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Chapter 1001 An Incredible Amount of Betrothal Gifts

Ange sat down and cut to the chase. "Since my little sister is marrying into your country, we have to respect the local customs. I did some research and found out that betrothal gifts need to be given as a part of your custom."

Lu Yunxiao looked at him expressionlessly with his hands slightly clenched by the sides of his body. He was thinking about how much he should give for the betrothal gift.

Ange did not know Lu Yunxiao well and this was the first time they had met officially. The moment he saw Lu Yunxiao's reaction, he thought Lu Yunxiao was unhappy about giving a betrothal gift and instantly felt annoyed.

"What's with your expression? Let me tell you. My little sister is marrying very far away from home and will hardly have time to go back to her hometown. What's wrong with giving a betrothal gift? If you have a problem, I can always take my sister home immediately."

Anya sat there looking at the shameless Ange. Just as she was about to retort, she heard Lu Yunxiao say calmly, "How much do you want for the betrothal gift?"

Anya held Lu Yunxiao's hand and said in annoyance, "Don't listen to him. He owes Zi Yi money and doesn't want to fork it out himself, so he's trying to make you give him money."

"Hey! How could you say that, Anya? Do I look like that sort of man?" Ange was deeply disappointed by Anya when she helped an outsider. "I'm just trying to respect the local customs. If your future husband was marrying into our family, I would also prepare a large betrothal gift for him."

Anya crossed her arms and sneered coolly.

Ange turned to look at Lu Yunxiao with all his pearly whites showing. "Brother-in-law, no one can force you to pay a betrothal gift. Also, it comes down to sincerity. I won't demand a specific figure. Just consider how much my sister means to you and decide for yourself, okay?"

"Hmph!" Anya smiled coldly. "Why are you making things hard for him? I'm priceless in his heart. That means you can't put a number on our love. The betrothal gift doesn't matter."

"You..." Ange glared at Anya. He looked at the expressionless Lu Yunxiao and said, "How about this? Let's settle on one billion. It wasn't easy for me to raise my sister."

"Ange, let me remind you. You didn't raise me."

Ange pretended not to hear Anya's words. Instead, he stared intently at Lu Yunxiao with a threatening look in his eyes. He made it clear he would take his sister and leave immediately if Lu Yunxiao refused to cough up the money.

Anya held Lu Yunxiao's hand looking at him and kept signaling him to not agree to this.

Lu Yunxiao suddenly held her hand and said to Ange, "Okay."

Ange promptly grinned.

Lu Yunxiao continued, "My money is all with my older brother. He manages my finances. I have to talk to him about it first before I can send you the money."

Since Lu Yunxiao had already agreed to pay a betrothal gift, Ange felt there was no running away for him.

He simply nodded happily. "Sure thing."

Now that the betrothal gift was settled, he gestured that they could leave. "It's getting late. Why don't you go back so that you can talk to your brother about it as soon as possible?"

Lu Yunxiao stood up.

Anya stood up along with him. She looked at Ange and said, "Don't regret it."

The two of them left right away.

Ange watched from behind as they left, feeling triumphant. He leaned against the seat backrest as he crossed his legs and hummed happily. "Since you tried to squeeze me for money, I can only get someone from your family to open his wallet to pay up then. Hahaha!"

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When Zi Yi and Lu Jingye got home, Lu Yunxiao and Anya happened to be waiting for them in the living room downstairs.

Zi Yi was a little puzzled. "Is something going on? Why aren't you in bed?"

Lu Yunxiao parted his lips. He wanted to tell them about Ange's request for a betrothal gift, but he was not good at talking, so he simply said, "I need one billion."

Lu Jingye asked, "Why do you suddenly need so much money?"

Lu Yunxiao replied, "For the betrothal gift."

"What betrothal gifts?" Zi Yi looked at Anya perplexedly.

Anya said in embarrassment, "My brother went to see Yunxiao earlier and asked for one billions worth of betrothal gifts."

Zi Yi promptly knew Ange's intentions.

She laughed coldly inside, but on the surface, she said in agreement, "It's just one billion for the betrothal gift, right? If our prospective brother-in-law wants it, then we have to give it to him, don't we?"

As she spoke, she said to Lu Yunxiao and Anya, "We'll contact Ange and discuss it with him. This should be done by the future husband's elders. The two of you can just stay out of it."

Anya looked at the smile on Zi Yi's face and promptly knew she was plotting something.

After all, her brother was wrong to do this, so she nodded and pulled Lu Yunxiao upstairs.

"Zi Yi is right. We should stay out of this and let them handle it."

Lu Yunxiao looked at Lu Jingye.

After Lu Jingye nodded to him, Lu Yunxiao and Anya left together.

After they went upstairs, Zi Yi smiled coldly. "Ange doesn't want to pay up for damaging the bar. That is why he's asking for a betrothal gift."

Lu Jingye pondered and said, "It's only right for him to demand a betrothal gift anyway."

When he married Zi Yi, he did not prepare a betrothal gift. However, he bought a lot of things and sent them to the Dou family as a show of respect for Zi Yi's family.

Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye. She was certain he must know Ange's true intentions.

Lu Jingye suddenly smiled and said, "Since Ange has asked our family for a betrothal gift, we can ask him for a dowry as well. It's common practice for the woman's family to provide a dowry which is a few times larger than the betrothal gift."

The moment Zi Yi heard what he said, she burst out laughing.

"Good idea."

She hurried Lu Jingye to get in touch with Ange. "Call Ange now to talk to him about the betrothal gift and dowry."

Thanks to Lu Jingye, Ange was naturally no match for him. The discussion ended with Ange's evil intentions completely thwarted.

Ange was very annoyed, so he wanted to take it out on someone. He proceeded to head to a luxury club for some drinks.

Unexpectedly, the luxury club was filled with gays. Shortly after sitting down, people kept trying to hit on him.

He was so infuriated that he promptly pummeled them.

After the fight broke out, he nearly ruined the luxurious club.

Ange fled through the backdoor before the cops got there.

Even though he thought of himself as an honest businessman, the moment he encountered the cops, he automatically reacted this way.

When he had finally reached a more remote area, he muttered to himself indignantly, "I'm clearly here to attend my sister's wedding, so I should enjoy myself and relax. Why did I run?"

He felt annoyed just thinking about this and wanted to walk off like an upright man with integrity.

However, a deep voice could be heard coming from up ahead. "Take care of them."

Following this, the surroundings went completely quiet.

Ange was always a curious man, so he automatically went toward the voice.

As he approached the voice, he heard the voice say, "Transfer one billion to me immediately."

Ange promptly knew who the voice belonged to.

He wondered whether he should go out and say hi.

A voice said deeply, "Who is it?"

A silhouette suddenly appeared in front of him.

Before Ange could say a word, the two of them were embroiled in battle.

After fighting for a while, the man asked deeply, "Who sent you?"

Ange scoffed and answered, "If I said I just happened to pass by, would you believe me?"

"No, I won't."

"Then why bother asking? If it's a fight you want, it's a fight you get. Quit blabbering."

Chapter 1002 Ange Got Beaten Up Last Night

The next morning, Zi Yi walked out of the corridor on the second floor and happened to hear Lu Yunxiao saying to Anya, "Ange got beaten up last night."

Anya was puzzled. "Why would someone hit him?"

Zi Yi could not resist smiling.

She did not go downstairs. Instead, she went straight to the nursery by the side.

Anya continued speaking, "This means he offended the wrong person. Just ignore him. If he can't settle it on his own, he will tell me about it."

Zi Yi walked into the nursery to see Lu Jingye and Mrs. Lu both inside.

Mrs. Lu said to Lu Jingye, "They slept very well last night. Don't worry. From now on, if you are busy, they can spend the night with me."

Lu Jingye said, "I'm not busy."

Zi Yi smiled on hearing the conversation.

Last night, her husband woke up several times in the middle of the night even though the babies were not with them. If she did not stop him, he would have gone to the third floor to take the babies back.

Lu Jingye and Mrs. Lu noticed Zi Yi standing by the door.

Mrs. Lu smiled and said, "Yiyi, can you please do something about your man? He's trying to steal my grandchildren from me. If this goes on, as their grandmother, this is going to make me feel useless."

Zi Yi smiled as she walked up in between them and looked at the sleeping babies. She said, "They are still just babies, so they need a lot of sleep if they want to develop properly. When they get bigger, it's going to be hard for a single person to take care of them both."

“You’re right, Yiyi. However, I feel happy even just by looking at them all day.”

She checked the time and said, “Forget it. I’m going to make some breakfast for you. I can’t forget my dear daughter-in-law just because I have grandchildren now, right?”

“Heehee. You’re the best. I love your cooking.”

“Good.”

After Mrs. Lu left, Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stood next to the crib looking at the babies.

Zi Yi reached her hand out to touch Guoguo’s tiny fist above her head. She smiled and said, “You can’t bear to be away from them. If you have to go on business trips, what’s going to happen?”

“I will try my best not to go.”

Zi Yi noticed the serious expression on Lu Jingye’s face. She turned to hold him by the neck and said angrily, “Now that you have babies, you don’t love me anymore.”

Lu Jingye hugged her by the waist and said in a deep tone in her ear, “They are our babies. That’s why I love them.”

They were the fruit of their union, so he loved them.

Lu Jingye did not say this out loud, but Zi Yi knew what he meant.

She leaned her head against his chest. “I can’t bear to be away from all of you either. I wish I could take you wherever I went.”

Lu Jingye smiled as he touched her head.

A grunting sound could be heard coming from the crib.

Zi Yi left Lu Jingye’s arms. She looked at Guoguo and asked Lu Jingye, “What’s wrong with Guoguo?”

“She peed.”

As Lu Jingye spoke, he went to bring a fresh diaper to change her.

Zi Yi stood beside him and watched.

Guoguo opened her eyes.

Lu Jingye carried her and said to Zi Yi, “Go make some milk.”

“Is she hungry?”

“Uh huh. Otherwise, she won’t be able to sleep.”

“Oh okay.”

Zi Yi went to make some baby formula and handed Lu Jingye the bottle. Just as they were about to feed Guoguo, Tangtang woke up as well.

Tangtang did not make noises or cry often. He simply moved around to remind the adults he was there.

Lu Jingye spotted Tangtang, so he said to Zi Yi, "Go prepare one more bottle of milk. Tangtang is hungry too."

Zi Yi went to make another bottle of milk. When she came back, she wanted to carry Tangtang.

Lu Jingye hurriedly said, "Don't move. Feed him while he's on the bed."

Zi Yi felt annoyed. "Why are you allowed to carry Guoguo but Tangtang has to lie on the bed?"

"Do you know how to carry babies?"

"Yes, I do."

As she spoke, Zi Yi carried Tangtang.

Lu Jingye felt nervous just looking at her.

Zi Yi carried Tangtang and sat down beside him. She proceeded to feed the baby deftly and said, "See? Told you I could do it, right?"

Lu Jingye finally felt a peace of mind and continued feeding Guoguo.

When the babies were done eating, Lu Jingye taught Zi Yi how to burp Tangtang.

After they had fallen asleep, Lu Jingye and Zi Yi finally went downstairs.

The others were already downstairs.

Second Master Lu said, "Your third uncle and Little Ming have already left. Other than that, Nangong Yu is going as well."

The moment Second Master Lu mentioned Nangong Yu, Zi Yi was caught by surprise. "Didn't he say he wasn't taking part? Why did he change his mind?"

"It was the marshal's decision."

In that case, Zi Yi had no objection.

Moreover, they were not directly involved and they were simply chatting casually.

Second Master Lu asked Zi Yi about the aviation research base.

Zi Yi said, "In a few days, the second batch of potential candidates will be sent over for tests. While they undergo testing, the first batch of candidates will undergo training."

Mrs. Lu was a little worried. "Will it clash with the wedding?"

"No, it won't. I'll make sure he comes back ahead of time."

Mrs. Lu was relieved at her words.

As long as her youngest son did not need to go on any missions, she felt it was a good idea for him to go for training.

Time passed in the blink of an eye.

A few days later, the second batch of trainees gathered at a farm in a rural area in the capital.

They started with 112 people, but now a dozen of them were eliminated leaving only 97 of them.

Among them was Runge who did not remove his mask.

Zi Yi said, "I didn't bring you straight to the aviation research base when you got here and I'm sure you have an inkling about what happened during this time. Over 100 of you were sent, but only over 90 of you remain. Even more of you will be eliminated in the process, so I hope you're mentally prepared."

The remaining candidates clearly looked confident.

For the rest of the week, Zi Yi genuinely spent all her time at the base. When she missed Lu Jingye and the babies a lot, she would have video calls with them.

Seven days later, only eight people remained after eliminating over 90 candidates.

"Miss Zi, you eliminated so many candidates. How are you going to operate the spaceship?"

Some of the eliminated candidates did not take it well.

"I'm usually pretty good. I just wasn't sure about the test environment since it was my first time."

"I think so too. How could you decide so quickly that we don't make the cut?"

Zi Yi looked at the indignant candidates and said, "I didn't say you were no good. I'm just saying that you can't be the first batch of people in outer space. If you like, you can continue training here for half a year and undergo testing again."

"Half a year? That long?"

"I think I'm ready to do a second test now."

The moment Zi Yi heard what they said, she smiled and said coldly, "Do you really want to undergo a second test? If I didn't give you fear decompression therapy, some of you would have probably gone crazy by now."

She said to a number of people, "Now, you will proceed with the next level of training."

Runge asked as he stood among them, "When are we going into space?"

Chapter 1003 Bring Forward Training

A loud siren suddenly came from the base before Zi Yi could answer him.

Everyone was startled.

"What's the matter?"

"Did something happen?"

"Did someone barge into the base?"

"Is something happening?"

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As everyone speculated, Zi Yi turned and headed to the main control room. Runge quickly followed behind her.

After the other people caught on, they immediately followed behind them.

Everyone kept going until they reached the outside of the main control room.

The moment Zi Yi entered the main control room, the rest of them found themselves blocked off by an invisible barrier.

Runge shouted as he stood outside, "Zi Yi!"

When Zi Yi heard him shouting, she turned to look at him. After thinking briefly, she nodded to Runge. Runge proceeded to enter the room as well.

The others wanted to enter as well, but it was futile.

Zi Yi and Runge entered the main control room together.

A few large monitors could be found inside. Images of planets other than Earth could be seen on them.

The two of them stood in front of the monitors and looked at them for some time. Runge asked, "What happened?"

"The cameras used to surveil the other planets were taken out."

"Who did it? Was it the Worm Race?"

"Yes."

Runge's voice turned stern as he said deeply, "In that case, we have to destroy them."

Zi Yi turned her head to look at him. She frowned and said, "Do you want to die? My spaceship won't be ready for some time until I've gathered all the material I need."

"What do you need?" asked Runge.

Zi Yi did not hold back and told him candidly.

Runge nodded and said, "Connect me to the highest in command for the National Space Agency of Country D."

As he spoke, he removed his mask.

Zi Yi looked at the paper-thin mask and praised it. "This mask looks pretty good."

Runge turned his head and glanced at her. He had long figured out she knew his true identity.

The call went through for the highest in command at the National Space Agency of Country D. A group of people stood reverently on the screen. Runge stood with his back straight as a stern look radiated from his eyes.

He wasted no time and immediately gave the order for the things Zi Yi needed to be delivered.

No one dared to go against his order, but they did not understand the reason for it.

After giving the order, Runge stopped speaking.

When Zi Yi noticed his reaction, she did her best to explain the situation on his behalf. "Can you check your most advanced equipment used for monitoring other planets and see how they are?"

Everyone promptly checked the equipment.

The moment they discovered all the satellites were destroyed, they were shocked.

"What's going on?"

"Our satellites were all destroyed. Why didn't we realize?"

"Who did it?"

They exclaimed in shock among themselves before they turned to look at Zi Yi, hoping to learn the reason from her.

Zi Yi tapped and gave them access to see her monitor using theirs. She showed them footage from right before the cameras were taken out.

The moment they saw a scary unknown creature pass by swiftly on the footage, they were stunned.

"Is that a space creature?"

"Is this an alien attack on our planet?"

"In that case, we have to prepare for battle!"

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"Silence!" Runge suddenly shouted and everyone promptly shut up.

Zi Yi said, "That's why Runge told you to send the materials over. We have to finish those creatures off in outer space."

The moment they heard what she said, no one else had doubts about the order anymore.

After ending the video call, Zi Yi contacted the local leaders as well.

Before long, lots of official notifications were sent locally. In less than 30 minutes, all the national leaders learned about the matter and went on high alert.

After she was done, Zi Yi said to Runge, "I was planning to give you a couple of days to recover but from the looks of it, we have to bring things forward. I will send you to the training room later."

After they finished discussing this topic, they ended the call.

People were still standing outside the main control room.

When everyone saw Zi Yi and Runge walk out of the main control room, they were startled.

The two of them walked up in front of the people and Zi Yi said, "Those who passed the test will enter the training room immediately. You have 30 minutes to mentally prepare yourselves."

"Zi Yi, didn't we have two days to go before we went for training? What happened?"

"Something happened. When you get to the main control room, you can see for yourselves."

Zi Yi did not explain further. She simply checked the time and gestured for them to follow her.

When they got to a building, Zi Yi saw two people sitting nearby.

It was Qin Ze and Lu Ming.

Zi Yi pondered briefly before walking toward them. Since they did not pass the test, they were clearly very dejected. "Come with me."

Their eyes promptly lit up as they asked in unison, "Are you going to make an exception and train us?"

"Nope," said Zi Yi bluntly. "You didn't make the cut."

The two of them were deeply disappointed.

Zi Yi had no intention of consoling them.

She sent Runge and the others for training first and got the robot to make arrangements for the people who volunteered to stay on.

When she was done, she brought them to the basement.

The deepest basement was nearly 100 meters underground.

When they got to the lowest floor, they saw it was a huge empty space.

Tang Ze asked, "Zi Yi, why did you bring us here? There's nothing here."

Zi Yi pressed her wrist watch and a large monitor appeared in front of them. The machine on the screen made them open their eyes wide in astonishment.

"When the time comes, machines like this will be stored here. They're going to be used for creating mecha."

"Mecha?"

Their voices changed.

"That's right. They are battle mecha that are capable of going against space creatures."

As Zi Yi spoke, a few mecha appeared on the monitor.

Their eyes lit up.

Lu Ming asked Zi Yi excitedly, "Sister-in-law, what do you want us to do?"

Every man dreamed of being a hero, especially one involving the conquering of outer space. The two of them could already imagine themselves using the battle mecha to face off space creatures.

They were so pumped by the thought that their faces were red.

Zi Yi poured a bucket of cold water on them. "I brought you here to tell you that mecha will be produced here in the future. However, a lot of the materials which are required can only be found in space."

Disappointment appeared on their faces.

Zi Yi continued speaking, "To date, I'm the only person capable of making mecha. I brought you here to ask you if you wanted to do it with me."

The moment they heard the offer, their eyes lit up again.

"Absolutely."

Zi Yi smiled. "Good. For the next three months, you will undergo training. In three months time, you will understand all the theories surrounding the production of mecha. Any objections?"

"No problem."

"Ok."

The moment she finished her sentence, Zi Yi snapped her fingers and they disappeared.

"I've sent you to a virtual space. In three months, it will disappear and you can come out."

Chapter 1004 Tangtang Will Be the Next Ah Jing

By the time Zi Yi was done making arrangements, half a month had passed since she left home.

She called Lu Yunxiao over the moment she was ready to go. Then the two of them took the car and flew straight home.

The moment the car pulled up outside the villa, Zi Yi ran over and jumped into Lu Jingye's arms.

"Ah Jing, I'm back."

Mrs. Lu and Anya were standing beside them along with the babies lying in the pram.

Lu Jingye hugged her for a few seconds and said, "The babies must have known you were coming back. They happen to be awake. Do you want to talk to them first?"

Zi Yi refused to leave him and said, "No. It's not like they understand anyway."

The moment she finished her sentence, Guoguo could be heard gurgling.

Mrs. Lu was very tickled. "Yiyi, just look. Your kids didn't like what they heard. Now, they're protesting."

Zi Yi finally let go of Lu Jingye and smiled as she said, "Hi, Mom."

She looked at the babies lying in the pram with their eyes open.

She smiled and asked as she leaned over them, "Tangtang, Guoguo, we haven't seen each other in half a month. Do you miss me?"

Tangtang turned his head and looked at her as though he were trying to remember her.

Guoguo raised her arms, moved them around, and looked like she wanted to be carried.

Zi Yi happily reached her hands out to carry Guoguo.

In comparison to half a month ago, the babies had grown a lot and Zi Yi was no longer worried about dropping them.

However, they were not big enough to be carried upright. After carrying Guoguo, she kept nudging her face against Zi Yi's chest.

Zi Yi was startled. She hurriedly asked Lu Jingye, "Ah Jing, what is Guoguo doing?"

She certainly hoped she was not looking for food.

Zi Yi had only breastfed once in her life and she was traumatized.

Lu Jingye hugged Zi Yi and Guoguo from behind worried that she might drop the baby again. He hurriedly explained, "Guoguo is smelling you. She's grown accustomed to your smell. Now that you're back, your scent is stronger. She's just happy."

Zi Yi did not know what to say. "Is she a dog?"

It seemed as though Guoguo understood her words. She pouted and looked as though she was on the brink of tears.

Zi Yi promptly felt worried. "Guoguo, I didn't mean it. Please don't cry."

She hurriedly kissed the baby on the cheek a couple of times.

Guoguo finally stopped pouting.

The three of them were absolutely tickled by Zi Yi's reaction.

Zi Yi carried Guoguo for a while before she carried Tangtang.

When Zi Yi carried Tangtang, he simply grabbed Zi Yi's clothes and looked at Zi Yi with his dark round eyes. The baby did not kick up a fuss and seemed very well-behaved.

Zi Yi kissed Tangtang on the cheek and said in concern, "I think Tangtang is going to be the second Ah Jing. What should I do?"

Mrs. Lu and Anya laughed on hearing this.

Mrs. Lu said, "Isn't that good? Jingye is a thoughtful and responsible man who is capable of making money."

Zi Yi also looked at Lu Jingye and laughed. "Yes, he is. However, if he did not meet me, I wonder if he would have ever found a wife."

Lu Jingye looked at her gently and did not argue.

Mrs. Lu laughed out loud and said, "Yiyi's concerns make sense. I think it's better if I take care of Tangtang from now on."

She smiled at Lu Jingye as well.

Lu Jingye did not continue with the subject. He placed Tangtang in the pram and said, "Why don't we go in first? The sun is strong today, so it might hurt the babies' eyes."

Even though the pram came equipped with a sun shade specially made by Zi Yi, Lu Jingye was a little worried.

They walked into the living room together.

After sitting down, Mrs. Lu brought up the subject of Lu Yunxiao and Anya's wedding and how it was going.

"It's ten days to go before the wedding. Anya's older brother has already arrived and we've already met. Yunxiao, you should meet him too."

Mrs. Lu did not know that Lu Yunxiao and Ange had met before.

The moment they met, Ange had demanded a betrothal gift.

Lu Yunxiao had no intention of bringing this up. He simply nodded. "Okay."

Mrs. Lu continued speaking, "I've also contacted the rest of Anya's family. Since she's the Queen's goddaughter, someone from the royal family will come for the wedding. As for the rest of the family, they will probably get to the capital two to three days before the wedding."

Zi Yi asked, "Have you sent the invitations? Did you order the candy?"

"Jingye will take care of those things."

Zi Yi looked at Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye said, "Other than the invitations, everything else is ready. The wedding planning is all settled, so we just need to build the things."

Zi Yi nodded. She suddenly had an idea and said, "Let me send the invitations. I just need them to write the names of the guests."

"Ok."

They continued chatting about the wedding. When the babies had fallen asleep, Zi Yi held Lu Jingye's hand and went upstairs to their room.

The moment they entered the room and closed the door, Zi Yi embraced Lu Jingye by the neck, stood on her tiptoes, and planted a kiss on his lips.

Lu Jingye held her by the waist with one hand and held the back of her head with the other as he kissed her back deeply.

The two of them had been apart for half a month. Even though they had video calls daily, they missed each other badly.

Their lips intertwined until their bodies started to feel hot.

Zi Yi slumped in his arms. She said in annoyance, "If I had seen this coming, I would've come back later. That way, we wouldn't have to stop halfway."

Lu Jingye lowered his head looking at her flushed face. She always blurted the first thing on her mind and he did not know what to do.

He held her tightly as he suppressed the fire within him. After he was done, he said hoarsely, "You've been working nonstop for ages, so you should stay in and rest in the afternoon. Tomorrow, we'll go to your grandfather's place. Ever since you left, he's been asking about you."

Zi Yi nodded as she lay in his arms. She said, "I want to see them anyway. We can bring the kids along with us."

"Uh huh."

They had some alone time in the room before they went downstairs for lunch.

Zi Yi planned on keeping the babies company in the afternoon. Unexpectedly, she received a call from Mr. Qin shortly after eating.

Mr. Qin asked, "Little Yi, are you free this afternoon?"

Zi Yi instinctively replied, "Nope."

Mr. Qin laughed and said, "It seems you are. In that case, swing by the Supreme Administration this afternoon. We are having a meeting. It'll only last a couple of hours at best."

Zi Yi was reluctant to go, but Mr. Qin said, "Your father, third uncle, and Little Lu have all been invited to come over too."

The moment Mr. Qin finished his sentence, Lu Jingye's phone rang.

Sure enough, someone had called him to make a trip down to the Supreme Administration.

Zi Yi listened as Lu Jingye answered the phone.

Lu Jingye looked at her as well. After hearing what the caller had to say, he pondered and replied, "Okay. We'll be right over."

The moment Mr. Qin heard Lu Jingye's answer, he smiled and said, "Little Yi, now will you come?"

Zi Yi replied reluctantly, "Ah Jing has already agreed to go, so I will come along with him."

"Good. We'll be waiting for you here then."

Chapter 1005 Only Wanted to Eat Meat

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye were stuck in a meeting from midday to five o'clock in the evening the moment they went over to the Supreme Administration.

When they stepped out of the conference room, Zi Yi was very annoyed. "If I saw this coming, I would have never agreed to come."

Mr. Qin was walking beside them. He smiled and said, "I didn't expect the meeting to take so long. However, everything we discussed was important and no time was wasted."

Only Mr. Qin dared to say this. The people following behind them could not resist laughing.

Zi Yi was a lot younger than them and she was a rare talent in the country. The middle-aged people around her could not resist teasing her.

"Little Yi, you should count yourself lucky. On account of you, we wasted no time and stayed focused. Usually, this sort of meeting would have taken at least two days to finish."

"Exactly. I feel as though we have yet to discuss a lot of other details."

"I think we should hold another meeting tomorrow."

The moment Zi Yi heard what they said, she said loudly, "I'm not free tomorrow. Even if you have another meeting, I won't be joining you."

Her words made everyone burst out laughing.

After walking out of the office building, they headed to their cars.

Mr. Qin suddenly said to Zi Yi and Lu Jingye, "Little Lu and Little Yi, let me buy you dinner tonight."

Zi Yi had an inkling of what Mr. Qin wanted to talk about. She pondered for a while and then agreed. "I like the food from the last restaurant we went to when you bought us dinner. Shall we head there?"

"Ok."

Since Mr. Qin wanted to dine together with them, Lu Jingye told Second Master Lu about it.

Second Master Lu and Third Master Lu left first.

After they arrived at the restaurant and took a seat, Mr. Qin handed the menu to Zi Yi. "Little Yi, order whatever you like."

The food at the restaurant was not very expensive and came in generous servings, so Zi Yi did not hold back when she ordered the food.

The restaurant owner made a recommendation. "The mitten crabs and lobsters are good. Would you like to order some?"

Zi Yi replied, "Yes, please."

The restaurant owner continued speaking, "We have some free-range ducks as well. Would you like to try one?"

Zi Yi replied, "Yes, please."

The restaurant owner stopped making recommendations, but Zi Yi continued to tick a few more items on the menu.

Before she could order more food, Lu Jingye took the menu and handed it to the restaurant owner. "A stir-fried pork, two vegetable dishes, and winter melon pork rib soup. That's all."

The restaurant owner took note of the order and replied, "One moment please."

He turned and went to the kitchen.

After the restaurant owner was gone, Mr. Qin smiled as he said to Lu Jingye, "Little Lu, are you worried I can't afford it? You can let Little Yi order whatever she wants."

Lu Jingye replied in a gentle tone, "She only wants to eat meat."

Zi Yi poked Lu Jingye's thigh with her finger under the table.

Lu Jingye grabbed her hand and refused to let it go.

Zi Yi smiled at Mr. Qin. "Isn't it human nature to eat meat? I'm not the only person who likes meat, right?"

"Haha! That's right, but it's healthier to have a more balanced diet."

Zi Yi pouted, stopped talking, and tried to wrest her hand free. However, Lu Jingye continued holding her hand tightly, so she could only dig her fingers between his thumb and index finger.

Mr. Qin felt tickled by her reaction. He said, "Well, it's fine to eat meat every now and then."

Zi Yi was delighted.

Mr. Qin took a sip of tea before he got to the reason for calling them out for dinner.

"Little Yi, how's Qin Ze doing? Does he have a knack for it?"

He knew his son failed the test and felt miserable.

Fortunately, Zi Yi gave him an even more important mission.

Zi Yi pondered and said, "Qin Ze is pretty good with his hands, but his creativity is confined. I sent him and Little Ming for an intensive three-month training so that they could learn about cutting-edge technology."

"Little Yi, did you send them to a virtual space as well?"

"You can say so. Everything in the space is virtual. Most of the things inside are technology from the future."

Mr. Qin suddenly went quiet.

After some time, he looked at Zi Yi and asked in a serious tone, "Little Yi, are you..."

Initially, he wanted to ask Zi Yi if she belonged to this world. However, he gave up mid-sentence.

Considering Zi Yi's abilities and actions, he knew the answer even without asking. He simply wanted her to confirm this. However, he realized verification no longer mattered now.

No matter what, Zi Yi was a citizen of the country.

Zi Yi looked at him quizzically.

Mr. Qin smiled. "I have a question. After they are done training, will they be able to create battle mecha? Can we really use the technology to fight in space?"

"Uh huh." Zi Yi nodded. "Stringent demands need to be met in order to operate mecha, especially at the mental level. When the mecha is ready, it needs to be linked to the operator's mental energy. From then on, the mecha can only be used by one person."

"What kind of people can connect with mecha?"

Mr. Qin really wanted to ask if his son was a suitable candidate.

Zi Yi replied, "I'll have to do more testing. The operators need to be mentally and physically strong."

Mr. Qin was a little disappointed. He said jokingly, "If I had seen this coming, I would have been tougher with him and sent him for training with Lu Yunxiao."

"That's wrong. You shouldn't underestimate technical personnel, especially mecha engineers. Even though they're not as mentally and physically strong, they can create mecha, so they're far more important than you think."

Mr. Qin pondered and agreed. All of a sudden, he felt happy for his son.

They chatted briefly before their food was served.

The restaurant owner gave them three pairs of disposable gloves.

Zi Yi put on the gloves and started peeling the lobster.

Lu Jingye and Mr. Qin chatted casually.

Lu Jingye also put on gloves to help Zi Yi peel the seafood.

By the time dinner was through, it was already past nine o'clock in the evening.

After leaving the restaurant, Mr. Qin asked Lu Jingye before he got into his car, "Little Lu, when are you sending the invite for your brother's wedding? We're all dying to go."

Zi Yi replied, "They'll be out at midnight tonight. When you wake up tomorrow, just check your phone."

"Aren't you going to send printed copies?"

"That's so passe. This is my job, so I'm going to make sure it's very special."

Mr. Qin smiled and said, "I'll be waiting for the invite then."

He got into the car and drove off first.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye also got into their car and Lu Jingye drove with Zi Yi sitting in the front passenger seat. She touched her belly and said, "I'm so full tonight."

Lu Jingye asked, "Shall we go for a walk before heading back?"

"Where?" Zi Yi's eyes lit up. "Does this mean we are going on a date?"

"Uh huh."

Zi Yi was delighted. "Sure thing."

"Let's go to the seaside. I think it'll be nice to take a walk at this time in the evening."

The moment he finished his sentence, Lu Jingye drove the car towards the seaside.

Chapter 1006 A Date

It was summertime and the sea breeze felt cool and refreshing. The moon was also in the sky, which was filled with stars. There were also lights nearby. As they walked on the beach, it felt incredibly romantic.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye rarely came out on their own.

They held hands as they walked on the beach.

Zi Yi was wearing a spaghetti strap dress that reached slightly past her knees to reveal her fair slender calves.

After walking for some time, she decided to take off her shoes altogether. Lu Jingye carried them and she kicked the sand as she walked and had a lot of fun.

She played with the sand for some time, but it was not enough for her. She tugged Lu Jingye's hand and said, "Ah Jing, can we play by the water? I'm sure it'll be fun to play in the water."

Lu Jingye looked at the sea nearby. He nodded and wanted to let go of her hand.

"Why don't you come with me?" Zi Yi held his hand and refused to let go.

Lu Jingye had no choice. He could only place her shoes by the side and take off his shoes and socks too. The two of them walked to the edge of the water together.

The moment they stepped into the water, the sensation felt so good that Zi Yi's eyes lit up.

"If I knew how fun it was, we should've come sooner."

Lu Jingye looked at her indulgently. "If you like it, we can come more often."

"Sounds good."

They held hands and walked inside the water. As they walked, small splashes of water emerged at their feet.

They were clearly not alone on the beach. After walking for some time, they saw two people on a slightly flatter reef.

They were locked in an embrace and kissing each other.

Most people would leave if they encountered this, but it was Zi Yi and she was very different. She opened her eyes wide looking at the couple as they embraced each other. She said to Lu Jingye, "Ah Jing, why do I have a feeling they look very familiar?"

Lu Jingye felt it was rude to intrude and get nosy, so he did not look at the couple carefully. Instead, he covered Zi Yi's eyes, held her, and turned her around to walk back.

“Why are we going?”

“We shouldn’t interrupt them.”

When Zi Yi heard what he said, she pondered and quickly walked up in front of Lu Jingye. She hugged him by the neck and said, “In that case, let’s kiss as well. It’s so romantic here, so we shouldn’t waste the opportunity.”

Lu Jingye felt amused. He held her by the waist and said, “If you want to kiss, we can do it when we get home.”

“No, I want to do it here.”

As Zi Yi spoke, she stood on tiptoes to kiss him.

Lu Jingye could not say no to Zi Yi’s zeal and wanted to kiss her back hard. Unexpectedly, the sound of something falling into the water could be heard.

The two of them automatically turned and looked.

Zi Yi could not help laughing. She said, “I can’t believe it. They got so carried away kissing that they fell into the water.”

When Lu Jingye saw them get out of the water, he said to Zi Yi, “It’s Cousin Yurui and Secretary Shao.”

“Huh?”

Zi Yi’s eyes widened in astonishment.

She was at a loss. “When did they start dating?”

The people across from them clearly noticed their presence as well.

Also, they too had recognized them.

Secretary Shao wanted to go over, but Dou Yurui did not want to do it, so there was a slight disagreement.

Zi Yi held Lu Jingye’s hand and went toward them.

“Cousin Yurui, Secretary Shao, it’s really you!”

Zi Yi looked at the drenched couple and said teasingly, “Did you just go swimming?”

Dou Yurui felt awkward. She pretended to be composed as she replied, “Uh huh. I wasn’t expecting you to be here.”

Zi Yi looked at Secretary Shao wondering if he felt awkward.

Unexpectedly, Secretary Shao was even calmer than Dou Yurui. He simply nodded and replied, “It’s quite the coincidence to see you here.”

He continued, “We’re wet, so we’re making a move first. Enjoy yourselves.”

He took Dou Yurui and walked off.

“Cousin Yurui.” Zi Yi was extremely curious. She wanted to say she could help them dry their clothes.

Dou Yurui waved at her and said, “See you.”

Zi Yi replied, “...Bye-bye.”

Before long, they were out of sight.

Zi Yi finally veered her eyes away and looked at Lu Jingye. A look of disbelief emerged on her face. “I didn’t realize Secretary Shao was her type!”

Lu Jingye also felt a little surprised.

Then again, they looked good together, so she said, “Even though Secretary Shao is a workaholic, he has a high EQ. It makes sense for her to fall for him. Moreover, he comes from a scholarly background, so he makes a good match for Cousin Yurui.”

Zi Yi smiled brightly. “Cousin Yurui said she wanted a humorous man who isn’t in the same trade as her. I don’t know if Secretary Shao is humorous, but he genuinely isn’t in the same trade as her.”

Zi Yi recalled Dou Yurui mentioning she did not want a man from a scholarly family.

Zi Yi felt Dou Yurui had probably forgotten about it.

“From the looks of it, the family will have one more thing to celebrate this year.”

Zi Yi could not help feeling happy just thinking about this.

They walked a little while more at the beach before leaving.

By the time they got home, Mrs. Lu had already brought the twins to her room to sleep for the night.

Lu Jingye did not insist on taking back the kids. Instead, he went back to the room with Zi Yi right away.

After the door closed, Lu Jingye embraced Zi Yi.

Zi Yi laughed and said, “Aren’t you going to get the babies?”

Lu Jingye buried his head in her neck and said deeply, “I was worried we might make too much noise and wake up the kids.”

Zi Yi could sense his warm breath on her neck and automatically turned her head.

Lu Jingye turned around and their lips touched.

A blazing fire was ignited instantly inside.

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The next day, Zi Yi got woken up by some movement on the bed.

However, she did not want to wake up at all.

She had had a late night and her body was still aching, so she really wished she could sleep in all day.

She wanted to reach her hand out and brush someone aside.

Just as she was about to do it, Lu Jingye reminded her. "Tangtang and Guoguo are lying beside you. Don't move."

Zi Yi promptly woke up in surprise.

She hastily stopped moving her hand, opened her eyes, and turned her head sideways to look.

She promptly made eye contact with Tangtang's big round eyes.

Zi Yi smiled and said happily, "Good morning Tangtang my dear."

Gurgling could be heard on the other side.

Zi Yi turned to the other side and saw Guoguo's dark round eyes.

She reached her hand out and gently stroked Guoguo's little face. She smiled and said, "Are you already fighting for attention, my dear? What's going to happen when you grow up?"

Guoguo rubbed her face against Zi Yi's hand making Zi Yi's heart turn to mush.

"Aren't you forcing us to dote on you more you little rascal?"

She placed her finger in Guoguo's hand and she promptly held it tightly.

Zi Yi carried a baby on each side and held them both.

Lu Jingye smiled as he watched them. He asked, "Didn't you say you're visiting your grandfather today? It's already nine o'clock in the morning. Are you going to get up?"

Chapter 1007 Some People Have Fallen Out of Favor

When Zi Yi got up to wash up, Lu Jingye told her about the invitation.

"Many people called in the morning to ask about the invitation."

Zi Yi was squeezing the toothpaste when she heard that. She scoffed and said, "They couldn't open the invitation?"

"That's not it," Lu Jingye said with a smile. "Many people were shocked by your creative invitation."

The invitation Zi Yi sent out was a file. No matter what phone the receiver used, they would be able to open the file as long as they were connected to the internet.

After opening the file, a beautiful festive image would appear in front of them together with a realistic-looking invitation in the middle. With a tap of their finger, they can open the invitation content. At the end of the invitation, it wrote that the guests had to bring their phones when they arrived to attend the wedding.

"Someone asked what would happen if their phones ran out of battery or if they forgot to bring their phone?"

“That’s not a problem.” Zi Yi started to brush her teeth and said in a muffled voice, “Asking them to bring their phones was just for fun. As long as they received the invitation, their identities would automatically be verified the moment they entered our house.”

Sure enough, Lu Jingye thought that would be the case. He did not say anything else and waited for her to finish washing up.

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When the family of four arrived at the Dou Family house, it was already past 10 o’clock plus.

The Dou Family members had already been eagerly waiting for their arrival.

The moment the car door was opened, Zi Yi’s Aunts and Uncles came over and carried the babies away.

While they were coddling the two babies, they complained.

“Didn’t you say you were coming in the morning? It’s already going to be time for lunch soon!”

“That’s right. We haven’t seen these two little babies, and we miss them so much!”

“Quick, bring them inside. They are not yet one month old, so don’t let them catch a cold.”

“Bring them inside first for Father to have a look. He’s still waiting inside.”

With that, the four of them and the babies moved inside. Evidently, they had forgotten about the other two adults.

Lu Jingye followed them inside after.

Dou Zerui who was standing on one side gloated and said, “Oh-ho~ someone is out of favor it seems.”

Zi Yi glanced at him and retorted without holding back. “It’s better than being someone who has never been in favor.”

“At least I won’t feel disappointed. You must be feeling particularly upset right now, right?”

“Why would I be? They are fond of my babies so why should I be upset?”

When Zi Yi said that, she emphasized the words ‘my babies’. She even added and said, “Unfortunately, you are still on the dislike list.”

Dou Zerui felt as though a sword had pierced his chest. He glared at Zi Yi angrily. “Who says I’m the disliked one? I’ll soon be someone who has a girlfriend.”

“Where is she at?”

Dou Zerui stopped talking.

The three ladies standing beside them laughed out loud without holding back.

Dou Yurui said to Dou Zerui, “Second Brother, why do you always ask for an insult?”

Dou Zerui snorted in anger and turned to leave. “Hmph! I shall not lower myself and argue with kids.”

Dou Xiangling and the rest stepped forward and surrounded Zi Yi.

Dou Yurui asked with a smile, "Yiyi, you were the one who sent us the invitation, right?"

"Yea."

"I was stunned when I opened it. Your electronic invitation was projected right in front of me. Moreover, it looked so pretty. That's so advanced. How did you manage to do it?"

"This is actually very easy to do."

Zi Yi gave her a short explanation and Dou Yurui was in a daze due to the information overload.

Zi Yi thought of what she saw last night and changed the topic. She asked Dou Yurui with a smile, "Cousin Yurui, when did you get together with Secretary Shao?"

Dou Yurui was no longer as awkward as she was last night. She revealed a smile and said, "Something unpleasant happened during the first time we met. Later, I just so happened to bump into him in a cafe, while he was having a blind date. I originally planned to tease him, but I didn't expect he would use me as an excuse to chase the girl away."

Speaking up to here, she felt that she had suffered a loss. "This man is too scheming. I nearly lost in his hands."

The more Zi Yi listened, the more confused she was. "Aren't you a couple?"

Dou Xiangling and Dou Yurui burst out laughing at Zi Yi's remark.

Dou Yue'er said, "You might not know, but our Third Sister also wants to be an overbearing Queen in her relationship. Therefore, her relationship with Brother Shao is a little exciting."

Zi Yi revealed an interested expression.

"What kind of excitement?"

Dou Yue'er looked at Dou Yurui.

Dou Yurui smiled and said, "In any case, I certainly won't lose in a battle against such a scheming bastard."

Zi Yi thought of the scene whereby they had fallen into the sea while kissing last night and she smiled in return.

The four of them had been standing outside and chatting for some time, when the Third Madam, who had headed inside ages ago, came out to call for them. "Why are you all standing outside? Isn't it too warm out there?"

Only then did the four of them make their way inside.

The two babies were lying in the stroller and it was placed in front of Elder Dou.

He was looking at the two babies with a huge smile on his face.

Zi Yi called out, "Grandpa."

“Yiyi, you’re back.”

Zi Yi walked to him and squatted down.

Elder Dou stroked her head and said with a smile. “You’ve been gone for a month, are you finally able to spend more time at home now?”

“Mhmm.” Zi Yi nodded her head. “I’ll be able to stay for at least a month. They’re all in training right now.”

Dou Jingning was also in the base and so, the First Madam asked, “Little Zi, does your Eldest Uncle and the rest require training for a few months too?”

“Yes. But Eldest Uncle and them are technicians, so their training would be different from the rest. It’ll be considerably easier.”

The First Madam said with a smile, “That’s great. I’m worried that your Eldest Uncle is so old and that he won’t be able to catch up to the younglings in terms of training.”

“Eldest Aunt, you shouldn’t look down on Eldest Uncle. He’s still very young!”

“Haha, you’re right.”

Everyone could not help but laugh.

Zi Yi then told them about the situation in the base.

Everyone could not help but get excited.

“If the spaceship is really completed, I also wish to go up to space and have a look.”

“There’ll be such opportunities in the future.”

Zi Yi said, “The development of mankind is originally progressing toward space anyways. After the first batch of pioneers head to space and locate the materials I need, I’ll be able to create spaceships meant to carry normal people. In that case, everyone would be able to travel into space!”

All of them were full of expectations after hearing Zi Yi’s explanation.

After lunch, Zi Yi asked Dou Yue’er about her travel plans.

In fact, she had only returned two days ago.

Dou Yue’er said with an excited expression, “We traveled to several famous historical sites of archeology. We also went to the Mayan ruins!”

Having said that, she looked for the photos she had taken on her phone and showed them to Zi Yi.

While looking through the photos, Dou Yue’er asked, “Cousin Yiyi, do you think the Mayans were really prophets? I feel that they aren’t the same as us.”

Zi Yi carefully looked through the photos for some time and said, “Indeed, they weren’t earthlings. They should have come from the second civilization.”

“Wow... what kind of civilization is the second civilization? Is it even better and more prosperous than the Earth’s civilization?”

“That’s right... but this is just my guess. Aren’t you going to study this major in the future? Study well, perhaps you will be the one to decrypt the secret one day.”

“Yes, yes! That’s what I wish for too!”

Chapter 1008 Acquiring a Fangirl

In the afternoon, the babies were still being taken care of by Zi Yi’s Aunts. Zi Yi and Lu Jingye did not have the chance to intervene whatsoever.

Everyone sat in the living room and casually chatted.

Dou Jingning had gone to the aviation base and the other three men in the family were not idle either. The state had assigned them an important task and they were talking about the recent progress with the task.

After listening to their conversation for some time, Dou Yue’er suddenly whispered to Zi Yi, “Cousin Yiyi, let’s call my Eldest Brother later and get him to bring my Eldest Sister-in-law back home for you to take a look!”

Zi Yi had yet to see Dou Yunhao’s girlfriend before and she was a little curious about her. “What kind of person is she?”

Dou Yue’er snickered and said, “She looks like a nerd, but she’s very nice.”

Zi Yi was relieved to hear that.

Dou Yunhao’s girlfriend was called Tang Ziye. After giving Dou Yunhao a call in the afternoon, both of them came back early for dinner in the evening.

When they walked inside the house, everyone was seated in the living room.

Tang Ziye greeted all the seniors after she made her way inside. But at the sight of Zi Yi, her eyes lit up. “Hello, Zi Yi. I’ve heard tons about you before and I didn’t expect to have the honor of meeting you in the flesh today. I’m so excited!”

From the looks of it, she seems to be a fan of Zi Yi.

Zi Yi said with a smile, “I’ve also heard about you often, people say that you’re a scholar.”

Tang Ziye smiled and said, “I pale in comparison to you.”

“Haha... you two should stop being humble with each other.” Dou Yurui said, “There’s no one in the Dou Family that isn’t smart.”

Zi Yi giggled at her words and Tang Ziye smiled with her lips pursed.

Tang Ziye’s appearance looked very clean and delicate. She wore a pair of silver-rimmed glasses and she looked like someone who was very knowledgeable.

When Tang Ziye discovered that Zi Yi was someone amicable, she pulled her away and asked some questions she had been stuck with for some time.

Dou Yue'er sitting beside them was stunned. "Oh my gosh. I was just saying how Eldest Sister-in-law didn't really like to talk. Why did she become so talkative in front of Cousin Yiyi?"

Dou Xiangling covered her lips and laughed. "That's because we don't have any topics in common with her to talk about. Listen to what Eldest Sister-in-law and Yiyi are talking about. Do you understand anything?"

Dou Yue'er shook her head in all honesty. "I don't understand."

The group of elders seated next to them was also looking at the two with a smile on their faces.

The Second Madam said with a sigh, "To think that I previously thought that Ziye is a woman of little words, it seems like I had been worried for nothing."

"It seems like this child would become more talkative when talking about something that she is interested in."

"Hahaha... that's good too. As long as she has common topics with Yunhao, that'll do."

The Dou Family members were all busy and they did not mind how Tang Ziye did not talk much. After all, there were only a few people who engaged in research who were talkative.

Everyone had a lively dinner. As the babies were still young, Zi Yi and Lu Jingye brought them home soon after.

The following period of time was the preparations for Lu Yunxiao and Anya's wedding.

With Zi Yi and Lu Jingye around, there was no need for Lu Yunxiao and Anya to intervene.

This joyous occasion in the Lu Family was not only for Lu Yunxiao's wedding but also Lu Jingye and Zi Yi's babies' one month banquet would also be held. As a result, the entire high society worldwide was aware of this event.

In the following few days before the special day, not only were the flights to the capital hard to grab. Even the surrounding countries' flights into China were also hard to purchase. Not to mention there were many people who chartered their personal planes over.

The country attached great importance to the joyous event in the Lu Family. There were security and barricades placed around the whole capital.

The night before the wedding. After Zi Yi and Lu Jingye put the babies to sleep, they lay on the bed while Zi Yi hugged his waist. "To think that it's so exhausting to hold a wedding at home. Why didn't I feel the same way previously?"

Lu Jingye said with a smile, "That's because you were the bride and there was no need for you to handle anything."

"Haha, you're right."

Zi Yi rubbed her cheeks in his embrace, found a comfortable spot, and closed her eyes. "What time will you be getting up tomorrow?"

"Around three in the morning"

"So early?"

"I have to make arrangements for many things. When Yunxiao heads over to fetch the bride, we'll have to start entertaining the guests."

Zi Yi opened her eyes, lifted her head, and kissed him on the cheeks. "Hubby, it's been tough on you."

Lu Jingye hugged her and the corner of his lips slightly raised up. "It'll be more relaxing the day after tomorrow. We'll rest for a few days after that."

"You don't have any work to do, right?"

"No, I don't."

Zi Yi was elated with his response and leaned her head in his embrace again. "In that case, let's go to the villa near M.Uni and stay there. We'll bring the babies along and let Mom take a rest too."

They weren't the only ones tired. Mrs. Lu was equally exhausted.

Lu Jingye responded with a nod and patted her back. "Go to sleep."

"Mhmm."

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In a presidential suite of one of the six-star hotels in the capital, a young man was holding onto a phone while making a call.

The other party said something and he answered. "I know, isn't it just displaying friendliness in front of Zi Yi and Lu Jingye? I will surely perform well tomorrow and strive to get the right to cooperate with them.

"Other countries would have also thought of what you could possibly think. I will find a way to attract their attention tomorrow.

"Otherwise, do you think they will be willing to cooperate with us based on the impression they have of Country A?"

"I know. Since you sent me here, you have to believe in me. The nuclear weapon technology our country possesses is stronger than China's. After attending the wedding, I will proceed to meet with the higher-ups. I don't believe they will make things difficult for me if I use this as a bargaining chip to have them request Zi Yi to cooperate with us in the development of aviation technology.

"Ok, I got it."

The young man disconnected the call with a confident expression.

Just then, knocking sounds could be heard from the door. He motioned for the bodyguard there to open the door.

Upon opening the door, the person he sent to investigate matters came in.

“Young Master, there are princes from 15 countries, counts from 17 countries, and kings from 7 countries staying in this hotel.”

The young man asked, “Have you found out what gifts they will be presenting tomorrow?”

“Yes.”

The man quickly gave the young man a report.

After the young man finished listening to what he had to say, he revealed a disdainful expression. “It’s all some vulgar, materialistic items. Do they think based on Lu Jingye and Zi Yi’s net worth, they would still care for those ordinary jewels?”

“Continue checking if they have anything planned in the dark. Also, send some people to monitor the Dou Family. If anyone visits to send gifts, immediately come back and report it to me.”

“I understand.”

After his subordinate left, the young man took out his phone and checked a list of the Dou Family member’s names. In the end, his gaze landed on the name Dou Yurui. He then opened her photo and murmured in a low voice, “Dou Yurui, it just so happens that I don’t have a girlfriend either. You can’t run away now.”

With that, he revealed a confident smile.

The best way to get inside the family would be to grasp the heart of one of the women Zi Yi cared about. Since Zi Yi built her laboratory in Country M because of Dou Xiangling, as long as he was with Dou Yurui, was there still a need to worry that Zi Yi would not take out her aviation technology and share it with Country A?

Chapter 1009 Woman, Can’t You Speak a Little More Tactfully?

Anya’s family and relatives arrived in the capital three days ago.

As they were royalty, they stayed in the embassy for the period of time before the wedding.

Anya also headed to the embassy yesterday. Therefore, Lu Yunxiao would be heading there today to fetch the bride.

At around three in the morning, Lu Jingye woke up. He originally wanted Zi Yi to sleep longer, but she also woke up when he moved.

“Ah Jing, are you getting up?” Having said that, she was about to follow him and get up.

“You can continue sleeping for an hour, there’s no need for you to wake up at the same time as me.” Lu Jingye kissed her on the forehead. “I don’t know what time we will be busy until today. You’ll be more energetic if you catch more sleep.”

With that, he was about to get out of bed, only to realize that his wife was pulling onto his sleeve. He kissed her again on the forehead and said, "I'll bring Tangtang and Guoguo onto the bed. You can sleep with them. But be careful not to roll onto them."

Only then did Zi Yi release her grip on his sleeve. "In that case, wake me up in an hour's time. I can't sleep too long either."

"Ok."

Lu Jingye got up, changed the diapers for the two babies, and fed them their milk before carrying them to Zi Yi's side.

The moment they were beside Zi Yi, they automatically nestled beside her and slept even more soundly.

Lu Jingye waited for the three of them to fall asleep before he left to wash up.

After he finished washing up, he kissed them on the cheeks and made his way out.

With the two babies next to her, Zi Yi did not dare to fall asleep deeply for fear that she would roll onto them. However, she would lift her hands to stroke them from time to time.

When Lu Jingye came back to wake her up, she was stroking Tangtang while muttering, "Luckily I didn't crush them."

Lu Jingye was amused by her actions and he leaned down to whisper in her ear, "Yiyi, it's time to get up."

Zi Yi immediately opened her eyes and asked, "What time is it?"

"Five in the morning"

"It's so late?"

She hastily sat up in a careful manner. While wearing her clothes, she asked, "What's the situation right now?"

"There's no rush," Lu Jingye said, "Other than Grandfather and Yue'er who will be arriving later, everyone from your maternal side has arrived to help. Third Uncle's Family, my subordinates, and Yunxiao's subordinates are also here. There is enough manpower right now."

Zi Yi nodded her head, but her hands did not stop moving. After she got dressed and finished washing up, she asked Lu Jingye, "Should we leave the babies here to sleep or carry them to the nursery?"

The two babies were sleeping soundly right now. Lu Jingye thought for a moment and said, "Let them sleep here. There's our scent on the bed and they'll sleep even more soundly."

"Ok."

Zi Yi called the baby caretaker robot to the room and left together with Lu Jingye

When they came downstairs, it was extremely lively outside.

The wedding venue was in the backyard. With the roses combined with Zi Yi's advanced technology, a floating magnetic field larger than their backyard was created.

Everyone was gathered outside in the front yard at this point in time.

When Zi Yi came down, she just so happened to bump into Dou Xiangling and Dou Yurui who made their way inside.

Dou Yurui was so stunned by the wedding venue that she had forgotten what she was here for today. She took Zi Yi's hand and said, "Cousin Yiyi, isn't the wedding venue you designed too dreamy and techy? In the future when I get married, can you design my wedding venue too?"

Zi Yi nodded and said with a smile, "No problem. I will design whatever effect you want when the time comes."

Dou Yurui was so elated that she couldn't wait to get married to Secretary Shao right away.

She took a glance outside but did not manage to spot Secretary Shao. Only then did she dismiss that idea. "After today's wedding, I'll go ask Shao Hua when he'll be marrying me."

Speaking of this, she asked Zi Yi, "The cost to design this wedding venue isn't cheap, right?"

With the salary she was receiving right now, she felt that it would be a little difficult to have such a luxurious wedding.

Zi Yi smiled and deliberately said, "There's no need for you to worry about this. Secretary Shao is rich. Perhaps the amount in his savings might shock you."

"Really?" Dou Yurui agreed with what Zi Yi said after some thought. "Shao Hua has been working as a secretary next to Little Lu for so many years. I heard that the annual salary of people in his position starts at tens of millions. Perhaps he might really be rich."

She planned to find a chance to ask at a later time. Only by knowing how rich her man was would she be able to decide how luxurious her wedding would be.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling saw how Dou Yurui was making plans in her mind and both of them could not help but laugh.

Just then, Ian who came out just so happened to see the trio standing on one side. He made his way over and asked, "Dear beautiful ladies, what were you discussing, to be in such a joyous mood?"

Dou Yurui answered, "We were talking about whether we should ask Yiyi to design the wedding venue when you and my sister get married."

Dou Xiangling was a little shy and so, she nudged Dou Yurui's arm. "Second Sis, what nonsense are you talking about?"

Ian looked at Dou Xiangling and revealed a gentle smile. "As long as Xiangling fancies it, I won't have a problem with anything."

Zi Yi purposely said, "The design fees to hire me are very expensive."

Ian did not care in the slightest. "In any case, such an event only happens once in a lifetime. As long as my bride is happy, it doesn't matter how expensive the wedding will be."

Dou Yurui was jealous to hear that. "Sure enough, the most important thing to do is to find a rich husband."

Secretary Shao, who just so happened to walk past, overheard Dou Yurui's comment. He came over, pushed his glasses up on his nose bridge, and answered calmly, "You can also find a rich husband."

Dou Yurui glanced at him. "Are you rich?"

Secretary Shao smiled without answering.

Dou Yurui said with a sneer, "Just moments ago, I heard that you only make a few million a year."

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling made eye contact with each other while admiring how Dou Yurui could lie without batting an eye.

Dou Yurui continued to say, "With the measly salary you're getting, how could you possibly have the money?"

Secretary Shao did not look angry at all. He even followed along with her and said, "Even though my salary isn't high, I will try my best to let you live without worrying about food and clothing. I am also willing to sell my liver and a kidney to spend a large amount of money to design such a wedding."

"..."

Dou Yurui was evidently stunned by Secretary Shao's speech.

A few moments later, she said, "If you sell your liver and kidney, how can you still make me live a happy life? You can't possibly think of having me be the one to comfort myself?"

Zi Yi, Dou Xiangling: "..."

Zi Yi said to Dou Xiangling, "Cousin Xiangling, let's go. We are still pure babies. If we stay together with her for too long, we will turn into naughty kids in the future."

Ian had the same thoughts. He grabbed Dou Xiangling's hand and said, "Xiangling, let's go. We'll take a look around Lu Yunxiao's wedding venue. Tell me what you like, so that we can have these things in the design when it's our turn."

With that, he pulled Dou Xiangling away.

Zi Yi also left to look for Mrs. Lu.

Secretary Shao did not expect Dou Yurui to be so explicit. He subconsciously pushed his glasses up higher and said in a complicated tone, "Woman, can't you speak a little more tactfully?"

"I can't." Dou Yurui crossed her arms. "My personality is just like this, what are you going to do with me?"

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Secretary Shao was naturally powerless against her. He said, "There's still one alternative that does not involve selling my liver and kidney. We can get Zi Yi to design the wedding venue for free."

Dou Yurui retorted, "Can you be more shameless? Do I look like the sort who likes to take advantage of others?"

"We don't always need to worry about losing face. Sometimes, if people care too much, it will only make our lives hard. As for taking advantage of people, if it's for small amounts of money, we naturally shouldn't do it. However, if it's going to bankrupt your man, then there's no harm in taking advantage of others."

Dou Yurui pondered for a few seconds. She looked at him in disbelief feeling strangely swayed. "Why am I starting to think you make sense?"

Secretary Shao suddenly smiled at her seductively. "Since we're getting married, we have to be careful with the money. We should try our best to save money if we can."

Dou Yurui was about to nod when she suddenly snapped out of her daze. She raised her hand and patted her chest as she said, "I nearly bought your words. If I don't spend money on the wedding, when else should I spend it?"

"You can spend the money slowly. It's not cheap to raise kids."

"Can't we even afford to have kids with our kind of salaries?"

Dou Yurui glared at him.

Secretary Shao smiled. "If it's just two to three kids, we can still afford it. If you want eight to ten kids, then it might be a little difficult."

Dou Yurui gritted her teeth and said, "Do I look like a sow to you?"

She shoved him aside huffily and walked away immediately.

Secretary Shao watched from behind as she left the living room before going to the side.

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Zi Yi found Mrs. Lu in the kitchen.

Mrs. Lu was there watching the staff make breakfast. As she watched, she said to the chefs she hired, "Even though the breakfast doesn't have to be fancy, everyone's going to be very busy today and won't be able to eat for a long time, so it has to last."

One of the chefs replied reverently, "Mrs. Lu, don't worry. I promise you everyone will be happy with breakfast."

Mrs. Lu nodded.

Zi Yi greeted her. "Mom."

Mrs. Lu turned to look at Zi Yi. She smiled and said, "Yiyi, what are you doing here? Are you hungry?"

Zi Yi walked up beside her and glanced at the ingredients in front of her. She said, "Yes, a little."

She made a suggestion. "If we only eat breakfast, I'm sure we won't last long. After all, we still have to receive guests. Why don't we prepare some small snacks and place them in the guest lounge? Everyone can take a bite if they want to. Just make food around this big."

As Zi Yi spoke, she gestured for something to be made roughly the size of glutinous rice balls. In reality, she simply wanted to sneak a bite when she could.

Mrs. Lu naturally knew her true intentions, but she agreed. "Yiyi, you're right. This way, there's something to eat if we get hungry."

The chefs nodded in agreement.

Mrs. Lu left them to do their work.

Mrs. Lu and Zi Yi walked out of the kitchen. Mrs. Lu asked about the twins, "Where will the babies sleep? Everyone will be downstairs. What if it gets too noisy for them?"

"Mom, don't worry."

Zi Yi retrieved her phone and showed her the surveillance footage for the bedroom.

As she looked at the twins sleeping soundly, Mrs. Lu smiled happily. "Our twins are such good kids. They must have known we'll be busy today, so they continued sleeping soundly on their own."

Zi Yi smiled as well. "After breakfast, my aunt and the others can help look after them. This way, we won't have a problem entertaining the guests."

"Yes. Excellent plan."

The four madams from the Dou family genuinely adored the twins, so Mrs. Lu felt the twins were in good hands.

After breakfast, it was only half past six in the morning.

Lu Jingye had an earpiece in his ear. Every now and then he gave orders and looked very busy.

At seven o'clock, a fleet of cars and chauffeurs had parked outside the villa ready to pick up the bride.

Zi Yi stood at the main entrance with Mrs. Lu. As she watched Lu Yunxiao walk toward the bridal car, Mrs. Lu beamed brightly. "This is great. In two to three hours, Anya will be here."

Zi Yi smiled and said, "Mom, you can just sit back and wait for your second daughter-in-law to serve you tea."

Mrs. Lu laughed out loud and said, "Not only is my second daughter-in-law going to serve me tea, but I can also brag about my grandchildren."

At half past seven, they went to pick up the bride.

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Meanwhile, on the other side.

Everyone knew that the Lu family was holding a wedding and celebrating the birth of a pair of twins today.

Meanwhile, at the National Sanatorium. A bunch of elderly people were sitting in front of the television watching the live telecast of the wedding procession.

“Second Master Lu has very good sons. The government sent plainclothes guards to escort the bridal car for the wedding and the streets are on lockdown.”

“Lots of esteemed guests are here today. Important people from a lot of countries are among them.”

“That goes without saying. Second Master Lu has a very impressive eldest daughter-in-law. Thanks to her, the epidemic was quickly put under control. I heard from my grandson that her aviation research base will start sending people into outer space in a few months. Also, her spaceship has gravity, so it’s just like being on earth.”

“She’s so awesome. Where did she learn how to do all these things anyway? If we didn’t already know her, I would suspect she’s from the future.”

“Haha! Even if she’s from the future, does it matter? She’s now one of us and married into the Lu family.”

“Absolutely. It doesn’t matter as long as she can do good for the country and citizens.”

“It’s too bad some people are getting old and confused and keep treating their good granddaughter-in-law harshly.”

As they gossiped, they talked about Elder Lu.

“Second Master Lu came with his boys to invite him over. I heard he refused to go.”

“He really doesn’t know better. Does he think he’s the father of the emperor? Does he think they can’t go on with the banquet without his approval?”

“He simply thinks too highly of himself.”

“If I had such good grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, I would laugh in my dreams.”

“Me too.”

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Elder Lu heard everything standing from the door. He was so infuriated that he nearly wanted to cough up blood. He felt indignant inside.

They knew nothing of the truth, but they kept making wild accusations about him.

What made them think he didn’t want to go back?

God knew how much he wanted to see his great-grandchildren.

A couple of days ago, Lu Jiancheng came to see him along with Lu Jingye and Lu Yunxiao asking him to go back for the banquet. He could not lower himself, so he simply said he would think about it. The

moment they left, the marshall unexpectedly called telling him he was not allowed to go anywhere on the 25th.

If it were anyone else, he would never give a hoot about it. However, it was an order from the marshall.

It was a military order, so it was unshakable. It was impossible for him to defy the orders!

Elder Lu felt angrier thinking about this. He decided to turn and walk off so that he did not have to hear them gossip.

Rather than listen to people pointing their fingers at him, he would rather go back and sleep!