

Little Sweet 1061

Chapter 1061: Such an awful friend

“Pfff—” Fei Yang spat out the water he was drinking. “What are you saying?”

Luo Chen also looked at Han Xianyu in shock.

Even Ye Wanwan was surprised.

If the subject of this piece of gossip was “Gong Xu” instead, she could understand it since that was incredibly normal.

However, Han Xianyu?

Han Xianyu’s new relationship, exposed?

If she had to list male celebrities with the cleanest record in the entertainment industry, Han Xianyu would definitely be one of them.

He only had one girlfriend since he started his career and didn’t waver at all. They broke up because the girl cheated on him with some wealthy businessman.

Even so, Han Xianyu never said anything negative about her in any public settings.

It was the girl who deliberately said misleading things after Han Xianyu’s scandal to freeload off his fame. She misguided the public into thinking Han Xianyu was a pedophile and nearly caused Han Xianyu to meet his demise...

Ever since then, there hadn’t been any romance-related news published about Han Xianyu and he even distanced himself from any romance-related rumors.

Just which female celebrity managed to be implicated in a relationship rumor with Han Xianyu?

With that thought in mind, Ye Wanwan’s interest was piqued and she quickly clicked the entertainment article Gong Xu posted in the group chat.

However, Ye Wanwan saw a very clear photo of the backs of a man and a woman under the headlines on the front page.

The man was Han Xianyu and the woman was actually... actually herself?!

Ye Wanwan nearly choked on her own spit.

Sh*t! Wasn’t this from the day she ran into Han Xianyu at the shopping center?

When did someone take a photo of them without them knowing?

Ye Wanwan kept scrolling down. Thankfully, the photographer didn’t get any photos from the front and only got their backs and a few profile shots.

Then she rapidly skimmed the contents of the article. It turned out the photo was leaked from a fan of Han Xianyu. A fan managed to recognize Han Xianyu based on his back and the clothes he was wearing, so she took these photos when she saw Han Xianyu shopping with a girl...

Gong Xu accused him heatedly: "Brother Xianyu, you're such an awful friend! How could you deceive us after getting into a relationship?!"

Han Xianyu rubbed his temples and reflexively glanced at Ye Wanwan, an exasperated expression appearing on his face.

He never would've expected someone to take a photo of them that day.

This was too big of a blunder...

"Brother Xianyu, tell me honestly! Who is that girl? Liu Yinyin? Fu Xue? Chen Xiaochu? Could it be... D*mn! Could it be Qiao Kexin?"

The corners of Han Xianyu's lips twitched. "..."

Tell him the truth?

Could I possibly say the girl in the picture is my good brother, Ye Bai, who's sitting with us?

Ye Wanwan also had a throbbing headache. She considered every possibility but never would've expected herself to dig her grave there.

It'd probably be useless even if I crippled my knees from kneeling on a washboard...

Han Xianyu looked at the wildly invigorated Gong Xu. "Don't make wild guesses. It's not what you think."

Gong Xu's eyes brightened. "Then what is it? What is it, what is it, what is it? Tell me!"

Fei Yang looked sullen. "How should we respond?"

Xianyu refused to tell him the identity of the girl and her relationship to him, so he was in a panic himself!

"Brother Yang, could it be that you also didn't know about this?" As soon as Gong Xu heard that, he became even more astonished. Luo Chen also expressed his curiosity, a rare occasion.

With Fei Yang's abilities, if he knew who that girl was and her relationship to Han Xianyu, he could immediately make the most suitable response statement. However, Fei Yang was hesitant, which meant he probably also hadn't known about this article.

Chapter 1062: The instinct of a wild animal

Han Xianyu calmly said, "Answer with the truth and say we're platonic friends."

Ye Wanwan nodded in approval. "The media will just go crazy for a few days and won't find any new information. The furor will pass in a week at most."

Gong Xu immediately asked, "What if they do find new information?"

Ye Wanwan rolled her eyes at him. "Then I'd like to see which media outlet has the capability to dig out this information!"

This is freaking me in my female clothes, alright? Where could they find me?

Han Xianyu lightly coughed. "*Cough*", what Ye Bai means is that we're really platonic friends, so there isn't anything interesting to find."

When Gong Xu heard that, disappointment filled his face. "What? You're really only platonic friends? How boring..."

As Gong Xu pressed for more information, he diligently flipped through the related gossip. Suddenly, a photo in one of the gossip articles caught his attention, and his voice abruptly halted. Even his expression changed.

"This is..." Gong Xu shot up.

Ye Wanwan detected something wrong with Gong Xu's expression, and her heart skipped a beat.

"Little Candied Plum! This is my Little Candied Plum!" Gong Xu exclaimed in shock as he fervently stared at one of the profile shots. Then he swiftly pounced on Han Xianyu. "Han Xianyu! What the hell is going on?! Why were you with my Little Candied Plum? You know Little Candied Plum?"

Ye Wanwan was utterly shocked.

What kind of eyes did Gong Xu have? They were merely photos of her back and profile! Even her actual brother, Ye Mufan, didn't recognize her from the photos, so how in the world did he recognize her?

Han Xianyu was evidently surprised as well and subconsciously looked at Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her temples and said, "Gong Xu, calm down. Don't jump to conclusions from such limited evidence! How can you recognize someone from a back photo?"

Gong Xu: "My instincts!"

Ye Wanwan: "..."

He truly had the instincts of a wild animal!

Ye Wanwan: "If it's Little Candied Plum, wouldn't I be able to recognize her?"

When he heard that, Gong Xu was at a loss for words...

After all, Ye Bai was Little Candied Plum's brother. Since he said it wasn't her...

"It really isn't?" Gong Xu remained suspicious.

"It isn't!" Ye Wanwan replied with conviction.

Gong Xu: "..."

Ye Wanwan sighed with relief. Thankfully, Gong Xu was easy to deceive.

Gong Xu pitifully begged, "Brother Ye, considering how my mind has gone unhinged from longing for Little Candied Plum so much, can't you let me see her just once?"

Ye Wanwan glanced at Gong Xu. "I can."

Gong Xu was startled briefly before disbelief filled his face. "Brother Ye, are you for real?"

Ye Wanwan nodded. "If you can get Best Actor at the Golden Orchid Awards, I'll let you see her."

When Han Xianyu heard that, he reflexively glanced at Ye Wanwan.

Gong Xu instantly shot off like an arrow toward Ye Wanwan in joy. "Oh! Brother Ye, I love you too much..."

Gong Xu was about to pounce onto Ye Wanwan.

Ye Mufan had already established a habit of watching Gong Xu carefully, so when he saw that, he quietly cursed and hurried to block Gong Xu.

However, he didn't expect someone to act faster than him.

Han Xianyu had already extended his arm to block Gong Xu.

"Eh? Brother Xianyu, what are you doing?" Gong Xu was very displeased.

Han Xianyu said with a faint smile, "It's nothing. I just wanted to ask you where you had your hair done today."

"Oh, hahaha. Isn't it especially handsome? Let me tell you, in order to set an appointment with that hairstylist, I had my assistant ask him three months in advance. It's that..."

Gong Xu's attention was instantly deterred, and he started talking non-stop about his new hairstyle. He didn't notice how strange Han Xianyu's change of topic was at all.

Ye Wanwan rubbed her forehead, speechless...

It appeared that being forgetful was a good thing too...

Chapter 1063: Then you're super awesome

After the meeting ended, Ye Mufan pulled Ye Wanwan to the side to talk.

Ye Mufan: "Right, Wanwan, there's something..."

Ye Wanwan: "What is it?"

Ye Mufan said, "About Han Xianyu's scandal, you should find a time and talk to him about it. I feel like there's something off with his behavior today. If he hid something from us and doesn't have a platonic friendship with that woman, we might get into some trouble..."

When Ye Wanwan heard this, her lips twitched. "Don't worry. He's hiding something from us, but it really isn't what you think it is. They're just friends."

Ye Mufan: "How do you know?"

After all, it was too common for celebrities to hide their relationships from their agencies, so they couldn't say that with certainty no matter how amicable their relationship was.

Ye Wanwan: "Because the woman in that photo is me, your sister..."

"Huh?" Ye Mufan was completely dumbfounded, and he took half a day to react. He emotionally asked, "Wait... you're saying your identity got exposed?!"

Ye Wanwan had no choice but to explain the entire matter.

Realization dawned on Ye Mufan. "No wonder... no wonder Han Xianyu blocked Gong Xu faster than me today! I have to say, Han Xianyu is truly a good person..."

Ye Mufan suddenly remembered something and quickly asked, "He didn't react after learning about this?"

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "How could he not react? However, the good thing is that Han Xianyu has a calmer personality than the other two. If it were either of them instead, the outcome would be more unpredictable..."

Ye Wanwan then suspiciously asked, "Why aren't you asking me about what I promised Gong Xu earlier?"

She told Ye Mufan the story behind "Little Candied Plum," so Ye Mufan knew she was the one Gong Xu had been searching for and kept a tight guard against Gong Xu.

She promised Gong Xu in the meeting today that she would let him see Little Candied Plum if he got the Best Actor award, but Ye Mufan didn't seem to have any qualms about that.

"Ask what? It's not like Gong Xu can get Best Actor anyway!" Ye Mufan looked as if that went without saying.

Ye Wanwan: "..."

Ah, so that's what he was thinking...

In reality, she thought Gong Xu's potential was quite high. If he worked hard this time, she did really plan on fulfilling his wishes since she wanted to find a suitable opportunity to tell him the truth regardless.

"Oh, right. Wanwan, the date of Ye Yiyi and Gu Yueze's engagement banquet has been set. Grandfather and Grandmother want our parents and us to attend," Ye Mufan didn't look too pleased when he said that. "If you don't want to go, I can let them know. You don't need to go."

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "I'm going. It's a good opportunity to improve Grandfather and Grandmother's opinions of me, so why wouldn't I go? Since Grandfather and Grandmother are allowing Father and Mother to go as well, it means they're softening their stance toward our parents. It's a good sign."

Ye Mufan knitted his brows. "It's the engagement banquet of two pieces of scum. Won't you feel disgusted when you go?"

Ye Wanwan smiled. "Disgusted? Who knows who the disgusted one will be?"

Then Ye Wanwan glanced at Ye Mufan. "The second branch probably can't hold back anymore and is anxious to attack... You haven't caused any trouble outside lately, right?"

She was afraid they would get some dirt on Ye Mufan again. Everything they had done would be ruined if that was the case.

Ye Mufan immediately protested indignantly, "Hey hey hey, is your brother like that? You already warned me, so how would I dare to cause any trouble?! Last time, a woman threw herself at me and got into my car naked, but I didn't even get in, alright?!"

Ye Wanwan's lips twitched. "So good of you..."

Ye Mufan: "I have been since the beginning!"

Chapter 1064: Return without any success

At the old residence of the Ye family:

Ye Yiyi sat in front of the dressing table and was leisurely looking through the sparkling pieces of jewelry on the table's surface.

Liang Meixuan stood by the side with a big grin. "Yiyi, what Mom chose for you is perfect. You should wear this necklace for the engagement banquet and you'll stun everyone there! I didn't expect that d*mn girl, Ye Wanwan, to grow more and more like a foxy vixen as she turned older. However, no matter how pretty she is, she's still a low-life!"

When Ye Yiyi heard that, a dazzling and eye-catching image surfaced in her mind, and she subconsciously clenched her fingers. "Did everyone from the eldest branch get an invitation?"

Liang Meixuan was enraged. "Yes, not only Ye Wanwan and Ye Mufan, but Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun also got invitations. Those two old geezers are so biased! They never stopped praying for their grandson to inherit the family!"

"Yet Ye Mufan turned smart all of a sudden and has been impenetrable! I've sent people to test him a few times, but nobody got a chance to act!"

"What about the woman you sent last time?" Ye Yiyi asked.

Liang Meixuan gritted her teeth. "She also returned without any success! She even took off her clothes, but Ye Mufan didn't take the bait!"

That woman had AIDS, so if Ye Mufan was infected, their problem would be solved once and for all. Unfortunately, they hadn't succeeded.

“Ye Mufan probably changed from shock, so he’s on high alert. It won’t be easy to target him...” Ye Yiyi’s eyes turned colder.

Liang Meixuan sneered. “Not a problem. We can’t target Ye Mufan, but we still have that idiot, Ye Wanwan!”

As Liang Meixuan said that, she picked up a ring box made from black swan down off the dressing table.

When she opened the box, an extremely pretty jade ring was revealed. Its immense value was apparent.

When Liang Meixuan saw the ring, her eyes brightened. “Is this the engagement ring you picked with Yueze? How gorgeous!”

“Yeah.” The mention of Gu Yueze caused Ye Yiyi’s expression to become gentler.

Liang Meixuan closed the box and said, “Yiyi, I’ll take this ring to Huang Mingkun and have him find a chance to secretly sneak it into Ye Wanwan’s possession on the day of the engagement banquet.”

Ye Yiyi’s eyes sparkled. “Mom, are you saying we’ll trap Ye Wanwan and blame her for stealing my engagement ring?”

Liang Meixuan: “That’s right!”

Doubt remained on Ye Yiyi’s face. “Will... this work?”

Liang Meixuan sounded certain. “That family is dirt poor! Everyone will believe it if we say they stole it! Anyway, Ye Wanwan has always been resentful about your relationship with Yueze! With the number of honored guests there, I’d like to see how that family will be thick-faced and stay in the Ye family!”

When Ye Yiyi heard that, she nodded and said. “That’s right, a trap of this level is enough to deal with Ye Wanwan.”

Liang Meixuan was extremely confident as she said, “You just have to dress nice and leave the rest to me. I’ll tell Huang Mingkun about it later.”

When Ye Yiyi heard Huang Mingkun’s name, she frowned. “Mom, when will you make Huang Mingkun leave the Ye residence?”

Liang Meixuan gently comforted her. “Be good, Yiyi. I know you don’t like him, but he still has his use. We still need his help for many things. Your hands can’t be dirtied by these matters...”

Ye Yiyi’s eyes brimmed with disgust. “But he...”

Liang Meixuan said, “Don’t worry. He won’t be a threat to your position. Everything that he has right now depends on you, so he’s more afraid about the truth coming out than you...”

Chapter 1065: Help me change

Little House of Rose:

“Ah-Jiu, where should we take Tangtang next weekend?” Ye Wanwan cheerfully ran to the study to see him.

It was currently evening, and the study wasn't lit, so the room was a bit dim. Si Yehan sat in his broad chair, his face completely hidden in the shadows.

“Ah-Jiu... Ah-Jiu...” Ye Wanwan had to call a few times before she got a response from the man.

“What?”

Ye Wanwan walked over with a deep frown and reached out to check the man's forehead. “Are you alright? You don't look so good... Are you feeling unwell anywhere?”

Si Yehan reached out and pulled her to sit on his lap. “It's nothing. Today's meeting ran a little long.”

“You just recovered slightly, so you have to continue to maintain it. I got you back to good health after great trouble, so you can't regress so easily, alright?! Sickness comes like a landslide but goes away slowly like spinning silk. Dr. Sun already said that although that there weren't any major issues with your health right now, your body was too damaged in the past, so it won't be that easy to recover...”

Si Yehan embraced her and silently listened to her chatter. “Yes.”

“What were you saying earlier?” Si Yehan asked.

“I was asking where we should take Tangtang next weekend!” Ye Wanwan answered.

“Want to go to Sandalwood Villa?”

Ye Wanwan immediately bobbed her head frantically. “Yes yes yes! That's so high-class and its guests are all big shots like you. I've only heard other people mentioning it but I've never gone myself. We can ride horses, race cars, surf, and even drive planes ourselves! Tangtang will definitely like it!”

When Si Yehan heard Ye Wanwan say “Tangtang will definitely like it,” he didn't expose her like usual. “I'll have Xu Yi make arrangements then.”

Ye Wanwan remembered that she had to attend the engagement banquet. First, she peered covertly at Si Yehan with caution then she probed, “Um, there's still a thing... Tomorrow is my cousin's engagement banquet, so I have to attend. I might get home late.”

Si Yehan: “Your cousin's engagement banquet?”

Ye Wanwan pretended to be calm. “Yes.”

Si Yehan sent her a meaningful look. “Isn't that your ex-fiancé's engagement banquet?”

Ye Wanwan: “...”

Fine, she purposefully changed the wording but was still exposed...

Ye Wanwan choked briefly before saying without any hesitation, “What ex-fiancé?! Blah! I was merely too young back then and couldn't see him for the rubbish he was! My husband is you, baby!”

Si Yehan: “...”

*This girl... her ability to bullsh*t is getting better and better...*

I'm clearly not her only baby anymore.

Yet, he liked every word she said and liked how heartless she could be...

Ye Wanwan was full of flattery. "Baby, you absolutely won't be jealous of something like this, right?"

Si Yehan glanced at her. "I have a business dinner tonight. Bring my clothes over."

"Oh, okay! Right away!" Ye Wanwan hopped off Si Yehan's lap and went to the clothes rack to take his clothes to him.

"I have it, I have it! Now what?" Ye Wanwan completed the errand very docilely.

Si Yehan said, "Help me change."

Ye Wanwan was startled briefly before she stared fervently at his collar, where even the first button was done up meticulously...

"Eh, can I go if I help you change?"

This... is most welcome, alright?

Ah, I've been getting too many rewards recently... I'm having digestion problems...

Chapter 1066: Never cause trouble

Ye Wanwan extended her hand and unfastened his dress shirt button by button, revealing sliver after sliver of skin...

She intentionally tried to look away but also couldn't help but peek secretly...

A true danger for my life!

Why do I feel like Si Yehan has been purposefully seducing me the past two days? Isn't he overestimating my self-control?

Alas, she managed to help Si Yehan change with the help of her iron willpower.

It wasn't until she finished changing him that she realized...

**Cough*, Si Yehan didn't request this because I previously helped Tangtang get dressed, right?!*

Ye Wanwan was speechlessly amused but also felt her heart melting into a puddle.

The more she interacted with this man, the more she found him to be different from his cold and brutal exterior...

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The day of the engagement banquet arrived swiftly.

The entrance to the Ye family's old residence bustled with activity. There was an endless stream of luxurious cars and distinguished guests in extravagant attire.

When Ye Wanwan, Ye Mufan, and their parents got out of the car and saw this scene, they looked a bit dazed.

The last time their family was here was for Grandfather's birthday banquet.

When a guest greeter at the entrance saw Ye Wanwan and her family, they came up with a broad smile. "Eldest Young Master, Second Miss, please enter!"

Ye Mufan's expression turned cold, and he uttered a noncommittal response before leading his parents and sister inside.

The last time they were here, they were blocked outside due to a lack of invitation and were ridiculed by Huang Mingkun and the security.

Now, after they started showing up often at the old residence to feast with the grandparents, the servants saw a turn in circumstances and didn't dare to offend them on the surface.

"Wanwan, Dad and I know you're unhappy, but you must be calm and you can't act recklessly, you understand?" Liang Wanjun advised with worry, fearing Wanwan would cause trouble like in the past.

Although her daughter had changed a lot lately, she knew Gu Yueze's importance in her daughter's heart too well. Today was such a special day, so her daughter was bound to be affected somehow.

"I originally told Ye Mufan to tell you you didn't have to come, but well..." Ye Shaoting sighed with a frown. "Mufan, take good care of your sister, alright?"

When Ye Mufan heard this, his lips twitched. "I know, I know..."

In which universe did he have to take care of her? He reckoned several Gu Yueze and Ye Yiyi's added together still wouldn't be enough to defeat her...

"Dad, Mom, I know! I'll be good!" Ye Wanwan looked well-behaved.

Ye Mufan: "..."

Pretend! Keep pretending...

He didn't think she would refrain from wreaking havoc in the slightest...

Ye Mufan whispered next to Ye Wanwan's ears, "You insisted on coming here. What in the world are you planning to do?"

Ye Wanwan raised her brows. "The things you say... what could I possibly do? Of course I came here to have a nice festive meal! I never cause trouble!"

Ye Mufan: "..."? *Only an idiot would believe you...*

The arrival of Ye Shaoting and his family attracted quite a number of gazes. The people who were congratulating Ye Yiyi and Gu Yueze all turned to survey them with odd looks.

Ye Yiyi walked over with her arms looped around Gu Yueze's arm. "Wanwan, Mufan, Uncle, Auntie, you're here!"

Ye Mufan pursed his lips and snorted. "Oh, congratulations! What a match you are!"

Ye Yiyi pretended to have missed the mockery in Ye Mufan's eyes, but her hold on Gu Yueze's arm tightened as she said, "Thank you for coming to my engagement banquet!"

Gu Yueze had a wine glass in his hand and also said his thanks. Then his gaze naturally drifted toward the girl who was docilely standing next to Ye Mufan.

The girl was akin to a well-nourished rose. He hadn't seen her for a few days, but she was more resplendent than before and was even more captivating. She looked nothing like her previous fat and disgusting appearance.

He didn't expect there to be a day when he would have an error of judgment...

Chapter 1067: How could she possibly be bullied

After Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan greeted the guests, they headed over to them.

"You're here." Ye Hongwei still had a stern face when he looked at Ye Shaoting, but he wasn't hostile like before.

"Dad, Mom!" Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun quickly greeted them.

Tan Yi Lan still looked displeased when she saw Liang Wanjun and it only eased when she turned to Ye Mufan. She said, "Don't just stand here! Go and help take care of the guests!"

Having them look after the guests implied that they acknowledged them to be members of the Ye family.

Ye Mufan hastily said, "Yes Grandma, I'll go right away!"

Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun also answered in agreement.

Although Liang Meixuan and Ye Shao'an were cursing them inwardly, they maintained the smiles on their face.

"Oh, Mom, what are you saying? There are enough people receiving guests already! Brother and Sister-in-law can just rest and enjoy the party without worrying!" Ye Shao'an said with a smile, isolating Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun in a roundabout manner.

Meanwhile, Ye Yiyi kept an inconspicuous watch on Gu Yueze out of the corner of her eye and noticed that his gaze kept "casually" lingering on Ye Wanwan ever since they greeted her.

Ye Yiyi's eyes darkened and she detached herself from Gu Yueze before passionately grasping Ye Wanwan's hands. "Wanwan, I still haven't chosen my necklace and bracelet. Won't you come and help me choose it?"

Ye Wanwan grinned. "Sure!"

Then she turned to Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan and said, "Grandpa, Grandma, I'm going to accompany Sister Yiyi."

Ye Hongwei nodded. "En, go on."

Upon seeing Ye Wanwan's well-mannered and proper disposition without a sign of losing control, both Ye Hongwei and Tan Yi Lan revealed satisfied expressions.

Ye Hongwei, in particular, had a drastically altered opinion of this granddaughter due to Professor Li Yan frequently preaching about how outstanding Wanwan's grades were.

This was obviously something the second branch was unwilling to see...

After the two elders were dragged into a conversation by a guest, Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun swiftly pulled Ye Mufan to the side.

"Mufan, go and check on your sister, quick!" Ye Shaoting instructed him sternly.

"Eh? What am I going for?" Ye Mufan asked, not understanding. He hadn't eaten lunch, so he was starving at the moment and had just picked up a piece of cake.

Ye Shaoting frowned. "I'm afraid she's being bullied, of course! Why aren't you going already?! Why do you only have food on your mind?!"

Ye Mufan mumbled, "Ah, Wanwan won't, how could she possibly be bullied..."

Liang Wanjun sent him a disapproving look at once. "Of course she will! Your sister is a girl. She's sad enough on a day like today, and she's been dragged off by Ye Yiyi to pick out jewelry. She must be in so much pain! Go quickly! Eat later!"

The more thoughtful and tolerating their daughter was, the more guilt and pain Ye Shaoting and Liang Wanjun felt.

Under the joint ushering of his parents, Ye Mufan had no choice but to put his cake down with grief and left to find Ye Wanwan.

Sad...?

Where do you see the sadness in her, huh?

She was just on the phone with her boyfriend earlier and discussing the destination of their weekend trip...

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Upstairs, in Ye Yiyi's room:

This room that faced eastward was the most spacious and had the best lighting. It was originally Ye Wanwan's room, but it now belonged to Ye Yiyi, and all of Ye Wanwan's possessions were moved to a servant's room.

Through the door in the bedroom was a spacious walk-in closet that was brimming with sparkling clothes, purses, and shoes.

Chapter 1068: The wrong mode

Ye Wanwan took a brief look but didn't say anything.

When her father was still part of the Ye family, Ye Group was at their peak and their wealth was amongst the top 10 in Imperial City.

Back then, her room was the genuine embodiment of a treasure trove and was piled with all sorts of extravagant luxury goods.

They were purchased by Dad and Mom or were gifts from Ye Mufan. She also liked to buy sparkling jewelry herself.

Later on, the Ye family was grievously weakened by Ye Shao'an. After Ye Shao'an took over the company, the Ye family couldn't recover its previous splendor.

Ye Yiyi didn't only bring in Ye Wanwan, but she also called on Liang Shihan and a few heiresses from her friend circle.

"Sister Yiyi, you're so beautiful today!"

"Yiyi and Mr. Gu are truly a match made in heaven!"

"I wish you both eternal love and a blissful marital life!"

The girls all surrounded Ye Yiyi in a buzz and exuberantly congratulated her while sending occasional mocking looks to Ye Wanwan.

Ye Wanwan went to sit on a sofa out of boredom.

After the girls conversed for a while, a knock was heard, and Huang Mingkun entered the room with drinks on a platter.

"Miss Wanwan, here's your tea."

Ye Wanwan was casually flipping through a magazine. When Huang Mingkun placed a cup of tea in front of Ye Wanwan, he also swiftly snuck a tiny object into her purse at a very peculiar angle without her noticing. Then he feigned normality and continued to serve the other heiresses.

"Eldest Miss, the guests have all arrived and everything is ready downstairs," Huang Mingkun told Ye Yiyi.

"Alright." As Ye Yiyi said that, she furtively glanced at Ye Wanwan from the corner of her eyes.

Huang Mingkun immediately gave her a "success" look.

"I understand. You can leave." Ye Yiyi finally relaxed.

"Yes." Huang Mingkun left the room compliantly.

Ye Yiyi wanted to change, so everyone went back downstairs.

In the banquet hall downstairs:

Ye Wanwan had just arrived downstairs when she ran into Ye Mufan rushing toward her.

“Brother, why are you running?” Ye Wanwan asked upon noticing Ye Mufan’s hurry.

Ye Mufan mumbled, “Isn’t it obvious that Dad and Mom were worried about you and were afraid you would be bullied, so they forced me to check on you?”

Warmth surfaced in Ye Wanwan’s eyes. “I’m fine. Let’s go.”

“Ye Yiyi didn’t make things difficult for you, right?” Ye Mufan asked.

“There were outsiders there, so she would only treat me better and more politely. How could she possibly make things difficult for me?” Ye Wanwan answered before instructing Ye Mufan, “Brother, you should carefully study this side of her. It’d do you good even if you learned a point or two.”

Ye Mufan was rendered speechless: “...”

‘Sister, I’m showing concern for you, alright? Aren’t you in the wrong mode?’

Ye Wanwan pursed her lips and reflexively replied, “Okay, got it...”

Melodious music started playing, signifying the imminent start of the banquet.

The hall was bustling with activity when a commotion was suddenly heard from the crowd.

Huang Mingkun led a few servants and shuffled through the crowd with anxious expressions, as if they were searching for something.

Ye Mufan looked at Huang Mingkun with a slight frown. “What nuisance is that Lapdog Huang causing this time?”

Ye Wanwan calmly glanced at the crowd before surreptitiously touching her white handbag. “Pft...”

Ye Mufan caught Ye Wanwan’s expression and asked, “What is it?”

“It’s nothing.” Ye Wanwan shrugged. “I simply found out... someone thinks I’m a fool...”

“Huh?” Ye Mufan didn’t understand her.

Chapter 1069: That’s not necessarily true, is it

Because the commotion grew bigger, guests soon whispered to each other about the situation.

“What is it? Did something happen?”

“I’m not sure. I think Ye Yiyi’s engagement ring is missing or something.”

“No way! Something as important as the engagement ring must be ready in advance, right? How could it suddenly disappear?”

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With a solemn expression, Huang Mingkun headed for Ye Wanwan and the other heiresses who went upstairs earlier.

“Apologies for the disturbance, miss. I wanted to ask whether you saw Miss Yiyi’s engagement ring when you were in Miss Yiyi’s room earlier?” Huang Mingkun asked politely.

A few of the heiresses shook their heads. “I didn’t notice it.”

Liang Shihan spoke up, “I saw it. Wasn’t it on Miss Yiyi’s table earlier?”

“That’s right, I saw it as well! It was a gorgeous jade ring!” an heiress wearing a yellow gown also said.

Liang Shihan’s gaze shifted. “It was still there earlier. How could it suddenly have gone missing? It couldn’t have been stolen, right?”

The heiress in the yellow gown said, “Stolen? Everyone here today is a distinguished guest! So why would they do such a sneaky thing?!”

“Heh, all distinguished guests? That’s not necessarily true, is it?” Liang Shihan glanced at Ye Wanwan bitterly.

Then Liang Shihan asked Huang Mingkun, “Steward Huang, have you searched everywhere already?”

Huang Mingkun nodded. “That’s right, we’ve searched everywhere, but we didn’t find it. The banquet is about to start, which is why I rushed over to ask you about it. If you’ve seen it, please inform me at once.”

Then Huang Mingkun purposefully adopted a troubled tone and said, “I’ve searched all the servants in the family with an in-depth search of the servants who entered Miss Yiyi’s room, but I haven’t found anything. It’s like the ring disappeared into thin air.”

Liang Shihan screamed at once, “How could a ring just disappear into thin air? Since it was still there when we left, then it must’ve disappeared when we were helping Sister Yiyi choose her jewelry earlier.”

“It’s only us who entered Sister Yiyi’s room earlier. Since Steward Huang didn’t find it anywhere, why don’t we simply hand over our purses and allow Steward Huang to check them? If it’s not there, then Steward Huang can hurry and look for it elsewhere!”

Upon seeing that Liang Shihan was successfully steered by him, Huang Mingkun secretly revealed a smug smile and covered it with an apologetic expression. “We’re truly sorry for inconveniencing you noble ladies. In truth, I shouldn’t be asking this, but today’s a big day for Miss Yiyi. If such an important thing remains missing, I truly don’t know how to tell Miss Yiyi...”

Liang Shihan knew Huang Mingkun was a favorite of Ye Yiyi, so she immediately echoed his words to curry his favor, “That’s right, that’s right! It would be unlucky if we delayed Sister Yiyi’s engagement banquet! I’ll go first!”

Liang Shihan handed her handbag over. “Steward Huang, you can search mine first!”

Everyone was wearing a gown today, so the only possible hiding place for a ring was their handbags.

The other heiresses all handed their handbags over upon seeing this.

“My apologies!” Huang Mingkun immediately ordered the servants to check it.

Obviously, Huang Mingkun only had the servants superficially check those heiresses’ handbags and didn’t shuffle through them. The handbags were quickly returned to their respective owners.

“Ah, it’s still missing...” Huang Mingkun sighed anxiously.

Upon hearing this, Liang Shihan said contemptuously, “Hold on, Steward Huang, isn’t there still someone who hasn’t been searched yet?”

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“Ye Wanwan still hasn’t been checked! She went upstairs with us earlier!” Liang Shihan immediately reminded them.

Everyone’s eyes shot toward Ye Wanwan when they heard Liang Shihan.

When the guests learned about the events that transpired, they started discussing it...

“They didn’t find it anywhere and it disappeared after those girls stopped by, so it’s very possible it’s one of them who took it!”

“But those girls... Liang Shihan, Huang Yi, Liu Nannan... which one of them isn’t an heiress? Why would they do such a shifty thing?! Do any of their families lack money, huh? There’s only one person...”

“Are you referring to that Second Miss from the eldest branch of the Ye family, Ye Wanwan?” their companion immediately finished in understanding.

“Who else would steal here aside from her?”

“It probably is her! I heard that the girl has been fooling around outside after being exiled from the family! Although she looks decent right now, her nature couldn’t possibly change so easily! Who knows what kinds of things she would do?!”

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“Ye Wanwan, hand your bag over for Steward Huang to check already!” Liang Shihan ordered her imperiously with excitement brimming in her eyes. She was certain Ye Wanwan took it.

Ye Wanwan smiled nonchalantly. “Why do I have to let him check it?”

“All our bags have been checked except for yours! What right do you have to opt out?! Could it be that you took the ring, so you’re guilty?”

It was at this time that Ye Yiyi and Gu Yueze walked over.

“Steward Huang, have you found the ring?” Ye Yiyi pressed in distress.

Huang Mingkun had a troubled expression. “I’m sorry, Miss Yiyi. I’m still looking.”

“What’s going on? You still haven’t found the ring yet?” Ye Hongwei, Tan Yi Lan, and the others also came over.

Liang Shihan instantly tattled on Ye Wanwan. "We can now confirm that one of the people who went to Sister Yiyi's room took it! We allowed Steward Huang to check all our bags just now, but only Ye Wanwan is refusing to allow Steward Huang to check her bag!"

Her words implied it was Ye Wanwan who took it.

Ye Hongwei's face grew dark. "Shihan, you can't carelessly say something like that without proof."

Ye Shaoting stepped forward immediately and protected Ye Wanwan behind her. "Dad, Wanwan absolutely wouldn't do that!"

The hard-to-anger Liang Wanjun also angrily said, "Dad, Mom, please believe in Wanwan! These accusations are truly over-the-top!"

Ye Mufan balled his fists up with an upset expression.

Something didn't seem right about this matter...

There was no way Huang Mingkun would purposely seek trouble from Wanwan in this type of setting. Like Wanwan said earlier, they would pretend to be more polite and courteous the more people there were.

Unless... they were absolutely certain they could drag Wanwan down!

Could it be that the bastard, Huang Mingkun, secretly stuck the ring into Wanwan's bag?

No way! He absolutely couldn't allow them to search Wanwan's bag!

Ye Mufan's expression turned darker. He immediately said, "Does Wanwan have to agree to be searched just because everyone else agreed to be searched? Which law dictates that people have the right to conduct private searches on someone without just cause?"

Liang Shihan was certain it was Ye Wanwan who took the ring, so how could she let this matter go? "You all keep saying Ye Wanwan didn't take it, but you won't make Ye Wanwan hand her bag over to be searched. What is this if it's not guilt? Wouldn't we find out whether she took it or not with a simple search?"