around her porcelain-white face, and her peach blossom eyes were sparkling.

The car was warm, so she pulled the collar down a little, revealing a turtleneck sweater of the same color.

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly, feeling a little regretful.

The car started. Shen Li sensed his gaze and turned to look at him.

“Second Brother, what’s wrong?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“Nothing.”

Shen Li nodded, but in the very next moment, she found her hand being held by him.

She was stunned and looked up at him.

In the car, he usually did not—

Before she could speak, she felt something being stuffed into her palm.

She lowered her head to take a look. It was the milk candy that she had given him earlier.

“Second Brother?”

Did he not like it?

Lu Huaiyu raised the corners of his lips slightly.

“This product is not the right one. I want to make a return under the 7-day no reason policy.”

Chapter 696: Love

Shen Li, “... Oh.”

She swiped the candy away with the back of her hand.

She knew that this man was hard to please.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her ears which had turned slightly red and leaned closer. He chuckled softly.

“Then I’ll take it that you agree.”

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The premiere of “Hibiscus” was held at Hongyang cinema.

After the two of them arrived, they entered through the main entrance.

There was a huge promotional poster hanging at the door.

Under the grayish-blue sky, the red hibiscus flowers were shown in full bloom.

Under the tree, a young boy and girl were shown standing face to face.

The boy was wearing a white shirt and black pants. He was clean and handsome, as he held out a hibiscus flower.

The girl was wearing overalls, while her little white shoes were slightly stained with splashes of mud. It was not clear where she had rushed to him from. Her forehead was still covered in sweat, her ponytail was flying in the air, and a bright smile was on her face.

Right above the poster, in a red vertical font was— “Hibiscus”

The staff who was in charge of checking the tickets at the door spotted the two of them. He was momentarily stunned before he quickly reacted.

“Ning?!”

Shen Li looked up and saw that the price staff was looking at her excitedly, as well as at Lu Huaiyu, who was beside her.

He walked over and handed the tickets to them.

One of the staff members, who looked very young, quickly stepped forward.

“Fengmian already informed us in advance that you would be coming today. He is currently backstage with the main creative staff, so it’s not convenient for him to come over for the time being. Please come in first.”

Shen Li nodded and walked in with Lu Huaiyu.

The production team for “Hibiscus” had actually tried its best to promote the movie, but there were too many competing films in the same period. Either the production team was good and the publicity was overwhelming, or there were directors or leads with strong box office appeal.

Just on Christmas Day alone, as many as five films were released on the same day.

There were family comedies, commercial blockbusters imported from abroad, and a series of animated films that had already accumulated a lot of reputation.

As a light romantic comedy, “Hibiscus” did not seem to be in a position to be very competitive.

The two of them had arrived relatively late. When they went in, the film was already about to start showing.

Usually, during the premiere, the director and the main creative staff would introduce and promote the movie on stage before they would get to the main topic and start screening the movie.

However, the premiere of “Hibiscus” had skipped the previous series of cumbersome procedures and started right away.

There were already many people in the theater. The light was dim, so the arrival of Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu did not attract too much attention.

The two of them came to the middle of the last row.

Lin Fengmian had originally said that he would give her tickets to seats in the first two rows, but she had rejected his offer and had finally chosen these seats.

As the two of them sat down, they could still vaguely hear the discussions of the people in front of them.

“Is the movie going to be shown directly?”

“I heard that it was Director Ge’s idea. He didn’t want to let other factors interfere with the audience’s judgment. He wanted to preserve their initial experience of watching the movie as much as possible.”

“So capricious? Tsk, this is as expected of a famous director who has won a big award.”

In the past, the last sentence had been a compliment, admiration, and adoration.

But now, it was said with sarcasm.

Everyone knew that Ge had not made a good movie since his first movie. All his past honors were brought up again, which made people find it laughable.

“Shengguang Media? I’ve never heard of this company before.”

"I think they only just registered not long ago. The first movie that they've invested in was this."

"I really don't know what this company is thinking. There are so many directors in the country. Who wouldn't be good to find? Yet they went to look for Ge? Do they have too much money and find that it's too hot to handle that they just want to give away their money?"

"Who knows? However, this time, they invited Lin Fengmian to sing the theme song. With his fans around, even if they fail, it won't be any worse than the last one, right?"

"Speaking of which, this guy is also interesting. Before this, countless film producers made offers to him, but he didn't agree. This time, he chose such a low-budget romantic film. I heard that the theme song has been personally written by him."

"Ge actually started filming this kind of film, Heh. I don't think that a lot of the media are here today. Those who are here are mostly here for Lin Fengmian. I think he's probably the best box office performer in the entire movie."

...

All kinds of voices came from the front.

Shen Li leaned back in her chair and listened quietly as she waited for the movie to start.

"Ah Li."

Lu Huaiyu suddenly called out to her.

She turned her head to look.

"Second Brother?"

Lu Huaiyu looked at her with a smile in his voice.

“Do you remember last Christmas, when we watched an animated movie together?”

Shen Li blinked.

It had been their first time watching a movie together, so of course she remembered.

“Yeah.” She nodded. “That movie was pretty good.”

The corners of Lu Huaiyu’s lips curled slightly.

“It was good.”

Snap...

The last light went out, and in the next moment, a beam of light was projected.

On the giant screen, a golden logo appeared— Shengguang Media.

Shen Li said softly, “It’s starting.”

The fluorescent light reflected off her face. In the darkness, her eyes seemed even brighter, more sparkling and moving.

Lu Huaiyu also turned to look forward as he held her hand at the same time.

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As the movie started, the surroundings quieted down.

The movie told a very simple love story.

A young girl who had just graduated from college had just rented a house for herself, intending to start a serious work life.

However, on the first day of work, she had accidentally fallen down in the living room and traveled ten years to the future.

It was the same house, but the tenant was now a young boy.

She had nowhere to go and nothing on her to prove her identity. In the world ten years later, it was almost impossible for her to do anything.

Fortunately, the young boy had felt sorry for her, so he had agreed to let her stay for the time being.

The world ten years in the future had changed a lot, and the girl had made a lot of jokes about it. They faced a huge generation gap due to the ten-year gap between them, so there were many mishaps at first when the two of them began to live together.

There was a hibiscus tree in the small courtyard of the house that the two of them had rented.

After three months had passed, the girl had a premonition that she would have to go back to her original time of ten years in the past and be separated from this man.

Only then did she realize that she had already fallen in love with him.

Therefore, on the day that she was about to be forced to leave this space and time, she had confessed her origins to him beneath the hibiscus tree.

“I love you.” She clasped her hands behind her back and smiled at him. The corners of her eyes sparkled.
“It’s such a pity that I can’t continue to be with you.”

The boy looked at her with a gentle smile and handed her the hibiscus flower.

“How can that be? I’ll still love you even after ten years too.”

The girl took the hibiscus flower and turned to leave.

The theme song began to play, the voice sounding clear and gentle.

There was a camera pan shot, and the boy was seen returning to his room. His face had changed a lot.

In the room, a woman was sitting in the living room.

Seeing him come in, she said blankly, “I fell in my room... May I stay here for a while?”

He walked over and put the diagnosis report into the drawer.

A line of words flashed on the screen— Alzheimer’s disease.

Then, he turned around and said with a smile,

“Sure.”

I said that I would still love you even after ten years.

I’ve always loved you during these past ten years.

...

Gradually, the sound of sobbing could be heard in the theater.

Shen Li turned her head.

"I didn't expect it to be such a tragedy."

"How could it be?" Lu Huaiyu's lips curved in a smile. "Weren't they always together?"

Shen Li looked at him and suddenly pulled his hand.

"Second Brother."

Lu Huaiyu leaned closer to her.

"Hmm?"

She tried to control her heartbeat and looked into his eyes.

Yes.

The two people in the movie had not missed a single day of the past ten years.

To many people, this was already an extremely extravagant hope.

The very next moment, she kissed his lips.

Chapter 697: Am I Sweet

In the dim cinema, light and shadow intersected.

She held his hand, raised her head slightly, and nibbled on his cool thin lips.

The cool smell of cedar pervaded the air, which was almost intoxicating.

The handrest in the middle of the seat had already been lowered, and he raised his hand to wrap it around her waist so she could lean in closer.

The soothing music echoed in his ears, and in the last row, only hot breaths intersected, and his heart beat rapidly.

He had not touched her for so long and he had been longing for her. In addition to her rare initiative, the string of rationality in his mind was in danger.

Lu Huaiyu's whole body tensed up, as if a ball of fire was burning in his heart. The scorching temperature quickly spread throughout his body.

He had waited and longed for her for too long. Now that he was finally able to get close to her, his instincts were almost uncontrollable.

He nibbled on her incredibly soft lips, sweeping the tip of his tongue across her teeth, as he easily conquered her.

In the darkness, in the silence, she raised her head slightly, took the initiative to move forward, and was forced to accept it again.

Time seemed to have become exceptionally long.

After some time had passed, a thought finally emerged in his heart: it was time to stop.

However, her delicate and soft, seemingly boneless hand was like an invisible hook that gently wrapped around him.

The ending song sounded.

She finally pushed at his chest gently.

He took away the last remnants of the sweet taste between her lips and teeth and kissed her lips as if he was comforting her. Only then did he finally let her go and backed off slightly.

He let out a gentle breath to calm the restlessness in his body.

The next moment, her slender fingers gently scratched his palm.

Lu Huaiyu tilted his head slightly and leaned over.

She spoke softly, her warm breath falling, and her lips brushing past his ear.

“Second Brother.”

Her voice was extremely soft and delicate, as if she was very curious.

“Am I sweet?”

Lu Huaiyu clearly heard something breaking in his mind.

His arms suddenly tightened, and he grabbed her around the waist and bent his head to continue kissing her.

Just then, the light came on with a popping sound.

The bright light spilled over the top of his head, and Lu Huaiyu stopped in his tracks.

Almost at the same time, he saw her current appearance.

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Under the light, her cheeks were flushed red, her peach-blossom-shaped eyes were flickering with light, her eyes were slightly red, and her lips were red and moist.

Her eyebrows were curved, and a sly and smug smile played lightly on her lips.

Lu Huaiyu's Adam's apple moved up and down as he secretly gritted his teeth.

She had clearly done it on purpose!

If it was not for the fact that this was not the right time—

In the cinema, applause rang out.

Shen Li turned her head to look forward.

When the movie ended, many people wiped their tears and clapped at the same time.

This was completely spontaneous, a heartfelt recognition of the movie.

Then, a man in his thirties led a few main actors onto the stage.

It was the director, Ge, and all the main creators of the movie.

Lin Fengmian was also there.

When he went on stage, there was obviously a lot of commotion from the audience.

A considerable portion of the people present today were his fans, including many media outlets. In fact, they were all here for him.

Without a doubt, on this stage, he was the person with the most fame.

However, he merely stood in the corner, giving the C seats to the male and female leads of the movie.

As he stood up, he looked up at the audience seats, and his gaze almost immediately locked onto the last row.

When he saw Shen Li, a faint smile appeared in his eyes.

However, when he saw Lu Huaiyu next to her, his eyes narrowed slightly.

Shen Li had already sent him a message before, saying that Shen Zhijin would be on a business trip for the next few days and could not come along, so she would be bringing Lu Huaiyu along.

It was supposed to be for Uncle Shen...

Lin Fengmian silently made a note in his heart before he withdrew his gaze.

After the movie ended, it was time for the fans and media to ask questions.

According to most people's expectations, the biggest promotional spot for this movie was Lin Fengmian, so the topic would definitely revolve around him.

However, after watching the movie, the situation deviated from what they had initially expected.

Everyone's questions were focused on the movie itself, including the story, the director, and the two main actors.

Someone whispered, "No wonder Director Ge insisted on showing the movie first. That's the reason why..."

"This movie is much better than I thought. After so many years, I've finally gotten to see Ge's talent again."

"It's no wonder that Lin Fengmian specially wrote the theme song for this movie. It was really worth it!"

"This should be the biggest dark horse of this holiday, right?"

...

The premiere ceremony ended smoothly. Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu came backstage to greet Lin Fengmian.

"Sister."

Lin Fengmian saw her and his eyes curved in a smile.

"How do you feel watching it?"

Shen Li smiled.

"The movie was good, and the theme song was good too."

Lin Fengmian's eyes lit up. Then, he thought of something and looked regretful.

"It's a pity that Uncle Shen didn't come today."

Lu Huaiyu, who was standing at the side, raised his eyebrows slightly.

Shen Li said, "It's okay. Next time, when you have time, just come to our house directly."

Shen Zhijin knew of her relationship with Lin Fengmian. After having requested his album previously, he had said that he would meet him later, no matter what.

Lin Fengmian was very happy.

"Okay."

Having acknowledged her biological father, it could be considered that Shen Li had completely gotten rid of her unbearable past.

There was no better news than this.

The two of them chatted for a while before Lin Fengmian had to rush off for another job. Wu Yuanfan had come over twice to hurry her before he finally left.

After that, Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu prepared to leave as well.

By now, most of the people had dispersed, and there were only the two of them in the elevator.

Shen Li pressed the button for the first floor, and the elevator door slowly closed.

The man next to her suddenly called out to her.

“Ah Li.”

She raised her head in confusion. “Huh?”

He then pulled up the hood on her down jacket.

The hood was very wide, so it completely covered her head. The furry edges covered her vision, and in an instant, her vision went dark, with only half of her small face being revealed.

“Second Brother?” She said in surprise. At the same time, she raised her hand to lift the hood.

“What– Oh!”

She did not have time to say the rest of her words.

He took a step forward and pressed her against the wall. He pinched her sharp chin and lowered his head to kiss her.

His voice was hoarse and indistinct between her lips and teeth.

“Whether something is sweet or not, you’ll only know after you taste it.”

Chapter 698: Be Good, There’s No One There

Her entire body was enveloped by his tall and slender figure, and most of her face was hidden under the hood. He was lightly pinching her delicate and fair chin, and her soft lips were nibbled by his mouth. She could only raise her head and endure his kiss.

She gently pushed at him a few times, feeling a little nervous.

“There... There are surveillance cameras...”

However, her words only gave the man in front of her a chance to take advantage of her.

His chest shook as if he was laughing. He rolled his wet and soft tongue and pushed it even deeper, breaking her voice between her lips and teeth.

“Brother is blocking it for you, what are you afraid of?”

As he spoke, he pulled down her hood again.

The tip of his nose rubbed against her, leaving only the intertwined lips and tongue.

He kissed her deeply, his slightly calloused fingertips brushing against her chin, as if there it was on fire.

Her back was against the wall, her vision was dark, and she could not see anything.

Because her vision was blocked, her remaining senses became especially sensitive.

Her breath was swallowed by him, and there seemed to be the ambiguous sound of water beside her ears. Mixed with his extremely light and stifling breathing, it almost made her whole body burn up.

Ding.

The elevator stopped.

Her heart instantly jumped, and she clutched his clothes tightly. She was obviously nervous, but there was a hint of sweetness in her voice.

“... Second Brother...”

He laughed. Almost as soon as the door opened, he let go of her and looked outside the door.

Two young girls who were waiting for the elevator stood outside the door, holding cups of milk tea in their hands.

Seeing that the elevator door had opened, the two of them subconsciously wanted to come in.

However, before they could even lift their feet, they spotted the man in the elevator.

He stood in the elevator, blocking a girl in a white down jacket in the corner, looking back at them.

He was beautiful and noble.

His usually cold and proud demeanor, like the snow on the mountain peak, the moon in the sky, far away from reach.

However, at this moment, his eyes were tinged with a hint of warmth, like a flame burning faintly under the ice layer.

He was clearly unapproachable, but his entire body was filled with sexual tension, making him extremely contradictory and alluring.

Just a glance like this could easily make people willingly sink into the depths of his eyes.

Such a stunning impact instantly stunned the two girls. They merely stood there in a daze, without moving at all.

The very next moment, they saw the man raise his eyebrows slightly, bend his head slightly, approach the girl, and coax her with a low laugh.

“Be good, there’s no one there.”

The two girls subconsciously followed his line of sight and saw that half of the girl’s face was covered by a hood. Her entire body was wrapped in his arms, and not a single part of her face could be seen clearly.

Only then did they suddenly realize something, and their faces instantly turned red.

The man had already raised his hand to press the elevator button, and then pressed it down in front of the girl again, lowering his head to kiss her.

The elevator door slowly closed, finally concealing the two figures tightly entwined with each other.

When the elevator finally went down, the two girls finally came back to their senses.

The two of them looked at each other and saw each other’s red faces.

“Oh my god!”

One of the girls could not help but suck in a breath of cold air. She lowered her voice and held her face as she screamed, “So handsome!”

The other nodded her head vigorously in agreement.

“Sob, sob, sob! It’s a pity that I didn’t see what that young lady looked like. She must be very beautiful too! This little brother is too, too... he’s really bullying us singletons. Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah!”

“That young lady was tricked so miserably. Sob, sob, sob, sob, sob, sob, sob. Why am I so envious?!”

...

The elevator door was closed, so the sound from outside could not be heard.

Shen Li was about to lift the hood to see, but before she had time to move, she had heard him say that no one was there.

She was relieved to find that no one had come in.

Before she could say anything, he kissed her again.

He came so close that it caused the soft hairs on the brim of her hood to brush gently over her face, tickling her slightly.

She could not help but open her mouth.

“... Second Brother...”

She raised her hand, wanting to rub at her face, but he caught her hand.

“Hmm?”

Lu Huaiyu kissed her gently as he asked nonchalantly, “What’s wrong?”

Shen Li’s face turned slightly red.

He was so smart, how could he not know what she was trying to do?

Chapter 699: Send Ah Li Back?

Ding—

The elevator door opened again. He then stepped back slightly and lifted her hood.

She looked up, with watery eyes. Her fair little face was flushed red and moving, with a hint of embarrassment.

Just as she was about to say something, someone came in from outside the elevator.

He smiled and held her hand, not giving her a chance to complain.

“Let’s go home.”

This low and pleasant voice attracted the attention of the other people again.

She endured it, having no choice but to swallow the words in her throat and obediently follow him out.

Even when the two of them had gotten into the car, the tips of her ears were still burning.

The corners of Lu Huaiyu’s lips curved into a smile before he said to Yi Bin, “Let’s go back to Skyleaf City.”

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It was close to Christmas, so both sides of the street had already been decorated. There was a strong festive atmosphere everywhere.

Shen Li looked out of the window and saw the bright lights on the street. She thought of last year’s Christmas.

At that time, she had never thought that when they went to see a movie together a year later, it would be such an intimate gesture.

Lu Huaiyu turned his head to look at her.

“Is it nice?”

His beautiful face was reflected in the car window, and the smile on his lips was faintly discernible.

She did not turn her head back, but her eyes looked at the reflection. When she saw that he had a smile on his face, the hand hidden beneath the down jacket reached out a little and silently hooked his finger.

The tip of his brows raised slightly, and he obediently allowed her delicate fingers to entangle with his.

On the surface, it looked as if their sleeves were pressed together, but in reality, beneath the sleeves, their fingers were already intertwined.

Even though the palms of their hands were already sweaty, they were intertwined in an ambiguous, moist, and hot manner.

“Mm.”

She was still looking out of the window. It was unknown which lamp on the street she was looking at,

“It’s beautiful.”

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Forty minutes later, the black Bentley arrived at Skyleaf City.

“Second Brother, I’ll be going home first.”

As she spoke, she moved to pull her hand out, but he did not let her go.

“Wait.”

He said, “Let me send you to your doorstep.”

Shen Li glanced at him.

Although they were at the entrance of the residential area, it was in fact, not very far to walk home from here.

Lu Huaiyu raised his chin.

“It’s snowing.”

She was stunned and turned her head to look. The night sky, white snowflakes were flying in the air.

There was a thin layer of snow on the ground. It was clear that it had been snowing for a while.

She sat back down obediently.

The car continued to drive inside the area, and finally, it slowly stopped at the second building.

Lu Huaiyu pushed the door open and got out.

Shen Li was about to follow him out when she heard a familiar voice coming from the front.

“Huaiyu?”

Lu Huaiyu turned his head and saw Zhang Yao walking over.

“I knew you looked familiar. So, it really is you.”

After seeing Lu Huaiyu’s face clearly, Zhang Yao smiled and his gaze fell on the car.

“Were you sending Ah Li home?”

Shen Li paused as she heard Lu Huaiyu respond with a smile.

“Yes.”

Shen Li got out of the car and greeted Zhang Yao.

“Uncle Zhang.”

Zhang Yao chuckled.

“Good, good.”

He thought to himself. It was normal for young people to go out for a meal and a date when they were in a relationship.

It was snowing today, and Lu Huaiyu was personally sending the girl to her doorstep. Not bad, not bad.

“Okay, then I’ll go upstairs first.”

As Zhang Yao said this, he smiled and walked into the entrance lobby.

Shen Li looked at Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, so I’ll be leaving now, okay?”

Lu Huaiyu paused.

“I don’t think I’ve seen what your new house looks like.”

Shen Li momentarily froze before she asked uncertainly, “... So, does Second Brother want to go up and take a look?”

Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips twitched slightly.

“Since Ah Li has taken the initiative to invite me, I’ll go up and have a look.”

Shen Li, “...”

Lu Huaiyu ruffled her hair and smiled.

“Teacher Shen asked me to bring all the things that you left at Rongyue Residence over. However, you never went over to pack them up. So, I helped you pack them up and brought them over.”

When he said that, Shen Li remembered that there had indeed been such a thing.

It had not been her intention. It was just that she had not had much time recently and had gotten so busy that she had forgotten about it.

In fact, it was mostly clothes and shoes over there, as well as some miscellaneous daily items.

It did not make much of a difference if she kept them over there or here at Skyleaf City.

However, since he had sent them over—

She nodded.

“Thank you, Second Brother.”

Lu Huaiyu opened the trunk of the car and took out a cardboard box.

“Let’s go.”

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Shen Li took Lu Huaiyu upstairs.

She pushed the door open and entered before taking out a pair of slippers for him at the entrance.

Lu Huaiyu followed her inside, looking around as they walked.

It was a little different from what he had expected, but it was also somewhat similar.

The difference was that he had thought that since Shen Zhijin had lived alone for many years, the house should be simple and empty.

But in fact, this was not the case.

With the paintings hanging on the wall and the camellias that had been placed on the table, the house did not look like a place that belonged to someone who was living alone.

Suddenly, his eyes focused.

A transparent glass cabinet came into view, and he could see all kinds of small gifts inside.

“That’s—”

Shen Li followed his line of sight.

“Those are the gifts that Dad bought for me over the years.”

Lu Huaiyu had already guessed it.

He walked over and scanned the cabinet carefully.

Shen Li came to his side.

He looked at her for a while before turning his head to look at her. He gently pinched her cheek and said with a smile, “I’ve said it before. Ah Li is so good that she’s a very lovable person.”

Shen Li did not say anything, but her eyes seemed to smile.

Lu Huaiyu lifted his chin slightly as they looked at the cardboard box on the ground.

“Should this be placed in your room?”

Shen Li nodded and walked over to open the bedroom door.

Lu Huaiyu helped her carry the box in and looked around the room.

The pony doll by the bed, the star chandelier overhead, her clothes on the chair, and her computer on the table...

Her presence was everywhere.

He recalled the first time he had gone to her room in Lincheng. It had been small and cramped, and when they had sat facing each other, his knees almost rubbed against hers.

This place here was completely different.

He leaned against the door, with his long legs slightly relaxed.

Shen Li had already begun to take the things out of the box.

He had actually left her clothes and shoes at Rongyue Mansion. All the things he had brought this time were almost all small things.

As she pulled something out, she suddenly stopped.

Lu Huaiyu had actually brought her glass candy jar.

Sensing her movement, Lu Huaiyu looked over as well. His gaze fell on the glass candy jar, and the corners of his lips curled into a meaningful smile.

The candy jar was transparent, so he could clearly see what was inside.

Some candy, a small cake balloon that had been put away, two movie tickets, and folded paper.

Her intentions were so clear.

Shen Li did not raise her head, but she could feel his gaze on her and her face became slightly warm.

She stood up and placed the things on the table.

Lu Huaiyu asked with a smile, "I remember that you brought it from Yunzhou to the Capital. I thought that it was probably very important to you, so I brought it over to you."

Shen Li lowered her head slightly. Her fair cheeks had turned slightly rose-colored.

"Yes."

She nodded. Her voice was very soft, like a long string of sugar. The air was also filled with a sweet smell.

"It's very important."

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"Little friend."

Lu Huaiyu's gaze shifted from the sugar jar to the side of her face. He raised his eyebrows and smiled.

"I told you not to fall in love at a such young age. So, it turns out that you've liked your brother since so long ago?"

She had admitted that she liked him too when she was 17 years old, but now he realized that it seemed to have happened earlier than he had expected.

Shen Li turned her head and stared at him with her peach blossom eyes.

Then, she walked forward and stood in front of him, looking up at him slightly.

Their eyes met.

She asked, "Couldn't I?"

Lu Huaiyu was stunned. He had never expected that she would give such an answer.

After a long silence, it felt as if something was colliding in his chest.

He gave her a deep look, and his eyes seemed to be quenched with fire. The corners of his lips slowly curled up, and the tone of his voice was low and lazy, with a hint of huskiness.

"Of course you can."

He lowered his head slightly and moved closer to her until they were just inches apart. It was as if he was bewitching her as he made her a promise.

"I'm yours. You can do whatever you want."

In the quiet room, his voice fell into her ears, and she heard it exceptionally clearly.

Their breaths intertwined. She could even feel his breath sweep over her, bringing with it the boiling temperature that surrounded his body.

It was so hot that her heart began to tremble slightly.

Then, she placed a hand on his shoulder, and her soft lips pressed against his Adam's apple.

This time, there was no need to use alcohol as an excuse.

The snow outside the window was fluttering down, accompanied by the occasional sound of the wind.

His breathing stopped, and his whole body tensed up. Subconsciously, he wrapped his arms around her waist. He lowered his head, wanting to kiss her lips, but she avoided him.

“Don’t move...”

Her voice was soft, combining a hint of coquettishness and a commanding tone.

He paused and his Adam’s apple moved up and down. Finally, he complied and allowed her to take the initiative and let her torture him.

After kissing for a while, she remembered how he had pulled down the collar of her sweater in the elevator and was determined to get back at him. So, she leaned closer and her soft and tender lips slowly moved around his neck.

Lu Huaiyu raised his head slightly and leaned against the door, closing his eyes with extreme difficulty.

She seemed to have found an interesting game and moved closer to his ear, nibbling on his earlobe and rubbing her teeth together.

In the next moment, she was finally satisfied to hear him gasp uncontrollably.

Only then did she withdraw with satisfaction and whispered in his ear, “Good night, Second Brother.”

‘Good night?’

Lu Huaiyu opened his eyes and looked at her intensely. There seemed to be a whirlpool in his eyes, with unconcealed greed and desire.

“Have you had enough fun?”

He raised his hand and rubbed his fingertips against her lips as he asked her this question in a hoarse voice.

She blinked, only now sensing the hint of danger.

“Well... didn’t you say that I can do anything...?”

Lu Huaiyu narrowed his eyes and looked at her without saying a word.

She took half a step back and moved to pull the door open.

“Second Brother, it’s late. You should go home and rest early too, right?”

As she spoke, she found that her hand had been grasped.

“What’s the rush?”

Lu Huaiyu held her wrist and pulled her forward. His other hand pinched her chin and kissed her lips without allowing her to refuse,

“Do you really think that I’ll be able to sleep when I go back now?”

She was tightly held in his arms and could not move. Even through her clothes, she could still feel the hot temperature emanating from his body.

Only then did she feel a little guilty. After thinking about it for a while, she finally displayed a contrite attitude and took the initiative to return his kiss.

“Second Brother is not angry. Ah Li, please kiss me.”

This initiative to surrender did not stop Lu Huaiyu from being merciless.

“It’s too late.”

He turned the defense into an attack and locked her in tightly. He held her hand and pressed his knees against her slender and straight legs. In the quiet room, he robbed her of her breath and devoured her scent. His gentleness enveloped his strength and overwhelmed her.

It was not until her breathing gradually became erratic and her cheeks turned red as she leaned into his arms, as she begged him in a low voice.

“... I still have class tomorrow...”

Lu Huaiyu paused and finally let her go. Looking into her sparkling eyes, he smiled and kissed her gently.

“Okay, I’ll pay you back next time.”

Shen Li’s eyes widened slightly.

‘Pay me back next time?!

‘Why was it not over yet?’

However, Lu Huaiyu had already made up his mind and had no intention of discussing it with her.

He touched her face.

“Good night, Shen Tangtang.”

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Shen Li walked him to the door.

He looked down at her. Her hair was a little disheveled, her skin was extremely fair, her eyes were moist, and the corners of her eyes were red.

Everything that he had just done was evident.

His thin lips twitched slightly.

“Alright, go back and sleep well.”

Shen Li acknowledged.

“Goodbye, Second Brother.”

Only then did Lu Huaiyu turn around and leave, arriving in front of the elevator.

Ding.

The elevator door slowly opened. Just as Lu Huaiyu was about to step in, he heard a slightly surprised voice.

“Huaiyu?”

Lu Huaiyu stopped in his tracks and looked up.

Shen Li, who had been about to close the door, also stopped in her tracks.

Bi Zhitong looked at Lu Huaiyu with a surprised expression.

"It's so late, why are you here?"

As he asked, he looked behind Lu Huaiyu.

Lu Huaiyu paused.

"I just sent Ah Li home, and I helped her bring some things up. I'm leaving now."

"Oh, I see."

Bi Zhitong nodded in understanding.

Lu Huaiyu then walked into the lift.

The two went downstairs together. Lu Huaiyu bid Bi Zhitong goodbye before he got into the car and left.

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Shen Li returned to her room and pressed the back of her hand to her face, before walking to the bathroom.

She took a shower and changed into her pajamas. Suddenly, she remembered something, so she walked to the mirror and raised her head slightly.

There was indeed a faint red mark on her slender and delicate neck.

In fact, Lu Huaiyu had actually restrained himself as he kissed her neck.

However, later on, he had used too much strength. No matter how much she had called out to him, it had been useless.

It would probably take a long time to fade.

Fortunately, it was winter, so wearing a turtleneck sweater would cover it.

She let her hair down but it barely covered the mark. Then, she went to bed, picked up her phone, and clicked into Weibo.

As soon as she refreshed it, she saw a popular Weibo post on the front page.

[Third Uncle Watching a Movie: I just watched the premiere of “Hibiscus”, and I just want to say that the talented Ge is finally back! It’s probably because I had very low expectations for Ge that it was a huge surprise after watching it. I can guarantee that this movie is definitely the biggest dark horse during this Double Dan Festival1!]