

Little Brat's 711

Chapter 711: I Said, I'm Thinking of You

Shen Zhijin nodded and gestured for her to answer the call.

Shen Li walked to the side and came to a quiet corner. She answered the call.

"Hello, Grandpa?"

"Ah Li."

There was a smile in Old Man Gu's voice,

"Your final exams are over today, right?"

Shen Li was stunned— Was this call specifically meant to be exactly after she finished the last exam?

She had not expected the old man to remember such a small matter so clearly.

The corners of her lips curled up.

"Yes, I just finished the exam and was planning to go back to my dormitory."

"That's good. Since you've finished your exams, you should come to Hong Kong City," Old Master Gu said as he looked over to the side. He smiled and said, "Your grandmother and I miss you very much."

"And me! Cousin! And me and my brother! We miss you too!"

Gu Sicheng's voice came from the other end of the phone.

Shen Li could not help but laugh.

"I miss you, Grandma, and uncles, too."

Gu Sicheng said pitifully, "Cousin..."

"And Siqi and Sicheng."

Upon finally hearing this, Gu Sicheng finally felt happy.

"I knew it!"

Old Master Gu said gently, "Everyone in the family is waiting for you. It just so happens that tomorrow is New Year's Day. You should come back with your eldest uncle's family."

From the day they had confirmed Shen Li's identity, the Gu family had wanted to bring her back to Hong Kong City so that she could officially acknowledge her ancestors. However, because she had still been busy with her studies and exams, they had waited until now.

Hearing this, Shen Li turned her head to look at Shen Zhijin.

Of course, she knew what the purpose of this trip back to Hong Kong city was.

After thinking for a moment, she said, "Okay."

After confirming that she was coming back, Old Master Gu handed the phone over to Old Madam Gu.

Old Madam Gu asked gently, "Ah Li, are you tired from the exam?"

Shen Li remembered that she had slept well for an hour and a half in the exam room just now, so she said honestly, "I'm not tired, Grandma."

"Siyang said that you have to take the exams for thirteen subjects this semester," Old Madam Gu said. Then, she remembered something and smiled, "Fortunately, you're following Zhijin. These definitely won't be problems. If Siyang were to take the exam, I'm afraid he would have a terrible headache."

Hearing these words, Shen Li's eyelashes trembled slightly.

Shen Zhijin was standing a few steps away but had not moved forward, so he should not have heard these words.

He was waiting for her, his expression remaining calm and extremely patient.

The corners of her lips pursed into a faint smile.

"Mm, I think so."

Old Madam Gu gave her a few more gentle reminders before reluctantly hanging up.

She put down her phone and seemed to be in a daze.

Old Master Gu patted her hand.

"It's alright, Ah Li will be back tomorrow."

Old Madam Gu nodded and muttered softly, "It's Tangtang who's back..."

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Shen Li put away her phone and returned to Shen Zhijin's side.

"Grandfather said that he wants me to return to Hong Kong city with uncle and the others tomorrow."

This was within Shen Zhijin's expectations.

He nodded.

"Yes, it's time to go back. They must miss you very much."

Shen Li walked home with him.

This New Year's Day would be a little special.

"Dad, I really want to spend New Year's Day with you too."

She said.

Shen Zhijin stopped in his tracks and turned to look at her.

He raised his hand and gently patted her head. There was a hint of gentleness in his eyes:

"Actually, the Gu family could have come to pick you up today."

It would have been even earlier.

During this period of time, she had stayed here. Allowing her to stay with him in Skyleaf City was already a concession made by the Gu family.

That, including the fact that they would only pick her up officially tomorrow and bring her back to Hong Kong City, was actually a compromise.

They had kept her by his side on the last day of the year.

Shen Li was quiet for a moment before her eyes curved in a smile.

That was true.

This New Year's Day, it could be considered that she, Shen Zhijin, and the Gu family had all spent the day together.

"Just now, Grandma complimented me, saying that it was fortunate that I was following you, which would have made the exam very easy." She smiled.

Shen Zhijin was momentarily stunned, before the corners of his lips curved slightly.

"Actually, your mother was also very smart."

Shen Li rarely heard him mention these things. She thought of the "Mountain Tea" painting that she had seen at the Xijing Art School, and then she thought of the cartoon that she had received from his mailbox, as well as—

"You may not know this, but I still have the booklet in the admission letter from Xijing University."

Shen Zhijin quickly understood what she was saying. He pondered for a moment, as if he was recalling something.

"That was... she drew it while she was at Xijing Academy. Later, it was made into a welcome booklet. Many students liked it, and it has lasted until now."

Shen Li nodded slightly.

She had already liked her drawing even when she had not known that it was her mother.

Speaking of which, perhaps it had been destined.

She paused and looked at Shen Zhijin.

“Father, Grandfather said that the date has been set as January 8th. You will come to Hong Kong City on that day, right?”

When she asked this question, there was actually a trace of anxiety in her heart.

There was a deep divide between the Gu family and Shen Zhijin, not to mention that eighteen years was really too long.

Even if they wanted to ease the relationship, it would not possibly happen overnight.

Shen Zhijin looked at her for a long time before he smiled.

“Okay.”

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On New Year's Day, the whole neighborhood was particularly lively.

Shen Li and Shen Zhijin went home to have dinner together. Outside the window, the night was thick and bright, and they could vaguely hear the laughter of children running and playing.

She curled up on the sofa and played with her phone. It was rare for her to be relaxed.

Shen Zhijin was not far from her, working on his computer.

The room was quiet, but it was not lonely. Instead, it was filled with a rare warmth.

Soon, midnight came. Shen Li's phone was bombarded with countless messages of blessings.

She turned around and glanced at Shen Zhijin. Suddenly, she raised her phone.

"Dad."

Shen Zhijin looked up.

"Happy New Year!"

Shen Zhijin was stunned for a moment and smiled.

"Happy New Year, Tangtang."

Click.

Shen Li took a photo.

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After replying all the messages with great difficulty, Shen Li went back to her bedroom to rest.

She got into bed but did not turn on the lights. Only the faint moonlight flowed in through the window, seemingly coating everything in the room with a layer of faint silver light.

She looked at her phone and opened Lu Huaiyu's dialog box.

[Happy New Year, Ah Li.]

The message had been sent earlier at midnight.

Only this one message remained that she had yet to reply to.

She dialed Lu Huaiyu's number, and the other side quickly picked up.

"Second Brother."

She called out.

Lu Huaiyu looked at his wristwatch, a deep smile in his voice as he spoke.

"Five minutes. I was wondering when you would think of me."

Shen Li said honestly, "I was replying to other people's messages just now."

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

"Hmm? So, I'm the last one in line?"

"No, it's just that, the rest of the time will belong to Second Brother."

Shen Li pulled up the quilt and covered half of her small face. Perhaps because of this, her sweet voice sounded particularly soft.

How could she bear just reply to a line of blessings and spend New Year's Day without him?

Lu Huaiyu's breathing became much lighter. After a moment, he asked in a coaxing manner,

"What did you just say? Could you say it again?"

Shen Li blinked.

"I said, Lu Huaiyu, I'm thinking of you."

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Chapter 712: You Don't Have to Compete

In the quiet of the night, her voice seemed to carry some kind of bewitchment that was soft and lingering.

Lu Huaiyu stood in front of the French windows and looked out at the flashing of the beautiful flowing light.

He laughed, his voice low and languid.

"Do you miss your brother?"

Shen Li shrank back under the covers of her bed again and answered softly.

"Yes."

He tilted his head and slightly raised his head. His jawline was sharp and smooth, and his slender fingers with distinct joints slowly tugged at the collar of his shirt.

He chuckled, his voice a little hoarse.

“However, brother more than misses you.”

He did not seem to have said anything, yet it also seemed as if he had said everything.

The tips of Shen Li’s ears felt like it was boiling hot.

He asked, “Shall I go to look for you today?”

Shen Li thought for a moment.

“Shall we have lunch together? Grandpa asked me to return to Hong Kong Cty with my first uncle and the others today. We should be leaving in the afternoon.”

Lu Huaiyu was silent for quite a while.

“Second Brother, are you still listening?”

His melodious laughter reached her ears, causing them to tingle.

“Shen Tangtang.”

He asked with a languid smile. His words were tinged with a rare feeling of regret and pity, but also sounded as if he was suppressing something. Beneath the calm surface of the sea, an undercurrent was quietly surging.

“Why, you’re not even twenty years old yet.”

She was Shen Zhijin's daughter, and also the young miss of the Gu family.

The family was her blood relatives, and the pearl had finally returned. So of course, for the moment, he would not compete with them.

However, the longing in his heart was also hard to restrain.

Just having a meal together was not enough for him.

"Now that the situation is like this, I don't have a status. How can I compete with the Gu family and Teacher Shen for you?"

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He teased with a smile.

She was a member of the Shen family and also a member of the Gu family.

However, she was not a member of the Lu family yet.

"Is there even a need to compete?"

Shen Li understood what he meant and could not help but laugh.

"Lu Huaiyu, what are you thinking about?"

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

"I miss you. It's because I miss you so much that I want to compete for you. Shen Tangtang, look to your conscience. Is this all your fault?"

It had already been difficult enough to woo his girlfriend, and now it was even more so.

Shen Li thought about it seriously.

“What you said seems to make sense.”

She had to spend time with her family on both sides, so she naturally had less time for Lu Huaiyu.

After thinking about it repeatedly, she asked tentatively, “Then... shall I help you?”

When Lu Huaiyu heard this, he did not immediately understand what she meant. He only asked subconsciously, “Hmm?”

Shen Li rolled over.

“I said, let me help you. Then, look at your chances of winning. Don’t you think your chances would be a little higher?”

Lu Huaiyu finally understood.

He laughed. His slightly raised voice was filled with undisguised joy.

“Oh? So, the referee wants to be biased?”

“No?”

Lu Huaiyu was silent for a moment. Then, a low and husky sound spilled out of his throat, as if he was laughing.

“Yes.”

Why not?

Shen Li’s eyelashes fluttered slightly, and her voice was soft.

“Lu Huaiyu, actually, you really don’t have to compete for me.”

“Because even if you didn’t compete for me, I’ll still be yours.”

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The various departments of Xijing University had different holidays, and the Institute of Physics was one of the earliest.

After the end of the final exams, Shen Li’s holiday officially began.

She rarely slept in, but this morning, she only woke up at 10 am.

When she came out of the bedroom, she found that Shen Zhijin was still at home. She was a little surprised.

“Dad, weren’t you going to the lab today?”

Unlike her, who was already on holiday, Shen Zhijin still had a lot of work to do.

The three senior brothers were still at the school, continuing to work on their experiments. They would only be on holiday for two weeks during the New Year. As a teacher, Shen Zhijin also had a lot of related matters to deal with.

Apart from that, he still had a few projects on hand. He really did not have much leisure time.

When Shen Zhijin saw her come out, he reheated a sandwich and warmed up some milk before placing it on the table.

“You’re awake? Come over and eat. I’ll go after you’re done.”

Ever since she had moved here, Shen Zhijin had brought a lot of his work home in order to spend more time with her.

He was also very insistent on small things like eating breakfast together.

Even if it meant that it made him very late.

Shen Li walked over, pulled out a chair, and sat down. She smiled at Shen Zhijin.

“Thank you, Dad.”

Shen Zhijin also sat down to eat with her.

Shen Li took a bite of the luncheon meat and said, “Dad, you don’t have to wait for me all the time. I can make breakfast myself.”

She did not want to waste Shen Zhijin’s time because of this.

After spending the past few months as a teacher and student, she knew very well how strict Shen Zhijin was in his way of doing things.

His time was very precious. Everything was arranged in an orderly manner, even to the point of being precise to the minute.

He had an extremely precise system of measuring when to do what, and how to do what.

Shen Zhijin handed her a napkin. His handsome and clean face looked the same as before as he said calmly, "It's more important to have breakfast with you."

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He did have a lot of work to do, but those things could never be compared to her.

Those things were not even in the same dimension at all. He would never compare her with those things, regardless of whether it was horizontal or vertical.

Shen Li took a piece of tissue paper to wipe away the crumbs at the corner of her lips. When she heard that, her eyes curved in a smile.

Shen Zhijin asked, "Are you going to Hong Kong City in the afternoon?"

"Yes, I've already spoken to uncle and the others."

"That's good. You've been busy revising and taking exams recently. You should go and have some fun."

When Shen Li heard him say that, she suddenly thought of something and leaned forward.

"Dad, when will you be going? You're not really just going to wait until the 8th, are you?"

Shen Zhijin pursed his lips slightly but did not immediately answer her question.

In fact, he rarely went to Hong Kong City all these years.

Shen Li blinked.

“There are still so many days in between. Won’t you miss me?”

Shen Zhijin did not answer her second question.

His expression softened and he smiled.

“There’ll be a two-day meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on the 5th at the Mill Institute of Astrophysics in Hong Kong City. I’ve already agreed to attend. I’ll go over after I’m done here.”

The Mill Institute of Astrophysics was one of the five major international institutes of astrophysics. It was very famous.

Shen Zhijin was one of the seven scientific advisory committee members.

In the past, he would usually attend such meetings in the form of a video conference.

However, this time was different.

When Shen Li heard him say that, her lips curled into a playful smile.

“Then, I’ll wait for you in Hong Kong City.”

Chapter 713: Are You Hot?

Shen Zhijin left the house after breakfast.

Shen Li took her suitcase out and started packing.

Her winter vacation would last for more than a month. Although she had not decided how long she would be staying in Hong Kong City this time, she estimated that ten days to half a month would be the minimum.

She thought to bring a lot of things, but Gu Siyang kept saying that everything would be available in Hong Kong City and all she needed to do was bring herself there.

She thought about it and felt that what he said made sense. In the end, she chose a twenty-inch suitcase.

It was almost noon. She calculated the time and called Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, where are we going for lunch?”

Lu Huaiyu asked, “What does Ah Li want to eat?”

As he said this, Shen Li heard the sound of him flipping through a document.

“Is Second Brother busy?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“Not very busy. There are only two contracts left that haven’t been processed yet.”

“How about this...” Shen Li thought for a moment. “I ate breakfast at ten o’clock so I’m not very hungry now. Why don’t I wait for Second Brother to finish—”

Lu Huaiyu looked at his watch.

“Why don’t you come over now? We can go straight to eat once I’m done. It’ll be more convenient.”

Shen Li was stunned.

“Isn’t Second Brother at Lu Corporation right now?”

Lu Huaiyu could not help but laugh.

“Little friend, although I don’t have a winter vacation, I can still have a New Year’s Day holiday, right?”

Shen Li, “...”

He was in charge of the Lu Corporation, so of course, it would be extremely easy for him to give himself a holiday.

“Then where is Second Brother? I’ll go look for you, okay?”

“Rongyue Mansion.”

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At 12:20, Shen Li arrived at Rongyue Mansion.

She came to the familiar building, entered the elevator, went to the top floor, and entered the password to enter.

“Second Brother?”

She changed her shoes in the foyer and walked in.

There was no one in the living room, so she turned around and walked to the study.

The door was ajar, but she knocked on it anyway.

Knock, knock.

“Second Brother, it’s me.”

Then, a familiar sound of footsteps could be heard. The door was pulled open from the inside.

The man’s handsome face appeared in front of her.

When he saw the young girl, his thin lips twitched slightly.

“Ah Li.”

Shen Li looked behind him.

“Is Second Brother still busy?”

Lu Huaiyu laughed and leaned down slightly to look at her.

“We haven’t seen each other in so long, why is this the first question that you’re asking me?”

He was right here, yet she did not seem to care at all.

Shen Li opened her sparkling peach blossom eyes and looked at him with a pure and clear gaze.

“Then, what else should I ask?”

She really was doing it on purpose.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her, his gaze sweeping over her face carefully.

She was wearing a short red down jacket, a white sweater with a round collar, and her hair had been tied up in a bun. Her small, sparkling white face did not have any makeup on, but it was still extremely beautiful.

He only looked at her without saying anything. As his gaze finally landed on her plump red lips, there were faint sparks in his deep eyes.

Immediately, his thin lips curled up.

“You don’t want to ask? That’s fine too. Let’s use something else to offset it.”

As he spoke, he held her hand and pulled her into his embrace. His other hand pinched her chin and kissed her directly.

This kiss was passionate and forceful.

Before Shen Li could react, she was already in his embrace and was forced to tilt her head to receive his kiss.

His touch was hot and tingly. Mixed with the cold smell of cedar on his body, it was even more intoxicating and easily disrupted all her thoughts.

She was kissed until she could not stand properly. All she could do was raise her arm and wrap it around his neck to move even closer to him.

The tip of her tongue was sucked and nibbled on until it was somewhat numb, and her lips seemed to be on fire. She could not help but let out a soft whimper.

“... It hurts...”

This complaint was easily crumpled into a soft ball by him and swallowed.

However, in the end, his heart ached. He finally relaxed his strength slightly and gently kissed the corner of her lips.

It had only been a few days since they last met, yet he felt as if a long time had passed.

He lowered his head and looked at the young girl in his arms. Her fair and delicate cheeks were flushed red, and even her neck, which was as smooth as jelly, seemed to be stained with a thin layer of rose powder.

Her peach blossom eyes seemed to be covered with a layer of mist, looking hazy and extremely alluring.

He stared at her intensely, and a subtle and dangerous aura surrounded him.

Just then, the sound of a cell phone vibrating came from the room.

It was Lu Huaiyu's cell phone that was on his desk.

She quickly said, “Second Brother, it's for you.”

Lu Huaiyu looked at her nervous appearance and could not help but laugh again.

“Okay.”

Only then did he straighten up, hold her hand, and lead her inside.

When they came to the desk, he picked up the cell phone.

Shen Li glanced at it.

“Special Assistant Yi? Is this about work?”

Lu Huaiyu sat down on the chair and pulled her into his arms.

Shen Li was taken unawares and exclaimed softly. Before she could react, his arm had already wrapped around her waist, and she could not break free.

Just as she was about to get up, Lu Huaiyu had already answered the call.

“Hello.”

“Second Master.”

Yi Bin’s voice could be heard clearly from the phone.

Shen Li was leaning into Lu Huaiyu’s embrace, so naturally, she could hear him clearly.

Immediately, she obediently stopped moving, planning on waiting for him to finish making this call.

Yi Bin’s call was regarding a recent merger of the Lu Corporation.

Lu Huaiyu was holding her with one hand while his phone in the other.

“Yes, yes.”

Shen Li was nestled in his embrace. It was rare for her to see Lu Huaiyu like this, so she could not help but stare at him for a while.

Unlike the languid and gentle manner he had when he was with her, Lu Huaiyu had a different temperament when he worked.

He was casual and serious, spontaneous and strong.

His voice was low and gentle, with a certainty and steadiness based on his powerful strength.

He was already a rare beauty, his abstinence making him appear cold. Now that he was in a serious mode, it made him seem even more unattainable.

However, the more abstinent this man was, the more seductive he became.

It was an extremely difficult quality to describe. The repressed and vigorous sexual tension was almost like a vortex that could easily engulf her.

Of course, Lu Huaiyu noticed her gaze.

“Hand over the revised merger agreement to me by 10 am tomorrow at the latest.”

Yi Bin immediately said, “Yes. Second Master, also—”

Lu Huaiyu was still listening, but his gaze had fallen on Shen Li.

Their eyes met.

His lips moved slightly, and he silently said a few words.

Shen Li understood. He was asking— Are you feeling hot?

The floor heating had been turned on in the room, and she was still wearing a down jacket. After having been in here for a while, of course, she was hot.

She nodded, intending on getting up to remove the down jacket.

A strong arm pressed against her waist, making her unable to move.

She looked at Lu Huaiyu in surprise.

If she could not get down, how was she going to remove the jacket?

Lu Huaiyu seemed to understand what she meant, and the corners of his lips slowly curved up.

In the next moment, he suddenly lowered his head and bit the zipper at the collar of her down jacket.

They were so close that their skin was almost touching.

His hand was still holding the phone, as he listened to the person on the other end.

“Okay, go on.”

He answered casually and exerted a little force.

The subtle sound of a small zipper being pulled down could be heard.

Chapter 714: Spark

Shen Li's nerves instantly tensed up, and she subconsciously held her breath.

He was so close!

Even the slightest sound was very likely able to be heard clearly by the person on the other end of the phone!

She could not help but glare at him— Lu Huaiyu!

However, after a passionate kiss, her little face was red, and her eyes were watery, so her glare made very little impact.

Not only was it not intimidating at all, but it made her seem even more enticing, which made Lu Huaiyu even more aroused.

He looked straight at her, his hot breath falling on her slender and delicate neck, which caused her body to tremble slightly.

In the quiet room, even the sound of breathing seemed to have stopped, leaving only Yi Bin's clear voice on the phone.

She became more and more embarrassed. Her fair face turned red, but she did not dare to make a sound. All she could do was to hurriedly push on his shoulder.

Lu Huaiyu's chest trembled as a smile appeared on the corners of his lips, and a hand patted her gently as if to comfort her.

However, he did not give up the way she wanted. Instead, he continued to bite on the zipper and slowly moved down.

If there was any difference from before, it was that he had clearly slowed down now.

She looked over and saw that the thin lips that had just kissed her were biting onto the cold, hard silver zipper.

Half of the zipper held onto her down jacket while the other half was in his mouth.

Her face seemed to be on fire.

He did not seem to notice her predicament, nor did he show her any sympathy. He merely bit onto the zipper and moved downwards.

The zipper teeth that had been tightly clasped together were silently separated, bit by bit with his movements.

Under the loose red down jacket, she was wearing a pure white thin sweater.

The delicate curves of the girl were exposed to his eyes without any concealment.

No, they were in his arms.

They were also beside his lips.

He slowly moved down along her clothes, his chin very gently rubbing against the soft and fluffy thin sweater.

As he passed over a certain place, he lifted his head slightly, as if to pull away.

However, at that moment, the zipper suddenly became stuck.

He paused.

In that instant, a sweet fragrance surged from her body which collided with his rationality.

He moved down a little more to try and pull the zipper a little further, but with a little more force.

Rip—

It was an extremely soft sound.

The zipper went through, but at the same time, the high bridge of his nose also brushed past an incredible softness.

Shen Li's eyes widened slightly, and even the tips of her ears turned red.

Lu Huaiyu felt like there was a “boom” in his mind, and he finally stopped moving.

What he had just encountered...

“Second Master? Second Master?”

Yi Bin stopped hearing the sound of movement over on the other end, only hearing a faint sound instead. He could not help but feel like something was off, so he called out twice in succession.

Only then did Lu Huaiyu come back to his senses.

“I’ve got it.”

There was an involuntary tenseness in his voice, with a hint of imperceptible hoarseness.

Through the phone, Yi Bin did not notice this abnormality.

Lu Huaiyu used the tip of his tongue to gently push half of the zipper out and looked up.

The little girl’s face was extremely red. Her peach blossom eyes were wet and misty.

He wanted to stop.

He really, really wanted to stop.

However, with her presence here, all the self-control that he was so proud of seemed to have become as fragile as paper.

In the next moment, he suddenly stuffed the phone into her hand and guided her to raise the phone to his ear.

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

However, he had already let go of her hand. His slender fingers landed on the half-opened zipper.

“The meeting will be scheduled for two in the afternoon the day after tomorrow.”

His voice was deep, and the tone of his voice seemed to be the way it was usually as he gave the order. There was a natural nobility in his bones.

Shen Li finally understood that he wanted her to help him in this way.

Just as she thought this, the zipper of the down jacket had already followed the movement of his fingers and continued all the way down until the bottom section had finally been opened completely.

Shen Li had never thought that this man would actually do such a thing.

She was so shocked that she could not think of any way to deal with it at the moment, so she subconsciously held the phone for him obediently.

Lu Huaiyu did not seem to be worried that she would suddenly hang up the phone. As he listened to the phone, he straightened her waist slightly and helped her take off the down jacket.

Shen Li did not want to go along with his wishes, but the temperature in the room was very high. In addition, after going back and forth for so long, her body was already covered in a layer of sweat. She really was feeling uncomfortable from the heat.

So, she had no choice but to follow along with him as he removed her item of clothing. All the while, she did not forget to glare at him accusingly.

Lu Huaiyu did not care at all. As he took the sleeve off her hand that was holding the phone, he even carefully and thoughtfully held the sleeve open so that she could take her little hand away.

Then, he placed her jacket on the table. When he saw her angry look, he could not help but laugh.

Only then did he take the phone back.

“What did you say just now? I didn’t hear it clearly.”

Yi Bin paused. He felt that Lu Huaiyu was behaving a little strangely today, but he could not tell exactly what was off.

However, this was not what he should ask. His extremely high professionalism made him respond immediately and repeat what he had just said.

Lu Huaiyu responded with an “Mm” and raised his eyes slightly. The arm that was holding her waist moved and gently hooked a lock of her hair.

His fingertips began to gently twirl her hair, and her bun-shaped hair fell down like a waterfall. Her soft and wavy long hair instantly covered one of his hands.

He ran his slender and powerful fingers through her long hair, outlining a lingering gesture, easily placing her under his control.

“Okay, that’s it.”

Finally, he hung up the phone.

Before he put down the phone, she moved to get up.

“Lu—”

Lu Huaiyu did not give her a chance. He held the back of her head tightly and bent down to kiss her thoroughly.

Chapter 715: Welcome Home, Tangtang

This kiss was even more passionate and prolonged than the one before.

Shen Li felt as if the oxygen between her lips and teeth had been completely taken away by him. Her entire body was tightly held in his embrace, as if she was being engulfed in a ball of blazing flames.

At first, she still felt some embarrassment and annoyance within her chest. She was determined not to give this man another chance to any further advantage.

However, that little bit of strength was not enough to restrain Lu Huaiyu.

In particular, he seemed to have lost control at this moment. He was kissing her and hugging her so tightly, almost as if he wanted to infuse her into his blood.

He nibbled on her full lips and wrapped his tongue around her wet tongue as he made love to her.

Such a fierce attack finally made her raise the flag and surrender. She was soft in his arms. Her lips were boiling hot, her whole body was numb, and even her hands and feet were sore. She was so limp that she could barely hook her arms around his neck, allowing him to take her.

He pulled her up with his long arms and held her even tighter.

Her long, soft hair swayed gently, creating a slight and ambiguous arc that almost reached the bottom of his heart.

It was not until she was almost out of breath that she finally struggled in his arms again.

“Lu... Lu Huaiyu...”

How could this man go on so endlessly!

Now that he was feeling slightly satisfied, Lu Huaiyu finally released her a little. When he noticed her moist lips and the corners of her reddened eyes, the fire that he had fought hard to suppress surged up again.

The satisfaction that he thought he had obtained turned into an even bigger hole.

Desire.

Greed.

As well as an unconcealable desire.

He held her waist, met her accusatory gaze, and took a deep breath.

“Be good, just hold on a little longer.”

The moment he opened his mouth, his voice became unbelievably hoarse.

When that voice reached her ears, it seemed to carry a boiling temperature, causing her heart to tremble slightly.

However, his previous actions had already squandered all the credibility points he had with her.

She did not believe a single word he said now.

“Put me down.”

Lu Huaiyu did not move. In fact, he did not show any signs of letting go.

Shen Li moved to pull at his arm as she simultaneously struggled to get down.

Lu Huaiyu closed his eyes, gritted his teeth, and lowered his voice as he gave her a warning.

“You can try moving again.”

Shen Li’s mind went blank for a moment before she finally felt something.

It was so clear and hot.

Her entire body froze, and for a moment, she did not know what to do. All she knew was that her face was a burning red.

Lu Huaiyu let out a light breath.

He had always treated her with utmost care. Even though he had many thoughts in his heart, he had never ever crossed the line.

Today was really... His rationality had left him, and the thought of her had taken over everything else.

Shen Li remained frozen for a long while before she finally leaned back softly.

She quickly glanced at him. She saw that his brows were slightly furrowed, and his expression was unbearable. There was a thin layer of sweat on his forehead, and she could finally vaguely sense the pain he was enduring at this moment.

Her fair fingers gently grabbed his shirt and asked softly,

“... Second Brother?”

Her voice was also soft and moist, as if water would drip out with just a slight squeeze.

Lu Huaiyu buried his head in the crook of her neck, his voice still hoarse.

“Be good, don’t speak yet.”

Sensing the burning hot breath on her neck, Shen Li obediently did not speak.

After a long time, he finally moved.

He gently brushed her hair with one hand and brought it close to her ear. His throat tightened, and his entire body was hot.

Realizing that he seemed to want to say something, she tilted her head slightly and waited for him to speak.

In the next moment, she heard him suppressing something and muttering in a low and hoarse voice,

“Ah Li, so soft.”

Almost instantly, Shen Li’s ears turned red.

The study room fell into silence, and the air was filled with ambiguity.

After a while, she grabbed his finger and asked in a low voice, “Second Brother, what do you want for lunch?”

Lu Huaiyu kissed her on the forehead. Seeing her currently soft and delicate appearance, how could he bear to let others see her?

“Let’s eat at home,” he said.

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Lu Huaiyu called and ordered a meal from a high-class Japanese restaurant. He asked them to pack it up and deliver it to the Rongyue Mansion.

The subtly amorous atmosphere between the two continued to linger for a long time.

When the meal arrived, Lu Huaiyu helped her roll the sushi as they chatted about other topics.

“Shall I send you there later?”

Shen Li would be returning to Hong Kong City with Gu Tingfeng’s family, so she had to go to Jinshui No. 1 Courtyard first and take their private plane there.

Shen Li said, “There’s no need. Gu Siyang will pick me up.”

Thinking about how she would be going back to the Gu family this time, there was no need to fight with the Gu family over these things, so Lu Huaiyu nodded.

“How long will you be gone?”

“I haven’t decided yet.”

The winter vacation would be quite long, so she did not know how long she would be staying there.

Lu Huaiyu looked at her.

“So, on the 8th?”

She nodded.

He smiled.

“Okay. Just wait for me there obediently, Shen Tangtang.”

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At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Gu Siyang drove to Rongyue Mansion to pick Shen Li up.

Before leaving, Shen Li checked herself in the mirror to make sure that she could not see anything untoward before she finally left.

Lu Huaiyu helped her carry her suitcase as he sent her downstairs.

Shen Li got into the car and left with Gu Siyang.

Lu Huaiyu did not turn back until the car had completely disappeared from his sight.

Forty minutes later, Shen Li and Gu Siyang returned to Jinshui No. 1 Courtyard.

A private plane was parked on the private tarmac.

Gu Tingfeng and his wife were already waiting here for her. They immediately welcomed her with joy when they saw her.

"Ah Li, let's go home."

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There were six seats on the plane and was very spacious.

Shen Li sat on the sofa by the window and chatted with Gu Tingfeng and the others.

After a two-hour flight, the plane entered the airspace of Hong Kong City at 8 pm sharp.

“Ah Li, the Lan River is below.”

Gu Tingfeng said.

This was the most famous and prosperous river in Hong Kong City.

Shen Li looked down from the porthole and was suddenly stunned.

On both sides of the Lan River, there were many tall buildings.

At that very moment, on the Lan River, several cruise ships suddenly sounded in unison.

On all the buildings on both sides of the river, countless large screens appeared at the same time with the same words.

“Welcome home, Tangtang.”

The melodious sound resounded throughout the Lan River.

The bright lights shone across the whole of Hong Kong City.

Chapter 716: The City

This was a splendid and grand welcoming ceremony.

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Shen Li watched in a daze as an emotion gradually welled up in her heart. It was full and sweet, as if it was about to overflow from her chest.

Gu Tingfeng looked at her and said with a smile, "Tangtang, Welcome Home."

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The Gu family's old mansion had been built on Suyue Mountain which was next to the Lan River. It was a mountain villa.

Actually, it was more appropriate to call it a manor rather than a villa.

The plane slowly landed on the tarmac in the front yard.

It was already past 8 o'clock. It had already gotten dark, but the entire manor was brightly lit.

A group of servants and bodyguards had lined up outside and were waiting silently.

The moment Shen Li got out of the plane, she spotted Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu.

Behind her were Gu Tingchuan's family, Gu Tingyun, and Gu Tinglan, who had specially rushed back to Hong Kong City on the same day.

She took a light breath and quickly walked over.

"Grandpa, Grandma, why are you all outside? Have you been waiting for a long time?"

Although the weather in Hong Kong City was like spring all year round, the wind was cold at night. The bodies of the elderly had to be carefully taken care of.

Old Master Gu looked at her. There seemed to be something surging in the depths of his weathered eyes. In the end, it only turned into one sentence.

“It wasn’t long. It’s good that you’re back. It’s good that you’re back.”

He had already endured eighteen years. What were these short hours in comparison?

Old Madam Gu held her hand and looked at it carefully. Her smile was gentle and kind.

“Tangtang, you seem to have lost some weight. Have you been too tired recently?”

Shen Li smiled and hugged her, gently nuzzling against her shoulder.

“No, I just missed you and Grandpa.”

Old Madam Gu’s eyes were slightly hot.

Old Master Gu smiled when he saw this.

“Ah Qing, it’s a good thing that Tangtang has come home. Why are you crying again?”

Old Madam Gu pursed her lips and smiled.

“Yes, it’s a good thing. I’m just too happy.”

She had never thought that such a day would come.

Even in her dreams, she had not dared to think about it.

“Cousin!”

Finally, the Gu twin brothers could not hold themselves back anymore and ran over, with faces that were filled with excitement.

“Cousin! You’re finally here! We missed you so much!”

Shen Li stepped away from Old Madam Gu’s embrace and looked at the brothers with a smile.

“I know. You’ve said it so many times.”

“Cousin, when you came, did you see—” Gu Sicheng raised his hand and gestured. “The ‘Welcome Home’!”

Shen Li’s eyes curved in a smile.

“I saw it.”

How could she not have seen it?

On all the electronic screens on both sides of the Lan River, all the big and small screens had been filled with that sentence.

Gu Siyang walked over, knocked each of them on their heads, and said with a lazy smile, “Little brat, don’t worry. All the electronic screens in Hong Kong City have been completely booked for your cousin today, just to make her happy.”

He chuckled, turned around, and pointed down the mountain.

“Take a look. Even from here, we can still see it clearly.”

Shen Li followed the direction of his hand and looked.

At this moment, they were at the halfway point of the mountain, looking down from above.

Under the night sky, the Lan River meandered past. The cruise ships on the river shone brilliantly, and the sound of the cruise ships could be heard. On the high-rise buildings on both sides of the river, the bright characters on the screen continued rolling and flashing.

From a distance, the small characters on the small screens became like sparkling starlight, while the characters on the big screen were still clearly visible.

The light and shadow reflected on the river surface, reflecting a bustling scene.

Shen Li watched in a daze, as if she had peered into a corner of a blurred dream.

Bang!

A bunch of fireworks suddenly bloomed in the dark night sky.

Shen Li suddenly woke up— This was not a dream.

Her family was here, her home was here.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As if a switch had been turned on, the colorful fireworks bloomed one after another along the Lan River.

The originally dark night seemed to have been painted with a rich and dazzling light and color, dazzling everyone's eyes.

The continuous sound of fireworks rang out in the sky above the Lan River, almost spreading throughout the entire port city along with the night wind!

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Today was New Year's Day, and Hong Kong City was filled with lights and streamers everywhere. It was a very lively atmosphere.

It was even more so on both sides of the Lan River.

According to the usual practice, on the night of New Year's Day, there would be a light show on the Lan River.

Thousands of large electronic screens would flash with light in celebration of New Year's Day.

In addition, there would be an especially grand fireworks show, beautiful and dreamy, with a jubilant atmosphere.

Therefore, by the time night had fallen, countless people had already gathered here. The atmosphere was noisy and lively, as people were ready to enjoy the festivities together.

However, when 8 o'clock came, everyone realized that this year's New Year's Day celebrations seemed to be a little different from the past.

On both banks of the Lan River, the lights were bright and flickering, and the words of light were slowly rolling. It was just as gorgeous and passionate as they had imagined.

However... something was different.

The words on it were different from what everyone had imagined.

— Welcome Home, Tangtang.

This line of words slid across the walls of the towering high-rise buildings and the surging waves of the Lan River, flashing before the eyes of all the people who were standing on the banks of the river.

Everyone was stunned. After a short moment of shock, the crowd became restless.

“Who is Tangtang?”

“I don’t know. I’ve never heard of her.”

“Amazing, it’s truly amazing! Did you see the clock tower across the river? I’ve heard that the quoted price for the use of the electronic screen is 100,000 yuan per second! This is a direct screen rotation... Isn’t this expenditure a little too much? More importantly, this would only be the cost of just one screen. There are so many screens on both sides of the river. How much would it cost to buy all of them?”

“There aren’t many people in Hong Kong City who can afford this, right? But who is this Tangtang? Why the necessity of such a big show?”

Countless people were shocked, confused, and full of curiosity. They questioned each other, but they still could not get an answer.

Just as everyone was still at a loss regarding this matter, the fireworks display began as scheduled.

Without giving anyone time to react, the brilliant fireworks bloomed across the sky, one after another.

From the end of the Lan River, the warm sound and brilliant light flowed along the river.

The Lan River ran through Hong Kong City like a belt made of pearls and jade. It was extremely luxurious.

Now, someone had monopolized all the light on this belt and focused it all on one person.

The bright fireworks almost lit up half the sky.

Everyone raised their heads to look, their expressions unable to hide their shock.

Their gazes unconsciously followed the flowing light. They saw the fireworks burn across the entire Lan River before heading in a certain direction.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

The rolling hills quietly prostrated in the night, and the brilliant fireworks picked up the pace.

Finally, someone could not help but mutter softly, "That's... Suyue Mountain?!"

As soon as these words were said, many people in the surroundings came back to their senses and immediately sucked in a breath of cold air.

"Suyue Mountain? Isn't that... where the Gu family lives?!"

Everyone knew that the manor owned by the Gu family was located on Suyue Mountain.

Over there, it could be far away from the hustle and bustle of the city, yet it could also overlook the Lan River. It truly belonged to the number one distinguished family in Hong Kong City, which was the Gu family.

Right at that moment, in the sky above Suyue Mountain, the grandest string of fireworks rose and bloomed!

The brilliant starlight gathered, and finally, a row of dazzling words was printed in the darkness of the night.

— Welcome Home, Tangtang.

Countless people were stunned on the spot, and their hearts and minds were shaken.

So it was the Gu family who had completely monopolized the prosperity and liveliness of this river and city, and had finally given it all to that person.

Just to welcome her home.

Chapter 717: Pampering

Everything was destined to be an extraordinary and exceptionally lively night.

Countless people took their phones out and took pictures of this rare scene.

There were even people who posted on Weibo.

[Love Eating Mackerel: Today, I finally witnessed for myself how amazing the financial resources of the Gu family in Hong Kong City are. Thank you, Gu family, for showing me the world through such a welcoming ceremony. Sob, sob, sob!]

The attached video was 5 minutes long.

This must have been shot after the fireworks had started. Upon clicking on it, countless electronic screens on both sides of the Lan River could be seen flashing with the words “Welcome Home, Tangtang”, accompanied by a gorgeous bloom of fireworks.

For a full five minutes, the fireworks were blooming along the river, as if they would never end.

It was a lively and beautiful scene.

Even through the screen, it was not difficult to feel the excitement and liveliness of the scene.

This was a small travel blogger with only a few hundred thousand followers. However, once this Weibo post was posted, the number of reposts and comments increased rapidly.

Everyone was shocked by this video.

[F*ck! This is too surreal! I wouldn't even dare to dream of such a scene. Ahhhhhhhhh!]

[As expected of the number one family in Hong Kong City, it's so extravagant! I think I can hear the sound of money burning like crazy.]

[Before I clicked on the link: How extravagant can it be? After clicking on the link: How is this kind of extravagance possible?]

[I've got enough dream material for tonight!]

Even if most people did not know the price of the electronic screens, after seeing the screens full of "Welcome Home, Tangtang", after seeing the fireworks that bloomed in the sky, and after seeing the brilliant blue river, they were sure to know that this welcoming ceremony definitely cost a lot of money.

Probably because this video was too shocking, this Weibo post quickly became a hot topic.

The retweeting comments show that everyone is stunned. JPG.

Soon, a comment was pushed to the top.

[Can anyone tell me who Tangtang is???]

This was also the question that countless people wanted to ask.

The Gu family of Hong Kong City had gone to such great lengths to organize this welcoming ceremony to welcome this 'Tangtang' home.

But this Tangtang— Who was this person?

Under this comment, there were all sorts of replies.

[Since the Gu family said 'Welcome home', then this Tangtang must be a member of the Gu family. But when did the Gu family have such a person?]

[This name sounds like a girl's nickname or nickname, right? But there doesn't seem to be a girl in the Gu family, right?]

[Speaking of this, the Gu family once had a fourth young Miss Gu. Everyone in Hong Kong City knows that the Gu family greatly doted on this person. But, the fourth daughter of the Gu family passed away many years ago. Why is there another Tangtang here now?]

[The rumor is that this Tangtang is the daughter of the fourth daughter of the Gu family! It seems that there was an accident back then that caused her to be separated from the family for many years and it was only with great difficulty that they found her again.]

[Ah! If that's the case, doesn't that mean that Tangtang is the Gu family's only granddaughter?]

[The Gu family has always kept a low profile. It's rare for them to put up such a show. Other than this, what else could it be? This is the Gu family's only young miss... It's no wonder the Gu family pampers her so much!]

All kinds of speculations appeared on the Internet regarding 'Tangtang'.

Many people were extremely curious, but because Tangtang had yet to make a public appearance, no one knew exactly what she looked like.

However, one thing was certain: this young miss of the Gu family was indeed pampered by the Gu family.

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On the first night that she came to Hong Kong City, Shen Li stayed at the Mid-Levels Manor on Suyue Mountain.

This place was really huge. She lived on the second floor. Not only was she given her own master bedroom, but she also had her own study, drawing room, and so on.

Usually, only Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu lived here. However, the twin Gu brothers would come to visit from time to time, so it did not seem that desolate.

For example, for this period of time, Gu Siqi and his brother had been staying here.

Now that Shen Li had returned and the whole family had come to welcome her, it was even more lively.

After dinner, everyone took a family photo together.

It was a long time before the fireworks outside finally stopped, and the welcoming ceremony was finally completed.

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The daughter of the fourth daughter of the Gu family, Gu Tingyin, had been found.

The news seemed to have grown wings and spread throughout the whole of Hong Kong City overnight.

After the Gu family's grand welcoming ceremony had gone viral on the Internet for an entire night, the next day, all the major aristocratic families in Hong Kong City received invitations.

The Gu family would officially be holding a banquet in honor of this pearl that they had painstakingly retrieved. This was so she could acknowledge their ancestors and celebrate her return to their ancestral home.

The moment the invitations were sent out, it confirmed everyone's previous speculations. In private, they could not help but feel a little curious about this "Tangtang".

The Gu family was the number one family in Hong Kong City. For many years, their way of doing things had always been rather low-key. This time, it could be considered a big exception. It was not hard to see how much they valued this young lady.

Many people wanted to see Tangtang's true identity. Some people were already starting to get restless. They wanted to use this opportunity to build a good relationship with the Gu family.

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At ten o'clock the next morning, Shen Li went to the Dutian Racecourse.

She was accompanied by the Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng.

They had talked about seeing her ride Qingfeng before. Now that the opportunity had finally come, they were extremely excited.

After arriving at the horse farm, Shen Li went to change into her riding attire.

It was the same outfit that Gu Tingfeng and Liang Su had picked out together.

After she had changed, she let the twin brothers go to the horse racing area first while she went to the stables, intending on personally fetching Qingfeng herself.

She had just taken a few steps when she heard an unknown voice coming from behind her.

“This young miss of the Gu family is really something. She has only just returned and hasn’t even shown her face yet. However, such a big fuss has already been made about her.”

Chapter 718: Fawning

Shen Li stopped in her tracks and turned around to take a look.

The voice had come from around the corner behind her. She could not see the person, and the person did not even know her.

Then, someone else laughed.

“She’s the daughter of the fourth Miss Gu, after all. Of course it’s different.”

This voice sounded familiar. It was Yan Fei.

However, she had never heard the voice of the first person who had spoken, so she probably did not know who the person was.

“The fourth daughter of the Gu family has been gone for so many years. Who knew that she had a daughter?”

The woman’s tone of voice was a little strange.

“She has been wandering outside of the family for so many years, yet she has actually been found. This young miss of the Gu family... Her life must truly be blessed. However, this is just too sudden. No one had heard of any such news before this. Ultimately, she caused such a huge commotion yesterday that even the whole of Hong Kong City was shocked.”

Yan Fei paused for a moment before speaking.

“I reckon it took quite a long time to find her again? This is such a big matter. It would be normal for the Gu family to keep it a secret. Now that they’ve found her, of course, they would want to announce it to the world.”

Hearing her say this, the other woman suddenly thought of something.

“That’s true. The welcoming ceremony yesterday was just the beginning. The real excitement will be on the 8th. The Gu family will be holding a banquet so that this young miss can officially acknowledge her ancestors. I heard that all the major families in Hong Kong city have already received invitations.”

Yan Fei said, “It doesn’t seem to be just that. I heard that the well-known families that have dealings with the Gu family have also been invited.”

Hearing this, the woman who had spoken earlier sighed.

“Really? The Gu family has used so many great connections just for this person?”

“Yeah.”

“Well, if that’s the case, then the commotion yesterday really was nothing.”

The entire city’s electronic screens had been booked, and countless fireworks had bloomed along the Lan River. This scene had indeed been very lively and grand, attracting the envy of countless people.

However, compared to the Gu family's connections and resources, those things were not even worth mentioning at all.

Only this banquet could truly show the Gu family's value and care for her.

"I wonder how powerful this 'Tangtang' is." The woman said as she curled her lips.

Yan Fei smiled.

"Won't we all know when the 8th finally arrives? Forget it, let's not talk about this anymore. What do you think of that horse over there?"

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As those two women spoke, they seemed to have moved away and their voices gradually faded away.

Shen Li tilted her head, not feeling bothered by their conversation.

In fact, even she had not expected all the arrangements that the Gu family had made for her this time.

For most people, it was indeed quite sudden for the Gu family to have gained such a young miss overnight.

It was normal for there to be all kinds of private speculations and discussions.

She collected her thoughts and walked forward. Finally, she stood in front of a stable.

The horse trainer had received the news much earlier and was already waiting here. When he saw Shen Li coming over, he immediately said respectfully, "Miss Ah Li."

Shen Li nodded and looked at Qingfeng.

The horse trainer asked, "Shall I lead Qingfeng over there for you?"

"There's no need."

Shen Li shook her head gently and went forward to pull the reins.

The horse trainer immediately became nervous.

"You should be careful. Qingfeng hasn't seen you for a long time. He might feel unfamiliar and become aggressive—"

Before he could finish his words, Qingfeng lowered his head and rubbed against Shen Li's palm in an extremely intimate manner.

"..."

He swallowed the rest of his words with great difficulty.

Shen Li stroked Qingfeng's head and the corners of her lips curled up into a smile.

"Qingfeng is quite well-behaved."

She pulled on the reins.

"Siqi and Sicheng should have already arrived at the horse race area. I can bring Qingfeng there myself."

The horse trainer obviously could not object and hurriedly said, "Yes."

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When Shen Li led Qingfeng to the horse race area, as expected, the two brothers were already waiting there.

They each led a horse, one white and one brown.

Shen Li walked over and swept her gaze over the two horses.

"I remember that this white horse belongs to Siqi. Why is Sicheng leading it? Did you two... change horses?"

The two brothers also kept their own horses here. They had mentioned it to Shen Li several times before, so she remembered it clearly.

"Cousin, I'm Siqi, you've got the wrong person!"

"Yes, cousin, I'm Sicheng!"

The two brothers spoke at the same time.

Shen Li raised her eyebrows and looked at the two of them lightly.

"Gu Siqi, Gu Sicheng, do you really think that I can't recognize you?"

As soon as she said this, the smug smiles on their faces instantly froze.

Shen Li raised her chin.

“You can change horses if you want, as long as they are obedient.”

These horses were very smart and would recognize their master. They would more or less resist and dislike the approach and touch of someone who was not their master.

Otherwise, the two brothers would not just be holding onto the horses without getting on.

“... Oh.”

Defeated, Gu Siqi waved at his brother and indicated for him to switch over.

After the two of them switched positions, Gu Siqi could not help but ask, “Cousin, how is it that knew who we were?”

They were identical twins, so they looked very similar. Even people who had known them for a long time would occasionally confuse them.

If the two of them deliberately pretended to be each other, it was even easier for people to mistake who they were.

They had played this game since they were young, and it was almost always successful.

This was the first time they had played it in front of Shen Li, but they had not expected their trick to be seen through.

Gu Sicheng was also puzzled.

“That’s right, Cousin, how on earth did you see through it?”

Shen Li turned around and mounted her horse.

"I could tell at a glance."

The two of them indeed looked very similar, but there was still an extremely subtle difference.

Seeing that the two brothers were still struggling with this problem, she laughed.

"How could I not recognize my own cousins?"

Hearing this, the two brothers finally felt happy.

However, even though they were happy, they were still a little confused.

Gu Sicheng said, "Cousin has only just returned to the family, yet she can distinguish between the two of us. However, Cousin Siyang has mistaken us at least eight out of ten times."

"That's right," Gu Siqi nodded, "I pretended to be Sicheng several times and asked him for a double portion of pocket money and he didn't even realize it."

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Gu Sicheng was shocked.

"Brother, how could you do this?!"

Gu Siqi looked at him.

"Why are you so surprised? Didn't you pretend to be me and ask him for two Christmas presents before?"

Gu Sicheng, "... That's true."

Shen Li, "..."

She squeezed the horse's belly between her legs.

"I'll take Qingfeng for some exercise and run around. You guys can look around here first."

The brothers' attention was immediately drawn to her.

"Okay!"

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There were not many people in the horse race area today, so it seemed particularly empty.

Yan Fei and Sun Shiqi came out of the stables and went to the audience seats at the periphery of the horse race area.

The two of them were actually not very interested in riding horses. They had come here today because Sun Shiqi's father would be celebrating his birthday soon. Thus, they had specially come to choose a horse, with the intention of gifting it to him.

"I feel that Number Six is still the better choice, but it's a little expensive—"

As Sun Shiqi spoke, she noticed that Yan Fei had suddenly stopped. She could not help but ask curiously, "What's wrong?"

She followed Yan Fei's line of sight and found that she was looking at the horse race area.

“Aren’t those the two young masters of Second Master Gu’s Family?” She quickly recognized the twin Gu brothers, but when she saw the girl next to them, she was stunned. “Who’s that next to them?”

Yan Fei’s eyes flashed.

“Ning Li.”

“Second Master Lu’s girlfriend?” Sun Shiqi was shocked.

She had not been here last August at the Hong Kong City horse race, but she had heard about all the things that had happened.

Yan Fei’s expression became much more indifferent.

“Yes.”

Sun Shiqi took two steps forward and stared at them for a while before suddenly sneering.

“Hey, I heard that Miss Ning Li is very good at pleasing the Gu family. Now it seems that she really is. She’s even able to ride horses with these two young masters?”

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Chapter 719: How Could She Compare to the Young Miss of the Gu Family

Yan Fei looked at the figure in the horse race area.

They were quite far away, so she could not hear what the people there were saying. However, it was not hard to see that the two young masters of the Gu family were very close to Ning Li.

Previously, Gu Siyang had protected her, but she had not expected that even these two would...

The corners of Yan Fei's lips twitched without any hint of a smile.

"The Gu family... are indeed very protective of her."

Sun Shiqi asked, "I heard that the Gu family likes her because she bears a slight resemblance to the former fourth Miss Gu?"

"Yes." Yan Fei nodded. The tone of her voice still sounded calm, but her gaze seemed to be surging with emotions, "It's said that she was also in the horse racing area at that time. Old Madam Gu saw her riding a horse from afar and mistook her for the fourth daughter of the Gu family. Since then, the Gu family has been taking extra care of her."

She paused, raised her chin, and smiled faintly.

"The horse that she is riding now was directly given to her by Old Master Gu at that time."

Sun Shiqi curled her lips.

"I know that, and the value of the horse is not cheap. Although a horse is nothing to the Gu family, what kind of status does she have that she could accept it so easily?"

During the horse race last August, a lot of things happened in Hong Kong City, and Ning Li's name had also been talked about by people for a long time.

Although Sun Shiqi had not been here at that time, she still knew a lot about Ning Li.

"Even by becoming Second Master Lu's girlfriend, she still can't change her background. After all, a leopard can't change its spots."

Sun Shiqi shrugged and snorted.

“Girls from this kind background are all poor and afraid. Whenever there’s an opportunity, they will grab it. It wasn’t enough for her to get on Second Master Lu’s good side. She wouldn’t even let go of the Gu family.”

As she spoke, she looked over and narrowed her eyes slightly.

“But... hasn’t it been said that she’s a student of Xijing University? She’s not staying in the Capital at the moment. Why has she come to Hong Kong City for no reason?”

“I think it’s the school holidays now,” Yan Fei said indifferently.

“Tsk.”

Sun Shiqi did not hide her ridicule and contempt.

“She’s really proactive. She came here right the moment the holidays started? I wonder if she even went back to her own home? Oh, I almost forgot that there’s no need for her to go back to her family. A bankrupt mother and a father who’s still in prison... How could that be compared to the Gu family?”

“Isn’t it better to make the Gu family happy than anything else? Look, it’s not only Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu who are enchanted by her. Even these two young masters are so close to her.”

Just then, the slender figure had already started to gallop. The two young masters of the Gu family watched from the side with joy and excitement on their faces.

Sun Shiqi crossed her arms across her chest and looked at them coldly. She spoke with underlying meaning.

“She’s quite capable.”

Yan Fei did not comment.

The Yan family and the Gu family had frequent interactions. She knew very well that the members of the Gu family were not that easy to please, including the Gu twin brothers. They were both extremely smart.

She had tried to get closer to the Gu family before, but they had always treated her quite nonchalantly.

Later on, she had stopped thinking about it.

However... why did everything seem so easy with Ning Li?

Sun Shiqi suddenly thought of something. She rolled her eyes and sneered.

“But on second thought, all her efforts will be quite meaningless. In the end, there are only so many benefits that she can get from the Gu family just because she has a slight resemblance to the fourth young miss. Now that the fourth young miss’ daughter is back, there’ll be no place for her to stand.”

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A strange smile appeared on her face.

“Look at how the Gu family treats the true daughter. That’s the one they really hold in their hearts.”

Now that the real thing had been found, who would want a high-quality imitation?

Yan Fei smiled faintly.

“What’s there to compare? One is the guest, while the other is the host.”

How could Ning Li be compared to the young lady of the Gu family?

Sun Shiqi laughed heartily at these words.

“Right, right! Feifei, you really hit the nail on the head!”

Yan Fei was about to continue saying something when she suddenly felt a gaze fall on her.

She looked in that direction and saw Ning Li looking in her direction.

At a distance, she could see that Ning Li was wearing a helmet. Half of her face was hidden under the shadow of the helmet, so her expression could not be seen clearly.

But... had she recognized her?

Just as this thought had come to Yan Fei's mind, she saw that Ning Li had already withdrawn her gaze, shook the reins, and continued to move forward.

Yan Fei could not help but frown.

She did not know if it had just been an illusion, but she felt that Ning Li's glance just now... had been very strange.

Even she had been able to recognize Ning Li, so how could Ning Li not recognize her?

The two of them had already seen each other, yet she still had this reaction. Had she just pretended not to see her because she did not think much of her?

This feeling made her very uncomfortable.

Sun Shiqi seemed to have also noticed something and sneered.

"I didn't know that this Ning Li is so arrogant."

Yan Fei pulled her hand.

"She shouldn't have any ill intentions. I came into contact with her in Hong Kong City previously, and this seems to be her natural personality."

Sun Shiqi could not help but roll her eyes.

"Personality? What personality? I see that she and the two young masters of the Gu family are chatting quite happily. Why is it that when she comes to our place, it's like she's suddenly a different person? Isn't she just pretending?"

Yan Fei's lips moved, but she did not continue to defend Ning Li. She only said, "Forget it, let's just go."

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As the twin Gu brothers watched Shen Li ride around, they also started getting restless.

Noticing that Shen Li was looking in a certain direction, Gu Siqi could not help but ask, "Cousin, what were you looking at just now?"

Shen Li smiled.

"Nothing. I was just watching the show."

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Naturally, the two brothers did not understand what she meant.

Shen Li did not want to let such a small matter affect their mood, so she quickly changed the topic.

“After watching, do you two want to get on your horses and try it out now?”

“Sure!”

Gu Siqi replied happily.

“Cousin, why don’t we have a competition?”

Shen Li nodded with a smile.

“Sure.”

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The two brothers were full of energy as they raced with Shen Li. Shen Li controlled her speed. One moment she would be in the front, the next she would be in the back. In the end, she won by the distance of one horse’s length.

After the race, the two brothers were completely convinced.

However, in this match, winning or losing was not the most important thing.

After the match was over, Shen Li dismounted from her horse and went up to the two boys. She gave them some important points that they should pay attention to and helped them adjust their posture.

In fact, most of her attention had been on them as she had run that lap with them earlier.

As the young masters of the Gu family, Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng had received an elite education since they were young. The equestrian coach they hired was naturally excellent as well.

However, this also depended on one's talent.

The things that Shen Li had observed were more detailed and easier to understand.

The whole morning passed just like that.

At noon, Shen Li brought the two brothers back to the Gu family home and accompanied Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu to have lunch together.

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The news of the return of the young miss of the Gu family had already spread throughout the whole of Hong Kong City.

The people from the various aristocratic families, especially in the upper circles, were speculating about the identity of this young miss.

However, this young miss seemed to be exceptionally low-key, spending most of her time in the Gu family's old residence.

Moreover, the Gu family was very protective of her, allowing the outside world to make all sorts of conjectures and even probe for information. However, not a single bit of that young miss's personal information was revealed.

As a result, everyone gradually understood. Since the Gu family had set the banquet for the 8th, that meant that it would only be the 8th that anything would be revealed.

Before this date, if they did not want to divulge anything, then no one could do anything about it.

However, the more this was the case, the more curious everyone became about this young lady.

During these few days, Shen Li would occasionally go to the Dutian Racecourse. The rest of the time, she stayed at home, reading calligraphy and painting, and having tea with Old Madam Gu.

Compared to the impatient curiosity of the outside world, even though she was the central figure of everyone's topic of conversation, she became the most leisurely person.

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In the blink of an eye, the 5th had arrived.

In the morning, Shen Li accompanied Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu to have breakfast. Then, she went back to her room to change her clothes and carried her backpack out.

Seeing her like this, Old Master Gu asked casually, "Is Ah Li going out?"

Shen Li nodded, and her gaze swept past the two elderly people.

"Dad is coming to Hong Kong City for a meeting today."

The surroundings were silent for a moment.

Old Master Gu paused, and his tone was calm.

"Are you going to pick him up?"

Shen Li shook her head.

“His schedule for these two days will be very full, and everything will be managed by Mill Laboratory. I’m going over because I want to visit their laboratory... as my dad’s assistant.”

The meeting this time was of a very high standard, and ordinary people were not qualified to participate at all.

Originally, Yan Qiu was supposed to come with him this time, but his experiment at Xijing University had reached a more important stage, so it was inconvenient for him to go with him.

This opportunity had fallen upon Shen Li.

Old Master Gu replied with a “hmm”, but did not say anything else.

Old Madam Gu, on the other hand, smiled.

“It’s a rare opportunity. If Ah Li likes it, then you should just go. Would you like someone to send you there?”

Shen Li said, “Thank you, Grandma, but there’s no need to go through so much trouble. I’ll just drive there myself.”

Gu Siyang had kept asking her to choose a car until she could not bear it any longer. In the end, she had finally chosen a black sedan that was not that ostentatious compared to his fleet of flashy sports cars which she could temporarily use for transportation.

Old Madam Gu nodded.

“Okay.”

“Then, Grandpa and Grandma, I’ll take my leave first.”

As she spoke, she moved to head out.

“Ah Li.”

Old Madam Gu suddenly called out.

Shen Li turned around and saw Old Madam Gu smiling gently.

“In two days’ time when he’s done with his work, ask Zhijin to come over for a meal when he’s free.”

Shen Li’s heart moved slightly, and she subconsciously looked at Old Master Gu.

Old Master Gu frowned slightly. He was about to say something when he saw Shen Li out of the corner of his eye.

He paused, and in the end, he swallowed the words in his throat.

This was his tacit approval.

Shen Li heaved a sigh of relief, and the corners of her lips curled up into a smile.

“Okay.”

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Mill Laboratory.

A white car slowly drove over and stopped in front of the main entrance.

A tall and upright figure got out of the car.

A staff member waiting at the door immediately came forward.

“Hello, Professor Shen. I’m Lu Yi, a researcher at Mill Lab. On behalf of Mill Lab, I’d like to welcome you here.”

Shen Zhijin nodded and shook hands with him.

“Hello.”

Lu Yi had a smile on his face.

“You’ve finally come. It’s really not been easy to get you to come here!”

Shen Zhijin rarely came to Hong Kong City, so they had not expected him to come personally this time.

When they learned that he had promised to attend the meeting, everyone in the laboratory had become very excited.

As he spoke, he looked behind Shen Zhijin.

“Where’s your assistant? Isn’t she with you?”

Shen Zhijin looked at the time.

“She should be here soon.”

Lu Yi understood. “Then let me accompany you in first—”

Shen Zhijin shook his head.

“There’s no need. I’ll wait for her here.”

Lu Yi was stunned, almost thinking that he had misheard.

“You... you’re going to wait here personally?”

He had only heard of assistants waiting for their bosses. When had there ever been a boss who waited for their assistant?

Moreover, who did not know that Shen Zhijin paid great attention to punctuality? Who was this who dared to make him wait?

Who was this assistant of his that was... so important?

Shen Zhijin met his shocked gaze, but he smiled.

“Yes. It’s her first time here, so she’s not familiar with the place. It’s better for me to take her with me.”