

## Little Brat's 761

### Chapter 761: This Year and the Year After Next

Old Master Lu raised his phone as Shen Li had instructed. Lu Huaiyu turned around to paste the Spring Festival couplets.

“Second Brother, go a little higher. Okay, okay, go a little to the left...”

Shen Li held her phone as she looked at it seriously.

Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng exchanged looks with each other. Gu Sicheng raised the Spring Festival couplets in his hand:

“Cousin, we haven’t finished putting up the couplets yet...”

Shen Li looked up.

She gave Gu Siyang a look— ‘Go help.’

However, Gu Siyang was unwilling to do it.

The Spring Festival couplets that she had put up had been done perfectly. How could they stop halfway?

“It’s okay, Siqi, Sicheng. Let’s wait for your cousin first. We’ll continue after she finishes with the video call.”

The two brothers nodded obediently.

“Who is Ah Li video calling?”

A gentle voice came from behind.

Shen Li turned around and saw Old Master Gu and Old Madam Gu walking over.

“Grandpa, Grandma, I’m on a video call with Grandpa Lu.”

Old Master Gu’s gaze fell on her phone.

Gu Siyang deliberately added, “Grandpa, Cousin is helping them post the Spring Festival couplets!”

Post the Spring Festival couplets?

Was the Lu family so short of people that they had to call on someone who was thousands of miles away?

Old Master Gu snorted.

Now he finally knew how that old thing, Lu Qishan, had taught his grandson!

Old Madam Gu gently patted his hand and smiled.

“It’s been a while since Ah Li and Huaiyu have seen each other.”

Old Master Gu narrowed his eyes.

“Ah Li spent the New Year at the Lu family’s home last year.”

When Old Master Lu heard this, he could also hear the dissatisfaction in his words.

Thus, he quickly responded.

“Eh? In-laws? In-laws! I think this is pretty good! Look, Ah Li was at our house last year, this year she’s at your house, then next year she will be at our house again—”

“Lu Qishan!”

Old Master Gu finally could not help but interrupt him.

“What kind of dream are you having?”

Old Master Lu coughed.

“Then... Then, the year after next would be fine too...”

Ah Li would be twenty the year after next!

Wouldn’t the engagement and marriage already have been arranged by then?

However, Old Master Gu did not understand what he meant, so he did not reply.

He was afraid that once he opened his mouth, he would not be able to stop himself from cursing him.

Shen Li coughed lightly.

“Grandpa Lu, your phone is crooked.”

Her voice finally woke Old Master Lu up from his daydream.

“Huh? Oh, okay, okay! Ah Li, what do you think?”

After a bit of struggle, it was finally pasted properly.

“Grandpa Lu, Second Brother, Happy New Year’s Eve.”

After saying this, Shen Li finally ended the video call.

“Cousin!”

Gu Sicheng hurriedly called out to her.

Shen Li went over to help supervise the two brothers. This time, it was Gu Sicheng who stepped on to the stool.

“Sicheng, be careful.”

As Shen Li spoke, she looked at Gu Siyang.

This time, Gu Siyang was cooperative. He smiled and went forward to help hold the stool.

“Tsk, nowadays, it isn’t easy to be a brother, is it?”

He had to listen to his cousin sister and help hold the stool for his cousin brother.

Old Madam Gu noticed that Old Master Gu still seemed to be brooding over what had happened earlier. She could not help but smile and give him some gentle advice.

“Brother Ci, Ah Li was only on a video call to help them put up a Spring Festival couplet. After all, they are spending the Spring Festival together in their own home. Why are you still jealous?”

Old Master Gu's lips twitched.

"In what way am I jealous? I just feel that Lu Qishan has too much time on his hands!"

He had even approached Ah Li for help just to put up a Spring Festival couplet!

Old Madam Gu smiled but did not say anything.

Old Master Gu put his hands behind his back and pondered for a while.

"I'm going to make a call."

Then, he walked to the living room and made a call. The other side quickly picked up.

Old Master Gu said calmly,

"Elder Mei."

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Ten minutes later, a call was made to Old Master Lu's cell phone.

He was holding a window flower in one hand.

"Huaiyu, hurry up and paste this. After you finish, I want to take a picture for Ah Li to see."

Lu Huaiyu, "..."

Old Master Lu came forward and urged him.

“Just follow the position that she posted it in last year. Don’t paste it crooked.”

Lu Huaiyu rubbed the space between his eyebrows.

“Got it.”

After handing over the window decorations, Old Master Lu looked at his phone and muttered.

“Why is Mei Yanqing suddenly calling at this time...”

As he spoke, he pressed the reply button.

“Hello?”

There was no sound on the other end.

Old Master Lu took the phone away and looked at it. It was a call! Why was there no sound?

He put the phone close to his ear again.

“Hello? Mei—”

A sneer suddenly came from the other end.

Old Master Lu almost dropped his phone. “Mei Yanqing! What are you doing?”

He was so shocked!

“Lu Qishan.”

Mei Yanqing sounded as if he was gnashing his teeth together.

“I heard that you’re already planning for Ah Li to spend the New Year at your house next year?”

“...”

Old Master Lu was instantly silenced. At the same time, he silently cursed Old Master Gu for not being compassionate. How could he expose the matter so quickly?!

“Cough, it’s nothing.” Old Master Lu cleared his throat and chuckled. “Isn’t this matter still undecided? We’re still discussing it.”

Still discussing it?

Mei Yanqing was so angry that he laughed.

“No matter how we arrange it, do you really think it will be your Lu family’s turn next year?!”

What was he thinking!

Old Master Lu felt that this possibility was indeed very small.

He pondered for a moment and finally endured the pain.

“The year after next! It can be the year after next then!”

“You wish!”

“Not even the year after next? Do you know how old Huaiyu will be the year after next? He’ll be 24 by then! If he still can’t bring his wife— I mean, bring his girlfriend home for the New Year, where will I put my old face?!”

Lu Huayu, who had just pasted the flowers on the window, was speechless.

He then walked to the side and called Lu Yuxiao.

Lu Yuxiao would be going home for the New Year this year and would arrive in the Capital at night. In fact, he was already on his way.

As expected, he answered the call very quickly. A young, cold, and deep voice was heard.

“Huaiyu.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled and said, “Brother, Grandpa was scolding you just now.”

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## Chapter 762: Years Old

Lu Yuxiao could guess what this meant without having to ask.

In the past few years, the old man’s urge for his grandsons to get married had become more and more fierce, causing him to prefer going out on missions than go home to suffer through that torture.

Recently, because Lu Huaiyu had gotten a girlfriend, the old man’s attention had shifted, which had made the situation better.

Thus, he had not expected to be nagged again before he even reached home this time.



Lu Yuxiao pondered for a moment and quickly made a guess.

“You didn’t bring your girlfriend home for the New Year.”

It was not a question, but a statement.

Although he was in the army, he was still very clear about the situation here.

Lu Huaiyu, “... Yes, Ah Li is in Hong Kong City.”

The Gu family and Shen Zhijin had just acknowledged her. Of course, she would accompany them for the New Year.

“Of course.”

Lu Yuxiao’s voice was low and solemn, but as he talked about his brother and his potential sister-in-law, his tone became much gentler.

“She has only just returned home. She needs to spend time with her family.”

Lu Huaiyu nodded slightly with a dip of his jaw.

“I think so too.”

“Next year, then.” There was a rare hint of compromise in Lu Yuxiao’s words.

Lu Huaiyu, "..."

Now, he felt that this call was redundant.

"Are Mom and Dad home yet?" Lu Yuxiao asked.

Lu Huaiyou looked at his watch.

"They said that their flight was delayed so they won't arrive at home till tomorrow."

It was an international flight so their flight time was quite long.

"Huaiyu, are you on the phone with your big brother?"

Old Master Lu finally heard Lu Huaiyu's movements and looked over.

Lu Huaiyu nodded.

"Yes, do you want to talk to him?"

Old Master Lu was very interested. "Sure!"

Lu Yuxiao suddenly said, "Huaiyu, I have a call from the army. I'll hang up first."

As he said that, he hung up without hesitation.

Old Master Lu walked over and saw that the screen had already gone black.

He frowned.

“This kid! It’s obvious that he did it on purpose!”

“How can that be?” Lu Huaiyu glanced at his phone as he very patiently helped his big brother with an explanation, “Big Brother does have an urgent matter. Oh, by the way, he also asked me to pass on a message to you.”

Old Master Lu was skeptical. “What message?”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“He said that he will definitely bring a girlfriend back next year.”

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Hong Kong City, the Gu family.

The entire mansion had been decorated in a cheerful manner and was bustling with activity.

Shen Li was holding a red “Fu” character as she stood under a tree in the front yard and was about to hang it up.

A car slowly stopped outside the gate. Then, a tall and straight figure got down and entered the courtyard.

Qi Yang was standing at the door. When he spotted the visitor, he smiled.

“Mr. Shen.”

Shen Zhijin nodded slightly and greeted him.

“Uncle Qi.”

As he spoke, he handed over the gifts that he had brought, and Qi Yang took them for him.

“There are still some more in the car,” he said.

Qi Yang silently sighed.

“Mr. Shen, you’re too polite. Please come in.”

Hearing the voices, the other people in the front yard also looked over.

Gu Siqi turned to Shen Li and shouted excitedly.

“Cousin! Fourth Uncle is here!”

Shen Li looked over with a smile on her lips.

Shen Zhijin had just arrived on this morning’s flight.

Shen Zhijin walked over and stood in front of Old Madam Gu.

“Mother.”

Old Madam Gu patted his hand with a smile on her face.

“You took such an early flight. Are you tired?”

Shen Zhijin shook his head and paused.

“Where’s Father?”

“He’s making a phone call inside.” Old Madam Gu pointed in the direction of the house and teased, “He’s arguing over which house Ah Li will spend the New Year at next year.”

Shen Zhijin thought for a moment before he understood.

He said, “Then I won’t disturb him first. I’ll go over later.”

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“Father.”

As he spoke, Shen Li had already approached him.

When Shen Zhijin saw her, his handsome and clear brows relaxed.

“Tangtang.”

She slipped the “Fu” word that was in her hand into Shen Zhijin’s hand and winked.

“Dad, this is going to be hung on the tree over there. Can you help me?”

Old Madam Gu also smiled and urged him.

“Ah Li’s matter is more important. Zhijin, you should go ahead.”

Shen Zhijin replied and followed Shen Li over to the tree.

Of course, Shen Li could hang it herself, but she wanted to spend some time with Shen Zhijin right now.

“Dad, you flew here so early in the morning. Are you sleepy?”

Shen Zhijin took care to hang the “Fu” properly. The wind blew at the tassels hanging below.

“I was supposed to come yesterday.”

Shen Zhijin turned to look at her,

“I had a meeting that was delayed, so I changed my booking to today.”

Shen Li said, “You could have changed your booking to a later flight. There’s no need to be in such a hurry.”

A faint smile appeared on Shen Zhijin’s face.

“I want to spend the New Year with Tangtang. Of course, I couldn’t delay it.”

New Year.

Shen Li suddenly remembered what Yan Qiu had said before— The boss did not celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. Not only did he not celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, but he also did not celebrate any festivals such as the Spring Festival.

In the past few years, Shen Zhijin had indeed been missing these celebrations.

Now, however, he had finally said that he wanted to celebrate the New Year with Tangtang.

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A smile appeared on her face. Her peach blossom eyes were curved like the moon, shining brightly.

“Thank you, Daddy.”

It was Tangtang who accompanied her father to celebrate the New Year.

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The Gu family’s New Year’s Eve dinner was exceptionally sumptuous.

Everyone took a family photo together and started setting off fireworks in the front yard.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Shen Li curled up on the sofa in the living room as she sent and received all kinds of messages of blessings.

She picked up her phone and took a photo of the view outside the window.

In the dark night, the sky was filled with fireworks.

Old Mrs. Gu was talking to Shen Zhijin.

When Old Master Gu looked at Shen Li, he saw her leaning against the sofa with her hand raised to take a photo.

The bright light of the fireworks shone on her face, making her skin look even fairer and clearer. Her eyebrows were gorgeous, and the corners of her lips were bright with a smile.

He stood with his hands behind his back and stared at her for a long time. Finally, he turned his head slightly and said to Shen Zhijin, "Stay here at home tonight."

Shen Zhijin's eyelashes trembled slightly. Then, he looked up at Old Master Gu and said in a low voice, "Thank you, Father."

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The whole family stayed together to celebrate the New Year.

Gu Siqi and Gu Sicheng were young. With great difficulty, they managed to hold on until eleven o'clock before they fell asleep in a daze.

The two elderly people were getting on in age. So after some persuading by Shen Li and the others, they retired to their room to rest.

In any case, everyone was at home. It was all the same.

Midnight.

The bell rang and the fireworks bloomed. It was a lively scene.



Shen Zhijin patted her head.

“Tangtang, Happy New Year.”

Shen Li turned her head and her eyes curved.

“Happy New Year.”

Chapter 763: The Boss’s Child

Shen Li had been very busy this Spring Festival.

Since the first day of the Lunar New Year, she had been kept busy with various New Year greetings.

Since she was in Hong Kong City, many people could not meet with her, so she made quite a number of video and voice calls.

On the 17th day of the first lunar month, she finally set off on the journey back to the Capital.

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After resting for a night in Tianye City, Shen Li went to the Institute’s Laboratory the next morning.

When she arrived at 601, Tang Yi was the only one in the room, staring at the computer as he revised his thesis.

His thesis was about to reach its deadline and had to be submitted before Saturday, which was why he had been revising it frantically for the past few days.

When he heard the sound of footsteps, he subconsciously looked up and was instantly shocked.

“Little Junior Sister?!”

His eyes widened in surprise and delight.

“Little Junior Sister, when did you come back?”

“Senior Brother, long time no see.”

Shen Li put down her backpack before pulling her laptop and two books out. She pulled out a chair and sat down.

“I returned to the Capital yesterday.”

“You returned to the Capital yesterday and came to the laboratory today?” A complicated look appeared in Tang Yi’s eyes. “Little Junior Sister, if you work so hard, how will others live?”

If he had even half of his junior sister’s capabilities, he would not be tortured to this extent by the thesis!

Shen Li looked at the obvious dark circles under his eyes and felt some sympathy in her heart. She comforted him.

“Senior Brother, I don’t plan on working on the experiment today.”

“Oh, oh, that’s good, that’s good!”

Tang Yi patted his chest and felt much better.

“So you just casually came over to take a look today?”

Shen Li smiled.

“Yes, I haven’t been here in a long time. I wanted to revisit the environment and familiarize myself with it again.”

As she said this, she took a book and started reading.

Tang Yi’s gaze fell on the book in her hand.

—University Physics (Part Two).

Tang Yi casually asked, “Eh? Junior Sister, the semester hasn’t officially started, yet you’re already starting to preview the subject?”

“No.”

Shen Li did not even raise her head as she flipped through a page.

She had already read this book before. She was merely reviewing it today.

“I have to take the exam for this class the day after tomorrow.”

“Exam?”

Tang Yi was stunned.

“Isn’t this one of the major classes for the second semester of your freshman year?”

Logically speaking, she would not have studied it yet. How could there be an exam?

Shen Li nodded.

"I applied for an exemption."

Tang Yi instantly understood. If a student passed the exemption exam at the start of the semester, they would be able to directly receive credits for this course without having to attend the class.

"Little Junior Sister, is this... Are you going to finish the undergraduate course ahead of time?"

At first, Tang Yi was surprised. However, after thinking about it carefully, he felt that it was reasonable.

With Little Junior Sister's talent and standard, there was indeed no need to waste too much time on those courses.

"Hmm." Shen Li replied.

Tang Yi's gaze fell on the book next to her. It was also a professional course, so he asked with a smile, "Hey, Little Junior Sister, did you apply for the exemption for two courses at the same time?"

Shen Li turned another page.

"No, it's just that these two courses will be the first to be tested. That's why I'm looking at these two courses first."

Tang Yi, "..."

An ominous premonition suddenly surged up in his heart.

"The first to be tested... Then, how many courses did you apply for an exemption?"

Shen Li tilted her head slightly, one hand supporting her chin as she pondered for a moment.

“Fourteen courses.”

Tang Yi’s expression instantly cracked, and he was completely dumbfounded.

Fourteen courses?!

School had only just started!

She had applied to get an exemption from fourteen courses?!

Hadn’t she only taken thirteen exams last semester?!

“Fortunately, most of them don’t need to be put into practice, so it’s less of a hassle,” Shen Li said.

Most of these courses were specialized courses from the Institute of Physics, while a few were from the Institute of Mathematics.

Her full perfect score at the end of last semester had indeed played a significant role in helping her pass the exemption exams for these courses.

Tang Yi’s lips moved, but he could not utter a single word.

He himself had been recognized as a genius since he was young. He had consecutively skipped grades and now at only twenty-one years old, he was already studying for his Ph.D. under Shen Zhijin. He was definitely someone to be envied.

However, ever since he had come to 601, his worldview had been constantly destroyed, and he often felt as if his IQ had been pushed to the ground and was being rubbed against it.

Today, this feeling was especially strong.

He felt as if his brain was bleeding from the friction.

“Fourteen subjects...”

He finally spoke with difficulty, his voice trembling slightly.

“Junior Sister, fourteen subjects. You... you’re taking them all together?!”

“Not really. It’s going to take four days,” Shen Li corrected him.

Tang Yi, “...”

What difference did that make?!

The winter break had only just ended?! Little Junior Sister had come back to take the exam just like that?!

And it was for so many classes!

Tang Yi forced himself to shift his gaze away from Shen Li’s two books, stiffly turning his neck to look at the computer screen again.

Faced with this paper that seemed to be baring its fangs and brandishing its claws, Tang Yi had felt the unprecedented impulse to smash the computer!

Heh.

What did it mean to be admired by others?

The Boss' child was clearly the best!

Just then, another voice filled with joy sounded.

"Eh? Junior Sister!"

Shen Li turned around and saw Yan Qiu and Fu Niannian walking towards her.

Fu Niannian walked over with a smile.

"It's been more than a month since we last met. It's been such a long holiday. Did Junior Sister have a great time?"

Shen Li greeted them and nodded when she heard this.

"I did have a great time."

Fu Niannian chuckled and sat down in his seat. He took a sip of the coffee that he had just brought over.

"That's what I said—"

Tang Yi reminded him expressionlessly.

"Second Senior Brother, Junior Sister applied for the exemption test for fourteen courses."

“PFFT...!”

Fu Niannian spat out a mouthful of coffee.

“Wh-what?!”

He frantically wiped the table while looking at Shen Li in disbelief.

Yan Qiu also tripped and nearly fell.

A strange atmosphere instantly fell upon the laboratory.

Seeing them like this, Tang Yi’s heart finally calmed down.

He leaned back.

“I think Little Junior Sister has had quite a fulfilling winter break.”

Taking the exams for fourteen classes that she had never attended before— What kind of person was this?

Fu Niannian felt his breath stop for a long time.

“... Excuse me.”

Yan Qiu let out a long sigh.

“This eldest senior brother really can’t take it anymore!”



Who could take this kind of blow, day in and day out?

Shen Li looked around, remaining silent for a moment.

“Then... why don’t I go to the library?”

Her presence here seemed to be quite stimulating to them.

“Wait a moment!”

Fu Niannian suddenly thought of something and jumped up from his chair.

“I have a data analysis that has been stuck. Little Junior Sister, would you like to help me look at it before you leave?”

Shen Li, “...”

Yan Qiu looked at him with disdain.

“Fu Niannian, are you even capable of doing it? Aren’t you always asking Little Junior Sister for help?”

“Never!”

Fu Niannian was not convinced.

“Little Junior Sister has already finished reading the books for fourteen classes! How long did it take?! Can’t I just ask a question?”

Yan Qiu was silent for a long while.

“F\*ck, what you said does make sense.”

He took out an experimental record book from the drawer.

“Then, Little Junior Sister, please help me take a look at this experiment first!”

Chapter 764: Something About the Big Boss

Tang Yi could not take it anymore.

“Eldest Senior Brother, Second Senior Brother, please open your eyes and take a look. You still have a junior brother who is struggling in the sea of bitterness as he tries to change his thesis!”

Who could possibly be more anxious than him?

He immediately moved his laptop onto Shen Li’s desk.

“Little Junior Sister, saving a life is better than building a seven-level pagoda!”

Shen Li’s gaze lingered on his computer screen for a moment before she fell into deep thought.

Then, she asked in seriousness, “Senior Brother, do you want me to help you show this thesis to my dad?”

Tang Yi, “!!!”

If he dared to show this lousy first draft to his boss, was it because he felt that his Ph.D. career was too short and he wanted to prolong it on purpose?!

He choked up and took his laptop back with tears in his eyes.

“It’s just a misunderstanding... A misunderstanding... I wanted to ask, Junior Sister, would you like some water? I’ll go get some hot water for you.”

Shen Li laughed.

“Thank you, Senior Brother. There’s no need.”

Tang Yi despaired. “Oh.”

Shen Li pointed at the books.

“Let me finish reading these two books and I’ll help Senior Brother later in the afternoon.”

Tang Yi’s eyes instantly lit up. “Really?!”

Shen Li nodded.

Making changes to a thesis was quite difficult, so it was best to choose a time where she could be more focused.

Tang Yi’s eyes welled up with tears.

“Thank you, Junior Sister!”

Shen Li’s gaze lingered between Fu Niannian and Yan Qiu for a moment. Facing their expectant gazes, she hesitated for a moment.

“Senior Brother Niannian, let’s look at your data first.”

Fu Niannian clenched his fist and pumped it in the air. “Yes!”

He sauntered over with the laptop in his arms, with an incomparably bright smile.

“I just knew that Little Junior Sister loves me the most!”

Shen Li took the computer and tapped twice on the keyboard with her fingers. Then, she sniffed and looked up.

“Actually, it’s not that. It’s just that data problems are easier and faster to deal with.”

Fu Niannian’s smile instantly froze on his face.

Yan Qiu laughed so hard that his shoulders shook. He patted his shoulder sympathetically.

“Because it’s simple. Understand?”

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Five minutes later, Shen Li returned the laptop to Fu Niannian.

“Senior Brother Niannian, it’s done.”

Fu Niannian accepted it dully, his ears still ringing with Shen Li’s earlier words.

He returned to his seat and once again, began to doubt life.

Yan Qiu and Tang Yi enjoyed the wonderful expression on his face for a while.

After Shen Li finished reading the experiment record book, she and Yan Qiu discussed the direction of the next experiment.

She had not been here for a period of time. Several times during the course of the experiment, she had asked Yan Qiu for help, so they had a better understanding of each other's subject experiments. Now, their conversation went by very efficiently.

The discussion between the two of them lasted about fifteen minutes. After making adjustments to a few details, they finally solved it successfully.

Only then did Shen Li open her book and continue reading.

School was about to officially start and she had to prepare for the exam, so the progress of the experiment here had temporarily slowed down. She planned to wait until the exam was over before she shifted her focus back.

At noon, the small group went out to have some hotpot together, to officially welcome Shen Li back.

In the afternoon, Shen Li set aside an hour and a half to help Tang Yi revise his thesis.

Actually, Tang Yi's skill level was up to par. Otherwise, he would not have been recruited by Shen Zhijin in the first place.

It was just that being a part of 601 was not that simple, especially with Shen Li who had perfectly inherited Shen Zhijin's intelligence and talent. Naturally, the pressure on him was even greater.

After finishing the revision, Tang Yi stared blankly at the screen for quite a while before sighing.

Shen Li asked curiously, "Senior Brother, is there another problem with the thesis?"

Tang Yi shook his head as he held himself back for a while before he spoke with a heavy heart.

"I just suddenly thought of a question: Little Junior Sister, could it be that you'll get your Ph.D. before I do?"

Shen Li, "..."

She said in seriousness, "Senior Brother, you can do it."

Tang Yi, "Huh!"

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Soon, the new semester at Xijing University officially began.

The cold and empty campus was once again bustling with activity.

At 7:50 in the morning, Shen Li went to the classroom at the Institute of Physics to take the University Physics (Lower) paper for the exemption examination.

Xijing University had gathered the most outstanding students in the country, so Shen Li was not the only one who had applied for exemption.

When she arrived at the examination hall, there were already seven or eight people sitting in the room.

Some of them looked familiar and were in the same class as her.

When they saw her, everyone fell silent for a moment.

However, when they thought about it carefully, it seemed that no one was more qualified than her to take the exam.

Shen Li went to her seat and sat down.

At eight o'clock, the exam officially began.

Shen Li took the exam paper and gave it a cursory glance. Then, she took out a pen and started to answer the questions.

The classroom was very quiet. There was only the rustling sound of the tip of the pen rubbing against the paper.

Half an hour later, Shen Li put away her pen and got up to hand in her paper.

The slight sound of the friction of the chair as it was pushed back attracted the attention of the other examinees in the classroom. Who could have handed in the paper so early?!

Everyone subconsciously glanced over.

— Oh, it was Shen Li. That was fine then.

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Everyone quickly looked away and continued to answer the questions.

Shen Li placed the exam paper on the podium, picked up her backpack, and walked out.

She took out her phone and saw that she had received a message from He Xiaochen.

[ Ah Li! I've arrived at school! Are you in the lab? I'll come to look for you! ]

She knew that Shen Li had come to school early and that she had pretty much stayed in the lab most of the time, so that's what she asked her directly.

The two of them had not seen each other during the winter break. Since He Xiaochen had just arrived at school, she immediately came to look for her.

Shen Li called her back.

He Xiaochen quickly answered the call.

"Ah Li!"

When Shen Li heard the voices of other girls in the background, she understood.

"You're in the dormitory?"

"That's right!"

"I have something to take care of this morning. It might be a while before I'm free."

He Xiaochen was stunned.

"Huh, what's up?"

Shen Li said,

"I have a specialized course exam at ten."

He Xiaochen, "Is this the exam for the course that you applied for exemption previously?"



‘ “God of Learning”, is this what you meant by “Something to take care of”?’

Shen Li said, “Yeah, it will end at about ten-thirty. I’ll go over to look for you after the exam.”

He Xiaochen said, “Then, why don’t I go over to look for you? I don’t have anything to do here anyway! Send me the exam venue. I’ll look for you after you’re almost done with the exam!”

Shen Li laughed.

“There’s no need. I brought you a gift and left it at the laboratory. I’ll go back after the exam and bring it for you.”

He Xiaochen’s eyes sparkled.

“Thank you, Ah Li!”

Shen Li decided on a time with her before He Xiaochen hung up the phone.

“He Xiaochen.”

A female voice came from the side.

“Were you just on the phone with Shen Li?”

Chapter 765: What a Coincidence

He Xiaochen turned around.

The person who had spoken was her roommate, Fu Shuya, who was a French major.

She had an oval face, fair skin, and good looks. She was considered a beauty in the faculty.

It was said that her family was quite well-off, but her personality was a little delicate.

He Xiaochen was not particularly close to her, but they all shared the same dorm room. In addition, He Xiaochen had an amiable personality, so they got along well with each other. They would occasionally have a meal together or something.

She nodded.

“Yeah, she’s coming over to have a meal with me later.”

Ever since she started attending university, Shen Li had been very busy. As for He Xiaochen, besides being busy chasing after celebrities, she had also started to take on some part-time jobs as a translator to earn some money.

The distance between the Institute of Physics and her faculty was far, so the two did not see each other very often.

Now that the new school semester had just started, He Xiaochen wanted to take advantage of her free time to make an appointment with Shen Li.

However, she had forgotten that she was sitting for her exams.

Fu Shuya was using a curling iron to curl her hair.

“I heard you mention an exam room just now. Isn’t it just the beginning of school? Why is there an exam?” Fu Shuya casually asked as she twisted her wrist and paused for a few seconds.

She then let go of the curling iron and gently twirled the lock of hair with her fingers. Her chestnut-colored hair hung down lazily. With her exquisite makeup, she looked even more beautiful.

He Xiaochen said, "It's an exemption exam!"

Fu Shuya paused. Of course, she knew what this meant.

She smiled and turned around.

"That's true. After all, she's a straight-A student. If she passes the exam, she can skip one class and save a lot of time. Which subject did she take the exam for? Was it a specialized course in the Institute of Physics?"

He Xiaochen thought, how could the words "straight-A student" reflect the true power of her dear Ah Li?

She was clearly the God of Learning!

She opened Weibo and quickly signed into Lin Fengmian's page. At the same time, moved her hand very quickly as she collected a bunch of pictures that she admired. She continued to speak without raising her head.

"She took a lot of exams. I didn't specifically ask what papers she took today, but most of them are specialized Physics courses. Only a few are from the Mathematics Department."

The smile on Fu Shuya's face stiffened.

She had thought that Shen Li had only applied for an exemption to one course. Who knew...

"How many courses are there?" She continued to ask.

He Xiaochen finally paused. She rested her chin on one hand and thought for a while.

“I heard her mention it once before, but it wasn’t very specific. I think... there were at least ten courses?”

Fu Shuya hissed, but it was due to an accident. Her finger had accidentally touched the curling iron and had gotten burned.

He Xiaochen immediately asked, “Are you okay?”

Fu Shuya quickly put the curling iron aside and turned off the power.

There was already a small patch of red on her hand where she had gotten burned, but fortunately, she had reacted quickly so it should not become blistered.

“You’re too careless...” He Xiaochen asked, “Do you want to buy an ointment for the burn?”

Fu Shuya endured the pain and shook her head.

“It’s okay. I’ve gotten burned before. I’ll be fine after a while.”

Hearing her say this, He Xiaochen did not insist any further.

“Okay.”

However, after a while, she saw Fu Shuya pick up the curling iron again— She had not finished styling her hair yet.

The corner of He Xiaochen’s mouth twitched slightly.

“That... Are you going out on a date today?”

She was really determined to continue!

Fu Shuya curled another lock of hair and said, "No, my cousin is coming to pick me up for lunch."

Cousin?

Wasn't this too grand?

As if she could see what He Xiaochen was thinking, Fu Shuya said again, "She came here from Haicheng on a business trip. It's rare for us to see her."

He Xiaochen sensed that Fu Shuya seemed to value her cousin greatly. Even the tone of her voice was full of eagerness.

However, since it was her business, He Xiaochen did not ask much. She just nodded, lowered her head, and continued with what she had been doing before.

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Shen Li's second round of exams started at 10 a.m.

At 10:25 a.m., she came out of the exam room. She turned a corner, went up to Room 601, and took the gift that was meant for He Xiaochen, before walking toward the female dormitory building of the Outer Faculty.

The distance from the Institute of Physics to that side of the campus was almost halfway across Xijing University.

The school semester had just started, so the campus was full of people.

Shen Li carried the gift bag as she walked along the road. From time to time, people would look in her direction.

It could not be helped. Her face was too eye-catching.

Twenty minutes later, Shen Li arrived at He Xiaochen's dormitory building.

A white car that was parked by the roadside caught her attention.

It was not only because that car was very expensive, but also because of the license plate of that car.

It was from Haicheng.

Moreover, the license plate number seemed very familiar.

After staring at the license plate for a while, Shen Li continued to move forward.

There was no one in the car.

She turned around and walked into the dormitory building.

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When she came to He Xiaochen's dormitory room door, she could vaguely hear voices coming from inside.

Shen Li knocked on the door.

"Coming!"

He Xiaochen responded and immediately came over to open the door.

When she saw that it was Shen Li, a big smile immediately bloomed on her face.

“Ah Li! I knew it was you!”

Shen Li also smiled and handed over the gift bag in her hand.

“This is for you.”

He Xiaochen took the bag, feeling extremely touched.

“Ahhhhh... Ah Li, you’re so nice! I really love this gift!”

Shen Li was silent for a second.

“You haven’t even looked at it yet.”

“I love everything that you’ve given me!”

He Xiaochen pulled on her hand.

“Come in and sit down first. I’ll pack up my things, then we’ll set off immediately!”

Shen Li followed her in.

At the next second, she felt two pairs of eyes fall upon her.

She looked up.

Sitting on the right was He Xiaochen's roommate, Fu Shuya. She had seen her twice before.

It was clear that she had put in a lot of effort to dress up today. From her hair to her nails, she had put in a lot of effort.

And the one sitting on the left...

It was an extremely young woman. She looked to be in her early twenties, at most. Her appearance was somewhat similar to Fu Shuya, but she was even more beautiful.

She had bright eyes and white teeth. Her facial features were exquisite. Her entire body exuded an elegant and capable temperament. However, she had a pair of almond-shaped eyes, which gave off a slight feeling of a young girl's innocence.

She seemed to be both smart and naive. The combination of these two temperaments made her seem even more attractive.

Even just by sitting there quietly, she was still more eye-catching than the meticulously dressed-up Fu Shuya, who was next to her.

In comparison, Fu Shuya's outfit seemed too showy.

Shen Li raised her eyebrows very lightly.

While she had been looking at the other party, the other party had also been sizing her up.

Without waiting for He Xiaochen to introduce them, the woman had already stood up and reached out her hand with a smile.



“You are Shen Li, right? I’ve heard a lot about you. I’m Shuya’s cousin, Yu Yu.”

Although she was young, her style was obviously much more mature, and she had her own unique aura.

Most interactions between students would not be so formal. By doing this, there seemed to be an added invisible pressure, whether intentionally or not. At the same time, she naturally occupied a more active and higher position.

Shen Li did not seem to notice this at all. The corners of her lips curled into a smile, and she reached out her hand to shake her hand gently.

“Hello, I’m Shen Li.”

What a coincidence.

This was the daughter of the Yu family’s third son. She was Yu Cheng’s cousin, and at the same time, the last true leader of the Yu family, Yu Yu.

#### Chapter 766: Old Friends

In her previous life, FN had been exposed as having an involvement in drugs. In order to throw suspicion off himself, Yu Cheng had framed Ji Shu, accusing him of being the first to take drugs and acting as a middleman, eventually dragging the other members of FN and the higher-ups down with him.

Ji Shu had been at the peak of his fame at the time. Thus, when this had been made known to the public, there had been an uproar!

The attention of the media and the public had shifted then shifted to Ji Shu. As for Yu Cheng, the real culprit of those dirty deeds, he had been able to escape successfully.

Ji Shu’s career had been ruined. His whole life had also been ruined. He had fallen to the bottom of the valley and had died with a bad reputation.

Shen Li had not even gotten to see him one last time.

That proud and wild youth had died forever on that rainy night.

She had only found out later that Yu Yu had been behind all of Yu Cheng's actions.

Yu Cheng was the only son of the head of the Yu family, and he was also a well-known second-generation heir.

Yu Yu was born from the third son of the Yu family, and she had been outstanding since she was young. She had graduated from Hua University at the age of twenty and had immediately started working at the Yu Corporation. Her abilities were outstanding, and she was praised by many.

Compared to Yu Cheng, she was a much more capable person.

However, the Yu family valued sons over daughters. His status as the eldest grandson alone allowed Yu Cheng to easily suppress Yu Yu.

No matter how well Yu Yu did, she would still never be looked upon as good enough whenever Yu Cheng called out to the "Old Master."

Logically speaking, Yu Yu and Yu Cheng's relationship should be very antagonistic.

However, that was not the case. Her relationship with Yu Cheng was very good.

At the very least, it seemed so on the surface.

That was because above Yu Yu, there was an illegitimate brother, Yu Jing, who was only a month older than her.

Generally speaking, such a large aristocratic family would not look well upon illegitimate children and would generally feel ashamed of them.

However, Old Master Yu was stubborn. Even if this grandson did not come from a good family background, he was still his biological grandson.

This was especially so regarding his third son's family. Yu Yu's parents had passed away unexpectedly a few years ago. Only Yu Jing and Yu Yu were left from this branch of the family.

From Old Master Yu's point of view, Yu Jing was the only descendant of his third son. Naturally, he doted on him even more.

Although he could not be compared to Yu Cheng, he was still pretty good. In fact, he was considered even better than Yu Yu.

Yu Yu was a smart person. She knew that she would not be able to compete against Yu Jing on her own, so she had quickly made a move to get closer to her eldest uncle's family.

That branch of the family naturally did not like Yu Jing either and they quickly accepted Yu Yu. With Yu Jing around, Yu Cheng was not Old Master Yu's only grandson. Thus, they were naturally unwilling to have such an illegitimate child who would be competing for the family fortune. In comparison, Yu Yu was much more obedient and less troublesome.

Hence, Yu Yu and Yu Cheng had become rather close.

Growing up in such an environment, Yu Yu had learned how to judge people's expressions and make them like her.

She had put in a lot of effort on Yu Cheng's side of the family, which had caused Yu Cheng to be biased towards his younger cousin sister, with whom he was very fond of.

From an outsider's point of view, the relationship between the two cousins seemed to be extremely good.

At that time, Yu Yu had put in a lot of effort to help Yu Cheng. However, all her efforts had not been for Yu Cheng, but for the sake of the Yu family and herself.

After all, if Yu Cheng's actions were exposed, the entire Yu family would be implicated.

Of course, Yu Yu had won in the end.

After Old Master Yu had died, the family of his eldest son had not reaped any benefits from her. Later on, they had even been marginalized by the rest of the Yu family and ostracized. All they could get was a small living expense from the family fund every month.

As for what had happened to Ji Shu, neither Yu Cheng nor her, or even the rest of the Yu family cared.

For the sake of their own and the stability of their own family's status and wealth, what worth was anyone else's life?

It was not even worth mentioning.

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Shen Li very quickly let go of Yu Yu's hand.

Yu Yu's gaze swept across her face.

She had heard the name Shen Li many times, but this was the first time she had seen her in person.

The top scorer of the M province science college entrance examination, the top designer Ning whom G&S had promoted, 'Tree's Shadow' who was the last disciple of Mei Yanqing, as well as... the young miss of the Gu family and the girlfriend of the second young master of the Lu family.

“You’re more beautiful than I expected,” Yu Yu said with a smile. “We were just talking about your application for exemptions. You applied for so many courses in one go, as expected of Vice-Principal Shen’s daughter.”

As she spoke, she glanced at Fu Shuya and said jokingly, “It would be great if Shuya could be even half as outstanding as you.”

The smile on Fu Shuya’s face froze.

Anyone who heard such a face-to-face comparison would probably not be happy.

Shen Li’s lips curved slightly.

With this one sentence, Yu Yu had placed Shen Li and Fu Shuya on the same level, naturally putting herself one level higher.

“Miss Yu is too polite. I heard from Xiaochen that Fu Shuya has always been ranked first in her own specialty. Our department’s specialty is different, so they can’t really be compared.”

Only then did Fu Shuya’s expression ease up a little. She lowered her eyes slightly to hide the emotions in her eyes.

Yu Yu paused, as if she had not expected Shen Li to suppress the topic so quietly.

She studied Shen Li again.

She had already been beautiful enough in photos, but now that she was looking at the real person, she realized that Shen Li was even more beautiful in person.

Fu Shuya was the beauty of her faculty, but as she stood beside Yu Yu, it was clear that she was slightly inferior.

However, Yu Yu was not as beautiful as Shen Li.

Moreover, what was more eye-catching than her looks was actually her cool temperament.

Yu Yu had heard some rumors about Shen Li before.

Although she had now been acknowledged by the Gu family, she had grown up in a small town for the first eighteen years of her life, and it had been with that kind of family...

Originally, she had thought that Shen Li would still bear some traces of her past difficult life. However, after seeing her today, she realized that it was not the case.

Every move that Shen Li made, her words and her actions, were very generous and courteous.

Her manner was not inferior to any socialite from an aristocratic family.

Yu Yu smiled politely.

“You’re too modest.”

As she spoke, she asked again, “Oh right, both you and Xiaochen are going out for a meal together, right? I happened to drive here, so I can give you a lift.”

Shen Li said, “Thank you, but the place we are going to is just outside the school. It’s very close, so we won’t need to trouble you.”

Hearing her say this, Yu Yu did not insist.

“Okay, then... Shall we’ll leave first?”

As she said this, she turned her head.

“Shuya.”

Fu Shuya immediately picked up her bag. “Okay, Cousin, let’s go.”

The two of them left.

He Xiaochen looked in the direction that they left and muttered, “Fu Shuya and her cousin are really polite...”

Yu Yu had a very dominant aura. Although she had a smile on her face, there was still a sense of distance from her.

If they were really to spend time together, how awkward would that be?

Shen Li withdrew her gaze.

Fu Shuya’s father and Yu Yu’s mother were biological siblings. Although Yu Yu’s mother had already passed away, the two of them had constantly remained in contact.

After all, she was a part of the Yu family.

Although the status of the Fu family was not too bad, they could not be compared to the Yu family.

Naturally, the Fu family treated Yu Yu exceptionally well.

Shen Li looked at her phone.

“Let’s go too. If we’re late, we’ll have to wait in line at the barbecue restaurant again.”

He Xiaochen immediately replied, "Okay!"

Just then, her phone rang.

Shen Li looked at it.

"Ren Qian's calling?"

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He Xiaochen replied with a "Hmm", but hung up the phone. The smile on her face also faded a little.

Shen Li was a little surprised.

"What happened? Did you have a fight?"

Ren Qian had been courting He Xiaochen for the past half a year, ever since he had confessed his feelings to her after the college entrance examination.

When He Xiaochen fainted during military training, he had not hesitated to disobey the instructor's orders just to carry her to the infirmary.

When He Xiaochen had gotten sick, he had been the first one to come over to deliver food and medicine.

The two of them sometimes ate together and watched movies together.

They were just one step away from breaking through that last layer between them to becoming more than friends.



Shen Li had always gotten the feeling that the two of them were progressing quite smoothly.

“No.”

He Xiaochen pouted.

It did not seem to be the case here.

Shen Li’s gaze fell on her phone again and saw that Ren Qian did not call again.

He Xiaochen put her phone into her bag and became excited again.

“Forget it, let’s not bother about him! Let’s go eat! Recently, I’ve earned quite a bit of money from my part-time job so I’ll definitely treat you to this meal!”

Shen Li did not ask any more questions and nodded with a smile.

“Okay.”

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The two of them arrived at a barbecue restaurant just outside the western gate.

The food at this restaurant was very delicious and was very popular among the Xijing University students. When they arrived, many people were already there.

The two of them chose to sit at a table closer to the center.

He Xiaochen handed the menu to Shen Li.

“Order whatever you want!”

Shen Li did not stand on ceremony and ordered the restaurant’s most famous dishes. He Xiaochen added some more with a wave of her hand.

“Ah Li, how did you do in Hong Kong City?”

He Xiaochen asked curiously as she drank some fruit juice.

Shen Li nodded.

“Very good.”

He Xiaochen rested her chin on her hand.

“That’s true. Your grandparents and Teacher Shen treat you well!”

Although she had not gone there, she especially treasured the video of how Tangtang had been welcomed home on New Year’s Day.

Shen Li had also taken photos at the family acknowledgment banquet and sent them to her.

“That’s great!”

He Xiaochen was sincerely happy for her.

The waiter came over to place the roasting tray and served the dishes one after another.

“There’s a lot of delicious food in Hong Kong City. Next time, when you have the time, I’ll take you around there.”

Shen Li picked up a piece of pork belly and placed it on the plate. Sizzling sounds could be heard and the aroma permeated the air.

He Xiaochen’s eyes lit up.

“Okay!”

She also took a clamp and placed a cheese rice ball on the edge of the roasting tray. At the mention of delicious food, she instantly became energized.

“You don’t know how tired and thin I’ve been recently! Those translations are so difficult to do!”

As she mentioned this, her voice filled with bitterness and she pointed at her eyes.

“Look! I have dark circles under my eyes!”

Shen Li glanced at her.

“Aren’t these dark circles under your eyes because you’re staying up late at night to catch up on Tang Wei’s new drama?”

He Xiaochen spluttered before she tried to justify herself, “But, don’t I spend all my time during the day working hard? The only time I can watch the drama is at night.”

Shen Li, “...”

She turned the piece of pork belly over as she roasted it.

“Why have you been taking on so many manuscripts lately? Are you really that short of money?”

He Xiaochen’s family was not very rich, but they were at least middle-class. They were relatively well-off, and she was the only daughter in the family. Logically speaking, she should not have to work so hard just for that small amount of money.

“I am a little short.”

He Xiaochen held up a hand.

“I need to buy my brother’s album and the merchandise, as well as the things that are endorsed by the artistes and so on and so forth! How can I not spend money?”

The living expenses given to her by her family were enough, but to support these expenses, her budget was a little tight.

Moreover, she had never been willing to ask her family for money for these things.

In high school, she had always spent her own pocket money and scholarship money.

After she started attending university, she had started working part-time, hoping to earn more.

Shen Li asked, “Didn’t I advise you before to just live within your means?”

“I know. Actually, I didn’t buy much. It’s just that I thought of saving money.”

He Xiaochen sighed, “But it’s really hard to save money.”

This was her own way of managing her money. Shen Li knew that she knew what to do, so she let her be. She put the first piece of streaky pork into He Xiaochen's bowl.

He Xiaochen was touched.

"Thank you, Sister! Sister really knows how to take care of people!"

Shen Li said, "Just shut up and eat."

"Okay."

He Xiaochen immediately placed the piece of meat into her mouth and narrowed her eyes in satisfaction. It was delicious!

She just could not help but give a thumbs-up.

"Ah Li, with your standard of barbecuing meat, Second Brother must really be taking advantage of you!"

Shen Li usually looked cold and indifferent, not someone who was easy to get along with. But in fact, once people got to know her, they would know that she treated the people that she care about extremely well, and could even be said to be protective of their shortcomings.

It was probably because of the special environment in which she had grown up that she had become very independent, and also very good at taking care of others.

Of course, the prerequisite was that she was willing.

Shen Li tilted her head and thought carefully.

"Actually, he barbecues better than me, and... He doesn't seem to have eaten much of any meat that I've barbecued."

Whenever the two of them ate together, Lu Huaiyu was the one who would do all the cooking, so she was only responsible for eating.

He Xiaochen silently swallowed that mouthful of meat.

“... I feel like I’m being fed.”

Shen Li started to help her roast beef tenderloin again.

He Xiaochen’s skills were not as good as hers, so she only needed to flip the meat a few times and spent most of the time eating.

Shen Li noticed that her eyes occasionally glanced at her phone, and seemed to be a little distracted.

She was obviously waiting for Ren Qian to call.

Shen Li looked at it for a while and said, “Do you want me to call him back on your behalf?”

“Huh?”

He Xiaochen was stunned for a moment before she immediately shook her head while blushing furiously.

“No!”

Shen Li raised her chin.

“Then, what’s going on with you two?”

For a while, He Xiaochen seemed to be conflicted.

“Actually, it’s nothing...”

The two of them had been getting along quite well before.

It was just that Ren Qian still had not officially said anything and she was too embarrassed to take the initiative to say it out loud.

After the final exams, the two of them had returned to Yunzhou together.

Originally, she had thought that it was about time, yet Ren Qian still had not said anything.

Even after they had parted at the train station, the two of them had not met up during the winter vacation.

“And I feel that he seems to have become very busy, and we don’t talk as much as before.”

He Xiaochen bit her chopsticks, unable to hide the disappointment in her voice.

She had always been a very lively person. Now that she was like this, it could be seen that this matter had affected her greatly.

Shen Li said, “Then, didn’t you look for him to discuss this matter properly?”

He Xiaochen pouted.

How could she do that when she was so embarrassed about it?

Shen Li took a sip of her fruit juice.

“If only you had half the courage you have when chasing after celebrities and fighting against their haters, you wouldn’t be like this now.”

He Xiaochen gave her a pitiful look.

Shen Li said, “Think about it yourself.”

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After eating this meal, Shen Li and He Xiaochen went back to their respective dorms.

She still had a specialized course and an online exam to sit for in the afternoon.

Four days passed quickly.

After the last day of exams, Shen Li came out of the exam hall and saw that the evening had already fallen.

She carried her backpack and walked to the east gate of the school. A black Bentley was parked outside the gate.

The moment she appeared at the gate, Lu Huaiyu pushed the door open and got out of the car. Then, he walked toward her.

The well-tailored black high-tailored suit enhanced the look of his wide shoulders and narrow waist. His figure was well-proportioned.

As he cast his deep gaze, he looked even colder and more restrained, languid and noble.



Lu Huaiyu came to her and took her backpack.

“Second Brother.”

She raised her face and gently poked his chest.

“What you’re wearing today is so formal.”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows and grasped her finger.

“To pick up a girlfriend, of course I have to be formal.”

#### Chapter 768: Not Interested

Ever since Shen Li had returned to the Capital, this was the first time the two of them had seen each other.

“Why are your hands so cold?”

Lu Huaiyu frowned slightly and wrapped her hand in the palm of his hands as he spoke.

Shen Li, “...”

When she had walked over, her hand had been in her pocket the entire time. It was still warm now, so how could it be cold?

However, Lu Huaiyu did not give her a chance to refute and immediately led her into the car.

“Miss Shen.”

Yi Bin greeted her with a smile.

Shen Li nodded.

“Special Assistant Yi.”

Lu Huaiyu said, “Let’s head to the China World Trade Center.”

“Alright, Second Master.”

The car started and headed in the direction of the China World Trade Center.

“How was your exam?” Lu Huaiyu turned his head to look at Shen Li.

Shen Li nodded. “It was pretty good. I should be able to pass.”

If she passed, she would be able to get academic credits.

Lu Huaiyu’s gaze fell on her face.

The little girl had taken fourteen exams in the span of four days, and her schedule had been especially tight. Looking at her small face, he felt that she seemed to have lost a lot of weight.

He gently pinched her soft and tender hand and chuckled.

“Later, you’ll have to eat more when we reach. Otherwise, if people see you, they’ll think that I, Lu Huaiyu, can’t afford to keep a girlfriend.”

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Half an hour later, at the China World Trade Center.

Lu Huaiyu held Shen Li's hand as they walked inside.

Just as they entered, a familiar voice came from the front.

"President Lu?"

Shen Li looked up and saw a familiar face.

Yu Yu.

She was wearing a white suit today. Paired with delicate and light makeup, she looked very capable and elegant.

Behind her stood six or seven men and women who were also dressed formally. They seemed to be of high status.

When they saw Lu Huaiyu, their expressions became more respectful.

"Second Master."

These people were from the Lu Corporation.

The small group of people looked at Shen Li. "Miss Shen."

They could not hide their curiosity.

Everyone in the Lu Corporation knew that their second master had a girlfriend, but not many had actually seen her in person.

This was a rare encounter, so they could not help but steal a few more glances.

As for the three people beside Yu Yu, they were employees of the Yu Corporation who had accompanied Yu Yu on this trip.

When Yu Yu's gaze landed on the hands of the pair in front of her, she teased them.

"Special Assistant Yi said earlier that President Lu had something important to attend to and could not attend the dinner party tonight. I see that the reason is that he had to accompany his girlfriend?"

This time, she had come to the Capital to discuss a collaboration with the Lu Corporation.

However, the people who had been responsible for contacting her a few days ago had always been the members of the senior management of the Lu Corporation. As for Lu Huaiyu, she had never once seen him.

It was only when the contract had been officially signed this morning that Lu Huaiyu had finally showed up.

This time, Yu Yu had come not only because she wanted to promote the collaboration between the Yu Corporation and the Lu Corporation, but also because she wanted to establish a good relationship with Lu Huaiyu.

Unfortunately, Lu Huaiyu had not given her the chance to do so.

After signing the contract with great difficulty, both parties had spoken about having a get-together, but Lu Huaiyu had rejected it without hesitation.

She had thought that he truly was busy with something important, but who would have known that... he just wanted to accompany Shen Li?

Hearing this, Shen Li glanced at Yu Yu.

What she said... was quite interesting.

Lu Huaiyu smiled and said in a relaxed and calm voice, "Ah Li just finished her exams, so I wanted to take her out for dinner."

Yu Yu's smile did not change.

"President Lu truly dotes on his girlfriend."

So, in Lu Huaiyu's eyes, that contract was not as important as having a meal with Shen Li?

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly.

"I only have one girlfriend. Of course, she has to be pampered."

Yu Yu continued to smile.

"Yes, Miss Shen is still young and exceptionally attractive, President Lu should spend more time with her."

The corners of Shen Li's lips curled up slightly.

Yu Yu and Lu Huaiyu were the same age, but she was only four years older than Shen Li. From Yu Yu's tone of voice, she seemed to be treating Shen Li like a child.

In other words, she was implying that Lu Huaiyu had refused to attend their dinner to accompany Shen Li just because she was still young and insensible.

It looked like he did not hesitate to allow his love life to take over his work time.

Just then, a young man who was standing beside Yu Yu received a call.

It was not known to anyone else as to what was being said on the other end, but his expression brightened.

“Alright, thank you.”

He hung up the phone, still unable to hide the excitement on his face.

“President Yu, Shengguang Media has relented and said that they are interested in working with us. We’ll be able to discuss the specifics in detail with them later.”

Yu Yu’s eyes lit up when she heard this.

“Tell them that they can set the time and we will agree to it.”

“Yes.”

The man lowered his head and sent another message.

Another woman who looked to be in her thirties asked, “President Yu, the Shengguang Media that was mentioned earlier— Is that the investor of ‘Hibiscus’?”

Yu Yu smiled and nodded. “Yes.”

After she said that, the people from the Lu Corporation looked at each other.

“I didn’t expect that Yu Corporation and Shengguang Media would collaborate with each other. I’ve heard that their people are very difficult to deal with and they are very strict with their partners.”

“That’s normal. After all, they are currently in the limelight. The key point is that this company only seemed to have just registered in Hong Kong City last year. The registered capital was only 10 million, and the first film they invested in was ‘Hibiscus’. They eventually earned a net profit of a few hundred million! Now, many companies want to connect with them.”

“As expected of President Yu...”

Although Shengguang Media had only been established for a short period of time, ‘Hibiscus’ had earned them a huge profit. Its future development was limitless, and many potential investors in the industry wanted to take advantage of it.

Yu Corporation was huge, and its assets included real estate, hotels, media, and so on. However, the resources that Yu Yu was in charge of were limited, and the real estate and other large businesses had not been allocated to her. She was mainly responsible for media.

This collaboration with the Lu Corporation had already added a wonderful stroke to her resume. If she could establish a relationship with Shengguang Media, her position in Yu Corporation would be even more stable.

Ding.

The elevator door opened.

Lu Huaiyu and Shen Li were the first to enter.

Yu Yu and the others followed behind.

“Second Master, which floor are you and Miss Shen going to?”

A high-ranking official of the Lu Corporation asked.

Lu Huaiyu said calmly, “The 21st floor.”

“The 21st floor.”

The higher-up pressed ‘21’ before pressing ‘25’.

Yu Yu looked at the person who had just spoken and modestly spoke, “Currently, Shengguang Media has only indicated an interest. Whether the contract can be negotiated or not is another matter.”

That person smiled and said, “President Yu’s ability is unquestionable, so this matter should be almost a certainty, right?”

Yu Yu smiled but did not deny it.

She suddenly thought of something.

“It’s already after work hours. Let’s not talk about this anymore. It’s meaningless.”

She turned her head to look at Shen Li and pursed her lips into a smile.

“Miss Shen probably doesn’t like to hear about this kind of thing.”

Shen Li looked at her and gently curved her lips into a smile.



Did she mean that she did not like it or that she did not understand it?

She nodded lazily.

“I’m not really interested.”

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This was the answer that Yu Yu wanted to hear, but for some reason, Shen Li’s words made her feel a little uncomfortable.

She did not know if it was because the expression on Shen Li’s beautiful face was too casual and lazy, or whether the tone of her voice was too indifferent.

In short, she gave off the feeling that she really was not interested and could not be bothered with the matter.

Yu Yu pursed her lips and suppressed the waves in her heart. She smiled and said, “I remember that there’s a western restaurant on the 21st floor that serves very good steak. There’s also a Haicheng private restaurant that serves very authentic dishes. Miss Shen, perhaps you might like to try the food there.”

Before Shen Li could say anything, the man standing beside her spoke up.

“Thank you for your kind intentions, President Yu. However, Ah Li isn’t very interested in steak, and Haicheng cuisine isn’t her favorite, so it’s better to forget it.”

Subconsciously, Yu Yu looked at him, and a rare look of surprise appeared on her face. She had obviously not expected Lu Huaiyu to actually... reject her so directly.

Lu Huaiyu smiled faintly.

“I know quite well what Ah Li likes to eat and what she doesn’t like to eat, so I won’t need to trouble President Yu to give me any pointers.”

Yu Yu's lips instantly paled.

She had almost forgotten that this was the Capital. By saying all this in front of Lu Huaiyu, had she not appeared to be showing off in front of someone who already knew better than her?

Ding—

The elevator reached the 21st floor.

The small group of people immediately made way for Lu Huaiyu to leave with Shen Li.

“Take care, Second Master. Take care, Miss Shen.”

The people from the Lu Corporation hurriedly said.

Yu Yu looked at the two of them as they left and frowned.

However, this look only flashed across her face and her expression quickly returned to normal so no one saw it.

The elevator door closed and it continued to move upwards.

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Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu arrived at the restaurant.

Lu Huaiyu was obviously a frequent customer here. As soon as they arrived, someone immediately welcomed them and led them to the private room inside.

The entire place was quiet and elegant.

The two of them sat down and Lu Huaiyu handed the menu to her.

She lowered her eyes slightly as the decorative light above her emitted a faint light that reflected on her face. Her thick and curly eyelashes cast two faint shadows beneath her eyelids. A strand of her hair fell down and scattered around her cheeks, making her skin look even more delicate and porcelain white. Her skin was clear and seemed to be so translucent that even light could be seen through it.

“Ah Li, I remember previously that you liked the movie “Hibiscus”?” Lu Huaiyu casually asked.

Shen Li nodded slightly and flipped through the menu listing that day’s specialties.

“That movie is pretty good.”

It was good to watch and also made money. How could she not like it?

Lu Huaiyu smiled and said, “Then you just said... you were not interested?”

“I wasn’t interested in what she was saying,” Shen Li said honestly.

Lu Huaiyu leaned back in his chair and asked with raised eyebrows, “Then, what is it that you are most interested in?”

Painting?

Astronomy?

Racing?

Designing?

Shen Li finally raised her eyes. Her dark and watery peach blossom eyes were suffused with a faint light.

She hooked her finger.

“Then Second Brother, come closer and I’ll tell you.”

Lu Huaiyu laughed and moved closer as he was told. He tilted his head slightly.

“So mysterious?”

Shen Li leaned forward and whispered into his ear.

“You.”

Her voice was extremely soft. It was so soft that Lu Huaiyu felt that even the sound of his heart beating seemed clearer than before, almost overpowering it.

The sound seemed to be burning hot, with a temperature that could almost burn blood and soul, burning all the way to the bottom of his heart.

He paused for a while, before slowly smiling as his gaze met her eyes. His voice was low and slightly hoarse.

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

Shen Li looked at him, gazing deeply into his eyes.

In the next moment, she kissed his lips, which immediately parted at the first touch.

She tilted her head slightly as she gave an innocent smile.

“Did you hear me clearly this time?”

Lu Huaiyu’s Adam’s apple rolled.

This little girl was truly...

Knock, knock.

The sound of knocking on the door interrupted the intimate atmosphere in the room. The waiter had come to serve tea.

The fragrant scent of Oolong tea wafted throughout the room.

Shen Li immediately retreated obediently and sat down in her seat, pretending as if nothing had happened. Her slender white fingers gently tapped on the menu.

“Hello, we’d like this, and this...”

After she had happily placed her order, she handed the menu over.

“Second Brother, is there anything else that you want to eat?”

Lu Huaiyu was completely entranced by her. How could he have the mood to eat?

“There’s no need. Just these will be fine.”

He said.

The waiter confirmed the dishes they ordered and left.

Shen Li held the cup and sipped her tea while Lu Huaiyu just looked at her.

“Second Brother, did we order too little? Will you have enough to eat?”

Shen Li asked.

Lu Huaiyu’s deep eyes stared at her. His gaze lingered on her moist lips for a moment before he slowly said, “There’s not enough to eat, but I’ll eat something else later. It’s the same.”

Shen Li silently put down the cup, silently planning to wait for the waiter to come over and make sure to add two more dishes.

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Shen Li then realized that it was useless to order two more dishes.

Lu Huaiyu continued to eat as much as she did but never more.

Moreover, he ate quickly. He would eat first before helping to serve her the dishes.

It seemed that he had made up his mind to make up for the weight that she had lost during this period of time.

This caused the meal to end rather quickly.

By the time the two of them came out of the restaurant, it was only seven o’clock.

After getting into the car, Lu Huaiyu said, "Let's go back to Xijing University."

However, after Yi Bin had driven a short distance, Lu Huai suddenly changed his mind. "Wait, let's go back to Rongyue Mansion first."

Shen Li looked at him in surprise.

Lu Huaiyu said in a low voice, "I suddenly remembered that I forgot to bring the gift I got for you. I remember that you don't have any classes tonight, right?"

Shen Li nodded. She had originally thought that she would get the gift on another day. However, since they were not very far from Rongyue Mansion and they could just make a quick detour, she agreed.

"Okay, Second Master."

Yi Bin turned the steering wheel and headed towards Rongyue Mansion.

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Twenty minutes later, the car arrived at the Rongyue Mansion.

When Lu Huaiyu got out of the car, Shen Li paused to think for a moment before deciding to follow him.

After all, this gift was for her. It did not seem appropriate for her to just wait in the car.

The two went upstairs together.

When they arrived at the door, Lu Huaiyu entered the password to open the door and entered first.

Shen Li followed behind him.

Lu Huaiyu suddenly stood still. Then, he turned around and covered her hand which was still holding onto the door handle, enclosing her hand with warmth.

Shen Li's heart skipped a beat. His hand was so hot.

Click.

The door closed.

He was extremely close, so the feeling of oppression was extremely strong.

Finally, Shen Li vaguely felt something and looked up at him. "Second Brother? Didn't you want to bring me a gift?"

Click.

Lu Huaiyu switched on the lights.

He lowered his head slightly. His eyes seemed to be burning with fire as they swept across her face.

"I heard you."

He spoke in a low voice.

"People say that you must maintain an exploratory heart towards the things that interest you."

He held her hand. His voice was slightly husky, seeming to carry a fatal temptation and bewitchment.



In the quiet room, his voice was exceptionally clear as it fell upon her heart.

“Ah Li, do you want to try it?”

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— Do you want to try it?

Shen Li’s heart was beating fast, and her ears had turned slightly red.

She finally understood what he meant by a gift.

As he held her hand, the hot temperature spread along her skin, until her heart almost ignited.

The cool smell of cedar lingered in the air.

As if beyond her control, she reached her hand out and her slender fingertips easily hooked onto his belt.

The metal buckle was cold.

Lu Huaiyu’s breath momentarily froze, and he leaned forward with the movement of her hand.

The two of them were very close to each other, leaving only a square inch of space between them.

Shen Li raised her head slightly and leaned over to steady his lips.

He was exceptionally patient today, as if he were luring an enemy deep into his trap. After she had completely fallen in and sent herself forth, he began to draw the net in and trap her.

In the quiet room, only the staggered sounds of their hot and rapid breathing could be heard.

Shen Li had become a little oxygen-deprived from his kiss, and her mind was gradually becoming dizzy.

Suddenly, she felt a chill on her waist, as he lifted the hem of her hoodie.

His slightly calloused fingertips landed on her smooth and tender skin, instantly causing her to tremble slightly. Her slender waist subconsciously arched, and she leaned even closer to him.

Her legs felt a little weak, until all she could do was to cling to his lean waist.

Her hand continued to linger on the cold belt buckle.

Lu Huaiyu pressed her against the door and kissed her even more deeply.

Shen Li's hand fumbled without any clear plan, but for a long time, she could not undo the belt buckle. Instead, her hands accidentally brushed against his firm and strong abs under his thin shirt.

Lu Huaiyu's entire body tensed up as his hands seemed to be on fire, burning any place that they landed.

He held his breath and turned his head slightly to retaliate by nibbling on her delicate earlobe and said hoarsely, "Are you doing that on purpose? Hmm?"

Shen Li opened her watery peach-shaped eyes, the ends of her eyes having become red from his kiss. Her voice was soft, with a hint of confusion and grievance.

"... I can't undo it..."

Why was this belt buckle so difficult to undo?

Shen Li fiddled with it for a long time but failed, so she simply gave up.

Just as she was about to let go, Lu Huaiyu chuckled.

“Why do you have to be taught everything?”

As he said this, his hand came over again.

He held onto her hand, felt around a particular spot, and gently unhooked it.

Click.

It was an extremely subtle sound.

Shen Li’s eyes widened slightly.

It had been so simple, then why had she kept—

She could not help but lower her head to look.

Noticing her gaze, Lu Huaiyu felt as if the bowstrings in his mind were in danger.

He gritted his teeth slightly before suddenly raising his hand to cover her eyes. Then, he forced her to raise her head to kiss him again.

Everything was dark in front of him. His voice was very soft, but it sounded especially hoarse.

“... Shen Tangtang, what are you looking at?”

Shen Li's face instantly turned hot.

"No, I..."

She had just wanted to see the belt buckle...

This struggle to explain was swallowed up by him, turning into a blurred syllable.

After some time had passed, Lu Huaiyu finally let go of her and used his last bit of rationality to restrain himself from kissing the space between her eyebrows.

Shen Li moved closer to embrace him and murmured accusingly, "Weren't you the one who told me to try..."

Lu Huaiyu finally knew what it felt like to dig a hole for himself.

He could not help but laugh.

"Shen Tangtang, this is too tempting for you."

He stepped back slightly, cupped her chin, bent over slightly, and looked into her eyes.

The lights were bright, making the greed and desire in his deep eyes obvious.

He then spoke in a low husky voice.

"But, I can't resist the temptation any more than you can, understand?"

His little girl was still too young.

Originally, he had only wanted to tease her, but in the end, he was the one who suffered.

Shen Li kissed the side of his face, nodded obediently, and hooked his finger.

“Got it, Lu Huaiyu.”

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Lu Huaiyu sent her back to school. When he left, she was left holding a few gift bags in her hands. He had indeed prepared gifts for her, but whether these gifts had been important enough to make a special trip here... It was hard to say if it had truly been important enough to delay her for such a long time.

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The next day was a Saturday. After Shen Li finished with her exams, she could finally relax a little and slept in until 9:30 am.

After waking up, she washed up briefly and changed her clothes.

The weather in the Capital had gradually warmed up. In addition, she had never been afraid of the cold, so she wore much lighter and thinner clothes. She put on a white hoodie, a black casual coat, and a pair of black Martin boots on her feet, which made her look even more slender and tall.

Xue Langlang looked over and casually asked, “Ah Li, are you going out?”

“Yes.”

She picked up a black baseball cap and casually put it on her head.

"I'm going out to play."

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LY training base.

A few members of the team had just finished a wave of physical training and come over to the rest area.

Ron looked at Ji Shu and asked, "Ji Shu, why are you so happy today?"

Ji Shu sat down casually on the chair and picked up his phone with one hand. He raised his eyebrows when he heard the question.

"Sister Li is coming today."

Ron understood and instantly became interested.

"Oh, she finally has some time now?"

Ji Shu snorted and put a hand on his shoulder.

"Of course. Sister Li was busy with exams for the past few days. Tsk, she applied for exemption in fourteen courses!"

If he had this ability, why would he skip classes and fail university courses?

Ron also choked before slowly giving a thumbs up.

“Great! The ability of a ‘God of Learning’ is really not something that we mortals can imagine.”

He raised his chin.

“Hey, how long until Sister Li arrives?”

“Soon, in about fifteen minutes.” Ji Shu put away his phone and stood up. “I’ll go to pick her up.”

Ron also stood up.

“I’ll go with you.”

Just as the two of them were about to walk over, a young boy in a racing uniform suddenly came over.

“Captain! Ji Shu! The head coach wants everyone to gather.”

The other drivers who were present were the team’s substitute drivers. All of them stood up when they heard the voice.

Ji Shu did not even turn his head.

“Tell him that I’m not free!”

How could listening to that idiot talking be more important than picking up Sister Li?

The boy was instantly put in a difficult position.

The whole of LY knew that Ji Shu and Doyle did not get along. One of them was the team’s most promising rookie driver, while the other was the head coach that the company had spent a lot of money to hire. He could not afford to offend either of them.

Ron looked at him and said, "Then, I'll take everyone over first."

The boy finally breathed a sigh of relief. No matter what, Ron was the team captain. If he could bring the others over, it would look better for everyone.

As for Ji Shu... This was not the first time he had gone against Doyle, so they would just have to leave it at that.

Even the manager and coach could not control him, let alone the others.

Ji Shu waved his hand and walked towards the door.

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"Where's Ji Shu?"

The tone of Doyle's voice was cold and harsh as his gaze swept over the crowd and noticed that Ji Shu was nowhere in sight.

Ron said, "Coach, he went to pick Shen Li up."

Doyle was unimpressed by the name Shen Li.

He sneered.

"Is that the one with the highest absenteeism rate?"

No one's talking.



He flung his thing in his hand onto the table, with the tip of his tongue pressed against the inside of his cheek.

“Bad attitude, no ability, and quite ostentatious. Why don’t I go and welcome her personally?”