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Chapter 791: You Have A Problem

It was then that Chi Yang replied with a sincere and solemn promise, "Dad, don't worry. I'll definitely love and take good care of Nuannuan. I'll do my best to keep Nuannuan company and keep her from harm. I'm not good with words, but I'll use my actions to prove my worth to you. I won't ever disappoint you."

"Thank you, Chi Yang!" Duke Eton replied with a face that beamed with gratification. He even thanked Chi Yang in front of everyone. He did not put on any airs that a typical father-in-law was entitled to.

Chi Yang was not used to the way they interacted with each other. Yet, somehow, he felt that the responsibility on his shoulders had become heavier amidst their heart-warming exchange.

"And I thank you, Dad, for treating Nuannuan so well all these years and raising her into such an outstanding girl."

Duke Eton laughed and said, "I didn't nurture my Sunny at all. I do everything as Sunny instructed me to."

Duke Eton's words triggered kind laughter from the guests.

The Jiang District elites who were sitting at the back were all confused, especially those who attended the banquet celebrating Zhong Nuannuan's return to the Zhong family. Zhong Nuannuan's surname was Zhong, and she was the daughter of the Zhong family. Even if she was abducted and returned home at the age of 17, why did everyone, including both Duke Eton and Chi Yang, say that Zhong Nuannuan had no family?

Zhong Qianqian was so jealous that she could no longer contain her flooding anger. With the assurance that she would become a daughter from a first-tier wealthy family in the future, Zhong Qianqian could not help but jolt up from her seat and voiced out the internal doubts shared by many people.

"Zhong Nuannuan, you're such a snob, aren't you?! Are you sure you have no family? Who am I to you? Who is Zhong Kuijun to you? Who is Jiang Shuwan to you? Get it straight—we're your real family! We're the people who shared the same blood with you! Have you ever seen your biological mother? You've auctioned off such an expensive necklace, Moonlight, willingly donating it to the military base for Chi Yang's sake. Yet, you're unwilling to pay your mother a single cent. How can you be such an unfilial daughter?

"Also, you clearly have such an impressive family background, but you lied that you were sold to a farming district and pretended to be a village girl when you returned home at 17. You even lied to your biological parents. Do you despise us, or do you think poor people like us are not worthy of being your family?"

Zhong Qianqian's accusation shifted everyone's gazes at Zhong Nuannuan. They, too, wanted to know the answer to this question.

Although everyone was on the same page that Duke Eton was wonderful and that Zhong Nuannuan was very beautiful, if she turned out to be a woman who cared not for family ties and wished only to climb the social ladder, there was nothing about her to be envious about. In fact, on the contrary, they would look down on such people due to their moral high ground.

However, before Zhong Nuannuan or Chi Yang could say anything, Duke Eton, the protective demon of a father, intercepted forcefully.

"I was the one who told Sunny not to return home with her real identity. Why, do you have a problem with that?"

Zhong Qianqian choked at Duke Eton's attitude.

Was he not acting like a gentleman just seconds before? Should he not be polite to everyone? Why was he treating her like this?

When Gu Mingzhe found out that Zhong Nuannuan was not Nangong Yu's daughter, but the daughter of Duke Eton of Luntan, he could feel his intestines gradually turning green from the knots that they were entangled up in.

The top among the first-tier wealthy families in Luntan was not much worse than the top first-tier wealthy family in Camino. The main takeaway here was that Nuannuan had another status on top of that—a member of the royal family.

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Chapter 792: Face-smacked By The Duke

With an identity like Zhong Nuannuan's, how easy would it be to do business everywhere?

If Gu Mingzhe had followed his heart from the beginning, Nuannuan would have fallen in love with him at this point, would she not?

On one hand, Gu Mingzhe was busy regretting his decision as he came up with a thousand and one ways to woo Nuannuan so that she could fall in love with him when he divorced Zhong Qianqian.

Out of the blue, Zhong Qianqian, that stupid woman, was at it again.

Before Selina's matter was resolved, she offended Duke Eton thoroughly again.

To be on Duke Eton's good side, Gu Mingzhe shot up from his seat and roared in a righteous tone, "Qianqian, what are you doing?! Are you crazy?! Nuannuan is your younger sister. She treats you well enough. Why would you say such things? Sit down now!"

Zhong Qianqian's envy was so great that she was about to lose her mind. After getting criticized by Duke Eton, she felt extremely embarrassed. Feeling everyone's gaze on her, she felt like she could barely breathe. Yet, not only Gu Mingzhe refused to help her as her husband, but he was also shouting at her.

Zhong Qianqian was about to explode in anger when Duke Eton spoke even more forcefully.

"On my part, the reason I wouldn't allow Sunny to reveal her identity and to create a fake one instead, I think... your parents should be well aware of why."

Zhong Qianqian's face turned pale at Duke Eton's words.

Jiang Shuwan called Zhong Qianqian before to tell her not to launch any attacks on Zhong Nuannuan in public in case someone found out the secret before Zhong Nuannuan's death.

Yet... Yet, she could not hold it in anymore!

When Duke Eton said that, did that mean he already knew her true identity?

After making sure that Zhong Qianqian was scared out of her wits, Eton finally continued, "How dare a mother lost her daughter when it could have totally been avoided? Do you think she fulfills her duty as a mother?"

When Zhong Qianqian heard that, color returned to her face.

So, that was what he was referring to!

Oh, she nearly died from the fright.

However, Eton could not stand to see his daughter being bullied by her annoying and vicious elder sister! His precious daughter wanted nothing but to return to the family that she had been missing for 14 years. Yet, when she returned home, all she received were endless ill-treatments.

Especially when he heard Selina say that Sunny had gone to jail for this two-faced snake, Eton burst into a fit of uncontrollable anger. He wanted to rush to Jiang District to murder the people responsible.

Yes, murder.

He had always been a hot-tempered person, and he was not afraid of staining his hands with blood.

If Selina had not mentioned that Sunny wanted to solve the problem herself, Duke Eton would have made his move long ago.

So, now that he had the chance, Eton insisted on creating trouble for this woman, even though he was aware that someone would get her out.

Thus, just as Zhong Qianqian heaved a sigh of relief, Eton spoke again.

"Our Sunny tolerated you so much, you can even say that she had been loyal to you and did her best. Yet, you did everything you could to defame our Sunny. You told everyone that our Sunny is a murderer, a slut, a country bumpkin from the farming district. You claimed that she has a horrible upbringing, vain, and materialistic. You also claimed that because she fell in love with your boyfriend, she killed the person who had a crush on her. Eventually, she took advantage of Chi Yang's relationship to get out of jail, but she was essentially a murderer. Do you feel a single shred of guilt when you said those things?"

Zhong Qianqian always had a bad reputation that had only been mitigated when she married Gu Mingzhe. It was only recently that people started seeing her in a new light.

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Chapter 793: Exposed Via Video

However, after hearing what Duke Eton said, everyone was convinced that Zhong Qianqian had ulterior motives.

Zhong Nuannuan was the daughter of a duke. Was it necessary for her to kill someone who had a crush on her just to be with Chi Yang? Think of how there were enough people who had a crush on her to queue around the entire Luntan. If she had to kill those people just to be with Chi Yang, she would have to kill them all, would she not?

Therefore, it would seem to be highly likely that Zhong Nuannuan would murder anyone. The murder must have been a misunderstanding. Hence, it must be why Chi Yang had gotten Zhong Nuannuan out.

Everyone was already imagining the scene of the vicious elder sister suppressing her younger sister who had just returned home.

Initially, Zhong Qianqian could not be more aware of her guilty conscience when she heard that. However, on second thought, she came up with this—since Zhong Nuannuan and Eton were so close, Eton would have brought Zhong Nuannuan's real identity up right now If Zhong Nuannuan had already found out about it.

However, Eton did not bring it up. That meant Zhong Nuannuan was still unaware that she was not Jiang Shuwan's daughter.

In that case, what was there to be afraid of?

As for the truth in which Zhong Nuannuan went to jail in Zhong Qianqian's stead for someone's death, Zhong Qianqian firmly believed that she was the only one with the secret. Therefore, as long as she refused to admit it, nobody could throw the blame on her.

Furthermore, Zhong Qianqian was a daughter from a first-tier wealthy family after all. Even if her status could not compare to the Duke, their disparity in status would be narrowed once her identity was revealed.

The reasoning gave Zhong Qianqian extreme confidence.

"She had been loyal to me? She tried her best? Duke Eton, I think you're mistaken about something. Although Zhong Nuannuan is my younger sister, she has always been mean to me. She has never acknowledged me as her elder sister. That's right, she doesn't even acknowledge her parents, what more acknowledging me as her elder sister. With that said, do you really think she'd show any mercy to those who stand in her way?"

Eton had countless encounters with shameless people in his life. However, he would never forgive anyone who targeted his Sunny.

"Zhong Qianqian, there's a saying in Camino that goes, 'no zuo no die[1]'. Today, you've insulted my daughter in front of everyone, disregarding the presence of her father and so many guests here. Seeing that you're related to my Sunny by blood, I won't be so harsh on you. Yet, since you insist on being so stubborn, you can't blame me for taking this drastic measure."

After saying that, Duke Eton apologized to everyone. "Everyone, my apologies. I understand that the auction is the highlight of the day, but I believe that everyone here is keen to see the kind of dirty tricks this Mrs. Gu has up her sleeve as she so blatantly blames my daughter. Am I right?"

Everyone nodded.

At most, they would just have a late lunch. In comparing having lunch to a huge piece of gossip, it was nearly a given that everyone chose gossip, be it the guests or the media.

"Since everyone is willing to witness this as I clear my daughter's name, I shall now show Mrs. Gu her coffin."

Zhong Qianqian, "...!!!"

What was he doing?

There was a screen in the event hall where the auction was held. Thus, Eton plugged a USB into the computer and started setting it up.

Soon, the scene of Zhong Nuannuan's so-called murder started playing on the gigantic screen.

Zhong Nuannuan looked at Selina, "...???"

'What was going on?'

Selina shrugged.

That shrug meant...

'It's not like you don't know that our old man is an expert at face-smacking. Now that he's doing this for your sake, there's no way he can suppress the unleashed rage in him anymore!'

Zhong Nuannuan sent the video to Selina after her release from prison. After that, it was Selina who had called Duke Eton and sent the video to him.

That string of events led to Duke Eton's

[1] This is a Chinese internet meme where the original wording of the Chinese phrase, meaning "one would not be in trouble had one not asked for it", is half-translated to Chinglish where it retains one of its Chinese characters in pinyin.

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Chapter 794: Zhong Qianqian Is Doomed

When Zhong Qiangian saw the video recording, every limb on her body turned into jelly.

Even though the video had just started, she already knew what would happen next.

Zhong Qianqian glared at Zhong Nuannuan viciously.

How?

How did she get this video?

Could it be that when Zhong Qianqian pushed Zhou Jinhui down, Zhong Nuannuan was filming her?

Zhong Qianqian was undeniably the most miraculous snowflake ever existed.

After all, although Zhong Nuannuan appeared at a completely different location from where the video was taken, Zhong Qianqian still managed to blame Zhong Nuannuan.

She lived up her name as a flunk in her academics indeed.

She was an utter moron.

The guests and reporters watched. The person who Zhong Qianqian kept calling a 'b*tch'—the cold-blooded Zhong Nuannuan who never cared for her family—stepped forward to take the blame in Zhong Qianqian's stead when her elder sister pushed the victim down the stairs to his death.

As for Zhong Qianqian? After the person fell to her death, the teacher approached them. One moment ago, Zhong Qianqian was kneeling in front of Zhong Nuannuan, begging her for a solution. Yet, at the next moment, she pushed all the blame clean onto Zhong Nuannuan.

Other than those videos, Selina also played videos obtained by hackers, showcasing how Zhong Qianqian tarnished Zhong Nuannuan's reputation in class. She insulted Zhong Nuannuan by saying she was a country bumpkin who did not know the law. After blatantly hooking up with her boyfriend, Zhong Nuannuan no longer liked Zhou Junhui. It was fine if she did not like him anymore, but how dare she killed him?!

Everyone's expression looked extremely unpleasant.

Even though Zhong Qianqian had joined the Gu family as a Young Lady, she could not change the fact that people despised her. Therefore, after everything that Zhong Qianqian claimed about how Zhong Nuannuan did not care about her biological parents, no one believed a word Zhong Qianqian said now.

"How can there be such a person in this world? Her younger sister took the blame for the murder she committed. Yet, not only was she not grateful, she even went around telling people that her younger sister was a murderer and a country bumpkin. Zhong Qianqian was the real murderer here, but she insisted that Miss Sunny killed that Zhou Jinhui person for her boyfriend's sake."

"Stop talking about it, I'm so angry! If only there are rotten eggs here."

"How dare she call Miss Sunny a b*tch! I think she's the real b*tch here!"

"That's right. She accused Miss Sunny of having eyes only for riches while ignoring relatives like them who are poor. What kind of person is that? Shame on her!!!"

"She said that Sunny doesn't care about her parents. If Miss Sunny really doesn't care about her biological parents, would she need to travel all the way from Luntan to Camino to acknowledge her parents? She could just stay in Luntan forever!"

"That's right! So, if Miss Sunny no longer cares for her parents, the root of the problem must be her parents."

"That's right! The apple doesn't fall far from the tree! Look at how horrendous Zhong Qianqian is! I'm sure we can already know what kind of people their parents in the Zhong family are."

"Has none of you thought of calling the police? The evidence is conclusive. Or is it because she's Mrs. Gu, she doesn't have to go to jail?"

"I've called the police just now."

"With the leaders from the military base, the Union District Governor, and the Jiang District Governor here, is there a need for you to call the police?"

"..."

Just like that, the entire hall erupted into endless streams of chatter.

It was at this moment that Zhong Qianqian realized she f*cked up. Regret and fear finally dawned on her

"No... No... I don't want to go to jail! I don't want to go to jail! Zhong Nuannuan killed him! I didn't kill him!"

Zhong Qianqian cried loudly. Then, as though recalling she still had a sliver of hope to grab onto, she looked at Gu Mingzhe with a pair of pleading eyes. "Brother Mingzhe, you'll save me, right? You'll find someone to rescue me, right?"

Huang Yuhan was also dumbstruck. She offended Young Master Xiao because of Zhong Qianqian. If Zhong Qianqian was captured, Huang Yuhan would lose more than she gained, right?

"Big Brother, please save Sis Qianqian!"

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Chapter 795: Save Me!

Gu Mingzhe almost vomited blood from the fury brought upon him by these two idiotic women.

In the face of Zhong Qianqian's pleading amidst loud sobs, Gu Mingzhe could not help but hiss under his breath, "You haven't learned your lesson from the whole Selina incident, have you?"

Zhong Qianqian, "..."

"That's why, isn't it? No matter how much I try to dissuade you, you insist on courting death."

Zhong Qianqian, "..."

Then, Gu Mingzhe leaned close to Zhong Qianqian's ear and asked, "Do you know that Old Master Nangong abhors evil? If he finds out that you deliberately killed someone, he won't care about you, even if you're his granddaughter. Not only that, but he'll also make the prison guards punish you severely."

Zhong Qiangian's eyes widened. She was truly afraid now.

She grabbed Gu Mingzhe violently. "Brother Mingzhe, save me! Save me, please! I don't want to go to jail! I don't want to be sentenced!"

Next to her, Huang Yuhan was stunned as well. Her eyes were now full of disgust as she looked at Zhong Qianqian.

"You can go to jail first. I'll come up with something."

At that moment, Zhong Qianqian was filled with endless regret.

Jiang Shuwan reminded her, time and again, not to mess with Zhong Nuannuan anymore. If all went down the drain, Zhong Qianqian could abandon the identity of being the Nangong family's young miss. After all, RS Bank did not know about Pu Yu's identity. This meant they could continue to siphon out the enormous funds from RS Bank.

However, Zhong Qianqian refused to listen. Not only was she not prepared to give up her identity as a member of the Nangong family, but she also provoked Zhong Nuannuan out of spite when she found out about Zhong Nuannuan's identity.

Zhong Qianqian finally registered the feeling of fear in her heart.

Yet, it was too late.

Without waiting for the police to arrive, Leng Jinpeng made a call and Zhong Qianqian was instantly taken away by someone from the military base. They helped the police bring her to the police station.

To everyone, Zhong Qianqian was just seasoning that embellished Miss Sunny.

Since Zhong Qianqian had been captured, Gu Mingzhe and Huang Yuhan could not stay any longer. They left quickly as well.

Duke Eton made his vengeful move on Zhong Qianqian in front of so many people. Firstly, he wanted to let all these privileged personages know how much he valued his daughter, Zhong Nuannuan. Secondly, he wanted to let everyone know Zhong Nuannuan's true character.

A girl who could go to such an extent for the sake of a loveless half-sister was definitely loyal and honorable.

Everyone praised Duke Eton for having two beautiful daughters.

Duke Eton happily accepted everyone's approval.

Next, the auction officially began.

After the auction started, Zhong Nuannuan returned to her seat.

Her seat was next to Chi Yang. Meanwhile, Qu Mingyi's seat was next to Chi Yang's.

For the past few days, Qu Mingyi's face had been glowing because his wife, Yang Min, and son, Qu Wei, had come to Jiang District to accompany him.

Today, although his son did not come, his wife, Yang Min, accompanied him.

Hence, to make things less awkward for Yang Min, Qu Mingyi asked her to sit next to Nuannuan while he and Chi Yang sat next to each other.

After Nuannuan descended the stage, Chi Yang immediately put his military trench coat over her shoulders.

Zhong Nuannuan, "..."

"It's cold! Be careful not to catch a cold," Chi Yang said with an austere face.

Zhong Nuannuan, "...!!!"

Pfft...

Yang Min could not help but burst into laughter next to Nuannuan.

Zhong Nuannuan looked at Yang Min and raised her elegant eyebrows slightly. She looked at Qu Mingyi and asked cheekily, "Uncle Qu, this must be Mrs. Qu, right?"

With his wife by his side, Qu Mingyi looked ten years younger.

Chapter 796: Everyone Is From The Special Forces

Qu Mingyi led his wife as they stood up and introduced her to Zhong Nuannuan, "That's right. This is my wife, Yang Min. You shouldn't call her something that sounds so distant like Mrs. Qu. We've known each other for quite a while. You can call her Auntie Yang."

Zhong Nuannuan smiled and nodded. She said sweetly, "Hello, Auntie Yang."

Yang Min reciprocated with a smile and a nod. "Hello, Nuannuan. I've been eager to treat you guys to a meal, but I've been feeling unwell for the past two days. Maybe in about two days, when I'm feeling better, I hope to invite you, Chi Yang, and Chi Yang's grandfather to a meal. What do you think?"

Seeing that Nuannuan's gaze was not focused on her, Yang Min felt a little awkward. Chi Yang, who sat next to her, noticed the situation and muttered into Zhong Nuannuan's ear, "Nuannuan, what's wrong?"

Only then did Nuannuan return to her senses. She met Yang Min's gaze and responded, "Auntie Yang, I'm sorry. When you were talking to me just now, I seemed to have seen an old acquaintance, so I got distracted. Alright, when Auntie Yang gets better, we should all eat together. We're already so close with Uncle Qu, and since Auntie Yang is also one of us, there's no need to be overly polite.

"Also, I heard that Auntie Yang used to be a soldier in the special forces too. Later on, you were transferred to the embassy in Sab for your outstanding feats in every aspect. You're a senior who can be compared to a heroine, and I respect people like you the most."

Yang Min was amused by Nuannuan's words. "No, no. I haven't been training for a long while now. Now that I'm old, I can't withstand all that anymore, just like our Old Qu here."

Stunned, Zhong Nuannuan looked at Qu Mingyi. "So, Uncle Qu is skilled in the martial arts too!"

"Little Girl Nuan, do you really think so lowly of me? Ask your Uncle Leng. How good am I in martial arts?"

Leng Jinpeng pursed his lips. "He was slightly inferior to me when he was younger. Now..."

Qu Mingyi immediately replied, "I'm a little bit stronger than you now."

Leng Jinpeng laughed and said, "That's because I'm sick and my martial strength has been weakened. When I recover one day, why don't we find out if you can beat me?"

"Sure, you can give it a try." Then, he looked at Zhong Nuannuan. "Little Girl Nuan, can you really cure the commander-in-chief's illness?"

"Of course. I believe in Nuannuan." Before Nuannuan could say anything, Leng Jinpeng spoke first.

Nuannuan smiled and added, "Maintaining a healthy and optimistic mindset is the best way to treat your illness."

Yang Min nodded with a smile. "Yes, I think so too."

After saying that, Nuannuan turned to Chi Yang and said, "Big Brother Chi Yang, I think I saw someone I know over there. Come with me."

The auction had already started, and the lights below the stage were already dimmed. It was easy to stumble in a gown. Furthermore, since Nuannuan had voiced her request, Chi Yang would definitely agree.

Thus, Chi Yang left with Nuannuan.

Originally, they had come to attend the auction as a member of the auctioneers, and they had no plans to bid for any items. There was no fear of missing out or delays.

On the stage, the auction for some valuable antiques, jewelry, and jade had started.

Since it was an auction meant for public interest, the proceeds of the auction would become donations. On that account, unless they had some sort of special relations with the military base, most people would not offer anything too valuable.

Meanwhile, the truly wealthy families would not care about these insignificant items. In previous auctions, most of the items getting auctioned were insignificant items donated by truly wealthy families. Ironically, these rich people from Jiang District would have that look of pride on their faces after obtaining these items from the auction.

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Chapter 797: Picking Up Scraps

After auctioning off a lot of the smaller items, the host walked to the front of the stage and announced, "From now until the end of the auction, the next fourteen items are all from Miss Sunny, aka our future military wife, Miss Nuannuan."

As soon as he said that, thunderous applause filled the room. Everyone turned to look at Zhong Nuannuan but turned their heads back after realizing that she was not there.

"The first item to be auctioned is a piece of green wispy waxy jade with a net weight of 4kg. Even though waxy jade isn't very valuable among the other types of jade, such a large piece of green wispy waxy jade is enough to produce at least ten sets of bracelets and earrings if it were to be carved into accessories. According to the minimum cost price of 30000 yuan for each potential set, the value of this piece of jade starts at more than 300000 yuan. The experts have determined that even though this piece of jade is a

waxy jade, it's of the highest quality among the waxy jade. Therefore, the experts appraise this at 600000 yuan. Now, our starting price is 300000 yuan. If you're interested, please bid."

No one understood why the daughter of the Duke of Luntan would donate something that cost only hundreds of thousands. To those who wanted to earn some money, they might still be to profit a little from selling waxy jade. However, most people could not care less about profiting a few hundred thousand.

However, since it was from Zhong Nuannuan, everyone still gave her face and started bidding.

In the end, the jade was sold for 650000 yuan.

Then, the host continued, "Next up, we have another waxy jade with a better color than the previous one."

The moment he said that, the crowd started to stir in dissatisfaction.

Even if it was a bracelet made of high-quality waxy jade, its price would end up between 30000 to 60000 yuan, which was not cheap. However, for the reputable personages of Jiang District, waxy jade was not something prestigious enough to be worn in public.

Ling Pinyuan, who participated in the auction inconspicuously, looked extremely dismayed she heard the commotion.

She was the only one who knew why Zhong Nuannuan was auctioning these two uncut jades.

This was because Zhong Nuannuan picked up the scrap pieces of jade from Soaring Clouds Pavilion without spending a single cent.

When Zhong Nuannuan cut the raw stones and found imperial jade, Ling Pinyuan could not help feeling that there must be more stones that contained jade in the 14 stones that Zhong Nuannuan had taken with her.

However, it was fortunate that they were just waxy jade.

However, when Ling Pinyuan realized how the host said that the upcoming 14 items were all items that Zhong Nuannuan was auctioning off, Ling Piyuan felt pain started to bloat up her heart. After all, aside from Moonlight that was worth hundreds of millions, there were still 13 other items.

Zhong Nuannuan had taken 15 raw stones from her. Other than the imperial jade that she had given to Grandpa Chi Yang, there were 14 raw stones left.

It was impossible that 13 out of 14 of those stones contained jade, right?

That was impossible!!!

However, the host's words froze Ling Pinyuan from head to toe.

"Please don't be anxious, everyone. Although we're auctioning cheaper waxy jade for now, this is also a token of Miss Sunny's appreciation. To be frank, other than Moonlight—the star of our auction today that will only be presented for auction at the end of our event today—these 13 items are all jade, and they were picked up by Sunny at Soaring Clouds Pavilion a few days ago. Miss Sunny herself is also

involved in the jade jewelry business, but since she only works with high-quality jade, she has decided to auction all of them off and turn the proceeds into donations."

Ling Pinyuan, "...!!!!"

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Chapter 798: Frozen

The crowd broke into another wave of frantic discussion.

Picked up some scraps!

She picked up 13 pieces of scrap from the same place. This... sounded rather unrealistic, did it not?

Those who knew Ling Pinyuan looked at her with sparkling eyes. Some of them even said that they would try their luck at Soaring Clouds Pavilion after the auction ended.

Ling Pinyuan's tears dried up that she could not cry even if she wanted to.

So, did it mean that after losing 13 pieces of jade, she earned a fresh batch of customers?

As the auction came to an end, other than the waxy jade, ice waxy jade, ice jade, and premium icy hade, there was also an old deposit transparent type jade. The guests were all in an uproar.

The auction became more and more intense. As the quality of the jade increased, the competition became more intense.

Ling Pinyuan, on the other hand, became colder the longer the auction went on. Coldness went from her scalp to her internal organs and to her heart.

She felt like she was about to be frozen.

She was glad that her grandfather was sick and did not attend the auction.

At the same time, she knew what end she would meet after the auction.

She had brought dishonor to the Ling family name!

She was afraid that the Ling family would not tolerate her anymore.

At this moment, Ling Pinyuan finally felt true regret.

In the face of Zhong Nuannuan, who was such a strong opponent, Ling Pinyuan had accepted utter defeat.

It was only now that she realized how horrible her previous thoughts were.

Previously, she thought that Zhong Nuannuan did not come from a good family and was a weak woman. These made her a terrible match for Chi Yang. Therefore, she did not care if the two of them were in love with each other and wanted to destroy their relationship.

However, if she had known Zhong Nuannuan's identity from the start, even if Zhong Nuannuan was still a weak woman, Ling Pinyuan would not have dared to get between them.

To put it bluntly, even if she hated to admit it before, she could not deny that she was a bully.

Who knew that the weak personality she thought she could provoke was actually just the tip of the iceberg?

Zhong Nuannuan's strength was not on the same channel as hers.

That was why Ling Pinyuan was left with no complaints even though she offered in Zhong Nuannuan's hands.

Not to mention that she was the one who forced Zhong Nuannuan to sign the contract. Even if there was no contract and the items ended up being in Zhong Nuannuan's possession, the Ling family would not dare to let her spit out what she took just because of her status.

Therefore, the Ling family could only admit that they were unlucky.

Come to think of it, the Ling family had gotten lucky this time to come across a batch of excellent raw stones. Even if Zhong Nuannuan had not bought these raw stones that contained jade, there would be other buyers who would buy them.

Therefore, every time she thought about it, Ling Pinyuan felt relieved.

So be it.

At most, she would be chased out of the Ling family.

Thankfully, she still had the military base.

The military base could be considered her second home.

After the 13 items were sold, the last item was Moonlight, which was worth 106 million.

As this item had been bought off an auction by Aiden to give it to Zhong Nuannuan, and since Zhong Nuannuan had auctioned it off again, it definitely could not be auctioned off at the original price. However, the price could not be too low either. Thus, the starting price was at 80 million.

To be honest, this was not considered cheap even for second-tier wealthy families.

However, because it was made with supreme-grade emerald jade, most of the wealthy families in Gang District participated in the auction back then. Moreover, there were very few foreigners who wore necklaces like this. Therefore, Aiden set the auction price of 106 million for the necklace which was not disproportionately expensive after all.

Soon, the price of 80 million increased to 100 million through bids. After 100 million, the bidding speed slowed down significantly, and it slowly passed 110 million.

"130 million." Finally, Elder Wu from the Wu family of Sea District spoke.

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Elder Wu raised the price by another 20 million immediately after opening his mouth.

"160 million."

After Elder Wu, Duke Eton spoke as well. He added another 30 million into the bidding price.

Although it was an exquisite piece of emerald jade that was very rare and precious, the current price was disproportionate to its actual value.

Everyone looked at Duke Eton in surprise. After all, this bracelet had been put up for auction by his daughter.

Duke Eton smiled and said in a generous tone, "That's because Sunny is the one who asked Aiden to bid for this necklace back then. She really likes this necklace. It's just that after Aiden won the bid, Sunny has already returned to Jiang District to search for her biological parents. Since Sunny hid her identity back then, Aiden could only give this necklace to her under the pretense of another identity. However, after Sunny's mother wanted to seize the necklace for herself, Sunny said she wanted to auction it off.

"My Sunny is actually a prodigy in business. I can proudly claim that the reason I became the richest duke among the royal family of Luntan is all because of my Sunny. Although Sunny is young, she is much richer than her dad.

"Today, she is auctioning off what she likes. As her father, I don't usually have the chance to do something for my daughter, but today, I hope to buy this necklace for her."

Duke Eton's words caused another uproar.

Previously, everyone looked up to Zhong Nuannuan because she was the Duke's daughter. It was all because she was a member of the Duke's household.

Yet, now, Duke Eton's words shocked everyone.

The reason why Duke Eton was so rich was all because of Zhong Nuannuan. Meanwhile, Zhong Nuannuan herself was even wealthier than Duke Eton.

How... how was this possible?

How old was she?

However, everyone was convinced that Duke Eton would never lie. Since he said so, it must be true.

While everyone was still stunned, Wu Pingting from the Wu family suddenly thought of something. She got to her feet suddenly and asked, "Duke Eton, may I bother you with a question?"

Eton had a rather good impression of Wu Pingting. After all, she had defended his Sunny earlier.

"Go ahead. I'll tell you anything I'm allowed to."

"Tianheng Holdings is a huge financial group that has taken the entire world by storm, but the chairman of this financial group has always been a mystery. Just now, I saw the highest-ranking vice president who is also the CEO, Mr. Aiden. Miss Selina is also a vice president of Tianheng Holdings. So, if I may ask, is the chairman of the Tianheng Holdings Duke Eton or Miss Sunny?"

The reporters' eyes were also burning with curiosity.

Originally, no reporter was willing to attend an auction in Jiang District because even if they did, they would not have anything trendy to write about. Usually, their entry would simply get cut off by the chief editor.

However, today's auction was the most explosive throughout Jiang District's history.

Just the headlines alone would probably remain on the front page for many days.

Everyone looked forward to Duke Eton's answer.

Duke Eton smiled. "It's supposed to be a secret. Yet, since you helped Sunny just now, I'll answer you. The chairman of Tianheng Holdings is..."

Everyone's eyes widened as they watched Duke Eton pause for suspense. Even Wu Pingping became nervous.

"Sunnv."

The guests, "...!!!"

Reporters, "...!!!"

Ling Pinyuan, "...!!!"

Strings of gasps echoed from the crowd.

The wealthy families of Jiang District shook their heads in disbelief.

Chapter 800: Shocking Change

Back when the Jiang family was in power, Zhong Nuannuan had just returned to the Jiang family. When Jiang Shuwan brought Zhong Qianqian and Zhong Nuannuan along to attend banquets, she often dressed Zhong Nuannuan horribly while ensuring Zhong Qianqian always looked like a princess.

If they were present and knew that the country bumpkin of a daughter that they despised was not only the daughter of the Duke but also the chairman of Tianheng Holdings, would they regret how they treated Zhong Nuannuan?

The 77 luxury shopping malls around the world—designed in the style of classical townships—had become the most iconic landmarks in every key city in Camino. Furthermore, the big boss of the giant in this industry, the chairman, was actually a girl from their Jiang District—Zhong Nuannuan!

Forget the media, even the host of the auction beamed excitedly.

Ling Pinyuan, who was sitting at the back, was completely silent.

So...

Just how stupid was she to provoke the chairman of the Tianheng Holdings?

In her eyes, the Ling family was probably as powerless as a little chick.

No, to Tianheng Holdings, the Ling family did not deserve to get called a little chick. They were nothing more than an ant.

The Ling family's worth of three billion was considered enough to make them one of the wealthy families in Jiang District. They could consider themselves the more well-known wealthy family too.

However, it was probably not even enough to build half of the building for Tianheng Holdings, not to mention the insane number of staff in management and the effort to attract investors after completing the construction.

"Duke Eton bid 160 million. Is there anyone with a higher bid?"

The host's voice sounded on the stage again, but no one raised the bid anymore. Firstly, the price of this jade necklace had already far exceeded its original value. Secondly, Duke Eton had already announced that this was something he wanted to buy for his daughter. There was no way they could fight with Duke Eton.

"160 million going once."..."160 million going twice!"

Just when everyone thought that no one would raise the bid again, a voice suddenly spoke.

"200 million."

The crowd was in an uproar again. When they saw where the sound came from, they erupted into another uproar.

The bidder was none other than Chi Yang's grandfather.

Although the old man wore ordinary clothes, he did not lose out to Duke Eton in terms of the way he carried himself. He was someone that even Wu Maosong, the richest man in Sea District, looked up to.

Everyone was astonished.

200 million!

It was just a necklace!

This was the amount of money that atypical wealthy families could not earn in their lifetime.

However, the old master offered that amount so easily.

Who exactly was he?

Who exactly was Chi Yang?

Duke Eton was also stunned. He exclaimed, "Grandpa-in-law?"

Old Master Chi chuckled. "Nuannuan is also my granddaughter-in-law. I also want to buy something that she likes."

Duke Eton was stunned for a moment before bursting into hearty laughter.

Everyone, "..."

How willful could you be when you were that rich!

Who would not want such a wealthy grandfather?!

Nuannuan was so blessed!

"Alright, Old Master Chi bids 200 million once. Do we have a higher bid?"

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"200 million going twice. Do we have a higher bid?"

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"200 million! Sold!" Boom-

Just as the host was about to strike the hammer, a loud explosion startled everyone.

At first, everyone thought that it was a gimmick that the organizer of the auction created. Their misconception was quickly corrected when the whole building started to tremble violently after the deafening boom.

Some who stood up immediately after the explosion even stumbled onto the ground because of how violently the ground trembled.

Even the host on stage was caught off guard. When he fell to the ground, he grabbed onto a table...