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Chapter 441: Murong You's Admirers Bashing Zi Yi

The Dou Family was also rather surprised when they received the call from Mrs. Lu.

Mrs. Lu had directly called the eldest son of the Dou Family, Dou Jingning.

Dou Jingning just happened to be at home today. After he received the call, he had immediately informed his father.

After telling him about the call, he continued to speak with a serious expression. "The Dou Family and the Lu Family have no contact with each other and it is unexpected for us to have received an invitation from them."

Elder Dou's speech was much smoother these days and he asked, "Did anything happen in the Lu Family these days?"

Dou Jingning answered, "I heard that Patriarch Lu's third grandson would be in town during this period of time."

The First Madam standing on the side seemed to have thought of something as she said, "The other grandsons in the Dou Family have already gotten married and formed their own families. For Patriarch Lu to have held this banquet, could he be trying to matchmake for his remaining two grandsons?"

The Fourth Madam agreed with the First Madam. "Jingye is Jingtong's proud student and I've met him several times too. He has a handsome appearance and is also gentle. Jingtong has mentioned that if it were not because he had to take over the Lu Group, he should have already gotten married and settled down too. It seems like Patriarch Lu has the final say in the marriages of the younger generation."

As soon as the Fourth Madam said that, the Third Madam managed to make a guess. "Could it be that Patriarch Lu has taken a liking to the young ladies of our family and he intends for them to attend the banquet?"

The Second Madam furrowed her brow. "Even though, based on what Fourth Sister said, Lu Jingye has a good personality, but ultimately, he is from the Lu Family. I don't agree with having the daughters in our family marry into theirs."

In fact, all the Dou Family members had the same thought.

Elder Dou did not immediately speak out. He merely asked Dou Jingning. "What else did the Second Madam say?"

"The Second Madam said that the Lu Family had also invited Little Zi."

"Why would they invite Little Zi?"

Even though Elder Dou had never come into contact with Patriarch Lu before, he had often heard stories about him.

In particular, the situation whereby Patriarch Lu had been choosing the spouses for his grandchildren, no one in high society doesn't know of this.

When choosing a wife or husband for his grandchildren, his first requirement was that their family had to be on the same level and have a good reputation.

As for Zi Yi, based on the things she had done in the past, Patriarch Lu would not have considered her a candidate.

Elder Dou said, "Call Zi Yi home tonight. We'll ask her if she wants to go."

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Zi Yi was not surprised to receive a call from Dou Jingning, asking her to come back and have dinner.

After hanging up the phone, she planned to go back together with Dou Xiangling and so, she gave her a call.

Dou Xiangling got Zi Yi to wait for her at the School of Fine Arts. Her class had just ended and she was still tidying up the work that her students had submitted.

Zi Yi then made her way to the School of Fine Arts.

It just so happened to be when classes ended and by the time Zi Yi made her way over, she had been surrounded by a group of students from the School of Fine Arts.

"Student Zi, you're so amazing. Not only are you so talented in painting, but you're also even knowledgeable about medicine. You're simply my goddess."

"Student Zi, can you come to the School of Fine Arts to hold a lecture?"

"Student Zi, I will vote for you when you run for the officer position of the External Relations Department."

"Me too."

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Zi Yi finally recalled what she had said two days ago and the corner of her lips curled up as she said, "I don't need votes for the time being."

She headed towards the office building after saying that, leaving behind a group of puzzled students.

"Zi Yi said that she doesn't need votes for the time being? But doesn't the voting start tomorrow?"

"Perhaps what she meant was for us to keep our votes until the last day before voting. In that case, the votes will soar all the way. Just the thought of it is making me excited."

"It's very possible, but... The online recruitment of the Student Union positions will be ending at 8:00 p.m tonight. Why hasn't she signed up yet?"

"Could it be that she's planning to sign up at the very last minute?"

"It's possible."

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Besides the students from the School of Fine Arts who were guessing why Zi Yi had yet to sign up, it could be said that the whole of M.Uni was paying attention to the situation.

The opinions of the masses varied.

However, the majority of them felt that she was deliberately waiting until the last minute before signing up.

"I think that Zi Yi is trying to attract attention. Signing up doesn't take up tons of time and yet, she insists on waiting until the very last minute."

When Chen Yuying headed to the school canteen, she just so happened to hear someone saying that.

She then stopped and turned to look at the female student. Unexpectedly, the first person she saw was Murong You, who was walking beside the female student.

Murong You had also looked back at her and smiled as she nodded. Following that, she said to her friend beside her, "This matter has nothing to do with us in any case."

She took her leave first after having said that.

Chen Yuying looked at Murong You who had walked far away and shifted her gaze away from her.

Chen Yuying's good friend, Zhang Lan said, "To be honest, I don't like Murong You in the slightest."

Chen Yuying tilted her head and glanced in her direction. "We aren't even in the same school and you've not come into contact with her. How can you be so sure that you like or dislike her?"

"Say, Chen Yuying. Did you forget about the incident where you ran for the campus belle selection? When her admirers canvassed votes for her, they were simply acting like maniacs. If it weren't because of the fact that you had no dark history that could be dug out, they would have used your dark history to kick you out of the rankings!

Just you wait. Zi Yi is the greatest contender for the position of the campus belle. Something big will definitely happen in the coming days."

"You're saying that Murong You's admirers would bash Zi Yi?"

"Who doesn't know about that?"

"Impossible, they wouldn't be able to do that," Chen Yuying said with certainty. "Zi Yi saved forty to fifty people today and M.Uni clearly plans to nurture her well. Do you think the school will allow these people to do as they wish?"

Zhang Lan thought about it and found her argument reasonable. "It's even better this way. I've already found her an eyesore long ago. That big white lotus should be taught a lesson, else she would really think that her beauty is incomparable in the world."

"Incomparable in terms of appearance?" Chen Yuying was a little shocked. "Anyone who has eyes can see that Zi Yi is the most beautiful one, right?"

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No matter how the others made guesses, Zi Yi paid them no heed.

She had never thought of running for the officer of the External Relations Department position.

When she arrived outside Dou Xiangling's office, she did not expect to see Zhang Hanyu again.

The door was ajar and when Zi Yi arrived at the door, the both of them had noticed her arrival.

Dou Xiangling was currently packing the drawing paper submitted by the students into a large art portfolio bag, which she planned to take home and look through.

The moment Zhang Hanyu saw her, he smiled and called out to her in a natural way. "Student Zi, your arrival is quite timely. I heard that the sugar-fried chestnut near the East Gate is pretty good and I bought some. Do you want to try it?"

Zi Yi walked over and saw the paper bag placed on the office table and she subconsciously looked at Dou Xiangling.

Dou Xiangling just so happened to be done and she said to Zi Yi, "Teacher Zhang has already come back to teach these days and he has something on tomorrow morning. I just so happened to be free and he's here to ask if I could take his class on his behalf."

Zhang Hanyu could not help but chuckled and teased her as he heard her explanation. "When asking for a favor, I would definitely have to bring bribes. Only then would I not end up blacklisted by Teacher Dou."

Dou Xiangling laughed and grabbed the art portfolio bag along with the bag of chestnuts on her table. "You can rest assured. Since I've accepted your bribe, I will take care of your class for you."

"Thank you so much." Zhang Hanyu placed his crutches to the side of the table and cupped his fists as he gave her a salute..

Chapter 442: The Dou Family Finally Knows of the Relationship Between Zi Yi and Lu Jingye

After they left the office, Dou Xiangling passed the bag of chestnuts to Zi Yi.

"Yiyi, you can eat them. Chestnuts are delicious when eaten warm."

Zi Yi took the bag and responded with an ok.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling walked out of the office, when Zi Yi suddenly looked in another direction.

Dou Xiangling noticed her movements and asked, "Yiyi, what are you looking at?"

Zi Yi said with certainty, "Someone is secretly taking photographs."

Dou Xiangling smiled. "Aren't there plenty of people secretly taking photos of you right now?"

She deliberately looked at the surroundings. Sure enough, she saw several male and female students aiming their cameras at her.

She originally wanted to say that it was a different type of feeling, but she ended up swallowing her words. She took out her phone and sent Shadow a command to check it out.

They headed towards the car and by the time they arrived, Shadow informed her of the results of his check. It was a reporter.

Dou Xiangling could not handle her car and so, Zi Yi thought for a second before she said, "Cousin, I'll take your car, let me drive."

Dou Xiangling had no objections and directly passed her the keys.

As soon as they got in the car, Zi Yi received a message from Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye: [Yiyi, leave from the West Gate.]

Zi Yi followed what he said and drove towards the West Gate.

Dou Xiangling was, however, surprised at that. "Yiyi, why are we leaving through the West Gate?"

"The East Gate is surrounded by reporters."

Unexpectedly, there were several police cars parked outside the West Gate. When their cars drove out, only then did they discover that there were also policemen patrolling around. Not to mention reporters, there was not a single civilian pedestrian and only M.Uni students were entering and exiting.

Dou Xiangling looked at those police cars and laughed as she made a guess. "Could Mr. Lu have specially done this for you?"

Zi Yi smiled and did not say a single word.

By the time the car drove into the Dou Residence, the street lamps were already lit up and as they shone against the white walls in the courtyard, the residence gave off a very vintage feeling.

All the Dou Family members came out to welcome them home as soon as they heard the sounds of the car. Zi Yi greeted the elders when she alighted from the car.

Dou Jingning nodded and said, "Go in and visit your grandfather first and then we'll start the dinner."

"Alright."

This time around, all four of her uncles entered alongside Zi Yi into Elder Dou's room.

Elder Dou was obviously waiting for her. He was leaning against his bed with a coat draped around his shoulders.

"Grandfather."

"Yiyi, come over here."

Zi Yi walked over to Elder Dou's side.

"Xiaoyong has told me about what happened today in school. You've done well."

Zi Yi's eyes curved into crescent moons.

Elder Dou also revealed a smile as he said, "You were very smart from a young age, but you did not put in much effort into your studies back then. Since you're planning to study now, you should work hard."

"I understand, Grandfather."

"You can consult your uncles if you have anything you're unsure of."

"Alright."

They chatted for a short period of time and then Elder Dou said, "Go out and have dinner. Don't starve yourself."

Zi Yi headed out together with her Uncles and just so happened to meet with the Second Madam who was bringing the food inside.

The Second Madam smiled and said, "Little Zi, you all should hurry and make your way to the dinner table. The dishes are about to turn cold."

"Alright."

When they were heading towards the living room, Dou Jingning suddenly asked, "Little Zi, did the Lu Family invite you to the dinner banquet they will be holding at their residence in two days time?"

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Auntie Lu already gave me a call in the afternoon."

All her uncles suddenly stopped walking after they heard what she said.

Zi Yi had also followed suit and looked at them.

Her uncles were silent for several seconds before Dou Jingtong asked, "The Auntie Lu you're referring to, is she Jingye's Mother?"

In fact, they vaguely knew that Zi Yi and Lu Jingye were currently in a relationship, but they did not wish to admit it.

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Zi Yi knew what they were thinking from the expressions on their faces and nodded. "Yes. I'm currently dating Ah Jing. Auntie Lu is a very nice person."

They had fallen into silence once again and a complicated emotion bubbled forth in their hearts.

A few seconds had passed before Dou Jingning suddenly said, "Let's go. We'll have dinner first and discuss this later."

He took the lead and headed to the living room.

The others were already waiting in the living room. When everyone had sat down and started to eat, Dou Yue'er excitedly asked, "Cousin, I heard that the Lu Family has also invited you to the dinner banquet. We'll be able to head over together."

Everyone shifted their attention towards Dou Yue'er.

She felt confused at their reactions and said, "Did I say something wrong?"

Dou Zerui asked, "Do you know what the Lu Family has planned for the dinner banquet?"

"What did they plan?" Dou Yue'er was still in high school and even though she attended a day school, she had no time to listen to the gossip in the capital. In her point of view, they had invited them to the banquet to enjoy themselves along with eating food.

Dou Yurui, who was seated next to her, said, "The Lu Family is planning to matchmake the Second and Third Young Masters."

"Ah?" Dou Yue'er was puzzled and she said with a starry-eyed expression, "Even an immortal-like person like Second Brother Lu has to go on blind dates? He's my idol, and why do I feel that all those young ladies of the high society are unworthy of him?"

Her words caused Dou Xiangling and Dou Zerui to simultaneously look in Zi Yi's direction.

However, she was eating with a calm expression.

Dou Zerui was worried that Zi Yi's thoughts might wander and he said to Dou Yue'er, "You should eat more and talk less."

Dou Yue'er was baffled as she looked at him. In the end, she merely responded with an 'oh' before she lowered her head and continued to eat.

Not many people within the Dou Family knew that Zi Yi and Lu Jingye were currently in a relationship. After dinner, when Zi Yi had revealed that they were dating, those who were unaware were all greatly surprised.

"Cousin, are you really dating Second Brother?" Dou Yue'er asked with her eyes wide open. Immediately afterwards, she was elated. "I've always thought that other women don't deserve to be with Second Brother. But if cousin were to be in a relationship with him, the both of you are just like a match made in heaven."

Speaking up to here, she suddenly felt that the atmosphere had become weird. When she checked out the elders' expressions, only then did she realize that their expressions were somewhat dark.

Dou Xiangling had also glanced at the elders and she said to Dou Yue'er who was chattering on and on, "Yue'er, you still have class tomorrow. Go back to your room and take a rest."

Dou Yue'er was somewhat reluctant. It was such a big incident and she also wanted to know about it.

Dou Xiangling ended up walking over to her chair and pulling her away.

Just then, Dou Jingning asked Zi Yi, "Little Zi, do you know what you will be facing if you are to date Lu Jingye?"

He did not wish to hurt his niece, but based on the type of family the Lu Family were, he still hoped that she could see things clearly.

"Patriarch Lu is very strong minded. In particular, the marriages of the younger generation were all decided by him... those that he takes a fancy to have always been people close to the Lu Family or the

descendants of his subordinates. Also, there's another point. He's a martial artist and we belong to a scholarly family. He dislikes associating with families like ours the most."

Patriarch Lu's reputation was well known to everyone. All of them knew that he disliked scholars when he was younger.

It just so happens that the Dou Family is a scholarly family and Zi Yi was also their niece. There was no need to even doubt the reason as to why Elder Lu had invited them.

Even though they were still making guesses about Patriarch Lu's motive during the day.

"Then why did the Lu Family invite the Dou Family?"

Dou MUYANG had already thought of the possible reason and he angrily said, "Patriarch Lu must have known that cousin is currently dating the Second Young Master, so is he planning to give us a warning? Or is he planning to let cousin look on helplessly as he decides on another woman for the Second Young Master?"

The younger generation of the Dou Family were also infuriated.

"It's not to the extent of giving us a warning," Dou JINGNING said with a sullen expression.. "I believe the reason he invited Little Zi is to make her give up."

Chapter 443: Lu Jingye's Attitude

At the thought of this possibility, the Dou Family was very angry.

Dou Zerui coldly snorted. "If Patriarch Lu does not like Yiyi, it's not like we need him to!"

Dou MUYANG snorted. "Even if the Lu Family are royalty, there's no need for our Dou Family to curry favors with them. Yiyi is so outstanding and if they dislike her, then it's their loss."

However, Dou XIANGLING was a little worried and she asked Zi Yi, who had remained silent throughout, "Yiyi, what are your thoughts?"

All of them turned to look at Zi Yi as they wanted to hear her thoughts.

Zi Yi did not immediately answer. Instead, she asked a question, "Will you be attending the Lu Family's dinner banquet when the time comes?"

"What is the need to attend?" Dou XIAOYONG said in a solemn voice. "Since it's not a sincere invitation, we won't go."

The others also had the same thought.

Zi Yi nodded her head and the corner of her lips curled up. She did not take this incident to heart. "I'm dating Ah Jing, it doesn't affect me if Patriarch Lu agrees to our relationship or not."

If he were to infuriate her, she would simply transfer Ah Jing's household registration to her residence, then hack into the Civil Affairs Bureau to get their marriage certification completed. At that time, she would like to see how Patriarch Lu would be able to stop them.

Obviously, Zi Yi would not say that out loud.

When the Dou Family heard what she had said, her Uncles were silent for some time.

Dou Jingning asked, "What's Little Lu's attitude about this?"

Even though they personally did not wish for Zi Yi to be involved with the Lu Family, they could not do anything if they liked each other, as they could not possibly do something like breaking up an affectionate couple.

However, if Lu Jingye's stance was lacking, then they could only be those evil people who break them up.

The Dou Family females would never get married into another family just to suffer humiliation.

Even though they were angry with Zi Xu, he had truly treated her mother well after they got married. Otherwise, they would not have indulged Zi Xu so much in the beginning.

Before Zi Yi had the chance to speak, a sudden car horn sounded from outside.

The First Madam and the Second Madam hastily went out to check on the situation.

The rest did not pay much attention to it and continued to stare at Zi Yi.

Zi Yi said confidently, "Ah Jing will not allow anyone to bully me."

Her Uncles furrowed their brows.

It was Lu Jingye's grandfather in question and who could be sure which side he would stand on?

Just as Dou Jingning was about to speak, the First Madam's voice sounded from outside. "Mr. Lu is here."

All of them were surprised and they subconsciously looked towards the door.

When they saw Lu Jingye entering together with the First Madam and Second Madam, their expressions were somewhat weird.

After Lu Jingye entered, he greeted them politely. He originally gave off a polite and gentle image and now that he was smiling, it would unconsciously make one have a good impression of him.

Lu Jingye looked at Zi Yi with those gentle eyes of his, before he said to the Dou Family, "My Mother is inviting the Dou Family to attend the Lu Family's dinner banquet. I believe there might be some confusion in this and I came here specially to explain to everyone."

The Dou Family members looked at each other.

Dou Jingning said, "Mr. Lu, come in and take a seat." Having said that, he even commented, "There are insufficient chairs in our home, so I hope you don't mind."

Dou Zerui immediately understood his intentions and went over to fetch a short stool.

The Dou Family was clearly testing Lu Jingye to see his attitude.

Zi Yi wanted to speak when the First Madam softly called out to her. "Little Zi."

Zi Yi turned to look at the First Madam and she shook her head, hinting to her not to speak.

All of them were staring at Lu Jingye, just so that they could see his reaction.

When faced with the Dou Family deliberately trying to make things difficult for him, Lu Jingye still maintained a polite smile on his face.

He walked over and lifted the short stool to place it beside Zi Yi and sat down.

The stool was very short. For someone who was 1.8 meters tall, it was very awkward.

He did not reveal the slightest trace of dissatisfaction, despite being seated like that. On the contrary, his noble aura made a person feel as if everyone were seated in the same way.

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at him.

Lu Jingye sensed her gaze on him and turned to look at her, hinting to her to rest assured.

He then looked towards the Dou Family and said, "This banquet is hosted by my Grandfather and he has invited everyone in the high society of the capital. In particular, unmarried women of every family, with the purpose of matchmaking my younger brother and I."

As soon as Lu Jingye said that, Dou Zerui angrily said, "Sure enough, it's really a matchmaking session for you!"

He originally thought that Lu Jingye was a pretty nice guy, but he found him unpleasant to look at right now. "Since your Grandfather is trying to matchmake you, why are you still here to look for my cousin? Let me tell you..."

"Zerui, keep quiet!" Dou Zhiyuan said in a deep raised voice and Dou Zerui could only keep his mouth shut.

Dou Jingtong looked at the student he had always been proud of and said, "Little Lu, continue."

Lu Jingye nodded and said, "In the Lu Family, only our family moved out of the main residence. Everyone thought that it was due to my father's work, but the real reason is that my Grandfather disapproved of my Father marrying my Mother."

The Dou Family members were all surprised to hear that.

Lu Jingye then said, "My Mother comes from a merchant family and my grandfather felt that she did not deserve my father. Therefore, my father had moved out of the main residence in order to marry her.

The reason for telling you these things is to let you know that it's my own matter to like Yiyi. Wanting to marry and have children with her is also my own matter. My family can choose to recognize our relationship, but they do not have the right to decide our lives. Even if the person is my grandfather."

When Lu Jingye said that, he had a firm expression.

The Dou Family were satisfied with his response.

“Little Lu, you’ve said it well. But I want to ask, did your parents experience many twists and turns in order to be together back then? Did your Mother’s family make a big concession?” Dou Jingning hit the nail on the head.

“Yes.” Unexpectedly, Lu Jingye did not conceal that. “My maternal grandfather’s family was engaged in the jade business. In order to let them be together, they had agreed to hand all their business to my mother as a dowry.”

The expressions of the Dou Family sank simultaneously.

“The Dou Family does not have such a massive family business like the Song Family. Does it mean that Little Zi would never be recognized by Patriarch Lu?”

“Uncle...”

“Yiyi.” Lu Jingye raised his hand and held onto Zi Yi’s hand and prevented her from speaking.

He looked at the Dou Family and said, “That’s not what I meant. The reason I’m telling you this is that since my parents can obtain my grandfather’s approval back then, the same goes for Yiyi and me.

We don’t need anything from you. If money can make my grandfather approve of Yiyi, I have private properties that can be transferred over to her. She can bring them out and receive my grandfather’s approval that way.

But if my grandfather does not agree, I can leave the Lu Family empty-handed. In this life of mine, I will only marry Yiyi.”

He held Zi Yi’s hand after he made that statement and he revealed a firm gaze.

The Dou Family members looked at Lu Jingye and did not know what else they should say.

Some time later, Dou Xiangling asked, “What if Patriarch Lu doesn’t approve of your relationship and makes things difficult for Zi Yi when the time comes?”

“I can promise with my life that I won’t allow anyone to make things difficult for Yiyi.”

Chapter 444: Goodnight Kiss

Everyone from high society knows that the most outstanding men were from the third generation of the Lu Family, Lu Jingye and Lu Yunxiao. One of them was a genius in the business world and the other one held the reins of the secret force that kept others from acting presumptuously towards the Lu Family.

Among the two of them, no matter who it was, the only way Patriarch Lu would drive them towards a dead-end was if he had a screw loose in his head.

Moreover, Lu Jingye was someone who was extremely calm and introverted. Therefore, they never expected him to say this to them.

In reality, the Dou Family merely wanted to know Lu Jingye’s attitude in this matter.

Since he had already stated his standpoint, they were relieved.

“The Lu Family dinner banquet...”

“You can choose to attend or not to attend. But the dinner banquet would most probably be only held halfway.”

All of them looked at him with a confused gaze.

Lu Jingye did not explain himself further and merely said, “Something might happen then and it is alright if you wish to attend. My Mother will look after you well if you choose to come.”

The Dou Family looked at Zi Yi.

Lu Jingye had also turned towards her. “Yiyi, are you going?”

Zi Yi thought for a moment and nodded. “Sure, I’d like to go and take a look.”

Since Patriarch Lu wanted to meet her, she also had the same thoughts of wanting to meet him.

Zi Yi did not say her thoughts out loud and merely looked at him.

Lu Jingye tightened his grip on her hands.

The Lu Family members could not help but sigh as they saw the interaction between them.

This niece and cousin of theirs was unexpectedly dating Second Young Master Lu!

Dou Jingning said, “Little Zi likes you and so, we won’t make things difficult for you. But you had better remember the words you said today. If you were to let her down one day or cause her to suffer grievances, even if we have to sacrifice the entire Dou Family, we will not let you off.”

Lu Jingye said in guarantee, “There will not be such a day.”

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When Lu Jingye and Zi Yi came out from the Dou Family residence, it was already 11 p.m at night.

The Dou Family wanted to send her back, but she rejected their offer.

After they got in the car, Lu Jingye pulled Zi Yi into his embrace and said, “No matter if my grandfather approves of us or not, the person I love is you. The person I want to marry is you. Don’t let your thoughts wander.”

“Okay.” Zi Yi was not the type of person who let her thoughts wander. She leaned her face on his chest and said, “If your grandfather doesn’t approve of us, I’ll just snatch you away and you can be my husband then.”

Lu Jingye looked at her ‘fierce’ expression and the corner of his lips unconsciously curled up. “Sure.”

He lowered his head and kissed her forehead.

After returning home, Zi Yi first connected with Elder Hu through a video call to discuss Lu Yunxiao’s condition.

After discussing his condition Elder Hu asked, "Someone took away a slight portion of all the medicinal ingredients today. This was done under your orders?"

Zi Yi nodded her head. "I want to try and cultivate these medicinal ingredients."

"Good, good." Elder Hu approved of her doing this. "Originally, I also wanted to try cultivating them, but I've never managed to succeed. It's good that you are giving it a try."

"Yes."

After they chatted for a while more, Zi Yi changed the screen to Lu Yunxiao's ward.

Zi Yi zoomed in on Lu Yunxiao and pointed at his body. "Ah Jing, look. The condition of your brother's skin looks healthier!"

Lu Jingye looked at the video and said in joy, "Send a short clip to my phone and I'll show it to my mother tomorrow."

"Alright."

After they finished checking up on Lu Yunxiao, Zi Yi was about to head down to the underground lab.

Lu Jingye followed behind her and asked, "It's very late right now. What are you trying to do?"

"The materials I asked for have arrived today and I'm heading over to take a look. I'll make two virtual computers some time soon."

"Virtual computer?"

"Yep. It's just using special materials to make a nail-sized CPU chip. When the time comes, I'll put the chip into our watches or a small trinket. Whenever we wish to access it, a 6D projection will appear before our eyes and so in the future there will be no need to bring around a laptop or notebook along with you."

"Can the virtual screen be operated?"

"It can. I will input instructions when creating it. I will make one for each of his and we'll be able to operate it as long as we are the ones who activate it."

Lu Jingye tried to imagine the virtual computer and it was impossible to not be shocked by it.

Soon, they made their way to one of the machinery manufacturing rooms in the basement.

Zi Yi went over to unpack the sealed packages.

As Lu Jingye looked at each of the apparatuses that he had never seen before in his life, he asked, "These parts are all manufactured by your energy company?"

"Yep. The materials aren't sufficient right now. When there are more supplies in the future, we can even push this type of virtual computer into the market."

Lu Jingye stood there and pondered for a while before he said, "This matter can be put aside for later."

Zi Yi had the same thoughts.

After she took out the apparatus and materials, she started to move her hands.

Lu Jingye stood by the side and asked, "What can I help you with?"

"You can help me with..."

The two of them continued working until 2 a.m in the morning, before they finally returned to their rooms to sleep.

After lying down on the bed, Lu Jingye looked at the young lady clutching onto his clothes with her tired eyes and stroked her head. "You can push aside anything you intend to do when it's late, to the next day. Don't stay up so late in the future."

Zi Yi squinted her eyes and said, "I wish to create them as soon as possible. I have to write two papers tomorrow and it just so happens that I can write about this."

Having said that, she lifted her expectant eyes at him, not forgetting to blink. "Ah Jing, I want a goodnight kiss."

Lu Jingye chuckled and happily lowered his head and kissed her lips.

Their lips fit together perfectly.

It was not until both of them were short of breath that Lu Jingye let go of her and breathed heavily near her ears. "Goodnight, babe."

Zi Yi closed her eyes and said, "Ah Jing, goodnight."

When Zi Yi went to school the next day, her car was blocked by a group of students as soon as she arrived.

All of them had confusion and surprise on their faces.

"Student Zi, didn't you mention that you were going to run for the External Relations Department's officer position? Why didn't you sign up?"

"Did you forget?"

Everyone assumed that she would sign up before 8 p.m and even the network of M.Uni's Student Union website had been purposefully stalled. However, all of them continued waiting and looked on helplessly as the cut-off time arrived. In the end, Zi Yi's name did not once appear on the list.

All of them were stunned.

In the end, it resulted in the current situation where they blocked her car early in the morning.

Zi Yi looked at the group of students surrounding her car, and made a gesture for them to stop talking. When they were finally silent, she asked, "I'm sure you still remember the words I said back then?"

Everyone tried recalling the situation and only then did they realize that Zi Yi had never once mentioned that she would be running for the officer position of the External Relations Department.

On the other hand, she asked them a question, “Do you think after choosing so many majors, I would have spare time to assume the officer position of the External Relations Department?”

It had to be known that the External Relations Department was one of the busiest departments, as they had to go and forge connections and pull in sponsorships.

She then motioned for the people blocking her car in front of her and said, “I’m heading to class, the students in front, please make way.”

Zi Yi’s whole day was fully packed with lessons (Zi Yi’s lesson timetable was uploaded on the school forum) and thinking of that, everyone was suddenly speechless.

Those people subconsciously got out of her way.

Zi Yi originally thought that these people would upload what she said onto the school forum. Hopefully in that case, no one else would come looking for her.

Unexpectedly, just as she parked her car and had yet to alight, Chen Yuying strode towards her angrily.

Behind her was Murong You and Chu Xiang.

These two had clearly come to watch the drama.

Chapter 445: Rewarding A Person’s Kindness With Evil

Chen Yuying walked to the front window of her car and stood there as she glared at her, while asking in an angry tone, “Zi Yi, why didn’t you sign up for the officer position for the External Relations Department?”

Zi Yi alighted from her car and drew close to Chen Yuying.

Chen Yuying looked her in the eye and she originally wanted to use her anger to scare her, only to realize that Zi Yi was taller than her by half a head.

Chen Yuying: “...”

Zi Yi looked at Chen Yuying from a higher vantage and asked, “Have I ever said that I would be running for the officer position of the External Relations Department?”

“You...”

“I didn’t say it. I only recommended you to run for it.”

“Ugh...”

Zi Yi looked at Chen Yuying who seemed to have only just come to a realization and was somewhat dumbfounded. “Even if I were to compete for a position, it would only be for the President position. It seems like there are many other candidates competing for the External Relations Department position and if you are capable enough, you might even become my subordinate in the future.”

Having said that, Zi Yi walked away while Chen Yuying had a dumbfounded expression on her face.

After she had walked a few steps away, she suddenly tilted her head and glanced at Murong You along with the female student standing next to her.

Following that, she turned her head away and left without turning back.

The female student standing next to Murong You was startled by Zi Yi's glance and felt somewhat uncomfortable. She sneered and rudely said, "Does she honestly think she's all that great? To think she wants to run for the Student Union's President position? She should reflect and see how capable she is. How can she compare to our President Nangong?!"

Murong You dimmed eyes glanced at the direction in which Zi Yi had left. Sometime later she concealed the emotions in her eyes and walked over to Chen Yuying.

"Are you feeling uncomfortable deep down inside right now? It's something you cared so much about but to her, she doesn't even take it to heart in the slightest. How credible do you think what she said earlier is?"

All the students in M.Uni are aware of how harsh the requirements to become the Student Union President are. Do you think with her current capabilities, she has the qualifications to even run for that position?

Ha... don't be foolish. Even a fool knows that she's simply being perfunctory."

Chen Yuying was indeed shocked by Zi Yi's words, but since she was the one who said it, Chen Yuying somehow felt that it was possible.

Now that Murong You had said something like that about Zi Yi, Chen Yuying directly shot back at her. "I think only a fool would feel that Zi Yi's is being perfunctory to me? Everyone knows if she has that capability or not. What if she really does run for the Student Union's President position and even successfully manages to win?"

Murong You was angry when she heard the first half of what she said. However, when she heard the latter part, she simply sneered. "Then we'll wait and see."

Having said that, she turned around in an arrogant manner and left.

The female student following Murong You turned around, glanced at Chen Yuying and snorted. "Hmph, you're rewarding a person's kindness with evil. Little You is reminding you out of goodwill and yet, you're still acting so rudely."

"Ha!" Chen Yuying scoffed and left.

The female student was so angered that she nearly stomped her foot.

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On the following day, everyone noticed that be it during lessons or after lessons, Zi Yi would always have a notebook and a pen with her. Moreover, she would constantly write something in it.

Some curious students went over to take a glance and were simply shocked by the chemical equations inside that were beyond their comprehension.

Some people who were more curious had taken an additional look and their eyes simply lost focus from all the Greek letters.

In two days' time, Zi Yi had completed two papers. One was for Chemistry and the other one was for Medicine.

In the afternoon of the next day, she sent the papers to the Directors of the two Schools and asked for their help to write a recommendation letter (Zi Yi was not famous and if she were to send it under her name, the other party might not even see her paper in the first place).

"Student Zi, have you written this paper during these past two days?" The Director of the Chemistry Department carefully read through Zi Yi's paper. The more he read, the more excited he got. When he had read until the end, his face turned red from excitement.

"This type of chemical reaction has been hypothesized in the past, but no one has ever succeeded in the experiment. So it turns out that these few steps are required.

Student Zi, don't worry. I will submit your paper at once to the World Chemistry Organization for review. If everything goes well, you should be getting an answer in a week's time at most."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Then I'll have to request Director Li to help out on this."

"Hahaha... you can just wait for the good news."

Zi Yi walked out of the Chemistry Department and headed to the School of Medicine.

The Director of the School of Medicine was also equally excited after he read her paper.

By the time Zi Yi left the School of Medicine, it was already 4 p.m in the afternoon.

The Lu Family's dinner banquet was happening tonight and she had to return home to change into attire suitable for a formal event.

Just as she was heading to the School of Liberal Arts, she encountered a middle-aged woman carrying a branded bag.

The middle-aged woman was fashionably dressed and at first glance, she seemed to be from a rich family.

However, Zi Yi felt something was weird as she looked at the woman.

The middle-aged woman directly walked up to her and asked, "Student, may I ask which direction I should take to go to the School of Foreign Language?"

Zi Yi looked into the eyes of the middle-aged woman and finally realized why she found her weird. A few seconds later, she pointed in a direction. "Go straight ahead in that direction."

"Alright, thank you."

The middle-aged woman thanked her and left in the direction she had pointed.

Zi Yi stood there and looked at the back of the middle-aged woman and narrowed her eyes.

The middle-aged woman stopped walking after she turned around a corner. She glanced behind her and a sharp glint flashed past her eyes and a sneer curled on her lips. "B*tch, just you wait. I'll take care of you soon."

Just as Zi Yi walked out of the parking lot, she received a phone call from Dou Xiangling.

She asked where she was and Zi Yi told her about her whereabouts.

Dou Xiangling said, "Yiyi, come to our house with me later and we'll head there together."

Zi Yi knew that the Dou Family wanted to show everyone else their attitude towards Zi Yi. In that case, they would weigh the pros and cons if they wanted to bully her in the future.

Zi Yi agreed and said, "Alright. I'll go back and change my clothes first."

Dou Xiangling said to her, "I am also just about to leave the school. Where are you right now? Why don't I go back with you first and wait for you to get changed, before we then make our way there together?"

"Alright, we'll meet at the school gate."

After they met at the school gate, they headed towards Zi Yi's villa.

The housekeeper came out and welcomed the both of them. "Miss Zi, you're back. Miss Dou, welcome."

Dou Xiangling looked at the housekeeper and suddenly chuckled as she purposely nudged Zi Yi. "Yiyi, it seems like Lu Jingye's housekeeper is your housekeeper now?"

Before Zi Yi managed to open her mouth to speak, the housekeeper smiled and answered, "I am the Second Young Master's housekeeper which is equivalent to being Miss Zi's housekeeper too."

The housekeeper thought deep down, *"The Second Young Master is already staying here and it doesn't even matter whose housekeeper I am right now."*

Zi Yi's lips curled up and she asked the housekeeper, "Have the clothes that Ah Jing prepared for me been sent over yet?"

"They have already been sent over. I had the robots place them in your bedroom."

Zi Yi nodded her head and said to Dou Xiangling, "Cousin, wait for me downstairs. I'll just quickly go and change my clothes."

Dou Xiangling seldomly saw Zi Yi putting on makeup and she specially reminded her. "Yiyi, you should put on some makeup later."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Alright."

Having said that, she went upstairs..

Chapter 446: Queen-like Aura

The clothes Lu Jingye got people to prepare for Zi Yi were a trouser suit outfit. The outfit came with a pair of wide trousers coupled with a slim, sleeveless pendant top and a long fashion suit coat.

The coat came with a big belt that was meant to be tied around the waist and it was dotted with some exquisite crushed diamonds, which made the clothes look exceptionally high class.

Other than this, corresponding jewelry and a custom-made ladies' watch were also prepared.

Zi Yi tied her hair into a high ponytail.

The woman reflected in the mirror had her lips slightly pursed and she instantly gave off the aura of a queen.

She then pulled open the drawers of her dresser, took out the cosmetics that she rarely used, enhanced her eyebrows, and applied some lipstick.

When Zi Yi came downstairs, Dou Xiangling, who was standing in the living room, was simply stunned at her appearance.

"Yiyi, you..."

Zi Yi was wearing a pair of silver stilettos and with every step, clacking sounds could be heard and the steps seemed to reverberate in Dou Xiangling's heart.

She smiled and said, "With how you're dressed up tonight, are you planning to overpower all the ladies?"

Zi Yi quirked her eyebrows and the queen-like aura she gave off had transformed into that of a life-like, bewitching enchantress.

Dou Xiangling pressed her hand to her forehead and said with emotional distress, "Yiyi, is it really alright for you to attend the dinner banquet dressed like that?"

"What's wrong with what I'm wearing?"

When Zi Yi walked down the stairs, the crushed diamonds around her waist reflected a dazzling light due to the lights around the living room. Dou Xiangling felt that her eyes were dazzled by the bright light.

Her cousin was already unbelievably beautiful when she wore simple clothes. Now that she had dressed up, honestly speaking, other women could not compare at all.

Zi Yi walked over to Dou Xiangling and purposely poked her cheeks. "Cousin, your cheeks have turned red."

Dou Xiangling lightly slapped her hand away and said, "If you are to maintain your queen-like aura, I think all the women will turn red at the sight of you."

Speaking of this, she could not help but chuckle.

"But if you maintain the aura that you exuded earlier. You won't have to worry about other men trying to hit on you at the Lu Family's dinner banquet. However, provided that you don't blink."

Zi Yi said with a frown. "Being able to refrain from blinking is a skill I don't have."

Hearing what she said, Dou Xiangling could not restrain herself and burst out laughing.

Zi Yi then offered Dou Xiangling the crook of her arm and she subconsciously reached out to grab it.

The two of them made their way to the doors.

The housekeeper who came out of the kitchen with a lunchbox was also momentarily stunned when he saw Zi Yi's appearance.

He then pointed at the lunch box and said, "Miss Zi, the Second Young Master has tasked me to prepare some snacks for you and you can have them in the car."

When he said that, he could not help but think deep down, *"When the Second Young Master sees how Miss Zi looks, I wonder if he will regret letting her wear that?"*

"Thank you."

The three of them headed outside together to the courtyard.

There was already a car parked outside and Zi Yi looked at the housekeeper in surprise.

"I got them to drive the car from the other villa. Miss Zi and Miss Dou, you can have the snacks in the car."

The housekeeper was so thoughtful that Zi Yi had nothing much to request.

After the car drove out, Zi Yi pulled out a small table, opened the lunch box, and started eating with Dou Xiangling.

The housekeeper had gotten the kitchen to prepare several different types of snacks and all of them were rather filling.

Dou Xiangling ate a few pieces and smiled. "After eating these snacks, I won't have to be worried about going hungry during the dinner banquet."

The car drove into the Dou Family residence. The members of the family who were attending tonight's banquet, were already waiting in the courtyard.

Her Four Uncles along with their wives, coupled with Dou Yunhao and Dou Xiangling would be attending tonight.

Dou Xiangling went into the house to change her clothes.

The four madams then circled around Zi Yi.

The First Madam was somewhat worried. "Our Yiyi is too beautiful and I wonder how many people will be enchanted by you now that you've dressed up."

The Second Madam smiled and said, "What's there to worry about? We are all Yiyi's bodyguards tonight and to whomever dares to have designs on her, I'll make it so that they dare not come out to meet people in the future."

The Third Madam said, "Zi Yi looks good in trousers and it's also more convenient to walk around."

The Fourth Madam then said, "When meeting with those scheming women, it's more convenient to wear trousers."

When the Fourth Madam said that, the rest could not help but laugh.

Dou Jingning spoke up then. "When we arrive at the dinner banquet, try to stick with us as much as possible. If someone wants to talk to you alone, you should come and inform us."

There were many attendees tonight and the Dou Family was actually worried. After all, Zi Yi had also done several 'great things' when she arrived in the capital.

Zi Yi obediently nodded her head. "Uncles and Aunts, you don't have to worry. I know what to do."

She only wanted to meet with Patriarch Lu and as long as other people didn't provoke her, she would never take the initiative to cause trouble.

How could the Dou Family not worry about Zi Yi? She had a beautiful appearance and they were worried that someone would try to hit on her with some underhanded means.

After Dou Xiangling changed into her evening dress, the group of people set off.

The Lu Family's main residence was transformed from the usual former style of the General's House and there were even two mighty-looking lions at the entrance.

Outside the gate was even a group of armed guards.

All the cars who arrived had to drive to the parking lot outside and make their way inside on foot.

There were many people entering one after another. When everyone saw that the professors from the Dou Family had all come, they were all surprised.

In addition, when they saw Zi Yi walking beside the professors, there were also many who were stunned.

No one knew that Zi Yi had been invited and some of the wives and madams started to discuss in private at the sight of her.

"The Dou Family even brought Zi Yi along!"

"What is the Dou Family trying to do? Patriarch Lu organized this dinner banquet and so does she even have the right to come here in the first place?"

"Ha, she's merely a sparrow and she even dressed up tonight. Does she think that just based on her appearance, Patriarch Lu will take a liking to her and allow her to be with Lu Jingye?"

Even though many wives and madams had said that, they did not forget to inform the unmarried ladies in their family to keep an eye on Zi Yi and prevent her from stealing the limelight.

Even though they do not think Zi Yi was capable of anything, she was honestly beautiful. Coupled with how she had dressed up tonight, she still gave off an invisible pressure to the rest of them.

The women looked at her warily while the men could not shift their gazes away from the moment they laid their eyes on her.

If not for the four men from the Dou Family, who had stern expressions on their faces, perhaps someone might have already approached her to strike up a conversation.

After the Dou Family entered through the main gate, the sounds of discussions were even louder.

He Fei, who had just alighted from the car, looked at the back view of Zi Yi, who had entered through the gates, and his eyes nearly popped out.

“Fourth Brother, why did you stop?”

He Yingying looked at the door and raised her voice. “Don’t tell me you still like that woman named Zi Yi?”

Her tone of voice sounded sour. “That Zi woman is definitely trying to seduce Second Brother by dressing up like that tonight. She’s so shameless.”

He Fei looked at his youngest cousin and frowned discontentedly. He then shook off her hand on his elbow and said, “Go in with Big Brother. I still have to wait for Ah Ming.”

He Yingying was unhappy about that. “Fourth Brother, how can you do this? You’re closer to Second Brother and Uncle told you to take me in with you.”

He Fei furrowed his eyebrows and said with a fierce expression, “Go in if you want to, or go back if you don’t..”

Chapter 447: Too Shameless

He Yingying’s main objective for the day is to have a conversation with Lu Jingye, then find a way to let Patriarch Lu see how close they were. She determined that He Fei had a closer relationship with Lu Jingye and so, she had to follow him wherever he went.

In fact, He Fei found her very annoying and wanted her to head inside first. “It will take Ah Ming at least another ten minutes before he arrives. You can just wait here with me if you want to.”

Having said that, he headed somewhere else.

He Yingying looked at He Fei who was leaning against the wall and felt unhappy inside. In particular, some people were gossiping around her. “I heard that Zi Yi has come tonight. Let’s go in now, or else she’ll be stealing all the limelight.”

“That’s right. We can’t let her meet Second Brother.”

He Yingying looked at the haute couture evening dress she was wearing. It was a butterfly skirt design that revealed her shoulders and pretty collarbones. Coupled with the haute couture pendant she was wearing around her neck, those who looked at her would unconsciously look down.

She thought of how she would stand in front of Second Brother and he would be able to notice her figure. He Yingying felt herself blushing due to the excitement.

She subconsciously followed the other ladies inside.

He Fei found it boring as he stood there and he took out a cigarette from his pocket and lit it.

While enshrouded in a layer of smoke, the sound of approaching footsteps came from behind him, which was then followed by Ouyang Ming's voice.

"Say, Ah He. Why are you standing here alone while being so down in spirit? If someone were to see you, they might even think that you were dumped by some woman and came here to smoke out of sadness."

He Fei took a drag on the cigarette before he then extinguished it, and threw away the remaining stick. With a deep voice, he said, "Yiyi is here."

"See, your actions are even more... What? Who did you say came?" Ouyang Ming only managed to react a few seconds later. "You're saying that the Zi woman is here?"

"Yes."

"What's she here for? Could it be that Second Brother asked her to come and he is planning to have a showdown with Patriarch Lu today?"

He Fei suddenly glared at him when he heard what Ouyang Ming said.

He had never thought of this possibility.

Ouyang Ming sneered. "Look at Second Brother. He dares to bring that woman here during such an occasion. Compared to a coward like you, what can you possibly compete with him on?"

He Fei was stabbed in his sore spot and was instantly enraged due to embarrassment. "You motherfu*cker! Are you trying to pick a fight with me?"

Ouyang Ming clicked his tongue and crossed his arms. "You don't have to act like a hooligan in front of me, go stop them if you're capable. What's more, it is impossible that Patriarch Lu will agree for Second Brother to marry that woman. Perhaps she will even get ruthlessly scolded and even get shamed by others privately... Tsk~ tsk... So as it turns out, Second Brother has moments where he is also rash."

He Fei's expression was already rather dark when Ouyang Ming started talking. But right now, his expression was as thunderous as a stormy sea.

He turned and then directly made his way towards the Lu Family's main residence entrance.

Ouyang Ming clicked his tongue and hastily followed as he said, "Ah He, don't be rash. This is the Lu Family and if you act rashly, be careful that Uncle He won't break your legs."

He Fei did not wish to talk to him at all.

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Zi Yi followed everyone and entered the Lu Family's main residence where the dinner banquet was being held. There were already plenty of guests by the time she arrived.

Other than Patriarch Lu, Lu Yunxiao, and Lu Jingye, the other Lu Family members were all entertaining the guests.

When the Dou Family and Zi Yi entered, the originally lively scene had suddenly quietened down and everyone looked at Zi Yi.

In one of the corners of the hall, several women glared at Zi Yi who had become the focus of attention and they said in a sour tone, "She actually came here with the Dou Family members? Isn't it said that they didn't like her very much?"

"It only shows that this woman is very skilled. Everyone knows that she is Elder Dou's granddaughter and perhaps she used some means to trick the Dou Family members, so that she could attend the banquet!"

"Ha! Does she truly think this is a place she can come as she likes? She'll have to reflect on her status first!"

"Her clothes... I mean, she did her makeup so gaudily, does she really think she's a seductress and is she thinking of stealing the souls of all the men present?"

"She's too shameless."

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Under everyone's unexpected gaze, Lu Jianlin and Mrs. Lu made their way towards the Dou Family. Lu Jianlin first shook hands with the four professors before they greeted each other.

Just then, Mrs. Lu smiled and called out. "Little Zi, you're here."

The way Mrs. Lu called out to her had stunned everyone present.

Mrs. Lu had taken the initiative to welcome Zi Yi?

Zi Yi called out. "Auntie Lu"

Following that, she said, "Uncle Lu."

Lu Jianlin originally had a taut expression, but Mrs. Lu quietly pinched his arm, seemingly giving him a warning.

Lu Jianlin ended up nodding back and he said, "There's no need to be stiff. Enjoy yourself."

Mrs. Lu then winked at Zi Yi, as if hinting at something. Zi Yi nodded towards Lu Jianlin and said, "Alright, Uncle Lu."

Lu Jianlin left to chat with the other four professors of the Dou Family.

Whereas Mrs. Lu took the ladies of the Dou Family and Zi Yi to another side.

While walking, Mrs. Lu looked at Zi Yi and smiled as she said, "Little Zi is surely beautiful tonight. When Ah Jing comes out later, I bet he will forget to blink the moment he lays his eyes on you."

In fact, the four madams of the Dou Family were surprised to see Mrs. Lu being chummy with Zi Yi. They were overjoyed when they heard what she said.

The First Madam said, "Yiyi is beautiful and she looks good in whatever she wears."

“It’s also because the Dou Family genes are good. I feel that there is some slight resemblance between Zi Yi and her Uncles.”

The few madam’s moods were lifted at her words.

They had an enjoyable chat, but the other women standing around them did not feel the same.

Soon, some of the other madams led their daughters or nieces over to Mrs. Lu.

“Second Madam, long time no see. I didn’t expect that you still look so young and beautiful. How did you manage to maintain your appearance?”

“It must be because Mrs. Lu has given birth to two outstanding sons who have promising futures and so, she is in a good mood. Naturally, her demeanor would also make her seem younger.”

“Peipei, you should greet Mrs. Lu.”

These people were trying to push Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling away.

Dou Xiangling was a little angered and she grabbed Zi Yi’s hand. Unexpectedly, a young lady wanted to bump into Zi Yi.

Just as Dou Xiangling was about to call out to her, the corner of Zi Yi’s lips curled up and she pulled her aside. At the same time, a marble hit the young lady’s knee from an obscure angle.

The next second, the young lady bumped into the middle-aged woman standing next to her.

“AH-!”

Two screams accompanied by several cries of exclamation were soon followed by the sound of a crash.

Everyone looked at the two individuals who fell on the ground in a stupified expression.

They were both wearing skirts and it was simply unsightly after their fall.

The attention of everyone within the living room was attracted over.

It was only sometime later that some of the madams finally reacted at the same time.

“Madam Wang, are you alright?”

“Are you hurt anywhere?”

Several people went up to support her. However, there were also some who guessed what had transpired and simply laughed.

Mrs. Lu looked at the Wang Family’s mother and daughter and guessed what was going on. She was a little displeased deep down, but she put on a façade and asked, “Mrs.. Wang, are you alright?”

Chapter 448: Each With Their Own Plan

The mother and daughter stood up. While under the weight of everyone’s strange gazes, the middle-aged woman felt humiliated, and so she asked the young lady in an angered tone, “Wanling, what’s the matter with you?”

The young lady angrily pointed at Zi Yi. "She pushed me."

Dou Xiangling was enraged at her words. "You're talking nonsense. Clearly, you were the one who wanted to bump into my cousin Yiyi. She had avoided you and so you ended up bumping into Mrs. Wang."

"How can I possibly bump into Zi Yi? We have no grudges between us." Wang Wanling's voice suddenly rose and she angrily argued. Tears swirled around in her eyes and she had an appearance as if she was being wronged.

Mrs. Wang's expression was also rather ugly and she said, "My Wangling is an educated young lady and so how could she do something like bumping into others?"

The moment Mrs. Wang said this, many other madams who had a good relationship with her, along with some who looked down on Zi Yi, immediately stood out to speak up on her behalf.

"That's right. What kind of education has Wanling undergone and what kind of education has Miss Zi undergone? As to whether it was Wanling or Zi Yi who pushed the other, I think there's no need for us to think about it."

Zi Yi wanted to speak up, but the others did not give her an opportunity to do so.

Just then, Mrs. Lu chuckled and said, "Little Zi has a grandfather who is a principal and a group of uncles, aunts, and cousins who are either professors or work in the education industry. I feel that if the madams present here were to question her education, then it's a little deliberate on your part."

The group of madams were all speechless.

Wanling felt unwilling to let it go just like that. "Everyone in high society knows that Zi Yi used to skip classes, participate in racing competitions, and is incapable of studying. She also used to hang out with men too..."

"Miss Wang, please be careful with what you say." Mrs. Lu's tone of voice suddenly turned serious.

Wang Wanling felt uncomfortable, it was as if something was stuck in her chest and she could not get it out. In particular, Madam Wang, who had an ugly expression, pulled her arm.

Wang Wanling quivered deep down and hastily stopped talking.

Mrs. Lu swept her gaze across everyone present and said, "I was the one who personally called and invited Zi Yi over. If you have any objections, you can tell me."

The Dou Family's Third Madam spoke up. "Yiyi and Miss Wang have no grievances and perhaps she might not even know Miss Wang. I wonder why Miss Wang claims that she fell because Yiyi pushed her?"

After the Third Madam said that, she glanced at Zi Yi and said, "In fact, I saw the situation earlier. You were the one who came over, wanting to bump into Yiyi. Xiangling pulled Yiyi aside and you fell down because you did not manage to bump into her. Why did it become Yiyi who bumped into you?"

The Third Madam was not polite at all.

Wang Wanling did not expect her hidden actions to be seen by the Third Madam and she subconsciously wanted to deny the accusation.

Just then a sudden voice sounded from behind them. "I also saw that. It was Miss Wang who deliberately tried to bump into Miss Zi."

People in the vicinity turned their attention towards Aisha.

She was wearing a pink lilac European-styled evening dress tonight. She tied her hair into a high bun and gave off a dignified look. With her western facial features and exquisite makeup, she looked as if she was a real princess.

She walked over, looked at Zi Yi, and greeted her with a smile. "Miss Zi, so we meet again."

Her expression and tone of voice did not seem as if they were two individuals who had a discord and separated from each other. Instead, it seemed like they were good friends.

Zi Yi looked at the flash of calculation within the depths of Aisha's eyes. The corner of her lips curled up and she nodded.

Aisha looked towards the Wang Family mother and daughter. "I don't know why Miss Wang lied, but it's really not good to tell lies."

Mrs. Wang did not expect Aisha to stand forward and speak up for Zi Yi. She found it humiliating and simply found an excuse, before she pulled Wang Wanling away as they left.

The other people shifted their attention to Zi Yi and Aisha.

Somehow they found it weird.

It had to be known that during Patriarch Lu's birthday, Rick had mentioned to Patriarch Lu about the agreement he had with General Hank.

Right now, there were two males in the family who had yet to get married, and Aisha was also single. Moreover, Aisha had been staying in the main residence ever since she arrived in the country.

The more they thought about it, the more they felt that Patriarch Lu must have already decided on Aisha for one of his grandsons.

As for who he had decided on, there was no need for them to guess.

Thinking of this, everyone looked at them differently.

Aisha seemed as if she had not felt their gazes in her direction and said to Zi Yi enthusiastically, "Miss Zi, your arrival is timely. I don't know anyone here either and coincidentally, we know each other. Why don't we stay together?"

Aisha sounded extremely sincere when she said that and it made others feel as if she was very magnanimous.

There were many who could not help but think, *"Could it be that Miss Aisha is unaware of the relationship between Zi Yi and the Second Young Master Lu?"*

Zi Yi finally spoke up and asked, "Miss Aisha, aren't you close with Miss Chu? Why do you suddenly want to follow us? Perhaps Miss Chu might not be happy about this."

Aisha did not expect Zi Yi to suddenly bring up Chu Xiang. She was momentarily stunned for a second before she said with a smile, "Chu has to help out her family to entertain guests today. It's not appropriate for me to disturb her."

"Is that so?" Zi Yi nodded her head. "Then you can follow us."

Zi Yi's tone of voice was very calm, but she had given off a strong aura as she spoke. With how she had said that, Aisha who originally appeared to be like a princess, suddenly became Zi Yi's minion.

Aisha felt inexplicably uncomfortable deep down.

However, she did not show it in her expression in the slightest.

Chu Xiang who was standing in a corner saw the scene, and a sneer streaked past her eyes.

She stood next to Chu Xuan who had a hard-to-read expression on his face. "We had belittled Aisha. Look, she doesn't like Zi Yi at all and yet, she's able to pretend as if they are close."

Chu Xuan's gaze landed on Zi Yi and a smirk curled upon his lips. "Isn't it better this way? We'll see which one ends up victorious in the end. After all, no matter how much they might want to be, Aisha will never be paired with Second Brother, and as for Zi Yi... it's also impossible."

Chu Xiang tilted her head and glanced at him with a frown. "Brother, what are you planning to do?"

Chu Xuan pointed his chin towards a direction. "Do you see the Fourth Young Master He standing over there?"

Chu Xiang subconsciously turned around, but she did not expect to meet with Ouyang Ming's gaze that gave off a gloomy feeling.

She hastily turned away and asked, "You're thinking of making He Fei and Zi Yi have a scandal together?"

"Isn't it more interesting that way? Aunt and cousin will be even happier then."

Chu Xiang thought for a moment and nodded in agreement.

On the other side.

"Tsk..." Ouyang Ming crossed his arms, looked towards the Chu siblings, and said to He Fei, "Sure enough, that woman will be the target of a scheme wherever she goes. You want to guess if Wang Wanling is an actress Aisha deliberately planted?"

He Fei coldly snorted and said in a deep voice, "Even a blind man can see it."

"Your words..." Ouyang Ming clicked his tongue again. "Well, that woman did not see through it and she even agreed for Aisha to follow them. I've heard that Aisha came here with the intention of getting married to Second Brother this time round. Most importantly... she has even obtained Patriarch Lu's approval."

He Fei's heart jumped in excitement, but he ended up saying, "So what?"

Chapter 449: Patriarch Lu Aiming at Zi Yi

Just as everyone was guessing what would happen between Zi Yi and Aisha... Lu Jingye, Lu Yunxiao and Patriarch Lu came in from the main entrance together.

Patriarch Lu wore a chinese tunic suit today. He was someone who originally looked imposing and coupled with his choice of clothing today, the powerful domineering aura unconsciously made others stiffen.

After Patriarch Lu made his way inside, he swept his gaze across the large living room with that pair of sharp eyes of his.

Those who met his gaze hastily greeted him.

In the end, Patriarch Lu's gaze stopped on Zi Yi's face for two seconds, before he then walked towards the wooden arm chair.

Lu Jingye and Lu Yunxiao followed behind Patriarch Lu.

One of them gave off a polite, elegant and noble aura, while the other one looked cold and frigid, so much so it made no one dare to approach him.

With the concomparsion, all the women's gazes subconsciously turned to Lu Jingye.

After all, Lu Yunxiao was too frosty and they were a little afraid to approach him.

After Patriarch Lu sat down, he said, "Today is an ordinary banquet and I have invited everyone to come and network with one another. Especially for the younger generation, it's good to network with each other.

One of the guests immediately said in response, "You're right. The world now belongs to the young people and they should network with each other."

Patriarch Lu nodded his head in satisfaction. He then shifted his gaze to the professors of the Dou Family. "How's Dousheng's condition right now?"

Dou Jingning stepped forward and answered, "Thank you for your concern. My father's body has improved greatly and he only has to recuperate to continue nursing his body's condition."

"Good, it's Dousheng's blessing to be able to wake up despite that type of situation."

"Yes. It's all thanks to Yiyi's medical skills, which enabled my Father to regain consciousness."

The moment Dou Jingning said that, everyone looked towards Zi Yi standing there and their gazes revealed disbelief.

They could still barely believe it when Zi Yi's academic performance improved. However, if it was said that Zi Yi could cure a patient with a cerebral hemorrhage, it was simply possible only if the world ends.

Patriarch Lu did not believe it either, but he did not mention anything. He merely glanced at her with those sharp eyes of his before looking away and he said, "We all want to see Dousheng getting better. I have a stalk of a hundred-year-old ginseng, you can take it back and use it as a tonic for Dousheng."

"Thank you, Patriarch Lu."

Following that, Patriarch Lu said to Lu Jingye and Lu Yunxiao, "There are many young people here tonight, you two should attend to them well."

The both of them answered in unison, "I understand, Grandfather."

Patriarch Lu stood up from the wooden armchair and walked to the lounge area with a few other elders.

Evidently, he knew that everyone would be uncomfortable with his presence and so, he planned to give them more space to interact.

When he walked by Lu Jingye, he even stopped and said, "Jingye, there are many young ladies here tonight and you're not young anymore. You should tell me if you have taken a fancy to any of them."

He then added and said, "Aisha is a distinguished guest of our family and you shouldn't neglect her."

His words had allowed many to guess the intentions of Patriarch Lu.

However, Lu Jingye seemed as if he did not understand his intentions and replied in a gentle manner, "Grandfather, there's no need to worry about my affairs. I know what to do."

Patriarch Lu looked at him for several seconds before he turned to Lu Yunxiao who stood there and looked particularly oppressive. He said, "Yunxiao, you're not young either. It's time to consider your future."

Lu Yunxiao answered. "I understand, Grandfather."

Only then did Patriarch Lu leave for the lounge.

The moment he left, the living room became lively once again.

A group of women wanted to immediately head over to Lu Jingye's side but they subconsciously glanced at Zi Yi and Aisha.

There was a smile on Aisha's face. She lightly pursed her lips and also wanted to head towards him.

Just then, Chu Xiang came over from the side and called out to her. "Aisha."

Aisha's feet stiffened and she tilted her head and looked at her. "Chu, what's the matter?"

In that short span of time, there were several women who had made their way towards Lu Jingye and circled him.

While those women were making their way over, Lu Yunxiao walked over to Mrs. Lu's side and stood there.

It just so happens that Mrs. Lu was standing beside Zi Yi.

The madams of the Dou Family saw Lu Jingye who was surrounded and turned to look at Zi Yi out of worry.

They finally understood the intentions behind Patriarch Lu calling Zi Yi over. He clearly did it deliberately.

Zi Yi's indifferent gaze looked towards Lu Jingye, as if she was trying to endure her anger.

"Yiyi, why don't you head over too?" Dou Xiangling was so anxious that she wished that she could pull those women away.

The four madams of the Dou Family were also anxious.

The Fourth Madam suppressed her anger and said in a ridiculing tone, "I believe the purpose of calling Yiyi over is just to show her how popular the Second Young Master is, right?"

She then looked at Lu Yunxiao who was standing next to Mrs. Lu.

Mrs. Lu looked at the several madams of the Dou Family and was worried that her eldest son would leave them with a bad impression. "Jingye knows how to be discreet. Besides, during this type of occasion, he can't appear too aggressive towards those women, otherwise it'll do harm to Little Zi instead."

Within the Lu Family, Patriarch Lu had the final say in everything.

Patriarch Lu knew this and so, he had called Zi Yi over. He wanted to let her see Lu Jingye being surrounded by a group of women, only to realise that she is unable to do anything.

The Dou Family somehow felt wronged.

Zi Yi sensed their emotions and said, "Uncle, Aunts, Cousins, there's no need to worry. If Jingye dares to be interested in those women, I would never let him go. Right now, he's only greeting those people out of politeness and I am still capable of such magnanimity."

Aisha and Chu Xiang standing near to her, heard what she said.

A faint glint surfaced in Aisha's eyes.

Chu Xiang sneered. "You sure are confident. I just wonder how you would get out of the situation later?"

Aisha glanced at Zi Yi and walked towards Lu Jingye.

Mrs. Lu who was standing by the side saw Aisha walking over and she looked at Zi Yi with a worried expression.

Can that robot really handle this type of situation?

Zi Yi knew her thoughts and nodded at her as she said to everyone, "I'll make a trip to the restroom for a while."

Mrs. Lu informed her of the directions, but she was still worried about her and so she said to Lu Yunxiao, "Yunxiao, you should go with Little Zi. The restroom is rather far and you should go with her or else she will lose her way."

The Lu Family's main residence was very big, and no one suspected Mrs. Lu when she said that.

However, Zi Yi rejected her. "There's no need. I can head there alone."

She immediately turned and left after that. Dou Xiangling followed after her and said, "Yiyi, I'll go with you."

Zi Yi thought for a moment and whispered in her ears, "You should tag along with our Uncles and Aunts. I'm heading to the restroom to surf the net."

Dou Xiangling looked at her with a confused gaze. She originally wanted to ask her why she wanted to surf the net even in such a situation?

However, in the next second, she suddenly recalled that Zi Yi was a genius with the computer and guessed that she would most likely be doing something. She ended up not following her and said, "Then do be careful."

"I know."

Zi Yi left for the rest room afterwards.

But the moment Zi Yi left... several people followed her.

Chapter 450: Rick Forcing Marriage

Two minutes after Zi Yi left, Lu Jingye, who was disguised as Lu Yunxiao and standing next to Mrs. Lu said, "Mother, I'll be taking my leave."

He headed towards the exit immediately afterwards.

"Why did the Third Young Master Lu leave?"

"Don't tell me he's leaving in the middle?"

Everyone looked at Lu Yunxiao who left without even turning back and they were a little confused.

Mrs. Lu smiled and explained to them. "Yunxiao doesn't like staying in places with crowds for an extended period of time. It's already not easy for him to have stayed for so long."

Many people were thinking deep down inside, *"Patriarch Lu had specially held a blind date banquet for the two brothers and now that one of them has left, they wonder if Patriarch Lu would get angry if he knew?"*

No matter if Patriarch Lu got angry or not after Lu Yunxiao left, everyone looked towards Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye was indeed a real gentleman. Despite the fact that he was surrounded by a group of women, he still maintained a gentle smile but exuded a feeling of alienation.

Regardless of whether they liked him or admired him, all the young ladies wanted to perform well in front of him. Yet, a sweet-sounding voice suddenly called out from behind. "Brother Lu."

Everyone subconsciously turned their heads towards Aisha.

She was really dressed up to the nines today and if Zi Yi was not there as a comparison, she would definitely be the focus of the event.

She walked over to him with a smile and invited him in a lady-like manner. "Brother Lu, I heard that you are very good at the waltz. It just so happens that there are violinists here tonight, why don't we dance to a tune?"

She looked towards him with an expectant gaze.

The other women also looked at Lu Jingye while screaming in their hearts, *"Don't agree! Second Brother, don't agree to her invitation!"*

Lu Jingye looked at Aisha standing in front of him and politely rejected her. "My apologies. I promised my loved one that I will only dance with her."

Aisha did not expect that Lu Jingye would reject her so mercilessly during such an occasion. The smile on her face finally disappeared and she asked in a sad tone, "Brother Lu, are you really unwilling to dance with me?"

Lu Jingye looked at her and his words were still of rejection. "I'm sorry."

Aisha bit her lips and tears quickly accumulated in her eyes.

Just then, Rick, who had been paying attention to their side, strode over with a grim expression. Without saying anything, he waved his fists towards Lu Jingye.

"AH-!"

No one expected Rick to do this. The young ladies in the near vicinity screamed out of fear.

Lu Jingye caught Rick's fists and the expression on his face was still considered mild. However, his tone contained traces of chilliness. "Mr. Rick, this is the Lu Family. It's not somewhere you can do whatever you want."

"HA!" Rick sneered. "You bullied my sister and who cares where I am?!"

"When did I bully Miss Aisha?"

Lu Jingye released Rick's hand and retreated two steps backwards to look at the brother and sister.

Rick glared in anger. "Lu Jingye, why are you pretending to be ignorant? Don't tell me you are unaware of why Grandfather Lu invited all these people here? It's destined that you will marry someone from high-society, so why can't it be my younger sister"?

Rick originally planned to force Lu Jingye into marrying Aisha tonight and so, he did not beat around the bush. "Grandfather Lu has not only invited so many young ladies tonight, but also Miss Zi. Don't tell me you don't know what's going on? If you are truly unaware, why don't we invite Grandfather Lu to come out and let him speak in person?"

Lu Jingye looked at him with a pair of deep eyes.

Everyone was staring at them and no one dared to speak up or persuade them to stop fighting.

Ouyang Ming who was standing with his peers had given He Fei a nudge with his elbow. "Ah He, can you guess if Second Brother will compromise?"

He then swept his gaze across the entire living room and said in surprise, "That Zi woman is not even in the living room."

He Fei looked at him. "Perhaps she might have gone to the restroom."

"Tsk... she went to the restroom at such a juncture? Isn't she worried that Patriarch Lu might send some people to capture her?"

"She's a guest, so how can Patriarch Lu possibly capture her?!" He Fei felt that he was trying to create something out of nothing.

Ouyang Ming scoffed and smiled eerily. "Other people would definitely not do it based on that fact, but such logic is not applicable to Patriarch Lu."

He Fei's expression stiffened and he was about to head elsewhere.

Ouyang Ming hastily followed behind him. "Ah He, what are you doing?"

"I'm heading over to take a look."

Ouyang Ming looked at him strangely. "Is there something wrong with your head? Where do you intend to look? What's more, so what if you did indeed find her? Don't tell me you're thinking of taking her away?"

He Fei did have that thought in mind.

"Pft!" Ouyang Ming laughed as he looked at him. "Alright, even if the Lu Family did not capture her, what if she really went to the restroom but you actually try to bring her away when you locate her, do you think she will follow you?"

"Then do you want to see me look on helplessly as she suffers indignity here?"

"Do you think that woman will allow herself to get the short end of the stick?"

He Fei looked at him without saying anything and he continued walking with a sullen expression.

Ouyang Ming looked at the figure that disappeared very soon and clicked his tongue. However, his legs followed in that direction very soon after.

Rick had already made a big deal of the incident in the living room and everyone inexplicably hated him.

The other Lu Family members had also walked over.

Mrs. Lu looked at Rick and Aisha with fire in her eyes. She wished that she could directly pull her eldest son away (even though she knew that he was a robot, she still felt uncomfortable deep down). Were these two trying to force her son tonight?

Mrs. Lu knowingly asked, "Why did Aisha cry?"

Rick saw that Lu Jianlin and Mrs. Lu had made their way over and he said, "Lu Jingye bullied my sister and made her cry."

Mrs. Lu looked at Lu Jingye and asked, "Jingye, how can you bully Aisha and make her cry?"

Lu Jingye said, "Mother, I only rejected Miss Aisha's invitation for a dance. Perhaps the way I said it was too harsh and it caused Miss Aisha to cry?"

"What did you say?"

"I said that I will only dance with my beloved."

"This... isn't this normal?" Mrs. Lu did not understand. "Jingye didn't say anything wrong? The men of the Lu Family are all very responsible. Since he said that he will only dance with his beloved one, then he definitely will not dance with someone he doesn't like."

Her words had already made it very clear. The spectators looked at her with an odd gaze.

Aisha instantly turned red. She could not stand everyone's gazes and covered her face with the intention of leaving.

However, Rick was so angry that he lost all reason. He grabbed Aisha's wrists and glared at Lu Jingye with reddened eyes. "We'll talk it out today. Lu Jingye, are you going to marry my sister or not?"

Everyone was shocked.

Rick was trying to force the marriage?"

Aisha's cheeks were flushed red, but she did not utter a single word and merely stared at Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye looked at Rick with his unfathomable eyes.

Mrs. Lu, who was standing by the side, was so angry that she was about to explode, but Lu Jianlin pulled her back.

Lu Jianlin shook his head at her.

Just then, an imposing voice sounded from behind them.. "When did our Lu Family's hospitality become so unruly?"