

Little Brat's 981

Chapter 981: I Have Something to Say to You

Shen Li was speechless.

It seemed that the matter of Old Master Lu's good luck in winning the lottery was indeed something to be discussed..

The comment section was very lively.

[Fine, another day of running with others. Spread your hands. JPG.]

[As expected, I only have the fate of being the denominator. I'm not jealous at all. [lemon][lemon][lemon]

[Big Boss Number One is really awesome! He even able to win such a top prize!]

[I'm really envious of Big Boss Number One! Big Boss Number One, you've won such a big prize. Why don't you think about drawing a few side prizes for everyone else?]

Almost at the same time, she received a voice message from Old Master Lu through wechat.

Shen Li was in class, so it was inconvenient for her to open the file and listen, so she switched to text.

[Ah Li! Grandpa has won the lottery! Parent-child luxury tour!]

Shen Li clicked on the dialog box. Just as she was about to reply, Old Master Lu sent another screenshot of the winning prize.

However, Old Master Lu quickly withdrew this picture.

After a few seconds, he sent another one.

Shen Li opened it and looked at it. It was no different from the previous one, except that the ID had been covered with a mosaic pattern.

Shen Li was speechless.

All she could do was pretend not to see it.

[Congratulations, Grandpa Lu.]

Grandpa Lu was obviously very happy.

[Hahahahaha!]! Ah Li, didn't Grandpa say that he was very lucky? Look at this Weibo post, I won the lottery again! I've already asked about it and this is valid for a year! And you can choose your own destination! Where would you like to go the most? When you're free later, let's go together!"

Shen Li's lips curved.

[Okay, thank you, Grandpa Lu.]

After sending this, she clicked on the screenshot of Grandpa Lu winning the lottery.

This was really...

She sent a message to Lu Huaiyu.

[Second Brother, where do you think would be a good place to travel?]

Lu Huaiyu replied very quickly.

[Hm? Do you want to go out and play?]

Shen Li felt a little strange.

[Didn't Grandpa Lu win the lucky draw on Weibo? It's a parent-child luxury tour. He just told me that you can choose your own destination.]

After all, it was the biggest conspiracy, so of course it would be a conspiracy till the end.

Looking at this message, Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly.

Then, he closed the documents on the table, got up, and pushed the door open.

"Grandpa."

Old Master Lu was in the living room, showing Fang Qingyun his phone with a face full of joy.

"Aiya, Qingyun, tell me, what kind of luck is this? Ah Li is really a lucky star! Look at how many times I won the lucky draw after paying attention to her Super Words! Hahahaha!"

Fang Qingyun agreed.

"Exactly!"

No one noticed Lu Huaiyu's arrival.

He raised his voice slightly and called out again.

“Grandpa.”

This time, Old Master Lu finally heard him.

He turned around with a joyful and excited smile on his face.

“Eh? Huaiyu, what’s wrong?”

Lu Huaiyu’s gaze fell on his phone.

“You won the lucky draw again?”

“That’s right! It’s a luxury family trip!” Old Master Lu was very excited. “I’ve just spoken to Ah Li! She can go wherever she likes! Eh, did you come out to look for me for something?”

Lu Huaiyou was quiet for a moment.

He smiled faintly.

“No, it’s just that I suddenly have something urgent to deal with. I’m afraid I won’t be able to stay at home tonight.”

Old Master Lu understood.

“Oh, is that so? Then be careful on the road later!”

After saying that, he lowered his head to look at his winning page.

“Look! Ah Li’s visit to this house had won me such a big prize!

Lu Huaiyu was at a loss for words.

Well, this house was indeed not big enough for him.

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Shen Li had to wait for a while before she received a reply from Lu Huaiyu.

[Ah Li can do it.]

Shen Li felt that it was not appropriate. After all, this was the prize that Old Master Lu had won, even though there was an inside story behind it...

However, seeing that Lu Huaiyu had said so, she thought about it and finally replied, [Okay.]

She put down her phone and suddenly heard footsteps coming from behind.

She turned around and saw a person creeping in through the back door.

It was actually He Xiaochen.

Almost at the same time, He Xiaochen also saw her. Her eyes immediately lit up and she tiptoed to the seat next to her and sat down.

Because her movements were very light and she was near the back door, she had not attracted the attention of the students in front of the classroom.

Shen Li was puzzled.

“Xiaochen, why are you here?”

Shouldn't she be busy celebrating winning the lucky draw at this time?

He Xiaochen looked ahead and instantly caught sight of that familiar figure.

Shen Li understood.

“Are you looking for Ren Qian?”

“Shh!”

He Xiaochen hurriedly stretched out a finger.

“I told him to meet me after class!”

Shen Li said, “There's only half an hour left until class ends, right?”

What was the difference?

He Xiaochen coughed lightly.

“I don't have any classes tonight, and I won the lucky draw. I'm feeling too high! Besides, I don't have anything else to do...”

Shen Li raised her eyebrows.

“So you’re here to do something?”

He Xiaochen’s ears turned red when she was exposed.

“It’s, it’s not... Aiya, it’s just a small matter!”

The moment she got excited, her voice accidentally raised a little. In the quiet classroom, she could hear it especially clearly.

An old professor was giving a lecture at the front. When he heard He Xiaochen’s voice, he was not angry. Instead, he asked with a smile, “Student at the back, would you like to express your opinion on this?”

In the large lecture hall, everyone turned their heads to look.

When Ren Qian heard that voice, he felt that it was familiar, so he stopped working on the calculation he had been working on and looked back as well.

He Xiaochen was stunned.

Her eyes widened and quickly waved her hands helplessly.

“I’m not! I’m not!”

The entire class burst into laughter.

The old professor was also amused.

“Student, I’m just asking you a question. Why are you so afraid?”

The laughter of the entire class grew louder.

He Xiaochen's face was red. She was not afraid!

She quickly glanced in a certain direction and happened to meet Ren Qian's gaze when he turned around.

He seemed to find it very interesting as well. He looked at her with a smile on his face.

He Xiaochen's face turned even redder.

It's over! It was so embarrassing!

The old professor made a joke and quickly continued talking, leaving He Xiaochen feeling regretful.

She knocked her head on the table.

Shen Li patted her shoulder comfortingly.

"It's okay. Ren Qian has stopped looking at you."

He Xiaochen thought, 'Thank you, I'm doomed.'

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Half an hour passed quickly.

The bell rang, and the students in the classroom left one after another.

Ren Qian packed up his things, carried his backpack, and walked to the back row of the classroom.

He Xiaochen instantly straightened her shoulders and her entire body tensed up. The red color that had faded after much difficulty immediately colored her ears again.

Shen Li's eyebrows raised slightly.

"Xiaochen, what are you nervous about?"

He Xiaochen quickly turned her head and denied, "I... I'm not nervous at all!"

Knock knock.

Ren Qian bent his fingers and knocked on the table.

He Xiaochen straightened her back even more and raised her head.

"What, what are you doing!"

She was the one who had taken the initiative to come here and was now asking the other person what they were doing.

Ren Qian's gaze landed on her face and he smiled.

"I have something to tell you. Do you want to make some space for me?"

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Since he had already said this, it would not be good to reject him.

He Xiaochen forced herself to calm down and nodded.

“Alright.”

After Ren Qian finished speaking, he walked out of the classroom.

He Xiaochen got up.

Shen Li picked up her backpack, but just as she walked out of the classroom door, she walked in another direction. He Xiaochen grabbed her.

“Ah Li! Where are you going?”

Shen Li looked at Ren Qian who was walking in front of her, then looked at her hand that was grabbing hers.

“There’s still some data left in the lab that hasn’t been processed yet. Senior Brother asked me to go over.”

When He Xiaochen heard that she was leaving, she hurriedly glanced over and saw that Ren Qian was already standing under a tree outside the teaching building.

It seemed like he was waiting for her to “move”.

He Xiaochen was already nervous to begin with, but this time, it was even worse.

“Then... then what should I do...”

The corners of Shen Li’s lips curled up.

"It's just two former classmates having a little chat. Why are you panicking?"

He Xiaochen was instantly at a loss for words, and her face flushed red.

Shen Li moved her hand away without any sympathy.

"Go."

He Xiaochen was nonplussed. "... Oh."

She slowly walked over to Ren Qian's side. She had only taken a few steps when she could not help but turn back to look at Shen Li, only to see that Shen Li had already gracefully walked.

"..."

Beautiful women were indeed unreliable!

He Xiaochen was furious.

However, there was really no room for regret in this situation.

Taking a deep breath, all she could do was brace herself to walk forward.

She walked very slowly, but Ren Qian seemed to be very patient. He merely stood there and watched her walk over step by step.

He was clearly still some distance away, and he did not say or do anything. However, He Xiaochen inexplicably felt that his gaze seemed to have substance and landed on her body with an indescribable sense of oppression.

She had never felt that time was so hard to endure before...

He Xiaochen finally managed to stand one step away from him.

Silence.

It was a suffocating silence.

He Xiaochen finally could not hold it in anymore.

“Didn’t you say that you had something to say to me? Why aren’t you saying it?”

Ren Qian was carrying a backpack on one shoulder while one hand was in his pocket. When he heard that, he laughed.

“Yeah, didn’t you have something to say to me? Why don’t you say it?”

He Xiaochen’s eyes widened abruptly.

Why was this person like this?!

Ren Qian seemed to be a little surprised. “Hmm? Could it be that you came half an hour earlier just to express your opinion during the quiet study class?”

Instantly, He Xiaochen was extremely embarrassed. “I didn’t!”

It had not been easy for her to forget about the embarrassing incident from earlier! When he said that, she had remembered it again!

Ren Qian lowered his head and laughed.

He Xiaochen was confused and annoyed.

“What are you laughing at? I already said that I didn’t!”

Ren Qian finally stopped laughing, but there was still a smile on his face. “Yes, okay, I heard you.”

So what if he heard you? What kind of attitude was that?

It was obvious that he was still laughing at her!

He Xiaochen’s emotions rose and she blurted out, “If I didn’t come here to look for you, would I be embarrassing myself like this?!”

The moment she said that, she immediately covered her mouth and wanted to retract her words.

However, Ren Qian had already heard her.

He lowered his eyes and looked at her. After a long while, he said in a low voice, “Didn’t you say to wait till class was over? Why did you come half an hour earlier?”

Perhaps it was because of the rustling of the branches and leaves in the wind, but there was an inexplicable gentleness in his lowered voice.

He Xiaochen’s almond-shaped eyes became round. The words that she had prepared to argue with him suddenly became stuck in her throat. Her chest felt as if it had been hit by something, and it felt as if there was something sour inside, making it feel sore.

Her earlier arrogance quickly faded.

She looked away and cleared her throat.

“Ah, the main thing is, I have good news. If I don’t share it in time, I’ll feel terrible.”

She had not had any scheduled classes tonight. Logically speaking, she should be watching variety shows in her dorm at this time.

She could not share this news with her roommates, and neither could she share it with her friends.

All she could do was run across half of the campus and come here to share it with him.

Ren Qian nodded and asked with a smile, “What’s the good news?”

Upon saying this, He Xiaochen suddenly became spirited again.

She immediately took her phone out.

“I have super good news! I’ve won the lucky draw!”

She clicked on her own winning page and showed it to him.

“Tickets to any celebrity concert in the country! It has a time limit of a whole year! The travel fees and accommodation are all covered!”

Savoring her prize again, He Xiaochen was still extremely excited.

“How is it? Is it amazing? Isn’t my luck super good?!”

He Xiaochen was a fan of celebrities. It was no surprise that she was so excited when the award was given out.

Ren Qian looked at the winning page and paused on the name of the award for a moment. Then, he looked at He Xiaochen.

He smiled and raised his eyebrows.

“Yes, it’s awesome. So, did you come here just to let me feel envious?”

He Xiaochen looked into his smiling eyes and coughed.

“Well, not exactly!”

Ren Qian was slightly stunned. “Huh?”

He Xiaochen quickly looked away and pointed at the phone. Her ears were already red.

She forced herself to speak calmly.

“Did you look at this prize clearly?”

Ren Qian suddenly fell silent for a moment and cast her a side look.

Even though the night was dark, he could still see the redness spreading to the side of her face.

A few seconds later, he responded.

“Okay.”

He Xiaochen did not dare to look at him. Her eyes were glued to the phone screen.

“I’ve asked about it. This award... this award can only be received by a couple.”

A moment later, Ren Qian responded again.

“Okay.”

He was standing right next to her. He was not close to her, but he was very close.

He was so close that she could feel his gaze, his breathing, and every sound he responded to clearly fell on her ears.

He Xiaochen’s face was so red that she felt like it was about to explode. Her heart was beating fast, and even her hands had gone slightly numb.

She said, “Don’t you think it’s a coincidence? I just happen to be short of a boyfriend.”

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The time was after the evening class. The teaching building was brightly lit, and the students walked out one after another. The crowd was noisy.

But at this moment, all the voices seemed to have disappeared in an instant. Not even a vague remnant seemed to have been left behind.

Only her voice was so clear that it covered all the voices.

The wind seemed to be still, but there seemed to be even more passionate voices ringing out one after another.

After an unknown amount of time, Ren Qian tried his best to suppress all the tumultuous noise in his heart and asked quietly, "So?"

"So?"

He Xiaochen turned around, took half a step forward, and raised her arms to hug him.

Her flushed face was buried in his neck until she was not even allowed to sneak a peek at the night sky. Only the soft voice moved with the wind and fell on his heart.

"So, will you be my boyfriend?"

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Of course, there was no second answer to this question.

He raised his arms and wrapped his arms around her soft waist. His chin was pressed against the top of her hair. His chest shook as if he was laughing.

He Xiaochen tilted her head and leaned against his shoulder to peek at him. Her round almond-shaped eyes were filled with embarrassment and nervousness.

"Then congratulations."

There was a smile in his voice. In the next second, he suddenly came closer, so close that she could feel his breath, "Now, you can receive your award."

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"Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!"

When Shen Li returned home, she received a call from He Xiaochen. The call started with a burst of suppressed screams.

She moved the phone a little further away and turned on the computer at the same time.

“I’ve finally gotten rid of my single status! Ahhh! Ahhh!”

He Xiaochen’s voice was still filled with excitement.

Shen Li laughed.

“Congratulations. But shouldn’t Ren Qian be the one to say this?”

After all, he had chased after her for so long.

He had been really patient and really liked her.

He Xiaochen immediately puffed out her small chest.

“Who said that? I’m the one who chased him this time! I’m... really... brave!”

Shen Li raised her eyebrows.

She was quite proud of herself...

She had clearly been chased by someone, yet in the end, she had been the one who had spoken first. She was even very proud and happy about it... and there were not many.

Shen Li silently sighed once again. The combat strength of these two people was really not on the same level.

However, as long as she was happy, it was fine.

At the moment, this was still at the top of He Xiaochen's mind. She was so excited that she could not stop talking about it. She practically recounted everything exciting that had happened earlier to Shen Li.

"In any case, it takes time to achieve something. In the end, I managed to get a boyfriend!"

When Shen Li heard that she was happy, she also laughed.

"Oh? Then what happened after that? You're finally eligible to receive the award, right?"

He Xiaochen was holding her phone, but when she heard that, she suddenly stopped talking. Her entire face turned red and she subconsciously touched her lips. It seemed that there was still a slightly cool and soft touch left on her lips.

After a while, she finally murmured, "Um... this... yes, yes..."

How was she going to tell Ah Li that she had already received a "prize"?

Listening to her stammering on the other end of the phone, Shen Li could probably guess what was going on. Her fingers tapped on the keyboard a few times, and she comforted her with a smile.

"Well, that's good. Otherwise, it would be a pity to not receive such a big prize."

He Xiaochen did not know why, but when she heard this, she felt that Shen Li had completely seen through her.

Her face was as red as a tomato, and her ears were still burning.

“Anyway... anyway, Sister Carp’s prize is super awesome! I’ll be her die-hard fan in the future! But speaking of which, Ah Li No.1 is still the best! Ah Li, you don’t know how many times Ah Li No. 1 has won the prize now! I admit that I’m not good enough to compete with those lucky draws. I didn’t expect that Ah Li No. 1 would still win even though I finally won the lucky draw!”

Shen Li’s eyelids twitched when she heard her mention “Sister Carp”. She was even more speechless when she heard her mention “Ah Li No. 1”.

After a long while, she finally said, “Luck is something that can’t be said for sure...”

It could only be said for certain.

“That’s true! It can only be said that this person really has good luck at winning the lottery! Ah Li, you don’t know. Many girls have said that if all of Ah Li No. 1’s winning prizes were to be put together, it would definitely be a spectacular sight!”

He Xiaochen clicked her tongue, full of envy.

“If only there was a chance to visit Ah Li No. 1’s home!”

Shen Li remained quiet.

Then, she changed the topic.

“Yeah, not only will you be able to watch the concert this time, but you’ll also have a boyfriend. That’s fine. Otherwise, I don’t know when you’ll be able to lose that single status again.”

He Xiaochen let out a soft “Ah”.

Of course, she understood what Shen Li meant. A long time had indeed passed since Ren Qian had first confessed his feelings to her.

She blinked and whispered, "I wasn't... I wasn't sure if I liked him too..."

She was a one-track-minded person and she valued it. Before Ren Qian had officially confessed his feelings to her, she really had not thought about it at all.

As a result, after she heard it, she had been stunned.

Ren Qian knew her too well, so he had not pressed her for an answer. He had continued to be friends with her as before.

Later on, he had volunteered to go to university when she had gotten grades. Later on, when she became sick, he had brought her food. When she was sad, he had accompanied her.

How could she not have felt it?

Moreover, she was always very keen on chasing after celebrities and was an extremely passionate person. She could always be reasonable when analyzing other people's feelings. However, she had always been single so in reality, other than theoretical knowledge, she had no experience at all.

Eventually, she had slowly realized that she had already fallen in love with this person.

In fact, she had already been thinking about this matter from the beginning. However, she had been too timid and too cowardly.

Unexpectedly, she had waited for this opportunity, and it had taken her a long time to act on it.

This was very fair to both her and Ren Qian.

"Speaking of which, Ah Li, Second Brother also chased after you for a long time!"

Lu Huaiyu had been by Shen Li's side ever since their third year of high school had started.

She had not thought so at the time, but now that she thought about it, he had clearly been chasing after her since then!

However, it was just that he had not said it out loud.

Of course, even though he had not said it out loud, his intentions were clear as day.

As He Xiaochen said this, she suddenly felt that she was not the only person in this world who was slow to love.

She chuckled.

"Ah Li, you didn't seem to realize this at that time either!"

Shen Li's fingers paused slightly.

"Actually, I'm really a little curious. Ah Li, when did you realize that you liked Second Brother?"

He Xiaochen had always wanted to ask this question.

"It can't only have been the day he officially confessed his feelings to you, right?"

She only knew that Lu Huaiyu had confessed to her the day before Shen Li's eighteenth birthday, and then the two of them had gotten together after.

However, she had never asked when Shen Li had fallen in love with him.

He Xiaochen touched her face.

“Did you slowly discover it the way I did?”

Actually, Shen Li rarely talked about her relationship with Lu Huaiyu. He Xiaochen was feeling emotional today, which was why she had casually asked.

After a moment, Shen Li said, “No.”

He Xiaochen was stunned. “Huh?”

Shen Li looked at the glass candy jar on the table. After a while, she said, “I suddenly realized it one day.”

He Xiaochen was immediately interested.

“Really? When was that?”

Shen Li thought for a while.

“It was quite early on.”

He Xiaochen croaked.

“How early? How early was it?!”

The corners of Shen Li’s lips curved slightly.

“In any case, it was earlier than you.”

He Xiaochen thought, 'Oh.'

In the end, He Xiaochen had not gotten the answer she wanted for this inquiry. Reluctantly, she hung up the phone.

Shen Li put her phone down and sat quietly for a while.

Actually, Lu Huaiyu had also asked this question before. He asked her when it had started, but she had not said.

It had been very early.

Too early.

That day was earlier than all the dates stored in the glass sugar jar.

Chapter 984: Name

On Friday night, Shen Li made a call to Jinse Bay.

"Master, Senior Brother said that you haven't been feeling well for the past two days. How are you?"

Mei Yanqing snorted.

"I'm just having a little cold. Why are you so nervous?"

Shen Li had already gotten the results from Yu Pingchuan, but Mei Yanqing was old. It was always better to be more careful.

Hearing that Mei Yanqing's hoarse voice but still full of energy, Shen Li heaved a sigh of relief.

“That’s good. But you haven’t caught a cold in a long time. What happened this time?”

“Nothing much. I was too engrossed in reading about the collection of Ronai’s works. It’s because I stayed up all night that I caught a cold,” Mei Yanqing said plainly, “I realized that his works are indeed very good! It’s no wonder that so many people like them.”

Shen Li was speechless.

She wondered what it felt like to experience this encounter with her master’s strange attitude.

It was surely different.

Although Mei Yanqing and Ronai belonged to different types of art schools, they were friends who had known each other for many years. Moreover, both of them had extremely high statuses in the art industry. How could they not have seen each other’s works?

For Mei Yanqing to suddenly become like this, it was obvious that he had been provoked by something.

Shen Li coughed lightly. “Master, I accompanied Second Brother to attend—”

Emotionlessly, Mei Yanqing said, “I went to the Lu family home to play chess with Lu Qishan two days ago.”

Shen Li stayed quiet.

“I remarked that he wasn’t really focusing on playing chess at that time. It turns out that he was having some other kind of fun. When I went, he was holding a book about Ronai’s collection of works and reading it seriously!”

As Mei Yanqing recalled the scene at that time, he could still feel his temples throbbing.

He snorted coldly.

“I’ve known him all my life, but this is the first time I’ve seen him so interested in oil paintings.”

After asking, he had found out that he was only looking at oil paintings to please his granddaughter-in-law!

Shen Li held her breath.

At this point, she did not need to ask to know that Mei Yanqing must have known that she had attended the art exhibition with Lu Huaiyu the other day.

She paused for a moment and said, “Master, I have a painting that is about to be completed. Can I bring it over for you to take a look at later?”

Upon hearing this, the anger in Mei Yanqing’s heart dissipated by more than half.

“Really?”

Shen Li said, “Of course.”

Mei Yanqing muttered, “That’s more like it.”

Shen Li coaxed him a little while more before she finally managed to pacify her master.

After ending the call, she pushed the door to the room open.

Shen Zhijin had just happened to come out of the study. When he saw that she was heading towards the studio, he asked, “Ah Li, why are you still painting at this time of night?”

Shen Li coughed.

“I suddenly had an inspiration.”

Shen Zhijin nodded.

“Then don’t stay up too late. You should take care of your eyes.”

“I know. Thank you, Father.”

After Shen Li finished speaking, she entered the studio.

She set up the drawing board.

Actually, she had gotten the inspiration a long time ago, but she had not been able to find the time. This time, she really could not delay it any longer.

Just then, her cell phone rang. It was a call from Gu Tinglan.

She answered the call.

“Little Uncle?”

“Ah Li, are you free tomorrow afternoon?” Gu Tinglan’s voice was gentle with a smile. “Could we have lunch together?”

“Tomorrow afternoon? But I’ve already agreed to meet with Second Brother.”

Lu Huaiyu?

Gu Tinglan was completely unbothered.

“Then where will you be going to eat tomorrow? I’ll go over there.”

Shen Li was silent for a moment, but she still asked, “Is there something that Little Uncle is looking for me for?”

“Yes. The preparatory work for the horse race meeting in August has already begun. I’ll be giving you the relevant information. There are also some things that you need to pay attention to.”

Everyone in Hong Kong City knew that Dutian Racecourse had been built for the fourth daughter of the Gu family, Gu Tingyin.

After Gu Tingyin passed away, the management and operation of the Dutian Racecourse had been taken over by the brothers of the Gu family.

After Shen Li had been acknowledged by the family, the Dutian Racecourse had already been placed under her name. Naturally, that meant that this horse race event would be under her full control.

This would be the first horse racing event held by Dutian Racecourse after her status had been restored as the Gu family’s young miss. It was of great significance.

Shen Li nodded.

“Alright, I understand. Thank you, Little Uncle.”

The two of them then ended the call.

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At noon the next day, in a private room of a restaurant.

Lu Huaiyu faced Gu Tinglan, who was sitting across from him as he looked at the menu, and spoke in a languid and cool voice.

“If Little Uncle really likes the taste of the food in this restaurant, you can ask the boss to arrange another private room so that you can enjoy the atmosphere and style as you eat.”

Gu Tinglan raised his head and smiled gently.

“That won’t be necessary. After all, it’s better for me to eat with Ah Li.”

As he spoke, he turned his head to look at Shen Li, who was sitting beside him.

“Ah Li, would you like this arctic sweet shrimp sushi?”

“I’m fine with it.”

“Then I’ll take this one.”

After Gu Tinglan finished ordering, he turned to the main topic and started talking about the horse race in August.

Because Shen Li still had to attend classes and take exams at Xijing University, Gu Tinglan was temporarily in charge of a portion of the content, which could be considered as assisting her.

The preparatory work for the early stage was actually very trivial and complicated. Shen Li would only need to manage the last and most important part.

“You haven’t returned to Hong Kong City in a long time. Qingfeng definitely misses you,” Gu Tinglan said with a smile, “He’s still very stubborn. Other than you, no one else can get on his back. However, if not for his temper, he wouldn’t have been able to win first place last year and become the champion horse.”

Shen Li held the cup and her eyes curved.

“Yeah.”

Gu Tinglan suddenly thought of something.

“Speaking of this, there’s something interesting. Last year at the Jockey Club, an SSS member entered the field with 10 million yuan. He bet all of it over three consecutive days, and the prize money immediately went up to nine figures. At that time, this matter had shocked all the people in the Jockey Club who knew about it. Even now, people still talk about it from time to time.”

Shen Li lowered her eyes.

Lu Huaiyu suddenly raised his eyebrows.

“Oh? What’s the name of that member?”

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Gu Tinglan poured himself a cup of tea and smiled.

“This information is top-secret to the Jockey Club. I’m afraid it’s not convenient to disclose it to Second Master.”

All relevant information about SSS members was strictly confidential, so it was natural that Gu Tinglan would refuse.

Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips twitched slightly.

“That’s a pity.”

Every year at the Hong Kong City Jockey Club, there were quite a number of people who participated in horse betting. Some people went because of the money, and some people just wanted to have fun.

It was not that there were no people who made a fortune overnight through this, but the number of those people was very few.

And those who could directly increase the principal by so many times were even fewer.

Even Gu Tinglan had secretly been amazed for a long time when he had first heard the news.

“Three days.”

Gu Tinglan stretched out his finger.

“The person only bet on one match every day, but they bet all of their principal and interest from the first day each time. In just three days, this was the amount that they earned.”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows.

“If they had lost just one match—”

“That’s why I say that the person was amazing.”

Such courage and boldness were indeed not something that ordinary people could have.

Lu Huaiyu seemed to have thought of something and his thin lips twitched slightly.

This style... seemed a little familiar...

“However, this person isn’t the one who earned the most.”

Gu Tinglan stroked his cup.

“At that time, there was another SSS member who only bet once on the third day of the Jockey Club. However, because the entry capital was as high as ten million USD and he had bet on the match with the highest winning rate, he earned even more than the previous person.”

Lu Huaiyu’s expression remained the same.

Shen Li’s eyelashes moved slightly, and she tilted her head.

“Is that so?”

Gu Tinglan nodded.

“In that Jockey Club, only these two won the most.”

Shen Li was deep in thought.

“Then the person behind is... quite rich.”

The Jockey Club had been held for so many years, and only a few people had ever bet so much money on the first race.

Such a luxurious style reminded her of someone.

Gu Tinglan smiled and said, "One is rich while the other has luck and courage— In my opinion, both these people are on par."

Lu Huaiyu raised his hand and poured more tea into his cup.

Knock, knock.

The waiter knocked on the door and began to serve the dishes.

The topic ended there.

"By the way, Little Uncle, are you planning to settle down in the Capital?" Shen Li asked.

Gu Tinglan smiled. "Why do you ask?"

Shen Li said, "Didn't Siyang say that you just opened a private psychological clinic in the Capital?"

Gu Tinglan had been flying around the world before, so this should be the first one in the Capital.

Hearing this, Gu Tinglan suddenly stopped eating his sushi.

But in just a moment, he quickly adjusted himself.

"Yes, I'm opening a clinic here. But it's not certain whether I will stay here permanently in the future yet. It's also possible that I'll be leaving it to my subordinates to manage on my behalf."

Shen Li was not surprised by this answer.

Gu Tinglan was a well-known top psychiatrist both at home and abroad. It was unrealistic to ask him to oversee a clinic in the Capital.

Lu Huaiyu placed a peeled shrimp on Shen Li's plate.

"Thank you, Second Brother."

Shen Li thanked him and did not continue to ask any further questions.

Gu Tinglan raised his eyes and glanced at Lu Huaiyu.

Lu Huaiyu seemed to be unaware of it. He handed her some tissue paper. The expression on his handsome face was calm and focused.

It was as if he did not care about anything other than her.

Gu Tinglan's lips moved slightly. He quickly withdrew his gaze and silently sighed.

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After the meal, Gu Tinglan said, "Ah Li, I'll send you home later. Lu Er and I have something else to do."

Shen Li glanced at Lu Huaiyu.

If Gu Tinglan had not come, she would have gone back with Lu Huaiyu.

However—

"Okay."

She nodded.

Lu Huaiyu looked up at her with a half-smile.

“You’re so generous?”

“Huh?” Shen Li’s gaze swept back and forth between the two of them.

The two of them had a good relationship. Wasn’t it normal for them to move together?

Lu Huaiyu seemed to have seen through her thoughts. He leaned back lazily and could not help but laugh.

Although he and Gu Tinglan got along very well, there was still a gradual process for their relationship to improve.

However, he did not know what the little girl was thinking. It seemed that she had decided from the beginning that the two of them had a good relationship.

Gu Tinglan stood up without even bothering to glance at Lu Huaiyu.

“Ah Li, let’s go.”

They headed in the direction of Skyleaf City.

When they arrived downstairs, Shen Li took the information that Gu Tinglan gave her and pushed the door open to get out.

Gu Tinglan reminded her, “All the information for the Dutian Racecourse race meeting is here. You can take a good look at it when you go back and have some time free. I’ll send you the specific progress of the later projects in a timely manner.”

“Thank you, Little Uncle.”

Shen Li waved goodbye to them, then turned around and went upstairs.

It was not until her figure completely disappeared that the car slowly drove away.

Lu Huaiyu looked at Gu Tinglan.

“Little Uncle, you’d better actually have something serious to discuss with me. Otherwise, I’ll still have time to go back and look for Ah Li.”

Gu Tinglan did not even bother to turn his head.

“You probably don’t want her to see you go to my place with me.”

Of course, he was talking about his mental health clinic.

Lu Huaiyu paused for a moment, then leaned back, his thin lips slightly raised.

“You should be very clear about my situation. This trip today was really unnecessary.”

Gu Tinglan had tried to give him a psychological intervention, after clearly knowing that he refused all drugs and psychological treatment methods.

If he did not know that Gu Tinglan always knew how to behave, and most importantly, that he was Shen Li’s youngest uncle, Lu Huaiyu definitely would not have shown such an attitude.

Gu Tinglan was clearly aware of this as well.

“You know best whether there’s a need or not.”

He turned the steering wheel and paused for a moment before saying, "I'm doing this for Ah Li's sake."

Lu Huaiyu was leaning back in his seat. His posture was languid and noble, but there was also a hint of arrogance in his bones.

After a long silence, he said softly, "It would be best if she doesn't know. But if she wants to know, I won't hide it."

"No one has more right to know than her."

He kept the two books in the drawer of the coffee table in the living room of the Rongyue Mansion.

If she could see—

In fact, there was an infinite possibility that she would see them.

Gu Tinglan turned his head. His lips moved, and he wanted to say something but stopped.

In the end, he did not say anything.

Naturally, since this was the choice that Lu Huaiyu had made, no one else had the right to interfere.

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Shen Li returned to her room and sat down in front of her desk.

The materials that Gu Tinglan had brought over included a stack of paper materials and a USB flash drive.

She first flipped through the paper materials, which included the operating flow and financial situation of the Dutian Racecourse over the years.

Then, she turned on her computer and plugged in the USB flash drive.

The next moment, her eyes narrowed.

The top file was the information of all the SSS members of the Jockey Club.

She remembered what Gu Tinglan had mentioned before. She narrowed her eyes and opened the file.

At the top, a familiar name came into view.

Saint.

Chapter 986: Was Not the First Time She Had Lost to Someone Else

It was as expected.

When she heard Gu Tinglan mention it before, she had gotten a faint hunch.

So, it really was...

She stared at the name for a few seconds, then her fingertips moved and she clicked the file open.

Saint's information unfolded before her eyes.

Name: Saint.

Age: Unknown.

Gender: Unknown.

Nationality: Unknown.

Looking at this form, Shen Li's red lips twitched slightly.

Unknown, unknown. Other than a code name that was definitely not a real name, the rest of the information was unknown.

Below that were all the transaction records of Saint at the Jockey Club.

The most recent one was the bet they had won at the Jockey Club last August.

Shen Li stared at the familiar bank card number and the shocking amount behind it with a blank expression. She was silent for a long time.

Then, she got up and went to the refrigerator to get a bottle of ice water.

She took a sip of water. As the ice-cold liquid flowed down her throat, the fire in her chest subsided slightly.

After a while, she continued to look down.

Saint's first transaction record had appeared five years ago.

It was during the annual horse race, and there had not been many bets.

However— the person had made a profit every time.

Although the winnings in the previous few years were not as much as the last bet, it was still considered a huge profit.

The more Shen Li looked down, the more she felt a nameless anger surge inside her.

She took another sip of water, but this time, was unable to quench the fire within her anymore.

She was so frustrated that she simply chose to quit. Out of sight, out of mind.

Returning to the previous page, below Saint was another name.

Gambler.

This list had been arranged according to the latest transaction records. The higher the bet, the higher the name was listed.

There had been a total of seven members participating in last year's horse race event.

Among them, Saint and Gambler were the two who had earned the most, so naturally, they ranked at the top.

Of course, if these two were to compete against each to see who was better...

This list ranking was enough to explain everything.

Shen Li opened up the file containing Gambler's information.

Just like Saint, other than a code name, the rest of the information was unknown.

However, this information showed that Gambler's first transaction had been during the year before last.

Moreover, although the number of years he had participated was less than Saint's, the number of bets he had made was no less than the other party's.

More importantly, he had won all of them.

Compared to Saint, the amount that Gambler had bet was not high. However, after winning so many rounds, the total was not a small amount.

However, people were afraid of being compared.

Shen Li thought of the numbers on the page just now and looked at this again. Suddenly, she felt even more suffocated.

She closed the computer with a snap.

Just then, the phone that she had put aside rang.

She looked at it and saw that Wen Xiao was calling.

"Hello."

She answered the call, lowering her voice slightly with a hint of coldness in it.

Wen Xiao was momentarily stunned before he smiled and said, "What's the matter? Who was it that was capable enough to provoke you?"

Shen Li's personality was cold and reserved, and she generally did not show her emotions on her face. It was actually very difficult for an ordinary person to cause her to have such an obvious emotional fluctuation.

That was why Wen Xiao felt that it was strange.

“It’s nothing.”

There was still a hint of irritation in Shen Li’s eyes.

“I just discovered some information about something. It’s bad luck.”

Wen Xiao was lost for words.

Was she really angry?

He jokingly said, “The last time you were this angry, I believe it was because of Saint?”

Shen Li suddenly quieted down.

The atmosphere froze.

Wen Xiao also realized something and said in disbelief, “... It can’t be, right? It’s still... But now, other than the relationship between a creditor and a debtor, there shouldn’t be any other connections. Why did he recruit you all of a sudden?”

Besides, they were not in Leland.

Shen Li was expressionless

“I know that I still owe him money, so you don’t have to remind me again and again.”

Wen Xiao coughed.

“I’m just mentioning it... But what’s going on with you today?”

Shen Li was silent for a long time before she said, “Do you remember how I paid off my second debt last year?”

“Yes, I remember. Didn’t you win money betting on horses in Hong Kong City?”

Wen Xiao shook the lighter and took a cigarette case out of her pocket. He placed a cigarette between his lips and lit it.

Shen Li owed a huge amount of debt in Leland and had been paying it off in installments.

Her most important source of income had been selling paintings and underground car racing.

Logically speaking, she had earned quite a lot, but she owed even more. It had still not been enough to scrape everything together.

Originally, Wen Xiao had thought that she would default on the payment, but in the end, she had managed to turn the tables during her trip to Hong Kong City.

However—

“The money you earned back then was basically used to pay off your debts, right? So, there should only be a small amount left?”

Wen Xiao took a deep breath.

Shen Li said, “At that time, there was someone who earned more than me.”

Wen Xiao coughed violently.

“Cough Cough Cough Cough Cough! What– What did you– cough– say?!”

Shen Li continued.

“That person was Saint.”

Her tone was extremely calm, but when Wen Xiao heard it, he felt a chill run down his spine.

He finally managed to ease his cough, feeling completely shocked.

“It really was Saint? Are you sure?!”

“The membership information of the Jockey Club is in my hands right now.”

“...”

That’s right. Dutian Racecourse belonged to her now, so naturally, she had the right to look into it.

But this was too–

Wen Xiao came back to his senses.

“In that case, not only did the person swallow the prize money that you worked so hard to win, but he also earned more than you?”

The only thing that came from the other end of the phone was dead silence.

For some reason, Wen Xiao felt that although he was only on a phone call and could not see the other person, he still felt a trace of danger.

“Cough.”

Wen Xiao coughed dryly,

“Actually... It’s not the first time you’ve lost to someone, right? Besides, this time, at least they didn’t trick you again and make you pay the debt again. You said—”

Click.

Shen Li immediately ended the call.

Chapter 987: Don’t Try to Lie to the Doctor

Wen Xiao quickly called again.

Shen Li frowned slightly. She then remembered that he had called her today because he had something to ask of her.

However, she had been too busy talking about Saint just now.

Sure enough, nothing ever went smoothly whenever it came to this name.

Shen Li exhaled lightly and answered the call.

“Little ancestor, you’d better not be angry with Saint for now.” Wen Xiao exhaled deeply and said with a complicated tone, “There’s something even worse.”

Hearing him say this, Shen Li suddenly felt uneasy.

“What is it?”

Wen Xiao was quiet for a few seconds, as if he was considering how to tell her the news.

After repeatedly thinking it over, he realized that there was no solution to this problem.

Thus, he could only accept his fate and spread his hands.

“The results of the draw for the venue of this year’s World Championship are out.”

The venue of the previous World Championship had been selected from five major cities.

The specific choice had been decided by the organizing committee three months before the competition.

She had actually forgotten that today was the day that the venue for the competition would be selected.

That ominous premonition became even stronger.

Shen Li almost subconsciously held her breath.

“Where will it be held?”

Wen Xiao paused.

“Leland.”

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Shen Li did not speak for a long time.

In fact, when Wen Xiao had mentioned this matter to her, she had already sensed that something was wrong from the tone of his voice.

It was not that she had not thought about this result, but when she really heard it for herself, her heart still skipped a beat.

Leland...

They had actually happened to draw Leland...

Leland naturally had the qualifications to be listed as one of the top five venues.

The second largest professional racing venue in the world was there, and there were many talented drivers there as well. Leland had been the champion in the last World Championship, and their team was also one of the top teams in the world.

However, Shen Li really had not expected that with a one-in-five chance, they would have actually picked Leland.

Before Ron's accident, she had never considered becoming a real professional racer.

In that rally, she had taken Ron's place for Ji Shu and LY's sakes.

Later, LY had won the championship and had automatically become the team that would represent China.

She had no reason to suddenly quit.

Moreover, on the day of the championship, Ji Shu had looked back and given her a thumbs up. His smile had been unbridled. On the stands, countless spectators cheered and shouted enthusiastically, even though they were far away, they could still clearly feel the gaze coming from Wen Xiao behind them...

The moment she had taken off her helmet, the breeze carried away all the heat and ignited all the emotions in her heart.

How could she not be moved by each scene?

That was why she had continued to stay at LY to take on the role of captain in Ron's place.

She had too many reasons to continue moving up.

However, she had overlooked one thing.

She had not expected that the competition venue would be at Leland.

Wen Xiao was clearly troubled by this matter as well.

"The results of the draw have come out. There's no possibility of changing it."

Hence, after he received the news, he had immediately given Shen Li a call.

This was really difficult to handle.

"Now, unless you withdraw from the competition of your own initiative, you must go to Leland."

Wen Xiao took another puff of his cigarette and frowned. When he spoke, his voice had lowered and there was a seriousness in it that was rare.

“Regarding this matter, you... need to think about it carefully.”

Shen Li fell silent.

Time seemed to be particularly difficult at this moment.

After a while, Wen Xiao added, “Actually, you don’t have to give me an answer right now. There are still three months before the competition. You can take the test—”

“I’ll go.”

Shen Li suddenly spoke and interrupted him.

Wen Xiao was stunned.

“Are you sure?”

“Yes.”

Shen Li’s tone was calm.

Of course, she could choose to withdraw from the race. In the whole of LY, no one could force her to go onto the field.

The World Championship was the highest standard race in the racing circle. Countless racers had put in countless efforts, yet they might not even be qualified enough to go onto the field.

However, if they did not want to compete, it could not be any simpler.

There were many reasons, and injuries were the most direct ones.

But if she did not go, LY's chances of winning the championship would be greatly reduced.

Ron's surgery had been very successful. He had been discharged from the hospital some time ago, and his body was recovering very well.

However, there was still a long way to go before he could compete again.

With just Ji Shu alone, the hope was too slim.

Even with Wen Xiao leading the team now, it was the same.

After all, it was a world-class professional competition, and the competition was extremely fierce.

"Ah Li."

Wen Xiao called her name.

"Actually, the competition and honor are not that important."

Shen Li shook her head.

"But Ji Shu, you, and LY are very important to me."

This time, it was Wen Xiao's turn to be silent.

Shen Li lowered her eyes slightly, as if she was thinking about something, and seemed somewhat lost in thought.

“Also, I really want to go there to see the place again.”

Her tone was very calm and indifferent, but for some reason, Wen Xiao felt that her words seemed to contain a lot of emotion.

After a long time, he finally let out a long breath, put out the cigarette, and said somewhat irritably, “I got it.”

“There’s still some time before the competition, so you can make more preparations. Also, if you regret it, feel free to say so.”

Shen Li’s lips curved.

“Thank you, Uncle Wen.”

Wen Xiao did not say anything else and immediately ended the call.

Shen Li put down her phone and quietly sat for a while. Then, she got up and went to the studio.

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Elsewhere, Lu Huaiyu went with Gu Tinglan to his private clinic.

Gu Tinglan looked at the time.

“How long do you usually sleep in the afternoon?”

Lu Huaiyu sat opposite him with his long legs crossed. He smiled when he heard that.

“Actually, there’s no need for me to force myself to sleep anymore.”

Gu Tinglan looked into his eyes. His voice remained gentle and calm.

“Lu Huaiyu, you’re a patient. Don’t try to lie to the doctor.”

Chapter 988: Lu Huaiyu’s Answer

Lu Huaiyu smiled.

“There’s no need for me to lie about such things.”

The man’s tone of voice was as languid as ever.

Gu Tinglan stared into his eyes for a moment and said, “Alright, then let me put it another way. Without Ah Li’s company, if you don’t go to sleep in the afternoon and you remain awake, what are the chances that you won’t have any hallucinations?”

The smile on Lu Huaiyu’s lips faded, and the look in his phoenix-like eyes deepened.

Gu Tinglan continued.

“Let me guess, 30%? 10%? Or... even lower?”

Lu Huaiyu looked at him quietly. There seemed to be a thin layer of frost between his brows, bringing with it a cold chill.

The room was silent.

The afternoon sunlight was just right. The bright light shone in through the shutters, and the fine dust dancing in the air could be clearly seen.

A ray of light fell on Lu Huaiyu's face, causing his three-dimensional features to sink into the interweaving of light and shadow. It was clear and clean, but there was a thick and dark color in the depths of his eyes that could not be dissolved.

It was as if even the light could not approach or melt it, leaving only an ice-cold coldness that could not be touched.

He did not speak. This was his answer.

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On Tuesday morning, after Shen Li finished her first class, she took a taxi to Shengguang Media's headquarters.

She called Zhao Xuan. It rang a few times before the other person picked up.

"Director Shen."

As soon as the call was connected, Shen Li heard a commotion coming from his side. She vaguely heard someone cursing loudly.

She frowned slightly.

"What's the situation on your side?"

Zhao Xuan explained, "Director Shen, the car in front of me was just in an accident."

Shen Li said in a focused voice, "How are you?"

"I'm fine. It's just that the collision between the two cars is very bad. The entire road has been blocked. Everyone is waiting for the traffic police and the tow truck. I might be half an hour late."

"It's alright. Take care of yourself."

"Thank you, Director Shen."

After confirming that Zhao Xuan was fine, Shen Li hung up.

Fifteen minutes later, she arrived at the Shengguang Media headquarters.

Since Zhao Xuan had not arrived yet, she sat in her office and read the documents.

Twenty minutes later, she finished the last document and put it aside.

In her spare time, she thought of Zhao Xuan and opened Weibo to search for the street where the car accident had happened.

Then, several real-time Weibo posts appeared on the page. They were all about the car accident, and there was a lot of discussion about it.

Of course, a normal car accident would not end there. Shen Li swiped down and quickly found out the reason.

The two cars that had crashed into each other in this car accident were both luxury cars worth millions.

Someone had taken a photo, and it could be seen that the two cars had been deformed by the huge impact.

It was obvious that the car was no longer of any value, because even if it was repaired, the cost would be enough to buy another car.

No wonder the onlookers were so concerned about this.

Knock, knock.

Shen Li looked up. "Come in."

Zhao Xuan walked in.

It was obvious that he had come in a hurry.

"Director Shen, I'm really sorry."

Zhao Xuan looked apologetic.

It was rare for Shen Li to come, yet he had been late.

"It's okay. Sit down."

Shen Li was unconcerned about this. After all, Zhao Xuan was not at fault.

Zhao Xuan sat down in the chair opposite her. He glanced at her out of the corner of his eye and was a little surprised.

"Are you looking at..."

Shen Li nodded.

“I’m just looking around. I didn’t expect that there would be so many people discussing the matter.”

Zhao Xuan nodded.

“After all, both of these cars are quite expensive. And speaking of which, I know the owner of one of them.”

Shen Li was a little surprised.

“You know him?”

Zhao Xuan raised his finger and pointed.

“The one wearing a white short-sleeved shirt with a tattoo on his arm is Xiang Yao. I’ve seen him twice at a wine party before. I know who he is, but I’m not really acquainted with him.”

Shen Li understood and looked at Weibo again.

“This person seems to have quite a temper?”

Someone had posted a short video. Xiang Yao seemed to be the one who was in the wrong, but his attitude remained very arrogant and he was ranting away.

“Yes, I was there today. I wasn’t far away, and he...” Zhao Xuan paused. “Actually, he wasn’t like this before.

“His family is also in business, but only on an average scale. At most, he’s just a small driver. I saw him post this car on his WeChat moments before. It seems that he only mentioned it barely a month ago. It’s

a pity that it was destroyed today, but he didn't seem to be feeling much heartache. Moreover, he must have known that he would have to compensate the other party, yet he still scolded them very badly."

It was obvious that he was not short of money.

However, with Xiang Yao's family background, it was not enough to support him in this manner.

"I don't know where he got his confidence from."

Zhao Xuan shook his head before he suddenly thought of something,

"Oh right, Presiden Shen, you might not know this, but he actually used to spend a lot of time with Yu Cheng in the past."

The grudge between Yu Cheng and LY was known to the entire Internet.

That was why Zhao Xuan mentioned it.

Shen Li raised her eyebrows.

"Yu Cheng?"

"Yes. Previously, he was trying to curry favor with Yu Cheng. After Yu Cheng was caught, even if he wasn't implicated, he shouldn't be..."

Zhao Xuan did not say the rest, but Shen Li understood what he meant.

Based on Yu Cheng's current situation, everyone who had ever been involved with him was probably in danger.

However, Xiang Yao was behaving extremely ostentatiously.

This was indeed not right.

Shen Li thought for a while and quickly put this matter behind her.

“Let’s forget about that. Let’s talk about how “Chasing the Light” is progressing.”

Zhao Xuan handed over a set of materials.

“The budget for “Chasing the Light” may be going over. Take a look—”

Shen Li flipped through it and handed it back.

“Then we’ll increase the investment.”

The investment for this film was not big. Even if it was over, it would not be too much. There was nothing to hesitate about.

Zhao Xuan was not surprised by her decision. After all, from the very beginning, he knew very well that Shen Li had high hopes for this film.

“Yes, President Shen.”

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Shen Li only stayed at Shengguang Media for an hour before she got up and left.

Zhao Xuan had originally planned to send her off, but she declined politely.

Hence, Shen Li took the elevator downstairs alone.

There were several companies in this high-class office building, and Shengguang Media was not considered very big in this place.

Of course, the profit margin was definitely the best among them though.

The elevator went down and soon reached the first floor.

The elevator door opened. Shen Li looked up and saw a young man.

He was on the phone and looked a little familiar.

Shen Li walked out of the elevator. The moment she brushed past him, Shen Li heard his voice.

“Second Miss Yu.”

Shen Li stopped in her tracks.

She remembered that this person was Xiang Yao!

And this “Second Miss Yu” ...

Xiang Yao walked into the elevator with his back to Shen Li. At the moment, he was the only one in the elevator. In addition, he was in an extremely bad mood, so he felt no scruples about showing it.

He sneered and said in a nasty tone, “Aren’t you being a little too mean?”

Shen Li's eyebrows twitched slightly.

Then, she pressed the brim of her hat down before turning back to look.

The elevator door was closed, and Xiang Yao's figure was now completely covered.

No one knew what he said again.

Shen Li narrowed her eyes slightly.

Chapter 989: The Bottomless Pit

According to Zhao Xuan, Xiang Yao had a pretty good family background, but that was only when compared to the average person. In reality, he was a part of the nouveau riche and could not be considered as being part of a truly wealthy family.

Previously, he had been a part of Yu Cheng's entourage. After Yu Cheng's accident, Xiang Yao had quickly cut off all contact with him.

This was actually normal. After all, Yu Cheng was now in trouble with whoever he had been involved with. It was not just Zhao Xuan who was in trouble. The friends who had been by Yu Cheng's side in the past had almost all dispersed.

Everyone wished they could get as far away from Yu Cheng as possible.

However, was Xiang Yao still in contact with Yu Yu?

Obviously unlikely that he was maintaining contact with the Yu family because he was worried about Yu Cheng.

Moreover, the tone in which he spoke to Yu Yu had also been very subtle.

No matter what, Yu Yu was still the second miss of the Yu family. How could Xiang Yao dare to speak to her in such an impatient and even mocking tone?

What he had said before entering the elevator was also very interesting.

Second Miss Yu, aren't you being a little too unkind?

Shen Li stared at the elevator door for a few seconds, deep in thought.

She took out her phone and called Zhao Xuan again.

Zhao Xuan was a little surprised. Could it be that there were other matters that he had not finished settling?

"Director Shen?"

Shen Li asked, "Previously, you said that Xiang Yao had been acquainted with Yu Cheng. What was their relationship like?"

Although Zhao Xuan did not know why she had suddenly called to ask this question, he still answered immediately.

"Actually, it was just average. There were many people like him who was always around Yu Cheng. All of them tried to flatter and curry favor with Yu Cheng. Xiang Yao was just one of them. After all, they were not of the same social class. Yu Cheng would not really treat them as friends."

Yu Cheng was arrogant and domineering. He looked down on everyone. To put it bluntly, people like Xiang Yao were no different from dogs in his eyes.

When he was happy, he might even give him a good look. If he was unhappy, he would humiliate him greatly.

“Got it. Oh right, please send me a copy of Xiang Yao and his family’s background later.”

Zhao Xuan did not understand why, but he did not ask any further questions.

“Yes, President Shen.”

Shen Li hung up the phone.

To Yu Cheng, people like Xiang Yao did not have much value. He merely enjoyed the flattery of these people.

If Yu Cheng did not care about such a person, the Yu family would naturally not take him seriously.

Then, the confidence that Xiang Yao had while in conversation with Yu Yu... was really interesting...

Shen Li collected her thoughts and turned around to leave.

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Haicheng, Yu Media.

Yu Yu locked her office door and after making sure that no one would suddenly come in, she said coldly, “I don’t understand what you’re saying.”

On the other end of the phone, Xiang Yao laughed, but there was no smile on his face.

“The news has already come out. Haven’t you read it?”

Considering that they weren't in their own homes and there were surveillance cameras in the elevator, Xiang Yao did not explain further,

"I crashed into someone this morning and the car I just picked up was scrapped just like that. Fortunately, the person is fine. I just need to compensate the person's car."

Yu Yu was so angry that the hand that she was using to hold her phone began to tremble slightly.

Xiang Yao's meaning was very clear: he wanted money!

He needed her to pay for his scrapped new car as well as the money he needed to compensate the person!

She had just given him a sum of money to keep his mouth shut not long ago. It had only been a short while yet here he was already asking for more!

Moreover, each time he asked for more, the amount he asked for would increase!

She was rich, but she could not stop him from sucking her blood again and again!

"I've already given you all the money I have on hand now. Now that you're looking for me, I won't be able to take any money out either," Yu Yu said coldly.

Her words were not entirely false.

Ever since Yu Cheng's incident, she had suffered a few setbacks and her position in the Yu family was no longer the same as before.

It was impossible for her to obtain a large amount of cash from the Yu family without any reason.

She had originally earned quite a lot of personal assets over the past few years.

However, after YU had collapsed, the money had been used to compensate for the liquidated damages

Her own life was already hard enough. How could she withstand Xiang Yao trying to squeeze blood out her?

However, these were not things that Xiang Yao needed to consider.

“Stop joking around,” he scoffed.

The Yu family was one of Haicheng’s richest families. They were well-established and Yu Yu was one of the best in her generation. She had taken charge of Yu Media at such a young age.

Who would believe her if she said that she did not have money?

How much were these two cars worth? To the Yu family, they were just a drop in the bucket.

With a ding, the elevator door opened.

There were a few people waiting for the elevator outside.

Xiang Yao said, “I’m here. It’s settled then. I’m hanging up now.”

Yu Yu was anxious.

“Wait! You—”

Toot—

The call was ended.

Yu Yu felt as if something was stuck in her chest and her chest began to heave up and down.

She raised her hand as if he wanted to throw the phone away. However, when she thought about how the people outside might hear her, she endured it.

Who was Xiang Yao? Back then, he had just been a dog by Yu Cheng's side! He did not even deserve to talk to her!

Now that he had something on her, he had started extorting her without any restraint!

The tone of his earlier had been fearless and without any fear. Even though he had caused such a big deal, his tone was still so relaxed.

He had already planned to take the money from her!

However, if she did not give it to him, he would definitely expose everything.

After all, compared to her, he had nothing to be afraid of.

She had been the mastermind. Even if the Yu family wanted to pursue this matter, she would be the first to bear the brunt of it!

If that happened, it was hard to say if she would be able to survive, let alone be able to get a share of the family assets.

Thinking of this, Yu Yu took a deep breath and forcefully ordered herself to calm down.

It was useless to be angry. It was useless to be angry.

Right now, Yu Cheng's case had not been closed yet. Everyone in the Yu family was highly sensitive, especially Old Master Yu.

If he were to find out that Yu Cheng's drug use was related to her...

Her fate would definitely be much worse than Yu Cheng's!

Yu Yu walked over to the sofa and sat down. It was as if there was a taut string in her mind. She was extremely exhausted and her emotions were on the verge of exploding.

She sat there for a long time before she finally managed to calm down the anger and resentment in her heart.

Her gaze was cold as she stared at the phone in front of her.

Every time Xiang Yao called, she knew that nothing good would happen. Every time she heard her phone ring, her heart would skip a beat and she would feel a chill up her spine.

She could not keep going on like this...

After the first time, there would always be a second time and a third time, and so on.

Xiang Yao was a bottomless pit. No matter how much money she gave him, it would not be enough to shut him up.

She had to think of another way.

But before she could think of a way to deal with Xiang Yao, she had to lie to him.

At the very least, she had to give Xiang Yao the money that he had asked for.

However, this matter was also very troublesome.

After all, she still had to rely on the Yu family. At the very least, she had to improve her standing in the Yu family.

She adjusted her breathing and made a phone call.

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As soon as the first call was connected, it was just as quickly rejected.

Yu Yu frowned and made a second call, but it was rejected again.

She hesitated for a moment before calling the third call.

This time, the other party finally picked up. The tone of his voice was extremely impatient.

“What’s the matter?”

Yu Yu choked on her words, but she still tried her best to make her voice sound calm and polite.

“Miss Xu, about what happened previously, I wonder what the situation is like on your side?”

Previously, Xu Yini had said that Lu Zheng and his wife would be coming back and she could start from there. However, even after so long, there had still been no news.

Yu Yu had not wanted to make this call, but she wanted to help Yu Cheng. There was no faster and more convenient way than to ask the Lu family for help.

Of course, she would not be the one who would be doing the begging, it would be Xu Yini.

Today, Xiang Yao had forced her to such an extent that she really had no choice but to urge Xu Yini.

Only by showing that she had indeed helped Yu Cheng would the attitude of the Yu family towards her improve. At that time, the matter of money would naturally be easier to settle.

However, Yu Yu had not expected that the moment she said this, Xu Yini's tone of voice became even worse.

"What the situation is like? How else could it be?"

Yu Yu's heart sank.

"Could it be that... it didn't work out? But didn't you say that you were going to invite Madam Lu—"

It would have been better if she had not mentioned it. However, the moment she mentioned it, Xu Yini felt extremely regretful and annoyed.

She had always thought that Fang Yunyi liked her. Who would have known that upon Fang Yunyi's return, she would behave extremely cold and distant towards her? Instead, she had protected Shen Li in every way possible.

It had clearly been the first time they met, yet Fang Yunyi had still stood up for Shen Li without hesitation.

While she had been painstakingly picking out rubies for Fang Yunyi and preparing gifts for her, Fang Yunyi had already made a few purchases, just so that Shen Li could choose the one she liked the most.

In this regard, money was secondary. The most important thing was the sincerity of the intention.

Fang Yunyi was a wife of the Lu family, with a distinguished status. There were too many people who wanted to please her. Even Xu Yini was just one of them.

However, Shen Li was different.

From the start, the way she was treated had been different.

After all, with Fang Yunyi's personality, if she did not like someone, she just did not like them. Even if Lu Huaiyu liked that person, if she did not approve of them, she would still never change her mind.

Fang Yunyi did indeed treat Shen Li favorably.

In comparison, Xu Yini felt that she was the butt of a joke.

After she had returned home, she had thrown a tantrum and had not gone out for a few days.

Every time she thought of this matter, her face would ache.

Now that she had finally managed to put it out of her mind, Yu Yu had called again!

Of course, Xu Yini would never tell Yu Yu the truth.

She sneered.

"Yu Yu, don't tell me that you don't know how serious Yu Cheng's crime is? Do you know how much trouble he has caused me just by speaking up for you?"

Yu Yu's frown deepened.

At that time, Xu Yini had been the one who had taken charge of everything. She had said that she would take this opportunity to plead with the Lu family. Why was she blaming them now?

She suppressed the anger in her heart and said, "But back then, we clearly agreed—"

"Saying it is one thing, but doing it is another," Xu Yini forcefully interrupted her, "At the end of the day, Yu Cheng is still extremely guilty! Even if anyone wants to save him, he has to give others the chance to do so, right?"

Yu Yu's heart completely sank to the bottom.

"So, are you saying that you're not willing to help?"

"Yu Yu, your words are too funny. Are you saying I didn't help?" Xu Yini was so angry that she wanted to laugh. "If this is the attitude that you have, then you don't need to contact me anymore."

She was already extremely annoyed, but when she heard Yu Yu Yu's words, she exploded.

"In the future, don't bother me with any matters about your Yu family!"

After saying that, Xu Yini hung up the phone without waiting for Yu Yu to reply.

The office went dead silent.

Yu Yu endured it for a while, her face having turned red and white.

She picked up the cup that was on the table and slammed it onto the floor!

Bang!

The glass shattered into pieces in an instant.

As expected, this sound alerted the people outside, and the assistant rushed over to knock on the door.

“President Yu? President Yu? What happened?”

Yu Yu closed her eyes. She managed to compose herself with much difficulty and walked over to open the door.

She raised her finger and pointed inside.

“I accidentally broke the cup. Get someone to clean it up.”

The assistant quickly sized up her expression. He had a bad feeling, but Yu Yu had already turned around and walked back into the room. The assistant could only say, “Yes, President Yu.”

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Shen Li returned home.

Shen Zhijin had gone away on a business trip a few days ago, so she was the only one left at home at the moment.

After a simple lunch, Shen Li went into her art studio again.

She stayed there for a few hours.

Only when the sun was setting and the clouds in the sky had been dyed a warm orange did she put down her brush.

She stood up and massaged her somewhat stiff neck. She walked to the side to pick up her phone.

Only at this time did she see that she had gotten a missed call from Cheng Xiyue on the phone, as well as a few unread messages that he had sent.

[Sister Ah Li, I just called you but you didn't pick up. I'm in the Capital. Would you like to get together tonight?]

[Sister Ah Li, please remember to reply when you see the message.]

Shen Li took a look. His call had been an hour ago. It was already six o'clock.

She immediately dialed back, and the other side picked up very quickly.

"Sister Ah Li?"

Cheng Xiyue's tone was the same as usual and seemed to carry a teasing smile.

"What have you been busy with? Did you only see this message after so long?"

Shen Li explained, "Brother Xiyue, I was painting in the art studio this afternoon, and my phone was muted, so I didn't hear the notification."

Cheng Xiyue understood.

"So that's what happened. It's fine, it's fine, it's still not too late at this time. Would you like to come out to eat? Oh yes, Lu Er should come along too."

Shen Li said, "Okay."

Cheng Xiyue said with a smile, "Alright, then we'll come and pick you up."

After saying that, he hung up the phone.

"What do you think? Didn't I say that little sister Ah Li still misses me?"

Cheng Xiyue turned the steering wheel and turned the direction to Skyleaf City. After that, he turned his head and glanced at Lu Huaiyu, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, and raised his eyebrows smugly.

Lu Huaiyu's expression was indifferent and could not be bothered to pay attention to him.

"Oh right, did you hear? The young master of the Wu family won this number in a bet he made overseas, a few days ago."

Cheng Xiyue stretched out three fingers.

"Although it can't be compared to you back then, it can still be considered quite amazing."

Lu Huaiyu was still unperturbed.

Cheng Xiyue clicked his tongue.

"But speaking of which, it seems that you have not played in a long time?"

This time, Lu Huaiyu finally opened his mouth.

"It's meaningless," he said indifferently.

Cheng Xiyue was astonished. "Winning money is meaningless? At that time, you were in Leland—"

Lu Huaiyu leaned back in his seat, his posture leisurely and languid.

“I mean, it’s meaningless to always win money.”

Cheng Xiyue was at a loss for words.

Right now, he was really regretting his decision to take this person out to eat.

Not knowing what he was thinking of, Lu Huaiyu’s thin lips twitched slightly, and the corners of his eyes were tinged with some interest.

“It’s people who are interesting.”