

Little Brat's 831

Chapter 831: Ah Li?

After that, Lu Huaiyu accompanied Shen Li to the laboratory building of the Institute of Physics.

He stopped walking and looked at the time. Then, with a smile on his face, he caressed Shen Li's hair and said, "It really was a shortcut so we're not too late."

Shen Li kept quiet.

So, this man had already planned ahead and had used the extra time that they had saved while they were going along the path to do other things.

Lu Huaiyu's gaze met her eyes as he paused to think for a moment. Seeming to understand something, he slid the palm of his hand down and cupped the side of her face. Pressing his thumb lightly against her lips, he said with a low laugh, "I paid attention just now. No one should have noticed it."

Shen Li replied, "... I don't—"

"Hey, Huaiyu?"

A deep and laughing voice was heard.

Lu Huaiyu paused and looked up.

At the same time, Shen Li turned around and saw a slightly plump middle-aged man in his forties walking over.

The sky was dark, but Shen Li found him rather familiar.

Lu Huaiyu quickly answered the question in her mind.

“Dean Wu.”

The middle-aged man chuckled. As his gaze fell on Shen Li, he could not help but click his tongue.

“I believe you’ve been to the Institute of Physics more times than you’ve been to our institute, haven’t you?”

Shen Li immediately realized the identity of this person. He was the director of the Xijing University Institute of Economics and Management, Wu Lin.

Lu Huaiyu did not seem bothered about his teasing. Instead, his gaze fell on the Thermos flask in his hand.

“Are you here to deliver soup to Professor Sun again?”

Professor Sun Yi from the Institute of Physics was Wu Lin’s wife.

Wu Lin snorted lightly.

“Her team has been so busy with a new research project recently that they don’t even have time to eat. If I didn’t come, she probably would have forgotten to eat again.”

As he said this, he was full of resentment.

“I don’t know what’s going on with these people from the Institute of Physics, but they seem to be getting busier and busier every day!”

Hearing this, Lu Huaiyu nodded in agreement.

“You’re right. She— They are very busy.”

Shen Li stayed quiet.

Hearing that Lu Huaiyu had agreed with him, Wu Lin recalled that this kid had also found a girlfriend at the Institute of Physics. He could not help but feel some empathy for him, and the desire to confide in him rose.

“That’s right! Tell me, what are they busy with all day? They leave early in the day and return late. Sometimes, they even spend a few days in the lab, without even caring about their home!”

“Is their project that important? Are their experiments that important?”

“It’s not that I don’t want her to do her research, but a person can’t spend all their time and energy on that, right? Am I not busy as well?”

Lu Huaiyu nodded with a faint smile as he listened.

Shen Li listened quietly as she stood by his side.

Although she knew that Dean Wu was venting about Professor Sun, she still had an inexplicable feeling that she was being scolded...

Dean Wu looked at the two people who were holding hands and could not help but let out a long sigh.

“Hey! Huaiyu, you’re doing well now. You’ll know in the future. Being with people who are in the field of Physics like them is really—”

Before he could finish, his phone suddenly rang.

Seeing the caller ID, he immediately picked it up and his voice immediately softened.

“Hello? Hey, I’m here. I’m right downstairs. Okay, okay. Wait for me for a moment and I’ll go up right away.”

After saying that, he ended the call.

“Huaiyu, I’ll be going up first. Professor Sun hasn’t eaten yet. It’s bad for the stomach if one is hungry for too long.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled and said, “Okay.”

“Okay.”

Wu Lin carried the thermos bucket and rushed into the laboratory building without looking back.

Shen Li, “...”

Looking at the view of his back as he left, Shen Li was silent for a moment before she said, “So, from what standpoint did Dean Wu criticize you for coming to the institute too many times?”

“That wasn’t criticism.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“He was teaching a lesson.

“A dean teaches by example. It’s a student’s job to learn.”

Shen Li, “...”

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For the next few days, Shen Li was indeed quite busy.

George had been discussing with her about the fashion week in Bai City. Shen Li had considered it for a long time and had finally agreed to go.

The time was set for March 22nd.

Therefore, during this period of time, she was focusing most of her energy on the last experiment.

Fortunately, everything had gone smoothly and her thesis had successfully been completed.

That morning, Shen Li accompanied Shen Zhijin to have breakfast.

“Dad, I’ve sent the thesis to your email. When will you be free to help me take a look?”

Shen Zhijin seemed to be a little surprised.

“So soon?”

According to his previous estimation, her thesis would be completed in a week.

Shen Li took a sip of milk.

“Didn’t I tell you before that George had extended an invitation to me to the Bai City Fashion Week? I told him that I would be there the day after tomorrow.”

“The day after tomorrow?”

“Yes.”

Shen Zhijin furrowed his brows slightly.

“Who else is going with you?”

Originally, he had planned to accompany Shen Li to Bai City, but he would be going to Haicheng for a business trip in the next few days, and it would not be easy to cancel it.

Shen Li knew about his plans, so of course, she understood what he was thinking.

“George will be going, as well as two G&S executives,” Shen Li said, “The flight will be leaving at 9:50 am the day after tomorrow. I’ll be going with them. Mian has also been invited this time, but there’s a slight clash in his schedule, so he’ll only be there the day after tomorrow.”

She thought for a moment.

“Oh right, there’s also Tang Wei. Both she and Fengmian are G&S’s brand partnership ambassadors.”

Tang Wei had been on set recently and had taken a leave of absence for this reason. She and Lin Fengmian would be on different flights on the same day.

Shen Zhijin’s brows relaxed. Although he still regretted not being able to accompany her, he felt much more at ease with someone accompanying her.

“Okay. I’ll read your thesis later.”

With that, Shen Zhijin got up and went to the study room.

After a few minutes, he walked out with a key in his hand.

He handed the key to Shen Li.

“I have a permanent house in Bai City. You can go there first when you arrive.”

Shen Li was momentarily stunned, then she smiled and took it.

“Thank you, Dad.”

In the past, Shen Zhijin used to spend most of his time in Bai City.

Last year, when he returned to the country, he had taken the lead as the initiator on a collaborative project between Xijing University and Fino Laboratory. That was why he had stayed in the country for a longer period of time.

After acknowledging Shen Li as his daughter, he had begun to shift the focus of his work from Bai City to the Capital so that he could spend more time with her.

However, it was a pity that he could not go with her this time.

He stroked Shen Li’s head and said, “I’ll try my best to finish my work here as soon as possible and go to Bai City to accompany you. Besides, Professor Carroll has been spending some time there recently. You can ask for his help if you need it.”

Shen Li nodded.

“Okay.”

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In the evening, Shen Li made a trip to Rongyue Mansion.

She would be flying to Bai City tomorrow morning. This time, she would be staying there for at least a week, so she had specially come here to have a meal and tell him about this.

Shen Li went straight to the top floor and pressed the passcode to enter.

The living room was quiet.

“Second Brother?”

She called out but received no answer.

At this time... he should have already woken up, right?

With this thought in mind, she went to the master bedroom door and knocked on it.

“Second Brother?”

After a while, just as she was about to knock again, the door was finally opened.

He seemed to have just finished taking a shower and was wearing a bathrobe loosely around his body. His black hair was damp and was a little disheveled, slightly covering his deep brows and eyes.

Droplets of water fell on his straight collarbones and slowly slid into the bathrobe, disappearing from view.

He stared at her as he spoke to her in a husky voice as if he had just woken up.

“... Ah Li?”

Chapter 832: Two Years Ago

Shen Li could not tell why but she felt that Lu Huaiyu was behaving a little differently from usual.

She said hesitantly, “Second Brother, did you... just wake up?”

Lu Huaiyu let out an extremely faint sound from his nasal cavity.

“Hmm.”

As he looked at her, her appearance was clearly reflected in the depths of his phoenix-like eyes. His gaze was extremely intense.

Shen Li suddenly felt as if Lu Huaiyu was looking at her and yet at the same time, he did not really see her.

“I—”

The moment she opened her mouth, Lu Huaiyu suddenly raised his hand and pulled her into his embrace.

The heat from the man’s body, mixed with the fresh moisture from just having had his bath, instantly filled the air.

This hug had happened so suddenly that Shen Li was stunned.

“Second Brother, what’s wrong?”

Lu Huaiyu gently pressed his chin against the top of her head as his arms tightly wrapped around her slender waist.

“It’s nothing, I just had a dream.”

His slightly hoarse voice came from above her head.

Shen Li paused a moment before reaching out to wrap her arms around his slender waist.

“What kind of dream?”

Lu Huaiyu did not speak.

Countless fragmented images flashed through his mind.

He closed his eyes.

“I can’t remember it clearly.”

Shen Li lightly rubbed herself against his chest, and her soft hair brushed against his chin.

Lu Huaiyu kissed the space between her eyebrows, and the tension between his chest and abdomen gradually subsided.

After a moment, he released her and kissed her lips again.

“What would you like to eat?”

Shen Li looked up at him.

“I’m fine with anything. What about Second Brother?”

Lu Huaiyu’s lips curved.

“Whatever Ah Li cooks will be fine.”

Shen Li blinked.

“Then shall I go to the kitchen to take a look?”

“Okay.”

Lu Huaiyu replied.

Shen Li looked at him carefully again.

“Second Brother, would you like to rest for a while?”

She felt that Lu Huaiyu was currently not in a very good state of mind.

All she knew was that she did not know what kind of dream he had.

The corners of Lu Huaiyu’s lips curved slightly.

“Since you’re here, there’s no need.”

Shen Li was stunned for a moment. Just as she was about to carefully think about the meaning of his words, Lu Huaiyu changed the topic.

“What time is your flight to Bai City on the day after tomorrow?”

Shen Li was taken out of her thoughts and told him the details of the flight.

Lu Huaiyu held her hand and led her to the kitchen.

“Okay, I’ll ask Yi Bin to book a ticket for the same flight later. I’ll accompany you there.”

Shen Li followed him as he moved forward.

“Second Brother, haven’t you been busy at the company recently? I’ll just go there with the people from G&S.”

Lu Huaiyu suddenly turned to look at her with his brows slightly raised.

“I’m busy? Who did Ah Li hear that from?”

Shen Li met his gaze.

“I overheard Special Assistant Yi mention it once before. The Lu Corporation seems to be busy with the collaboration with Shengguang Media recently?”

Lu Huaiyu gently cupped her face.

“Ah Li seems to know quite a lot.”

Shen Li blinked but did not say anything.

The two of them entered the kitchen. Shen Li moved forward and opened the fridge door.

There was an abundance of ingredients in the fridge, and her gaze swept through all of it.

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the wall.

She stood in front of the fridge, with her long hair hanging down, showing off her exquisite and beautiful side profile

The corners of his lips curled up.

As if sensing his gaze, Shen Li turned around and looked over, feeling a little strange.

“Second Brother, why are you looking at me like that?”

Lu Huaiyu was thinking that she did look very different from the way she looked two years ago.

He smiled lazily and said, “I’m looking at my girlfriend, Miss Shen. Do you have any objections?”

Just as Shen Li was about to speak, her phone suddenly rang.

She took her phone out of her pocket. It was George calling.

She closed the refrigerator door and tapped on the answer button.

“Hello, George?”

Lu Huaiyu narrowed his eyes slightly.

George said, "Ning, have you received the information on fashion week yet? I've already sent the information to your email. Please take a look at it as soon as you can."

Shen Li said, "Yes, I've received it. You—"

A warm and tall body suddenly approached her from behind.

His hot lips fell on her ear.

In the quiet space, the man's low and husky voice was particularly clear.

"Ah Li, I'm so hungry."

Chapter 833: Photo

The other end of the phone suddenly quieted down.

A moment later, George's flirtatious and teasing voice could be heard.

"I seem to have... disturbed you?"

He received two replies at the same time.

"No."

"Yes."

Shen Li went quiet.

She turned her head and glared at Lu Huaiyu.

Lu Huaiyu acted as if he could not see her. Instead, he hugged her even tighter. When he saw that her peach blossom eyes were glistening, his heart felt moved. One hand held the side of her face as he moved in closer to kiss her eyelids.

Shen Li found that Lu Huaiyu was being really clingy today.

She moved the phone away slightly and lowered her voice.

“I’m on the phone.”

Lu Huaiyu stepped back a little. However, just as Shen Li breathed a sigh of relief, she felt his kiss on her delicate earlobe again.

She could not help but shrink back, but found that her entire body was in his embrace.

Helpless, she had no choice but to turn her head and quickly kiss him on the lips to appease him.

Lu Huaiyu chuckled before straightening up slightly.

Shen Li put the phone back to her ear.

“George.”

George clicked his tongue lightly.

“If it’s a really inconvenient time, I can call you later.”

Shen Li was silent for a moment.

“George, is it of your opinion that it was too easy to get me to send you my designs previously?”

George coughed lightly.

“It was just a joke.”

Although it was a rare opportunity to tease Lu Huaiyu, Ning’s designs were more important still.

Shen Li then said, “I’ll read the email later. If there’s nothing else, I’ll hang up then.”

George was regretful.

“Even if there’s nothing else important, can’t we chat a little longer? Ning, even with our relationship, you’re still so cold...”

Lu Huaiyu took the phone from Shen Li and said slowly, “If Mr. George wants to talk, I can accompany him.”

He seemed to be smiling, but George still felt a chill rise from the soles of his feet.

Inexplicably, he shivered.

“Ahem, I suddenly remembered that I still have some other matters to attend to so let’s not talk for now.”

After saying that, he quickly hung up.

Lu Huaiyu handed the phone back to Shen Li and said sincerely, “He hung up.”

Shen Li silently stuffed the phone back into her pocket.

“We’ll have shredded potatoes in vinegar¹ tonight.”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“Huh?”

Shen Li glanced at him.

“There’s too much vinegar.”

George placed his phone on the corner of the table and grinned as he casually leaned back in his chair.

Lu Huaiyu was really protective of his food—

Suddenly, he thought of the email that he had sent to Shen Li. Then, he picked up the phone and sent another message to Shen Li.

[Ning, please read the email as soon as possible. If there’s a problem, I can communicate with Bai City as soon as possible.]

After a few minutes, Shen Li replied.

[Okay.]

Looking at this message, the corners of George’s lips slowly curved into a smile.

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After replying to George’s message, Shen Li started to take some ingredients out of the fridge.

It was only the two of them, so she would prepare a simpler meal.

Lu Huaiyu stood beside her as he assisted her.

After an hour, three dishes and a soup were placed on the dining table.

Lu Huaiyu sat down next to her and served her a bowl of soup. Then, he asked, "How long are you planning to stay in Bai City this time?"

Shen Li said, "About a week or so. We'll decide when we get there."

Bai City Fashion Week would usually be held for about half a month. During that time, the major brands would hold more than a hundred runway shows.

This time, Shen Li would be going as a collaborative designer with G&S.

Considering the situation at school, she did not plan on staying there for too long.

The reason she would be staying there for more than a week was not only to attend the shows, but also to visit Bai City.

It was the place where Shen Zhijin and Gu Tingyin had fallen in love. It was also the place where Shen Zhijin had often lived over the years.

They had been absent from each other's lives for many years. Shen Zhijin had already been to Lincheng, so now, she wanted to go to Bai Cheng.

Lu Huaiyu nodded. He could roughly guess her thoughts.

Shen Li lowered her head and drank the soup.

Lu Huaiyu turned to look at her and suddenly said, "Bai Cheng is quite interesting. Also, if you have the time, you can also go to Leland to take a look."

Shen Li did not raise her head. She slowly swallowed the soup and said, "Why did Second Brother suddenly mention Leland?"

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

"Didn't I tell you before that the environment and scenery in Leland are quite good? Moreover, it's a famous art capital so I thought you would like it. Besides, Leland is not far from Bai City. If you drive, you can go back and forth in a day. It's quite convenient."

Shen Li put down her spoon and thought for a moment.

"We'll see then. If we have time, then we can go there and take a look."

As soon as she finished speaking, George sent another message, urging her to read the email.

She said, "Let me check the information sent by G&S and have a look at the itinerary first, alright?"

Lu Huaiyu replied.

"Sure."

Shen Li entered her email account. The first unread email was from George.

She opened it and found that there were three attachments.

The top one was the schedule of all the fashion shows for all the participating brands in Bai City, as well as Shen Li's itinerary while she was over there.

She skimmed through it quickly.

Other than G&S, many other brands had also extended invitations to her to attend their shows.

On one hand, her previous collections had been very successful and she had already made a name for herself. On the other hand, everyone knew that she had a collaborative relationship with G&S, but she herself did not belong to G&S.

This kind of famous and talented independent designer was very popular in the industry.

Therefore, the choice this time would be up to Shen Li. She could freely decide whether to attend the fashion shows of these brands.

Overall, her time would be relatively free.

Lu Huaiyu sat by her side.

"How is it?"

Shen Li deliberated.

"There are some brands that I'm quite interested in, but I can't completely decide for the time being. I'll think about it before making a decision."

Naturally, Lu Huaiyu would follow her lead.

Shen Li looked at the two compressed files below and noticed that they had not been named. Instead, one was marked as "Up" while the other was "Down."

She figured like they were related to the G&S press conference.

Shen Li clicked open on the file labeled “Up.”

Soon, a series of photos were uploaded onto the phone.

Shen Li opened the first one and found that the entire phone screen was instantly filled.

When she saw the photo clearly, Shen Li’s eyebrows jumped.

It was a photo of a half-naked male model.

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Shen Li quickly understood that this was a picture from the menswear collection of G&S that would be showcased during fashion week.

The model had chiseled facial features and a tall and straight figure.

His upper body was not actually completely naked. It was just that the material of the entire black jacket was stiff and specially structured. Only a few parts were covered, so his well-defined abdominal muscles could be seen.

The whole series was based on a theme of contourism. This meant that architectural elements had been incorporated into the design of the clothes. The lines were either sharp or soft which formed extremely exaggerated geometric patterns that perfectly blended with the wearer.

It was actually quite an interesting design, but at first glance, the model did look half-naked.

Lu Huaiyu was sitting next to her when he saw the image out of the corner of his eye and fixed his gaze on her.

Silence.

Shen Li even felt that the space around her seemed to have frozen instantly.

She finally understood why George had kept urging her to read this email. He clearly knew that she was with Lu Huaiyu, so he had deliberately pretended that this was an urgent matter!

Her fingers stiffened slightly, and in her mind, she went over the possible ways to explain this matter to Lu Huaiyu.

After a moment, Lu Huaiyu said with a faint smile, "Is he that good-looking?"

Was it worth her staring at it for so long?

Shen Li immediately held her breath.

Lu Huaiyu held himself in a lazy posture and he smiled at her carelessly.

"You can look at it more if you like it that much."

Shen Li immediately placed her phone on the table and pushed it away from her, as she replied in a righteous tone of voice.

"The person in charge of the menswear collection for G&S is Edmund. I've never seen this collection before, nor have I communicated with him. But now, it seems that there's still a lot of room for improvement."

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“Oh?”

Shen Li nodded solemnly.

“I’m only in charge of the women’s haute couture collection.”

Deep in thought, Lu Huaiyu’s gaze fell on the phone that Shen Li had abandoned on the table.

“You only looked at it for a short while, yet you’ve already figured out a way in which it can be improved?”

Shen Li stayed silent.

Lu Huaiyu took her phone and pressed the button to turn the screen on.

The screen lit up and the photo appeared again.

Lu Huaiyu looked at it before clicking “Exit.”

The list of files was extensive.

He scrolled down a few times before he finally reached the end.

“Yeah, there’s quite a lot,” he said lazily, “I think that if you only look at one photo, you won’t be able to give an objective evaluation. It’s better to look at more. What do you think?”

Shen Li felt as if she was sitting on pins and needles.

She shook her head seriously.

“No, one is enough to show what the problem is. There’s no need to look at any others.”

“Really?”

“Yes, really.”

Lu Huaiyu placed the phone between the two of them and turned around. Propping his elbow on the table, he raised his eyebrows slightly.

“G&S originated from Bai City. Their runway show has always been the highlight of fashion week. Are you sure you don’t want to look at it again?”

Shen Li did not even glance at her phone.

“What does G&S’ runway show have to do with me?”

At the headquarters of G&S in the Capital, George, who was lounging in his boss’ chair, suddenly sneezed.

“Achoo!”

His secretary, who was checking the schedule, suddenly stopped and looked at him hesitantly.

George rubbed his nose and could not help but mutter,

“I’m being cursed too harshly...”

The assistant could not help but ask, “Are you okay?”

George waved his hand.

"I'm fine, I'm fine. Please continue."

Lu Huaiyu looked at the little girl in front of him. There was a faint smile on his lips, but he did not say anything, as if he was not disagreeing with what she had said.

He languidly leaned to one side which caused the bathrobe that he was wearing to open slightly and reveal his sturdy and wide chest.

Shen Li reached out to intertwine her fingers with his. At the same time, she leaned over to kiss the side of his face.

Lu Huaiyu lowered his eyes and looked at her.

Shen Li paused to think for a moment before she kissed his lips again.

His thin lips were slightly cold.

However, she could feel the heat emanating from his body very clearly.

She tried hard for a while, but upon seeing that Lu Huaiyu still had no reaction, she decided to give up.

However, just as she was about to retreat, Lu Huaiyu suddenly grabbed her by the waist and held her in his arms.

He looked at her intensely.

Shen Li keenly sensed a hint of danger, as if she was some kind of prey that had been targeted by a hunter, making it hard for her to break free.

At that moment, Lu Huaiyu's phone rang.

Shen Li immediately jumped out of his arms.

"Second Brother, it's for you."

Lu Huaiyu glanced at her, not bothering to see through her little scheme. He just smiled and turned around to get his phone.

It was a call from Yi Bin.

"Second Master, on the day after tomorrow, Shengguang Media—"

Shen Li heard a part of the conversation and immediately guessed that this call was regarding the collaboration between the two companies.

Lu Huaiyu listened for a while.

"The day after tomorrow? No, tell them to change it to tomorrow."

Yi Bin was stunned.

"Second Master, didn't you ask for it to be on the day after tomorrow?"

Why the sudden change now?

Lu Huaiyu said, "I have something to do the day after tomorrow."

Yi Bin hesitated for a moment.

“But the vice president of Shengguang Media will be outstation today and tomorrow. He will only return to the Capital on the day after tomorrow.”

Lu Huaiyu said calmly, “Is he the only person at Shengguang that we can talk to?”

Yi Bin was keenly aware that Second Master Lu did not seem to be in a good mood at the moment.

Most of the matters at Shengguang Media were handled by their vice president even though there was indeed another person above him— The actual president of Shengguang Media.

He said, “Okay, I will go and communicate with them now.”

Lu Huaiyu ended the phone call and went to the fridge to get a bottle of ice water. When he turned around, he saw that Shen Li was thinking about something.

“Ah Li?”

He called.

Shen Li looked up.

“Huh?”

Lu Huaiyu laughed.

“What are you thinking about? You looked so lost in thought.”

Before Shen Li could say anything, Yi Bin called again.

“Second Master.”

His voice sounded troubled.

“Shengguang’s vice president said that their president will be going to Bai City the day after tomorrow, so he doesn’t have the time either.”

Lu Huaiyu tilted his head.

“Where to?”

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Yi Bin repeated, “Bai City.”

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

“What a coincidence.”

Yi Bin reacted for a split second before he quickly responded.

“Are you going to Bai City the day after tomorrow as well?”

He had already known that Lu Huaiyu would be accompanying Shen Li to the Bai City Fashion Week, but the exact date had never been set.

By the sound of it, it looked like it would be on the day after tomorrow.

Lu Huaiyu hummed lightly in reply.

“Book the flight for 9:50 a.m. the day after tomorrow.”

Yi Bin understood that this matter concerned Shen Li, so there would be no room for compromise.

He immediately said, “Alright, Second Master. Then Shengguang—”

Lu Huaiyu leaned against the back of the sofa as his fair and slender fingers lightly tapped twice.

“Then please delay the time until I come back from Bai City.”

“Yes.”

Yi Bin had just agreed when he suddenly thought of something.

“Second Master, why don’t I approach Shengguang’s people and ask for their boss’ contact information? Perhaps you can meet with their boss in Bai City?”

Lu Huaiyu turned his head to look at Shen Li.

Shen Li’s eyelids drooped slightly as she held a glass of water.

After a moment, Lu Huaiyu said, “No need.”

“Alright, Second Master.”

Lu Huaiyu ended the call.

Only then did Shen Li raise her eyes.

"If Second Brother is busy with something, please feel free to go ahead with that. You don't have to accompany me."

Lu Huaiyu casually placed his phone to the side.

"It's not an important matter. It's the same even if it's a few days later."

Shen Li nodded and gently rubbed the glass with one hand. After a moment, she asked, "I thought that Special Assistant Yi's suggestion was pretty good too. Why did Second Brother reject it?"

"None of that is as important as you. Besides, Shengguang's boss has always been very mysterious within the industry. If he was willing to show his face in public, he wouldn't have kept any relevant personal information private up until now."

Shen Li said softly, "Oh."

"One more thing."

Lu Huaiyu suddenly smiled faintly,

"The morning after tomorrow, George will be on the same flight as you, right?"

Shen Li immediately thought of the photos in her phone.

She nodded seriously.

"Yes."

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Two days passed very quickly.

Early in the morning, a black SUV slowly stopped outside the gate of Skyleaf City's residential area.

In the car sat George and two other G&S executives from the Capital, a man and a woman who were both in their thirties.

They had come specifically to pick Shen Li up.

George called Shen Li as he sat in the passenger seat.

After a few rings, the other side picked up.

George smiled.

"Ning, we're already in Skyleaf City. Which building do you live in?"

Shen Li was a little surprised.

"Are you here to pick me up?"

"What else?" George clicked his tongue. "You're going to Bai City with us as a collaborative designer with G&S. Of course, these small matters—"

"I'm already out."

"Huh?"

George was stunned. He rolled down the window and looked to the gate of the residential area.

"I don't see you."

"I'm here."

A familiar voice came from the side.

George frowned slightly. The voice sounded very close...

He turned his head and saw a black Bentley driving slowly from the right side.

The rear window was half opened, and a clear and cold figure came into view.

Lu Huaiyu smiled faintly.

"Mr. George, what a coincidence."

Shen Li was sitting beside Lu Huaiyu. She leaned out slightly and waved her phone at George.

George was stunned.

Why was Lu Huaiyu here too?!

Meeting Lu Huaiyu's gaze, George laughed.

"This is quite a coincidence! Second Master Lu, are you sending Ning to the airport?"

Lu Huaiyu's smile was gentle.

“No, I’ll be accompanying her to Bai City.”

The smile on George’s face froze.

After a while, he struggled to speak.

“I remember that Second Master Lu has never been interested in these kinds of things... but with Ning this time, of course, it’s different. Haha!”

With Lu Huaiyu’s status, he received many invitations to events like this, but he rarely attended them.

It was clear who he was here for.

George laughed dryly.

“Second Master Lu is really...”

“I heard that the menswear collection that will be showcased by G&S at this fashion week is quite bold and avant-garde. Since it’s so unique, you can say that I’m going there due to its reputation.”

The corners of Lu Huaiyu’s lips curved slightly.

“I think that it’ll be pretty good.”

George was stunned into silence.

He knew it!

As expected, he knew it!

This was what he had originally thought, but now he found himself regretting it!

George's lips moved, and he said awkwardly, "The style of G&S' menswear collection this time is actually more... Hmm... I don't think it's a style that Second Master Lu would appreciate. It's actually fine if you don't the show..."

"That doesn't matter," Lu Huaiyu smiled politely, "as long as Ah Li thinks it's good."

George was flabbergasted.

Now he was sure that he really regretted what he had done!

He turned his gaze slightly and looked at Shen Li.

"Hehe... Ning, Second Master Lu wants to go with us. Why didn't you say anything about this before? It's quite sudden..."

Shen Li nodded.

"I thought so too when you sent me Edmund's design."

George shut his mouth completely, unable to say anything more.

Finally, he could clearly see that in dealing with these two people, one was more difficult to deal with than the other!

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During the hour's journey to the Capital Airport, George was very quiet.

The two executives did not know what was going on and were actually quite happy to see that Lu Huaiyu was coming along.

It was obvious that Lu Huaiyu would be accompanying Ning to the G&S runway show.

It had always been difficult to get him to accept an invitation to their events. If he was able to attend this time, it would definitely cause quite a stir.

"I've long heard that Second Master Lu is very partial to Ning. He never attended such an event before. Now, he's going along just for her."

"Didn't he attend her last show 'Thorns'? He's clearly showing his support for his girlfriend!"

"Just now, he even seemed to have praised our menswear line? Then—"

The two executives whispered to each other, their words not able to hide their excitement.

George closed his eyes in despair.

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Capital Airport.

The small group of people checked in and headed to the boarding gate.

Lu Huaiyu was pushing the two carry-on luggage with one hand while holding Shen Li's hand in the other.

George was a few steps behind as he walked with the two executives.

Many people around them could not help but look their way. This was mainly because these people were very good-looking, so it was difficult to ignore them.

Some people even asked in quiet voices if they were celebrities or something.

When they reached the lounge area at the boarding gate, a familiar voice rang out.

"I'm sorry, my time is limited. I really can't go to your show."

Shen Li looked up and her eyebrows lifted slightly.

It was Yu Yu.

Chapter 836: No Need to Trouble Miss Yu

She was standing in front of the floor-to-ceiling window as she talked to a young man.

Because her back was facing him, she did not see Shen Li and the others coming over.

The young man looked regretful.

"If that's the case... then it's a real pity..."

Yu Yu smiled and said, "I'm very grateful for Velar's invitation, but it was only after much difficulty that I even managed to squeeze some time to attend this year's fashion week. I'm really sorry that I can't be in two places at once."

The young man quickly said, "You don't have to apologize! We understand! After all, you're the first independent designer to have received the certification from Bai City Fashion Association. You've been

invited to participate in the Bai City Fashion Week for three consecutive years. We know that your time is precious. Even if you can't make it this time, we hope that we might have another chance in the future."

Velar was a foreign-owned second-tier luxury brand.

This young man was a staff member at Velar's headquarters in the Capital. He would also be taking this flight to Bai City today.

They had previously sent an invitation to Yu Yu, but she had sent back a polite rejection.

He had unexpectedly bumped into Yu Yu here today. He had approached her with the thought of trying again.

Unfortunately, he had still received a rejection as an answer.

However, this was understandable.

Yu Yu's status within the fashion industry was very high.

Other than holding an important position in the Yu Media Group, she was also a very talented fashion designer.

With these two identities stacked together, one could imagine how difficult it was for them to get her to accept their invitations.

During the past few fashion weeks, she had basically only attended the shows of first-rate international brands. She had attended very few second-rate ones.

Yu Yu smiled and nodded.

“Thank you for your understanding.”

The young man was about to say something when he suddenly froze.

Sensing something, Yu Yu turned around.

The first person she saw was Shen Li. She was momentarily surprised before she noticed Lu Huaiyu standing beside Shen Li.

Her eyes flashed as a thought quickly came to her mind.

That’s right, only two designers from the Chinese district had been invited to Bai City Fashion Week. One of them was her while the other was Ning.

In other words, Shen Li.

It was not unusual for Shen Li to be heading to the same place, but unexpectedly, she had also chosen the same flight today.

Apart from that, what surprised Yu Yu more was that Lu Huaiyu had also come.

It was obvious that he had come to accompany Shen Li.

Yu Yu pursed her lips.

In the past, every time she had held a show, she would send an invitation to Lu Huaiyu, but he had never come before.

As for Shen Li...

However, as these thoughts flashed past in her mind. Yu Yu's expression did not change at all.

She greeted him with a smile and a familiar tone of voice.

"Second Master Lu, Miss Shen. I didn't expect that we would be on the same flight."

Suddenly thinking of something, she turned around to look at the young man.

"Oh yes, Velar must have sent Miss Shen an invitation as well, right?"

The young man was still looking at Shen Li.

This was the first time he had seen Ning in person, and his eyes were filled with excitement.

Only when he understood what Yu Yu had just said did he come back to reality.

Subconsciously, he snuck a quick glance at Shen Li again before lowering his voice.

"Well, no."

Yu Yu looked surprised.

"You didn't invite her?"

The young man nodded awkwardly.

He really did not want to talk about this in front of Ning...

Yu Yu paused for a moment and smiled.

“This will be the first time Miss Shen will be going to Bai City Fashion Week. Her schedule shouldn’t be too full. Why didn’t you invite her?”

The young man wanted to say something but hesitated.

Yu Yu’s gaze swept over Shen Li and him. She smiled.

“Since we all just happened to bump into each other here, it can be considered fate. This is a rare opportunity. You have to seize it.”

It sounded as if she was encouraging the young man to invite Shen Li on behalf of Velar.

“This... This isn’t appropriate...”

The young man stammered, “I don’t have the authority...”

Yu Yu looked apologetic.

“Look at me, I forgot about this. But it’s alright, I’ll just give her my invitation. When we reach Bai City, I’ll personally inform your manager about this.”

Yu Yu had thought that the young man would be happy about this, but he was not.

His expression became more complicated, as if he wanted to say something, but he did not know how to.

With a gentle tone of voice, she asked with a faint smile, “What’s wrong? Is there a problem? Surely I’m able to transfer this invitation, right?”

Every year, the Bai City Fashion Week attracted countless people.

All kinds of socialites, celebrities, fashion buyers, fashion editors, designers, and so on would use this invitation card as a symbol of their status.

A small portion of the invitations had a certain amount of leeway.

They could be transferred or sold.

With her status in the fashion industry, she could do that and no one could say anything about it.

The young man finally spoke up.

“Miss Yu, it’s not that I don’t want to invite Ning, but... this was never our plan in the first place. Even if our manager was here, he probably wouldn’t...”

Yu Yu frowned.

“Why is that? After all, Miss Shen has officially been invited to fashion week this time too.”

The young man hesitated for a while before saying, “But... But Ning is going as a co-designer with G&S this time...”

Yu Yu was stunned.

Then, she heard the young man say in a low voice, “...how can we invite someone like this?”

G&S was the largest luxury brand group in the world, and it was also a super-first-rate brand.

Shen Li was deeply bound to G&S. Although they had a collaborative relationship instead of one as an employer and employee, currently, she basically represented G&S.

Velar was only a second-tier brand, there was a huge gap between them and G&S.

Shen Li already had the backing of G&S, why would she still take a liking to a brand like theirs?

They had recognized this early on, so they had not sent her an invitation from the start.

He did not say what he meant explicitly, but Yu Yu understood.

Her expression immediately stiffened.

The young man looked towards Shen Li and let out a bitter laugh.

“Moreover, Ning is personally being accompanied by the Crown Prince of G&S. It wouldn’t be appropriate for me to suddenly go over now.”

Yu Yu’s heart skipped a beat. Only then did she see the other people who were walking behind her.

The person in front was tall and straight. He had chiseled facial features and sky-blue eyes that looked exceptionally gentle and affectionate.

If it was not George, who else could it be?

She also knew the two people behind him. They were G&S executives from the branch in the Capital.

Yu Yu’s hands slowly tightened.

Why were there so many people accompanying Shen Li to Bai City?

Furthermore, all of their statuses were extraordinary!

Velar had invited her several times before. However, when this young man said that they had not extended an invitation to Shen Li, she had thought...

In the end, the only reason they had made this decision was because they felt that they were not worthy?!

George smiled as he looked over at them.

“Hey, what are you talking about? Ning, are you lacking an invitation? Why didn’t you tell me? I’ll just get it for you!”

G&S held an extremely high position within the Bai City Fashion Association.

To George, this was indeed a small matter.

Yu Yu’s expression was extremely stiff.

Shen Li looked at her and calmly said, “Thank you for your kind intentions, Miss Yu. However, I’ll be rather busy in Bai City this time, so I won’t trouble you to help me arrange my schedule.”

Chapter 837: A Unique Gentleness

Yu Yu was extremely embarrassed. However, she could not show it as there were so many people around. All she could do was force a smile on her face.

“It seems like I was overthinking things.”

She had already known about the news that two designers had been invited from this country.

Other than her, the other one was Shen Li.

Yu Yu had founded her own high-end brand, YU, when she was 18 years old. Every single runway show she had held had been extremely successful. YU had been the first high-end brand in the country to be recognized by the Bai Cheng Fashion Association. She had also been the first high-end designer to be invited to fashion week as an independent designer.

She had participated in the Bai City Fashion Week in the past few years, and this time was no exception.

The only difference was that Shen Li would also be making an appearance this year.

Originally, she had thought that since it was Shen Li's first time participating in such an event, she would not receive that many invitations.

After all, the fashion industry was very particular about seniority.

Her first few shows had helped her accumulate fame, but she had only debuted a short time ago. Thus, in terms of seniority, it was not her turn yet for many things.

However, at this moment, Yu Yu realized that she had overlooked the most important thing— behind Shen Li was G&S.

Even with George's status, he was personally accompanying her to Bai City...

This alone was enough to explain the situation.

The Yu family was one of the most powerful families in Hai City, yet Yu Yu's status in the Yu family was rather awkward.

Compared to George's status as the Crown Prince of G&S, she was still not on the same level.

The announcement reminding them to board the plane was then heard.

Yu Yu immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

Even though she had money and power, she did not know how to respond to everything that had just happened.

She nodded at the others before turning around to leave.

George looked at Yu Yu's back before turning to look at Shen Li. With a smile on his face, he teased, "Ning, when did you offend her?"

Shen Li raised her eyebrows.

"How would I know?"

George lifted his chin and flicked his eyes over at Lu Huaiyu.

"Isn't it because of him?"

Lu Huaiyu looked back at him indifferently.

George coughed lightly.

The corners of Shen Li's lips curled up slightly. "Maybe it's because of you. Who knows?"

As the Crown Prince of G&S, he was constantly attracting the attention of many women.

This was especially true in the fashion industry. There were too many people who wanted to establish some kind of relationship with him.

George's expression instantly became complicated.

"Ning, no matter how much I might have offended you before, you wouldn't curse me like this, right? I'm not interested in her at all."

Shen Li was a little surprised.

"I didn't expect to hear such words from you in my lifetime."

After all, Yu Yu was pretty and had a good temperament. She could be considered quite impeccable in terms of both her background and personal ability.

George was speechless.

Yu Yu's ambition was written all over her face. These were the kind of people that he avoided.

Although George did not say this explicitly, it was written all over his face.

Shen Li smiled.

After so many years of spending his time with all sorts of women, he was still able to stay safe from difficult entanglements. This was enough to show how capable George was.

Other than that, he still had a good eye.

She said nonchalantly, "It's probably because of Yu Cheng."

Hearing her nonchalant tone, George did not know what to say for a while.

He suddenly remembered the previous rally. Shen Li had crushed Yu Cheng and humiliated him.

It had been extremely wild.

He blinked and moved closer to Shen Li, giving her a thumbs up.

“That is indeed possible.”

Lu Huaiyu pulled Shen Li closer to him.

“Ah Li, let’s go.”

Shen Li replied, “Okay.”.

‘Tsk,’ thought George.

If he had not seen it with his own eyes, who would believe that the cold and noble Second Master of the Lu family would be jealous of such a small matter?

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One after another, the small group of people boarded the plane.

Yu Yu was also seated in the first-class cabin. Beside her sat a man in his twenties who looked like an assistant.

Shen Li’s seat was right in front of her, while Lu Huaiyu’s seat was on the left of Shen Li and right in front of Yu Yu.

This time, Yu Yu only smiled and nodded without saying anything else.

Not long after Shen Li had sat down, Lu Huaiyu also sat down beside her.

Yu Yu looked up and saw Lu Huaiyu leaning close to Shen Li with his head slightly lowered.

The two of them were very close to each other. His eyes were lowered, and his black fringe hung down. The lines from his brow to the bridge of his nose were smooth and perfect, and his jawline was sharp and clean.

He had a cold, noble, and unapproachable face, but at this moment, because of his slightly lowered eyelashes and focused expression, a rare gentleness had been added to it.

He was helping Shen Li fasten her seatbelt.

She had long heard many rumors about Lu Huaiyu and Shen Li.

It was said that when Shen Li was in her third year of high school, Lu Huaiyu had stayed in Yunzhou to accompany her while she took her exams.

It was said that because Xu Yini had intentionally tarnished Shen Li on the Internet, she had directly been banned by Lu Huaiyu.

It was said that before Shen Li had been acknowledged by the Gu family, Lu Huaiyu had specially gone to Hong Kong City to bid an extremely high price for the Milky Way watch. He had publicly gifted it to Shen Li as a high-profile official announcement.

There were too many of these rumors.

Yu Yu had actually not paid much attention to these things in the past because she knew that rumors were usually exaggerated.

What kind of person was Lu Huaiyu?

He was young, yet he was in charge of the entire Lu Corporation.

Over the years, countless people had suffered losses under his hands.

How could someone like him fall in love with someone, let alone to such an extent?

However, Yu Yu suddenly realized that she was wrong when she saw this scene.

Lu Huaiyu was such a proud person, yet he was willing to help Shen Li with such a trivial matter.

He behaved in a proper, considerate, and meticulous manner.

People like Lu Huaiyu were used to controlling the overall situation. They were always domineering and high and mighty.

However, it was also because of this that their unique gentleness was extremely rare.

Yu Yu tightened her grip and forced herself to look away. She turned her head to look out of the porthole.

"It's an eight-hour flight from the Capital to Bai City," said Lu Huaiyu as he helped Shen Li adjust her seatbelt.

"You'll probably be jet-lagged when you reach. If you're tired, you should take a nap first."

Shen Li nodded.

George, who was sitting on the other side of the aisle, was regretting this for the umpteenth time.

He really should not have been on the same flight as them!

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An hour after the plane took off, Shen Li put on her eye mask and leaned against the back of the seat. She then fell asleep in no time.

Her head kept nodding off, landing on Lu Huaiyu's shoulder every now and then.

Lu Huaiyu turned his head to look at her and gently pulled her into his arms. He held her soft face with one hand and let her lean on him more comfortably.

The skin under his fingers was soft and warm.

His heart moved slightly as he looked down at her.

She was wearing an eye mask that covered up half of her small, palm-sized face. Only the tip of her nose and her full red lips were exposed.

It was quiet all around them.

Lu Huaiyu's Adam's apple rolled, and he finally lowered his head carefully and unrestrainedly kissed her on the lips.

Chapter 838: Don't Delay Her Rest

Eight hours later, the plane landed at Bai City Airport.

The time difference in the Capital was six hours earlier than in Bai City, so it was noon when they arrived at Bai City.

Yu Yu and her assistant walked in front.

The staff member from Velar was not far behind them, making a phone call as they walked.

“President Lin, I’ve arrived in Bai City. I’ll be leaving the airport soon.”

Listening to the person on the other end, he quickly looked up at Yu Yu.

“Miss Yu and I were on the same flight. I talked to her before we boarded the plane. She said that it’s not convenient for her to attend our showcase during these few days, but she’s interested in working with us on some kind of collaborative brand promotion. Yes, alright. I’ll go ahead and confirm it with her now.”

He ended the call and quickly walked to catch up with Yu Yu with a warm smile on his face.

“Miss Yu, I’ve just spoken to President Lin. He’s very interested in the collaborative brand promotion that you mentioned earlier. When do you think it will be convenient for you to discuss the specific plan?”

Nowadays, many brands would carry out collaborative brand promotions. It was mutually beneficial and could be considered a win-win situation.

At the previous airport, Yu Yu had politely rejected their invitation, but she had taken the initiative of bringing up the matter of a collaborative promotional project.

It was a rare opportunity, so he was particularly keen on it.

Yu Yu stopped in her tracks and turned around to look at him with a faint smile on her face.

“This matter can not be rushed. I don’t think it will be convenient for me in the next few days. Why don’t we wait and talk about this after everything here is settled?”

“This... Alright! After all, this collaborative plan can’t be finalized in a short period of time. We will—”

“Then it’s settled.”

Yu Yu interrupted him and took out her phone,

“Hello? Yes, I’m about to leave the airport.”

After saying these few simple words, she ended the call and smiled apologetically.

“I’m sorry, I still have something to do, so I’ll have to take my leave first.”

The person from Velar quickly said, “Okay, please go ahead.”

Yu Yu nodded and quickly led her assistant to the exit.

After walking for a distance, Yu Yu’s assistant turned around to look at her and said in a low voice, “President Yu, are you really interested in working with Velar?”

Yu Yu tucked her hair behind her ear and her expression became much calmer.

“Originally, I thought that it would be interesting, but now that I think about it, I believe that there’s no need for that. When he comes back to us about this matter, you can be in charge of settling it.”

The assistant immediately understood.

“Yes.”

They went down the escalator and turned the corner.

Yu Yu immediately saw the many media outlets who were waiting at the entrance.

She had expected this, so she quickly adjusted her expression.

Fashion week was about to begin, and guests from all over the world had rushed over to Bai City.

The media outlets had been waiting here for a long time.

Yu Yu had a perfect smile on her face as she walked forward.

Even though she had flown for eight hours, the way she appeared in the camera remained exquisite and elegant.

When she appeared, the flashlights started to flash crazily and the shutter sound was incessant.

Yu Yu took a quick glance and was a little surprised. There seemed to be many more media outlets than she had expected.

However, she did not show it on her face.

Some of the reporters had already started asking questions.

“Miss Yu, this is your fourth time attending the Bai City Fashion Week. How do you feel?”

“How will your independent brand, YU, be presented this year?”

“There’s another designer from the Hua District who has been invited this year. I believe you would know about this, right? I wonder if you are already acquainted with her?”

Yu Yu paused when she heard this question, feeling a little displeased.

This was an interview with her. Why was she being questioned about someone else?

However, under the scrutiny of the camera lens, she could not show any dissatisfaction.

She deliberated and said, “We—”

“Ning is here!”

Someone suddenly shouted excitedly.

In an instant, countless reporters and cameramen from the entire media group became agitated and rushed past Yu Yu.

Shen Li had just stepped out of the elevator and was walking over.

The appearance of that beautiful and overly young face immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

Even the few reporters who were around Yu Yu heard the commotion and immediately rushed towards her with their microphones.

The lively atmosphere instantly dissipated and quietened down around her.

Yu Yu was stunned. Subconsciously, she turned around and saw that Shen Li had already been surrounded by all the members of the media.

Fashion week was about to start. The news that the designer that was collaborating with G&S, Ning, would be arriving in Bai City today, had already spread far and wide. All the media had heard about it and had already been waiting for her.

This was the first designer in the 100-year history of G&S who was not part of their in-house designers, yet was being highly promoted by them.

In addition, she had come with George today, so it was natural that everyone was even more excited. They all wanted to get first-hand information.

The flashlights kept on flashing, almost blinding everyone.

“Ning! Is this your first time in Bai City?”

“This time, you’re here as a collaborative designer of G&S. Does this mean that the designer for the G&S showcase will still be you?”

“Do you have any plans to join G&S fully after this, or are you planning to start your own design brand?”

“I heard that you’re only 18 this year, and that you’re also the youngest designer to be invited. Do you have any thoughts on this?”

“...”

It was obvious that Shen Li’s appearance had caused the media to become very excited.

Yu Yu was stunned for a long time before she regained her senses. Then, she pursed her lips.

G&S’s reputation was really well-known.

Surely, the popularity of anyone who hitched a ride with them would take off like this, right?

Shen Li, who had suddenly been surrounded, frowned slightly.

Suddenly, a baseball cap was placed on her head. At the same time, a tall and slender figure stood in front of her, blocking the cameras and the lights.

As Lu Huaiyu pushed a suitcase with one hand and held Shen Li with the other, he spoke in a casual tone of voice.

“My girlfriend just got off the plane. Please make way for her so that you don’t delay her from going to get some rest.”

Chapter 839: She Was Worth It

As soon as the elegant looking man made his appearance, he immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

Many of the reporters looked at each other.

“Who is this? Is he Ning’s boyfriend?”

“Is he a celebrity? Or a model? I don’t think I’ve seen this face before during previous fashion weeks. If he has ever been here before, I guarantee that I would definitely remember him!”

“I remember someone mentioning to me before that Ning’s boyfriend is the president of the Lu Corporation in the Capital?”

When the Lu Corporation in the Capital was mentioned, many people were shocked.

The Lu Corporation also had many businesses overseas and was quite well-known.

For many years, Lu Huaiyu had always kept a low profile and rarely appeared in public. He only appeared occasionally in the financial news section. Many people had only heard of his name but did not know what he looked like in person.

No one had expected him to actually come with Shen Li this time.

After a brief moment of confusion, the reporters became even more excited.

However, perhaps because Lu Huaiyu had such a domineering aura, none of the members of the media who were around actually dared to step forward after what he had said. They even hesitated to ask any further questions.

Lu Huaiyu stepped forward with his long legs.

The reporters in front immediately stepped back and automatically cleared a path for them.

George, who had just arrived, could not help but click his tongue when he saw this scene.

How was it that Lu Huaiyu was able to turn any place that he went, into his own territory wherever he went?

Lu Huaiyu held Shen Li's hand tightly as he led her out.

Everyone watched helplessly, but no one dared to move forward.

After taking a few steps, Lu Huaiyu suddenly paused.

"Oh yes, Mr. George is right behind us. If you have any questions, you can ask him."

He deliberately did not lower his voice as he said this, so George, who was walking behind him, heard him clearly.

George was dumbfounded.

Had he just dumped the responsibility onto him? Without even a transition?

Hearing this, everyone suddenly became spirited again and quickly turned around.

George was the Crown Prince of G&S. He was handsome, flirtatious, and had always been the focus of the media.

It had been a while since he had returned to Bai City. Since the Bai City Fashion Week was about to begin, both he and G&S were a top priority this time.

Therefore, without any hesitation, everyone rushed toward George.

“Mr. George! Are you personally accompanying Ning this time?”

“May I ask how many years long is the contract between G&S and Ning? When the contract expires, would G&S be interested in extending her contract?”

“The previous shows that Ning has done for G&S have been a huge success. G&S’s performance last year was a lot higher than the year before it, and the company’s stock price has been on the rise. It’s said that you were the one who stood up to the public’s objections and insisted on appointing Ning as the main designer, which led to its subsequent success. So, what is it that caused you to be so firm in your choice of selecting Ning at that time?”

George was silent.

He was feeling in a delicate mood.

This was the first time that he had been surrounded by so many media outlets, yet no one had asked him about his private life.

It was clear that they did not even care about him. All their focus was on one person— Ning.

If they wanted to ask about this person, then why had they not done it when that person had been right in front of them? Why didn't they just go over to her now? Instead, they had come to him to question him in such a roundabout way.

George looked at the two people who had already pushed open the door and walked out. He was speechless.

He really had too much on his shoulders.

However, since it was about Ning and G&S, George still had to give them some face.

He spread his hands.

"These are trade secrets which I can't reveal to you. However, I can give you the answer to the last question immediately."

A perfect smile appeared on his handsome face, and his gentle and affectionate eyes blinked gently as he spoke.

"Even if you gave me another hundred chances, I would still choose her. That's because... with her gifts and talent, she would be worth it."

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Since all the attention and bombardment of questions had shifted to George, the atmosphere around Shen Li suddenly became much more relaxed.

When she and Lu Huaiyu walked out of the airport, they spotted a few cars waiting by the roadside.

A man got out of the first car and walked toward them with a smile.

It was Edmund.

“Mr. Lu, Ning.”

He had received a message from George earlier, informing him that Lu Huaiyu would be accompanying Shen Li this time. Thus, he was not surprised to see them together now.

“The two of you must be tired from the journey. Why don’t you get in the car so you can go to the hotel to get some rest?”

As he spoke, he pointed to the car behind him.

G&S had specially sent three cars over. One was for Lu Huaiyu and Shen Li, one was for George, and the last one was for the two executives.

Shen Li glanced over. The supercar in the middle was very eye-catching.

“George has other plans?”

Edmund smiled. “Yes. It’s been a long time since he has been home. Mr. and Mrs. Compton are waiting for him.”

These two were George’s parents.

Shen Li nodded in understanding.

“We won’t wait for him then.”

On the other side, Yu Yu and her assistant came to a car that was parked by the roadside.

It had specially come to pick her up.

Yu Yu turned her head and saw Edmund, Shen Li, and Lu Huaiyu getting into the same car.

This director of G&S was notorious for being arrogant and eccentric. However, today, he had actually personally come to pick Shen Li up.

“President Yu?”

The assistant urged.

Yu Yu withdrew her gaze. Then, keeping the expression on her face neutral, she got into the back seat.

As the car in front slowly drove away, she glanced at it a few times before lowering her head to take her phone out to call Yu Cheng.

After a few rings, the person on the other end picked up.

Yu Yu’s voice was as gentle and intimate as ever.

“Brother, I’ve arrived in Bai City.”

The background on Yu Cheng’s end was a little noisy. He was probably at a bar or some similar place.

“My showcase will be held the day after tomorrow. Brother, you should be here by then, right?”

Yu Cheng replied, "The day after tomorrow?"

"Yes."

During the two weeks of the Bai City Fashion Week, over a hundred big shows would be held. Apart from the contents of the shows themselves, the invited guests were also very important.

The more important people who were invited, the more it would prove the appeal of the brand and the more eye-catching the show would be.

YU was the only high-fashion brand in the country that was recognized by Bai Cheng Fashion Association. It was considered impressive, but compared to the international luxury brands, it was still lacking.

Therefore, although YU had done a good job of promoting itself in its own home country and relied on this recognition that had been given by the association to gain the support and admiration of many people, YU did not have any advantages in the Bai City Fashion Week.

When considering her guest list, Yu Yu had used her own connections to make the show look lively and cool.

The reason she had invited Yu Cheng was not because Yu Cheng was actually interested in this. It was because his presence would make the entire Yu family pay more attention to her career and achievements here.

"Oh yes, I seem to remember that when you guys were choosing models, there was someone called Pan... Pan something on the list?"

Yu Cheng had changed the topic.

"She seems to be a newcomer?"

“Pan Jiajia.”

Yu Yu smiled.

“She’s a very outstanding newcomer model. She’s only 20 years old, with good business skills and overall quality. This is her first time officially appearing on the catwalk of the Bai City Fashion Week.”

Yu Cheng took the cigarette that his female companion handed over to him and smiled.

“Alright, I’ll definitely go and support my sister the day after tomorrow.”

“Thank you, Brother.”

Chapter 840: Staying In One Room?

The climate in Bai City was mild and humid, which made it a very liveable city.

The weather at the end of March meant that the place usually had just the right amount of sunshine.

Shen Li sat in the back seat of the car and looked out of the window.

The streets were clean and lush with greenery. On both sides of the street, there were many uniquely designed buildings in the Gothic style.

As they drove along the road, they passed by a magnificent stone gate building.

“This is the only way in and out of Bai City. It’s also a landmark building in Bai City— The Holman Gate.”

As Edmund sat in the passenger seat, he introduced Bai City’s scenic spots and history to Shen Li.

As a citizen of Bai City, he was naturally very familiar with everything here.

Shen Li looked out into the distance and spotted a dome-shaped building. The huge and gorgeous dome was particularly eye-catching.

“Is that the Bai City Cathedral?”

Edmund followed her line of sight and nodded with a smile.

“Yes, it’s more than a hundred years old.”

He turned to look at Shen Li.

“Is Ning interested in that?”

The corners of Shen Li’s lips curved up slightly.

“I’ve heard my father mention it before.”

Edmund let out an “Ah”.

“I almost forgot. Ning’s father has spent a lot of time in Bai City.”

The headquarters of Fino Laboratory and Universe were both here.

The focus of Shen Zhijin’s work had mostly been in Bai City, so naturally, he was very familiar with this place.

“Since Ning will be in Bai City for the next few days, you’ll be able to take some time to take a look around.”

Shen Li nodded lightly.

“Yes, that is my intention.”

Seeing Lu Huaiyu out of the corner of his eye, Edmund said,

“Oh right, I seem to remember that Mr. Lu also spent some time in Bai City before?”

Lu Huaiyu hummed in reply.

“I worked at Fino Laboratory for a year.”

Edmund smiled and said, “Then Mr. Lu should be very familiar with this place.”

Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips twitched slightly.

In actual fact, he was more familiar with Leland.

“The two of you will be able to rest at the hotel today. The G&S showcase will be the opening event for this fashion week. It will officially be held at 10 o’clock tomorrow morning.”

The opening ceremony was of great significance.

There was no other brand that was more suitable for this honor than G&S.

This also meant that the G&S Women’s Fall/Winter collection, which Shen Li was in charge of, would be the first showcase of this fashion week.

It could really be said that it would be the focus of everyone's attention.

"Okay," Shen Li replied.

She had already known about this when she had checked her schedule earlier.

Hearing her casual response, Edmund could not help but ask in surprise, "Ning, aren't you nervous at all?"

She was not even nineteen years old yet, and this would be her first time appearing in a fashion week. How could she... How could she be so calm?

Shen Li raised her eyebrows and asked in return, "Why should I be nervous?"

She had always had enough confidence in her own designs.

Edmund was momentarily stunned. As he looked at her clear, dark, peach blossom eyes, he could see that she looked extremely calm.

She was truly not nervous.

After a moment, Edmund laughed.

"That's right. After all, you're Ning!"

He pointed outside. The electronic screen on the building, the promotional billboards on the street, and the G&S logos could be seen everywhere.

"You don't know how popular the designs from your previous shows have been in Bai City."

All those shows had been held in the Capital. The intention had been to expand the Chinese market and expand their related businesses.

However, because the designs had been so brilliant, they had also caused quite a stir in Bai City.

It was well-known that Bai City was the world's fashion capital. It had the most famous luxury brands, the most talented designers, and the most critical critics.

Every year, countless people came here with their dreams, all for the sake of gaining a place in the world's top fashion circle.

Very few actually succeeded.

However, Shen Li had done it.

Before she had even set foot here, she had already carved her name deeply with her designs.

This was also why so many members of the media had been waiting at the airport today.

"Ning, you have no idea how popular you are in Bai City."

Edmund smiled.

"You are undoubtedly the most dazzling star at this fashion week."

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After confirming Yu Cheng's attendance, Yu Yu's mood was much better.

However, this good mood did not last for long because she quickly saw the huge billboard advertising G&S on the street.

It was G&S' promotion ad for the Bai City Fashion Week.

On the colorful promotional poster, the opening date of March 22 had been printed. Below it was the G&S logo, as well as—

Ning.

The juxtapositioning of the silver and gold characters, colliding and interweaving with each other, created a dazzling spark that was particularly eye-catching.

Even though it was a simple flat poster, it was capable of making people feel the surging tension that seemed to almost burst out of the picture.

Yu Yu tightened her grip on her phone.

G&S had always placed a lot of importance on Shen Li, which was a fact that was recognized by everyone.

However, she had never expected it to reach such a stage.

They were clearly placing Shen Li on an equal footing with the whole of G&S.

She had only held a few big shows so far, yet G&S was actually promoting her to such an extent?

It was not that G&S had never produced an outstanding designer before. Their latest fashion director, Edmund, had already worked for G&S Group for several years and was also an undisputed top designer in the fashion industry.

Even he had never received such treatment, right?

However, Shen Li had.

As the car continued to drive forward, Yu Yu could see G&S' promotional posters every once in a while.

After seeing so many of them, she finally understood why the media had reacted in that way today.

"Lil Yu?"

Having heard no sound for some time, Yu Cheng felt that something was off and called out to her twice.

Yu Yu quickly regained her senses.

"Brother."

"What are you thinking about? I called you a few times."

"No, I just saw... I saw Shen Li's promotional posters and took a few more glances."

Hearing Shen Li's name, Yu Cheng frowned and his voice turned cold.

"Her? In Bai City?"

"Yes."

Yu Yu lowered her voice.

“Oh, Brother, you usually don’t pay much attention to these things, so you might not know this yet. Shen Li has also been invited to attend the Bai City Fashion Week. Coincidentally, I was on the same flight as her.”

Only then did Yu Cheng remember that Shen Li had another identity: Ning.

“G&S treats her very well. I can tell that they put a lot of effort into promoting her. I reckon that she will shine again this time. After all, her previous shows have been quite successful.”

Yu Yu’s words sounded very objective, but Yu Cheng since had a grudge against Shen Li, the more he heard, the angrier he got.

He interrupted Yu Yu coldly.

“Don’t mention her anymore!”

Yu Yu paused, seemingly apologetic.

“I’m sorry, Brother. When I saw the poster, I naturally thought of this. I didn’t mean to mention her on purpose...”

Of course, Yu Cheng could not really be angry with Yu Yu over such a matter.

It was just that when he heard that Shen Li had gone to Bai City and seemed to be feeling so proud of herself, his dissatisfaction and resentment towards her increased.

After a moment, he sneered.

“Alright, I really have to go to Bai City this time. I’d like to see how long she can remain feeling so pleased with herself.”

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Shen Li had come as a collaborative designer with G&S, so her accommodation and itinerary had basically been arranged by G&S.

The hotel she would be staying at was the only six-star hotel in Bai City, and it was also under G&S.

They were checking in at the front desk when Edmund suddenly thought of something. Looking at Shen Li and Lu Huaiyu, he asked, "Will you two... be staying in the same room?"