

## Multi skilled 911

### Chapter 911: Lu Jingye Said, You Can Shake Hands With My Wife

At four in the evening, Zi Yi put on an evening dress and got into the car with Qin Ze as they headed in the direction of the palace.

With such a huge incident happening in Country D these days, one can feel how heavily guarded the roads are.

“They have caught many subordinates of Hank these days, but Hank managed to escape.” In fact, Qin Ze was a little worried. “I constantly have the thought that Hank was taken away by the worm race. Otherwise, how could there be no traces of him even after such a rigorous search for him?”

Qin Ze was not the only one who was concerned about Hank’s disappearance. Both Zi Yi and Lu Jingye had also been paying attention.

Zi Yi reduced the virtual screen to the size of a tablet and while swiping, she said, “He has indeed been taken away by the worm race. If my guess is right, he should have escaped when the spaceship was stopped.”

Qin Ze was silent for two seconds before he said, “It seems like he had already planned for his retreat. It will be hard to catch him now.”

“Yes. I believe he should be one of the pioneers of exploring the universe.”

“What?”

Qin Ze furrowed his brows. “If that’s the case, we should be stopping the worm race.”

Qin Ze knew Lu Yunxiao was investigating this, and so he asked, “Is there any progress on Lu Yunxiao’s side?”

Zi Yi glanced at him and asked bluntly, “Do you think I will reveal anything to you?”

“...”

Qin Ze glared at Zi Yi.

Zi Yi pretended not to see that and continued swiping across her screen.

Qin Ze refused to give up and continued to ask her, “I feel that the reason why the king invited you two tonight is because there is a high chance that he wants to collaborate with you, if he can’t make you stay. When the time comes, will you collaborate with him?”

Zi Yi did not answer him. Instead, she asked, “Do you think we should collaborate with them or not?”

Qin Ze was stunned by her question. He pondered for some time before he said, “If it’s a collaboration in the name of the country, it will definitely be good if both countries progress together. But...”

Speaking of this, he stopped talking.

After all, the latter words would be a little unpleasant to hear from Zi Yi's standpoint.

None of them talked again for the rest of the ride.

The royal palace of Country D was majestic and magnificent.

Tonight's banquet was attended by all the princes and nobles. When Zi Yi's car arrived outside the gate, a middle-aged man who resembled Runge strode over.

Qin Ze looked at the man making his way over and informed Zi Yi. "This is the eldest prince, William. I didn't expect that he would specially welcome us at the entrance. It seems like you've really become famous."

However, Zi Yi did not feel as if she was being pampered. Instead, she sat there without moving.

When William was making his way over, another car drove in and pulled up behind Zi Yi's car.

The passenger in the car behind them pushed open the door and alighted first.

William, who was originally making his way over to Zi Yi's car, saw who the man was. He then changed direction and walked over.

Qin Ze turned around to take a look. "Zi Yi, Lu Jingye is here."

Zi Yi had already seen him through the rearview mirror. She pushed open the door and alighted.

When she came out Lu Jingye and William made their way over together.

After Zi Yi alighted from the car, she stood next to Lu Jingye.

William reached out to her and unexpectedly, he welcomed her using China's etiquette. "Miss Zi, welcome to Country D."

Zi Yi shook hands with him before taking back her hand and holding onto Lu Jingye's arm. She did not have any intention of speaking.

William did not mind either. He smiled and looked at Qin Ze who had alighted from the car after her. "This is?"

"Hello. My name is Qin Ze. I'm their friend."

"Hello... Please, let us head inside."

William led the three of them toward the entrance of the palace.

Along the way, the other nobles saw the trio who were personally led by the eldest prince and all of them revealed shocked expressions at the same time.

"The eldest prince actually came out personally to greet Mr. Lu and his wife!"

"What have they done to be treated with such great respect by the eldest prince?"

"Could it be that Mr. Lu and Country D are collaborating on a national level?"

“It’s possible. Mr. Lu is extremely skilled in business and not to mention, he’s currently the royal merchant for China. Perhaps he’s representing China to collaborate with Country D.”

“But even so, there is no need for the eldest prince to treat them with such respect. Could it be...”

It suddenly occurred to them that the king was of old age and he would most likely be stepping down from his throne in the coming years. The biggest possibility was that the eldest prince wanted to win over these two so that he could gain more usable pieces in his succession for the throne.

The way everyone looked at both of them started to change. Those nobles who sided with the other princes started to be wary.

Another group of nobles decided to wait and see.

After entering the palace, they walked down a long corridor before they arrived at the place where the banquet was being held.

The banquet hall was magnificent looking. The various carvings and murals fully displayed the power and dignity of the royal family.

Men wearing tuxedos and women in evening attire, coupled with the national-level orchestra, had formed the image of a luxurious life of the noble class.

When William personally led them inside, everyone in the banquet hall looked at them with surprised gazes.

William acted as though he had not noticed their gazes and continued his casual conversation with Lu Jingye along the way. He did not forget to pay some attention to Zi Yi and Qin Ze from time to time.

After they entered the banquet hall, William said with a smile, “I’ll lead the both of you to meet my father first before introducing Mr. Lu to some of my acquaintances. As for Mrs. Lu, you are of similar age to my daughter and you two can hang out together.”

William was in his early forties and his daughter was eighteen years old.

When they had walked to the middle of the banquet hall, two individuals came up to them.

“Eldest Brother, we were just discussing where you had disappeared off to moments earlier. I didn’t expect that you’d gone to fetch Mr. and Mrs. Lu.”

The one who spoke was the second prince, Louis. Having said that, he gave Lu Jingye a hug with both hands before he moved on to give Zi Yi a hug too.

Lu Jingye reached out to block him and he said with a serious expression, “Second Prince, my wife is more of a traditional person. You can just shake hands with her and that will do.”

His words caused Louis to pause for a second before he naturally stretched out his hand to Zi Yi. “I’ve heard of Mrs. Lu’s great name before and now that I’ve seen you today, you’re indeed worthy of the praise.”

“Thank you.”

Zi Yi returned his handshake.

Just then, the man next to the second prince reminded him. "Cousin, His Majesty the King is about to make his entrance."

The second prince ignored the fact that the first prince had led them inside and gestured for them to enter. "Gentlemen and lady, please."

Zi Yi noticed that even though the first prince had a smile on his face, a cold glint flashed past his eyes.

Just then, Qin Ze who had been ignored and was walking behind her said, "Zi Yi, I'll go to one side. Call me if you need me."

Having said that, he tactfully left.

The first prince and the second prince continued to tag along with them as they made their way inside together.

As soon as they reached the seat that was deliberately placed in front, the king walked out from one side with the help of a young woman. Runge had also come out together with them.

At this moment, all the nobles had gathered together and they saluted the king.

"Your Majesty, good evening."

#### **Chapter 912: It's Too Warm Here, I Wish To Get Some Air Outside**

The king of Country D was already 66 this year.

However, the majestic imposing aura that he radiated did not weaken due to the increase of age. On the contrary, it felt even more domineering as he had aged. People would unconsciously feel in awe of him even though he was merely seated there without doing anything.

The King's gaze was on Zi Yi and Lu Jingye when he spoke. "Guests from China, welcome to the Palace."

Lu Jingye said, "Thank you for the invitation. My wife and I are honored."

As a young master from China, Lu Jingye was still able to maintain his elegance and politeness. Even when he was conversing with the king, he could keep his composure and answer fluently.

His behavior caused the princes and nobles of Country D to look at him in a different light.

After exchanging some pleasantries, the king tilted his head and said to Runge, "The two guests are more familiar with you. Do take good care of them tonight."

Runge answered, "I understand, Father."

Just then, the orchestra changed to playing a different tune and the eldest prince stepped forward with a reminder. "Father, the opening dance is up next."

The king nodded his head and said to everyone, "Go ahead and enjoy yourselves."

Having said that, he suddenly turned to look at Runge.

The meaning behind his look was for Runge to invite Zi Yi to the opening dance.

Runge stood there like a wooden block and remained motionless.

Lu Jingye extended his hand toward Zi Yi and she reciprocated by placing her hand in his. Both of them joined the other pairs and moved toward the vacant space set aside for dancing.

Looking at Zi Yi and Lu Jingye who had already started to dance, the king said to Runge with a hint of disappointment, "You're too cold. You should be inviting a lady to a dance during moments like this."

Runge remained standing there without speaking.

The king was not in his prime due to his age. Therefore, after the opening dance ended, he exchanged a few more words with Lu Jingye and Zi Yi, and welcomed them to remain in Country D for a few more days before heading back to China.

The guests at the banquet did not immediately liven up upon the king's departure.

In fact, everyone never expected the king to specially remind Runge to entertain the guests.

Everyone had noticed the strange undercurrent between the eldest prince and the second prince. Now that they saw the expressions of both princes, they noticed that they appeared a little gloomy.

Runge seemed as though he had not noticed their expressions. He looked at Zi Yi and Lu Jingye who weren't wearing any masks. A strange feeling surged in his heart.

He waved for a maid and said, "Serve the wine."

Soon, the maid returned with three glasses of wine. Runge took one of the glasses first.

Following that, the maid turned to Lu Jingye and Zi Yi.

When Zi Yi and Lu Jingye had taken the glasses of wine, he went forward and said, "Let me make a toast to you."

Lu Jingye and Zi Yi raised their glasses in his direction. However, they did not touch glasses before each of them drank from their own glass.

Subsequently, everyone thought that Runge would start a conversation with Lu Jingye. Unexpectedly, Runge, who finished drinking the alcohol, remained tight-lipped.

No one said a single thing during this period of time.

The air seemed to be frozen and the atmosphere became somewhat awkward.

Just then, the eldest prince suddenly laughed. He laughed with great enthusiasm and said, "Mr. Lu, Mrs. Lu, please don't take my brother's personality to heart. His temperament is just like that."

Having said that, he called for his daughter and said to Zi Yi with a smile, "Mrs. Lu, this is my daughter, Annette. You two are around the same age so there should be common topics between the two of you. Annette, do take good care of Mrs. Lu."

Annette looked like an adorable little princess. She walked over to Zi Yi with a smile on her face, and gave her a warm hug before she said, "Mrs. Lu, you're really pretty."

"Thanks."

Annette said, "We won't be interested in the conversations they will talk about. Let me bring you elsewhere."

After she said that, she dragged Mrs. Lu elsewhere to another side.

Annette treated her with great enthusiasm and Zi Yi did not reject her advances, as she allowed Annette to drag her away.

As soon as Zi Yi left, the others also started to react.

Soon, Lu Jingye was surrounded by a large group of people. Everyone was exchanging pleasantries with him.

Runge who had remained silent all along had been isolated from the group. However, he paid no heed and turned to leave.

Zi Yi was pulled into the girl group by Annette.

Within this group were daughters of the princes and nobles of Country D and they were the cream of the crop.

When they saw Zi Yi coming over, all of them expressed great enthusiasm.

"The faces of the ladies in China are so small. Mrs. Lu, if not for the fact that I know you're already married, I would have thought that you were fourteen."

"Mrs. Lu, you're the prettiest woman I've ever seen. You're just like a barbie."

While everyone was chatting merrily, it seemed as though their relationship had become closer.

Soon, someone brought up the topic of Zi Yi's talent in robotics.

"The robot competition held this year was really so exciting. I heard that Moonlight, the robot China displayed this year, was something that Zi Yi had created together with the national team. Zi Yi, since you're so talented in the robotics field, have you ever thought of studying abroad at D.Uni?"

"The Engineering School of D.Uni is top tier. They are ranked first worldwide in terms of robotics. If you come over, you will be sure to develop your skills even further."

"That's right. If you can come to D.Uni to study, we will definitely be able to meet up more often."

"If you study at D.Uni, you'll certainly win first place in every single robot competition. Moreover, the robot research lab in our country will also be very welcoming of you."

Zi Yi finally saw through them. There was clearly a motive for why they were treating her with such great enthusiasm. She raised her wine glass and swirled it around before she said, "M.Uni's Engineering School is also pretty good and I am fond of the scholarly atmosphere at M.Uni."

The scholarly atmosphere at M.Uni was indeed something other schools could not compare to.

However, every university has its own characteristics. When everyone heard the reason Zi Yi gave, they could not quite understand what she meant.

“The academic atmosphere in D.Uni is good too and many researchers have graduated from there. The various facilities are also incomparable to M.Uni. Is Mrs. Lu planning to reject the thought of D.Uni just because of the scholarly atmosphere there?”

That was just too incomprehensible for them.

Zi Yi smiled at the person who asked the question. “Of course, it’s more than that. China has ancient poems that even young children know of. A thread in my fond mother’s hand is moving, working for her son to wear the clothes before departure. With her whole heart, she continued sewing, for dread that her son would be delayed in coming back. Who knows if the heart of this young sprout can ever repay the spring’s warm sunshine? No matter how nice it is in the outside world, it isn’t the hometown I have lived in. Moreover...”

Speaking of this, Zi Yi slightly raised her chin and said with a confident look, “The reputation of number one won’t always remain here.”

When the noble ladies heard what Zi Yi said, the smiles on their faces stiffened.

They felt that Zi Yi was too confident. Her confidence made her come across as too arrogant and could it truly be someone with her personality that was spoken of in the rumors that were spread around outside?

Someone was unconvinced and questioned Zi Yi, “Your M.Uni is lacking in many facilities and even if you are skilled, you can’t possibly create whatever you want. How are you planning to make M.Uni the number one university?”

“I can create the things I want, do you think I won’t be able to create the equipment I need?”

“...”

Everyone felt that they were unable to continue the conversation with Zi Yi. She was too arrogant and her words made them flare up.

In fact, Zi Yi had no intention to continue chatting with these ladies who approached her with other motives. She said to Annette, “It’s too warm here, I wish to get some air outside.”

### **Chapter 913: Runge Said, I Will Compensate You With a Tree**

Annette was silent for two seconds before she said, “Ok.”

Having said that, she took the lead and led Zi Yi. “Mrs. Lu, follow me.”

Both of them headed outside.

The noble ladies looked at Zi Yi who walked out and they finally could not resist and started bad-mouthing her.

“Why do I feel that she isn’t as skilled as how the outside rumors describe her to be? How could there be someone so arrogant who would say that they will create the equipment if there isn’t any? Does she think she’s God who can create anything and everything?”

“That’s right. I don’t know why there are so many people praising such an individual. She indeed does have some skills, but these can only prove that she’s a genius. There are many other talents in our country and we don’t lack her.”

There were several gardens in the palace. Annette brought Zi Yi to the garden located nearest to the banquet hall.

The flowers here were cultivated and cared for by professionals and they looked very beautiful.

Zi Yi and Annette were seated on a delicate, white carved wooden bench. Annette smiled and said, “Mrs. Lu, don’t mind what everyone said. They are fond of you, that’s why they hoped that you would come and study here.”

Zi Yi obviously wouldn’t mind and said, “I purely didn’t like that noisy atmosphere in there.”

Annette laughed at her response. After she finished laughing, she said, “My Third Royal Uncle is similar to you. He doesn’t like the lively atmosphere at all and every time there is a banquet here in the palace, he would only stay for a short period of time before leaving.”

Zi Yi detected Annette’s respect for Runge from her speech.

Sure enough, Annette continued to speak, saying, “My Third Royal Uncle is really capable. He relied on his own abilities to obtain the position as the Major General.”

Zi Yi suddenly thought of the infighting between Annette’s father and the second prince and so, she casually asked, “Are you on good terms with Runge?”

Unexpectedly, Annette shook her head. “I rarely get to see my Third Royal Uncle. I only get to see him during banquets like these. He usually stays in the military camp and we don’t really see him often.”

Zi Yi nodded her head. She was not exactly very interested in Runge’s matters and did not continue asking.

On the other hand, Annette asked, “Mrs. Lu, you’ve done a big favor for our Country and I wonder what you want in return?”

Other people would not know the news of the incident that had been suppressed. However, Annette would definitely know of it because she was a princess.

Therefore, she was also on the noble ladies’ side earlier when they persuaded Zi Yi to stay in Country D.

“There’s nothing I want.”

Annette was slightly surprised by Zi Yi’s response.



She thought that Zi Yi was unwilling to bring up her conditions in front of her and so, she said with a smile, "I think you haven't finished thinking about it yet. When you've thought things through, you can bring it up to my grandfather directly. Even though he appears strict on the surface, he greatly values talents."

Zi Yi did not continue explaining herself and merely nodded in response.

Subsequently, they started a casual chat between them.

Sometime later, a maid walked over from the side.

The maid said to Annette with great respect, "Princess Annette, Her Majesty the Queen is looking for you and she requests your presence."

Annette was a little surprised. "Why is Mother looking for me?"

The maid shook her head.

Annette thought for a second and said to Zi Yi, "Mrs. Lu, please sit here for a short while. I'll be back soon."

Zi Yi nodded her head and Annette stood up and left.

After Annette left, Zi Yi casually looked around at the flowers in the garden and thought about how the flowers in her yard were faring.

Just then, she saw a few maids coming over from the side with plates in their hands.

Zi Yi only casually took a glance in their direction and realized that a plate in one of the maid's hands was filled with cherries.

By then, the few maids had already arrived in front of her. They respectfully bowed and after they placed the plates on the stone table by the side, someone spoke up. "Miss Zi, these are all prepared for you by the Third Prince."

Having said that, the group of maids took their leave.

Zi Yi looked at the several large plates of cherries and thought of how Runge cut down a cherry tree in the past. She snorted coldly and said, "Does he think a few cherries can offset how he chopped down the tree?"

Having said that, she reached out for a cherry and ate it.

A fragrant and sweet taste instantly exploded in her mouth and her eyes slightly curved into crescent moons. Just then, she saw the very man who sent the cherries walking over from the corner of her eyes.

She quickly finished the cherry and grabbed a paper towel to spit out the seed. She then sat there and looked at him coldly.

Runge walked to where she was and stopped when he was three meters away.

Zi Yi raised her chin slightly and said, "Don't think that I will forgive you for cutting down the cherry tree just because you asked a few people to send me a few plates of cherries. Don't talk to me, I don't want to talk to you."

Runge, who originally had no idea what he should say, was truly rendered speechless: "..."

Zi Yi looked at Runge who had a cold expression and a sharp gaze, and she said discontentedly, "If you have nothing to do, don't appear in front of me. I feel unhappy at the sight of your appearance."

Runge: "..."

Runge's expression turned even colder and he closed the distance between them by a meter. "As I've said before, I hope that you can stay in Country D. You are a talent, and our country needs talents like you very much."

"Why should I remain in Country D?" Zi Yi looked at Runge and crossed her arms as she asked him.

"I've discussed this with Lu Jingye before."

"Did he agree?"

"..."

"Since my man didn't agree, do you think I would agree if you came looking for me?"

"We can give you even better preferential treatment."

"Hmph! Then can you bring over all my family and friends? Also, I am very fond of my house. Can you move over every single blade of grass and brick from there?"

"..."

When Zi Yi was saying that, her gaze unconsciously shifted to the cherries again. She did not continue crossing her arms and reached out for another cherry.

Runge subconsciously looked at her lips.

Her lips which were stained by the cherries looked unusually red, giving off a delicate and charming look.

Runge's eyes flickered for a moment and in the next second, he lowered his eyes and said, "If you don't wish to remain in Country D to develop robotics for us, we won't force you. However, I hope that you can collaborate with the highest research institute in our country."

When she heard what he said, she stopped her movements and asked, "Are you asking me to cooperate with your country on a personal level?"

"Yes!" Runge looked at her with a firm gaze. "You possess technology that is incomparable in the world. I hope that you can cooperate with us. The goal we have is to enter the universe, find more resources and explore other planets which are suitable for living."

After what happened during this period of time, Runge was sure that Zi Yi was not from this world. He even suspected she was also one of the worms from the worm race.

“You should be from an even more advanced civilization than Earth. You can provide us with the technology and we will do the rest. I feel that it’s more beneficial for you to cooperate with our country than China.”

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes and looked at Runge.

Similarly, Runge stared back.

Both of them maintained eye contact for a period of time before Zi Yi grabbed another cherry. While munching on it, she asked, “Do you think this condition can attract me?”

Having said that, she chased him away. “You can leave. I won’t agree.”

Runge furrowed his eyebrows and looked at her with a sharp gaze.

Sometime later, he shifted his gaze to the plate of cherries and suddenly said, “I will compensate you with a tree.”

#### **Chapter 914: My Wife Is Used to Her Bed and She Can’t Have a Good Rest Outside.**

After he said his piece, he turned to leave as Zi Yi looked at him incredulously.

Not long after Runge left, Annette came over in large strides.

As soon as she came over, she said to Zi Yi apologetically, “Mrs. Lu, I’m sorry for leaving you here alone.”

“It doesn’t matter.” Zi Yi pointed to the cherries on the table and said, “The maid sent us some cherries earlier. Let’s have them together.”

In fact, Annette had seen the cherries from afar and she was already surprised. When Zi Yi invited her to eat together, Annette asked her, “Why did the maids only send one type of fruit?”

“Runge told them to.”

Annette was shocked. “My Third Royal Uncle was here earlier?”

“Yes.”

Annette had a complicated expression on her face and she seemed to be somewhat vexed. “If I had known earlier, I wouldn’t have left.”

She had never hung out with her Third Royal Uncle privately.

Zi Yi looked at Annette who was Runge’s fan girl and she took a cherry as she slowly munched on it.

Even though Annette’s gaze was on the cherries, she did not reach out for one.

After Zi Yi ate a few, she asked, “Why aren’t you eating?”

Annette said with a serious expression, “These are specially given to you by my Third Royal Uncle. I can’t eat them.”

The corner of Zi Yi's lips twitched. She did not expect that a princess would have moments where she was so inflexible. She grabbed a few cherries and passed them to Annette. "Do you think I can finish everything by myself? Are you expecting me to pack them up and take them with me when I leave later?"

Annette opened her mouth. She wanted to say: "*Who would pack up food to take back home at a banquet?*" However, in the next second, she immediately understood Zi Yi's intention and gave her a sweet smile. "Thank you."

Having said that, she placed one cherry in her mouth. She felt that this was the best cherry she had ever eaten.

Subsequently, Annette treated Zi Yi even more warmly. She started talking about the great achievements her Third Royal Uncle had accomplished.

"Two years ago, our crude oil resource was intercepted by the pirates when it passed through the Somali Strait. At that time, my Third Royal Uncle only brought along a dozen or so men and chased the pirates away. Moreover, he managed to retrieve all the cruise oil. Also..."

The more Annette spoke, the more excited she became. It was as though she could not wait to tell Zi Yi all of Runge's achievements from over the years.

Zi Yi sat there and treated it as if she was listening to a story. Thus, this situation lasted for some time and they unexpectedly finished all the cherries.

By the time Zi Yi noticed the plates were empty, she stood up and said to Annette, "We've been out for quite some time. Let's go back to the banquet hall."

Annette stood up with her. Only then did she realize that they had finished all the cherries from the plates and she was surprised. "We ate so many cherries? No wonder I was feeling a little full."

Zi Yi was amused by her remark. "You're full just by eating a few cherries?"

Annette said with a smile, "Yes, are you still feeling hungry? There are some cakes in the banquet hall. Why don't you have some?"

Zi Yi did not answer her and both of them headed back to the banquet hall.

While walking, Annette asked, "Zi Yi, how about if I come to look for you tomorrow to hang out? I'll bring you around and show you the university here?"

Zi Yi thought about it.

"Come on, let's go together. You'll be able to feel the difference between D.Uni and M.Uni. However, I heard that M.Uni is really beautiful, especially in the current season. I really hope that I can visit sometime in the future."

Annette was still a student right now and she was studying at the Royal University.

Zi Yi nodded her head and said, "It's indeed beautiful. It's neither too hot nor too cold in the current season. The streets are also full of students carrying books around along with fresh flowers on the side. It'll feel even better when you play a popular tune of our country and walk along the streets."

Annette listened to Zi Yi's description longingly. "Then in the future when I come to M.Uni, you can be my guide."

"Sure, if I have the time."

Zi Yi felt that it was unlikely she would have the time.

Annette was happy with her response.

Soon, they returned back to the banquet hall.

After the guests in the banquet hall had a few glasses of wine, all of them were more at ease. Some talked about business while some talked about life.

However, there were still many people surrounding Lu Jingye at this time.

Annette who was standing next to Zi Yi saw the scene and said with a laugh, "You and Mr. Lu are similar. Both of you are the type of person that naturally attracts other people's attention. Previously, I've always felt that East Asians looked similar to each other. Now that I've seen you and Mr. Lu, my opinion has been completely overturned."

Zi Yi smiled and walked towards Lu Jingye.

Annette did not tag along.

When Zi Yi was about to arrive next to Lu Jingye's side, she just so happened to hear the eldest prince saying, "Mr. Lu's skills in business are something even the best economist cannot compare to. It's the luck of all businessmen to be able to cooperate with Mr. Lu. I wonder what projects you are planning to invest in next?"

Lu Jingye's answer was watertight. "For now, I am going to develop my mother's Jewelry company."

"Haha... Mr. Lu, you're too much. Song Jewelry just did a worldwide release recently. This time around, the jewelry released is especially popular with the high-society ladies in Europe. I heard that the sales exceeded ten billion within two days."

"Yes, yes, I heard that the jewelry released by Song Jewelry is highly appreciated. My wife and daughter are especially fond of the pieces."

Everyone continuously praised Song Jewelry. Lu Jingye maintained a proper smile on his face from the start to the end.

Just then, he suddenly looked up and made eye contact with Zi Yi who was standing nearby.

He said to those around him, "Apologies, please excuse me."

Subsequently, he walked over to Zi Yi and asked, "Are you tired?"

Zi Yi nodded her head. "I want to go back."

Lu Jingye nodded and motioned for her to take his arm. Both of them made their way to the two princes and he said, "My apologies, my wife is feeling a little tired, so we will be making a move first."

Everyone was surprised.

Both of them came to attend the royal banquet and yet they are planning to leave in the middle.

The guests subconsciously looked at the eldest prince and the second prince.

The eldest prince immediately responded. "Since Mrs. Lu is tired, then..."

The second prince suddenly interrupted him. "There are many guest rooms in the palace. Why doesn't Mrs. Lu take a rest in one of the rooms first?"

The eldest prince glanced at the second prince and he swallowed the words he was about to say. Following that, he said in agreement, "Yes, we have plenty of guest rooms here. Mrs. Lu can take a rest here."

Zi Yi remained tight-lipped without answering.

Lu Jingye said, "My wife is used to her bed and she is unable to have a good rest outside."

Lu Jingye was being very straightforward when he said that. However, the two princes were still unwilling to let them leave just like that.

They had yet to achieve their goal tonight.

They were guests that their father had personally invited. If they do not pull Lu Jingye and Zi Yi to their side, when were they supposed to do so?

Just then, a stern-sounding voice came from behind. "Let them leave."

Everyone subconsciously turned to look at Runge standing there.

Runge did not spare a glance at the others and said, "Both of you can leave."

Traces of displeasure flashed past the eldest prince and second prince's eyes. However, they soon concealed their emotions.

The eldest prince said to Zi Yi with a smile, "Mrs. Lu, Annette is very fond of you. If you want to go somewhere to play these days, you can give Annette a call and get her to accompany you."

### **Chapter 915: The Jealous Lu Jingye Is a Little Scary**

The eldest prince and the second prince led a group of people to send Zi Yi and Lu Jingye out of the palace.

From this move from the princes, it could be seen how much of an importance the royalties of Country D placed on them.

Many people who were unaware of the inside story could not quite understand this scene. When the news here was reported outside, there were all sorts of comments.

When they got into the car, Qin Ze, who had been treated like an invisible person the entire night, looked in the rearview mirror and sighed with mixed feelings. "The royals of Country D are treating you two too well. They are deliberately trying to mislead the public!"

Speaking of this, he turned to look at Zi Yi. He could not help but ask, "Zi Yi, did they talk to you privately?"

Zi Yi glanced at him. "Didn't you follow me outside? You know perfectly well what happened and yet you're still asking."

Qin Ze touched his nose awkwardly and explained with little to no confidence. "Was I not just worried about you? You suddenly went out with Princess Annette. I was just secretly protecting you."

"Ha!"

Qin Ze felt even more awkward after Zi Yi scoffed.

However, Zi Yi did not care either and she said, "I will only stay where my beloved one, family, and friends are."

Qin Ze smiled at her response. He smiled so widely that he revealed almost all of his teeth. All of a sudden, he asked, "Were the few plates of cherries Runge prepared for you sweet?"

Having said that, he gave Lu Jingye a meaningful look.

Zi Yi did not even have to look at her man's face to know that he must have a stern expression on his face right now. She glared at Qin Ze and mouthed to him: 'Just you wait!'

Qin Ze pretended not to understand and tilted his head to look outside the window. The corner of his lips slowly curved up.

Moreover, he was thinking childishly deep down inside: *"Little brat, I've finally scored one point against you. Let's see how you explain it to Lu Jingye."*

Throughout the journey, Lu Jingye's expression remained the same and he had no other reaction.

When the car was about to reach the place they lived, Lu Jingye said to Qin Ze, "We will leave the day after tomorrow. If you have anything to settle, do it by tomorrow."

"Ok."

The car stopped outside the residence. Lu Jingye alighted first and held out his hand toward Zi Yi.

A fair and slender hand touched his hand and in the next second, he tightened his grip.

Both of them held hands and went inside.

By the time Qin Ze came in, both of them had already gone upstairs. He touched his chin and suddenly felt worried. *"Should I go to the embassy to take refuge first? In the event that Lu Jingye is jealous because of what I said earlier and teaches the little brat a lesson tonight, wouldn't I be in a miserable state tomorrow?"*

However, he vetoed his speculations in the next second and thought, *“Based on Lu Jingye’s personality, he won’t do anything to the little brat even if he’s angry... right?”*

Upstairs.

Lu Jingye was holding Zi Yi’s hand all the way to the bedroom. Before he opened the door, he asked, “What are your plans for tomorrow?”

Zi Yi did not think much about it and answered, “Annette invited me to visit the university here, but I haven’t agreed.”

“Mhmm.”

Just a single response from him sounded so magnetic and seductive.

In an instant, Zi Yi’s heart skipped a beat and her heart rate increased.

Just then, Lu Jingye opened the door to the bedroom.

In the next second, he pulled her inside and closed the door.

When her body was pushed against the door and her man’s body pressed down against hers, Zi Yi blinked her eyes in confusion.

There were no lights in the room and even the curtains were drawn.

Within the darkness, an individual’s senses were intensified.

Warm lips lingered around her neck and his breath could be felt on her skin as if it was about to burn her skin.

The hand placed on her waist slowly snaked around her back and reached for the zipper. When Lu Jingye’s hand found the zipper on her dress, he pulled it down.

The zipper was pulled down fully and at the same time, the dress slipped down and ended up stuck on her waist.

Lu Jingye’s lips continuously alternated between her neck and collarbone.

His hands also remained on her waist. At the same time, he kept a distance between them and did nothing else.

Zi Yi released an uncontrollable moan as she placed her hands on his shoulders while she said in a soft voice, “Ah Jing.”

“Mhmm.”

“It’s uncomfortable.”

Having said that, she tried to close the distance between them.

The hands on her waist tightened and stopped her from approaching him.

A repressed and stern voice sounded from her neck area. “Don’t move!”



When Zi Yi heard his tone of voice, she knew that her man was clearly jealous and so, she deliberately cried out in pain. "Ah! My back is hitting the door handle, it hurts~"

She said it with a sobbing tone.

Sure enough, both of them exchanged places in the next second.

Lu Jingye's back was pressed against the door.

However, he still tightly held her away from him and prevented her from closing the distance between them.

His lips traveled downwards.

Zi Yi could not stand it at last and pointed at his head as she said, "Baddie. If you continue like this, I'm going to force myself on you!"

Lu Jingye paused and a few seconds later, a low, magnetic chuckle was heard.

Lu Jingye looked at her in the darkness and asked, "How many cherries did you eat?"

"Eh?"

"Were they delicious?"

"Ah? Ah!"

She was lifted up and soon, they reached the bed.

When something pressed down from above, Lu Jingye continued to ask her, "Was it delicious?"

Zi Yi: "..."

"Was it delicious?" Lu Jingye suddenly refused to let this go.

Zi Yi controlled the rising corners of her lips and put her arms around his neck as she said nonsense with a serious tone, "It wasn't delicious at all. I only ate... two cherries. Annette ate everything else!"

The first cherry and the last cherry. Doesn't that count as two?

Lu Jingye seemed to be satisfied with her answer and finally kissed her on the lips.

However, he did not turn on the lights the entire night.

Moreover, he went even harder than before.

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Zi Yi did not wake up until noon the next day.

The bedroom was silent while the curtains were drawn. However, there was a crack in the window, and the wind blew inside, causing the curtains to float around.

Zi Yi moved slightly and she felt her waist and legs aching.

However, the corner of her lips could not help but curve up. "It seems like I should provoke this old-fashioned man more in the future. Hehe..."

Suddenly there were movement sounds from the door and Zi Yi quickly put away the smile on her lips as she turned over.

She saw a man wearing a suit and tie as he walked in from the doorway in a gentlemanly manner.

No traces of his impulsive behavior from the night before could be seen in the current Lu Jingye.

When he saw that Zi Yi was awake, the first thing he did was open the thick curtains before he turned around and brought her some clothes to wear.

Zi Yi reached out her arm from inside the quilt. There were some traces he had left behind last night and she said coquettishly, "My waist is sore and I can't get up."

Lu Jingye sat on the edge of the bed and picked her up along with the quilt. He raised his hand and stroked her head while he said with a hint of concern in his voice, "I'll rub it better for you."

Zi Yi leaned her head on his shoulder and let him massage as he pleased.

When she was feeling comfortable, she would release a sigh or two.

After Lu Jingye had massaged her body for some time, he helped her wear the clothes he had picked out and said, "Annette gave you a call in the morning."

"Hmm? What did you say to her?"

"That you went to bed too late last night and so you weren't awake yet."

Zi Yi smiled and raised her eyebrows as she looked at him with a meaningful gaze. "You should have said that you were the culprit as to why I couldn't wake up in the morning. It's more convincing this way."

Lu Jingye raised his hand and gently rubbed her head. "Are you hungry?"

Zi Yi hastily nodded her head. "I'm hungry."

"Go wash up. Come down and eat after you're done."

"Ok."

## **Chapter 916: The Consequences of Offending Zi Yi Are Very Serious**

By the time Zi Yi and Lu Jingye went downstairs, Qin Ze was already sitting on the sofa. At the sight of Zi Yi coming downstairs, he checked her out from head to toe before he clicked his tongue twice.

The corner of Zi Yi's lips curved up and she suddenly called out, "Little Loli."

Little Loli who was currently outside immediately ran in and said, "Sister, you called for me?"

Zi Yi pointed at Qin Ze. "He's been single for too long. Let him experience the joy of having a girlfriend."

The moment Qin Ze heard what she said, an ominous premonition hit him. He hastily objected in a loud voice. "N-n-no! I don't want to!"

Little Loli turned around and looked at Qin Ze. Hearts appeared in her eyes and she coquettishly called out to him, "Brother Qin~"

Qin Ze had goosebumps all over his body.

After Little Loli called out to him, she immediately headed in his direction.

Qin Ze quickly moved to the side and was about to stand up when in the next second, Little Loli pounced on him and pinned him down.

Even though Little Loli's outer skin seemed soft and bouncy, her body was still a machine. When she pressed down on Qin Ze, he felt as though he had suffered from an internal injury.

"Cough, cough, cough..."

"Brother Qin, Little Loli has liked you for a long time~"

"Cough, cough, cough... Little Loli, don't press down onto me. Let go of me!" Qin Ze tried pushing her away. His face was flushed due to the lack of air.

"No~ I'm going to have a relationship with Brother Qin~" Little Loli had been watching those dramas which were full of green tea b\*tches and white lotus characters and she had fully grasped the essence of such characters.

"Brother Qin~ Little Loli is so pretty and yet you don't like Little Loli? If you dare to say no, I'll cry in front of you."

Qin Ze's goosebumps intensified due to Little Loli's cutesy voice. He tried his best to struggle but it was in vain.

He could only try to reason with her. "Little Loli, humans and robots can't be in a relationship."

Little Loli immediately refuted him. "Why not? Humans and ghosts can fall in love."

"..." Qin Ze who was about to suffocate to death looked at Zi Yi with despair in his eyes. He wanted for her to command Little Loli to move away.

However, he did not expect Zi Yi to just stand there and watch the fun without saying anything. In addition, she even took out her mobile phone and took photos as she said, "Little Loli, don't reveal your face. Act even more intimately with Qin Ze. I'm going to send these photos to Mr. Qin and let him know that Qin Ze has found a girlfriend. When the time comes, he will be asking him to see his daughter-in-law. Hehe..."

Qin Ze: "...!"

Qin Ze's voice was assisted as he asked, "Zi Yi, you're a devil! Are you planning to get me beaten up?"

"Hmm~"

Qin Ze finally bowed to the evil forces and said sincerely, "Zi Yi, I'm begging you. Get Little Loli to stop pressing me down. I'm going to suffocate to death."

"Wuuu~ Is Brother Qin despising me for being heavy? Wuuu~"

"Hey, hey, hey! Don't cry! I don't mean that... I... Sigh, Little Loli... aren't you in love with A? If he were to know what you are doing, what would he think?"

"Little Loli is executing Sister's orders and A will definitely support Little Loli~"

As soon as Little Loli said that, she held Qin Ze's face

Qin Ze got a fright. "L-little... Little Loli, what are you doing?"

Little Loli puckered her lips and moved closer to his face.

"L-little... Little Loli, don't mess around!"

Smooch~ Muack~

Qin Ze: "..."

Qin Ze thought in despair, *"My first kiss was actually taken away by a robot."*

Looking at Qin Ze whose innocence had been defiled, Zi Yi finally burst out laughing.

Lu Jingye raised his hand and stroked Zi Yi's head. "Let's eat."

Only then did Zi Yi follow him to the dinner table.

Little Loli finally got to kiss a handsome man and she sat up while feeling a special sense of accomplishment. She did not forget to pat Qin Ze on his chest with a shy expression. "Brother Qin, Little Loli kissed your face and so Little Loli will be responsible for you!"

Qin Ze trembled and ran as soon as he stood up on his feet. When he was running out, he knocked into the legs of the table. Based on the sound, even if Zi Yi did not witness the scene, she could imagine how painful it was.

Qin Ze limped and came to the dining table with a tight smile on his face.

When they were eating, Qin Ze would glance at Little Loli from time to time. She was sitting on the sofa while propping her head up in her hands as she looked at him. He was afraid that she would pounce on him again.

Zi Yi laughed at him. "Are you still a man? You're even afraid of a little girl."

Qin Ze looked at Zi Yi with a fierce glare and did not answer out of fear that this devil woman would get Little Loli to be frivolous with him again.

After eating, Zi Yi received another call from Annette.

Zi Yi had been tortured all night and her waist and legs still felt sore. How could she be willing to have a walk around the university here? And so, she rejected her invitation.

She did not expect Annette to ask her out for afternoon tea instead.

Annette said over the phone, "Zi Yi, since you don't want to walk around the university, do come out for afternoon tea. I'll show you around my house."

Annette was already an adult and she had a place of her own outside the palace. The house she mentioned was the one outside.

Zi Yi had nothing on in the afternoon and so she agreed.

Annette's place was not far away from the palace. It was located in a famous lakeside area with gorgeous scenery. Her villa was just right beside the lake. In front was a wide lawn and at the back was where the lake flowed. There was also a house constructed on the lake and beside the house were two speedboats.

Annette brought Zi Yi to tour around her house before she pointed at the other houses.

"Those who live in the vicinity are all my cousins. Across the lake is a huge theater. Whenever there is a performance held there, it's very convenient for us to head there and listen to the performance."

"This is indeed a nice place." Zi Yi nodded her head.

Annette was delighted by Zi Yi's praise. She got the maid to set up the table and chairs by the lake. The tables were filled with snacks, fruits, coffee, and scented tea.

Zi Yi took a sip of the rose tea and she suddenly had the urge to have some milk tea.

Annette had coffee. After she took a sip, she asked, "Zi Yi, do you want to have coffee? I was worried that you wouldn't like it so I prepared you some scented tea instead."

"No thanks."

Zi Yi was not fond of drinking coffee. Even if it smelled nice, she still didn't like it.

Annette said with a smile, "In fact, I am also fond of drinking scented tea compared to coffee. It's just that it's refreshing to drink coffee when I'm feeling tired from studying."

Zi Yi nodded her head.

Annette pointed at the fruits on the table. There was a huge plate of cherries and she said with a smile, "The cherries were sent on the orders of my Third Royal Uncle in the afternoon. He must have known that I ate plenty of them last night and specially sent them."

Zi Yi noticed that Annette's eyes were bright when she said that. Her pair of eyes that revealed her worship and joy could not be concealed.

Zi Yi nodded her head but she did not reach out to eat the cherries.

Annette took one of them and ate it. When she saw that Zi Yi remained sitting there without moving, she asked, "Zi Yi, why aren't you eating?"

Zi Yi said nonsense with a serious face, "I ate too much yesterday and my teeth feel sour today because of it."

“Really? Why don’t I feel that?”

“Perhaps your teeth are better than mine.”

Annette pursed her lips and laughed.

Subsequently, both of them casually chatted about school life and the atmosphere was particularly relaxed.

Half an hour or so later, a maid came over and said to Annette, “Princess Annette, Princess Freya, and Princess Lucy are here.”

Zi Yi noticed that a hint of displeasure flashed past Annette’s eyes when she heard the names. Annette explained to Zi Yi, “Freya and Lucy are my Second Uncle’s daughters. Both of them are older than me.”

### **Chapter 917: Three Women Performing a Show and Zi Yi Becomes the Onlooker**

Even though Annette was unhappy about how they came uninvited, she could not refuse them since they were here. She said to Zi Yi, “Zi, there’s no need to come and get them with me, so remain here. I’ll bring them over.”

Soon, Annette brought Freya and Lucy over.

The three of them were laughing while conversing as they made their way inside.

“I heard that Sister Annette invited Mrs. Lu over for afternoon tea. Why didn’t you tell us~”

“We had specially sent someone over to invite Mrs. Lu out, only to find out that Sister Annette had invited her over first.”

“Zi Yi and I made an appointment last night, so I invited her over first.”

Soon, the three of them arrived in front of Zi Yi.

Annette introduced the two women to Zi Yi.

Freya and Lucy each sat next to Zi Yi as they enthusiastically started a conversation.

“Mrs. Lu, you’re amazing. I’m also a fan of painting and when I saw the paintings you had completed during competitions in the past, I was stunned. I’ve always wanted to collect one of your paintings, but I didn’t expect there to be so few in circulation.”

“Mrs. Lu’s medical skills are also superb. Your medical papers have been greatly used as references by the medical universities in our country. In particular, the area of genetics. Your papers have made a great contribution to the whole human race.”

Listening to the compliments from both sides, Zi Yi knew why they were acting so enthusiastically towards her. She merely casually responded to them and took a sip of tea from time to time.

Both of them hogged the conversation with Zi Yi and isolated Annette.

Annette sat there and looked at her two cousins. Even though she had a smile on her face, traces of mockery flashed past her eyes.

She was clearly aware of their motives for coming here. However, Zi Yi did not seem to be interested in those topics and she suddenly felt relieved.

Just then, Freya suddenly extended an invitation to Zi Yi. "Mrs. Lu, we have specially arranged a party tonight and you must come and attend. We invited the famous painter, Mr. Louis. I believe you will definitely have common topics to share with him."

Lucy chimed in and said, "Yes, we also invited people from the Robotics Association. They really wish to have a meeting with you."

As soon as they finished talking, both of them looked at Zi Yi with an expression as if saying, "*You will definitely come, won't you?*"

Just as Zi Yi was about to speak, Annette who had not been able to get a word in finally spoke. She first revealed a smile and said, "Royal Cousins, Zi isn't fond of attending parties with many people. Aren't you making things difficult for her by inviting her?"

When they heard what Annette said, they looked at her with slight displeasure.

*Are you telling us that only you can invite Mrs. Lu and we can't?*

Annette pretended not to see their unhappy gazes and asked Zi Yi, "Zi, there's a performance at the theater tonight. Do you want to take a look?"

Freya and Lucy were even more displeased.

Zi Yi looked at the undercurrents between the three of them and grabbed a cherry to play with in her hand.

"Is Mrs. Lu fond of cherries?" Lucy suddenly said, "Speaking of cherries, Country Z's are the tastiest. Our country's cherries are lacking in terms of sweetness and if Mrs. Lu would like, I'll get someone to air freight some and send them to you right away."

Annette casually said, "These cherries have been sent over by Third Royal Uncle."

Lucy's expression stiffened and she stopped talking.

Clearly, they had some fear towards Runge.

After a moment of silence, Freya smiled and changed the topic to the party tonight. "Mrs. Lu, we invited a female robot engineer tonight. Her name is Mia and I believe you should have heard of her?"

Zi Yi tried to recall if she knew of a female robot engineer named Mia and she answered in all honesty, "I've never heard of her."

Freya's smile stiffened and she felt that she was unable to continue the conversation.

Annette, on the other hand, smiled. She said with an understanding expression, "Zi Yi usually stays in the research lab and she's out here for a vacation. Since it's a vacation, why should she mingle with people related to her field? She should be enjoying herself... Zi, aren't I right?"

Zi Yi looked at her and did not answer, and so it could be considered as a silent acquiesce.

Freya and Lucy were even more unhappy. However, they knew that it wasn't a suitable time for them to flare up.

After they made eye contact with each other, Freya said with a smile, "Sister Annette is right. Since there's a performance in the theater tonight, why don't we head there together?"

Lucy added her opinion and said, "That's right. Mrs. Lu is a guest and as hosts, we should be accompanying you."

As a result, it was decided.

After having dinner at Annette's place, all four of them headed to the theater across the lake by a leisure boat.

This theater was the Royal Theater and those who could come to listen to the performances were also people from high society.

The four of them arrived at the VIP table through the VIP passage and not before long, the performance started.

Tonight's performance was a symphony.

This was Zi Yi's first time listening to such a performance. She found it to be interesting and so, she listened to the performance seriously.

The other three were filled with other thoughts in their mind.

Freya and Lucy exchanged eye contact with one another and they had quickly formulated a plan in their minds.

Annette knew that her cousins would definitely have other thoughts and so, she paid attention to their actions.

When she saw Freya taking out her phone to send messages, Annette did the same and took out her phone to send messages as if nothing had happened.

Throughout the whole performance, Zi Yi was the only one who listened.

After the performance ended, Freya suggested. "Zi, the Yinhe River is an interesting place to visit at night. Why don't we go there to play?"

The Yinhe River Freya mentioned was the most popular river in Country D. It was particularly lively at night and it was also a famous tourist attraction.

Zi Yi nodded her head and said, "I'm fine with going there."

In any case, it was one of the places she wanted to visit.



As a result, the four of them headed to the Yinhe River.

The Yinhe River and the banks of the river were both lively. There were various kinds of boats competing with each other in terms of fanciness, luxury, and performance.

The boat was prepared by Freya and Lucy; it was a particularly luxurious boat.

“Zi, how is it? Isn’t the Yinhe River very beautiful at night?”

“It’s pretty good.” Zi Yi looked at the dancers dancing in the middle of the deck. She felt that European dances were also pretty good. She decided to add this type of dance to her dancing robots when she returned.

**BANG!**

All of a sudden, there was a huge impact on the boat and the hull shook vigorously.

It shook so much that even those dancers staggered and fell to the ground. Even the four of them, including Zi Yi, who were seated, all fell off their chairs.

Zi Yi soon steadied herself and looked outside the boat, only to see another boat had actually smashed against theirs.

Annette and the other two princesses had fallen to the ground and still remained there.

Just then, there were screams sounding from all directions, making the whole river bank extremely noisy.

The maids and guards hastily came over and helped them up.

“What’s going on! Who hit our boat?!” asked Freya angrily in a loud voice as soon as she stood on her feet.

One of the guards hastily answered, “Eldest Princess, it was a merchant’s boat.”

Lucy hastily asked Zi Yi, “Zi, are you alright?”

“I’m fine. Do you want to go and have a look at the situation?”

She felt that the boat was currently sinking.

Her senses were right.

Just then, a man staggered inside and loudly shouted in horror, “Princesses, it’s not good. There’s a huge hole in our boat from the collision. Water is gushing in and the boat is currently sinking.”

### **Chapter 918: Find the Culprit and Deal With It**

The three princesses immediately started to panic out of fear.

“AHHH-”

Zi Yi could not take their screams and she shouted, “Shut up.”

Subsequently, she asked the guards, "There should be emergency life-saving equipment here, right? Even if there isn't any, there should be the police and lifeguards, correct?"

This was a tourist spot and even if the river was wide, it was easy to go ashore. Unless someone deliberately planned this to prevent them from going ashore.

The guard's answer was unexpected. "Something happened on the river bank and the police are handling the issue. Moreover, the boat that collided into this boat is in an even more severe state and it's about to capsize."

Zi Yi turned to where the guard was looking. Sure enough, the opposite boat had capsized.

That boat was extremely large in size. When it capsized, it affected many of the nearby boats.

At this very moment, the situation here at the river can only be described with a single word – chaos.

"Zi, what should we do now?" Annette walked over to Zi Yi's side and asked with a frightened expression.

Zi Yi did not really think of this situation as a dangerous one.

She stepped forward and headed outside the cabin onto the deck.

However, as soon as she took two steps forward, Shadow's warning voice sounded next to her. "Master, there's a bomb installed in one of the boats and it's about to crash into this boat."

"Hmph!" Zi Yi coldly snorted and strode to the railing of the boat.

Screams could be heard from all directions. In particular, the large boat and the affected boat on the other side. There were many people who were flung into the sea.

In addition, there were also many lifeguards who were rescuing those people in the river.

If something were to happen during such a situation, no one would notice anything.

Just then, Zi Yi sensed an incoming danger.

She quickly moved to the side.

In the next second, an explosion sounded from behind her.

**BAM!**

"AHHH-"

The supposedly already chaotic scene intensified as shrill screams were heard from all directions.

Zi Yi tilted her head and took a look. This boat was decorated with all sorts of beautiful fabric and flammable decorations. The bomb aiming for her had lit up the decorations on the boat and the fire intensified in an instant.

The group of ladies was so frightened that they screamed as if they were meeting their end.

"Tsk." Zi Yi said to Shadow, "Find the culprit and deal with it."

Shadow said, "First Master and Major General Runge are dealing with those on the shore."

Zi Yi nodded her head and quickly took out a ball from her pockets. The circular ball flew into the water and several water columns appeared as the ball aimed the water from the river at the burning areas.

At the same time, she took out several circular balls and threw them around her.

The circular ball soon covered the surroundings of the boat.

Subsequently, the boat was shifted back on track as it headed for the dock.

After the boat left the chaotic area, incredulous exclamations could be heard from both sides of the river bank.

Zi Yi did not return to the cabin either. When the ship reached the dock, she headed for a remote place.

Not long later, she stopped walking.

By this time, she had left the crowded area and arrived somewhere without street lights, which was eerily silent. She checked her surroundings and gave a shout, "Come out."

Immediately afterwards, several masked men jumped out from her surroundings.

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes and looked at them as she said in a deep voice, "Who sent you?"

The masked men made eye contact with one another and attacked Zi Yi without a second thought.

Zi Yi remained standing there without moving. When the group of masked men launched an attack, Shadow II appeared.

Shadow II practically took care of those people in less than a minute.

Looking at the masked men lying on the ground, Zi Yi was about to head somewhere else.

Just then, she heard the sound of approaching footsteps from her left side.

When the man appeared, he immediately asked, "Are you alright?"

Zi Yi looked at Runge who appeared in front of her, then at the men who were knocked unconscious near her feet. Instead of answering, she asked, "Do you think something would have happened to me?"

Runge looked at the masked men next to her feet and walked over in large strides.

"My eldest brother and second brother sent these people."

"Hmm?"

"Both of them are pretending to be each other by sending these attacks, unaware that the other is also doing the same."

"How did you know?"

Runge was unexpectedly silent at Zi Yi's question.

He took two steps forward and looked at her as he said in an extremely serious tone of voice, "Let's cooperate."

Zi Yi looked back at him.

Even if it was rather dark here, she could see the strong ambition shining from the depths of his eyes.

Just then, Runge spoke again. "Other than the areas we are aware of in the universe, there are even more powerful and advanced areas. I wish to travel there and take a look."

Zi Yi lowered her eyes, it was as if she was considering his offer.

Just then, another wave of approaching footsteps came from one side. Before Zi Yi had the chance to speak, her body was pulled into a familiar embrace. Lu Jingye's eyes no longer had their usual gentleness and instead, his gaze had become sharp like knives.

"Runge, I don't care if the royal family is having an internal fight for power. However, if Yiyi gets pulled into this fight, don't blame me for being rude."

Having said that, he did not even give Runge the opportunity to respond and brought Zi Yi away.

Runge looked at both of their departing back profiles and remained standing there as he said, "I hope that you can think it over. As long as you agree, you can utilize all the cutting-edge technologies available in Country D. You can also have free control of the factories here."

Zi Yi did not respond to what he said. On the other hand, Lu Jingye suddenly stopped.

Zi Yi stopped walking alongside Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye lowered his head and looked at her.

Zi Yi also looked back at him.

Lu Jingye asked, "Do you want to accept?"

Zi Yi tilted her head and thought about it before she said, "You don't seem to be fond of him. In that case, I won't accept."

Lu Jingye felt an indescribable surge of emotions welling up inside him. He did not say anything else and hugged her while they continued walking.

"Let's leave here tonight."

"Ok."

The figures of Zi Yi and Lu Jingye went further away until their silhouettes could no longer be seen.

Only then did Runge turn around and walk away.

He would definitely get Zi Yi to agree to the cooperation one day.

However, before this happened, it was time for his eldest brother and second brother to be taken care of.

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Zi Yi and Lu Jingye left just like that.

When the helicopter left Country D, it just so happened to be 12:30 a.m.

Qin Ze was still confused when he sat on the helicopter.

“I thought we agreed on leaving tomorrow? Why are we leaving at this time?”

After Qin Ze asked that question, he specially glanced at Lu Jingye.

Evidently, this man had his usual expression on his face but Qin Ze felt that Lu Jingye seemed a little unusual.

This type of unusualness was similar to when someone was radiating jealousy.

Qin Ze shifted his attention back to Zi Yi.

She was currently swiping on her tablet and seemed to be in a serious mood.

“Cough, cough... cough, cough...”

Zi Yi looked up at Qin Ze who was deliberately coughing and asked, “I have medicine that can treat discomfort in the throat. Do you want some?”

Qin Ze: “...”

Zi Yi showed the tablet to Lu Jingye and said, “Ah Jing, look at this post.”

Lu Jingye took the tablet from her.

Qin Ze also craned his neck out of curiosity. After he took a look, he asked in a surprised tone, “What’s this? An infectious disease? Not to mention, it originated from South Africa?”

“That’s right. It’s said that some people were recently inflicted with a strange disease by wearing the diamonds from South Africa.”

“Was there a mistake? Why didn’t we hear the slightest news when we were in Country D? Or perhaps this has nothing to do with the diamonds at all?”

“I don’t know. I saw this post by accident. It hasn’t become a trending topic.”

### **Chapter 919: Don’t Judge a Book By It’s Cover**

Zi Yi showed Lu Jingye the post with the intention of reminding him to pay attention.

After all, Song Jewelry was purchasing a rather large quantity of diamonds from South Africa.

Lu Jingye also knew of her concerns and returned the tablet. “I will get someone to pay attention to this.”

Zi Yi nodded her head and continued swiping across her tablet.

The travel distance from Country D to Country M was not considered too far. The helicopter only took seven hours to reach.

It just so happened to be early morning when they arrived.

The helicopter stopped inside Zi Yi's vineyard.

Dou Xiangling and Ian were already waiting for their arrival. As soon as the three of them descended from the helicopter, they came over to welcome them.

"Cousin Yiyi."

"Cousin."

At the sight of each other, both of them hugged each other happily.

Ian smiled and greeted Lu Jingye and Qin Ze.

"Lu, long time no see. And this friend here, good morning."

"Good morning, my name is Qin Ze."

Both of them shook hands.

Ian turned his attention back to Lu Jingye and said, "I originally planned to attend the Financial Conference too, but I suddenly had something on and couldn't get away."

Lu Jingye looked at Dou Xiangling who was hugging Zi Yi. He used his eyes to tell Ian that he knew what that 'something' was that he had to attend to.

Ian did not think that there was anything wrong with not attending the conference just because he wanted to accompany his future wife. Subsequently, he asked, "How many days are you planning to stay this time?"

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling have finished hugging each other by this time. When Zi Yi heard Ian's question, she said, "We won't be staying for long. We have left the capital for quite some time and I've been longing to go back."

Ian nodded his head and all of them headed in the direction of the living room.

"No matter what, have breakfast first. You guys can take a rest after eating."

After they made their way inside, someone delivered breakfast.

After breakfast, the three of them went to take a rest.

By the time Zi Yi woke up, Lu Jingye was no longer in the bedroom.

When she washed up and went outside, there was not a single soul around.

She walked out of the living room and saw the green vines and a bunch of newly grown grapes.

She thought for a moment and headed in the direction of the small path.

As expected, she did not have to walk for long before she saw Dou Xiangling seated there with an easel as she painted.

“Cousin.”

Zi Yi walked over and Dou Xiangling smiled at her. “Yiyi, you’re awake?”

“Mhmm.”

Zi Yi looked at the grapes and birds passing through the vines on Dou Xiangling’s canvas and asked, “Where did Ah Jing and the rest go?”

“They went out. Little Lu informed me that if you woke up, you should have a meal first. After that, you can head to the construction site to look for him.”

Zi Yi nodded her head, but she did not immediately go back to have her meal. She stood next to Dou Xiangling and looked at the grape groves in the vineyard.

Dou Xiangling continued to paint and while painting, she said, “This place is really too beautiful. The scenery is different with every passing hour. I feel that I can stay here and paint for half a month.”

Zi Yi said with a smile, “In that case, remain here and slowly paint.”

“I can’t, I still have to go back to my classes.”

“If you leave, would Ian be willing to separate from you?”

Dou Xiangling’s face turned red from Zi Yi’s question and she said coquettishly, “Yiyi, you’re teasing me again.”

Zi Yi shrugged her shoulders and gave her an innocent look. “How am I teasing you? I mean it’s the truth.”

Having said that, she turned around to walk back inside. “You can continue painting. I’ll go have my meal first.”

It was already two in the afternoon right now. And the others had already eaten.

Zi Yi headed to the construction site as soon as she finished her lunch.

With the help of Ian, the land spanning hundreds of kilometers had been bought over and it looked particularly vast.

Just then, the three men were currently standing in one place and talking while they wore construction helmets. Zi Yi called out to Lu Jingye, “Ah Jing.”

Lu Jingye hastily grabbed a safety helmet and walked over to help her wear it. “Have you eaten lunch?”

“I have eaten.” Zi Yi raised her chin and allowed him to help her with the helmet while she complained to him. “Why didn’t you wake me up when you got up?”

“I wanted to let you sleep a little longer.”

After Lu Jingye put on the helmet for her, both of them headed over.

Ian pointed to the five-story building next to them and said, "This is the office building. How does it look? Doesn't it look magnificent?"

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Not bad."

"Let's go. I'll show you around the other laboratories. I guarantee that they have all been built according to your requirements... Oh right, the chief architect of this building, Yi Lanke is also here. You can also discuss with him if you have other requirements."

"Ok."

The four of them headed to the construction site.

Ian had been used to the sight as he had been the supervisor around here for some time. On the other hand, Qin Ze was amazed with every step he took.

In the end, he carefully asked Zi Yi, "Zi Yi, why didn't you build this research laboratory in China?"

This type of laboratory would benefit the country it was in, no matter where it was built. He would obviously hope that Zi Yi's laboratory would be built in China.

Zi Yi answered him honestly, "The planning of this laboratory was done before I got acquainted with Mr. Qin and the higher-ups. Moreover, there just so happens to be land and a supervisor here."

Ian smiled happily. "Zi Yi is right. I am a very responsible supervisor and I also come free of charge. Where else would she build her laboratory if not here?"

Who would not wish for their country to develop and grow?

Qin Ze felt depressed and did not say anything else.

All the important buildings of the laboratory were built in the basement so the requirements for the underground areas were very stringent.

After they took a long stroll, Zi Yi finally saw the chief architect, Yi Lanke.

When Yi Lanke saw Zi Yi, there was no need to explain how surprised he was. "Were you the one who has been making demands and solving the problems related to architecture?"

The person in front of him seemed like a little girl and so how could she have such great skills?

"Mr. Yi Lanke, you shouldn't judge a book by its cover," Ian said with a smile. "She also provided all the designs of the buildings. She was also the one who came up with the solutions to the problems you and your team usually encounter too."

The more Ian spoke, the wider Yi Lanke's eyes were. In the end, he looked at Zi Yi with disbelief and exclaimed, "You're simply amazing! Could it be that you study architecture?"

"No. I was the one who wanted this laboratory so naturally, I know what it should be like."

The way Zi Yi said it, made it sound so easy. If Yi Lanke wasn't the chief architect, he would believe that it was really that easy from how she said it.



Zi Yi did not give him much time to remain shocked. Subsequently, she started discussing with him the subsequent steps she wanted him to take.

The afternoon passed by very quickly.

At dinner, Ian made a suggestion. "This is such a happy moment and so how can we not have some alcohol?"

His suggestion received immediate approval from Zi Yi.

Qin Ze who was seated next to Lu Jingye said, "Why do I feel that this is exactly what Zi Yi wants?"

Lu Jingye glanced in his direction.

There was plenty of alcohol in the winery and Ian immediately got someone to retrieve several bottles of wine.

Everyone's cup was filled and Ian was the first to speak. "The construction for the laboratory will be completed in the near future and so let's toast to celebrate the completion of the construction. In addition, Zi Yi's research laboratory will also be completed soon."

Everyone had a sip and started chatting casually.

Qin Ze asked Zi Yi, "What projects are you planning to concentrate on in this laboratory?"

#### **Chapter 920: Those Aren't a Big Deal At All**

"Gene modification, eliminating all kinds of cells that are harmful to the human body, improving one's overall immunity, and stimulating mental energy..."

Zi Yi casually mentioned a few things she wanted to do and each and every one of them shocked Qin Ze.

"Heavens, each and every one of these projects would benefit the whole of humanity. If you are successful in all of them..."

"Every project can be done. It isn't a big deal at all."

"...!"

"The development of humans can't possibly be limited to only dwelling on Earth. When the time comes, some people would definitely head to other planets and it would require them to possess better physical fitness."

"...!"

A few seconds later, Qin Ze swallowed his saliva with great difficulty and he said with excitement, "Zi Yi, I didn't expect you to have such high goals!"

Even a country dares not aim for such goals and each of these goals was slowly achieved and built up over different generations. However, Zi Yi wanted to resolve all of these problems on her own!

Was that possible?

Qin Ze somehow felt that it was very possible.

He suddenly felt very excited. He picked up the bottle on the table and poured a cup for both himself and Zi Yi. "Zi Yi, I believe you can achieve all these goals. Here, let me propose a toast to you. Everything you've said is my goal as well and I hope that you can fulfill these goals of yours as soon as possible."

Zi Yi raised her glass and they touched glasses. Subsequently, both of them drank the whole glass of wine as if it was plain water.

Ian, who was seated beside them, was also excited. He poured another half a glass for Zi Yi and raised his glass. "Zi Yi, these are my goals too. You can rest assured that as long as I am to continue living, I will safeguard your laboratory and let you achieve all these goals."

"Mhmm. Thank you."

Zi Yi raised her glass and touched glasses with Ian before they finished the red wine in their glasses.

Ian took the opportunity to pour another glass for Dou Xiangling and as he raised his glass, he said something with a hidden meaning, "Xiangling, are you willing to stay by my side and assist me in safeguarding your cousin's laboratory?"

The sudden proposal that came without warning had stunned the others who were present. Even Dou Xiangling herself was in a daze.

By the time she finally reacted, her face had slowly turned red and she ended up blushing brightly.

It did not seem right for her to raise her glass or remain motionless either. Who would give a proposal by catching someone off guard like that?

Unexpectedly, Ian was not finished yet. It could be said that he came prepared. He took out a box from his pocket.

When he opened the box, there was a proposal ring inside.

He stood up, took a step back, got down on one knee, and asked again, "Xiangling, are you willing to stay by my side and assist me in safeguarding your cousin's laboratory?"

Dou Xiangling opened her mouth but she was too embarrassed to know what to say.

Zi Yi who finally managed to react laughed and said to Dou Xiangling, "Cousin, Ian has clearly prepared in advance. In any case, you're going to end up marrying him anyways, why don't you just agree now?"

Dou Xiangling's eyes darted around and she felt even shyer deep down inside.

Ian simply took her left hand and slid the ring on her ring finger.

Subsequently, he stood up and gave her a kiss on her forehead before he said overbearingly, "You have accepted my proposal in the presence of your cousin. You're not allowed to go back on your words."

Dou Xiangling suddenly laughed when she heard what he said. It seems like there were times when this man was also childish.

Ian was extremely overjoyed. He sat down and poured another glass for everyone before raising his glass. "Thank you everyone for standing witness here for me today. When I get married to Xiangling in the following period of time, I will certainly give you a huge red packet."

At the mention of a huge red packet, Zi Yi's eyes brightened. She asked without the slightest reservation, "How big of a red packet?"

Qin Ze gave her a judgemental look. This woman was extremely rich herself and to think she would be so excited at the mention of a red packet? Doesn't she know that the money she has would probably last her for decades?

Ian was in a great mood tonight and he said, "As big as you wish for!"

Zi Yi was delighted.

Following that, Ian continued to propose a toast to everyone.

In the beginning, Lu Jingye allowed Zi Yi to drink as she pleased. However, as she continued drinking, she started getting drunk and drank wine as if it was water.

By the time she was on her sixth glass, Lu Jingye finally covered her glass and said sternly, "Yiyi, that's enough."

Zi Yi tilted her head and looked at him with those sparkling eyes of hers and she said, "It's such a joyous event tonight and so how could I just drink a few glasses? Aren't you happy for my cousin and Ian too?"

Lu Jingye looked at Zi Yi who was finding all sorts of excuses and said with a calm face, "I am happy for them. But you've drunk enough."

"Not much, it's not much. I feel that I've only drunk a little."

After she said that, she swiftly pulled the glass in her direction and finished the wine.

Following that, she even looked at him and blinked her eyes while feeling proud.

Lu Jingye pursed his lips and looked at her gorgeous red lips. His eyes darkened as he asked, "Are you not going to listen to me now?"

Zi Yi raised her chin slightly and smiled defiantly. "Yes, I'm going to be disobedient."

Lu Jingye moved his hands away as if he could do nothing to rein her in and said, "You can only drink as you please tonight."

"Yay!" Zi Yi cheered and rubbed her lips on his cheeks as she gave him a kiss. She then filled his glass and passed it to him. "Ah Jing, have a drink too."

Having said that, she touched their glasses together before finishing her glass.

Lu Jingye also drank the glass of wine in his hand.

Qin Ze, who was sitting there, was complaining deep down inside.

He originally thought that Lu Jingye would control that brat and he did not expect him to compromise so soon.

Tsk! Sure enough, no matter how capable a man is, they are unable to control their wife!

On the other side, Ian's face had turned red after a few glasses.

As he originally had fair skin, the moment he turned red, it would appear particularly bright.

Dou Xiangling was worried that he would play the violin for an entire night again and so she warned him. "Ian, stop drinking, or else you'll get drunk."

Ian smiled at her as he revealed his elegant and charming smile. "It's fine. I know my limits and I won't get drunk."

Dou Xiangling saw how he was already drunk and was still trying to fill his cup. She subconsciously raised her hand and pressed on his.

In the next second, Ian grabbed her hand and when Dou Xiangling's face turned red, Ian said, "Even if I'm drunk, I still have you here with me. You won't leave me alone, right? Xiangling?"

When she felt the warmth coming from the palm of his hand, Dou Xiangling seemed to have been scalded, as she jerked her hands away. She then said with lowered eyes, "I can't control you when you're drunk."

"Yes you can."

Ian grabbed her hand again and placed it on his thigh while interlocking their fingers. He said to her seriously, "Be it whether I'm drunk or awake, I will do anything as long as you tell me to."

Dou Xiangling's face turned even redder at his words.

Zi Yi, who was seated beside them, felt a little jealous. She tilted her head and looked at Lu Jingye as she said, "You've never whispered sweet words to me before."

Lu Jingye looked at her and slightly pursed his lips.

Zi Yi added and said, "Look at Ian. He's so good at whispering sweet words. I also want to listen to you sweet talking me."

Lu Jingye remained silent as usual.

As an old-fashioned person, how could he possibly say such words in public?

In fact, Zi Yi was deliberately teasing him. At the sight of his reaction, she poured herself another glass of wine. She then raised the glass and leaned near him while whispering in his ears, "It doesn't matter if you can't say them out loud. I'll whisper sweet words in your ears when we return to our room."